

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Programs

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Courses

Anthropology (PAAN)

PAAN 2100 Land of the Pharaohs: An Introduction to Ancient Egypt (3)

In Land of the Pharaohs, we will use a combination of reading, writing, lecture, and discussion to address some of the most common questions people have about ancient Egypt and about how we are able to reconstruct parts of its history and culture, including (but not limited to): What motivated the ancient Egyptians to invest so much effort and wealth into their tombs and temples? What was life like for most ancient Egyptians? What was expected of members of society? How did this differ if one was a man or a woman? How do Egyptian hieroglyphs work? Are they “picture writing”? What do we really know about ancient Egypt and how do we know it? The primary sources that we will use to answer these and other questions include: literature, letters, and administrative records; mythological stories about ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses and about creation; material culture/archaeological remains, such as artifacts found in graves; and art and architecture.

PAAN 2110 Ancient Egyptian Religion & Magic (3)

In Ancient Egyptian Religion and Magic, we will use a combination of reading, writing, lecture, and discussion to address some of the most common questions people have about ancient Egypt and about its religion, including (but not limited to): Why and how were the Great Pyramids of Giza built? What motivated the ancient Egyptians to invest so much effort and wealth into their tombs and temples? What practices in ancient Egypt should we consider part of religion? Which should we call magic? Should we even differentiate between the two? Can religion be separated from other aspects of life in ancient Egypt? Were the ancient Egyptians “religious to excess” as the historian Herodotus said? The sources that we will use to answer these and other questions include: literature, prayers, employment records, and letters; mythological stories about ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses and about creation; archaeological materials, and art and architecture.

PAAN 2120 Pyramids, Tombs, and Mummies: Death and Burial in Ancient Egypt (3)

In Pyramids, Tombs, and Mummies (Death and Burial in Ancient Egypt), we will use a combination of reading, writing, lecture, and discussion to address some of the most common questions people have about ancient Egypt and about how and why people were buried the way that they were, including (but not limited to): What motivated the ancient Egyptians to invest so much effort and wealth into their tombs? During some periods, kings were buried in pyramids, but what about everyone else? How did afterlife and other religious beliefs influence the way that people wished to be cared for after death? Why did the ancient Egyptians sometimes go to great lengths to preserve bodies through mummification? The primary sources that we will use to answer these and other questions include: literature, letters, and administrative records; material culture/archaeological remains, such as artifacts found in graves; art and architecture; and Tulane’s own Egyptian Collection.

PAAN 2911 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in anthropology.

PAAN 2912 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Anthropology.

PAAN 2913 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Anthropology.

PAAN 2914 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Anthropology.

PAAN 2915 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Anthropology.

PAAN 3150 Culture and Place: Historical Cultural Adaptation to a Tropical Island (6)

This course provides an introduction to the ways in which basic principles of ethnography, ethnohistory, and material culture studies can be used to understand the cultural landscape. Normally offered during the Summer Session, the course will usually be conducted abroad. The emphasis will be on collaborative research skills, understanding of other cultures, and appreciation of the interrelationship of anthropology and geography.

PAAN 3190 Pirate Societies (3)

This course is an exploration of pirates from the perspective of the social sciences, with an emphasis on the study of traditions, values, and social statuses and relationships that were characteristic of a variety of pirate societies in historic times. Our objectives in this course will be to discover how historic pirate societies were formed in different areas of the world, how they were organized; and how and why their values and traditions differed from those of the larger societies from which they came.

PAAN 3200 Anthropology of Healing & Ritual (3)

This course engages a cross-cultural study of healing rituals, emphasizing how social relations and power shape the experiences, roles, practices, and interactions of patients and healers. How is healing—and its related concepts of suffering and illness—defined, managed, and understood in different social and cultural contexts? What is the relationship between healer and patient/client and the public? How are rituals, as social performances, transformative? How do rituals designed to help manage suffering, enforce, reproduce or challenge cultural ideas about power, gender, and social order? Students will critically examine these questions through reading ethnographies, critical theory and historical essays in order to gain a deeper understanding of healing modalities throughout the world and over time. Readings for this course will examine a wide array of healing rituals and modalities including shamanism, curanderismo, Vodou/Voodoo, western biomedicine and others. Specific aspects of healing rituals will also be analyzed, including symbolism, the role of music and soundscapes, altered states of consciousness, as well as the socio-economic and political dimensions of healing. Because this course zeroes in on anthropological inquiry around the social performance of healing, it is an excellent complement to courses in health and medicine which focus on health systems. Lastly, students will reflect on what healing means in their own local communities, by composing their own research project on a healing ritual including an (optional) auto-ethnographic component.

PAAN 3230 Historical Anthropology of Caribbean (3)

This course is an exploration of the historic factors which created the cultural diversity and themes that characterize the Caribbean islands today. We will examine the cultural backgrounds of the major national and ethnic groups that came to the islands of the West Indies from pre-Columbian times through the twentieth century. This is not a traditional history course, but rather an examination of the factors that gave rise to certain cultural patterns that are distinctively Caribbean. Topics will include pre-Columbian adaptations to life on small islands; ethnicity among Native Americans in the early historic period; the demise of Native American peoples; the cultural backgrounds of enslaved Africans; Caribbean Creole languages; differences in slavery among the various European colonial powers; the emergence of Voodoo; the daily lives of buccaneers and runaways; & the role of plantations in shaping Afro-Caribbean cultural identities; immigration after the end of slavery.

PAAN 3250 Historical Anthropology of New Orleans (3)

This course is an exploration of the historic factors that created the cultural diversity and themes which characterize New Orleans today. The course examines the cultural backgrounds of the major national and ethnic groups that came to Louisiana in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. The course also examines the ongoing attempts to secure the city from risks inherent in its natural environment.

PAAN 3400 Maps, Myths, and Reality (3)

We usually think of maps as objective depictions of the elements (streets, towns, rivers, etc.) that make up the natural and cultural terrain. However, the stories told by maps, like those told by history, are inherently selective. In addition – again like history – the features that are depicted on maps sometimes have no basis in reality. This is especially true of maps that attempt to describe places and people that were recently discovered, or that have not been extensively explored. When their subjects are unknown or poorly understood lands and people, maps can become playgrounds for the interaction of geographic fact, speculation, and myth. This course is an exploration of maps produced by European cartographers during the Age of Exploration, from roughly 1450-1700 A.D. (and brief consideration of the 18th and early 19th centuries), with particular attention to what maps of these periods can tell us about the evolving European understanding of the lands and cultures that lay beyond their own continent.

PAAN 3911 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Anthropology.

PAAN 3912 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Anthropology.

PAAN 3913 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Anthropology.

PAAN 3914 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Anthropology.

PAAN 3915 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Anthropology.

Architecture (PAAR)

PAAR 1230 New Orleans Architecture (3)

This illustrated course examines New Orleans architecture from the city's founding in 1718 to the present time, as well as its historic neighborhoods. The city's architectural legacy will be explored from the standpoint of broad architectural stylistic trends, their relationship to national and international trends, the forces and architects that helped shape the styles, and local building types. Thirty-eight architectural styles will be examined, including Colonial, Revivals, Aesthetic, Eclectic, Arts and Crafts, and Modern Movement. Identifying characteristics and materials of each style will be discussed through numerous illustrations of demonstrating the variety of each style based on the most current research. Historic interiors and landscapes will be perfunctorily addressed. Field observations of historic architecture will be included, as well as urban history of New Orleans.

PAAR 2600 Old & Green Restoration (3)

The purpose of this class is to provide an introduction on where Historic Preservation and Environmental Conservation overlap in practice and theory. Topics include sustainability, preservation and environmental planning, rural preservation, easements and transfer of development rights, Smart Growth, adaptive reuse, green building, heritage eco-tourism, historic places and global climate change, and interior environmental health.

PAAR 2610 If These Buildings Could Talk (3)

The future of the past is the heart of historic preservation, the topic of "If These Buildings Could Talk". It is a field of study that offers insight into a variety of fields that deal with change and what should be saved for the next generation. Our culture is reflected in our buildings, landscapes, material culture, and intangible heritage. This class will provide a broad introductory background on the field of historic preservation, looking at issues of conservation, planning, management, and methodology. Besides buildings, we will also study the people who used them, historical events and significance, vehicles, and architectural design for a more holistic understanding of preservation.

PAAR 2620 City Streets Urban Living (3)

This class is an introduction to the diverse range of disciplines and approaches to the study of all aspects of cities and suburbs. This includes economics, planning, architecture, ecology, transportation systems, politics, social relations, etc. This is in contrast to rural studies.

PAAR 2910 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in architecture. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Course Limit: 99

Art History (PAAH)

PAAH 3300 Traditions in Louisiana and Southern Art (3)

The class "Tradition in Louisiana Art: 1780-2020" will provide an in-depth study of the development of artistic styles in Louisiana and the American South from the late eighteenth century up to the twentieth-first century. Among the topics that will be explored are the work of the nineteenth-century portrait and landscape artists, African American artists, women artists, Woodward Brothers and Newcomb Pottery, regional southern impressionism, southern outsider and folk art, Florida Highway Men, Louisiana and southern photography, Charleston Renaissance, Mississippi art in the mid twentieth century, and twentieth century Louisiana art

PAAH 3310 Photography in Louisiana and the American South (3)

The class "Photography in the Louisiana and the American South" will provide an in-depth study of the development of photography in Louisiana and the American South from 1839 when the Frenchman Louis Jacques Mande Daguerre announced the invention of the photographic process. Photography reflected the times and history of the Louisiana and South thought portraiture, the documentation of the Civil War from a southern perspective, rural southern communities, effects of weather along the Mississippi River, documentation of historical architecture, life in the French Quarter and musical traditions of jazz and Zydeco music. The pictorialism work of "Pops" Whitesell and Arnold Genthe, early documentary style of Theodore Lilienthal and George François Mugnier, straight photography of Fonville Winans, Eudora Welty, and Michael P. Smith, Storyville images of Ernst Bellocq and the 20th century art photography of Debbie Fleming Caffery and Jerry Uelsmann will be explored.

PAAH 3910 Special Topics (1-3)

Special topics in Art History.

Maximum Hours: 99

Communication (PACM)

PACM 2910 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in communication.

Course Limit: 99

PACM 2911 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in communication.

Course Limit: 99

PACM 2912 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in communication.

Course Limit: 99

PACM 2913 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in communication.

Course Limit: 99

PACM 3910 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in communication.

Course Limit: 99

PACM 3911 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in communication.

Course Limit: 99

PACM 3912 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in communication.

Course Limit: 99

PACM 3913 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in communication.

Course Limit: 99

Economics (PAEC)

PAEC 1000 Economics for Non-Majors (3)

English (PAEN)

PAEN 1000 Academic Writing and Reading (3)

This course covers the fundamentals of academic reading and writing, including communicating clearly on the page and over the internet, both in college and beyond.

PAEN 2500 Rewriting America: Multi-Ethnic Literature in the United States (3)

This course will explore how BIPOC thinkers have challenged the domination narratives of nationhood in the United States by studying poetry and prose by Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and migrant authors. While the focus will be on more recent literatures (from the mid-twentieth century through the present), the syllabus will also include samples of earlier texts by writers like W.E.B. DuBois, or Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins. Other texts may include those written by Gloria Anzaldúa, Achy Obejas, Luci Tapahonso, Maxine Hong Kingston, Nnedi Okorafor, and Jhumpa Lahiri, among others. Students will interact with these texts through guided reading, discussion, presentations, and written analysis. They will also be challenged to expand their learning beyond the classroom by applying the concepts discussed to something they encounter in their own lives.

PAEN 2630 Expository Writing (4)

This course situates the critical skills and strategies of expository writing within the larger framework of academic writing. The course builds on the concepts and approaches to argumentation that students have learned from PAEN or ENGL 1010.

Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010.

PAEN 2910 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in English.

Course Limit: 99

PAEN 2911 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in English.

Course Limit: 99

PAEN 2912 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in English.

Course Limit: 99

PAEN 2913 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in English.

Course Limit: 99

PAEN 3010 Special Topics (3)

Special topic in English.

Maximum Hours: 99

PAEN 3020 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in English. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

PAEN 3100 Introduction to Poetry Writing (3)

Introductory to poetry writing is a workshop course in poetry writing. We will be reading and writing poetry. Students will be introduced to the writing workshop format. Classes are primarily devoted to roundtable discussion of both outside reading and student work. Close reading, in which we note structure, style, tone, and the development of individual voice and point of view, will be the insignia of the class. Through writing exercises, critical readings of both professional and peer writing, constructive reviews, forum discussions, and writing workshops, students will develop the skills necessary to write then revise their own poems. We workshop peer writing where students receive constructive feedback on their own creative writing, participate in the critique of peer work and engage fully in the processes of revision.

PAEN 3310 Business Report Writing (3)

This course addresses skills for writing in the business environment. Students learn to differentiate various styles and voice and the documents and occasions appropriate for them.

Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010.

PAEN 3349 Mad Men A Critical Analysis (3)

Students will use the first season of the critically acclaimed AMC television series Mad Men as a springboard for imaginative critical analysis. Additionally, students will reflect on the larger critical issues explored within the show, such as the changing gender politics of the 1960s, the emerging sexual revolution, and the conflict that arises from the cultural expectations and identities that many Americans adopted for themselves in the early 1960s. We will also study basic cinematic elements, as Mad Men is obviously more visual than a standard literary text. Altogether, Mad Men is worth studying because it is a well-made, intricately designed piece of art that rewards in-depth analysis as it keenly attempts to document modern life in America.

PAEN 3350 Coming of Age Movies (3)

This course is not a film appreciation course. Rather, students will use the assigned coming-of-age films as a springboard for imaginative critical analysis and general film study. It's not necessary to be a fan, per se, of the assigned films; you just have to think about them, critically, from wide-ranging perspectives. We will also study cinematic elements, given the obvious visual nature of the course.

PAEN 3910 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in English.

Course Limit: 99

PAEN 3911 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in English.

Course Limit: 99

PAEN 3912 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in English.

Course Limit: 99

PAEN 3913 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in English.

Course Limit: 99

Gender & Sexuality Studies (PAGS)

PAGS 2100 Archives, Identity, and Power (3)

This course will introduce students to the fundamentals of archives and special collections work, with special attention to the role archives play in both reifying and dismantling systems of inequality. The course focuses on developing knowledge of major theories and practices of archives by engaging with primary source materials, exploring how information is produced and preserved, and considering the politics of identity and representation in archives, including gender, race, sexuality, ethnicity, class, religion, nationality, ability, and age.

PAGS 2910 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Gender Studies.

Course Limit: 99

PAGS 2911 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Gender Studies.

Course Limit: 99

PAGS 2912 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Gender Studies.

Course Limit: 99

PAGS 3910 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Gender Studies.

Course Limit: 99

PAGS 3911 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Gender Studies.

Course Limit: 99

PAGS 3912 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Gender Studies.

Course Limit: 99

History (PAHS)

PAHS 1510 Survey of Latin American History: Pre-Columbian America to Present Day (3)

This course introduces students to the main currents of Latin American civilization from European conquest to the present, with special attention to the historical background of present controversies. Attention will be paid not only to such dramatic events as Conquest, Independence, and Revolution, but also to such long-term processes as state formation, rural-urban migration, industrialization, national identity, and changing gender roles. The historical roots of problems such as persistent poverty, racism, and political repression will be examined. The lectures and readings will emphasize both the continuity of the historical development of Latin America as well as the differences between diverse epochs and cultures. Our concentration will be on the political, socio-economic, and cultural life of the region throughout the past six centuries. Lectures will analyze the historical forces at work in a chronological order and focus on a variety of themes from race, class, gender, and the region's relationship to its more powerful neighbors to the north.

PAHS 2200 History of the British Monarchy (3)

This course focuses on the ways in which British monarchs have shaped political, social, economic, religious, and intellectual developments in Great Britain from the Romans to the present. Students will study historical, artistic, and literary portraits of Britain's kings and queens, and view various media created about Britain's Monarchs in order to gain a context for their reading. Students will also explore the Monarchy's influence on the evolution of the English constitution over the millennia.

PAHS 2910 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in history.

PAHS 2911 Special Topics (3)

Special topic in history.

PAHS 3201 Warrior Kings of Medieval England (3)

The Plantagenet dynasty reigned over a blood-soaked era of English history from the Norman Conquest to the cusp of the Wars of the Roses. In this course students will explore this turbulent period, from the anarchy of King Stephen's reign to the usurpation of the Crown by Henry of Bolingbroke. Along the way, the class will be introduced to the adventures of Eleanor of Aquitaine; her sons, Richard the Lionheart and bad King John; the Black Prince; John of Gaunt; and Henry V, the hero of Agincourt. As their tales unfold, England will experience Magna Carta, revolting barons and peasants, the Black Death, and the Crusades; emerging from the dark ages to become a vibrant kingdom on an international stage with the rise of parliamentary democracy and the power of the common man.

PAHS 3202 Wars of the Roses (3)

A series of civil wars that took place in England during the fifteenth century, the Wars of the Roses were the historical inspiration for George R.R. Martin's book series which became HBO's mega hit "Game of Thrones." This course will help to explain the causes of the wars, the outcomes of the fighting, and the subsequent impact on society. Students will be introduced to a number of fascinating personalities, including Edward IV, Warwick the Kingmaker, and the enigmatic Richard III. Sources for discussion will include, among others, The Croyland Chronicle and the famous Paston Letters. This course will also provide an opportunity to consider the importance of archaeological evidence, in the light of recent excavations at Bosworth, Towton, and Leicester.

PAHS 3300 French Revolution & Napoleon (3)

This course surveys the political, social, economic, and cultural history of France from the origins of the French Revolution to the collapse of the First Empire in 1815. French society experienced more varied and radical changes during this period than at any other time in its history. These changes, expressed in ideas, inventions, and politics, went on to reshape the face of Europe.

PAHS 3750 History of Rock & Roll (3)

The purpose of this course is to examine the place that rock 'n' roll has occupied in American culture. The central question is why a musical and cultural form once dismissed as a "passing fad" has been a very visible (and audible) part of our culture for over sixty years, despite considerable resistance.

PAHS 3830 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in history.

Maximum Hours: 99

PAHS 3831 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in history. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

PAHS 3930 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in history.

PAHS 4010 Special Topics- History (3)

Special topics in history.

Humanities (PAHM)

PAHM 1940 Humanities Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 1000 level. Department approval may be required.

Course Limit: 99

PAHM 2940 Humanities Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 2000 level. Department approval may be required.

Course Limit: 99

Humanities - Interdisciplinary (HUMA)

HUMA 1010 Humanities Foundations (3)

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an introduction to the humanities through opportunities to examine encounters between peoples and cultures and the formation and transformation of dominant and competing worldviews. The humanities, itself an interdisciplinary field, looks at human outputs. It includes literature, history, religious studies, linguistics, the arts, and philosophy. Students will be introduced to these interdisciplinary materials, concerns and skillsets through a series of chronologically organized case studies. The fundamental questions we ask concern how different sociohistorical visions of community interact with equally diverse ideas of the notion of the individual, how these visions are explored by cultures and individuals through different modes of literature, philosophy, religion and the visual arts, and what it means to create something new out of the traditions we are all formed by and grounded in. In addressing these questions through the humanities, students learn to think critically, speak clearly, write convincingly and ask questions, which prepares students for a wide range of contemporary work environments and professions.

HUMA 1500 Humanities (4)

Course designated for transfer credit. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

HUMA 2941 Humanities Writing Transfer Coursework (2-4)

Humanities writing transfer coursework.

Maximum Hours: 99

HUMA 4980 Capstone Seminar (3)

The Capstone seminar will allow students majoring in the social sciences and/or humanities to integrate the knowledge and skills gained through their interdisciplinary degree and apply them to a range of professional settings through case study examples. The students will explore relationships between the different content areas, while examining how their communication, writing, and critical thinking skills apply to issues and challenges commonly experienced in various professional settings. The seminar will culminate in a substantial written or a creative project (e.g., op-ed, website, podcast, etc.) that will highlight the interdisciplinary connections between the students' prior coursework. Creative projects will be accompanied by a shorter academic narrative.

HUMA 4990 Capstone Independent Study (3)

The Capstone Independent Study will allow humanities majors to integrate the knowledge and skills gained through their interdisciplinary degree and apply them to a range of professional settings through case study examples. The students will explore the relationships between the different areas of the humanities, while examining how their communication, writing, and critical thinking skills apply to issues and challenges commonly experienced in various professional settings. The independent study will culminate in a substantial written or a creative project (e.g., artwork, website, podcast, etc.) that will highlight the interdisciplinary connections between the students' prior coursework. Creative projects will be accompanied by a shorter academic narrative.

Master of Liberal Arts Courses (MLAR)

MLAR 7010 Ancient Political Thought (3)

This course will study classical works of ancient political philosophy in the Western tradition, with a concentration on Plato and Aristotle. We will examine their understanding of political life and the place of the individual in society, exploring the questions they raise that remain of central importance in our world today: What is justice? What is a citizen? Why is the rule of law desirable? What is the relation between freedom and equality in democracy?

MLAR 7020 Modern Political Thought (3)

This course will be devoted to a study of classical works of modern political philosophy in the Western tradition. How did the early modern political philosophers try to make a new beginning by turning to a realism they thought missing in the ancients? How did they go about defending individual rights in society on that basis? We will examine Machiavelli's introduction of this approach, and its development in the political theories of thinkers such as Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.

MLAR 7030 Masterworks West Lit Foundation (3)

This course will examine literary texts, ancient and medieval, that have played an important role in shaping Western thought and imagination. We will explore the understanding of the human condition that comes to light in works such as the Bible, the Homeric poems, Greek tragedy, the dialogues of Plato, the writings of Augustine or Dante, among others.

MLAR 7040 Masterworks of Western Literature in the Modern Era (3)

This course will examine literary texts central to the Western tradition from the Renaissance to the present. We will explore the understanding of the human condition that comes to light in works such as those of Cervantes, Shakespeare, Dostoevsky, Kafka, Toni Morrison, and others.

MLAR 7050 Understanding Amer Foundations (3)

This course is an intense analytical investigation of social, political, economic, religious, and philosophical issues in the early years of the American republic. The course examines the people and events of the founding of the American republic from the revolution, through the creation of the American Constitution, and culminating in the election of 1800. This course is primarily an intellectual history course and the main scholarly work that we will read is the work of historians, but the course also delves deeply into issues in political theory, political economy, and political and social philosophy. The course charts the development of American political ideas about constitutionalism, governance, political freedom, economic freedom, representative democracy, republicanism, and federalism primarily from the vantage point of the careers of two of the main figures from this period, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. The views of other figures will also be central to our investigation, particularly the views of James Madison and Alexander Hamilton. The student will be challenged to examine fundamental assumptions about these topics in order to rethink the intellectual origins of the American political tradition in its founding years.

MLAR 7060 Understanding Amer Modern Era (3)

This course is an intense encounter with the work of perhaps the most significant, original, and influential philosopher in American history, Richard Rorty (1931-2007). The material that we read will cover all the main aspects of Rorty's philosophical and political work. The main focus of the course will be an attempt to come to terms with Rorty's critique of the cult and culture of professional philosophy. We will also be concerned with an attempt to understand Rorty as a major figure in the American intellectual tradition and locate him within the history that includes such figures as Emerson, Whitman, William James, John Dewey, and other figures considered to be exemplars of naturalism, pragmatism, or neo-pragmatism in one form or another.

MLAR 7070 Political World (3)

This course examines the political economy of food by exploring the processes of production, regulation, and consumption that determine the relationships between humans and the food we eat in the world today. We will explore the moral, political, social, and economic dimensions of this topic with the goal of providing a platform for personal exploration and transformation. The presentation of material in the course is designed to be engaging, provocative, and stimulating and to provide the student with an opportunity to make informed decisions about the moral and political dimensions of their own relationship to food.

MLAR 7080 The Economic World (3)

This course examines the causes and consequences of the Great Recession, the economic crisis of 2008 and beyond. Over the past thirty years, the economic and political landscape of the world has been transformed by sweeping economic changes that reflect the influence of the once marginalized but now dominant ideology of neo-liberalism and free market fundamentalism. These changes have created the greatest accumulation of individual wealth in human history, but also have arguably created greater suffering, poverty, inequality, anti-democratic developments, and the growing potential for the catastrophic failure of the global economy, as evidenced by recent events. We will consider a variety of political and economic views of the Great Recession, from a broad spectrum of economic and political thinkers.

MLAR 7100 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in liberal arts.

MLAR 7101 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in liberal arts.

Maximum Hours: 99

MLAR 7102 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in liberal arts.

MLAR 7103 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in liberal arts.

MLAR 7113 Philosophy of Religion (3)

This course will analyze various ways of understanding the nature and importance of religious experience and religious beliefs. We will consider some of the most influential arguments for the existence of God and examine central issues such as the problem of evil or the relation between revelation and reason.

MLAR 7122 King Arthur: History & Legend (3)

In this course, we will investigate the evidence, both textual and archaeological, for the existence of an historical Arthur, King of the Britons, and will then consider how that evidence was transformed into an imaginative cycle of stories concerning kingship and chivalry that were highly influential within and beyond the Middle Ages. We will pay particular attention to three themes: the ideals of monarchy and knightly behavior that inform the Arthurian stories (e.g. the medieval theory of the divine right of kings); the development within the Arthurian materials of ideas about medieval romantic love or *fin amor*, especially in representations of the passionate but doomed relationship between Lancelot and Guinevere; and the mystical dimensions of Arthurian romance, as these emerged from writings about the Round Table fellowship's pursuit of the Holy Grail. We will read Sir Thomas Malory's late medieval revision of the Arthurian story cycle, but with reference to other non-Malory materials to be introduced and explained by the instructor (e.g. a long alliterative poem concerning Arthur's battle with the giant of St. Michael's Mount). We will also deal briefly at the end of the course with Victorian adaptations of the Arthurian materials, especially those by Tennyson in his *Idylls of the King* and William Morris in his *Defence of Guenevere*. Three written assignments: a midterm and final examination (essay format) and a short critical paper (5 pp. typed, double-spaced). Required Text: Sir Thomas Malory, *Le Morte Darthur: The Winchester Manuscript*, ed. by Helen Cooper (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008).

MLAR 7123 Robin Hood (3)

This course will explore the legendary history of the medieval outlaw figure, Robin Hood, as it developed through the Medieval and Early Modern periods and into our own century. We will begin by examining historical and archaeological evidence for the person "Robin Hood" (including pre-Christian influences on his character) and then will consider Robin Hood's complex literary and cultural identity. We will also be concerned with various political uses to which the figure of Robin Hood was put in the Medieval and Early Modern periods and with Robin Hood's persistent role in modern British and American popular culture, especially the movies. Three written assignments: a midterm and final examination (essay format) and a short critical paper (5 pp. typed, double-spaced). Required Texts: Stephen Knight and Thomas Ohlgren, eds., *Robin Hood and Other Outlaw Tales*, 2d ed. (Kalamazoo: Medieval Institute Publications, 2000) and Stephen Knight, *Robin Hood, A Mythic Biography* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2009).

MLAR 7124 Great Irish Famine (3)

The Great Irish Famine, 1846-1852, is the central event in the history of modern Ireland. The Famine or the Great Hunger killed approximately one million Irish, forcing the emigration of another two million, and altering not only the history of Ireland, but also the history of Britain, Australia, Canada, and the United States. This course will concentrate on the seminal issues concerning the Famine: Ireland's political and social relationship with British society, the tortured relationship between landlord and tenant, the desperate poverty which afflicted the Irish underclass and threatened much of the population with ruin, the bitter sectarian conflicts which convulsed the island and tainted its political and economic arrangements, and Ireland's struggle for self-determination. We will discuss the causes of the Famine (which were different from the blight which attacked the potato), the domestic and international responses to it, and its consequences for Ireland, Britain, and the United States. This course is a seminar and will emphasize reading, discussion, and writing.

MLAR 7126 Tudors in TV and Film (3)

This course will look at popular depictions of Henry VIII, Thomas Cromwell, Catherine of Aragon, and Anne Boleyn. We will explore questions about creators of historical fiction: Do they have obligations to their audience and to the memory of the dead? Are there some cases in which it is particularly important to achieve historical accuracy and others not?

MLAR 7129 Canterbury Tales (3)

This course will investigate the medieval phenomenon of pilgrimage—or religious vacationing—by way of a reading of one of the classics of English literature, Geoffrey Chaucer's 14th c. masterpiece, *The Canterbury Tales*. In addition to the motif of devotional journeying, we will study the different medieval social classes (knights, clerics, and peasants) and story types (chivalric romances, fabliaux or bawdy tales, saints lives) that Chaucer explores in his literary masterwork.

MLAR 7130 Love/Romance in Lit & Film (3)

In this course we will look at the portrayal of love, romance, and marriage in modern society in short stories, plays and films.

MLAR 7132 Masculinities (3)

What does it mean to be "masculine"? What effects does the concept of "masculinity" have on men, on women, and on society? Until recently, masculinity was considered "natural" for "real men." Recently, however, traditional notions have been challenged by economic crises, social conditions, feminists, and men who do not "fit" the characteristics of "traditional" masculinity. This class takes a critical look at the concept of "masculinity," particularly "hegemonic masculinity," its domination of various "sub" masculinities, and its constructions in popular culture. Through readings, lectures, class discussions, and analyses of films and other cultural elements, we examine what it means to conform to and challenge "hegemonic masculinity" in the United States over the last half century or so.

MLAR 7133 Culture & Politics of Marriage (3)

Although today there are numerous ways to construct a family in America, marriage continues to be the preferred option. Nearly 100% of Americans routinely report a desire to marry at some point in their lives. Roughly 90% of them do marry at least once, and over half do it more than once. Yet soaring divorce rates point to a disconnect between what we expect marriage to be and what it actually is. As young children, we're told that marrying our prince/princess will ensure us a happily ever after, as it did for Cinderella, and this cultural message only gets stronger as we grow up. We're so bombarded by these assurances that we take it for granted that we must marry our prince or princess just to be happy. For this reason, we rarely stop to consider that marriage is a social institution that creates, reinforces, and reflects power and hierarchy. This is a master's level seminar on the social institution of marriage. This course engages questions such as: What is marriage? Where does our notion of marriage come from? How does popular culture act to construct and reinforce that notion and make it part of our taken-for-granted stock of knowledge? How do our idealized notions of marriage differ from our practice of marriage? What politics are implicated in our idealized notions about marriage, and how do those politics play out in the practice of marriage? Drawing on class readings, discussions, and exercises, we engage these issues (and more) as part of the ongoing family values debate that questions whether marriage is in crisis or simply in transition. The intent of this course is to make students aware of some of the hidden forces that shape our contemporary attitudes and ongoing cultural debates about marriage and family.

MLAR 7134 History, Power and the State (3)

This course will explore the theme of power and the state through a study of films, such as "The Man for All Seasons," "Amistad," "Schindler's List" or "Book Thief." We will discuss the historical accuracy of the films, asking what they can teach us, both about the period depicted and the period in which they were made, considering in particular the way people have thought about power and the state.

MLAR 7135 Huey Long in Literature & Film (3)

This course will consider the life of Huey Pierce Long as depicted in biography and film. It will discuss and analyze three major biographical and literary works about Long: Alan Brinkley's comparative biography *Voices of Protest: Huey Long, Father Coughlin, and the Great Depression*, Richard D. White, Jr.'s *Kingfish: The Reign of Huey P. Long*, and Robert Penn Warren's classic political novel, *All the King's Men*. The course will also view and analyze two films about Huey Long: Ken Burns's documentary *Huey Long* and an Academy Award film based on Robert Penn Warren's *All the King's Men*. The course will also discuss and assess Long's life in light of other writings on the history of Louisiana, the South, and nation from the 1890s through the 1930s.

MLAR 7136 Philosophy of Art (3)

This course is an examination of central philosophical questions about the nature of art. We will examine philosophers' responses to questions such as: what is art? Does art differ from craft? Must art be beautiful? Is art universal or the same across cultures? Are there objective standards for determining the value of a piece of art? What is the relationship of aesthetic value to moral value, and what role (if any) does art play in social justice? We will also examine issues that arise in relation to particular art forms, including poetry, music, painting, dance, and theater.

MLAR 7137 Love and Death in Lit and Film (3)

In this course we analyze the representation of love and death in works of literature and cinema. We will discuss questions about the way these works reveal presumptions of gender, economic class, public and private life.

MLAR 7140 Represent of War in Lit/Film (3)

In this course we will look at the ways war has been portrayed by writers or film directors and address a number of important questions: Why do countries go to war? When, if ever, is resorting to war legitimate or necessary? What are the psychological effects of war?

MLAR 7153 The Twentieth Century (3)

Was it the most violent century or the most humane? Technologically advanced or spiritually sick? What is often called "the American Century" seems to be characterized by contradictions. What is its legacy? This course will address that question by considering important events and processes, including World War II, the Cold War, Existentialism, Colonialism, Imperialism, and Post-Colonialism.

MLAR 7155 Utopia and Dystopia (3)

This course is devoted to the depiction of utopia and dystopia in Western culture from Plato to the present. We will consider the relation between the two: Why does utopia so often turn into dystopia? What are the elements of a perfect society? Why have all attempts to create a utopian society failed, at least so far?

MLAR 7157 Witchcraft Early Modern Europe (3)

In this course students analyze the causes of the rise of witchcraft prosecution in late medieval and early modern Europe (roughly 1300-1700), while also examining recent historiographical trends in early modern witchcraft research. Topics include the relationship between gender and witchcraft, as well as the effects of social, political, and religious change on witchcraft accusations and trials.

MLAR 7160 Contemporary Culture in Lit/Film (3)

In this course we will look at problems in our contemporary culture as they have been represented in short stories, plays, and films.

MLAR 7161 Civil War New Orleans (3)

This course is a seminar which emphasizes reading, discussion, research, and writing. Despite the contentions of some historians, the Civil War had a profound impact on the people and history of New Orleans. During the late antebellum period (1840s-1850s), the city was the principal slave market in the nation. This domestic trade fueled the lower south and New Orleans' economic development. Slavery shaped the economic and social character of the south, over the years creating not only a society with slaves, but also a slave society. Despite its dominance and apparent unanimity, slavery was also a contentious and divisive institution. Slavery in New Orleans was no exception to these twin dynamics. The historical records, newspapers, acts of sales, successions, census records, and private correspondence demonstrate the centrality of slavery to New Orleans' antebellum society. On the other hand, the city's complex racial, ethnic, and sectional composition heightened political and social tensions, raising suspicions and fears about racial identity, naturalization and citizenship, and loyalty. Slavery and ethnicity shaped issues of civil liberties, criminal justice, and politics. The presidential and secession elections of 1860 and 1861 sharply divided New Orleans, as they did throughout much of the urban south. These divisions did not disappear with mobilization and civil war, but were only intensified in the hothouse of occupation, reunion, reconstruction, and, above all, loss. New Orleans suffered greatly during and after the Civil War. Thousands of men were killed or died from wounds and disease and even more were maimed physically and scared emotionally. The fighting ended, but the war continued beyond Appomattox Court House. To this day, the privileges and immunities of American citizens are intensely debated, bringing not only hope but also rancor and division, as much as they did in antebellum New Orleans and America.

MLAR 7166 Genocide as a Political Weapon (3)

This course examines the character of genocide in the modern world, from the killing of the Armenians during World War I to events in Rwanda and Bosnia. What is a genocide? Is it something different than mass murder? What lessons can we learn from the Holocaust and subsequent examples of genocide?

MLAR 7169 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in liberal arts. Course can be repeated up to unlimited times under separate title.

Maximum Hours: 99

MLAR 7171 Introduction to the Bible (3)

This course examines the structure and content of the Bible from historical, literary, philosophic, and religious or theological perspectives.

MLAR 7193 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in liberal arts. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Course Limit: 99

MLAR 7194 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in liberal arts.

MLAR 7195 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in liberal arts.

Maximum Hours: 99

MLAR 7196 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in liberal arts.

MLAR 7200 Racial Formation Around the World (3)

This course is a comparative sociohistorical inquiry into the bases and mechanisms of racial domination as a "denegated form of ethnicity" anchored in culturally salient (putative) physical differences. Readings include a wide range of sociological, historical, and anthropological studies of ethno-racial vision and division, accommodation, and conflict in Latin America, Asia, Western Europe, the United States, and Africa. They are geared toward helping us uncover the social mechanisms that lead to the rise, reproduction, and transformation of ethno-racial inequality, wherever and whenever it is found. This course is problem-oriented, not group-oriented; its purpose is neither to celebrate nor to denigrate the experiences of this or that particular category but to explain and understand them in sociological terms.

MLAR 7210 Language, Power, & Identity (3)

Language is a powerful mode through which identities and social norms are created, negotiated, and transformed. This course will examine how people use language to enact different cultural, social, or linguistic identities, and how language ideologies impact the understanding and reception of those enactments. We will also explore how people's language beliefs and practices support or challenge dominant power structures and mainstream discourses. Readings will include critical theoretical perspectives on language and discourse, focusing on topics that include multilingualism, code-switching, language loss, microaggressions, and domestic and global language policies.

MLAR 7215 Asian Philosophy (3)

This course studies the major intellectual traditions of India and China, including Hindu and early Buddhist thought in India, as well as Confucian, Taoist, and later Buddhist thought in China.

MLAR 7220 Digital Cultures (3)

This course will critically explore participation in digital communities, including social networks, blogs, intellectual, political and civic collaborations, and emerging digital cultures and art forms. Through sociocultural perspectives on multimodal discourses, we will examine the relationship between technology and culture, community, identity/representation, language and power, and social activism in global digital communities.

MLAR 7235 Women in Global Societies (3)

This course engages with transnational, postcolonial, Black, and Chicana feminist theories to examine how different sociopolitical contexts intersect with women's experiences around the world. In particular, we consider how place, nationality, sexuality, religion, culture, and class impact women's everyday lives while analyzing how women navigate and challenge dominant social structures. Course topics will focus on the experiences of women in relation to identity, migration, representation, and economic development.

MLAR 7240 Justice, Law & Public Policy (3)

This course will examine considerations of justice and morality that help shape law and public policy. Issues to be discussed may include: crime and punishment, drugs, gun control, treatment of enemy combatants, torture, surveillance and privacy, free speech and national security.

MLAR 7245 Medieval New Orleans (3)

By way of numerous Power Point tours of on and off campus sites and materials, as well as our reading of a popular American novel, Mark Twain's *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, this course will consider the influence of medieval culture and ideas on New Orleans and, to some extent, Southern culture in general, especially during the post-Civil War period and Reconstruction. For instance, we will discuss medieval architectural styles preserved in Tulane and other local buildings (Richardsonian Romanesque and Gothic Revival), experience medieval music by New Orleans' *Musica da Camera* (a special guest performance), and explore real medieval manuscript materials from the Tulane Rare Books Room in Jones Hall. We will also talk about medieval influences on such pre-Lenten festivals as Mardi Gras and on such regional foods as gumbo and turducken. Class will conclude with our viewing of a musical film version of *Connecticut Yankee*, which suggests how Hollywood adapted medieval experience to bring it in line with certain nineteenth-century attitudes toward the Middle Ages. Three written assignments: a midterm (essay format), short critical paper (5 typed pp.), and a final examination (on course terminology). Required Text: Mark Twain, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, ed. by MLAR Justin Kaplan (New York: Penguin, 1972).

MLAR 7247 Shakespeare (3)

What makes Shakespeare a great writer and why are some of his plays and poems judged to be greater than others in terms of their literary merits? We will take up this twofold question by way of a discussion of some of Shakespeare's "greatest hits," examples derived from each of his major literary genres.

MLAR 7250 Verbal and Visual Rhetoric (3)

This course will focus on theories and practices of verbal discourse in comparison with visual imagery and technology. While concentrating on rhetorics of western cultures, some comparison will be made with rhetorical discourse and imagery in other cultures. The course will examine topics such as the interfaces of religion and politics, mass media and persuasive campaign, or the role of values in institutional leadership and issue campaigns.

MLAR 7280 Philosophy of Religion (3)

This course examines various attempts to understand the nature and importance of religious experience and religious beliefs from a naturalistic perspective. We will discuss the ontological, epistemic, and axiological significance of claims about the nature of religious experience and religious beliefs in an attempt to situate these phenomena in a broader naturalistic understanding of the self and the world. After a consideration of the varieties of religious experience as exemplified in the work of William James, we will review arguments by Pascal Boyer and Daniel Dennett to the effect that the origin, development, and diversity of religious belief and religious experience are all phenomena that are scientifically explainable within the naturalistic frameworks of evolutionary biology and cognitive psychology.

MLAR 7290 Under Arrest: Art, Identity and the Culture Wars (3)

This course uses the controversial art at the center of the Culture Wars as an anchor for questions surrounding the social and political stakes of cultural representation. What does American art look like? What should it look like? Who does American culture represent and who should it represent?

MLAR 7400 Gender, Culture and Families (3)

Research suggests that gender and family are inseparable concepts. Family carries particular gender role expectations at both the "ideal" and the "practice" level. However, we rarely think about what family is or how gender plays into family—we simply take gendered family roles for granted. Yet where do our ideas about family and gender come from? This class will explore our perceptions of the gender-family nexus, and the changes that have occurred over the last half century or so, from the perspective of popular culture.

MLAR 7451 Religions of the World (3)

This course will examine the teachings of several major religious traditions—including Hinduism and Buddhism as well as Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—through selected readings from their sacred scriptures.

MLAR 7500 Independent Study (3)

For specific topics, see Schedule of Classes. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MLAR 7550 Holocaust in Film & Literature (3)

This course will consider the Holocaust, the attempted genocide of European Jewry by the Nazis during World War II, and the diverse ways that the events related to it are portrayed and understood by diverse audiences. The course is divided into thematic sections that highlight the different issues motivating the authors and creators of relevant texts and films.

MLAR 7940 MLA Transfer Credit (3)

MLA Transfer Credit. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MLAR 7950 Capstone Portfolio (3)

The Capstone Portfolio will enable students to integrate the knowledge gained from three courses in the MLA program, while participating in a reflective writing seminar. Building on a portfolio of three previously completed papers/projects, the seminar will culminate in a paper or a creative project (e.g., artwork, website, podcast, etc.) accompanied by a shorter academic narrative. Students will explore topics such as metaphor in narrative writing; reflective and reflexive inquiry; and credibility and knowledge in reflective writing practice.

MLAR 7980 Capstone Project Seminar (3)

The Capstone Project seminar will be structured as a workshop that will support students in improving their research, writing, and critical thinking skills. A variety of writing concerns will be covered, including warranting claims, conducting library searches, writing from sources, creating a dialogue among different disciplines and scholars, interpreting and attributing sources, writing for an audience, analyzing data and methods, exploring structures of presentation, and improving clarity and style. The course will also explore the challenges and opportunities in designing interdisciplinary research projects. Students will work collaboratively to articulate their project's scope, goals, and significance; develop a comprehensive literature review; frame the research and methods; and complete a full version of the project.

MLAR 7990 Masters Research (3)

Research in Liberal Arts

MLAR 9980 Masters Research (3)

Research in Liberal Arts Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

Math offered through SoPA (PAMT)

PAMT 1100 Quantitative Analysis (3)

This course delves into the processes used by mathematically-literate citizens and professionals in multiple industries to make optimal decisions in their lives and careers. Students will use technology (such as calculators, Microsoft Excel, Wolfram-Alpha, visual programming languages, and calculators) to create models, providing a rigorous way of simulating and analyzing our complex world. Topics may include probability, introductory statistics, expected value, linear and exponential regression, analysis of functions and their derivatives, and infinite series. Students will explore this content through participant-centered activities and performance-based analysis of real-world contexts based on their interests and careers. Knowledge of high-school algebra is suggested, though not required.

PAMT 1940 Math Transfer Credit (3)**PAMT 2910 Special Topics (0-3)**

Special topics course as designed by visiting or permanent department faculty. For description, consult the department. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours under separate title.

Maximum Hours: 99

PAMT 2940 Math Transfer Credit (3)

Music (PAMU)

PAMU 2910 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics Music course taught by visiting or permanent SoPA Faculty. May be repeated up to unlimited times under separate topics.

Maximum Hours: 99

PAMU 3330 Creole & Cajun Music Hist (3)

French Louisiana music (Cajun and Creole) was largely ignored in mainstream music culture, except by a handful of collectors, scholars, and commercial promoters who sought to popularize it. From the first recordings in the 1920s to the transformation of the genre by the 1970s, the spread of this regional sound was driven by local, national, and international elites who saw the music's traditions and performers in the context of larger social, political, and cultural developments, including the folk revival and the civil rights and ethnic revival movements.

Philosophy (PAPH)

PAPH 2910 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in Philosophy.

Course Limit: 99

PAPH 2911 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in Philosophy.

Course Limit: 99

PAPH 2912 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in Philosophy.

Course Limit: 99

PAPH 2913 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in Philosophy.

Course Limit: 99

PAPH 3050 New Media and Philosophy (3)

This course surveys and considers some of the most crucial thinking about media from the past 100 years. It finds its roots in the early assessments of radio, photography, cinema, and television, which were also "new" media at one time, while proceeding to go into some depth with contemporary theories of the Internet, and digitally-based technologies like virtual reality, augmented reality, mixed reality, and 'Metaverse'. Students are encouraged to see the connections between how many of these media are perceived, and consider with some sophistication the social and political impacts they have. Although many of the primary readings are from philosophers of media, we will examine a wide range of material in navigating and investigating the issues of the course (social media, cinema, film criticism, journalism, video and VR art installations).

PAPH 3090 Anxiety, Depression, & Culture (3)

The course looks at the main beliefs and ideologies prevalent in our culture. Ideas like the entrepreneurial self, celebrity, pleasure seeking, economic man, techno-optimism, God, nation, race, and family. These ideas are constantly hammered into us by the media, our friends, family and institutions, motivational speakers, business gurus, films, but also in the actions we take in our everyday lives and even more deeply in the experience of who we are. We will look at the origin of these ideas, their often-adverse societal effects and why they sometimes make us feel disempowered, anxious, and depressed. The course thus attempts to do two things at the same time. First teach students to critically think about their society and culture, and second help them achieve more personal freedom and wellbeing.

PAPH 3910 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in Philosophy.

Course Limit: 99

PAPH 3911 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in Philosophy.

Course Limit: 99

PAPH 3912 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in Philosophy.

Course Limit: 99

PAPH 3913 Special Topics (3)
Special topics in Philosophy.

Course Limit: 99

Religious Studies (PARL)

PARL 2931 Middle Eastern Religion (3)

This course examines some of the religious traditions of the Middle East in terms of their history, worldview, devotional practices, cultural expressions, goals and ideas. We will survey the main themes of each religion in a functional way, to examine how religion has worked to influence the region and sub sequential worldview through means such as ritual, myth, symbolism, individual and institutional meaning. Course topics include: Zoroastrianism, Baha'i, Judaism, Christianity and Islam among others.

PARL 3330 World Religions (3)

This course presents the student with a survey of the principal living religions in the modern world, and provides the necessary intellectual tools to understand their history and relation to world events and contemporary issues. The student will also learn to identify underlying religious patterns throughout a large variety of cultures, ancient and modern, incorporating the study of myth, symbol, ritual, scripture, music, and community.

PARL 3911 Special Topics (3)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

Science (PASC)

PASC 1940 Science Transfer Credit (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 1000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASC 2940 Science Transfer Credit (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 2000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

Sociology (PASO)

PASO 2100 Comparative Race & Ethnic Relations (3)

In 1903, American sociologist W. E. B. Du Bois made his prescient statement, on the launch of his seminal book *The Souls of Black Folk*: "the problem of the Twentieth Century is the problem of the color-line." Can we make this claim in the Twenty-First Century? To answer this question, we will compare race and ethnic relations in the United States, with a focus on understanding how race and racism shape our lives. We will discuss historical accounts of the social constructs of race and ethnic groups and examine current issues of individual, institutional, and systemic racism, media representations of race and ethnicity, racialized forms of migration, racial inequalities, and environmental racism. We will also make connections between race, gender, and social class to understand how they work together in creating inequalities and shaping our identities.

PASO 2200 Environment & Society (3)

There is no relationship more important to society than the one we have with our natural environment. From how we extract natural resources necessary for everyday life to where we put our waste products, from how we produce our food to where we go on vacation, our dependence on and perceptions of the environment are fundamental to every aspect of our lives. This course focuses on society-environment relations across the globe. We begin by reading about and discussing some conceptual issues that are central to our understanding of society-environment relations. These include the concept of sustainability, environmental resources, political economy, social construction of nature, and environmental justice. We then examine several important society-environment relations, including energy use, agriculture and food, and conservation.

PASO 2300 Families: Diversity & Change in Society (3)

In this course, we are going to look at families as a form of social institution, which means how families work as a set of structured social arrangements that help meet certain human needs. This class will be looking at families within the context of the United States. To begin, we will explore the ways in which families are defined and consider the main elements that describe family relationships. Then, we will address families through history, taking note of the ways they have responded and adapted to larger social changes. Several modules will explore the ways in which families absorb and respond to the larger social inequalities of society. We will also explore family experiences as they relate love and romance, marriage and cohabitation, children, the workplace, divorce and remarriage, and family violence. Throughout the course, we will read and discuss scholarly research and data on families, taking note of how social scientists use research methods to scientifically study this social institution.

PASO 2912 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Sociology. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASO 2913 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Sociology. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASO 2914 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Sociology. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASO 2915 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Sociology. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASO 2990 Social Science Research Methods (3)

In the last several years, people have said that they have done "research" to come to conclusions. Often, this lay usage of "research" refers to doing some internet searches and watching YouTube videos; these searches and video viewings often result in the person justifying an existing belief, as the person chooses sources that align with what she or he already thinks. As you will learn in this course, that is not research. Research is a systematic endeavor. The researcher uses established practices to test an idea or hypothesis or generate a new theory. Evidence gathered through research may disconfirm a hypothesis. Because "research" has taken on this lay usage, it is important to become knowledgeable about what research is, what practices constitute research, and how one can assess the quality of research. This course will introduce you to the concept of research, research terminology, research ethics, and various research methods. For each method, you will learn about the strengths and limitations of each approach and what types of research questions a method can (and cannot) address.

PASO 3100 Urban Space Place & Inequality (3)

This course explores the theoretical and methodological formulations of space and place and their relevance for sociological and social analyses. We will study the relationship of space/place to inequality as manifested in different guises around the world: spatial polarization, architecture, urban planning and design, spatial integration, symbolic space, etc. Throughout the course, we will pay close attention to how space and place intersect with inequality and how challenges to inequality are leveled through spatial approaches. How does the urban experience vary for different groups of people (by gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality)? Why? What explains the processes of urbanization and suburbanization? Who controls public space? How do different cities respond to the needs of the poorest residents, and what shapes these responses? How did (do) cities around the world come to develop and grow? What is the role of gentrification? These are some of the questions we'll address in this course.

PASO 3200 Sociology of Travel and Tourism (3)

This course examines the relationship between tourism and social life from a sociological perspective, the root idea being that it is natural for human beings to make contact with other human beings and societies to create leisure institutions to engage in cultural exchange and enjoyment. This course will examine tourist practices and how they are shaped and made meaningful within a social context. As we investigate why people travel, how they travel, and what they do while they are "on the road," we will see that tourism is not on the margins of the social world, but rather profoundly interconnected with everyday social life, from the personal to the global. Through readings, discussing, and writing, we will explore the ways tourism is a material, symbolic, and political representation of many of the features of contemporary society's achievements and ills: modernity and postmodernity, consumption and cultural commoditization, the aestheticization of everyday life, democratization and social inequalities, questions of authenticity, embodiment and identity, gender relations, technology, social mobility and power, and globalization.

PASO 3210 Global Inequality (3)

This course introduces students to the relations among globalization and inequality and globalization, with a focus on implications for the developing world. Among topics for study are the world distribution of income, across and within countries; concepts of inequality (income, opportunity, mobility, capabilities, horizontal inequality); the implications of global trade and capital markets for inequality within developing countries; the consequences of inequality for growth and for political institutions in developing countries; the effects of global market failures and differences among countries in economic power on trade, capital, intellectual property, international migration, climate and other global regimes; and the role of global economic institutions (IMF, World Bank, bilateral aid programs) in addressing unequal opportunity and global market failures.

PASO 3220 Brazilian Society (3)

This course is designed as an interdisciplinary and critical introduction to the history, society, literature, and culture of Brazil, the largest nation of Latin America. Students will learn about Brazil's colonial experience as the only Portuguese colony in the Americas, its unique experiment with monarchical institutions in the nineteenth century, and the trajectory of its uneven modernization in the twentieth century. The course will examine diverse topics including contemporary race relations, gender, sexuality, religion and spirituality, class conflict, migration, and various aspects of Brazilian cultural production and performance, as reflected in film, music, literature, and other forms of popular culture.

PASO 3230 Sociology of Gentrification (3)

Why are rents up? Where are all the people who used to live in this neighborhood? Why was your favorite coffee shop replaced by a bank? What exactly is a hipster? These are all questions swirling around the topic of gentrification. Ruth Glass coined the term "gentrification" in 1964 to describe changes she was seeing in London, in particular the fact that "one by one, many of the working class quarters of London have been invaded by the middle classes." A physical and social transformation of urban neighborhoods, gentrification might have gotten its name in the 1960s, but it has its roots in social processes that run from the early twentieth century through today. In this class, we will explore the causes and consequences of gentrification, with a focus on the United States. In addition to thinking about what gentrification is, we will think about how urban theorists have conceived of gentrification, and how these conceptions shape debates on the contentious topic.

PASO 3300 Socio Health & Mental Illness (3)

This course offers an introduction to sociological theories and research related to health and illness, with a focus on mental health and mental illness. Although many people think of mental illness as under the purview of healthcare providers (and psychiatrists and psychologists for mental illness), sociologists have made significant contributions to our understanding and conceptions of health, illness, and mental illness.

PASO 3911 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Sociology. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASO 3912 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Sociology. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASO 3913 Special Topics (3)

Maximum Hours: 99

PASO 3914 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Sociology. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASO 3915 Special Topics (3)

Special Topics in Sociology. Course may be repeated unlimited times for credit.

Maximum Hours: 99

Social Sciences (PASS)

PASS 1010 Social Science Foundations (3)

Knowledge and understanding of the social sciences place students in position to understand themselves as citizens within an integrated global society. The purpose of this course is to provide students with information about the principal social science disciplines and the relationships among them. Among the integrated social science disciplines are political science, economics, geography, sociology, and anthropology/archeology. Preparation in the skills of social science inquiry prepares the student to engage in rational decision-making as both an individual and as a citizen. In this course, we will examine each of these subjects, what they mean, and how they are relevant to our lives today. In order to understand social structure and the relationship of the individual to society, students will be introduced to the concepts of culture, society, personality, socialization and stratification, as well as the principal subsystems of every society: economy, polity, social organization and ideology. A command of this material is necessary for our examination of the human condition. During the second half of the first semester, we will begin to consider theories of social change.

PASS 1940 Social Sciences Transfer Credit (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 1000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASS 2940 Social Sciences Transfer Credit (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 2000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASS 2941 Social Science Writing Transfer Coursework (2-4)

Social Science writing transfer coursework.

Maximum Hours: 99

PASS 4980 Capstone Seminar (3)

The Capstone seminar will allow students majoring in the social sciences and/or humanities to integrate the knowledge and skills gained through their interdisciplinary degree and apply them to a range of professional settings through case study examples. The students will explore relationships between the different content areas, while examining how their communication, writing, and critical thinking skills apply to issues and challenges commonly experienced in various professional settings. The seminar will culminate in a substantial written or a creative project (e.g., op-ed, website, podcast, etc.) that will highlight the interdisciplinary connections between the students' prior coursework. Creative projects will be accompanied by a shorter academic narrative.

PASS 4990 Capstone Independent Study (3)

The Capstone Independent Study will allow students majoring in the social sciences to integrate the knowledge and skills gained through their interdisciplinary degree and apply them to a range of professional settings through case study examples. The students will explore the relationships between the different areas of the social sciences, while examining how their communication, writing, and critical thinking skills apply to issues and challenges commonly experienced in various professional settings. The independent study will culminate in a substantial written or a creative project (e.g., artwork, website, podcast, etc.) that will highlight the interdisciplinary connections between the students' prior coursework. Creative projects will be accompanied by a shorter academic narrative.

Social Work (PASW)

PASW 3210 Death and Dying (3)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the study of death and dying, covering the key issues and questions in the field. The personal and social attitudes regarding death in our society will be explored as well as those of other cultures and times.

Speech (SPEC)

SPEC 1400 Persuasive Public Speaking (3)

Principles of audience analysis, speech composition, and delivery. Special attention is given to persuasive techniques

SPEC 1940 Transfer Credit (3)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

SPEC 2910 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in speech.

SPEC 3110 Small Group Communicatn (3)

An analysis of the impact of social, psychological, emotional and environmental factors on the small-group decision-making process. Emphasis is on the study and application of current problem-solving theories and techniques. (Satisfies humanities requirement for SoPA students.)

Theatre (PATR)

PATR 2010 Plays and Playwrights (3)

Plays and Playwrights is a course examining drama, the literature of theatre. You will read the plays of playwrights from the Greeks to the present. The emphasis is on the playwright and the process of playwrighting. Students will read, analyze and evaluate literature written for live performance. You will post, on Canvas, written comments to engender critical thinking and class discussions.

PATR 2020 Theatre in Contemporary Society (3)

This course is a survey of the history of theatre and how theatre happens. By the end of the course, students will be able to provide the answer to questions, such as “Who makes theatre happen?” and “Why is it called show business?”

PATR 2030 American Myth and Drama (3)

American Myth and drama is a course examining the “American Myth” portrayed by playwrights of various cultures and time periods. The emphasis is on reading, writing, critical thinking and class discussions. Students will read, analyze and evaluate literature written for live performance.

PATR 2300 History of the American Musical (3)

This course is a survey of the history of the American Musical Theatre, its origins, its development, and its effects on popular culture. Students will learn about various genres of American Musical Theatre including, but not limited to, opera buffa, ballad, opera, and operetta through the jazz developments of the sixties.

PATR 2910 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in theater.

PATR 2911 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in theater.