

## **GENERAL STUDIES PORTAL TOPICS OFFERED FOR SUMMER 2015**

### **CJUS 188GS** - General Studies Portal: Terrorism - 3 hours

Prereq: freshman or sophomore standing

This course is designed to introduce the students to the overall theories behind the use of terrorism to obtain a political objective and an overview of the major terrorist organizations. Emphasis will be placed on the cultural diversity of the United States and other countries. Specifically, it will show the actions of different ethnic, culture, and religious groups that have resorted to the use of terrorism because of government actions. This class will also discuss the primary methods of operation and counter actions taken by police and government agencies.

### **CSIT 188GS** - General Studies Portal: Cyber Crime - 3 hours

Prereq: freshman or sophomore standing

Arguably one of the most important challenges of the 21st century, with billions lost each year, cyber crime has evolved from a minor nuisance to a major concern involving well-organized actors and highly sophisticated organizations. This course will examine computer-related crime and what individuals and businesses can do to protect themselves. This class will discuss specific examples of criminal activities involving computers. Sample topics will include ID Theft, spam, phishing and pharming, fraud, protecting personal privacy, passwords and encryption, organized crime, and dangers to avoid. Students will be shown how they can use software to safeguard their identity, data and computers, as well as how to avoid various on-line scams. The rights and responsibilities of software developers will be discussed. This course will also examine the effect of cyber crimes on the global economy and individual freedoms and rights around the world, and discuss future issues with respect to cyber crime.

### **ECON 188GS** - General Studies Portal: The Evolution of American Capitalism - 3 hours

Prereq: freshman or sophomore standing

The contemporary economic system in the United States is the product of a long process of technological, social, and cultural change. This process has not ended, as innovation, political currents and globalization continue to bring new challenges and new adjustments to our economic system. The class examines the major forces that allowed the emergence of the market system, the strengths and weaknesses of laissez faire capitalism, the Marxist critique of capitalism, and finally, government actions that shaped, and continue to shape, contemporary regulated capitalism in the United States.

### **GEOG 188GS** - General Studies Portal: The Population Paradox - 3 hours

Prereq: freshman or sophomore standing

This course introduces students to critical issues in population geography. The primary focus is on developing critical thinking skills through examining the implications of global population patterns and trends. Specific topics explored fall under three broad categories—demographic issues, spatial movement and distribution, and policy and management. Basic demographic issues including: age / gender composition, growth, fertility and mortality are examined across cultural and national boundaries. The distribution and spatial movement of individuals is explored in the context of migration and urbanization. Finally, public and national policies on population are discussed along with associated management practices. The scope of the course is a global perspective with comparisons drawn between socio-economic, demographic and ethnic groups within the United States and those from other countries around the world.