

2024FA Nichols Honors Scholar Courses

COMM-248-01H	Media Literacy	Deys, Kellie	30	9:25 AM	10:40 AM	MW
<p>Given that media informs our daily lives in a multitude of ways, it is important to critically examine and analyze how it affects us on both a cultural and individual level. The impact that media has on methods of communication, as well as on our personal and societal notions of identity will be explored, with special attention to issues of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation.</p>						
CRIT-201-03H	Discovering Disney	Deys, Kellie	20	12:15 PM	1:30 PM	TF
<p>This course will critically explore Disney: its marketing and brand dissemination, its films, and its cultural impact. As we analyze Disney's brand, we will consider its position in the global market, its marketing strategies, and some of its subsidiaries. In studying Disney films, we will think about their relationship to traditional fairy tales, their portrayals of ethnic and gender identities, and their depictions of difference. Studying Disney will serve as a means for developing critical writing, reading, and researching skills. Prerequisite: ENGL 105 or ENGL 212</p>						
ECON-223-04H	Intro to Economics	Gil-Vasquez, Karol	30	12:15 PM	1:30 PM	MTh
<p>This is an introductory course of economics principles. The course covers both microeconomics and macroeconomics, along with issues within the global economy. Topics covered are supply and demand; allocation of resources; firm decision-making; imperfect competition; economic analysis of unemployment, inflation, and economic growth; the role of government in the domestic economy; global economic issues and U.S. and economic policies of the last quarter century. Students will learn and use economic tools of analysis to explore a variety of social phenomena. Primary emphasis is placed on real world examples to study microeconomics, macroeconomics and global political economy issues from alternative theoretical perspectives.</p>						
ENGL-212-01H	Analytical Writing	Deys, James	20	10:50 AM	12:05 PM	MTh
<p>In this writing course, students will study and practice critical writing. As students read, write, and discuss such important cultural issues as technological developments, media's impact on society, identity formation, and environmental concerns, they will develop their own perspectives. Students will learn the purposes, strategies, and conventions of academic writing, particularly analysis and argumentation, through critical reading, drafting, and collaboration. Students who take this course cannot also take ENGL 105 – College Writing.</p>						
HONR-480-01H	Nichols Honors Seminar	Despain, Hans	20	10:50 AM	12:05 PM	WF
<p>Upon successful completion of three (3) one credit special honors project /paper assignments within three courses with a semester grade of B+ or higher in each, a student will be eligible for invitation to the annual Nichols Honors Seminar – an interdisciplinary advanced course. The topic of the seminar will change from year to year.</p>						
HUM-370-01H	SpTop: Foundat Ideas & Books	Despain, Hans	30	10:50 AM	12:05 PM	TTh
<p>This course is an invitation to survey the "Western Tradition." The intention is to understand how history and ideas have determined the way we live our lives today and to address the Rousseauian challenge of whether the Western Tradition has made human life better or worse. Accordingly, the "West" is understood far less as a place, and more as a collection of beliefs, ideas, practices, and institutions. The course comprises a broad survey of texts, literary, historical, scientific, and philosophical, which outline the development of the modern Western world over the last 3000 years. The texts surveyed exemplify the emergence and evolution of Western humanism as an ideal. Readings and themes will be linked with other expressions of art, music, and film that capture particular themes and ideas rendered in the texts.</p>						

LSB-327-01H	Business Law and Ethics	Barnes, Nicholas	30	10:50 AM	12:05 PM	MW
<p>A working knowledge of business law is important to every member of society, as the law applies to us all --- from individuals to organizations. This course is a broad introduction to U.S. law, concentrating on basic knowledge of the legal system and its impacts on commerce. Business Law begins with an overview of the judicial system and alternative dispute resolution. After a brief look at criminal law and civil liability, we focus on contracts, the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), business formation, agency relationships and intellectual property. This course will also introduce students to ethical constructs and ethics-based decision making. Prerequisite: minimum of 27 completed credits</p>						