

Fall 2020 Capstone Courses

BIOL 388: 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.

CYBR 388: 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 388: 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?

HIST 388 R I P: Death & Cemetery Culture

Prereq: Junior or senior level standing or within 6 hours of completing general studies requirements.

This class will examine cultural practices regarding cemeteries and death in the United States and in global perspective. It considers historic, cultural, economic, and psychological explanations for how individuals and societies have dealt with death and the disposal of human remains over time and space. Among other topics, the course will address issues of cemetery organization, structure and management, grave marker design, health and sanitation concerns, burial rituals and practices, funeral options, dealing with death and grieving. The course includes information and material from a wide variety of disciplines, including not only history and psychology but also ethnography, sociology, archeology, and the health sciences.

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MKT 388: 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.

MKT 388: Event Management

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

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the complexities of event planning and management, primarily pertaining to disciplines related to marketing, management, communications and cultural anthropology. Through these disciplines, students will learn how to effectively identify, plan and manage a successful event.

PE 388 The Science of Play

Prereq: Junior or senior level standing or within 6 hours of completing general studies requirements.

This course is designed to combine-integrate an understanding of physical activity, physiology, psychology, and neuroscience through exploration of the effects of physical activity on various brain processes.

PSCI 388 The Politics of Love

Prereq: Junior or senior level standing or within 6 hours of completing general studies requirements.

Love is a topic of study in a wide variety of academic disciplines, including political science, biology, the fine arts, literature, philosophy, history, and psychology. These disciplines and their insights and perspectives can potentially construct the foundation of good government. This course will provide a transdisciplinary approach to how love can serve as the basis for sound government policy and law. Three major issues of the course include the following: 1) What is good governance?, 2) How can conflicts be peacefully resolved?, and 3) How can collective action resolve contentious political problems?

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SOWK 388: Substance Abuse & Addictive Disorder

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

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.

TE 388 History of Education in America

Prereq: Junior or senior level standing or within 6 hours of completing general studies requirements.

TE 388 is a General Studies course that integrates insights/methodologies from History and Education in an examination of the history of education in America and the state of education today. Students will learn how the history of education influences education today and become articulate both verbally and in written form through extensive reading and discussion throughout the course.