

LS - Liberal Studies

LS 101US Interdisciplinary Ways of Knowing: 3 Credits (3 Other)

Introduction to the processes of academic inquiry through examination of topics in disciplines encompassed by the Fine Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.

LS 102 Intro Liberal Studies: 1 Credits (1 Other)

PREREQUISITE: University Seminar (US Course) or consent of instructor. An introduction to the history and philosophy of liberal education and a review of the Fine Arts, Humanities, Social and Natural Science disciplines. The LS degree components and options will be explained, as will career opportunities.

LS 103 Gateway to Sustainability: 3 Credits (3 Lec)

This course introduces students to the historical and philosophical background of sustainability, while acquainting them with the economic, scientific, and regulatory environments within which conversations about sustainability occur. It arms students with the theoretical, methodological, and political tools to begin envisioning a sustainable future for Earth's inhabitants.

LS 104 Introduction to Global Health: 3 Credits (3 Lec)

This course will introduce the core concepts, principles and functions of global health. It will provide an overview of health determinants, methods for measuring population health and trends in global health and disease. The course will examine how sociocultural, educational, nutritional, environmental, economic and political factors influence the global patterns of disease and health inequities – including both communicable and non-communicable diseases. Finally, the course will discuss key actors working together to improve global health, and career areas in this field. All majors welcome, no pre-requisites.

LS 191 Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Lec, 1-4 Lab)

Repeatable up to 12 credits.

LS 194D Introduction to Africana Studies: 3 Credits (3 Lec)

(F, Sp) An introduction to the study of Africa and the African diaspora. Students will learn the basic concepts and literatures of Africana studies from forced migration to resettlement in new homelands.

LS 290R Undergraduate Research: 1-6 Credits (1-6 Other)

Directed undergraduate research/creative activity which may culminate in a written work or other creative project. Course will address responsible conduct of research. May be repeated. Repeatable up to 99 credits.

LS 291 Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Lec)

Course prerequisites are determined depending on content of each offering. Repeatable up to 12 credits.

LS 301 Integrative Seminar: 1-3 Credits (1-3 Other)

PREREQUISITE: University Seminar and sophomore standing. The integration of knowledge, theories, and concepts across different disciplines in the Fine Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. Repeatable up to 9 credits.

LS 305 Ways of Seeing: 3 Credits (3 Lec)

This course will provide students with the knowledge and the perspectives of different disciplines involved in experiencing, contextualizing, and contemplating works of art. Students will analyze and discuss the theories of aesthetics and ways of seeing in order to grasp the important role the visual arts have in the global society.

LS 350 Literature Reviews: Theory & Practice: 3 Credits (3 Other)

PREREQUISITE: WRIT 101 This interdisciplinary course examines scholarly information resources, literature review processes, and effective techniques for tracking citations. Covers advanced literature research methodologies and prepares students for reading and creating literature reviews for their capstones, senior projects, and other in-depth research endeavors.

LS 391 Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Lec)

PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisites are determined depending on content of each offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number. Repeatable up to 12 credits.

LS 402 From the Closet to the Courts: Contraception Through the Ages: 3 Credits ()

PREREQUISITE: WRIT 101 or AMST 101 or LS 101 are recommended and/or consent of instructor. Attempts to control fertility date back to the dawn of human civilization. This class looks at the history of contraception, examines the social and cultural factors underlying changes in reproductive technologies, and charts the visual expression of fertility through art.

LS 411 Sustainable Cities: 3 Credits (3 Other)

This course will investigate the theory, politics, ethics, and practice of sustainable urban design. As environmental degradation and urban sprawl continue to affect our cities, our communities, and our health, it is ever more important that responsible citizens be knowledgeable about the intersections of urban development and nature.

LS 450 Evolution and Public Opinion: 3 Credits (1 Lec, 2 Other)

This course will explore what evolution is and how it works. We will examine the creationist and Intelligent Design arguments against evolution, as well as the implications of this debate on public education and the public perception of science.

LS 451 Film, Photos, and Culture: A Global Perspective: 3 Credits (3 Other)

This course is designed to improve student's intercultural competence – the ability to work effectively with cultural difference. Films, television, TEDs and photos are used to identify and analyze the differing dimensions of global culture, and to learn various methods of adaptation.

LS 452 This is Your Brain on Art and Music: 3 Credits (3 Other)

This course will also discuss the neurological effects as well as the emotional effects that art and music have on human beings. In addition to this, it will also discuss the alleged healing properties of art and music (i.e. music therapy, art therapy).

LS 460 Teaching Internship: 2 Credits (2 Other)

PREREQUISITE: US core and consent of instructor. As co-facilitators of a section of LS 101US, students will acquire and have the opportunity to practice classroom teaching strategies and mentoring skills. Repeatable up to 4 credits.

LS 491 Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Lec)

PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisites are dependent on the offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number. Repeatable up to 12 credits.

LS 492 Independent Study: 1-3 Credits (1-3 Other)

Directed research and study on an individual basis. Repeatable up to 6 credits.

LS 499R Senior Capstone: 4 Credits (4 Lec)

PREREQUISITE: LS 101US

COREQUISITE: LS 350. (F, Sp) Liberal Studies majors will engage in interdisciplinary research and writing methods, using appropriate bibliographical tools and in light of contemporary fields such as environmental studies, global multicultural studies or traditional liberal arts

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