

Capstone Courses Spring 2016

BIOL 388GS – General Studies Capstone: Illustrating Science

Prereq: open to juniors and seniors or to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies program

An introduction to the discipline of scientific illustration. Students will learn the fundamental principles of creating effective illustrations for the purpose of communicating science as well as acquire an understanding of how the discipline of illustration is used to advance scientific knowledge. A limited set of media types, both traditional and digital, will be explored. The main focus will be on creating the best images for use in research, teaching, journal publications, presentations, and other applications. Copyright and other legal issues will also be discussed.

CSIT 388GS – General Studies Capstone: Social Networking

Prereq: open to juniors and seniors or to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies program

This course will examine a cross-section of social networking information technologies including textual, aural, and visual methods and examine how they affect our personal and professional interactions. This course will consider the information technology and the personal and business marketing aspects of social networking. The Capstone project and online discussions will help reinforce the concepts of critical thinking and illustrate how social networking has changed the way virtual communities learn, communicate.

ECON 388GS – General Studies Capstone: The Morality of Capitalism

Prereq: open to juniors and seniors or to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies program

Contemporary capitalism is the result of a long evolutionary process shaped by historical events and changes in technology, culture, political organization and interpersonal relationships. This process has not ended, as innovation, political currents and globalization continue to bring new challenges and new adjustments to economic systems. This course closely examines human life under collectivism versus human life under capitalism to evaluate the central question: Is there a moral basis for capitalism?

ENG 388GS – General Studies Capstone: Censorship & School Curriculum

Prereq: open to juniors and seniors or to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies program

ENG 388GS is a General Studies course that integrates insights/methodologies from English and Education in an examination of censorship and the school curriculum. Students will learn how cultural/historical constructions of childhood influence adults' notions of what is (in)appropriate in the curriculum; examine landmark legal cases, including *Island Trees School District v. Pico* (1982) and *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier* (1988) regarding students' First Amendment rights; analyze how adults have attempted to "soften" and/or sanitize children's stories, and consider the pedagogical implications of using (or choosing not to use) specific literary titles.

ITEC 388GS - General Studies Capstone: Applied Project Management

Prereq: open to juniors and seniors or to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies program

This course examines the process of applied project management using distinctly unique disciplines as a means to understanding the day to day operational issues faced by project managers. Project management is a cross-disciplinary field with applications in both technology and business. At the end of this course the student will be able to develop, execute and control a project plan based upon specific metrics for success including the unique variables of differing disciplines.

MKT 388GS – General Studies Capstone: Emerging Marketing Media

Prereq: open to juniors and seniors or to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies program

This course provides an overview of contemporary marketing strategies utilizing social and mobile media. Topics include social networks, social media, mobile marketing, customer experience marketing, integrated marketing communication, and the creation of customer value through the use of customer generated content.

MUS 388GS – General Studies Capstone: Music, Culture and Gender

Prereq: open to juniors and seniors or to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies program

This interdisciplinary course will examine attitudes of music performed and written by women and other marginalized groups from a background of men's contributions to music and male dominance of culture and music. Within various societies and cultures, including Western culture, Native American, African and Asian, the relationship between music, culture, society and gender will be explored. The musical praxis of various cultures and their links to gendered roles will also be discussed. This course will involve reading, listening to musical examples, research, participating in discussions and creating a final project that will involve research, writing or other creative application.

PSY 388GS – General Studies Capstone: Science of Fear

Prereq: open to juniors and seniors or to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies program

Science of fear refers to a perceived prevalence of fear and anxiety in public discourse and relationships. The motives behind fearmongering are diverse, but the ability to create fear is by manipulation of words, facts, news, or other sources of data. The intent of this course is to focus on the methods used by fearmongers and to examine the scientific issues that have fallen prey to fearmongers, including cloning, stem cell research, vaccines, microbes, animal testing, genetically modified foods, and transgenic organisms to name a few. This will be accomplished by examining the subject from mainly biological and statistical standpoints incorporating psychological and sociological points of view.

SOWK 388GS – General Studies Capstone: Social Media Digital Activism & eCitizen

Prereq: open to juniors and seniors or to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies program

The purpose of this course is to examine the role of social media in the human service and nonprofit sector and how to utilize social media for a variety of purposes. The course will identify what social media is and how it can be used for marketing, communications, and advocacy within human services in addition to how social media promotes civic engagement. Students will learn about participatory culture and new media literacies through the discovery of social media platforms as well as how to apply this knowledge, which promotes critical thinking skills, encourages collaborative problem solving, and acknowledges the role of social media in forming networks and affiliations that can strengthen civic engagement. The Capstone project enables students to employ social media to creatively design, organize, and evaluate an integrated strategy that promotes an organization, critical issue, or assists with marketing and communications.

SOWK 388GS – General Studies Capstone: Substance Abuse & Addictive Disorder

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This upper-level course is designed for students and human service professional who wish to gain deeper understanding of substance abuse and addictions. It examines substance abuse from a generalist social work and systems perspective, coupled with concepts from human physiology, psychology, sociology, and criminal justice to explore the impact of substances abuse and addictions on the individual, the family and the larger community. The course covers the various models, theories, and policies that explain addictions and related issues from interdisciplinary perspective. It evaluates drug abuse and addiction as it relates to various cultures and regions. It examines the moral and ethical issues involved in addressing substance abuse and addictions, treatment modalities, assessment skills, and resources available for effective intervention. Evidence-based oral and written assignments are used to promote critical thinking and the effective integration of research concepts with practice.

Honors Section

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