

## **Fall 2022 First-year Seminar Course Topics**

### **7 Characteristics of Successful Loper Leaders**

**Teacher Education, Communication Disorders, Kinesiology and Sport Sciences**

**Loper Democracy Project Learning Community Students Only**

This course helps students develop the necessary skills to evaluate sources of information regarding characteristics of successful leadership.

### **Live Long, Live Well**

**Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, English**

Living healthy, long lives is a basic human desire, and significant scholarship has been done regarding how to achieve the goal of living well. One approach has been to study parts of the globe where people tend to live longer, stay active, and report high levels of satisfaction and positivity. Known as bluezones, these regions suggest that one's environment can be molded to optimize the life experience. This course will help students develop the skills necessary to find, evaluate, and utilize the resources they would need to bring elements of bluezones into their own lives.

### **Living My Best Life**

**Family Science, Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, Finance**

During this course, students will be taught and provided tools to develop the necessary skills to evaluate sources of information and their own healthy lifestyles in the areas of relationships, finance, and fitness. These skills will enable them to be successful as UNK students and in life.

### **You at UNK**

**Counseling and School Psychology, English, Family Science**

**Thompson Scholar Students Only**

This course helps students develop the information necessary to enhance a healthy identity across individual, intellectual, and interpersonal perspectives through the study of autobiography, academic self-efficacy, and interpersonal relationships within families and across other social and professional groups.

### **Ballin' on a Budget**

**Finance, Kinesiology and Sport Sciences**

During this course, students will be taught and provided tools to develop the necessary skills to evaluate sources of information and their own healthy lifestyles in the areas of recreation, finance, and fitness. These skills will enable them to be successful as UNK students and in life.

### **Capitalism – How & Why it Works**

**Finance, Accounting, Management**

This course addresses how and to what extent Capitalism as an economic system has served both historically and currently to create wealth, foster liberty and enhance human happiness and well-being. The course will study the History, Morality and Process of Capitalism through the lenses of the "Five Pillars of Capitalism": Private Property Rights, The Rule of Law, Stable Monetary Systems, Open Markets, and a Supportive Culture and Government.

### **Acquiring Professional Skills**

#### **Management, Marketing, Industrial Technology**

#### **Business & Technology Learning Community Students Only**

This course helps students understand the importance of developing soft skills that are highly sought-after by employers (MGT), a unique brand identity to successfully market themselves (MKT), and technology skills for good time management and productive work habits (ITEC).

### **Fermi's Paradox: If We're Not Alone, Where is Everybody?**

#### **Physics, Chemistry, Philosophy**

Are we alone in the Universe? It is a commonly held belief among many scientists that life, and perhaps even intelligent life, is common in the Universe. However, at the present time there is not any scientifically accepted evidence for such life beyond the Earth. Noting this, the 20th century physicist Enrico Fermi asked a simple question, sometimes referred to as Fermi's Paradox: "Where is everybody?" This class will approach Fermi's provocative question from astronomical, biochemical, and philosophical perspectives. In the astronomical section of the course, we will discuss issues related to the discovery, characterization, and exploration of planets in order to assess their habitability, and how the search for extraterrestrial life might be carried out. In the chemistry section of the course, understanding the requisite conditions for life and its origin and development will be explored. In the philosophy section of the course, we will discuss the assumptions behind the search for life by investigating the concepts of life, intelligence, evolution, and communication. We will also discuss the nature and limits of science, especially at its unexplored edges.

### **Combating Misinformation through Persuasion**

#### **(Speech, Marketing, Supply Chain Management)**

The problem addressed is that of combating misinformation utilizing the concepts of persuasion. The power of persuasion and adaption will be interwoven and progressively developed through three disciplines Speech, Marketing, and Negotiations. Each class builds upon the others. Persuasion is an essential skill in both personal and professional lives. Respectful and adaptive persuasion is necessary to accomplish the goal of combating misinformation while maintaining respect for all parties engaged. The students will use multiple sources of information in the utilization of concepts and principles of Persuasive Speaking, Persuasive Selling and Persuasive Negotiations to combat misinformation.