EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
Coordinator: Paula Consolini

Experiential education, involving “learning by doing” outside the classroom, has been a relatively understated but successful part of the Williams curriculum for a number of years. In addition to the use of traditional laboratory work in the natural sciences and studio work in art, faculty have been challenging students to become engaged more personally in the Williams curriculum through field work, whether in the form of research, sustained work on special projects, or through placement with community organizations. Courses which include experiential learning provide students with opportunities to encounter firsthand the issues that they read and study about, requiring them to apply academic learning to nonacademic settings and challenging them to use their experiences in those settings to think more critically and deeply about what they are studying. Courses involving experiential education as defined above range from fully integrated off-campus programs such as the Williams-Mystic Maritime Studies Program to courses involving one small field research project. The amount and nature of the experiential component(s) varies according to the instructor's judgment. More information can be found at learning-in-action.williams.edu.

EXPE Experiential Education Courses

AFR 212 (S) Jazz Theory and Improvisation I
Crosslistings: AFR212 / MUS104

Secondary Crosslisting
The theory and application of basic techniques in jazz improvisation and performance styles, including blues forms, swing, bebop, modally based composition, Afro-Cuban, etc. Appropriate for students with skill on their instrument and some basic theoretical knowledge. Knowledge of all key signatures, major/minor keys and modes, intervals, triads and basic seventh chords and their functions within keys. Students should be able to play and demonstrate these concepts on their instruments—competence on an instrument is essential (vocalists and drummers will be encouraged to study the piano). Pianists and guitarists should be able to sight read chords on a jazz lead sheet.

Class Format: alternates between lecture style exposition of theoretical topics and a master class where students will perform and be evaluated on assigned repertoire
Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on weekly assignments, a midterm, a transcription project and the end of semester concert, as well as improvement as measured in weekly class performance
Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis
Extra Info 2: this course will share aural skills labs with MUS 104a; students considering taking this course should consult the lab times shown below and plan their schedules accordingly
Prerequisites: MUS 103 and/or permission of instructor; musical literacy required as per above description; private study on student's individual instruction strongly encouraged
Enrollment Limit: 15
Enrollment Preferences: prospective Music majors, then Jazz Ensemble members, then Music majors
Expected Class Size: 12
Distributions: (D1)
Distribution Notes: meets Division 1 requirement if registration is under MUS; meets Division 2 requirement if registration is under AFR
Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

AFR 214 (S) Jazz Theory and Improvisation II
Crosslistings: MUS204 / AFR214

Secondary Crosslisting
A continuation of MUS 104b, this course builds upon theoretical knowledge, performance and aural skills developed previously. Students will deal with more complex theoretical and performance issues, including the use of symmetric scales, strategies for chord reharmonization, pentatonic and
hexatonic scale shapes, and Coltrane's "Three Tonic" harmonic system.

Class Format: two weekly seminar meetings, alternating between theory and performance sessions

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly compositional, analysis, transcription or performance exercises and final transcription project

Prerequisites: MUS 104b or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: Music majors and Jazz Ensemble members

Expected Class Size: 5-8

Distributions: (D1)

Distribution Notes: meets Division 1 requirement if registration is under MUS; meets Division 2 requirement if registration is under AFR

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

AMST 101 (F) America: the Nation and Its Discontents (DPE) (WI)
America has always named something more than a geographical place; being "American" has always been about something more than political citizenship. This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary study of American culture and the nation of the United States. We will focus on the workings of that culture and nation as they both shape and have been shaped by factors such as race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, place, and religion. Over the semester, we will ask critical questions of a wide variety of materials: essays, novels, autobiographies, poems, photographs, films, music, visual art, architecture, urban plans, historical documents and legal texts. We critique notions of American exceptionalism, empire, power, citizenship, labor, borders, inequality, assimilation, aesthetic form, and the role of the U.S. and its products in the world.

Class Format: seminar

Requirements/Evaluation: total of 20 pages of writing: several short papers (2-3 pages), as well as several 5- to 7-page essays; drafts and revisions are built into the assignment schedule

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first- and second-year students

Expected Class Size: 19

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WI)

Distribution Notes: NOTE: Prof. Nelson's section Spring 2019 only is NOT Writing Intensive. DPE: This course satisfies the DPE requirement in its constant interrogation of historical patterns of unequal access to power, wealth, citizenship, and education in the U.S., and in its recognition and analysis of forms of resistance to and corrections of such inequities. WI: This course satisfies the WI requirement in its close attention to the processes of writing, argumentation, and revision; and in the total number of pages of writing produced.

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses;

Fall 2018
SEM Section: 01 TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Cassandra J. Cleghorn

Spring 2019
SEM Section: 01 TR 8:30 am - 9:45 am Andrew R. Cornell
SEM Section: 02 TF 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Eli Nelson

AMST 241 (F) Performing Masculinity in Global Popular Culture
Crosslistings: LATS241 / SOC240 / WGSS240 / AMST241 / THEA241

Secondary Crosslisting
This course examines popular cultural contexts, asking what it means to be a man in contemporary societies. We focus on the manufacture and marketing of masculinity in advertising, fashion, TV/film, theater, popular music, and the shifting contours of masculinity in everyday life, asking: how does political economy change the ideal shape, appearance, and performance of men? How have products - ranging from beer to deodorant to
cigarettes -- had their use value articulated in gendered ways? Why must masculinity be the purview of "males" at all; how can we change discourses to better include performances of female masculinities, butch-identified women, and trans* men? We will pay particular attention to racialized, queer, and subaltern masculinities. Some of our case studies include: the short half-life of the boy band in the US and in Asia (e.g., J/K-Pop), hip hop masculinities at home and abroad, and the curious blend of chastity and homoeroticism that constitutes masculinity in the contemporary vampire genre. Through these and other examples, we learn to recognize masculinity as a performance shaped by the political economy of a given culture.

The course includes a field trip to a drag performance in Northampton.

**Class Format:** seminar

**Requirements/Evaluation:** masculinity journal, mid-term essay, visual analyses of pop culture artifact, choice of final essay or 12 page final paper

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 20

**Enrollment Preferences:** in the event of over-enrollment, a short statement of interest will be solicited

**Expected Class Size:** 20

**Distributions:** (D2)

**Distribution Notes:** meets Division 2 requirement if registration is under AMST, LATS, SOC or WGSS; meets Division 1 requirement if registration is under THEA

**Attributes:** EXPE Experiential Education Courses; FMST Related Courses; LATS Comparative Race + Ethnic Studies Electives

Not offered current academic year

**AMST 302 (F) Environmental planning workshop: community-based environmental problem solving**

Crosslistings: ENVI411 / AMST302

Secondary Crosslisting

This interdisciplinary, experiential workshop course introduces students to the field of planning through community-based projects. Environmental Planning encompasses many fields pertaining to the natural and built landscape such as city planning, sustainable design, natural resource planning, landscape design, agricultural planning, climate planning, transportation planning, and community development. Students will get out of the classroom and gain direct experience working on the planning process in the greater Berkshire region. The class is organized into two parts. Part 1 focuses on reading and discussion of the planning literature: history, theory, policy, ethics, and legal framework. Part 2 focuses on project work in which students apply the concepts learned to tackle an actual community problem. Small teams of students, working in conjunction with a client in the region and under supervision of the instructor, conduct a planning project using all the tools of a planner, including research, interviews, survey research, mapping, and site design. The project work draws on students’ academic training and extracurricular activities, and applies creative, design thinking techniques to solve thorny problems. The midterm assignment is a creative landscape/site design project. The lab sections include field trips, GIS mapping labs, project-related workshop sessions, public meetings, and team project work. The course includes several class presentations and students will gain skills in public speaking, preparing presentations, interviewing, survey research, hands-on design, and team work. The class culminates in a public presentation of each team's planning study.

**Class Format:** seminar discussion/group workshop/project lab

**Requirements/Evaluation:** short written exercises, class discussion, class presentations, final group report

**Extra Info:** may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

**Prerequisites:** ENVI 101 or permission of instructor; open to juniors and seniors only

**Enrollment Limit:** 16

**Enrollment Preferences:** Environmental Studies majors and concentrators

**Expected Class Size:** 16

**Department Notes:** required course for Environmental Studies major and concentration

**Distributions:**

**Distribution Notes:** does not meet Division 1, 2, or 3 requirements

**Attributes:** AMST Space and Place Electives; ENVI Core Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses; SCST Related Courses
ANTH 230  Musical Ethnography

Often, we experience music's impact on us without fully considering why it achieves such strong effects. The discipline of ethnomusicology confronts the question of musical meaning by combining musical study and analysis with an exploration into the contexts of musical production, circulation, and reception. Musical ethnography is both the means by which scholars pursue this line of questioning, and also the (usually) written work that results from such an investigation. This course features a hands-on approach to musical ethnography. Students will each conduct ethnographic fieldwork in a music-making community within Williamstown and the surrounding area. Coursework will survey approaches to methodology (modes and degrees of researcher involvement, practical skills related to documentation), issues of ethics, and social and musical analysis.

Class Format: lecture/discussion
Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, small assignments (four 1-2 page assignments), interview transcript with commentary, reading response, final project and presentation
Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis
Prerequisites: some musical training/experience necessary, see instructor for more information
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: students with some musical experience
Expected Class Size: 6
Department Notes: MUS World Music/Ethnomusicology
Distributions: (D1)
Distribution Notes: meets Division 1 requirement if registration is under MUS; meets Division 2 requirement if registration is under ANTH
Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

ARTH 508 (S)  Art and Conservation: An Inquiry into History, Methods, and Materials

This course is designed to acquaint students with observation and examination techniques for works of art, artifacts, and decorative arts objects; give them an understanding of the history of artist materials and methods; and familiarize them with the ethics and procedures of conservation. This is not a conservation training course but is structured to provide a broader awareness for those who are planning careers involving work with cultural objects. Sessions will be held at the Williamstown Art Conservation Center, Williams College, the Clark Art Institute, and the Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza Art Collection in Albany. Examination questions may be formulated from exhibitions at these locations. Six exams will be given. Exam scores will be weighed in proportion to the number of sessions covered by the exam (e.g., the paintings exam, derived from six sessions of the course, will count as 25% of the final grade).

Class Format: slide presentations, lectures, gallery talks, hands-on opportunities, technical examinations, and group discussions
Requirements/Evaluation: attendance is required at all sessions; the course grade is based on exams given throughout the semester; there is no final exam
Enrollment Limit: 14
Enrollment Preferences: Graduate Program students, then students in art history or studio art
Distributions: (D1)
Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Spring 2019
SEM Section: 01  MR 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  Thomas J. Branchick

BIOL 220 (S)  Field Botany and Plant Natural History

Crosslistings: BIOL220 / ENVI220
Primary Crosslisting
This field-lecture course covers the evolutionary and ecological relationships among plant groups represented in our local and regional flora. Lectures focus on the evolution of the land plants, the most recent developments in plant systematics, characteristics of plant families, and cultural-economic uses of plants, especially native species. The labs cover field identification, natural history, and ecology of local species.

Class Format: lecture

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on exams, field quizzes, field notebook and a class project

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 30

Enrollment Preferences: seniors, Biology majors, and Environmental Studies majors & concentrators

Expected Class Size: 25

Department Notes: satisfies the distribution requirement in the Biology major

Distributions: (D3)

Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EVST Living Systems Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses; PHLH Nutrition, Food Security+Environmental Health

Spring 2019

LAB Section: 02 T 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Henry W. Art
LEC Section: 01 MWF 9:00 am - 9:50 am Henry W. Art
LAB Section: 03 W 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Henry W. Art

BIOL 231 (F) Marine Ecology

Crosslistings: BIOL231 / MAST311

Secondary Crosslisting

Using the principles of evolutionary biology and experimental ecology, this course examines the processes that control the diversity, abundance and distribution of marine organisms. Major marine communities, including estuaries, the rocky shore, sandy beaches, salt marshes, coral reefs, and the deep sea are discussed in detail.

Class Format: lecture/laboratory, including coastal and near-shore field trips, 10 days offshore, and a laboratory or field research project

Requirements/Evaluation: two tests, a research project, and a presentation

Extra Info: offered only at Mystic Seaport

Prerequisites: BIOL 101 or GEOS/MAST 104, or permission of instructor

Distributions: (D3)

Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EVST Living Systems Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Fall 2018

LEC Section: 01 TBA Tim J. Pusack

Spring 2019

LEC Section: 01 TBA Tim J. Pusack

BIOL 302 (F) Communities and Ecosystems (QFR)

Crosslistings: BIOL302 / ENVI312

Primary Crosslisting

An advanced ecology course that examines how species interact with each other and their environment with a focus on conservation implications. This course emphasizes phenomena that emerge in complex ecological systems, building on the fundamental concepts of population biology, community ecology, and ecosystem science. This foundation will be used to understand specific topics relevant to conservation including the functional significance of diversity for ecosystem stability and processes. Lectures and labs will explore how to characterize the emergent properties of communities and ecosystems, and how theoretical, comparative, and experimental approaches are used to understand their structure and function.
The lab component of this course will emphasize hypothesis-oriented field experiments but will also include some laboratory microcosm experiments. The laboratory component of the course will culminate with a self-designed independent or group project.

Class Format: lecture/laboratory, six hours a week

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on lab reports, a midterm exam, a term project presentation, and a final project paper

Prerequisites: BIOL/ENVI 203 or 220

Enrollment Limit: 28

Enrollment Preferences: Biology majors and Environmental Studies majors and concentrators

Expected Class Size: 24

Department Notes: satisfies the distribution requirement in the Biology major

Distributions: (D3) (QFR)

Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EVST Living Systems Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses;

Not offered current academic year

CHIN 252 (F) Bridging Theory and Practice: Learning and Teaching Chinese as a Second Language

This course introduces students to the principles of second language acquisition (SLA), a field of study that investigates how people learn a foreign language and provides a basis for understanding research related to foreign language learning and teaching. Theoretical issues to be covered include what it means to know a language, how one becomes proficient in a foreign language, factors that affect the learning process, and the role of one's native language. We will also examine what SLA research has discovered about teaching grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, and writing. The goal is to explore ways in which SLA theories can be applied to facilitate acquisition of Chinese in terms of learning strategies and curriculum design. This course will be useful to both students who want to improve their own learning of Chinese and those who plan to teach or conduct research on Chinese.

All readings in English with some examples in Chinese.

Class Format: lecture/discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on class participation, several oral presentations and short papers, and a final research project

Prerequisites: CHIN 101 or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 19

Expected Class Size: 12

Distributions: (D1)

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

ENVI 102 (S) Introduction to Environmental Science

Environmental Science is the study of how the global earth system functions within the context of its four distinct yet interconnected "spheres," the geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere. This course introduces students to scientific methods from physics, chemistry, geology and biology that are applied to understanding both how these spheres interact and how we as scientists can interpret and assess human impacts. Discussions are accompanied by in-depth examinations of real-world case studies at the local and global scale. Topics may include: anthropogenic carbon dioxide, the ozone hole, groundwater contamination, resource sustainability, and loss of biodiversity. In weekly fieldwork and laboratory sessions students collect and analyze environmental samples, and interpret and write about these datasets. In addition to these group projects, students design, complete and present independent projects on a topic of their choice.

Class Format: two 75-minute lecture/discussion sessions, and one 3-hour field/laboratory session each week

Requirements/Evaluation: quizzes/exam, lab reports, independent project and presentation, participation in discussions

Prerequisites: none; no seniors without permission of the instructors

Enrollment Limit: 45

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students

Expected Class Size: 45

Department Notes: required course for Environmental Studies major and concentration

Distributions: (D3)
ENVI 104 (S) Oceanography

Crosslistings: MAST104 / ENVI104 / GEOS104

Secondary Crosslisting
The oceans cover about 72% of Earth's surface, yet we know the surface of Venus better than our own ocean floors. Why is that? This integrated introduction to the oceans covers formation and history of the ocean basins; the composition and origin of seawater; currents, tides, and waves; ocean-atmosphere interactions; oceans and climate; deep-marine environments; coastal processes; productivity in the oceans; and human impacts. Coastal oceanography will be investigated on an all-day field trip, hosted by the Williams-Mystic program in Connecticut.

Class Format: lecture/discussion, three hours per week; laboratory, two hours per week in alternate weeks/one all-day field trip

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on two hour exams, lab work, participation in the field trip, and a final exam

Extra Info: not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 48

Enrollment Preferences: first-year and sophomore students

Expected Class Size: 48

Distributions: (D3)

Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

ENVI 214 (S) Mastering GIS

Crosslistings: GEOS214 / ENVI214

Secondary Crosslisting
The development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has allowed us to investigate incredibly large and spatially complex data sets like never before. From assessing the effects of climate change on alpine glaciers, to identifying ideal habitat ranges for critically endangered species, to determining the vulnerability of coastal communities to storms, GIS tools have opened the door for important, large-scale environmental analyses. And as these technologies improve, our ability to understand the world grows ever greater. This course will teach you how to use GIS tools to investigate environmental problems. We will review fundamental principles in geography, the construction and visualization of geospatial datasets, and tools for analyzing geospatial data. Special attention will also be given to analysis of remotely sensed (satellite) imagery and to collection of field data. By the end of the course, you will be able to conduct independent GIS-based research and produce maps and other geospatial imagery of professional quality.

Class Format: lecture, three hours per week; laboratory, three hours per week

Requirements/Evaluation: based on weekly lab exercises, weekly quizzes, a research project, and a midterm and final exam

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: at least one introductory course in BIOL, ENVI, or GEOS

Enrollment Limit: 24

Enrollment Preferences: Geosciences and Biology majors and Environmental Studies majors and concentrators

Expected Class Size: 24

Distributions: (D3)

Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EVST Methods Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses
ENVI 220 (S) Field Botany and Plant Natural History

Crosslistings: BIOL220 / ENVI220

Secondary Crosslisting

This field-lecture course covers the evolutionary and ecological relationships among plant groups represented in our local and regional flora. Lectures focus on the evolution of the land plants, the most recent developments in plant systematics, characteristics of plant families, and cultural-economic uses of plants, especially native species. The labs cover field identification, natural history, and ecology of local species.

Class Format: lecture

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on exams, field quizzes, field notebook and a class project

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 30

Enrollment Preferences: seniors, Biology majors, and Environmental Studies majors & concentrators

Expected Class Size: 25

Department Notes: satisfies the distribution requirement in the Biology major

Distributions: (D3)

Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EVST Living Systems Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses; PHLH Nutrition, Food Security + Environmental Health

ENVI 312 (F) Communities and Ecosystems (QFR)

Crosslistings: BIOL302 / ENVI312

Secondary Crosslisting

An advanced ecology course that examines how species interact with each other and their environment with a focus on conservation implications. This course emphasizes phenomena that emerge in complex ecological systems, building on the fundamental concepts of population biology, community ecology, and ecosystem science. This foundation will be used to understand specific topics relevant to conservation including the functional significance of diversity for ecosystem stability and processes. Lectures and labs will explore how to characterize the emergent properties of communities and ecosystems, and how theoretical, comparative, and experimental approaches are used to understand their structure and function.

The lab component of this course will emphasize hypothesis-oriented field experiments but will also include some laboratory microcosm experiments. The laboratory component of the course will culminate with a self-designed independent or group project.

Class Format: lecture/laboratory, six hours a week

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on lab reports, a midterm exam, a term project presentation, and a final project paper

Prerequisites: BIOL/ENVI 203 or 220

Enrollment Limit: 28

Enrollment Preferences: Biology majors and Environmental Studies majors and concentrators

Expected Class Size: 24

Department Notes: satisfies the distribution requirement in the Biology major

Distributions: (D3) (QFR)
ENVI 351 (F) Marine Policy

Crosslistings: ENVI351 / PSCI319 / MAST351

Secondary Crosslisting

This seminar utilizes the interdisciplinary background of the other Williams-Mystic courses to examine national and international contemporary issues in our relationship with our ocean and marine environment. This seminar takes a topical approach to the study of ocean and coastal law and policy, examining climate change, fisheries, coastal zone management, admiralty law, marine biodiversity, ocean and coastal pollution, and ocean governance.

Class Format: lecture, discussions, guest lectures by active professionals, and includes coastal and near-shore field trips, and 10 days offshore

Requirements/Evaluation: an independent research paper, a presentation, and a final exam

Extra Info: offered only at Mystic Seaport

Department Notes: satisfies the Environmental Policy requirement for the Environmental studies concentration

Distributions: (D2)

Attributes: ENVI Environmental Policy; EXPE Experiential Education Courses; POEC International Political Economy Courses

Fall 2018
LEC Section: 01    TBA    Catherine Robinson Hall

Spring 2019
LEC Section: 01    TBA    Catherine Robinson Hall

ENVI 411 (F) Environmental planning workshop: community-based environmental problem solving

Crosslistings: ENVI411 / AMST302

Primary Crosslisting

This interdisciplinary, experiential workshop course introduces students to the field of planning through community-based projects. Environmental Planning encompasses many fields pertaining to the natural and built landscape such as city planning, sustainable design, natural resource planning, landscape design, agricultural planning, climate planning, transportation planning, and community development. Students will get out of the classroom and gain direct experience working on the planning process in the greater Berkshire region. The class is organized into two parts. Part 1 focuses on reading and discussion of the planning literature: history, theory, policy, ethics, and legal framework. Part 2 focuses on project work in which students apply the concepts learned to tackle an actual community problem. Small teams of students, working in conjunction with a client in the region and under supervision of the instructor, conduct a planning project using all the tools of a planner, including research, interviews, survey research, mapping, and site design. The project work draws on students' academic training and extracurricular activities, and applies creative, design thinking techniques to solve thorny problems. The midterm assignment is a creative landscape/site design project. The lab sections include field trips, GIS mapping labs, project-related workshop sessions, public meetings, and team project work. The course includes several class presentations and students will gain skills in public speaking, preparing presentations, interviewing, survey research, hands-on design, and team work. The class culminates in a public presentation of each team's planning study.

Class Format: seminar discussion/group workshop/project lab

Requirements/Evaluation: short written exercises, class discussion, class presentations, final group report

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: ENVI 101 or permission of instructor; open to juniors and seniors only

Enrollment Limit: 16

Enrollment Preferences: Environmental Studies majors and concentrators

Expected Class Size: 16

Department Notes: required course for Environmental Studies major and concentration

Distributions:
Distribution Notes: does not meet Division 1, 2, or 3 requirements

Attributes: AMST Space and Place Electives; ENVI Core Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses; SCST Related Courses

Fall 2018
LAB Section: 02 T 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sarah Gardner
LAB Section: 03 R 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sarah Gardner
SEM Section: 01 TR 11:20 am - 12:35 pm Sarah Gardner

GEOS 104 (S) Oceanography
Crosslistings: MAST104 / ENVI104 / GEOS104

Primary Crosslisting
The oceans cover about 72% of Earth's surface, yet we know the surface of Venus better than our own ocean floors. Why is that? This integrated introduction to the oceans covers formation and history of the ocean basins; the composition and origin of seawater; currents, tides, and waves; ocean-atmosphere interactions; oceans and climate; deep-marine environments; coastal processes; productivity in the oceans; and human impacts. Coastal oceanography will be investigated on an all-day field trip, hosted by the Williams-Mystic program in Connecticut.

Class Format: lecture/discussion, three hours per week; laboratory, two hours per week in alternate weeks/one all-day field trip
Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on two hour exams, lab work, participation in the field trip, and a final exam
Extra Info: not available for the fifth course option
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 48
Enrollment Preferences: first-year and sophomore students
Expected Class Size: 48
Distributions: (D3)
Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

GEOS 210 (F) Oceanographic Processes
Crosslistings: GEOS210 / MAST211

Secondary Crosslisting
This course examines ocean and coastal environmental science issues including carbon dioxide and the ocean's role in climate, El Niño and other ocean-atmosphere oscillations that influence our weather, coastal erosion and other hazards, coastal pollution, and fisheries. The focus is on controlling processes with regional comparisons. Blue water oceanography is conducted in the Atlantic and comparative coastal oceanography includes trips to southern New England shores, and the West and Gulf coasts of the US as part of the Williams-Mystic program.

Class Format: lecture/laboratory, including coastal and near-shore field trips, 11 days offshore, and a laboratory or field research project
Requirements/Evaluation: two tests, a research project, and a presentation
Extra Info: offered only at Mystic Seaport
Distributions: (D3)
Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EVST Living Systems Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Fall 2018
LEC Section: 01 TBA Lisa A. Gilbert
Spring 2019
LEC Section: 01 TBA Lisa A. Gilbert
Primary Crosslisting

The development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has allowed us to investigate incredibly large and spatially complex data sets like never before. From assessing the effects of climate change on alpine glaciers, to identifying ideal habitat ranges for critically endangered species, to determining the vulnerability of coastal communities to storms, GIS tools have opened the door for important, large-scale environmental analyses. And as these technologies improve, our ability to understand the world grows ever greater. This course will teach you how to use GIS tools to investigate environmental problems. We will review fundamental principles in geography, the construction and visualization of geospatial datasets, and tools for analyzing geospatial data. Special attention will also be given to analysis of remotely sensed (satellite) imagery and to collection of field data. By the end of the course, you will be able to conduct independent GIS-based research and produce maps and other geospatial imagery of professional quality.

Class Format: lecture, three hours per week; laboratory, three hours per week
Requirements/Evaluation: based on weekly lab exercises, weekly quizzes, a research project, and a midterm and final exam
Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option
Prerequisites: at least one introductory course in BIOL, ENVI, or GEOS
Enrollment Limit: 24
Enrollment Preferences: Geosciences and Biology majors and Environmental Studies majors and concentrators
Expected Class Size: 24
Distributions: (D3)
Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EVST Methods Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Spring 2019
LAB Section: 03  W 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  José A. Constantine
LAB Section: 02  M 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  José A. Constantine
LEC Section: 01  MW 11:00 am - 12:15 pm  José A. Constantine

HIST 352 (F)  Americans and the Maritime Environment  (WI)
Crosslistings: HIST352 / MAST352
Secondary Crosslisting

This course examines the impact of the maritime environment (both salt water and fresh) on human affairs from the age of European expansion to the opening decades of the 21st century. Taught using the collections of Mystic Seaport Museum and on several distant field seminars, Americans and the Maritime Environment examines en situ such things as race, gender, revolution, and humankind's changing relationship with the world's oceans. Readings in primary sources and secondary works on the social, economic, and technological implications of maritime activities culminate in an original research paper.

Class Format: lecture/discussion, including coastal and near-shore field trips, 10 days offshore, and an independent, primary source research project
Requirements/Evaluation: two papers, and short presentation, and final exam. Student papers will be a 5-page minimum and a 15-page minimum essay; the 15-page paper will be critiqued in three steps, as a proposal, a draft, and a final paper, with attention to reasoning and style
Extra Info: offered only at Mystic Seaport
Prerequisites: BIOL 101 or GEOS/MAST 104, or permission of instructor
Distributions: (D2) (WI)
Attributes: AMST Space and Place Electives; ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives; EXPE Experiential Education Courses; HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada; HIST Group P Electives - Premodern;

Fall 2018
LEC Section: 01  TBA  Alicia C. Maggard

Spring 2019
LATS 241 (F) Performing Masculinity in Global Popular Culture

Crosslistings: LATS241 / SOC240 / WGSS240 / AMST241 / THEA241

Secondary Crosslisting

This course examines popular cultural contexts, asking what it means to be a man in contemporary societies. We focus on the manufacture and marketing of masculinity in advertising, fashion, TV/film, theater, popular music, and the shifting contours of masculinity in everyday life, asking: how does political economy change the ideal shape, appearance, and performance of men? How have products - ranging from beer to deodorant to cigarettes -- had their use value articulated in gendered ways? Why must masculinity be the purview of "males" at all; how can we change discourses to better include performances of female masculinities, butch-identified women, and trans* men? We will pay particular attention to racialized, queer, and subaltern masculinities. Some of our case studies include: the short half-life of the boy band in the US and in Asia (e.g., J/K-Pop), hip hop masculinities at home and abroad, and the curious blend of chastity and homoeroticism that constitutes masculinity in the contemporary vampire genre. Through these and other examples, we learn to recognize masculinity as a performance shaped by the political economy of a given culture. The course includes a field trip to a drag performance in Northampton.

Class Format: seminar

Requirements/Evaluation: masculinity journal, mid-term essay, visual analyses of pop culture artifact, choice of final essay or 12 page final paper

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: in the event of over-enrollment, a short statement of interest will be solicited

Expected Class Size: 20

Distributions: (D2)

Distribution Notes: meets Division 2 requirement if registration is under AMST, LATS, SOC or WGSS; meets Division 1 requirement if registration is under THEA

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses; FMST Related Courses; LATS Comparative Race + Ethnic Studies Electives

Not offered current academic year

LEAD 309 (F) Problems and Progress in American Democracy

Crosslistings: LEAD309 / PSCI309

Secondary Crosslisting

"I confess," French aristocrat Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in the introduction to his Democracy in America, "that in America I saw more than America. I sought the image of democracy itself, with its inclinations, its character, its prejudices, and its passions, in order to learn what we have to fear or hope from its progress." What would Tocqueville see if he returned to America today, almost 200 years later? What types of institutions, dynamics, and processes animate American political life in the twenty-first century? With Tocqueville as a guide to thinking about political ethnography, this course investigates four central elements of political life--religion, education, difference, and crime and punishment--that simultaneously pose problems for and represent sites of progress in American democracy. For each subject, we will ask several key questions. How has that particular aspect of political life changed in the recent past? How might it change in the near future? Does it conform to how American politics is designed to work? To how we want American politics to work? Using a diverse set of readings drawn from empirical political science, contemporary democratic theory, American political thought, historical documents, political punditry (from the left and the right), and current events, our focus, like Tocqueville before us, is on teasing out both the lived experience--the character and challenges--of American democracy and examining any disconnect between that experience and the ideals that undergird it. Among the many specific questions we will consider are whether particular religious traditions might be incompatible with democratic values, the extent to which recent changes in higher education have affected the health of democratic politics, the effects of ideological polarization on democratic discourse, and the place of the jury system in securing democratic justice. Throughout the semester, we will not only approach these questions from the joint perspectives of theory and practice but also seek to enrich our understanding by exploring American democracy as it happens all around us with several exercises in the community at large.

Class Format: discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: two experiential projects with accompanying write-ups of at least 5 and 7 pages, six 2- to 3-page ethnographic reflections, and class participation

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis
Prerequisites: a previous course in American politics or Political Theory or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 19

Expected Class Size: 19

Distributions: (D2)

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses; JLST Interdepartmental Electives; LEAD American Domestic Leadership; LEAD Facets or Domains of Leadership; PSCI American Politics Courses

Not offered current academic year

MAST 104 (S) Oceanography

Crosslistings: MAST104 / ENVI104 / GEOS104

Secondary Crosslisting

The oceans cover about 72% of Earth's surface, yet we know the surface of Venus better than our own ocean floors. Why is that? This integrated introduction to the oceans covers formation and history of the ocean basins; the composition and origin of seawater; currents, tides, and waves; ocean-atmosphere interactions; oceans and climate; deep-marine environments; coastal processes; productivity in the oceans; and human impacts. Coastal oceanography will be investigated on an all-day field trip, hosted by the Williams-Mystic program in Connecticut.

Class Format: lecture/discussion, three hours per week; laboratory, two hours per week in alternate weeks/one all-day field trip

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on two hour exams, lab work, participation in the field trip, and a final exam

Extra Info: not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 48

Enrollment Preferences: first-year and sophomore students

Expected Class Size: 48

Distributions: (D3)

Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

MAST 211 (F) Oceanographic Processes

Crosslistings: GEOS210 / MAST211

Primary Crosslisting

This course examines ocean and coastal environmental science issues including carbon dioxide and the ocean's role in climate, El Niño and other ocean-atmosphere oscillations that influence our weather, coastal erosion and other hazards, coastal pollution, and fisheries. The focus is on controlling processes with regional comparisons. Blue water oceanography is conducted in the Atlantic and comparative coastal oceanography includes trips to southern New England shores, and the West and Gulf coasts of the US as part of the Williams-Mystic program.

Class Format: lecture/laboratory, including coastal and near-shore field trips, 11 days offshore, and a laboratory or field research project

Requirements/Evaluation: two tests, a research project, and a presentation

Extra Info: offered only at Mystic Seaport

Distributions: (D3)

Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EVST Living Systems Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Fall 2018

LEC Section: 01 TBA Lisa A. Gilbert

Spring 2019

LEC Section: 01 TBA Lisa A. Gilbert

MAST 311 (F) Marine Ecology
Crosslistings: BIOL231 / MAST311

Primary Crosslisting

Using the principles of evolutionary biology and experimental ecology, this course examines the processes that control the diversity, abundance and distribution of marine organisms. Major marine communities, including estuaries, the rocky shore, sandy beaches, salt marshes, coral reefs, and the deep sea are discussed in detail.

Class Format: lecture/laboratory, including coastal and near-shore field trips, 10 days offshore, and a laboratory or field research project

Requirements/Evaluation: two tests, a research project, and a presentation

Extra Info: offered only at Mystic Seaport

Prerequisites: BIOL 101 or GEOS/MAST 104, or permission of instructor

Distributions: (D3)

Attributes: ENVI Natural World Electives; EVST Living Systems Courses; EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Fall 2018
LEC Section: 01  TBA  Tim J. Pusack

Spring 2019
LEC Section: 01  TBA  Tim J. Pusack

MAST 351 (F) Marine Policy

Crosslistings: ENVI351 / PSCI319 / MAST351

Primary Crosslisting

This seminar utilizes the interdisciplinary background of the other Williams-Mystic courses to examine national and international contemporary issues in our relationship with our ocean and marine environment. This seminar takes a topical approach to the study of ocean and coastal law and policy, examining climate change, fisheries, coastal zone management, admiralty law, marine biodiversity, ocean and coastal pollution, and ocean governance.

Class Format: lecture, discussions, guest lectures by active professionals, and includes coastal and near-shore field trips, and 10 days offshore

Requirements/Evaluation: an independent research paper, a presentation, and a final exam

Extra Info: offered only at Mystic Seaport

Department Notes: satisfies the Environmental Policy requirement for the Environmental studies concentration

Distributions: (D2)

Attributes: ENVI Environmental Policy; EXPE Experiential Education Courses; POEC International Political Economy Courses

Fall 2018
LEC Section: 01  TBA  Catherine Robinson Hall

Spring 2019
LEC Section: 01  TBA  Catherine Robinson Hall

MAST 352 (F) Americans and the Maritime Environment  (WI)

Crosslistings: HIST352 / MAST352

Primary Crosslisting

This course examines the impact of the maritime environment (both salt water and fresh) on human affairs from the age of European expansion to the opening decades of the 21st century. Taught using the collections of Mystic Seaport Museum and on several distant field seminars, Americans and the Maritime Environment examines en situ such things as race, gender, revolution, and humankind's changing relationship with the world's oceans. Readings in primary sources and secondary works on the social, economic, and technological implications of maritime activities culminate in an original research paper.

Class Format: lecture/discussion, including coastal and near-shore field trips, 10 days offshore, and an independent, primary source research project

Requirements/Evaluation: two papers, and short presentation, and final exam. Student papers will be a 5-page minimum and a 15-page minimum
essay; the 15-page paper will be critiqued in three steps, as a proposal, a draft, and a final paper, with attention to reasoning and style

Extra Info: offered only at Mystic Seaport

Prerequisites: BIOL 101 or GEOS/MAST 104, or permission of instructor

Distributions: (D2) (WI)

Attributes: AMST Space and Place Electives; ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives; EXPE Experiential Education Courses; HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada; HIST Group P Electives - Premodern;

Fall 2018
LEC Section: 01 TBA Alicia C. Maggard

Spring 2019
LEC Section: 01 TBA Alicia C. Maggard

MUS 104 (S) Jazz Theory and Improvisation I
Crosslistings: AFR212 / MUS104

Primary Crosslisting

The theory and application of basic techniques in jazz improvisation and performance styles, including blues forms, swing, bebop, modally based composition, Afro-Cuban, etc. Appropriate for students with skill on their instrument and some basic theoretical knowledge. Knowledge of all key signatures, major/minor keys and modes, intervals, triads and basic seventh chords and their functions within keys. Students should be able to play and demonstrate these concepts on their instruments - competence on an instrument is essential (vocalists and drummers will be encouraged to study the piano). Pianists and guitarists should be able to sight read chords on a jazz lead sheet.

Class Format: alternates between lecture style exposition of theoretical topics and a master class where students will perform and be evaluated on assigned repertoire

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on weekly assignments, (e.g., harmonic analysis and exercises in transposition and transcription), a midterm, a transcription project and the end of semester concert, as well as improvement as measured in weekly class performance

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Extra Info 2: this course will share aural skills labs with MUS 104a; students considering taking this course should consult the lab times shown below and plan their schedules accordingly

Prerequisites: MUS 103 and/or permission of instructor; musical literacy required as per above description; private study on student’s individual instruction strongly encouraged

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: prospective Music majors, then Jazz Ensemble members, then Music majors

Expected Class Size: 12

Distributions: (D1)

Distribution Notes: meets Division 1 requirement if registration is under MUS; meets Division 2 requirement if registration is under AFR

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

MUS 204 (S) Jazz Theory and Improvisation II
Crosslistings: MUS204 / AFR214

Primary Crosslisting

A continuation of MUS 104b, this course builds upon theoretical knowledge, performance and aural skills developed previously. Students will deal with more complex theoretical and performance issues, including the use of symmetric scales, strategies for chord reharmonization, pentatonic and hexatonic scale shapes, and Coltrane’s "Three Tonic" harmonic system.

Class Format: two weekly seminar meetings, alternating between theory and performance sessions

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly compositional, analysis, transcription or performance exercises and final transcription project

Prerequisites: MUS 104b or permission of instructor
Enrollment Limit: 12
Enrollment Preferences: Music majors and Jazz Ensemble members
Expected Class Size: 5-8
Distributions: (D1)
Distribution Notes: meets Division 1 requirement if registration is under MUS; meets Division 2 requirement if registration is under AFR
Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

MUS 205 (F) Composition I
Beginning courses in musical composition. Size and number of required projects will vary from 4 to 5. Each assignment will represent 25% of the student's final grade. A group meeting per week will deal with the presentation of the student's work in progress, analysis of models for composition, performance of work in class, and critiquing of work. There will be a weekly individual meeting with the instructor to discuss each student's progress. Students must also be available for performances and reading of work outside normal class time and the instructor and students will work together to ensure that all work written during the semester is actually performed.

Class Format: seminar
Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation based on the quality and timeliness of composition projects, attendance, and class participation
Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option
Prerequisites: MUS 202 (may be taken concurrently) or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 6
Enrollment Preferences: Music majors; consideration of non-majors based on qualifications and experience
Expected Class Size: 4
Distributions: (D1)
Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Fall 2018
SEM Section: 01 MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Ileana Perez Velazquez

Spring 2019
SEM Section: 01 MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Dylan J. Schneider

MUS 206 (F) Composition II
Beginning courses in musical composition. Size and number of required assignments will vary from 3 to 6 in addition to a possible full semester composition project. One to two group meetings per week will deal with the presentation of new assignments, analysis of models for composition, performance of work in class, and critiquing of work. Individual meetings may be added to deal with individual needs. Students must also be available for performances and reading of work outside normal class time and the instructor and students will work together to ensure that all work written during the semester is actually performed.

Class Format: seminar
Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation based on the quality and timeliness of composition projects, attendance, and class participation
Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option
Prerequisites: MUS 202 (may be taken concurrently) and permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 6
Enrollment Preferences: Music majors; consideration of non-majors based on qualifications and experience
Expected Class Size: 4
Distributions: (D1)
Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses
MUS 230 (S) Musical Ethnography

Often, we experience music's impact on us without fully considering why it achieves such strong effects. The discipline of ethnomusicology confronts the question of musical meaning by combining musical study and analysis with an exploration into the contexts of musical production, circulation, and reception. Musical ethnography is both the means by which scholars pursue this line of questioning, and also the (usually) written work that results from such an investigation. This course features a hands-on approach to musical ethnography. Students will each conduct ethnographic fieldwork in a music-making community within Williamstown and the surrounding area. Coursework will survey approaches to methodology (modes and degrees of researcher involvement, practical skills related to documentation), issues of ethics, and social and musical analysis.

Class Format: lecture/discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, small assignments (four 1-2 page assignments), interview transcript with commentary, reading response, final project and presentation

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: some musical training/experience necessary, see instructor for more information

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: students with some musical experience

Expected Class Size: 6

Department Notes: MUS World Music/Ethnomusicology

Distributions: (D1)

Distribution Notes: meets Division 1 requirement if registration is under MUS; meets Division 2 requirement if registration is under ANTH

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Not offered current academic year

POEC 402 (S) Political Economy of Public Policy Issues

In this course, students form groups that conduct a political and economic analysis of a public policy issue of their choosing. They do extensive reading, conduct interviews in Washington, D.C. (during spring recess), write a major report on their findings and recommendations, and present and defend their findings in a public talk. Students visit Washington, D.C. Sunday night through Wednesday of the first week of spring vacation to conduct interviews relating to their group projects. This is a course requirement.

Class Format: seminar with student presentations

Requirements/Evaluation: group policy projects including an 80- to 100-page paper and 2-hour presentation

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: POEC 253 or ECON 255, POEC 250, POEC 401; open only to Political Economy majors

Department Notes: required in the Political Economy major

Distributions: (D2)

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses; POEC Required Courses

"I confess," French aristocrat Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in the introduction to his Democracy in America, "that in America I saw more than America. I
sought the image of democracy itself, with its inclinations, its character, its prejudices, and its passions, in order to learn what we have to fear or hope from its progress.” What would Tocqueville see if he returned to America today, almost 200 years later? What types of institutions, dynamics, and processes animate American political life in the twenty-first century? With Tocqueville as a guide to thinking about political ethnography, this course investigates four central elements of political life—religion, education, difference, and crime and punishment—that simultaneously pose problems for and represent sites of progress in American democracy. For each subject, we will ask several key questions. What protagonist?” What would Tocqueville see if he returned to America today, almost 200 years later? What types of institutions, dynamics, and processes animate American political life in the twenty-first century? With Tocqueville as a guide to thinking about political ethnography, this course investigates four central elements of political life—religion, education, difference, and crime and punishment—that simultaneously pose problems for and represent sites of progress in American democracy. For each subject, we will ask several key questions. How has this particular aspect of political life changed in the recent past? How might it change in the near future? Does it conform to how American politics is designed to work? To how we want American politics to work? Using a diverse set of readings drawn from empirical political science, contemporary democratic theory, American political thought, historical documents, political punditry (from the left and the right), and current events, our focus, like Tocqueville before us, is on teasing out both the lived experience—the character and challenges—of American democracy and examining any disconnect between that experience and the ideals that undergird it. Among the many specific questions we will consider are whether particular religious traditions might be incompatible with democratic values, the extent to which recent changes in higher education have affected the health of democratic politics, the effects of ideological polarization on democratic discourse, and the place of the jury system in securing democratic justice. Throughout the semester, we will not only approach these questions from the joint perspectives of theory and practice but also seek to enrich our understanding by exploring American democracy as it happens all around us with several exercises in the community at large.

Class Format: discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: two experiential projects with accompanying write-ups of at least 5 and 7 pages, six 2- to 3-page ethnographic reflections, and class participation

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis

Prerequisites: a previous course in American politics or Political Theory or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 19

Expected Class Size: 19

Distributions: (D2)

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses; JLST Interdepartmental Electives; LEAD American Domestic Leadership; LEAD Facets or Domains of Leadership; PSCI American Politics Courses

Not offered current academic year

PSCI 319 (F) Marine Policy

Crosslistings: ENVI351 / PSCI319 / MAST351

Secondary Crosslisting

This seminar utilizes the interdisciplinary background of the other Williams-Mystic courses to examine national and international contemporary issues in our relationship with our ocean and marine environment. This seminar takes a topical approach to the study of ocean and coastal law and policy, examining climate change, fisheries, coastal zone management, admiralty law, marine biodiversity, ocean and coastal pollution, and ocean governance.

Class Format: lecture, discussions, guest lectures by active professionals, and includes coastal and near-shore field trips, and 10 days offshore

Requirements/Evaluation: an independent research paper, a presentation, and a final exam

Extra Info: offered only at Mystic Seaport

Department Notes: satisfies the Environmental Policy requirement for the Environmental studies concentration

Distributions: (D2)

Attributes: ENVI Environmental Policy; EXPE Experiential Education Courses; POEC International Political Economy Courses

Fall 2018

LEC Section: 01 TBA Catherine Robinson Hall

Spring 2019

LEC Section: 01 TBA Catherine Robinson Hall

PSYC 352 (F) Clinical and Community Psychology

This course provides an overview of theory, methods, and professional issues in the fields of clinical and community psychology (and related fields). In
addition to academic work (primary source readings and class discussions), students are encouraged to apply their experiences in academic psychology to field settings, and to use their fieldwork experience to critically evaluate theory and research. The course includes a supervised field-work placement arranged by the instructor in a local mental health or social service agency. Students must complete a brief survey about their interests and schedule in order to place them in an agency. Students should email the instructor to obtain the survey as well as receive permission to register for this course.

Class Format: seminar

Requirements/Evaluation: field work (six hours per week), two 5-page position papers, and a 12- to 15-page final paper

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: PSYC 252

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: senior, then junior, Psychology majors; you MUST have permission of instructor to register for this course

Expected Class Size: 15

Distributions: (D2)

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses; PHLH Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health; PSYC Area 5 - Clinical Psychology

Fall 2018

SEM Section: 01    MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm     Laurie Heatherington

PSYC 372 (F) Advanced Seminar in Teaching and Learning

This advanced seminar will give students an opportunity to connect theory to practice. Each student will have a teaching placement in a local school, and participate in both peer and individual supervision. In addition, we will read a range of texts that examine different approaches to teaching, as well as theory and research on the process of education. What is the best way to teach? How do various theories of child development and teaching translate into everyday practices with students? Students will be encouraged to reflect on and modify their own teaching practices as a result of what we read as well as their supervision. Questions we will discuss include: What is the relationship between educational goals and curriculum development? What is the relation between substance (knowledge, skills, content) and the interpersonal dynamic inherent in a classroom setting? How do we assess teaching practices and the students' learning? What does it take to be an educated person?

Class Format: seminar

Requirements/Evaluation: this course involves a field placement, weekly readings, as well as seminar discussion, supervision, and a graded journal

Extra Info: may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; not available for the fifth course option

Prerequisites: PSYC 232 or PSYC 272 or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 16

Enrollment Preferences: Psychology majors and those who plan to become teachers

Expected Class Size: 16

Distributions: (D2)

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses; PSYC Area 7 - Educational Psychology; TEAC Teaching Sequence Courses

Fall 2018

SEM Section: 01    W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm     Susan L. Engel

SOC 240 (F) Performing Masculinity in Global Popular Culture

Crosslistings: LATS241 / SOC240 / WGSS240 / AMST241 / THEA241

Secondary Crosslisting

This course examines popular cultural contexts, asking what it means to be a man in contemporary societies. We focus on the manufacture and marketing of masculinity in advertising, fashion, TV/film, theater, popular music, and the shifting contours of masculinity in everyday life, asking: how does political economy change the ideal shape, appearance, and performance of men? How have products - ranging from beer to deodorant to cigarettes -- had their use value articulated in gendered ways? Why must masculinity be the purview of "males" at all; how can we change discourses
to better include performances of female masculinities, butch-identified women, and trans* men? We will pay particular attention to racialized, queer, and subaltern masculinities. Some of our case studies include: the short half-life of the boy band in the US and in Asia (e.g., J/K-Pop), hip hop masculinities at home and abroad, and the curious blend of chastity and homoeroticism that constitutes masculinity in the contemporary vampire genre. Through these and other examples, we learn to recognize masculinity as a performance shaped by the political economy of a given culture. The course includes a field trip to a drag performance in Northampton.

Class Format: seminar

Requirements/Evaluation: masculinity journal, mid-term essay, visual analyses of pop culture artifact, choice of final essay or 12 page final paper

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: in the event of over-enrollment, a short statement of interest will be solicited

Expected Class Size: 20

Distributions: (D2)

Distribution Notes: meets Division 2 requirement if registration is under AMST, LATS, SOC or WGSS; meets Division 1 requirement if registration is under THEA

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses; FMST Related Courses; LATS Comparative Race + Ethnic Studies Electives

Not offered current academic year