

SPRING 2024 SPECIAL TOPICS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CJUS/SOCI-288-01 Guns in America

This course takes a broad look at the role of guns in American society, the legal environment around gun ownership, and the public health issues related to the prevalence of guns in American society. \$5 course fee

Instructor: Craig Wiernick

CJUS-388-02/SOCI-388-01 Social Work in Juvenile & Criminal Justice

This course will examine various processes, concepts, and dynamics particular to administering social services within the criminal justice system, with particular attention to the differences between adults and juvenile populations.

Instructor: Lorin Parker

CJUS-388-03 Ethics in American Justice System

This course will utilize ethical principles to evaluate various aspects of the American Justice System. We will investigate the ethical attributes of practices like the death penalty, racial profiling, solitary confinement, and mandatory registration. By investigating these issues from an ethical perspective, students will develop an understanding of the complex ethical dilemmas facing American Justice.

Instructor: Travis Zimmerman

CSCI-388-01 Cryptography

Cryptography is the science behind writing and breaking secret codes. This course provides an overview of classical cryptographic systems, their inner workings, and how to correctly use them in real-world applications. Topics include the history of cryptography, single-key encryption, block ciphers, stream ciphers, public key cryptosystems, key exchange, electronic signatures, and blockchain technology basics.

Pre-requisites: Math 110, CSCI 210

Instructor: Donald Tobin

DANC-188-01 Hip Hop

No prior dance experience necessary. This fun, energetic class will focus on the basics of popping, locking, and groove. We will learn fad dances from the late 1970s through today.

Instructor: Lesa Dencklau

EXSC-388-01 Treatment Modalities

A study of therapeutic modalities in the treatment of injuries to athletes as well as other active individuals. Students will also gain hands-on experience with various modalities (e.g. electrical stimulation, ultrasound, therapeutic massage) currently used in a variety of rehab settings. The course will also introduce general principles of pharmacology as a therapeutic intervention.

Instructor: Dan Martin

HIST-188-01 US History 1945 – Present

This course provides an overview of the major events, movements, and issues in American history since 1945. The course content includes the Cold War, the civil rights movement, Vietnam, Détente, the women's rights movement, the age of Reagan and Madonna, and the Iraq War. Additionally, students will learn how individuals, groups, and institutions shaped United States history. Through this course, students will develop a better understanding of key events and themes in modern American history.

Instructor: Ethan Hull

HIST-288-01 Fighting Vice in American Society

This course explores a variety of social movements designed to save American society from behavior deemed physically, socially or morally harmful in the 19th and 20th centuries. Social movements formed to fight "sinful" or "wicked" behavior such as drinking and drug use, degrees of sexual depravity and even poor physical and mental hygiene. Through the study of social movements, the course reveals the political, social and economic anxieties that plagued American society in the 19th and 20th century and still may plague it today. *Lens: PSWB*

Instructor: Katharine Antolini

HIST-288-02 African Politics (POLS-240-01)

A study of the ancient and recent evolution and current political environment of African nations. Examination of both historical processes of political change and development and contemporary political institutions, practices, and policies. Attention to colonial era, post-independence states and their intergovernmental relations. *Lens: CEXP*

Instructor: Tamara Bailey

INDS-188-03 Introduction to Sign Language II

A continuation of American Sign Language study level one. Prerequisite: Intro to Sign Language or permission of instructor
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Instructor: Dawn Smith

PSYC-288-01 Death, Dying & Grief

An examination of the event of death and the process of dying in contemporary society. Psychological aspects of loss, grieving, and acceptance of one's own mortality are presented along with an exploration of available helping services. Social issues involving death are also discussed.

Instructor: Paul Landen

PSYC-388-01 Neuropsychology

This class is designed to provide you with a comprehensive overview of behavioral neuroscience as a field with its various sub-disciplines by building on your fundamental knowledge of psychology. Topics covered in this course will include: history, philosophy, research methods, ethics, neuroanatomy, physiology, sensory systems, movement, reproduction, learning, memory, psychological disorders, neurotransmission, and psychoactive drugs. *Prerequisite: PSYC-101 Lens: EXIN*

Instructor: Mary Medlin

THRE-288-01 Introduction to Acting

An on-your-feet introductory course in acting fundamentals such as Meisner and Stanislavsky techniques as a vehicle to explore empathy. Students will practice physical and vocal use of the actor's instrument, connection with partners, collaborative artistic decision-making, and giving peer feedback. Actors will analyze and perform scenes from contemporary American theater. *Prereq ENGL 110. Open to Theatre majors/minors only during preregistration. NOTE: Replaces THRE-105 & THRE-130*

Instructor: Thomas Schoffler