



2018 SUMMER, SPECIAL TOPICS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

EDUC 460 – Childcare Administration

Course # 40057

This course will focus on the study of organizational management. Students will study the components for managing an early childhood program, including public and private settings. Study will include MA state licensing standards, NAEYC and QRIS standards, budgeting and family/community connections. At the conclusion of this class, students will have developed documents and policies needed to start and govern an early childhood program.

HIST 320/HSTE 601/ENGE 606 – Superheroes and American Society

Course #'s 40070, 40071, 40072

Drawing primarily on Marvel and DC Comics, as well as scholarly articles, books, and other resources, in this course we will explore the history of superheroes and how comics have helped to reflect and shape American society today.

IDST 360 - Exploring a Sense of Place in Literature and Society

Course # 40096

This course will examine the relationship between people and places. We will focus on a variety of aspects of place, from how we as individuals connect to places to how human beings inhabit and affect landscapes. Course material will range from fiction and poetry to essay to film to visual artwork to photography to student-created texts and images.

IDST 360 - Representations of Women in Art and Society

Course # 40095

An examination of the many modes through which women are represented in art and society. We will look at representations of women in literature, film, video games, and the visual arts, as well as analyzing the way our modern media portrays women. We will discuss and interpret the representation and experience of women from historical, psychological, social and artistic perspectives. With literature providing the basis for our explorations, we will aim to examine the implications of living in an inter-connected world where images and other representations of women are daily manipulated by politicians, advertisers, artists and the media.

PSYC 495 Psychology of Leadership

Course # 40076

This course provides an opportunity for students to learn and discuss leadership through the lens of psychology. Using psychological concepts, theories, and research can enrich our understanding of our own and others' leadership. Essential knowledge, skills, and abilities of effective leaders are examined, including personality, conflict, communication, and individual/group behavior. By completing a number of self-assessments, students will explore their own leadership potential as well as examining case histories of famous leaders.

SOCI 395 The Law in Contemporary Society

Course # 40129

This course provides an opportunity for students to learn and discuss the relationship of law to morality, the nature of legal reasoning, and critiques of law. Using case studies and United States Supreme Court decisions, the course considers the complexity and interrelationship of legal, social, and ethical issues related to the various ways in which law impacts people based on race, class, gender, and age while also introducing students to the origins of the law, the history and development of the American legal system, the court structure, and the difference between civil and criminal law. The plan of topics may be varied if new controversial issues emerge during the course of the semester.