College of Adult & Lifelong Learning

LIBERAL STUDIES SEMINARS

Spring 2016

ALS-2500:901 Topic: Interdisciplinary Approach to Research Distance Learning
CRN#24127 Instructor: Mark Cuthbertson

This seminar is designed as a foundational course for undergraduate students majoring in all disciplines with a strong emphasis on the process of research across the disciplines. Students will focus on critical thinking and interdisciplinary research methods in preparation for upper-level seminars and research courses. This course will be required of new and transfer LS students.

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Social Science Seminars

ALS-3040:901 Topical Seminar: Social Sciences Distance Learning
CRN# 32528 Instructor: Theodore Krause
Topic: Religious Controversies in a Scientific World

This seminar will trace the on-going battle between human logic and faith throughout history and illustrate the multidimensional role of religion in socio-cultural conflict. Various scientific discoveries will highlight the unfolding of religious doctrine as humans relate to what is known and unknown about the origin of the universe. Religious expression impacting individual freedoms and cross-cultural controversies will also be explored.

ALS-3040:902 Topical Seminar: Social Sciences Distance Learning
CRN# 32529 Instructor: Jane Atwood
Topic: Music’s Influence in Activism; Songs For/Against the Cause

This course will explore different types of activism, including political, social, economic, and environmental and how music functions to support, promote, and create memory recall directly related to the issues of any given movement or cause. Students will investigate various types of activism and the accompanying music, evaluate the role that music plays in a particular effort whether directed for change or in opposition to that stated cause and ultimately gain an appreciation of how music can motivate, articulate and create an historical marker.
Health care is a rapidly growing and ever evolving field that relies on skilled professionals to get, give, and discuss medical information with patients, families, and colleagues to make better health decisions. This online seminar will examine the in demand facilitation and public awareness of understanding health care issues.

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Humanities Seminars

ALS-3050:901  Topical Seminar: Humanities  Distance Learning
Instructor: Susan Modarai
Topic: Is a Picture Truly Worth A Thousand Words? Editorial Cartooning in the U.S.

This course will trace the historical background of editorial cartooning and present works that chronicle the history of the American editorial cartoon from its beginnings in 1747 into this new millennium. By placing editorial cartoons in their historical context, students will learn to clarify the issues, analyze the symbols, interpret the artists’ use of exaggeration and distortion, recognize the stereotypes, and understand the role of humor and irony in American history and culture.

ALS-3050:902  Topical Seminar: Humanities  Distance Learning
Instructor: Michelle Davidson
Topic: Digital Democracy: The New Civics

This seminar combines issues in political science, the social sciences, journalism/mass media, English/advanced composition and rhetoric, and philosophy. Students will read widely in social and political issues in the news today, and study advanced argumentative tools and tactics through a philosophical lens which can be utilized in their daily lives both inside and outside academe.

ALS-3050:903  Topical Seminar: Humanities  Distance Learning
Instructor: Glenn Sheldon
Topic: Dracula & Frankenstein: Then & Now

This course utilizes seminal literary tests and contemporary interpretations, as well as investigates interdisciplinary connections of literary production to history roots (including folklore) and popular culture from the nineteenth century to present. Thus, we rely upon literature, folklore, sociology, psychology, popular culture and media studies. There will be intensive course work involving formal essays (including drafts), journals, assignments and electronic discussions.
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Natural Science Seminars

**ALS-3060:901**  Topical Seminar: Natural Sciences  Distance Learning
CRN# 30964  Instructor: Marlene Porter
Topic: Personal Health Information Awareness

A person’s health affects everything a person does through his/her life. Personal health impacts not only the individual’s health but also other aspects of their life such as interactions with family members, job performance, community involvement, etc. What a person eats, thinks, believes, and does as well as what or whom a person encounters, will shape both who they are and their well-being. This course requires reading, group discussion, and self-reflection on various health-related topics that address interdisciplinary standards including gender, age, and race specific issues. Socioeconomic, trans-cultural concerns, and health literacy will be addressed as related to a person’s health as the health consumer.

**ALS-3060:902**  Topical Seminar: Natural Sciences  Distance Learning
CRN# 28843  Instructor: Barbara Mauter
Topic: SUGAR: Toxic? Or Sweet Treat?

This course will present the latest research on sugar, thus allowing the students to read and draw conclusions about sugar. Is it a “sweet treat” or “toxic?” Students will review, critique and discuss the impact of sugar on our lives. Exploring topics such as “Where is sugar found? Is sugar one of the most addictive substances we have?” The course will provide an overview of the current scientific research. Students will use critical thinking skills and take an in-depth personal look at their own use of sugar and investigate and examine research.