

Spring 2022 First-year Seminar Courses

7 Characteristics of Successful Loper Leaders

TE-126-01, CDIS-126-01, PE-126-06

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

Live Long, Live Well

PE-126-01, REC-126-01, ENG-126-01

PE-126-02, REC-126-02, ENG-126-02

PE-126-03, REC-126-03, ENG-126-03

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

FAMS-126-01, PE-126-08, FIN-126-05

FAMS-126-02, PE-126-07, FIN-126-06

FAMS-126-03, PE-126-04 FIN-126-04

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.

Ballin' on a Budget

FIN-126-07, PE-126-05, REC-126-04

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

FIN-126-01, ACCT-126-03, MGT-126-05

FIN-126-03, ACCT-126-02, MGT-126-04

FIN-126-02, ACCT-126-01, MGT-126-06

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

MGT-126-03, MKT-126-02, ITEC-126-01

MGT-126-01, MKT-126-03, ITEC-126-02

MGT-126-02, MKT-126-01, ITEC-126-03

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?

PHYS-126-01, CHEM-126-01, PHIL-126-01

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.