

MOUNT HOLYOKE™

Bulletin & Course Catalog 2025-2026



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BULLETIN & COURSE CATALOG 2025-26

The Mount Holyoke "Bulletin and Course Catalog" is published each year in August. It provides a comprehensive description of the College's academic programs, summaries of key academic and administrative policies, and descriptions of some of the College's key offerings and attributes.

Information in Mount Holyoke's "Bulletin and Course Catalog" was accurate as of its compilation in early summer. The College reserves the right to change its published regulations, requirements, offerings, procedures, and charges.

For listings of classes offered in the current semester including their meeting times, booklists, and other section-specific details, consult the Search for Classes (<https://wadv1.mtholyoke.edu/wadv/mhc?TYPE=P&PID=ST-XWSTS12A>).

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

Fall 2025

August 26 (Tuesday) New international students and first-gen and low-income students arrive
August 27 (Wednesday) Online registration opens for add/drop period
August 27 (Wednesday) New international students arrive and their pre-orientation begins
August 29 (Friday) New students arrive and Orientation begins
August 31 (Sunday) - September 2 (Tuesday) Returning students arrive
September 2 at 11:30am (Tuesday) Convocation
September 3 (Wednesday) Classes begin
September 9 (Tuesday) Last day to add classes without permission
September 16 (Tuesday) Last day to add classes
September 17 (Wednesday) Last day to withdraw from a course without "W" notation recorded
October 11 (Saturday) - October 14 (Tuesday) Mid-semester break
October 16 (Thursday) - October 24 (Friday) Add/drop period for second half-semester courses
October 17 (Friday) Most first half-semester classes end
October 20 (Monday) Most second half-semester classes begin
October 21 (Tuesday) Degree conferral for summer term finishers
October 24 (Friday) - October 26 (Sunday) Family & Friends Weekend
October 28 (Tuesday) First-half-of-semester grades due
November 3 (Monday) - November 7 (Friday) Academic advising period
November 8, 1837 Founder's Day
November 10 (Monday) - November 21 (Friday) Online Spring registration period for Mount Holyoke and Five College courses
November 13 (Thursday) Last day to withdraw from a course with "W" notation recorded
November 13 (Thursday) Last day to declare ungraded option
November 26 (Wednesday) - November 30 (Sunday) November Break
December 9 (Tuesday) Last day of classes
December 10 (Wednesday) - December 11 (Thursday) Reading days
December 12 (Friday) - December 16 at noon (Tuesday) Examinations
December 17 at noon (Tuesday) - January 1 (Wednesday) December recess
January 2 at 11pm (Friday) Fall grades due

Interession 2026

For the Professional and Graduate Education January Term, see Additional Terms at the bottom of this calendar.

January 5 (Monday) - January 23 (Friday) Interession
January 19 (Monday) Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 24 (Saturday) - January 26 (Monday) January recess

Spring 2026

January 21 (Wednesday) Online registration opens for add/drop period
January 21 (Wednesday) New international students arrive and their pre-orientation begins
January 22 (Thursday) New students arrive and Orientation begins
January 27 (Tuesday) Classes begin
February 2 (Monday) Last day to add classes without permission
February 9 (Monday) Last day to add classes
February 10 (Tuesday) Last day to withdraw from a course without "W" notation recorded
March 9 (Monday) Degree conferral for fall/winter term finishers
March 11 (Wednesday) - March 27 (Friday) Add/drop period for second half-semester courses

March 13 (Friday) Most first half-semester classes end
March 14 (Saturday) - March 22 (Sunday) Mid-semester break
March 23 (Monday) Most second half-semester classes begin
March 24 (Tuesday) First-half-of-semester grades due
April 6 (Monday) - April 10 (Friday) Academic advising period (tentative)
April 13 (Monday) - April 24 (Friday) Online registration period for Fall Five College courses (tentative)
April 13 (Monday) - April 29 (Wednesday) Online registration period for Fall Mount Holyoke courses
April 13 (Monday) Last day to withdraw from a course with "W" notation recorded
April 13 (Monday) Last day to declare ungraded option
April 28 (Tuesday) BOOM: Community Day (no classes)
May 5 (Tuesday) Last day of classes
May 6 (Wednesday) - May 7 (Thursday) Reading Days
May 8 (Friday) - May 12 (Tuesday) Examinations. Seniors, however, must complete exams by Monday, May 11th at noon
May 14 at 4 pm (Thursday) Senior grades due
May 22 (Friday) - May 24 (Sunday) Reunion I
May 23 (Saturday) Baccalaureate Service
May 24 (Sunday) Commencement
May 27 at 11pm (Wednesday) Underclass grades due
May 29 (Friday) - May 30 (Sunday) Reunion II

Additional Terms for Professional and Graduate Education

January Term 2026

January 5 (Monday) January term classes begin
January 12 (Monday) Last day to withdraw from a course without "W" notation recorded
January 15 (Thursday) Last day to withdraw from a course with "W" notation recorded
January 19 (Monday) Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)
January 23 (Friday) Last day of January term classes
February 2 (Monday) January term grades due

First Summer Session 2026

May 7 (Thursday) Online registration opens for Summer 1 and Summer 2 sessions
May 25 (Monday) Memorial Day (no classes)
June 1 (Monday) Summer 1 classes begin
June 3 (Wednesday) Last day to add Summer 1 classes
June 8 (Monday) Last day to withdraw from a Summer 1 course without "W" notation recorded
June 19 (Friday) Juneteenth observed (no classes)
June 22 (Monday) Last day to withdraw from a Summer 1 course with "W" notation recorded
July 2 (Thursday) Last day of Summer 1 classes
July 3 (Friday) Independence Day (no classes)
July 13 (Monday) Summer 1 grades due

Second Summer Session 2026

May 7 (Thursday) - June 9 (Tuesday) Online registration open for Summer 2 session
June 16 (Tuesday) Online registration re-opens for Summer 2 and Fall* sessions (*Professional and Graduate Education only)
July 6 (Monday) Summer 2 classes begin
July 8 (Wednesday) Last day to add Summer 2 classes
July 13 (Monday) Last day to withdraw from a Summer 2 course without "W" notation recorded
July 22 (Wednesday) Last day to withdraw from a Summer 2 course with "W" notation recorded

August 14 (Friday) Last day of Summer 2 classes

August 27 (Thursday) Summer 2 grades due

ABOUT MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

Overview

Chemist and educator Mary Lyon founded Mount Holyoke College (then called Mount Holyoke Female Seminary) in 1837, nearly a century before women gained the right to vote. The first of the Seven Sisters—the female equivalent of the once predominantly male Ivy League—Mount Holyoke offered a rigorous program of study at a time when higher education for women was a revolutionary idea. The school quickly became synonymous with academic excellence and brilliant teaching and became a model for many other women's colleges. In 1893, the seminary curriculum was phased out and the institution's name was changed to Mount Holyoke College.

Today, Mount Holyoke is a highly selective, nondenominational, not-for-profit, residential, independent, research liberal arts college, and is the leading gender-diverse women's college, welcoming applications from female, transgender, and non-binary students. Mount Holyoke is a noted leader in designing and delivering an inclusive and exploratory liberal arts education, with a mission grounded in the conviction that its graduates can—and should—make a difference in the world. The College immerses students in a vibrant, intellectually adventurous global community to develop their voices and vision for the future, preparing them for lives of purposeful leadership in a culturally diverse world.

In February 2025, Mount Holyoke was named a top research college by the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

In May 2024, the College's Trustees adopted an audacious new strategic plan, "MHC Forward" resulting from an extensive and collaborative planning process across the Mount Holyoke community. This plan sets out an exciting vision for the College as a place where bold leaders and boundless learners make a better world. Reflecting our core values of academic excellence, inclusive learning, active engagement, and purposeful leadership, the strategic plan features four priority areas that intersect and work together: advancing innovation and inclusive academic excellence, enhancing the student experience on and beyond campus, strengthening infrastructure for long-term success, and growing resources responsibly for a thriving future. "MHC Forward" will scaffold College priorities for the next decade.

Mount Holyoke is located in the Connecticut River Valley of western Massachusetts. The College's approximately 2,200 undergraduate students hail from 47 states and 49 countries. Nearly twenty percent of undergraduate students are international citizens. Twenty-eight percent of domestic students identify as African American, Asian American, Hispanic or Latina/o, Native American or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or multiracial. Its 274 full-time and part-time faculty employees are devoted to undergraduate teaching and cutting-edge research. Over fifty-nine percent of the faculty are women and over 26 percent are individuals of color. With a student-faculty ratio of 9.18 to 1 and with over 72 percent of classes enrolling fewer than 20 students, faculty and students collaborate closely on academic course work and research.

The College typically operates on a semester calendar, with an optional January Intersession offering to undergraduates opportunities for

research, independent study, projects of students' own choice, travel, internships, and study.

The College's Professional and Graduate Education program offers graduate degree programs and non-degree opportunities for study at the graduate level. Seventy-seven graduate students are enrolled in master's degree programs; additional non-matriculated graduate students enroll in graduate-level courses throughout the year. Graduate programs follow the semester calendar, supplemented by a January term and a summer term comprised of two primary summer session periods.

Mary Lyon's famous words—"Go where no one else will go, do what no one else will do"—continue to inspire the College's students and its 40,000+ living alums, living in 140 countries across the globe. By offering a distinctive combination of a rigorous liberal arts education, an unusually diverse and international community, a lifelong global network, and a legacy of educating leaders, Mount Holyoke is powerfully positioned to graduate alums who will be successful and contribute to a better world.

Seal of Mount Holyoke College

The College seal features a centering cluster of palms, in a scene including a block of stone.

Mission of the College

Mount Holyoke, the leading gender-diverse women's college, immerses students in a vibrant, intellectually adventurous global community to develop their voices and vision for the future, preparing them for lives of purposeful leadership in a culturally diverse world.

Accreditation

Mount Holyoke College is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE, formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.). Mount Holyoke College was initially accredited in 1929. The College has been continuously accredited since, and is presently accredited at the Bachelor's and Master's levels. The College's last comprehensive accreditation review took place in 2017. An interim (fifth-year) report was submitted to the New England Commission of Higher Education in August 2022. The Commission formally accepted the report in March 2023.

Questions and comments about Mount Holyoke's accreditation may be directed to the President of the College through the College's Accreditation Liaison Officer, Dr. Jane Couperus. Individuals may also contact: New England Commission of Higher Education, 301 Edgewater Place, Suite 210, Wakefield, MA 01880. For information requests: <https://www.neche.org/contact/> For comments/complaints: <https://www.neche.org/for-the-public/comments-complaints/>

See Also

- SARA-Distance Learning (p. 8)

Land Acknowledgement

Mount Holyoke College is located in Western Massachusetts on the ancestral land of the Nonotuck people. It is also important to acknowledge the neighboring Indigenous nations who continue to be connected to this land: the Nipmuc and the Wampanoag to the East,

the Mohegan and Pequot to the South, the Mohican to the West and the Abenaki to the North.

Facilities

Mount Holyoke College's 600-acre contiguous campus is widely considered to be one of the most beautiful in the nation with its neo-Gothic buildings, spacious greens, two small lakes, and a magnificent tree canopy. It is home to more than 40 academic buildings and residence halls. The main campus is an arboretum with a diverse collection of trees and shrubs, while a nature preserve spans more than 300 acres and serves as a "living lab" for the community.

Sustainability is a top priority at Mount Holyoke College. The College has set a goal of carbon neutrality by 2037, the College's 200th anniversary. Mount Holyoke is committed to training the next generation of environmental leaders while also taking significant measures to reduce its own carbon footprint, to improve the sustainability of its campus operations and to foster a campus culture of sustainability. In the summer of 2023, the College launched a major geothermal project to be implemented in phases between 2023 and 2030. This project will replace the College's fossil-fueled steam heating system with a geothermal heat-exchange system powered by clean electricity, reducing campus greenhouse gas emissions by 80%. The first phase will connect Shattuck, Cleveland, Carr, Kendade, Safford and Skinner Halls to the new distribution system. Through the opening of a new Community Center in 2018, which features a 34,000-square-foot centralized dining facility, the College enabled a major leap forward in sustainable operations by consolidating dining halls, featuring innovative energy-saving technologies, and focusing menus on locally sourced food. Also in 2018, the College celebrated the installation of a photovoltaic array on Kendall Sports and Dance Complex, to generate an estimated 541,600 kilowatt hours of electricity each year – approximately 6% of campus electricity use annually. The campus boasts five buildings certified through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program developed by the U.S. Green Building Council; these include one of the nation's first LEED-certified science centers, the Dining Commons built to silver LEED standards, and our newest residence hall which was awarded a Gold LEED certification. An online database for faculty and staff research projects houses decades of student and faculty monitoring obtained from fifteen permanent water sampling stations, five weather stations, and additional ecological field sites across campus.

In addition to the Dining Commons, other components of the Community Center include a concert venue, a student art gallery, a student life hub with offices for advising, residential life, student government, diversity programming, and religious life, and the Weissman Student Commons which serves as a base for Mount Holyoke's 100+ student organizations.

The Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab supports novices and experts alike as they turn their ideas into tangible reality. The 8,000-square-foot Lab brings together people, resources, and tools to support hands-on curricular and co-curricular programming to support maker culture on campus. The Fimbel Lab features 3D printers, laser cutters, soldering stations, a vacuum former, a vinyl cutter, a wood- and metal-working shop with hand and power tools, paints, and other tools such as sewing machines and a serger. This broad array of tools and the Lab's collaboration and work spaces are used by students and faculty from across the curriculum in academic courses, workshops, and events to explore the role of designing

and making objects and other products, deepening maker culture on campus.

The Mount Holyoke College Science Center houses the departments and programs in astronomical, biological, behavioral, earth, physical and mathematical sciences. An array of majors, minors, and pre-professional academic tracks are supported with rich introductory and advanced laboratory experiences that place an emphasis on early, hands-on laboratory work. In line with our unique history of bringing contemporary instrumentation into the undergraduate laboratory the center's instrumental holdings are made available at all levels of teaching, from introductory courses to independent student research. From material preparation to purification and analysis, the center's collection of scanning and electron microscopes, advanced spectrometers, and myriad additional laboratory and discipline specific instruments provide an extraordinarily well equipped environment for scientific exploration. The center's dedicated staff provide support and training, and maintain safe working practices, throughout the academic year and during the summer research program.

Other facilities at Mount Holyoke include a commons for language and cultural study, two theaters for theater performances, a 250-seat auditorium for music performance, specialized computer labs, the 900-seat Abbey Chapel with its Interfaith Sanctuary, a meditation garden and teahouse, a facility offering child care and child study opportunities, and the Talcott Greenhouse, a 6,000-square-foot complex used for teaching, research, ornamental display, and plant propagation.

Mount Holyoke's library has a physical library collection of more than 800,000 physical volumes and provides access to many thousands of ebooks, articles, and videos online. In addition, it shares a catalog with other members of the Five College Consortium; the combined collections provide students and faculty with direct access to more than 10 million physical volumes. The library also features several innovative multipurpose venues for collaboration, research, and technology support.

The Mount Holyoke College Art Museum is among the nation's leading collegiate art museums, with a comprehensive permanent collection encompassing more than 24,000 works of art, decorative art, and material and visual culture from around the world and through time. The museum offers students work/study and internship opportunities, functions as a "cultural laboratory" for the campus, is actively used in teaching by faculty and students, and brings to the community imaginative and diverse exhibitions that often attract significant national media attention.

Kendall Sports and Dance Complex houses a swimming pool and a diving well, a gymnasium with basketball, volleyball, and badminton courts, a weight room and cardiovascular area, as well as a one-acre field house with indoor track and tennis courts, squash courts, studios for dance, aerobics, yoga, and other activities, and a dance performance theater. The College's outdoor track and field facility features a multipurpose synthetic turf field with lights, surrounded by an eight-lane track with a ten-lane straightaway. Adjacent are the outdoor soccer field and tennis courts. The College's 4,750 square foot boathouse is situated on the nearby Connecticut River. The equestrian center, one of the nation's largest collegiate facilities, features a 69-stall barn, a large outdoor all-weather footing show arena, a permanent dressage arena, two indoor arenas, all-weather turnout paddocks, hunt field and a full cross country course through 120 acres of woods, fields, and streams. The Orchards, Mount Holyoke's 18-hole championship golf course, was designed by the legendary Donald Ross and was the site of the 2004 U.S. Women's Open.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

Mount Holyoke College is a gender-diverse women's college. The College is committed to providing equal access and opportunity in employment and education to all employees and students. In compliance with state and federal law, Mount Holyoke College does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, genetic information, sex, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, ancestry, veteran or military status, or any other legally protected status under federal, state or local law.

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement

Notice for Out-of-State Distance Learning Students

Mount Holyoke College has been approved to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education. As a SARA-approved institution, Mount Holyoke College is authorized to offer online courses in each state that is part of the agreement without having to get approval from each state individually.

Mount Holyoke College out-of-state distance learning students residing in a SARA state may file a complaint with the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education or with a state agency in the state in which they reside. Students must first attempt to resolve their complaint using internal administrative procedures offered by Mount Holyoke College. After all administrative remedies have been exhausted with Mount Holyoke College, the student may submit a SARA Complaint via the link below.

Learn more about the SARA complaint process (<https://nc-sara.org/student-complaints>)

Access the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education SARA Complaint form (<https://www.mass.edu/foradmin/sara/complaints.asp>)

UNDERGRADUATE LEARNING GOALS AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Overview

The undergraduate degree Mount Holyoke confers is the bachelor of arts (A.B.) degree. The College also offers the master of arts in teaching (M.A.T.) degree and several dual-degree and certificate options.

The undergraduate learning goals and degree requirements are detailed in this section. To receive a Mount Holyoke College bachelor of arts degree, students must fulfill all requirements described. Any request for individual variations from this curriculum must be made to the Academic Administrative Board; students initiate the request process by meeting with their academic dean.

Students seeking a Mount Holyoke College A.B. pursue a rigorous, well-rounded course of study that includes work in the humanities, science and mathematics, and social sciences. The College's distribution requirements encourage students to explore new areas of interest. Students must also demonstrate fundamental skills in a foreign language, as well as awareness of multicultural perspectives. The undergraduate program is a residential, in-person program.

This section includes:

- The undergraduate learning goals (p. 9)
- Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree:
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The requirements for graduate degrees are detailed in the Professional and Graduate Education section of the catalog (p. 382).

Undergraduate students are also encouraged to review the regulations on double-counting courses (p. 27) to meet multiple degree requirements and the regulations governing the election of the Ungraded Option (p. 28) instead of letter grading.

The College's graduation requirements for the A.B., as detailed in this section of the catalog, were revised by the faculty in 2014. They apply to all students graduating after May 2014 as long as they either entered the College after Fall 2011 or were active students in Spring 2014. Alums and other students who entered prior to Fall 2011 should consult the catalog applicable to their entrance year (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/archives/>) for requirement information.

Learning Goals of the Mount Holyoke Curriculum

College-wide Learning Goals

The faculty have articulated the following learning goals as the overall College-wide learning goals for undergraduate students.

By combining the proven strengths of a liberal arts education with the transformative power of experiential learning, the Mount Holyoke College liberal arts experience provides the best foundation for citizenship and career in a global world. Audacity, creativity, determination, excellence, leadership, and commitment to the common good are the hallmarks of a Mount Holyoke education. As the oldest continuing women's college in the world and one of the most diverse liberal arts colleges in the nation, Mount Holyoke produces analytical, confident, creative, and independent thinkers who make a difference in the world. Mount Holyoke offers its students a compelling invitation to embrace complexity, cultivate curiosity, and nourish habits of lifelong learning. Our students learn the diverse practices of social, ethical, personal, and environmental stewardship and responsibility. The Mount Holyoke curriculum is designed to encourage students to:

1. Think analytically and critically by questioning assumptions, evaluating evidence, and articulating well-reasoned arguments.
2. Acquire depth, methodological expertise, and historical understanding in a discipline.
3. Develop intellectual breadth through study across disciplines and different modes of inquiry.
4. Develop the ability to write and speak confidently and effectively.
5. Engage in artistic forms of expression.
6. Acquire quantitative and technological capabilities.
7. Develop skills in more than one language and engage with cultural communities other than their own.
8. Conduct independent or collaborative research incorporating diverse perspectives and skill sets.
9. Apply the liberal arts through experiential learning in work and community environments.
10. Learn practices of self-assessment and reflection for academic, personal, and career growth.

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Credit Requirements: Cumulative, Residency, and Outside the Major

Cumulative Credits

Every student must complete 128 semester credits. A normal schedule is four 4-credit courses per semester, each course meeting from one to four times a week. Toward the 128 credits required for graduation, a student may apply a maximum of:

- 16 credits of independent study and honors work.
- 12 credits earned from any combination of Mount Holyoke curricular support courses (CUSP) and Mount Holyoke, Five College, or transferred non-liberal arts courses, whether taken before or after the student's matriculation at the College.

Transfer credit limits are detailed with other transfer information (p. 26) in the Academic Regulations section of the catalog.

Residency Credits and Semesters

Sixty-four of the 128 credits must be taken while at Mount Holyoke during the sophomore, junior, and senior years. Also during those years, students must be registered at Mount Holyoke for a minimum of four semesters.

For students admitted to the College as first-year students, the first two semesters do not count towards the residency requirement. For those classified as spring admits at Admission, the Mount Holyoke terms and credits that count towards the residency requirement begin after the student's initial semester. For those admitted as transfer students or

Frances Perkins scholars, the Mount Holyoke terms that count begin immediately upon enrollment.

No programs abroad or away from Mount Holyoke count toward the Residency requirement, including Mount Holyoke's own study abroad programs or exchange programs. Courses taken through the Five College Interchange (p. 25) during Fall and Spring semesters while at Mount Holyoke do count towards the residency requirement.

Outside the Major Credits

At least 68 credits of the 128 required for the degree must be in courses outside the student's major field of study unless the student elects and completes a second major, a Special (interdisciplinary individually-designed) major, or a designated interdisciplinary major (p. 11).

Minimum G.P.A.

Students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 to graduate. Full details on the grading system and related options (p. 28) are found in the Academic Regulations section of the catalog.

A First-Year Seminar

All entering first-year students must complete a First-Year Seminar in their first semester at Mount Holyoke. Transfer students and Frances Perkins Scholars who enter with sophomore or junior standing are exempt from this requirement, although they may elect to take a First-Year Seminar particularly when one is offered at the 200-level in their entering semester.

The First-Year Seminar Program welcomes students to Mount Holyoke College, inviting them to join in the pleasure of an intellectually adventurous education in the liberal arts. In these small, discussion-based seminars, students work with faculty to achieve the first Learning Goal of the Mount Holyoke curriculum, which will form the foundation for their education here: the ability to think analytically and critically by questioning assumptions, evaluating evidence, and articulating well-reasoned arguments. All first-year seminars are writing-intensive.

First-year seminars do not meet other graduation requirements and must be approved courses at Mount Holyoke. They are all offered under the FYSEM subject designation.

Foreign Language, Ancient or Modern

Each student must complete one course in a language other than English that has been designated to satisfy the College's Language requirement.

In the case of a student whose first language is not English, an exemption may be granted by the Dean of Studies to those with at least one of the following:

- documented attendance at a secondary school for at least one year at which instruction was conducted in a language other than English.
- documented attendance at a secondary school outside of the U.S. where the language of instruction was English, but the student elected a language or literature course taught in the student's native language.
- an O-level, A-level, or GSCE language result (for students from India, this would be a Grade X or Grade XII) or an official record of satisfactory completion of a college-level language or literature course in the student's native language.

A course used to fulfill the language requirement may not also be used to fulfill a distribution requirement (e.g. Humanities), though it may be applied to any other requirement. Further information about the regulations on double-counting courses (p. 27) is available in the Academic Regulations chapter.

Multicultural Perspectives

Each student must complete one 4-credit course designated as meeting the Multicultural Perspectives requirement. Mount Holyoke's Multicultural Perspectives Requirement encourages students to engage intellectually with the complexities of the world and its peoples. Multicultural Perspectives courses are devoted primarily to the study of some aspect of:

1. the peoples of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East; or
2. peoples of color in Australia, Europe, or North America; or
3. peoples in North America whose primary language is other than English.

The course must incorporate a diversity of perspectives.

With the approval of the Dean of Studies, a course taken off-campus may be used to fulfill this requirement.

The course applied to satisfy the Multicultural Perspectives requirement may also count towards another graduation requirement. Further information about the regulations on double-counting courses (p. 27) is available in the Academic Regulations chapter.

The Distribution Requirements

Every student must complete one designated course in each of these three curricular divisions:

- Division I: Humanities
- Division II: Science and Mathematics
- Division III: Social Sciences

These courses must carry at least four credits within one semester and be designated as fulfilling the distribution requirement.

A course used by a student to fulfill any distribution requirement may not also be used to fulfill the language requirement, though it may be applied to any other requirement. Further information about the regulations on double-counting courses (p. 27) is available in the Academic Regulations chapter.

Independent study (295 and 395 courses) will not satisfy any distribution requirement.

Students seeking to fulfill distribution requirements with courses taken at another institution must obtain approval from the appropriate department chair at Mount Holyoke on a permission form (<https://offices.mtholyoke.edu/sites/default/files/registrar/docs/permission.pdf>).

Physical Education

Students must earn four physical education units. These are expected to be completed within the student's first four semesters at the College.

Students admitted as transfer students or as Frances Perkins Scholars need only complete two physical education units at Mount Holyoke, as they receive a waiver of the other two physical education units expected of all undergraduates.

Physical education units are not academic credits and do not count toward the 128 academic credits required to graduate. Satisfactory completion of physical education units is noted on students' transcripts as an S grade followed by the number of physical education units earned, such as: S1 or S2.

The Major

Every student must complete a major. Each student must declare their major in the sophomore year no later than the end of the eighth week of classes of the second semester. At that time, with the help of a faculty advisor, the student will create a careful academic plan for the next two years. Students declaring Special (self-designed majors) have one additional year beyond the usual deadline to finalize their written plan, as noted below. A student may file a change of major request with the Registrar at any time, provided there is time to complete the program before graduation.

The major may be of any of these three types:

- *Departmental Major.* Departmental majors require at least 32 credits in the major field, including a minimum of 8 credits in advanced work at the 300 level. Students with single departmental majors must also complete the "outside the major" requirement, so must complete at least 68 credits in course work outside their major field of study.
- *Interdisciplinary Major.* Interdisciplinary majors can be declared in the following areas of study: Africana studies, biochemistry, classics, critical social thought, data science, environmental studies, East Asian studies, international relations, Latin American studies, Middle Eastern studies, neuroscience and behavior, psychology and education, Romance languages and cultures, Russian and Eurasian studies, and South Asian studies. Interdisciplinary majors are structured enough to emphasize the central theme of a topic of study, but flexible enough to allow for a range of interest within a given topic. Their requirements include a minimum of 40 credits in the approved program. At least 12 credits must be at the 300 level, divided between two or more departments or programs. Students who declare one of these interdisciplinary majors or a special major automatically fulfill the "outside the major" requirement. Note: the majors in ancient studies, in classical studies, in critical race and political economy, in gender studies, and in film media theater are interdisciplinary in nature, but students in these majors do not automatically fulfill the "outside the major" requirement.
- *Special Major.* Students whose interests cross department lines in an area for which no interdisciplinary major exists may plan a special major incorporating work in two or more departments. Students must work closely with faculty advisors to create a plan that is academically and educationally rigorous. A written plan must be submitted to and endorsed by two members of the faculty and the academic dean for the senior class. The plan must be submitted no later than the end of the eighth week of classes of the second semester of the student's junior year. Students must earn a minimum of 40 credits in the approved program. At least 20 credits must be at the 300 level, divided between two or more departments. Students who declare a special major automatically fulfill the "outside the major" requirement.

Current majors offered by the College are included on the Areas of Study list (p. 46). Regulations governing the double-counting of courses (p. 27) towards a major and any other degree requirements are available in the Academic Regulations chapter.

Additional Options

In addition to their major, students may also elect -- but are not required -- to complete any number (or none) of the following:

- a second major or a minor (but not both a second major and a minor),
- a Five College certificate, and/or
- a Nexus program.

No course used to fulfill a requirement in a student's major may also be used to fulfill a requirement of the student's minor, though a course may be applied to both a minor and a certificate and/or a Nexus. See complete details regarding double counting (p. 27) in the Academic Regulations section of the catalog.

The specific requirements of each minor, Nexus program, and certificate are detailed in this catalog. Current minors, Nexus programs, and certificates offered by the College are included on the Areas of Study list (p. 46).

A student's minor or certificate must be approved by a designated member or members of that department or program if any of the courses to be applied to it are done elsewhere, if it differs from requirements outlined in the catalog, or if the proposed minor department or program so specifies.

Graduation

Awarding of Degrees

Each candidate for graduation is personally responsible for obtaining clearance for graduation from the registrar. Also, all graduating students should be sure to meet all required financial obligations to the College as prescribed by Student Financial Services, to ensure eligibility to receive their diplomas and continued access to official transcripts.

Mount Holyoke College confers degrees three times per year: on dates in October, March, and during the annual Commencement ceremony in May. Students completing all degree requirements and having their degrees conferred in May, as well as those whose degrees were conferred the preceding October or March, are invited to participate in the May Commencement ceremony -- unless they had participated, through exception criteria, in the previous May's ceremony.

The exception criteria allow undergraduate seniors to apply to participate fully in Commencement exercises before their actual degree conferral if they have completed at least 120 credits towards the Mount Holyoke degree (108 if they had been a spring admit) and have a solid plan, approved by the Registrar, for completing their remaining requirements. There is a formal application process to apply for early participation in Commencement. Students interested in participating through this exception route in lieu of participating after they have completed all degree requirements should contact the Registrar's Office in the winter of their senior year for application procedures. If approved, these early participants will robe, process into the Commencement ceremonies and sit with the graduating students, have their names called and cross the stage individually like the graduating students, though they will neither actually graduate on that date nor receive their diplomas. These students are then ineligible to participate at all in the following year's Commencement and Commencement weekend activities, since they participated the year before.

No student can participate in the Commencement ceremony or any degree conferral if they are currently suspended or withdrawn from the College. The only students eligible to participate in the May

Commencement ceremony are those who have completed the degree requirements in May and are having their degrees conferred that day, those whose degrees were conferred the preceding October or March, and those officially approved for early participation.

Honors

The degree is awarded *cum laude* on the basis of a 3.50 cumulative average, *magna cum laude* on the basis of a 3.75 cumulative average, and *summa cum laude* on the basis of a 3.75 cumulative average and the completion of an exceptional honors thesis or project. Students who complete a satisfactory honors thesis or project will receive the degree with honor in the department in which the thesis was completed. Students who complete an excellent honors thesis or project will receive their degree with high honor in the department in which the thesis was completed. Those who graduate *summa cum laude* or with high honor in their major department are called Mary Lyon Scholars. Students in approximately the top 15 percent of the class at the end of sophomore year (with two years of work at Mount Holyoke) are designated Sarah Williston Scholars.

Recognition of academic excellence may include election to the following honorary societies: Phi Beta Kappa for excellence in the liberal arts and sciences (the Mount Holyoke chapter was established in 1905); Sigma Iota Rho for scholarship and service in international relations; Sigma Pi Sigma for outstanding scholarship in Physics; Mu Sigma Rho, the national honor society for statistics, and Delta Phi Alpha for excellence in the study of German.

Graduation Rate

As per Public Law 101-542, The Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act, graduation rate information is available from the Mount Holyoke College Factbook (<https://my.mtholyoke.edu/InstitutionalResearch/Pages/default.aspx>) published by the Office of Institutional Research.

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Other Undergraduate Degree Programs Dual-Degree Programs

Mount Holyoke offers several undergraduate dual-degree opportunities described below. (If instead, you are seeking information about credit received at other institutions, see the transfer credit information (p. 26) in the Academic Regulations chapter.)

Engineering

Mount Holyoke participates in the following dual-degree engineering programs, allowing students to earn two bachelors degrees in five years. For each of them, it is important to begin planning in the first year. For more information about the dual-degree engineering programs, visit the programs' website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/dual-degree-engineering-programs>).

The Nexus in Engineering (p. 160) program is also offered, preparing science or math majors for future graduate work in engineering or employment in engineering-related fields.

Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College

Students who choose the Dartmouth dual-degree engineering program spend their junior year at Dartmouth College taking engineering courses. They return to Mount Holyoke for their senior year and earn their A.B. from Mount Holyoke. Following graduation, students spend an additional year at the Thayer School to be eligible to earn a bachelor's of engineering (B.E.). Admission to the program is through both an internal Mount Holyoke application for the dual degree and a direct application to Thayer.

California Institute of Technology (Caltech)

Admission to Caltech is through its admission committee. Accepted students will spend their fourth and fifth years at Caltech and, after successful completion of that program, will receive both a bachelor of science degree from Caltech and the bachelor of arts from Mount Holyoke.

School of Engineering at UMass Amherst

This program allows a Mount Holyoke student to earn a second bachelor's degree, in engineering, to be awarded by the University of

Massachusetts, in the year following graduation from Mount Holyoke. Students may major in chemical, civil and environmental, electrical, industrial, mechanical, or computer systems engineering.

Ordinarily, the student will spend the junior year at UMass, registered in the appropriate engineering courses through Five College cross-registration. After the fourth year at Mount Holyoke, the student will attend UMass for the fifth year. The program is administered by an advisory committee consisting of one member from each participating MHC science department, including mathematics/statistics, as well as a similar committee at UMass, consisting of one member from each participating engineering department.

A student pursuing the dual-degree program must have an MHC advisor from the committee and a UMass advisor no later than the fall of the sophomore year. In consultation with these advisors, the student maps out a plan of study for the sophomore, junior, senior, and postsenior years. The plan must satisfy all graduation requirements at both schools and be approved by both advisors.

The Second Bachelor's Degree

Mount Holyoke welcomes students interested in earning a second bachelor's degree. Candidates must submit an official college transcript with conferred degree verification, an autobiographical essay, a proposed plan of study, and two letters of recommendation.

Candidates for a second bachelor's degree are not eligible for financial aid from Mount Holyoke College but may qualify for federal student loans.

Candidates seeking to earn a second bachelor's degree must spend a minimum of four semesters at Mount Holyoke. They must earn a minimum of 64 Mount Holyoke academic credits (beyond their first undergraduate degree), and complete College and distribution requirements, as well as the requirements of their declared major.

Applicants should contact the Office of Admission for details about the application process.

Applications are accepted throughout the academic year. Two entrance dates are available: September and late January, with a preferred application deadline of March 1 for fall entrance and November 15 for spring.

Graduate Degree Programs Master of Arts in Teaching

Mount Holyoke, through its Professional and Graduate Education division, offers three different programs issuing a Master of Arts in Teaching degree: the Master of Arts in Teaching (p. 384) program referred to as the "M.A.T. program", the Master of Arts in Mathematics Teaching (p. 397) program referred to as the "M.A.M.T program", and the Master of Arts in Teacher Leadership (p. 400) program referred to as the "M.A.T.L program".

The Committee on Graduate Work — consisting of the dean of studies and representatives from each program offering graduate work — approves thesis proposals and theses, adjudicates petitions for exceptions and waivers to the requirements, and reviews graduate requirements and procedures, forms, fees, and stipends. Each program has a graduate advisor, appointed by the department.

Certificate and Licensure Programs

Teacher Licensure Programs

Students completing Mount Holyoke teacher licensure programs are eligible to apply for a Massachusetts (and NASDTEC Interstate Contract) "initial" license. Undergraduate students may pursue licensure in the areas listed in Psychology and Education (p. 346). For additional information about undergraduate Mount Holyoke College Teacher Licensure Programs, please see the Teacher Licensure Programs page (p. 349) within Psychology and Education.

The Master of Arts in Teaching (p. 384) (M.A.T.) allows graduate students to pursue initial teacher licensure as part of the program. Graduate students who wish to independently pursue additional license types can gain preparation through add-on licensure (p. 407) coursework. More information on the M.A.T. and special education are found in the Professional and Graduate Education chapter (p. 382).

Certificate for International Students

Exchange students enrolled in non-degree programs may select courses that will enable them to qualify for the Certificate for International Students. The program requires a minimum of one year in residence and a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for 20 credits of work.

Students may earn a certificate in general studies or in a particular field, such as international relations or English. Students may choose a field from any of the majors or minors offered at the College and may want to consult with their academic advisor about their course selections.

Students choosing to earn a certificate in a specific field must complete at least 12 of 20 credits of graded course work in that field with satisfactory academic standing. Students who complete their program of study with a cumulative average of 3.5 or better receive the certificate with distinction. For more information about international student programs, contact the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives at 413-538-2072.

Bachelor's/Master's Accelerated Programs

Mount Holyoke collaborates with several institutions offering our undergraduate students accelerated paths towards Master's degrees.

Accelerated Master's Degrees at University of Massachusetts Amherst

The accelerated master's degree option is designed to enable students as early as the junior year of study at Mount Holyoke to seek an "early" (conditional) offer of admission into a broad array of specific master's degree programs at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The requirements for the bachelor's and master's degrees remain unchanged.

The standard application procedures for admission to graduate programs at the University apply to the Accelerated Master's Degree Option as well. Qualifying Mount Holyoke students are encouraged to apply by November 30 of their junior year and receive a conditional admission to the Accelerated Master's Degree Option in either the fall or spring. At their discretion, these University programs may also consider applications at any point during the student's junior or senior year. The admission to the graduate program remains conditional until the applicant completes the baccalaureate degree and fulfills both the University's Graduate School and the graduate program's requirements for admission.

Students begin their master's coursework by taking courses through the Five College interchange after admission to the program. Graduate level tuition and fees will be charged by the University each semester after completion of the bachelor's degree and matriculation as a graduate student.

Further information is available on the University's website (<https://www.umass.edu/graduate/policies/accelerated-masters-degree-option>).

Latin American Studies Program, Five-Year Cooperative Degree Program, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University

This five-year cooperative degree program offers exceptional undergraduate students at selected institutions the opportunity to complete the requirements of both the bachelor's degree and the master of arts degree in Latin American Studies at Georgetown within a five-year period. Qualified Mount Holyoke students should declare their interest in the cooperative degree program during their junior year and apply by May 1 of their senior year. Applicants should have demonstrated academic strength in Latin American content. For more information, contact the Chair of Mount Holyoke's Spanish, Latina/o, and Latin American Studies department. The contact person at Georgetown University is Julie Walsh, walshje@georgetown.edu.

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva

Mount Holyoke College offers a program with the Geneva (<http://graduateinstitute.ch/home.html>) Graduate Institute (<http://graduateinstitute.ch/home.html>) to allow a small number of students to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Holyoke and a Master of Arts degree from the Geneva Graduate Institute in Switzerland in five years, instead of the usual six years.

Participating Mount Holyoke students will spend the fall semester of their senior year at the Geneva Graduate Institute participating there in the first semester of the M.A. program. They will return to Mount Holyoke for the spring semester of their senior year and for graduation and then return to the Geneva Graduate Institute in for a fifth year of study to complete their Master's degree.

The Geneva Graduate Institute offers interdisciplinary master's programs in international affairs and development studies; these are the programs most suitable for Mount Holyoke students. The Institute also offers disciplinary master's programs in anthropology and sociology, international history, international economics, political science/international relations, and international law.

The Geneva Graduate Institute offers an interdisciplinary master's program in international and development studies (MINT); this is the program most suitable for Mount Holyoke students, due to their liberal arts/interdisciplinary preparation. The MINT program focuses on global challenges and their systemic dynamics. Through a combination of scientific excellence, transdisciplinarity, and critical thinking, the program prepares future professionals and decision makers open to the world and able to understand and embrace complexity. Students choose a specialization from:

- Conflict, Peace and Security
- Environment and Sustainability
- Gender, Race and Diversity
- Global Health

- Human Rights and Humanitarianism
- Mobilities, Migrations and Boundaries
- Sustainable Trade and Finance

The Institute also offers disciplinary Master's programs in anthropology and sociology, international history, international economics, political science/international relations, and international law.

The vast majority of classes at the Institute are taught in English. Students with limited or no French have to study French as part of their program. To be eligible for this program, Mount Holyoke students must have a GPA of at least 3.5, must have completed 96 credits of course work by the end of their junior year, and should ordinarily be at Mount Holyoke during their junior year. Students applying for one of the Master's programs must submit the College's Request to Study Abroad in my.mtholyoke and the separate application for Geneva (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/joint-bama-program-geneva>) to Mount Holyoke by November 30. Mount Holyoke will select the students to be recommended to the Graduate Institute, and students will need to apply to the Institute by January 15.

The fall semester of the senior year is treated like a study abroad program. For fall 2025, Mount Holyoke students pay a program fee of \$11,000 which covers tuition at the Graduate Institute. In addition, students are responsible for living expenses, airfare, books, etc. Room and board are estimated at CHF 2,000/month. Students are eligible for Laurel Fellowships depending on their financial need. Students who have already received Laurel funding for a semester abroad are generally not eligible to apply for Laurel funding again. During the fifth year of study, students are responsible for covering tuition to the Graduate Institute as well as room and board and other incidental costs. The total cost for the fifth year is estimated at CHF 27,000. This includes tuition, room, and board and other expenses.

More information (<https://sites.google.com/mtholyoke.edu/studyabroad/next-steps/joint-bama-program-in-geneva/?pli=1>) is available from the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives.

Nonmatriculated Students

Graduate courses for nonmatriculated students are offered through Professional and Graduate Education (p. 382) and include workshops, seminars, institutes, and other programming.

Mount Holyoke also usually admits a small number of students each semester to enroll in undergraduate courses for credit as nonmatriculated (non-degree) undergraduate students. All admitted nonmatriculated undergraduate students register for undergraduate courses on a space-available basis with the approval of the registrar and the instructors of those courses. All undergraduate nonmatriculated students are subject to the academic regulations governing undergraduate students. An official transcript of their course work is maintained. They participate fully in the courses they were approved to take and qualify for student privileges related to their course enrollment. However, they do not share all campus privileges. For example, they are not eligible for on-campus housing nor for advising services.

Non-matriculated undergraduates may be admitted from the following groups:

- *Mount Holyoke College Employees, Spouses, and Dependents:* Mount Holyoke College employees, spouses, same-sex domestic partners, and dependent children may enroll in up to one course

per semester at the College without tuition charge. Other course fees (e.g. laboratory, etc.) are paid by the employee. Tuition waivers are not available for courses offered by the Mount Holyoke Professional and Graduate Education (PaGE) program. Credit-bearing PaGE courses taken by employees may be eligible for the tuition reimbursement benefit; eligibility for this benefit is determined by Human Resources. Interested employees should review the Tuition Benefits (https://my.mtholyoke.edu/HumanResources/Documents/Forms/Tuition%20Benefits.aspx?_ga=2.174092770.1115798967.1659984764-1556106209.1601496778) section of the staff handbook and contact Human Resources at 413-538-2503 to apply.

- *High School Students:*
 - Students from South Hadley High School are frequently admitted to take up to one undergraduate course per semester at the recommendation of the school's guidance counselor. Tuition is waived for eligible students. Interested students must contact their guidance counselor and submit a letter of reference from South Hadley High School, their most recent high school transcript, and an application form.
 - Pioneer Valley Performing Arts (PVPA) High School typically selects up to two students per semester to take one undergraduate course each with tuition waived. Interested students must contact their guidance counselor and submit a letter of reference from PVPA, their most recent high school transcript, and an application form. Additional PVPA students, beyond the two selected by their school, are eligible to take one course per semester at 50% of the per-credit tuition for the course.
 - High school students other than those from South Hadley High School and PVPA are not typically eligible to take courses at Mount Holyoke College, but they may apply and would be required to pay full per-credit tuition prior to registration. Interested students should contact the Office of the Registrar (registrar@mtholyoke.edu or 413-538-2025).
- *Twelve College Exchange Students:* Students from participating Twelve College institutions may attend Mount Holyoke for a semester or a year. Interested students should first seek information from their home campus, then contact Kat Eldred in the Office of Academic Deans at 413-538-2855.
- *Undergraduate students from other Colleges and Universities:* Students on leave from other colleges may be approved to take coursework at Mount Holyoke College. Tuition must be paid in full prior to registration. Interested students should contact the Office of the Registrar (registrar@mtholyoke.edu or 413-538-2025) for an application form. Students must provide the completed application, an official transcript from their home institution, and a letter of good standing from their dean at their home institution indicating that the student may take classes at Mount Holyoke.
- *Education Teacher Waiver:* Local teachers who have mentored Mount Holyoke licensure students' student teaching in their classrooms within the past year are eligible to take up to four credits of coursework (undergraduate or graduate courses) in the next academic year. Interested teachers should contact the Office of the Registrar (registrar@mtholyoke.edu or 413-538-2025) to apply.

Auditors

A degree student at Mount Holyoke or at one of our partner institutions in the Five College Consortium may audit a Mount Holyoke undergraduate course (outside of Mount Holyoke's PaGE program), if space is available and the student has the instructor's verbal permission to audit. The student and faculty member should agree on what level of participation is expected and allowed. In any case, no record will be kept of the audit and it will not appear on the student's transcript. Because no record will be kept, degree students don't need to complete any registration procedures for audits at Mount Holyoke. Students may not switch between audit and for-credit participation in a class after the usual deadline for Adding courses.

Qualifying employees of the College, their qualifying dependents, and Mount Holyoke retirees and emeriti are eligible to audit one course per semester. They must qualify by submitting an employee course registration form to the Human Resources Office. The form is available from the Human Resources Office and requires the signature of the course instructor to confirm his/her approval of the audit and that space is available.

Mount Holyoke alums and residents of South Hadley who have earned a high school diploma may be approved by the registrar to audit one or more undergraduate courses at the College. They must submit a completed Application for Auditing to the Registrar's Office by the end of the second week of classes. Any course(s), other than those offered by Mount Holyoke Professional and Graduate Education, may be approved for audit but only if there is space available and the auditor has the instructor's signed permission.

Auditors may be assessed fees for beginning language courses, dance courses, physical education courses, and studio art courses. These fees are due at the time of registration. (See also the Tuition and Fees (p. 35) chapter.)

Auditing Privileges

- There is no record kept of audited courses at Mount Holyoke, no grade given, and no credits earned. Auditors will not be counted in the official enrollment of the course.
- Attendance is restricted to the meetings of the approved course. Auditors do not participate in other aspects of College life and do not qualify for other student privileges.
- Permission to audit authorizes class observance only. Beyond that, the character of an auditor's participation in a course rests with the instructor(s) of the course. Instructors are not required to review or grade any work completed by auditors.

Auditing privileges may be denied or revoked at any time. The College reserves the right to limit the number of courses audited by any one person, to limit the total number of auditors on campus in a particular term, and to change this policy.

Special Programs and Resources

Academic Centers, including: (p. 16)

- The Harriet L. and Paul M. Weissman Center for Leadership
- The Dorothy R. and Norman E. McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives
- The Leslie Miller and Richard Worley Center for the Environment

Library, Information, and Technology Services (LITS) (p. 19)

Internships and The Lynk (p. 19)

Other Programs and Resources, including: (p. 19)

- Foreign Languages at Mount Holyoke College
- Domestic Study Away
- Intersession
- Independent Study
- Honors Thesis
- Teaching and Learning Initiative

Academic Centers

The Harriet L. and Paul M. Weissman Center for Leadership

The Weissman Center for Leadership, established in 1999, empowers students, faculty and staff with the skills and supportive opportunities to think openly, engage deeply, and go forward boldly. The Weissman Center defines leadership broadly and inclusively so that each member of the Mount Holyoke community can find their own way to have a transformative impact. Our work is guided by four over-arching themes: Inspiration sparked by public events with renowned guest speakers; Capacity-building to develop skills and confidence through leadership courses, experiential learning, conferences, and trainings; Mentoring and networking on campus and across nonprofit, public service, and business realms to promote opportunities for professional success; Reflection and discovery, the foundation for perpetual leadership growth. From courses and workshops to internships and public events, we connect people to the resources and relationships they need to find their own path and make their mark on their communities and the world. The Center is home to four affiliated programs which enrich both the academic and co-curricular aspects of college life and prepare students for leadership:

- Community-Based Learning
- Leadership and Public Service
- Speaking, Arguing, and Writing
- English Speakers of Other Languages

Community-Based Learning

Community-Based Learning (CBL) pairs Mount Holyoke students, faculty and staff with local leaders in South Hadley, Holyoke, and beyond to collaborate on internships, research and service projects that have a direct, positive impact in our communities. Students will be able to learn from on-the-ground practitioners and understand how to apply the ideas, theories and models students learn in class. A CBL experience breaks down the barrier between the classroom and the real world, enhancing understanding of current social issues both locally and nationally, and helping students grow the leadership, organizing and advocacy skills that are vital to change making at all levels. And for our community partners, CBL fosters sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships that support local organizations and help them thrive. The core components of the CBL program include student employment opportunities, tutoring and mentoring opportunities and community partnerships.

See the CBL website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/enhance-your-learning/community-based-learning>) for more.

Leadership and Public Service

Leadership and Public Service (LAPS) is for students who want to address pressing and critical problems facing the world through public

service. We define public service broadly and inclusively – running for office, serving as an elected official, working for the government at any level, advocating for policy solutions, lobbying for constituent needs, engaging with the local community through organizing or activism, or belonging to one of the many institutions world-wide that promote democracy, peace, and justice. It can mean working in embassies, think tanks, foundations, civil society organizations, or serving on a school committee or city council. Public service means being involved, caring about others, understanding the issues, seeing the big picture, listening to all sides, negotiating, learning and making change.

Many of our LAPS initiatives are inspired by a MHC student delegation's 2011 visit to the U.S. State Department to strategize about how underrepresented populations can find more ways to enter the public service arena. LAPS hosts multiple site visits per year to Washington D.C., NYC, and Boston featuring distinguished speakers, site visits, and networking opportunities.

See the LAPS website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/enhance-your-learning/leadership-and-public-service>) for more.

Speaking, Arguing, and Writing

The Speaking, Arguing, and Writing Program (SAW) strives to empower students to be leaders who can think critically and creatively as well as to speak and write persuasively and effectively. SAW peer mentors partner with faculty in designated courses and are assigned to every first year seminar to provide academic support and mentoring as first years transition to the academic experience at Mount Holyoke. SAW peer mentors also staff the SAW Center where they are available to students from across the disciplines for individual sessions. The SAW program offers campus-wide workshops; collaborates with other college offices to support writing, speaking, and leadership-related activities; offers a library of print resources and materials for students and faculty; and provides pedagogy resources for faculty.

In cooperation with the Department of English and embedded within SAW, the English Speakers of Other Languages program offers courses to support students who are multilingual or whose native language is not English, as well as individual or group-level support opportunities, and consultation for faculty. The SAW and ESOL program administrative offices are in the Weissman Center for Leadership in Dwight Hall. The SAW Center is also located in Dwight Hall. For more information, call 413-538-3428 or visit the SAW website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/academic-support/speaking-arguing-and-writing-program>). To schedule an appointment at the SAW Center, visit www.mtholyoke.mywconline.com (<http://www.mtholyoke.mywconline.com>).

The Dorothy R. and Norman E. McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives

A global education is crucial for successful careers and purposeful engagement in today's complex, interconnected world.

At Mount Holyoke, we motivate students to engage deeply with the world in all of its wonder, challenges and complexity. Whichever paths our graduates pursue, they are prepared to engage with widely varying perspectives and to collaborate with colleagues across the globe.

The extraordinary international diversity of our student body and faculty provides a uniquely powerful context for students to understand issues from many different perspectives. With nearly 25 percent of our students from over 55 countries, every classroom – and residence hall, lab, studio, student org, athletic team and dining table – is a panoramic, intercultural

experience. Every day is a chance to grow into a more astute global citizen.

The distinctive opportunities we offer for students to study, research and intern abroad become stepping stones to future success. By navigating other cultures, students gain the global experiences, skills and knowledge that will serve them for life, and that employers across industries seek and value.

A global education – learning from and with the world – transforms our students' lives forever.

Engagement with Global Issues on Campus

Many departments and programs are already offering courses which investigate – from their own disciplinary vantage points – different dimensions of globalization and ask questions whose scope reaches beyond national boundaries. The center complements these offerings with initiatives that explore global issues, their origins, and their legacies from cross-disciplinary, cross-cultural, and cross-national perspectives.

Study Abroad

When students journey to another country to broaden and deepen their academic studies and foreign language skills, they gain a better understanding of the world and local cultures. By navigating unfamiliar situations and societies, students encounter and reflect upon beliefs and values that are different from their own. They emerge as more enlightened citizens and, in the process, hone marketable skills.

Study abroad (<https://sites.google.com/mtholyoke.edu/studyabroad>) is one of the best ways for students to develop qualifications that are prized by employers and institutions. In addition to valuing the “soft” skills students acquire while abroad – such as flexibility, initiative and adaptability – employers seek workers who can collaborate with others around the world.

Study abroad is for all majors, and students in every field benefit from an international experience. About one-third of Mount Holyoke students study abroad each year for at least a semester. Most students study abroad in the junior year, but they may also study abroad as a sophomore or first-semester senior. Many programs in non-English-speaking countries are taught in English and require little or no previous knowledge of the local language. Students can choose from more than 150 approved programs (<https://sites.google.com/mtholyoke.edu/studyabroad/next-steps/find-a-program/approved-program-list>) in 50 countries. Laurel Fellowships (<https://sites.google.com/mtholyoke.edu/studyabroad/next-steps/finances/laurel-fellowship>), need-based financial aid, is readily available to students who qualify.

International Diversity on Campus

Mount Holyoke College boasts a uniquely diverse international faculty and student body, which provides a powerful setting for education for global citizenship, in and out of the classroom, on a personal and intellectual level. The first international student enrolled at MHC is 1839! Currently over 475 international students from over 55 countries attend Mount Holyoke. The McCulloch Center provides immigration and visa advising (https://offices.mtholyoke.edu/global/international_students/visa_immi) to our international students along with various other assistance and programming. We are at the forefront of advising and advocating for our students. The center also administers a special program for students who are selected to spend a semester or year at the College as international exchange students.

International Internships and Research

Through immersive experiences, Mount Holyoke students are challenged to understand their academic and career paths and themselves in broader ways. The McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives cultivates a small number of international internship and research opportunities for highly qualified MHC students in locations such as Germany, Japan, India and Switzerland. Through the College's Lynk initiative (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/lynk>), every student can access funding to pursue an internship, faculty-mentored research or a creative project. Students interested in a related discipline or region should consider searching and applying for opportunities through Mount Holyoke's Handshake jobs database (<https://mtholyoke.joinhandshake.com/login>), and search by "MHConnect Global", to find available internships with our organizational partners across the world.

The McCulloch Center's Global Competence Award

This award is given to seniors with demonstrated achievement in language learning, cultural immersion, developing global perspectives, and cross-cultural learning on and off campus. In working toward the award, students challenge themselves to grow intellectually, cultivating empathy, awareness and understanding. Review information about requirements and the application process (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/global/global-competence-award>).

The Leslie Miller and Richard Worley Center for the Environment

The Miller Worley Center for the Environment (formerly the Center for Environmental Literacy) was established in 1998 with the goal of making environmental literacy a central part of Mount Holyoke students' education through the use of the campus as a natural laboratory. In recognition of a generous gift from Leslie Miller and Richard Worley, the Center was renamed in 2010 the Leslie Miller and Richard Worley Center for the Environment.

Creating a greener and more equitable future, the Miller Worley Center prepares students to think critically, creatively, and globally — to tackle the world's most complex issues as environmental leaders. It advances a culture of sustainability and justice on campus and beyond through community building, programming that encourages environmental literacy, and opportunities for sustainable action and leadership in service of all generations. Situated within a world-class liberal arts college on an exceptional landscape in the heart of western Massachusetts, the Center promotes an inclusive, just, equitable, and anti-racist campus and society in all its programs.

Sustainability

The Miller Worley Center encourages students to understand and study the connection between sustainability on campus and local and global communities — both in terms of the people moving through the institution and the resources it consumes. Mount Holyoke aims to foster a healthy environment with equitable distribution of resources by reducing the impact of human activity, implementing ethical economic development and promoting social justice. Recognizing that climate change is threatening people and ecosystems around the globe, and that without intervention, that impact will continue to escalate, the College has set a goal of Carbon Neutrality by 2037, the College's 200th anniversary. As an educational institution, Mount Holyoke is in a position to lead by educating students and the broader community on the causes of, impacts from, and solutions to the climate crisis. To accomplish this, the Miller Worley Center works across the College to advance sustainability as a core value in all aspects of the campus, including academic programs and research, campus planning and operations,

co-curricular student opportunities, and engagement with the local community.

The Campus as Living Laboratory

The Miller Worley Center manages Mount Holyoke's Campus Living Laboratory. Inspired by a diversity of ecosystems and a culture of sustainability, the living laboratory transforms Mount Holyoke's natural and built landscape into an exciting destination for hands-on, multidisciplinary undergraduate research and teaching. More than 300 acres of Mount Holyoke's 800-acre campus are an undeveloped nature preserve — of reservoirs, streams, forests, marshes, shrub wetlands, forested wetlands, pastures, meadows and vernal pools. This remarkable diversity of environments exists in close proximity to areas of rapid development, providing Mount Holyoke students with opportunities to study a variety of ecological processes and their responses to human activities.

For decades, the Center has maintained several long-term water, climate and forest monitoring systems and routinely collects data on the rich array of environmental phenomena that occur in the College's undeveloped and built environments. These datasets are stored online in the College's Institutional Data Archive and are made publicly available. Various science courses use the datasets to study subjects ranging from weather and water quality to forest succession, biodiversity and community structure. Students can also use the Center's data for their own independent research projects.

Internships and Grant Funding for Environmental Study

The Miller Worley Center offers fellowships, internships, and grant funding that provide students opportunities to explore environmental issues across disciplines, communities, cultures and landscapes while developing career skills and professional contacts. Miller Worley Center summer interns work under the supervision of the Sustainability Program Manager or Curator of Education and Outreach on data collection or program development, and collaborate with other interns from the Five Colleges throughout the program. Grant funding enables students to travel to conferences, embark on environmental research projects, and promote campus sustainability initiatives. (Faculty curriculum development grants are also available through the Miller Worley Center.) The Center also offers competitive fellows positions through an application process each spring, which allows students to gain academic credit while working on an intensive Center related project. Together, these opportunities encourage students to integrate their Miller Worley Center experiences with their curricular and co-curricular interests.

Environmental Awareness within the Community

The Miller Worley Center works to increase environmental awareness within the community at large. Inside the classroom, our Curator of Education and Outreach works with faculty to incorporate environmental and sustainability related issues into the curriculum. Outside of the classroom, the Center facilitates programming and lectures on important environmental issues, including our Summit on Feminist Leadership in Climate Justice. Recent guest speakers have included Katharine Hayhoe, Alexis Nikole Nelson (@blackforager), Nemonte Nenquimo and Heather McTeer Toney. The Center also organizes alum career panels, environmental films, and local field trips in collaboration with other departments and student organizations, such as the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Student Life and the other academic Centers.

The Miller Worley Center for the Environment is located in Dwight Hall, 2nd Floor. For more information, visit the Center's website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/centers-and-facilities/miller-worley->

center-environment) or www.facebook.com/MWCemHolyoke/ (<https://www.facebook.com/MWCemHolyoke/>) or telephone 413-538-3091.

Library, Information, and Technology Services (LITS)

Library, Information, and Technology Services (LITS) offers the Mount Holyoke community a premier library, teaching, and learning facility with a dedicated team to assist students, faculty, and staff in their academic and administrative pursuits. LITS endeavors to support students of all backgrounds, to help them thrive in their academic and co-curricular goals.

LITS represents both a physical place and virtual gateway to information and technology resources critical for student success, providing access to the physical library collection of more than 700,000 volumes, direct access to the eight million volumes in the Five College library system, as well as a global library network at their fingertips. Complementing the physical library collection is a rich selection of digital information sources, such as art images, electronic books and journals, streaming video, and music. Students also have access to archival records, manuscripts, and rare books housed in our Archives and Special Collections, encouraging active engagement with primary sources.

Teaching and learning happen in classrooms, enhanced through connections with the Five Colleges, community practitioners, and experts around the world. Faculty use Moodle (MHC's learning management system) to facilitate sharing of course materials and to foster discussions outside of the classroom. Student research and technology support is offered through course-integrated instruction, consultations, and personalized assistance.

Computer labs across campus offer students high-end technology. Students may also borrow a wide range of equipment, such as laptops, video/DSLR cameras, and projectors. To protect student computers and the campus network, the College provides antivirus software to all students. LITS staff assist faculty, staff, and students with computer and technology issues that may arise.

The LITS complex includes many places to study and work, outfitted with comfortable furniture, quiet nooks, places to meet, and the library's coffee shop, the Frances Perk.

Please visit the LITS website for more information: lits.mtholyoke.edu (<http://lits.mtholyoke.edu/>).

Internships and The Lynk

A central goal of Mount Holyoke's The Lynk initiative is to ensure that each MHC student has the opportunity to explore her career interests, gain practical experience and begin to develop a professional network through a summer internship.

Students can find internships through Mount Holyoke College internship programs, existing job postings with external employers, or develop their own internship opportunity by contacting an organization and offering to work as an intern.

The Career Development Center and other Academic Centers like the Miller Worley Center for the Environment and the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives supports preparation for internships in the United States and abroad through individual advising, workshops, networking and other opportunities.

Mount Holyoke supports qualified, substantive, supervised opportunities and emphasizes the connection between the liberal arts and career and personal development.

Credit for internships is granted if a student enrolls in independent study as a practicum associated with the internship (295P or 395P. See Independent Study (p. 19) later in this chapter). A student can also receive credit in a department capstone or in the post-internship class COLL-211. Many students also present publicly on their internship at Mount Holyoke's LEAP (Learning through Application) Symposium or present research done in their internship in department poster sessions, at Five College conferences, or at the Senior Symposium.

Mount Holyoke provides funding for sophomores and juniors to pursue unpaid or low paid internship and research opportunities through The Lynk Universal Application Funding (UAF) program. More information about The Lynk is available in the advising chapter (p. 22) and The Lynk website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/enhance-your-learning/career-focused-curriculum-lynk>).

Other Special Programs and Resources

Foreign Languages at Mount Holyoke College

Encouraging Mount Holyoke students to become proficient in languages other than English is an essential part of the College's goal of fostering engaged, global citizenship, both abroad and in the U.S. At Mount Holyoke, language learners become educated speakers of languages other than English with deep translingual and transcultural competence, so that they can understand and participate in our interconnected world and compete in the ever-changing global job market. As part of its Living Learning Communities initiative, the College offers students the opportunity to live in a community of students that promotes a supportive and congenial environment of language immersion for its residents. The languages for the 2023-24 academic year Living Learning Communities are Chinese (Mandarin), Italian, German, and French.

Domestic Study Away

Mount Holyoke offers its own Mount Holyoke Semester in D.C. program for eligible students who wish to spend a semester in Washington D.C. Further information about this program is available below or from the Weissman Center for Leadership.

Students may also apply for academic leave from Mount Holyoke College to pursue up to two semesters (full-time equivalency) of study at any of the College's other approved domestic study away programs listed below or at another accredited U.S. institution as a visiting student. Although federal financial aid may travel with those on approved academic leaves, institutional aid does not. Occasionally programs at other institutions have program-specific aid, but this is not typical and students applying to these programs should plan accordingly. For more information see the Leaves of Absence page in my.mtholyoke (https://my.mtholyoke.edu/ossa/academic_deans/Pages/Leaves-of-Absence.aspx) or contact Kat Eldred in the Office of Academic Deans at 413-538-2855.

Twelve College Exchange Program

Mount Holyoke College maintains a residential exchange program with Amherst, Bowdoin, Connecticut, Dartmouth, Smith, Trinity, Vassar, Wellesley, Wheaton College, and Wesleyan University. The exchange also includes the Williams/Mystic Program in Maritime Studies and the O'Neill National Theater Institute Program (NTI). For more information, see the 12 College Exchange Program page in my.mtholyoke (https://my.mtholyoke.edu/ossa/academic_deans/Pages/Twelve-College

Exchange-Program.aspx) or contact Kat Eldred in the Office of Academic Deans at 413-538-2855.

Bard New York City Program

Bard NYC provides a unique opportunity for college students and recent college graduates from around the world to take advanced courses while working in carefully selected internships based on individual interest – all while experiencing life in Manhattan, the island at the center of the world.

Semester in Environmental Science Program

The Semester in Environmental Science (SES) is an intensive, 15-week program that immerses students in rigorous field and laboratory work, lectures, and independent research in environmental and ecosystems sciences at one of the world's leading marine laboratories. SES is primarily for juniors, and is offered only in the fall semester. For more information about the program contact Thomas Millette, professor of geography.

SEA Semester

Boston University's accredited study abroad program, SEA Semester® provides an experiential opportunity to gather firsthand knowledge that will influence students' lifelong relationships with the ocean. Moving beyond the textbook toward practical application, hands-on research, and personal experience, SEA Semester® prepares students to take a more active role in solving today's environmental problems. Several semester-long options in different regions around the globe are offered. While the academic focus varies, each program offers an interconnected suite of courses designed to explore a specific ocean-related theme using a cross-disciplinary approach.

MHC Semester in D.C.

The MHC Semester in D.C. program combines an intensive internship with rigorous coursework in government, policy, advocacy, and related fields. Juniors and Seniors from all majors are encouraged to apply to spend the Fall semester in the nation's capital at top-ranked American University in its Washington Semester Program (<https://www.american.edu/washington-semester-program/>), studying alongside ambitious and diverse students from the United States and beyond. Much of each student's work will center around an internship they arrange requiring three to four days of internship work per week. In addition to that intensive work experience, students enroll in a total of 13 credits, completing: two multidisciplinary seminars (8 credits total) taught by American University faculty and Washington area experts, a 4-credit independent study taught by the Mount Holyoke faculty director for MHC Semester in D.C., and a 1-credit internship course. For details of the application process and deadline, see the program's website (<https://sites.google.com/mtholyoke.edu/laps/our-programs/mhc-semester-in-d-c>). The per-student cost for a semester in this program will be the same as if attending Mount Holyoke College.

MHC Semester in D.C. program participants will be able to use most outside aid, including federal direct student loans, parent loans, Pell grants, some state aid, and outside scholarships. Please note: federal work-study and Mount Holyoke aid will not be applicable. All students who apply to this program will have a 1:1 consultation with the Semester in D.C. consultant from the Student Financial Services specialist to review their aid and financial position for the program.

Intersession

Intersession, sometimes referred to as January Term, is an optional period for undergraduates in January during which they may pursue independent research with a faculty member, apply to take a graduate-level credit-bearing course through Mount Holyoke's Professional and

Graduate Education (PaGE) program, or explore new interests through nonacademic courses and workshops. Many students use this period as an opportunity to travel, participate in an extensive two- to three-week internship off campus, work, take a short-term course for transfer credits, or relax at home.

Housing and meals for Intersession are only available to eligible students who apply in advance to the Office of Residential Life and are approved. Qualification criteria include participating in an approved activity such as undertaking a PaGE course, a Five College course, an independent study with a faculty member, a required athletic commitment, off-campus or on-campus employment, or being an international student. Applications due to hardship are also considered.

Students who completed their degrees at Mount Holyoke at the end of the fall semester, students going on a spring semester leave, or students returning from a fall semester leave are not eligible for Intersession housing or meals.

Independent Study

Mount Holyoke values independent-minded students who seek to develop and pursue a course of study that satisfies a particular intellectual curiosity. Projects may range from independent research in areas as diverse as protein folding, copyright law, rural development, literary analysis, and second language acquisition to original compositions in music, sculpture, and fiction.

All requests to undertake independent study are rigorously assessed and must be approved by the student's independent study faculty advisor.

A maximum of 16 credits of independent study and honors work may be used toward the 128 credits required for graduation. A maximum total of 8 credits of independent study may be elected in the sophomore and junior years.

Independent work with a practicum component in a professional or volunteer setting, and a substantial academic component supervised by a Mount Holyoke faculty member, may be designated 295P (Practicum) or 395P (Practicum). When the practicum takes place during the summer or January, the bulk of the credit-bearing work will normally take place during the following semester. Practicum designation ordinarily requires consultation with a faculty member prior to commencement of the practicum. Independent work with a practicum component is governed by the same policies as all other independent work.

Courses with practicum components bearing the word Practicum in their title may qualify international students with an F-1 visa for Curricular Practical Training (CPT). Students seeking CPT should contact the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives.

Honors Thesis

During the senior year, qualified students can elect to write an honors thesis based on research and in-depth study of a particular subject. Ordinarily, students write an honors thesis in their major department. A student may write an honors thesis in another field with the approval of that department and the dean of the College. To qualify to write an honors thesis, a student must have maintained a cumulative average of 3.00 in College work or a 3.00 average in the major field prior to the senior year. The thesis must be approved by the department concerned. Students who write an honors thesis must earn at least 8 credits in independent study (or an alternative course sequence pre-approved by

both the department and the Academic Administrative Board) over two semesters.

An honors thesis or project that does not culminate in a recommendation for a degree with honor is recorded on the transcript as independent study.

Teaching and Learning Initiatives

The Teaching and Learning Initiative at Mount Holyoke College is the campus hub for the study and development of learning-centered teaching and curricular innovation at the College. We are committed to academic excellence, creative collaboration, and the cultivation of an inclusive, 21st century student and faculty community. A faculty mentoring program is also supported in collaboration with the Office of the Provost.

The TLI program administrative office is located in Dwight Hall. See the TLI website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/teaching-and-learning-initiative>) for more.

The Five College Consortium

About the Consortium

The Five College consortium recently celebrated its 50th anniversary of collaboration, one of the country's most successful academic consortia. Through Mount Holyoke's participation in the consortium, Mount Holyoke students can take advantage of opportunities at three other outstanding colleges (Amherst, Smith, and Hampshire) and a major research university (the University of Massachusetts at Amherst).

The Five College Interchange

Students in good academic standing may take eligible courses for credit at any of the other four institutions during the fall and spring semesters at no additional tuition cost, through the Five College Interchange. Normally, students may start taking courses at the other campuses after the first semester of their first year. Courses need to be beneficial to an overall academic plan and must be approved by an advisor. Explore the courses offered through the other campuses (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/courses>). To enroll in a course at one of the other campuses, students complete registration procedures through the Mount Holyoke College registrar. Some courses, such as some music lessons and/or labs, may charge all students – including Five College enrollees – additional course fees. Additional fees should be noted in the schedule of classes. More information about policies governing Five College Interchange enrollments (p. 25) is included in the Academic Regulations chapter.

Typically, regular bus service (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/bus>) that is fare-free during the academic year links the five campuses. Students enrolled in the Mount Holyoke meal plan and taking a course through the Interchange can also apply to have a meal at the other campus (<https://lits.mtholyoke.edu/about-lits/five-college-meal-plan>) before or after their class meeting if the class meeting time interferes with their ability to eat breakfast, lunch, or dinner at Mount Holyoke.

Other Five College Opportunities

- Mount Holyoke students may borrow books from all of the libraries of the five campuses. A user-friendly, online catalog, discovery, and interlibrary loan system enables book requests from just about any computer.

- Distinguished guest artists, filmmakers, and scholars regularly visit the Five Colleges to lecture and meet with students, give performances, or read from their work.
- Dance and astronomy—the two Five College departments—both rank among the largest and most distinguished undergraduate programs in their respective fields nationally. (See the dance (p. 138) and astronomy (p. 82) chapters for more information.)
- The music departments jointly host in alternate years an outstanding composer and musicologist-in-residence for a week. In alternate years, a Five College choral festival brings together all the choral groups for a roof-raising concert. A Five College opera is produced every third year.
- The theater departments hold open auditions for all productions and sponsor a Five College Multicultural Theater program.
- Undergraduates interested in geology or coastal and marine sciences can gain research experience through Five College field trips to areas in the Bahamas, Death Valley, California, and coastal regions of the Northeast United States.
- The Five College Architectural Studies (p. 61) program takes a cross-disciplinary approach to its subject area and encourages students to explore a broad cross-section of courses—both in and beyond the architecture discipline of architecture across the Five Colleges. The program introduces students to a diverse collection of faculty members, methodologies and design approaches
- Five College programs include the Five College Early Music Program (hosted at Mount Holyoke) and the Five College Women's Studies Research Center (also hosted at Mount Holyoke), which brings together faculty members from many disciplines, as well as professionals from local communities who are working on issues of women's health and welfare.

Five College Certificate Programs

A rich array of interdisciplinary certificate programs allows students to draw on the combined faculty, resources, and courses at the five campuses. Each Five College Certificate open to Mount Holyoke students is listed among the academic offerings in this catalog. They include:

- African Studies (p. 49)
- Asian/Pacific/American Studies (p. 82)
- Bio-mathematical Sciences (p. 96)
- Buddhist Studies (p. 97)
- Coastal and Marine Sciences (p. 112)
- Cognitive Neuroscience (p. 113)
- Culture, Health, and Science (p. 136)
- Ethnomusicology (p. 187)
- International Relations (p. 255)
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (p. 274)
- Logic (p. 276)
- Middle Eastern Studies (p. 282)
- Native American and Indigenous Studies (p. 300)
- Queer, Trans and Sexuality Studies (p. 352)
- Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice (p. 359)
- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (p. 364)
- Sustainability Studies (p. 381)

Each Mount Holyoke student may complete one Five College certificate in addition to the major elected and any second major or minor and/or a Nexus elected. For information about whether courses can be applied

both to a Five College certificate and another Mount Holyoke degree requirement, please consult the double-counting information (p. 27) in the Academic Regulations chapter of this catalog.

Languages through the Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

The Five College Center for the Study of World Languages offers courses in less-commonly-taught languages not available through regular Five College classroom courses. The Center also offers courses in Spoken Arabic dialects for students who have learned Modern Standard Arabic in the classroom. The Center encourages students to embark on language study during their first year of college so that they can achieve the fluency needed to use the language for work in their major field.

Language courses available through the Center are offered in one of two course formats depending upon the resources available for that language. Mentored courses provide the highest level of structured support for learning and cover all four primary language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing). Supervised Independent Language Program (SILP) courses focus on speaking and listening skills, plus the development of basic literacy in the language. SILP courses rely on more independently organized learning.

All courses emphasize development of oral proficiency through weekly conversation practice sessions. Conversation sessions focus on using the language in the types of situations one might encounter in everyday life. Students commonly engage in role plays, question and answer activities, description, narration, and problem-solving exercises. More advanced students practice expressing opinions, giving reasons in arguments, and discussing current events and cultural issues.

A standard course through the Center is a half course. Half courses require one hour a day (seven hours per week) of individual study plus weekly conversation and/or tutorial sessions. It takes four half courses (levels I, II, III, and IV) to complete the equivalent of one year of study in a traditional elementary-level classroom course. Some languages offered in the Mentored format are also available as full courses allowing students to progress at the same rate as in traditional classroom courses. Full courses require two hours per day (14 hours per week) of individual study plus conversation and tutorial sessions.

Students interested in studying a language through the Center should read the informational websites thoroughly and follow the application instructions. While the application process is handled by the Five College Center for the Study of World Languages, the tutorial and conversation sessions are held on all five campuses.

For program information and application forms, go to <http://fivecolleges.edu/fclang>. For language resources produced by the Center, see <http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu> (<http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/>).

Language offerings change depending upon available resources. Not all languages are available every semester. Please see the Center's website (<http://fivecolleges.edu/fclang>) for current information or contact the Center to find out about a language not listed here.

Mentored Courses

Students in Mentored courses also have one-on-one tutorials with a professional language mentor trained in language pedagogy. The individual sessions allow each student to get help with his/her particular questions and concerns. The language mentor goes over written

homework, explains grammatical concepts, and engages the student in skill-building activities. Language mentors also work with students who are already fluent speakers of a language but who need to learn to read and write in the language.

Currently offered in Mentored format: Hindi-Urdu, Persian, Swahili, and Turkish.

Supervised Independent Courses

Supervised Independent courses offer students with excellent language skills an opportunity to study a variety of less commonly taught languages independently. Students approved for Supervised Independent language study are highly motivated, have a record of past success in language learning, and demonstrate readiness to undertake independent work. Courses emphasize development of oral (speaking) and listening skills.

Recently offered in Supervised Independent format:

- African Languages: Afrikaans, Amharic, Igbo, Twi, Wolof, Yoruba
- European Languages: Albanian, Armenian, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, Georgian, Modern Greek, Hungarian, Macedonian, Modern Irish, Norwegian, Romanian, Slovak, Ukrainian
- Asian Languages: Bangla/Bengali, Burmese, Cantonese for Mandarin Speakers, Dari, Filipino (Tagalog), Indonesian, Lao, Malay, Mongolian, Nepali, Pashto, Sinhala, Thai, Modern Tibetan, Vietnamese
- Languages of the Americas: Haitian Creole
- Spoken Arabic courses (Mentored or Supervised Independent format): Egyptian Arabic, Levantine Arabic, Moroccan Arabic, and other dialects

Academic and Career Advising

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The Lynk

At Mount Holyoke, academic and career advising go hand-in-hand. Starting from their first year, students are encouraged to connect their academic interests with cocurricular learning opportunities. The Lynk is Mount Holyoke's signature approach to connecting curriculum to career. The Lynk connects each Mount Holyoke student's academic work with practical applications of the liberal arts and sciences. Each student's Lynk experience is unique, reflecting the student's values and aspirations. Through rigorous coursework, advising, alum mentoring, professional development, and experiential learning on and off campus, students are empowered to achieve their immediate goals while being equipped to navigate a lifetime of career opportunities and challenges.

At the Lynk's core are intentional reflection and assessment, tools for discerning students' interests and developing long-term goals. From their first semester to their last, students are challenged to think critically about ideas and events while reflecting upon them intellectually and personally. They work closely with faculty, staff, and peer advisors on honing their ability to assess and translate knowledge.

The Lynk facilitates shared experiences such as industry site visits and a wide range of pre-professional and job skills workshops – while also connecting students to thousands of accomplished alums who open doors for each other. See internships (p. 22) and the Lynk website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/enhance-your-learning/career-focused-curriculum-lynk>) for further information.

Lynk Resources

Rather than follow a prescribed program, students shape their own Lynk experience with a number of resources the College makes available:

- Integrated advising with faculty, staff, and peer mentors from the first semester to graduation.
- First-year seminar program introducing students to the academic and intellectual life of the College.
- The Academic Centers at Mount Holyoke which empower students to become agents of change.
- Living-learning communities fostering higher levels of academic self-confidence and increased involvement.
- Study abroad offering a powerful experience to advance a student's academics and build global competence.
- Career Development Center where students learn to map their unique paths to success.
- Sophomore Institute, a conference introducing and building professional career skills.
- Lynk Summer Funding is guaranteed for all students planning an unpaid domestic or international summer internship or research experience.
- COLL-211 course connecting learning in the world, learning on campus, and taking action.
- Learning from Application (LEAP) symposium, for students completing summer internships.
- Nexus, offering nine tracks that enable students to link their liberal arts education with their career goals.
- Alum networking events connecting the global Mount Holyoke community on campus and off.
- Community-Based Learning linking students with communities and combining learning and analysis with action and social change.
- Industry and field site visits through Lynk on the Road and Career Development Center trips.
- Senior Symposium presentations showcasing intellectual passions, independent projects, and scholarly research.

For more information, consult the Lynk website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/enhance-your-learning/career-focused-curriculum-lynk>).

Academic Advising

All first-year students and sophomores are assigned a faculty advisor who offers guidance about course selection, meeting distribution requirements, and planning a major. The College's Orientation program and the Academic Dean for New Students offer supplementary

programming to introduce all first-year students to the academic life of the College.

Midway through the second semester of their sophomore year, students declare their major. From that point on, they work with a faculty advisor in their major or interdisciplinary department. Students who pursue a special major work with a faculty committee of advisors. In addition to offering advice about the major, advisors offer valuable counsel about Five College study, other off-campus study options, and preparation for graduate and professional school. Each academic department or program also identifies one or more student departmental liaisons who are helpful peer academic resources to students interested or already majoring in that field.

Career Advising

The Career Development Center (CDC) offers a variety of career exploration, networking, internship, and job search services as well as fellowships, prelaw and health professions advising. These programs and services are designed to assist students in connecting their education in the liberal arts with long-term success in the professional world, preparing students to navigate future career transitions as well as the internship and job searches they conduct while at the College.

The CDC provides individual career advising to all students throughout each stage of the career development process, from self-assessment and information gathering to exploration and decision making. The CDC maintains a helpful career resource library and a variety of online information sources.

Students are encouraged to explore career options and gain experience in areas of interest through internship and research opportunities. Funding is available to students for unpaid summer internships and research experiences through the Lynk Summer Experience Program. To be eligible for Lynk funding, students must follow the published policies and deadlines.

In addition, the CDC fosters connections with professionals in a wide variety of fields in order to provide opportunities and to support students in developing professional networks. The CDC's recruiting program facilitates access to hundreds of employers through its on-line job search and on-campus recruiting programs. Recruiting programs include interviews, information sessions, and job fairs on-campus and with Five College institutions as well as other consortia. Students also have opportunities to connect with alums and professionals in a variety of fields through on-campus programming and off-campus site visits.

Health Professions Advising

Health Professions advising is available to all interested students, primarily through the Office of Health Professions Advising in the Career Development Center.

The Health Professions Advising Office and the faculty Chair of the Committee on the Health Professions cosponsor information sessions early every fall semester for students interested in learning about careers in the health professions and the advising system that is available. A robust schedule of programming offered throughout the year includes workshops, information sessions and alum panels, and visits by admission staff from health professions programs throughout the country.

Health Professions advising is available beginning in the first semester, primarily through the Office of Health Professions Advising. Faculty

members from the Committee on the Health Professions are also available to assist with aspects of identifying and preparing for a career in the health professions. Often, Committee members are the professors teaching the science courses which are prerequisites to health careers. As students enter the application process, typically in the spring of the junior or senior year, each student should plan to ask a member of the Committee, or any other faculty member who knows the student's work well enough, to serve as the author of the Committee's letter of Recommendation. The Committee's letter is a composite letter of recommendation, a comprehensive summary of all aspects of the student's preparation, including coursework, internships, research, entrance exam scores, and comments contained in the student's individual recommendation letters. The Committee also conducts a practice interview of the student.

All students who are applying to post-graduate programs in the health professions should formally declare their intentions to the Committee no later than March 31 of the year in which they are planning to begin their application. Students declare their intent by completing a pre-application packet, available at the Pre-Health Programs office. This packet is intended to help optimize the student's efforts in completing an application that will be successful, and to aid the committee in supporting the student's application. Students who fail to submit a pre-application packet by the deadline may not receive the full support of the committee.

Engineering Advising

Students interested in pursuing a career in engineering should contact a member of the Committee on Engineering as soon as possible after arriving on campus. The College offers three dual-degree programs (see Other Degree and Certificate Programs (p. 13) for details) for students interested in earning an undergraduate degree in engineering as well as their Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke. These programs all have a large number of required courses, so it is in a student's best interest to take both a math and a physics course in each of the first three semesters.

The Nexus in Engineering program offers an alternative route to prepare for future graduate work in engineering or employment in engineering-related fields. Students should consult with a Nexus advisor in planning their courses and the summer internship in the field of engineering which the Nexus requires.

Graduate School Advising

Throughout the academic year, faculty advise students about graduate study in specific fields and about ways to meet graduate admission requirements. Students can also receive guidance about researching graduate programs, preparing application materials, financing graduate study, and readying themselves for entrance examinations by consulting with advisors in the Career Development Center.

Prestigious Fellowships and Scholarships Advising

Fellowships at Mount Holyoke (FMH), a part of the Career Development Center, offers developmental and progressive advising to students intent on furthering their educational and aspirational goals by competing for prestigious merit-based awards. Advising should begin early in a student's college career with a broad-ranging and focused intake conversation, encouraging introspection and self-reflection and leading to intention- and goal-setting. Fellowship candidates explore opportunities

aligned with their minds and hearts, prioritize their unique attributes to develop a competitive edge, and work through a talking-and-writing program to refine and polish their self-expression.

For a school of its size, Mount Holyoke competes for a significant number of top national and international fellowships and scholarships every year, having in the past decade won Rhodes, Fulbright, Goldwater, Boren, Beinecke, Gates Cambridge, National Science Foundation Graduate Research, and Truman awards. While demonstrating MHC's talented student corps, the large number of awards also reflects the college's exceptional success network for students who apply. Eligible students receive extensive support and guidance from the Fellowships Advisor, the Committee on Fellowships, and mentoring staff and faculty.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

Mount Holyoke students are expected to be fully acquainted with the policies affecting their academic and nonacademic lives on campus. Policies are published in this Bulletin, the Student Handbook, and in Faculty Legislation. New policies are published on the College's website.

Registration Deadlines

Students register for the next semester following academic advising periods. A semester's courses may be added only during the first ten days of classes, but after the fifth day of classes instructor approval is required to add any course.

Students may withdraw from a semester's courses through the first ten weeks of classes of that semester. Through the eleventh day of classes, courses from which the student has withdrawn will not appear on the student's academic record; this is commonly referred to as a course "drop". After the eleventh day of classes, withdrawals from courses require the approval of the instructor and will appear on the student's record with the notation "W." After the fiftieth day of classes, students may withdraw from courses only with the approval of the instructor and authorization from the director of health services, the director of the counseling service, or Disability Services when granted as an accommodation. Courses recorded with the notation "W" will not affect a student's grade average.

Deadlines for adding and withdrawing from courses that begin mid-semester, such as half-semester physical education courses, fall midway through the term and are listed on the academic calendar (p. 4) available in the catalog or on the registrar's website.

Independent Study

Effective fall 2025, all independent studies must be established and recorded using an Independent Study Declaration form, completed and returned to the Office of the Registrar. On this form, the instructor and student record the duration of the independent study work (half-semester or full-semester), the number of credits, and the description of the project. Students must follow the registration deadlines detailed above.

Course Load and Credits

The normal program for undergraduates is 16 academic credits per semester. Undergraduate students carrying fewer than 12 credits are considered part-time. (Undergraduate students carrying 9 credits will be certified as having three-quarter time enrollment load for the term. Those with 8 credits will be certified as having half-time enrollment load for the term. Those with fewer than 8 credits will be certified as less than half-time.) Students are expected to earn 128 credits in eight semesters of work. Physical education units are not counted towards this total, nor towards enrollment load. Credit is not awarded for a course in which students are not formally registered or in which they are an auditor, even if they have completed the full work of the course.

Undergraduate students wishing to carry more than 20 credits in a semester must obtain approval from an academic dean. A reduced enrollment load may be authorized by the director of Disability Services when that is determined to be an appropriate accommodation for a student with a disability. Non-resident Frances Perkins Scholars may elect a part-time course load of no fewer than 8 credits in a semester. Other undergraduate students who wish to carry fewer than 12 credits must obtain advance approval from the dean of studies; eligibility in these cases is restricted to those who have exceeded the College's eight-

semester funding limitation, who will take no fewer than 8 credits (or 1-2 physical education units, if required) and who receive the dean's approval.

All courses completed satisfactorily before the student declares a major/program count towards the College's degree requirements – the 128 semester credits required for the degree.

Graduate students should refer to specific Professional and Graduate Education programs (p. 384) for details about the expected plan of study in their program. Graduate students carrying 8 or more credits will be certified as having full-time enrollment load for the term. Graduate students carrying 5 to 7 credits for the term are certified as three-quarter time. Those carrying 4 are half-time and those with fewer than 4 are less than half-time. Enrollments in summer sessions will be added to determine the total summer term enrollment for certification purposes.

Credit Hour Definition

Mount Holyoke College complies with federal regulations defining a credit hour. For Mount Holyoke, a four-credit course involves 12 hours per week of academic engaged time over the course of the semester. Academic engaged time is generally three class or contact hours per week plus 9 additional hours of academic work for the course. For courses carrying more or fewer than four credits, the federal requirement and Mount Holyoke expectation is one contact hour and two hours of outside work for each credit.

Five College Interchange Enrollment

Only students in good academic standing may enroll in a course at Amherst College, Hampshire College, Smith College, or the University of Massachusetts at Amherst through the Five College Interchange. The Interchange operates during the fall and spring semesters. Students in the first semester of their first year need authorization from the academic dean for new students to enroll. Normally, students may not register for more than two courses, per term, at any one institution; this limit is strictly enforced at Amherst College and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. All students are limited to requesting a total of two interchange courses in advance of the semester.

Students taking a course through the Five College Interchange are, in that course, subject to the academic regulations, including the calendar, deadlines and academic honor system, of the host institution offering the course. It is the responsibility of the student to be familiar with the pertinent regulations of the host institution, including those for attendance, academic honesty, grading options, and deadlines for completing course work and taking examinations. The exception is that students follow their home institution's deadlines for adding and dropping courses.

Courses offered through the UMass University Without Walls (continuing education) division are not available through the Five College Interchange. Students may not register for these courses through the interchange system. Students apply for credit transfer of appropriate University Without Walls courses offered during January and summer by submitting a University of Massachusetts transcript directly to the Mount Holyoke College Registrar's office. Coursework will be treated as transfer work and subject to the Mount Holyoke College transfer policy (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/registrar/transferap>). Their dates must not overlap with the Mount Holyoke semester. Students should carefully read the Course Credits information below in addition to the transfer policy.

Course Credits

During the fall and spring semesters for courses taken through the Five College Interchange, course credit is generally awarded by the Registrar according to the value awarded by the institution offering the course. Credits may vary for courses of unusual format or duration and, for some Five College courses, no academic credit is granted at Mount Holyoke so these may be taken only on an audit basis.

Individual departments at Mount Holyoke determine if and how Five College courses may be applied to satisfy a requirement of their major, minor, and/or Nexus. Students should contact the Chair of their major/minor department to seek advice and/or official permission before registering for a Five College course, to determine whether it may apply to the major/minor. The department then signs a Permission form which the student then submits to the Registrar's Office, to record the permission officially.

For Intercession January courses, the maximum credit awarded for a class is two credits, with the exception of some approved intensive language courses.

Courses taken at University of Massachusetts through University Without Walls (continuing education) division during the Summer or at other points are generally transferred at face value – e.g. a 3-credit Summer or January University of Massachusetts course is generally awarded 3 transfer credits at Mount Holyoke. Courses of unusual format or offered on compressed schedules may be awarded fewer credits.

Transfer Credit and Other Advance Placement Credit

Students are advised to consult the registrar's website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/registrar/transferap>) for further information and specifics on earning credit through transfer work or other advance placement study.

Credit is awarded only when official documentation (official transcript, official test score report) is submitted to the Registrar from the external institution and only for students with active or readmitted status.

During their post-matriculation fall and spring semesters, students:

- may not earn transfer credit unless they are on an approved Leave of Absence.
- may not simultaneously enroll for credit at another institution while registered at Mount Holyoke.

Once posted, transfer course work will not be removed from the student's academic record.

Credit Limits

- No more than 64 credits will be awarded to students for external work, whether taken pre- or post-matriculation, from eligible college-level courses, from Advance Placement work, from study abroad, summer or January study, study while on leaves, and/or work transferred from Mount Holyoke's Professional and Graduate Education courses.
- Within the 64 limit, no more than 32 credits will be granted for all advance placement work such as A-levels, the International Baccalaureate, the AP program of the College Board, etc. No more than 16 credits may be transferred from each semester of study abroad, academic leave, or non-academic leave including medical leave.

- No more than 12 credits may be transferred from all of the summers and January intersessions between the student's matriculation at the College and graduation.
 - Within this 12-credit allowance, the limit is a maximum of 8 credits per summer and 3 credits per January.
- Students admitted as first-year Spring entrants may transfer as many as 8 additional summer school credits during their years at Mount Holyoke, provided the total of these additional credits and any transferred credits earned elsewhere in the Fall semester before their matriculation does not exceed 16.

Advance Placement Work

Within the maximum allowance of 32 credits for all advance placement work and as long as the student does not earn credit in the corresponding courses at Mount Holyoke, credit will be granted as follows:

- *Advanced Placement program of the College Board*: 4 credits per exam graded 4 or 5.
- *Caribbean Advanced Examinations*: 8 credits per CAPE exam for liberal arts subject units with a score 1, 2, or 3. One non-liberal arts subject may be awarded 4 credits.
- *French Baccalaureate*: 4 credits per eligible exam (score of 10 or above and coefficient of 4 or higher), up to a maximum of 16 credits total.
- *General Certificate of Education (A-Levels)*: A maximum of 32 credits will be granted if a student completes four or more exams with grades of C or better in liberal arts subjects. Credit is not awarded for O-Levels, AS-Levels, nor for the General Paper, nor for "Project Work", nor for "Knowledge and Inquiry".
- *German Abitur*: A maximum of 16 credits for receipt of this degree.
- *International Baccalaureate*: Credit may be granted only for higher level exams awarded a grade of 6 or 7. If the points total is below 36 or any grades are below a 6, the College may grant 8 credits per higher-level exam graded 6 or 7. If three higher levels and grades in all exams taken (including subsidiary) are 6 or 7, and 36 or more total points were earned, 32 credits may be granted.

Advance placement credit cannot be applied to fulfill College requirements, such as distribution requirements, the foreign language requirement, the first-year seminar requirement nor the multicultural perspectives requirement.

Transfer Work

Transfer credit, unless the student was granted an academic leave of absence from the College to study elsewhere, is generally granted on a semester credit-for-credit basis. That is, a 3-credit course taken on a typical semester schedule will usually be awarded 3 credits at Mount Holyoke College. Credits earned at schools not on the semester calendar will be converted to semester credits (e.g., a quarter credit will be awarded .66 semester credits at Mount Holyoke). Credits earned in courses taught in condensed, intensive, or alternative formats often transfer to Mount Holyoke at less than full credit-for-credit value.

Academic credit is generally granted for liberal arts courses completed with letter grades of C- or better. Students who entered the College in fall 2008 or later may be granted up to 12 credits total of non-liberal arts and Mount Holyoke curricular support course work. Students who entered earlier are limited to one non-liberal arts course.

Academic credit is never granted for: physical education courses; internships; courses with a pass/fail grade; courses taken at U.S. schools without regional accreditation or international institutions without comparable Ministry of Education recognition; CLEP or placement exams

given by other institutions; courses that are not of college level (such as college skills); math courses below Calculus 1 (such as pre-calculus, algebra, etc.), and courses not granted academic credit by the institution or which do not appear on their official transcript.

Academic credit is not usually granted for: independent study coursework, computer science courses (without written permission of the Mount Holyoke computer science department chair), nor for music performance courses without written permission of the Mount Holyoke music department chair. No credits are awarded for music performance studies, including individual instrument study, choir, orchestra or other ensemble study.

In general, transferability of credit is determined by the registrar, while the applicability of transfer work to degree requirements of all kinds falls in the purview of the applicable Mount Holyoke department.

Online courses are eligible to transfer, as long as they meet all other conditions for transfer and the following eligibility restrictions:

- Students whose first term at the College was Fall 2013 or later are eligible to transfer online courses taken before or after their matriculation at the College.
- Students who entered the College before Fall 2013 are eligible to transfer online courses taken post-matriculation, but not any pre-matriculation coursework.

Please note that, while online language courses may qualify for transfer credit, they almost never qualify to satisfy Mount Holyoke's language requirement.

Students who are granted an academic leave of absence to study at another accredited college or university in the U.S., or with an approved program abroad, may earn a full year (32 credit hours) or semester (16 credit hours) if they satisfactorily complete (grades of C- or better) a standard full-time degree course load of liberal arts courses. Students should note that the minimum required to meet that standard varies from institution to institution. Normally, a full year's credits equal one-quarter of the total needed to graduate from an institution with a four-year undergraduate degree program. For institutions on the quarter system (quarter credits transfer as two-thirds of a semester credit), a student may have to complete three quarters to earn a full year of Mount Holyoke College credit. The semester limit for Mount Holyoke's program in Shanghai through the Alliance for Global Education is 18 credits.

If planning summer study at another institution, a student should, in advance, review the particulars of the plan with the registrar's office and seek preapproval for specific nonelective courses from the departments concerned.

Grades for transferred courses will not appear on the Mount Holyoke College transcript, nor will they affect the Mount Holyoke GPA. Work exceeding transfer limits will not be evaluated nor posted to a student's record. Per-course credit values are assigned to the internal record but do not appear on the official transcript. The official transcript displays only the name of the originating institution, the total credits transferred to Mount Holyoke for a given period and, in the case of study abroad only, the titles of courses transferred.

Applying a Single Course to Multiple Requirements

A frequently asked question is whether a student may use a particular course to satisfy more than one degree requirement -- that is, to "double-

count" a course towards two or more requirements. The answers below address the many variations of the question: "Can a single course be used to fulfill the requirements of both..."

- Any major and any second major: No
- Any major and any minor: No
- Any major or minor and any Nexus or Five College certificate: Yes
- The Multicultural Perspectives requirement and any other requirement: Yes
- Any distribution requirement (Humanities, Science & Mathematics, Social Sciences) and any requirement other than the language or first-year seminar requirement: Yes
- The language requirement and a distribution requirement (e.g. the Humanities requirement): No
- The language requirement and any major, minor, certificate, or Nexus requirement: Yes
- The First-Year Seminar requirement and any other requirement: Generally, no. However, may be allowed in specific majors or minors if clearly specified in their requirements.

Prescheduled and Self-Scheduled Examinations

End-of-semester assignments take many forms in Mount Holyoke courses including but not limited to papers, presentations, group exercises, take-home exams (with durations open-ended or limited), or final examinations administered as prescheduled (with set dates and times) exams or as self-scheduled exams to be taken during any approved final exam period.

Self-scheduled exams give students the flexibility to decide when they wish to take each exam within the approved exam pickup and return times. Students report to the exam center when they wish to begin their exam, pick up the self-scheduled examination of their choice, take the exam in an appropriate approved exam room, and turn in their completed exam by the authorized return time.

A few other courses, particularly those requiring audiovisual materials, require prescheduled exams. In a course offering a prescheduled exam, all students in the course report to the scheduled place at the scheduled time to take the exam, following a schedule determined by the Registrar's Office by the middle of the term. All prescheduled exams are held during the first nine examination sessions.

All final exams must be taken during the official examination period, which is published in the College's academic calendar (p. 4). In general, there are no exceptions to the exam schedule and students should make their travel arrangements accordingly. Those with truly exceptional situations may consult the dean of studies, well in advance of the official exam period, if seeking approval to take a final exam early. Late exams require the student to seek approval for an official incomplete grade in advance, by the deadline and procedures described in Incomplete Work (p.).

Course Evaluation

As the semester draws to a close, students are required to submit an online course evaluation for each of their courses. This requirement is a reflection of the importance the College places on students and faculty supplying each other with timely, thoughtful feedback. Students who do not submit their evaluations on time will be blocked from access to their degree audit, unofficial transcript, and grades until they have submitted

the overdue evaluations or, at minimum, until they record a “decline to evaluate” response.

Grading System

A cumulative grade point average of 2.00 is required for graduation. The grading system and conversion equivalents used at Mount Holyoke are as follows:

Grade	=	Points
A	=	4.00
A-	=	3.67
B+	=	3.33
B	=	3.00
B-	=	2.67
C+	=	2.33
C	=	2.00
C-	=	1.67
D+	=	1.33
D	=	1.00
D-	=	0.67
F	=	0

Other notations appearing on student records are:

- IP (in progress) for a course sequence continuing for more than one semester
- I (incomplete) for courses in which an incomplete extension has been granted
- W (withdrawal from a course)
- CR (credit)
- NC (no credit)

To receive credit for a course, the course grade must be either a CR or a grade of D- or higher.

Recognizing that any system of grading is a cryptic form of evaluation, the faculty (for the work within courses) interprets a grade on individual pieces of work with detailed commentary aimed at assisting the student in evaluating that work.

Physical education courses do not earn academic credit; satisfactory completion is noted on the official record by S followed by the number of physical education units earned, such as: S1, S2.

Ungraded Option

Each undergraduate student may elect to take a total of four courses (or 16 credits) on an ungraded basis under the following conditions:

- The election for MHC courses must be recorded in the Registrar's Office no later than the fiftieth academic day of classes. No changes in the option may be made after that date.
- Students taking Five College courses must follow the procedures and deadline of the school offering the course to elect the equivalent of the Ungraded Option at those schools. These deadlines are usually much earlier than Mount Holyoke's, and the option may not be available in some courses. Also the standards for qualifying for a passing grade may be different.
- The Ungraded Option cannot be elected in any course applying to the student's declared major nor within the student's major department (even if the course is not actually needed to fulfill a requirement of the

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major). In the case of crosslisted courses, these prohibitions apply, even if the student is not registered within the major department but instead is registered in the crosslisting.

- Any course for which the Ungraded Option is elected (or equivalent pass/fail etc. at one of the other Five College Institutions) may not be used for distribution credit, to fulfill the language requirement, to fulfill the Multicultural Perspectives requirement, or to fulfill the requirements of a student's minor.
- If passed, a first-year seminar in which the Ungraded Option was elected may be used to satisfy the First-Year Seminar requirement.
- No more than one course may be elected on an ungraded basis per semester.
- The instructor's class list will not indicate who has elected the ungraded option.
- An ungraded course shall not be counted in the cumulative average, whether or not the student receives credit. CR (Credit) shall be recorded for a course taken under the ungraded option in which a student receives a grade of A through D-. If a student does not receive credit for an ungraded course, NC (No Credit) will appear on her transcript.
- Exception: Courses graded on a pass/fail basis only (i.e. MHC or Five College courses graded on a mandatory pass/fail or Credit/No Credit basis only with no option of letter grading) shall not be counted in the quota.

Grading System for Five College Courses

Through the Interchange, Mount Holyoke students may register for courses at any of the institutions in the Five College Consortium. Students are graded according to the system in effect at the host institution.

Courses given by Five College faculty appointees will be graded A through F including pluses and minuses. This policy permits Five College faculty to use a single grading system at all institutions.

Incomplete Work

The work of all courses is expected to be completed within the course's dates, following the schedule articulated by the instructor. College policy requires that all course work be completed and turned in for evaluation no later than the last day of the exam period unless an earlier due date is set by the instructor, with two exceptions: students with approved accommodations for additional time on the final assignment(s) may exercise that authorized extended time, and, in May, all seniors (candidates for May degrees or certificates) are expected to complete all assignments by a deadline no later than 24 hours before the end of the term's final exam period.

“Incomplete” indicates that a student did not complete the final assignments in a course by the end of the semester for reasons of a health or other emergency that occurs at the end of the semester and could not have been anticipated. No later than the last day of the exam period, students must request the incomplete from, as appropriate, their academic dean, or, if related to a documented disability, from Disability Services.

If the incomplete is authorized and is then approved by the instructor, the student will be given a date by which to complete the course work. This date should be as early as possible and should only rarely extend beyond the first day of classes of the following semester. The instructor may provide the student with a “guaranteed” grade that is a letter grade based only on the work the student has already completed in the course.

If a student does not complete the course work by the assigned date (unless the student has applied to and been granted an additional extension by the dean of studies), the registrar will record the guaranteed grade if one was provided, a failure for the course, or, if the extension was authorized due to a medical emergency and was, therefore, endorsed by the director of Health Services or the Counseling Service, a "W."

Course Repeats

Ordinarily, a student who has received credit for a course may not elect the course for a second time, unless a fundamental change is made in the subject matter or method of the course.

In exceptional circumstances, students may be permitted to repeat a course, at Mount Holyoke or through the Five College Interchange, for which they earned credit but with a grade of C- or below, with approval from the Academic Administrative Board. If such permission is granted, the student will receive academic credit for the first attempt only, but both grades will factor into the cumulative GPA. Repeated course approvals are limited to no more than two during the student's time at Mount Holyoke, and the two can not be retaken in the same semester. Students will not be approved to attempt any given course for a third time; a course can only, even by exception, be approved for repeat once. Students can not retake a course for which they had elected the Ungraded Option and passed. When approved to repeat a course in which they had earned credit, the student is ineligible to elect the Ungraded Option for the second attempt. Students can not take more than 18 credits (including the repeated course) during a semester in which they are repeating, with the Board's permission, a previously credited course. Course repeats are only allowed during a semester of regular enrollment at the College.

Students interested in petitioning the Academic Administrative Board to repeat a course within the conditions above should begin the process by meeting with their Academic Dean to review eligibility and get process instructions.

Class Standing and Academic Deficiencies

To enter the sophomore class, students must pass at least 24 credits within two semesters; to enter the junior class, at least 56 credits within four semesters; and to enter the senior class, at least 92 credits within six semesters. Students with fewer than the required credits will ordinarily receive a warning on credits and be reclassified.

At the end of each semester, the Academic Administrative Board reviews the records of all undergraduate students who do not meet these credit standards, those who complete substantially fewer than normal credits in one or more semesters, those whose cumulative or semester grade averages fall below 2.00, and those who are already on academic probation. The records of postbaccalaureate and certificate students are included in the review. Students found to have academic deficiencies may be issued a warning, be placed on academic probation, be suspended for a semester or year, or be required to withdraw. Students will not be placed on probation or warned for insufficient semester credits when credit standards are not met solely on the basis of a reduced courseload approved by Disability Services.

Probation. Students placed on academic probation must meet with their academic dean for an evaluation conference in order to plan a program of support to bring the quality of their work up to graduation level. Probation is not recorded on the transcript.

Suspension. Students who have been suspended for academic deficiencies for a semester or a year shall be on academic probation

for one semester after their return. During the suspension, their transcripts shall bear the notation "Suspended for (period) for academic deficiencies." This notation will be removed when the student returns or after one year, whichever is sooner. However, the notation will be retained on the internal record.

Required Withdrawal. Students who have been required to withdraw may apply for readmission to the Academic Administrative Board, but they may not return before one academic year has passed. Their transcripts shall bear the notation "Required to withdraw for academic deficiencies on (date). Eligible to apply for readmission after one academic year." This notation will be removed when the student returns or after one year, whichever is sooner. However, the notation will be retained on the internal record. Any questions about applying for readmission after a withdrawal should be directed to the dean of studies.

Students on financial aid should refer to this information about Satisfactory Academic Progress (p. 41), as well.

Academic Progress

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At the end of each semester, the Academic Administrative Board reviews the records of all undergraduate degree-seeking, postbaccalaureate, or certificate students who do not meet these standards: those who complete substantially fewer than normal credits in one or more semesters, those whose cumulative or semester grade averages fall below 2.00, or those who are already on academic probation. The board may warn students about their academic standing, place them on academic probation, suspend them for a semester or year, or require them to withdraw.

Leave of Absence

Students may apply for a leave of absence for a variety of reasons, such as to work, travel, deal with a family situation, or study at another institution of higher education.

Students wishing to take an academic leave must receive approval from the dean of international studies who coordinates study abroad or the Office of Academic Deans for study in the U.S. Academic leaves are ordinarily granted to students in good academic standing, with a cumulative average of at least 2.70, who present a plan of full-time study suitable for credit transfer, and who will meet the residence requirements of the College before graduation. Students who plan to be on leave during their junior or senior year must have the approval of their major department concerning completion of major requirements. See "Special Programs and Resources" for information about Mount Holyoke programs and exchanges abroad and in the U.S.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors in good academic standing may apply for leaves of absence to work away from campus on independent projects related to the degree provided that the projects are fundamentally academic in character; that is, they require disciplined work in recognized fields of study such as those listed in the catalog. For more information, consult the dean of studies.

A student may earn a limited number of credits toward a Mount Holyoke degree by studying at another institution of higher education in the United States or abroad, or by studying independently. A maximum of

32 credits for an academic year's study at another institution may be counted toward the total required for the degree. Sixteen credits is the usual limit for a single-semester leave, but upon pre-approval of the Academic Priorities Committee, a Mount Holyoke Program may have an alternate credit limit.

Students wishing to take a nonacademic leave for personal reasons or to work or travel should apply to the Office of the Academic Deans. Students wishing to take a nonacademic leave for reasons of health should apply to the director of health services or the director of the counseling service. Students on nonacademic leave who wish to earn credits while abroad must receive advance approval from the Academic Administrative Board; approval will be limited to part-time study only. During a non-academic leave, a student may earn a limited number of credits to transfer toward a Mount Holyoke degree by studying at another institution of higher education in the United States. Sixteen credits per semester is the maximum number of credits which may be transferred for approved course work.

For full information on credit limitations, consult the transfer/external credit regulations (p. 26).

When a leave is effective the first day of classes or later, withdrawn courses will remain on the transcript with a "W" notation, effectively withdrawing from the program for the term.

Withdrawal and Readmission

A student wishing to withdraw from the College must, if on campus, meet with one of the academic deans. The academic dean will assist the student in completing the required online withdrawal form available in my.mtholyoke. If off campus, the student should contact the Office of Academic Deans before submitting the withdrawal form. Any refund for the semester's tuition and board charges will be based on the date when the withdrawal request is approved by the Office of Academic Deans. (For information on refunds (p. 37), see the Tuition and Fees chapter.) When a withdrawal is effective the first day of classes or later, withdrawn courses will remain on the transcript with a "W" notation.

The College reserves the right to require a student to withdraw for academic deficiency, nonpayment, nonattendance, failure to register, illness, or disciplinary infraction.

A student who has withdrawn from the College and who wishes to apply to return to the College should consult the readmission information (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/documents/readmission-instructions>) available on the academic deans' website. Deadlines are March 15 for fall admission and October 15 for spring admission. A nonrefundable \$75 application fee is required.

Privacy of Student Records

Mount Holyoke College policy with respect to confidentiality of student records complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended (PL 93-380, Section 438, the General Education Provisions Act), which gives students certain rights, consistent with the privacy of others, to review their own official records, files, and data, and to challenge the accuracy of the contents of such records. The act also generally prohibits the release of personally identifiable information (other than "directory information" defined below) about students without their written consent other than to teachers and other College officials who have legitimate educational interests; to officials of other institutions in which the student intends to enroll; to certain authorized state and federal officials; to appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to

the student; to organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the College; to accrediting organizations; to comply with a judicial order or lawfully ordered subpoena; and to appropriate officials in the case of health and safety emergency.

A school official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research or support staff position (including law enforcement personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the College has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using College employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, IT specialist, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student or appointed volunteer serving on an official committee or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the College.

The regulations of the act make clear that, in the case of students who are dependents of their parents for Internal Revenue Service purposes, information from the education records of the student may be disclosed to parents without the student's prior consent. The College may notify the student's parents in writing of academic probation, required withdrawal, and suspension. In communications with parents concerning other matters, it is normally College policy to respect the privacy of the student and not to disclose information from educational records without the student's prior consent.

Requests for review of specific records must be made in writing. A student who seeks to review only health or career records should file a written request to do so with the director of health services, the director of the counseling service, or the Career Development Center. All other requests should be made at the Office of Academic Deans.

The Privacy Act gives Mount Holyoke College the right to make public at its discretion, without prior authorization from the individual student, the following personally identifiable directory information: name; class year; home/permanent, off-campus/local, and College addresses; home, local, and residence hall telephone numbers; College electronic mail address; identification photograph; dates of attendance at Mount Holyoke College; enrollment load (e.g., undergraduate or graduate; full- or part-time; on leave); date and place of birth; major(s); degrees, honors, and awards received; participation in officially recognized sports and activities; status as student employee; and previous educational institution most recently attended. An individual student may limit release of the above information for any given year by filing such a request with the registrar by July 1 of that year; requests received after this date will be put into effect as quickly as possible, but directory information already released cannot be recalled.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Statement of Academic Expectations

The quality of life in a college such as Mount Holyoke relies on the conscious choice of students, faculty members, and administrators to commit themselves to active and honorable participation in the creation and preservation of the college community. The decision to form such a community of scholars confers upon its members the special rights and responsibilities that allow the College to function most effectively. The very act of choosing to become a member of the Mount Holyoke community implies a commitment to free inquiry and a search for understanding as central to the liberal arts education, and a willingness to share in the responsibility for maintaining an environment in which these goals may be attained. Failure to assume such responsibility threatens the privileges of the rest of the community and undermines the trust upon which it is built. If any member fails to exercise the responsibility incumbent upon them, the community itself through its officially constituted bodies must take action.

Both students and faculty members assume a commitment to the academic community that implies teaching and learning in an open environment based on mutual trust, respect, and concern. All members of the community have the right to careful and constructive analysis of their work, and they have the responsibility to provide a serious response to the work of others. (Faculty Legislation)

This list presents expectations and suggestions that support the academic richness of this community.

1. Academic freedom is the critical foundation of what we do at Mount Holyoke and faculty are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject and in designing their courses.
2. All students are obligated to abide by the College Honor Code. Individual faculty determine how artificial intelligence (AI) may be used in their courses; students are expected to consult with faculty before using any artificial intelligence. Students are also expected to keep their login credentials confidential and are responsible for any misuse of College resources conducted under their login credentials.
3. All accommodations must be approved by the appropriate office at the College and shared with your faculty as early in the semester as possible. Accommodations are not retroactive.
4. Grades and academic evaluations of any kind do not imply judgments of the characters of students; they are solely concerned with academic performance.
5. Students are expected to be present for their courses: attend class; arrive on time and prepared, having completed all assigned readings and assignments; engage in each class period through discussion, active listening, asking questions, in-class assignments, group work, etc.
6. Students are responsible for learning content presented in class even when they are absent. Faculty are not obligated to record classes (except for students with official accommodations granting class recordings), and watching recorded classes is not a substitute for attending class.
7. Students are expected to procure required course materials.

8. Students are expected to take responsibility for academic work: read the syllabus early on to ensure they understand the workload for the class and specific expectations of the professor; keep track of deadlines posted on the syllabus and/or Moodle; submit work on time; understand and comply with policies for late work and extensions.
9. College students must balance rigorous academic work with mental and physical health, paid work, co-curricular activities, and relationships with family and friends. Identify your priorities and anticipate the consequences of those choices, including the types of support that can help you to uphold the commitments that matter to you.
10. Students are expected to help create the environment for free inquiry, including how their interactions with peers, faculty, and staff contribute to the well-being of our community. Students should identify areas for growth and pursue them actively.

Academic Responsibility

The decision to join this academic community requires acceptance of special rights and responsibilities that are essential for its effective functioning and the realization of its mission (p. 6).

All members of the community share the responsibility to uphold the highest standards of academic and personal integrity, community engagement, and commitment to principles of equity and inclusion that are central to the mission of the College. Failure to accept and act on this responsibility threatens the rights of the rest of the community by undermining the trust upon which the community is built.

Students, faculty, staff, and administrators assume a commitment to the academic community that supports teaching and learning in an open environment based on mutual trust, respect, and concern. All members of the community have the right to careful and constructive analysis of their work, and they have the responsibility to provide a serious response to the work of others.

Each member of the academic community has the right to benefit from its collective knowledge and resources as well as the responsibility to contribute to them.

Honor Code

Mount Holyoke students take great pride in and responsibility for upholding the College's honor code, which has been articulated by the Mount Holyoke College Student Government Association.

I will honor myself, my fellow students, and Mount Holyoke College by acting responsibly, honestly, and respectfully in both my words and my deeds.

The honor code plays a role in both academic and social life at the College. While allowing for a significant degree of individual freedom, it relies on students to conduct themselves with maturity and concern for the welfare of other members of the College community.

The commitment students and faculty have made to teaching and learning in an open environment based on mutual trust, respect, and concern is the foundation for Mount Holyoke's unusual system of self-scheduled examinations.

Plagiarism or other forms of scholarly misconduct can have no purpose or place in the academic life of the College. Each student is responsible for observing established procedures in the preparation of assignments

and the writing of papers and examinations, and for submitting as one's own, only that work that they have originated. Each instructor is responsible for making clear what procedures are acceptable in the work of a course and for guiding students toward appropriate methods and standards of research for production of student work.

Additional information on the honor code, examples of violations, the process for reporting suspected violations, the procedures through which the Academic Honor Board adjudicates suspected violations, and potential penalties for its violation are available at this site (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/academic-honor-board>). All members of the Mount Holyoke community are encouraged to utilize the How to Use Sources Properly guide (<https://guides.mtholyoke.edu/c.php?g=879988&p=6321509>), which provides information on the different forms of plagiarism, proper scholarly procedure, and links to helpful websites for further information.

Class Attendance

The undergraduate program is a residential, in-person program. Regular class attendance is expected of all students unless an individual instructor suspends this expectation.

Religious Observance

Although the College is a secular institution, we value students who sincerely claim their religious and spiritual identities and seek to observe and practice their religious and spiritual traditions during their years at Mount Holyoke. We acknowledge and embrace our many religious identities as part of our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. It is our goal to not only comply with the religious accommodation statute, Title XXI Chapter 151C Section 2B of the General Laws of Massachusetts (<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXXI/Chapter151C/Section2B>) but to assure that our students who uphold a sincerely held religious and/or spiritual belief feel a sense of belonging within our community.

Section 2B of Chapter 151C of the General Laws of Massachusetts reads: "Any student in an educational or vocational training institution, other than a religious or denominational educational or vocational training institution, who is unable, because of his [sic] religious beliefs, to attend classes or to participate in any examination, study, or work requirement on a particular day shall be excused from any such examination or study or work requirement, and shall be provided with an opportunity to make up such examination, study, or work requirement which he [sic] may have missed because of such absence on any particular day; provided, however, that such makeup examination or work shall not create an unreasonable burden upon such school. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the institution for making available to the said student such opportunity. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student because of his [sic] availing himself [sic] of the provisions of this section."

Students seeking a religious accommodation in a course or courses because their religious observance are expected to submit a request for a religious accommodation each semester to the course instructor by the last day to add a course for that semester. Such requests are submitted through my.mtholyoke on the self-service Religious Accommodation Request form. Faculty receive these requests and then approve or disapprove the request in my.mtholyoke, also adding comments if they wish. It is also expected that a student will be in conversation with the faculty member if there are questions or concerns. Students denied accommodation may also contact a College chaplain and the Office of Academic Deans.

Audio/Visual Recordings in the Classroom

To encourage active engagement and academic inquiry in the classroom, as well as to safeguard the privacy of students and faculty, no form of audio or visual recording in the classroom is permitted without explicit permission from the professor/instructor or without a letter from Disability Services, signed by the faculty member, authorizing the recording as an accommodation. Authorized recordings may only be used by a student who has obtained permission and may not be shared or distributed for any reason. Violation of this policy is an infraction of the Mount Holyoke Honor Code and academic regulations and will result in disciplinary action.

Access and Inclusion

Mount Holyoke College is a gender-diverse women's college. The College is committed to providing equal access and opportunity in employment and education to all employees and students. In compliance with state and federal law, Mount Holyoke College does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, genetic information, sex, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, ancestry, veteran or military status, or any other legally protected status under federal, state or local law.

The College complies with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other applicable state laws, statutes and amendments.

Compliance with Mount Holyoke policies and local and federal laws is the responsibility of all members of the Mount Holyoke community. The College has named the following compliance coordinators as indicated:

- Equal Opportunity in Employment: Shannon Lynch, Assistant Vice President for Compliance
- Section 504: Shannon Lynch, Assistant Vice President for Compliance
- Title IX Coordinator: Shannon Lynch, Assistant Vice President for Compliance (Institution); Lily Schaefer-Calderon, Director of Civil Rights (Students)

For more information, please consult <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/compliance>.

ADMISSION

Most Mount Holyoke students seek admission for the bachelor of arts degree. The College also offers graduate degrees, dual degree, second bachelor's, and other certificate programs.

Undergraduate Admission

Mount Holyoke College is looking for intellectually curious, motivated students who understand the value of a liberal arts education. The College believes in the educational, social, and ethical value of diversity and actively recruits students who have different interests and talents and who come from a wide spectrum of ethnic, geographic, and economic backgrounds.

The Admission Process

Admission is determined by a student's overall record of achievement. Successful candidates demonstrate a strong academic foundation. The College seeks students who have consistently challenged themselves by taking courses of increasing rigor throughout their high school career. Our most competitive applicants have completed four years of coursework in the core subjects (English, mathematics, foreign language, laboratory science, history). Please note that while this profile is typical, variations are common and expected.

While the greatest weight is attributed to the high school transcript and academic evaluations, all other aspects of the student's entire portfolio, which includes special talents, particular goals, and unique experiences are considered. The College greatly values how students express themselves in writing, and the admission committee looks closely at all student essay submissions. Finally, the College seeks students whose interests and aspirations match the opportunities offered by Mount Holyoke.

Standardized Testing: Optional

Since fall 2001, Mount Holyoke has made the submission of standardized test results optional for admission purposes. Students are welcome to submit Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or ACT scores.

Application Requirements

- Common Application or Coalition Application
- Mount Holyoke College Writing Supplement
- High school transcript
- Two teacher evaluations from core subjects
- College counselor evaluation
- Standardized tests: submission of SAT and ACT scores is optional; TOEFL or IELTS is required if English is neither the applicant's first language nor the primary language of instruction the applicant used throughout secondary school

Interviews

Mount Holyoke College strongly recommends personal interviews for all candidates. Interviews are one of the best ways for us to learn more about candidates' academic goals and personal experiences. For prospective first-year students, we suggest scheduling an interview during the spring of the junior year or the summer/fall of the senior year. To sign up for in-person or virtual interviews, please visit our website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/admission/apply-undergraduate-first-year/interviews>)

Home Schooling

Mount Holyoke welcomes applications from students whose secondary education and curriculum have been primarily at home, online, and/or does not conform to the established curriculum in an accredited school district. In addition to completing the Mount Holyoke application forms, candidates must submit two letters of recommendation that speak to the candidate's academic and personal qualifications. Although we are a test-optional institution, standardized test submission in the form of the SAT or ACT is required for home-schooled applicants who have pursued a self-study or online curriculum exclusively. The testing requirement can be waived (on an individual basis) when a student has completed Advanced Placement exams or college-level coursework. While not definitive in the review process, scores, like grades achieved in college level courses, may add information and context in the evaluation of a student's file for admission. To facilitate the application process, the College advises homeschooled candidates to contact the admission office early in the process.

Application Plans

- Early Decision I: deadline November 15; notification late December
- Early Decision II: deadline January 5; notification late January
- Regular Decision: deadline January 15; notification late March.

Every year, a number of regular decision applicants are admitted for entrance in the spring semester. The College also reviews applications from and admits a cohort of first-year and transfer students for the spring semester.

Early Decision

The Early Decision Plan is designed for students who have made Mount Holyoke their first choice. Students who choose to apply Early Decision may apply to other colleges, but not through another Early Decision program. If admitted, students are required to withdraw all other applications and notify those colleges of their intent to enroll at Mount Holyoke.

Transfer Applicants

We welcome transfer applications from those with strong academic records who have completed high school and earned 16 or more transferable credits at an accredited post-secondary institution. Transfer students are admitted in both the fall and spring. Interviews are strongly recommended. Please consult the Office of Admission website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/admission>) for interview and application deadlines. Transfer application requirements include:

- Transfer Common Application
- Mount Holyoke College Writing Supplement
- Transfer College Report
- Transfer Mid-Term Report (if currently enrolled)
- Two academic evaluations
- High school transcript(s)
- College transcript(s)
- TOEFL score (if applicable)

For more information regarding transfer credit policies, please refer to the Academic Regulations chapter (p. 26) of the catalog.

International Applicants

International students are welcome and vital members of the Mount Holyoke community, and the College actively recruits international

applicants. International applicants may apply for the full four-year bachelor of arts degree program.

In addition to completing the Mount Holyoke application forms, international applicants are also required to submit the International School Supplement to the Secondary School Report.

The Frances Perkins Program

The Frances Perkins Program – so named for renowned 1902 alum and former Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins – is open to students over 25 years of age who have experienced an interruption in their undergraduate study and wish to complete their first bachelor of arts degree. Younger students who have dependents or are veterans may also apply to the Frances Perkins Program.

A full-time program for Frances Perkins scholars is defined as either 16 credits (four courses) per semester for residential students or 12 credits (three courses) per semester for non-resident, commuting students. Frances Perkins scholars who live on-campus must carry a full-time program while non-resident Frances Perkins scholars have the option to carry a part-time program of 8 credits (two courses) per semester.

As students, Frances Perkins scholars are held to the same degree requirements as our traditional-age students and have full access to the resources and facilities of the College.

Applying to the Frances Perkins Program

Admission to the Frances Perkins program is highly competitive, and enrollment is limited. Applicants are reviewed in a manner similar to traditional-age students, with appropriate allowance for the special circumstances of the nontraditional student. To be considered for admission, candidates must present a minimum of 40 transferable college credits, preferably in a broad-based, liberal arts program of study. Please consult the Office of Admission website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/admission>) for application deadlines. An interview, either in person, via Zoom, or by phone, is a requirement for all Frances Perkins candidates.

For more information about pursuing undergraduate study through the Frances Perkins program, please complete the inquiry form on the Admission website (<https://admission.mtholyoke.edu/register/inforequest>), or contact the Frances Perkins Program, Mount Holyoke College, 50 College Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075, 413-538-2077.

Graduate Admission

Master of Arts in Teaching

Those interested in applying to the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program should submit a completed application and have an undergraduate major (or demonstrate equivalent subject area knowledge) in their desired teaching discipline.

Those seeking licensure should be prepared to submit a passing score on the appropriate Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL). Applicants who have not yet taken the MTEL are still able to apply. Our initial licensure program leads to teacher licensure in the state of Massachusetts. Out-of-state applicants seeking licensure will need to submit a statement of intent indicating that they want to get licensure and work in the state of Massachusetts after graduation in order to be considered for the licensure program. Out-of-state applicants may complete the MAT as a non-licensure program.

For details and procedures, see the online application (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/apply/>) or the Master of Arts in Teaching information (p. 384) in the catalog. Applications received after the preferred date will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis through May.

Master of Arts in Teaching, Mathematics

Those interested in applying to the Master of Arts in Teaching, Mathematics (MATM) program should submit a completed application and must have at least a bachelor's degree. GRE scores are not required. Interested applicants should consult the program's website (<http://mathleadership.org/programs/master-of-arts-in-mathematics-teaching/>) for details and to access the online application.

Master of Arts in Teaching, Teacher Leadership

Those interested in applying to the Master of Arts in Teaching, Teacher Leadership (MATL) must have a bachelor's degree, a history of effective classroom practice, and strong passion for student learning. GRE scores are not required. Interested applicants should consult the program's website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/teacher-leadership-program>) for details and to access the online application.

Independent Schools Program

Those interested in applying to the Independent Schools program should submit an application through the Master of Arts in Teaching, Teacher Leadership (MATL) program, and select the option for the Independent Schools program specialization. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree, be working in (or intend to work in) an independent school setting, and have a strong passion for student learning. GRE scores are not required. Interested applicants should consult the program's website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/teacher-leadership-program>) for details and to access the online application.

Non-degree Study at the Graduate Level

Professional and Graduate Education offers courses, institutes, and workshops open to enrollment by qualified community members, and professionals equipped to undertake work at the graduate level. More information about these programs is available in the Professional and Graduate Education (p. 384) chapter and its Institutes' admission (p.) page.

Five College Cooperative Ph.D.

A cooperative doctoral program is offered by Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts Amherst in astronomy, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, and physics. The degree is awarded by the University of Massachusetts but in exceptional cases much of the work leading to the degree may be taken at one of the participating institutions. Information about specific areas of research can be obtained from the chair of the appropriate department at Mount Holyoke College. General information and application materials are available from the graduate school at the University of Massachusetts. All applications must be made directly to the University of Massachusetts.

Other Undergraduate Degree and Certificate Programs

See Other Degree and Certificate Programs (p. 13) for information about the following: the second Bachelor's degree, dual-degree programs in engineering and Latin American studies, teacher licensure programs, and the Certificate for International Students.

TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Tuition and Fees

Fixed charges for 2025-26

Fee	Amount
Undergraduate Tuition (full academic year)	\$67,782
Degree and non-degree non-resident, per credit hour	\$2,090
Room	\$10,151
Board	\$10,222
Student Activities Fee	\$272
Study Abroad Administrative Fee	\$1,400
Student Health Insurance (full year)	\$3,024
Est. Student Health Insurance (spring only)	\$1,567
Transcript Fee for Current Students, per copy	\$4
Transcript Fee for Former Students, per copy	\$10.40
Auditing Fees (alums and local residents may apply to audit courses, if space is available, with permission from the instructor):	
Lecture Courses	no charge
Studio Art Courses	\$1,760
Physical Education, Dance, Beginning Language	\$100

Undergraduate students are expected to live in residence halls unless they reside with family members or are approved to live off-campus as a disability accommodation. Room and board charges include an unlimited meal plan, except during vacations. No optional meal plans are available except for students approved for accommodations through Disability Services. All resident undergraduates are expected to pay full room and board.

Undergraduate students are billed the full semester tuition rate regardless of the number of credits taken, except for students approved to live off-campus because they are Frances Perkins scholars or because they have been approved, as a disability accommodation, for part-time off-campus status with family. In these cases, students will be billed per credit hour enrolled. Students who have exceeded the funding limitation standards of the College (see "Funding Limitations") and who need only eight or fewer credits to complete their final degree requirements may petition the dean of studies for approval to live off-campus and be billed for eight or fewer credits at the per-credit rate for their final semester.

Work supervised by Mount Holyoke faculty, but taken while a student is not in residence, will be charged by the credit.

The Student Government Association (SGA) fee supports student organizations and Five College buses. The SGA establishes the fee and determines the distribution of the funds.

Massachusetts law requires that all students have adequate health insurance coverage. Mount Holyoke recommends the Student Health Insurance Plan offered through the College. In July, students are billed for health insurance for one calendar year with coverage beginning August 15. Domestic students may waive coverage with proof of comparable coverage in another plan prior to the start of fall classes (or spring classes for spring matriculants). Students waiving coverage must do so annually by the waiver deadline. All international students are required to carry the Mount Holyoke College Student Health Insurance Plan unless 1) a parent is employed by a U.S. employer or an embassy and has employer-sponsored health insurance that is comparable to the student medical insurance offered at Mount Holyoke, and 2) the health insurance will cover the student for all routine care while the student is at college.

Current students may order official transcripts through my.mtholyoke. The transcript fee will be charged to an active student's account. Former students must prepay the transcript fee. Both current and former students with no outstanding charges to the College, or who are current in an College-approved payment plan will have transcripts released. Students with past due balances to the College who are not on an approved payment plan, or are delinquent on their payment plan, may have their transcripts withheld pending a review of their student account.

For Professional and Graduate Education Program fees, please see the Professional and Graduate Education section (p. 382) of the catalog.

Other Fees

Enrollment Deposit

An enrollment deposit of \$500 is required from all new students entering the College. The enrollment deposit is nonrefundable and will be credited to the first semester bill.

Riding Fees (estimated)

Fee	Amount
Standard group riding (all types/levels), 60 min., twice/week, 15 lessons:	\$900
Private lessons 45 min., twice/week, 15 lessons:	\$1,200
Semiprivate lessons 45-60 min., twice/week, 15 lessons:	\$975
NONCREDIT:	
Noncredit instruction, private, by arrangement, 45 minutes:	\$80
Noncredit instruction, semiprivate/group, by arrangement, 45-60 minutes:	\$65

Arrangements for both private and semiprivate noncredit instruction are to be made with the instructor.

Riding lesson fees will not be refunded after the riding program drop date. Should a rider drop the course after receiving instruction but before the drop date, a fee of \$65 will be charged per lesson. PE riding classes are

generally taught aboard Mount Holyoke's school horses. A student may ride her own horse in a PE class with the permission of the instructor.

Mount Holyoke has the option to cancel or combine classes to maintain an enrollment of three or more in each class.

The cost of boarding a horse at the Equestrian Center is \$1,300 per month, payable monthly. Charges will be applied to the student account. For an application form and further boarding information, email equestrian@mtholyoke.edu. (equestrian@mtholyoke.edu) Space is limited.

Golf Fees (per semester)

Two lessons per week, all equipment provided. There are green fees and special student rates on weekdays.

Other Physical Education Fees

Lifeguard training fees to be determined annually by the American Red Cross.

Theater Design Courses in the Film Media Theater Department

Costume Design, Set Design, Costume Construction, Technical Theater, Drafting, and Production Design per course, \$50 materials fee.

Timetable for Payments

Fall semester fees are due July 31.

Spring semester fees are due January 5.

The due date for the enrollment deposit required of all new students is specified in their acceptance letters.

Payment instructions may be found on the SFS website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/sfs/cost>).

Terms of Payment

Bills are prepared monthly and are available online to students and other users authorized by the student. Students must authorize parents and other sponsors to view the bill and to receive notification when the monthly bill is prepared. Per federal regulation, student account information will not be shared with anyone who is not authorized by the student. Students may view charges and credits on their student account by logging in to my.mtholyoke and choosing "Course Registration and Bill Payment" then "Student Account and Payment" from the Self-Service Menu. Students may authorize parents, guardians, or others for bill viewing and payment by creating an authorized user account in the student account billing system.

Past due balances will incur a late fee of 1% each month on balances over \$100. Protested checks will incur a fee of \$25.

In specific cases, students may not be able to register for classes, participate in housing lottery, or receive a degree, diploma, or transcript until the student's bill is paid.

Students with a significant past-due balance may be withdrawn from the College for financial reasons. Warning will be sent with that information prior to withdrawal.

Payment Plans

Semester Payment Plan

Tuition, room, and board costs, less scholarship and loan aid, may be contracted to be paid in five installments per semester, starting in July for the fall and December for the spring. There is no interest charge. Students must enroll in a new plan each semester. A nonrefundable \$35 enrollment fee is required to enroll in the payment plan. Late payments and protested payments will incur fees of \$25 for each occurrence.

Financing Options

Mount Holyoke has several financing options to help manage Mount Holyoke expenses. For more information, please contact Student Financial Services or visit the website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/sfs>).

Parent PLUS Loan

The Federal Parent PLUS loan is a non-need-based, fixed-interest, federally guaranteed education loan for families of all income levels. The origination fee and interest rate are available on the Student Financial Services website once it is set for that academic year. Eligibility is limited to parents without an adverse credit history. Any parent may borrow up to the total cost of education less financial aid. Repayment begins 60 days after full disbursement and can extend up to 30 years. Deferment of loan principal is also an option. A current year FAFSA must be completed for any student whose parent wishes to apply for the Parent PLUS. Either parent may apply for the PLUS loan beginning June 1 at studentaid.gov (<https://studentaid.gov/plus-app/parent/landing>). Parents and students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Student Financial Services processes the approved PLUS loans starting July 1.

MEFA Loan

Funded by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA), the fixed or variable interest rate Undergraduate MEFA loan allows students and their families to borrow from a minimum of \$2,000 up to the full cost of education less financial aid at more than 70 Massachusetts colleges and universities. Residents of all states are eligible to apply at the MEFA website (<https://www.mefa.org/undergraduate-student-loans>). Students and co-borrowers must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Alternative Student Loans

Students also have the option of applying for an alternative student loan. Various commercial lenders offer these non-need-based loans. Interest rates are generally variable and may be higher over the long term than the rates of federal need-based student loans and parent loans. These loans are not subsidized and unpaid interest will be capitalized into the principal earlier and more frequently than with federal loans. Some lenders of alternative student loans may charge an origination or disbursement fee. Repayment terms vary, often depending on the amount borrowed and the credit score of the student and/or cosigner. Alternative student loans are available to domestic and international students and usually require a creditworthy cosigner who is a permanent resident or citizen of the U.S. Alternative parent loans may also be available for parents who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The maximum amount of loan the College will certify is the cost of education minus any financial aid. For more information visit our website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/admission/apply-undergraduate-first-year/affording-mount-holyoke/financial-aid/types-financial-aid>). These loans should be considered only after lower cost federal student or parent loan options have been exhausted.

Refund Policy

Students who withdraw or take a leave of absence during the semester will be refunded per the schedule outlined below. The official withdrawal date for a student is determined by the Office of Academic Deans. The Office of Academic Deans must receive written notice of the student's intent to withdraw. Please see "Withdrawal from the College" in the Academic Regulations chapter (p. 25) for more information.

Students will be refunded 100 percent of their previously paid tuition, room, and board, less the enrollment deposit for new students, if the Office of Academic Deans receives written notice of an official withdrawal or leave of absence before the first day of classes. If a student officially withdraws or takes a leave of absence on or after the first day of classes, refunds occur on the following schedule:

Refund Schedule

Tuition, room, and board refunds:

Weeks	Percentage
Week 1	90%
Weeks 2-3	75%
Weeks 4-5	50%
Weeks 6-7	25%

There is no refund of the Student Government Association fee if a student withdraws on or after the first day of classes.

Tuition charges for approved off-campus Frances Perkins students will be increased or decreased accordingly based on the number of credits during the add/drop period of each semester (until the end of the fifteenth day of classes). No per-credit tuition adjustments will be made for classes dropped after the fifteenth day of classes unless the student takes a leave of absence or withdraws from the College at which point the above refund schedule will apply. State and/or federal aid will be adjusted for students at part-time status as of the last day to drop classes. Any credits dropped after the fifteenth day of classes each semester will be counted, for financial aid eligibility purposes, toward the 128 attempted credit maximum for students charged by the credit. For more information, please see the Financial Aid chapter (p. 37).

Title IV Financial Aid Refund (Federal Funds only)

Per federal regulation, when a recipient of Title IV (federal) grant or loan assistance withdraws or takes a leave of absence from the College during the semester, the College must determine, per a federal formula, the amount of federal aid that the student earned and may retain as of the withdrawal date. According to the federal refund policy, federal aid the student has not earned must be returned to the federal government. Note: College grants will not be increased to cover reduced federal or state aid due to a withdrawal or leave of absence.

Up through the first 60 percent of the semester, the amount of federal funds students may retain is based on the number of days they were enrolled in the semester. After 60 percent of the semester is over, students are eligible to retain all of their federal aid for that semester.

The responsibility to repay any federal aid is shared by the College and the student. The College's share to repay is the lesser of the total amount of federal aid to be returned or the College charges multiplied by the percentage of aid that must be returned. The student's share is the difference between the aid that must be returned and the College's share.

The College's share of federal aid must be returned to the Title IV programs in the following order:

- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Student Loan
- Federal Direct Student Loan
- Federal Direct PLUS
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- Federal TEACH Grant
- Other Title IV loan or grant assistance

The College must return its share of federal aid within 30 days after the withdrawal date. Any federal aid that the student must return resulting from a loan is subject to the conditions and terms of the promissory note. If a student must repay a share of federal grant aid, the College may allow the student to make payment arrangements with the College, in compliance with federal regulations. Sample Title IV refund worksheets are available from Student Financial Services upon request.

State Grant Refund Policy

State grants will be refunded according to the rules of the individual state programs.

Institutional Refund Policy

After the federal and state refund calculations have been determined, any remaining reductions in aid will be distributed in the following order:

- Mount Holyoke College grants
- Mount Holyoke College loans
- Parent/Student Alternative loans

Mount Holyoke non-need based grants and scholarships will be adjusted based on the tuition refund schedule.

Tuition Refund Insurance

The College has partnered with GradGuard, a service of Next Generation Insurance Group, to offer a tuition refund insurance plan. The plan complements and extends Mount Holyoke's current refund policy by providing plan participants with a refund of the College's comprehensive fee less financial aid if an insured student is forced to withdraw from the College during the semester as a result of personal injury or other medical reasons. Tuition insurance reimburses students for up to 100 percent of tuition, room, and board costs. This policy must be purchased before the first day of classes and covers the academic year. For more information, contact Student Financial Services.

Financial Aid for Undergraduate Students

Student Financial Services is an important resource for families, whether or not they apply for financial aid. The College participates in a number of parent financing plans and offers a semester payment plan (see the Tuition and Fees (p. 35) chapter).

Mount Holyoke need-based financial aid is only available for degree-seeking undergraduate students. Federal loans and the TEACH grant are available for graduate students. More information may also be found in the Professional and Graduate Education (p. 408) section of the catalog.

Billed Costs and Total Cost of Attendance

The total cost of attendance (also called "student budget") includes the billed costs of tuition, room and board, the Student Government Association (SGA) fee, and estimated costs for personal and book expenses. Domestic students may also see estimated costs for travel.

2025-2026 Budget:

Expense	Amount
Tuition	\$67,782
Room and board	\$20,373
SGA	\$272
Books/personal expenses	\$2,400
Total	\$90,827

A student's financial aid eligibility is the difference between the cost of attendance and the calculated family contribution. A student is eligible for need-based financial aid if the family contribution is less than the cost of attendance.

The Family Contribution

The College uses a combination of institutional and federal methodologies to calculate a family contribution. The family contribution consists of a parent and a student contribution.

Factors that play a role in the parent contribution include parent taxable income and untaxed income, parent assets, the number of dependents in the household, and the number of dependent children enrolled in undergraduate degree programs.

The student contribution is determined after a review of student income and assets, including trusts. A minimum contribution from summer earnings of \$2,000 for dependent students and \$3,600 for independent students is expected.

The Family Contribution from Year to Year

The calculated family contribution will be consistent from year to year unless changes occur such as a significant change in family income or assets, a change in the number of dependents supported, or a change in the number of dependent children attending undergraduate institutions.

Applying for Financial Aid

New First-Year Students Who Are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents

Admission applicants must indicate their intent to apply for need-based financial aid from Mount Holyoke on the admission application. Those who do not identify as aid applicants will not be considered for need-based aid from the College until they complete two semesters of enrollment at Mount Holyoke. This limit does not apply to federal financial aid. Federal aid may be applied for at any time during the application cycle or the academic year by completing the Free Federal Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA). Admission applicants do not need to apply for financial aid to be considered for merit scholarships.

Applicants for financial aid should plan to meet the deadline that applies to their specific admission application plan (see below). We accept late applications; however, students with incomplete applications may not receive financial aid eligibility information when admission decisions are released.

Priority filing dates apply to applications for financial aid in 2025-26.

Required Documents and Due Dates

Regular Decision

- January 15: File the CSS Profile (custodial and noncustodial parents, if applicable) and FAFSA.
- January 15: Upload to the College Board's Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC), parent and student 2024 year federal tax returns, W-2s, and required supplemental information such as corporate/business tax returns.
- Financial aid notification occurs in mid-March.

Early Decision I

- November 15: File the CSS Profile (custodial and noncustodial parents, if applicable) and FAFSA.
- November 15: Upload to the College Board's Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC), parent and student 2024 year federal tax returns, W-2s, and required supplemental information such as corporate/business tax returns.
- Financial aid notification occurs in mid-December.

Early Decision II

- January 5: File the CSS Profile (custodial and noncustodial parents, if applicable) and FAFSA.
- January 5: Upload to the College Board's Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC), parent and student 2024 year federal tax returns, W-2s, and required supplemental information such as corporate/business tax returns.
- Financial aid notification occurs in late January.

Transfer Applicants

- March 17 for fall transfers, November 1 for spring transfers: File the CSS Profile (custodial and noncustodial parents, if applicable) and FAFSA.
- March 17 for fall transfers and November 1 for spring transfers: Upload to the College Board's Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC), parent and student 2024 year federal tax returns, W-2s, and required supplemental information such as corporate/business tax returns.
- Notification of eligibility: Late March for fall admission, late December for spring admission.

Frances Perkins Program Applicants

- All required documents should be filed by March 17 for fall admission and November 4 for spring admission. Financial aid notification occurs in late March for fall enrollment and late December for spring enrollment.
- U.S. citizens and permanent residents file the FAFSA to be considered for federal and state grants, loans, and student employment.
- International and undocumented/DACA applicants file the CSS Profile to be considered for need-based student loans and student employment.
- All non-resident Frances Perkins students complete the Enrollment Questions found on the admission portal.

International Students

International applicants must indicate their intent to apply for need-based financial aid from Mount Holyoke on the admission application. Those who do not cannot be considered for need-based aid while enrolled at Mount Holyoke regardless of changes in family financial circumstances. International students' family contributions are determined when they

first apply to the College. The family contribution is calculated based on an assessment of a family's income and asset information and verified with additional documentation such as certified letters from parents' employers or income tax documents. Per College policy, the same family contribution initially calculated will be required each year until graduation. International students are responsible for the cost of the student health insurance premium, visa, and travel expenses, as well as the calculated family contribution.

Required Documents and Due Dates

- File the CSS Profile by: November 15 for ED I, January 5 for ED II, January 15 for Regular Decision, March 17 for fall transfer, November 1 for spring transfer.
- Email the 2024 parent tax return or other verification of income directly to sfs@mtholyoke.edu. (The same due dates apply as for the CSS Profile above.)
- File a second CSS Profile if student's biological or adoptive parents are divorced or separated. (The same due dates apply as for the CSS Profile.)
- Financial aid notification with admission decision if aid application is complete.

Deferred Action (DACA) or Undocumented Students

Undocumented or DACA students should complete the CSS Profile and upload parent and student U.S. federal taxes (on non-filer statement if not required to file) to the College Board's Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC). Students should follow the domestic student deadlines of the program for which they are applying. Undocumented and DACA students reapply for financial aid each year.

Renewal Applications

U.S. Citizens and permanent residents must reapply each year to be considered for federal and need based institutional financial aid. Note: The FAFSA is required of all students applying for federal aid. The CSS Profile is required of all students applying for institutional need-based aid. All applicable parent and student tax documents must be submitted for review. A student can review Financial Aid Online for a listing of required documents

Required Documents and Due Dates

- April 5: File the CSS Profile (custodial and noncustodial parents, if applicable) and FAFSA. (Frances Perkins students do not file the CSS Profile in most cases.)
- April 5: Upload parent and student federal tax returns, W-2s, and any required supplemental information such as corporate/business tax returns to the Image Documentation (IDOC) service of the College Board, as required. Some forms may be uploaded through Financial Aid Online.

Notification of eligibility: By mid-May, if the file is complete by April 5.

Divorced or Separated Parents

While Mount Holyoke will consider special circumstances, a student's biological or adoptive parents are expected to financially support their child's education as much as possible regardless of separation, divorce, or willingness to contribute. When determining eligibility for Mount Holyoke assistance, the College considers financial information from both parents and spouses or partners of parents, regardless of marital status.

Requests for Additional Aid (Appeals)

Student Financial Services accepts requests for reconsideration of a family contribution under certain circumstances. These circumstances include significant changes in income, financial support of an elderly grandparent, unreimbursed medical expenses, loss of employment, additional dependents who will be attending college full-time at a U.S. institution, or long-term loss of employment.

Requests for reconsideration must be accompanied by documentation. The Request for Reconsideration Form (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/documents/request-reconsideration-family-contribution-2025-2026>) is available on the Student Financial Services website. While an increase in aid is not always possible, each request is assessed thoroughly and equitably. Students are expected to maximize all federal and institutional need-based loan eligibility before additional grant aid can be considered.

The Financial Aid Package

Need-based financial aid packages typically consist of a combination of grant, loan, and campus employment.

Grant Aid

Grant aid does not need to be repaid. Grant funding comes from institutional, federal, and state sources.

Mount Holyoke College Need-based Grants

Need-based College grants are awarded based on demonstrated financial aid eligibility as determined by the College. Funding is provided by endowment earnings, the annual operating budget, and gifts from alums, parents, and friends. Need-based grants funded by the College include Mary Lyon Grant, Mount Holyoke Grant and the Health Insurance Grant.

Federal Grants

Pell Grant: Students with high demonstrated financial need, as determined by federal guidelines, are eligible for the Pell Grant. Grants range from \$740 to \$7,395 in 2025-26.

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG): SEOG grants range from \$500 to \$1,500 and are included in the financial aid package of students who are also eligible for the Pell Grant depending on availability of SEOG funds.

State Grants

Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Vermont offer scholarship and grant programs for students who reside in those states and attend school in Massachusetts.

Applicants for the Massachusetts State Grant must reside in Massachusetts for at least one year prior to receiving the grant. High school counselors or state scholarship offices can provide eligibility and deadline information. For the telephone number and address of a state's scholarship office, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 800-433-3243.

Note: If a student receives a federal or state grant that was not included in the original financial aid package, the Mount Holyoke grant is reduced by the amount of the federal, state, or provincial funding. This additional grant does not reduce the family contribution. College funding will not cover state funds if eligibility is lost due to missed deadlines as determined by the state.

Student Loans

A federal, state or Mount Holyoke College student loan, or combination of student loans, is included in most financial aid packages. The packaged

loan amount increases approximately \$1,000 each year. Total estimated student loan debt over four years will range from approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 depending on institutional packaging policies and whether or not the student borrows the maximum loan amount per federal guidelines.

Links to entrance counseling and other required loan documents can be found at the Student Financial Services website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/admission/apply-undergraduate-first-year/affording-mount-holyoke/financial-aid/types-financial-aid/need-based-student-loans/federal-direct-student-loans>). Students may decline a student loan included in the financial aid package by emailing Student Financial Services (sfs@mtholyoke.edu).

Federal Direct Student Loan (FDSL) - Subsidized

A subsidized FDSL is need-based. Eligibility is determined by filing the FAFSA, and the annual amount of the FDSL is based on the student's year in school. The federal government does not charge interest before repayment begins or during authorized periods of deferment (postponement of repayment). Repayment of principal and interest begins six months after a student graduates or ceases being enrolled at least half time.

Federal Direct Student Loan (FDSL) - Unsubsidized

All U.S. Citizens and permanent residents students are eligible for an unsubsidized FDSL regardless of need. The total amount of eligibility depends on the student's year in school. A FAFSA must be filed in order to receive an unsubsidized FDSL. The federal government charges interest on the unsubsidized FDSL from the time the loan is disbursed until the loan is paid in full. There is an option to defer payment of interest during school; that interest is capitalized (added to the principal) at repayment. Repayment begins six months after a student graduates or ceases being enrolled at least half time.

All FDSLs have an origination fee which reduces the total amount borrowed. The fee amount is set by the government in October and is applied at the time the loan is disbursed to the student's account. The student borrowing the loan is required to sign a master promissory note and complete entrance counseling online. The master promissory note is signed once but covers additional FDSL borrowed in future years.

Mount Holyoke College and Global Loan

These College funded loans are awarded to students demonstrating financial need. The interest rate is 8% and accrues once repayment begins. Repayment of principal and interest begins six months after the student graduates, withdraws, takes a nonacademic leave of absence, or ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. A promissory note and federally mandated disclosures must be completed by the student prior to accepting the loan. A promissory note and disclosure notice must be completed each year a student receives a Mount Holyoke College loan.

Student Employment

The College participates in the Federal Work-Study Program, a need-based program that funds student earnings for on-campus jobs as well as a number of off-campus positions with nonprofit agencies. The College also funds student employment for on-campus jobs. Annual student earnings depend on job position and hours worked. Students earn approximately \$2,400 for six to seven hours of work per week while classes are in session. Students are paid every two weeks. Earnings from student jobs are paid directly to the student and may be used for books and personal expenses.

Student Financial Services coordinates the posting of on-campus jobs. Off-campus community service positions are coordinated through the Community-Based Learning office. The College hires students in residence halls, administrative offices, academic departments, the library, and facilities management. In general, first-year students seeking Level 1 jobs should seek employment in the summer or early fall of their first semester. Students secure jobs using the College's student job board and a Virtual Spring Job Fair (online), designed to help students with work study find jobs for the following fall. Students with work study are eligible to apply for jobs of any level. Students without work study may apply for jobs in levels 2 through 5. The College makes every effort to post all available jobs.

Merit-Based Scholarships and Grants (Non-need based)

Merit-based scholarships and grants (non-need based) include: Trustee, 21st Century, J. Chin Scholarships, Posse, Mount Holyoke College Leadership and Global Perspective Awards, Scholarship in Honor of Native and Indigenous Communities, Frances Perkins Tuition Scholarships, Tuition Exchange, MHC Microscholarships (RaiseMe), and Tuition Assistance Grants.

The Office of Admission determines eligibility for merit-based awards. Students do not need to apply for need-based financial aid to be considered for merit-based scholarships. Merit-based scholarships are not transferable for study at another institution; however, students who are eligible to study abroad and who need financial assistance may apply for a Laurel Fellowship. Please see "Financial Aid for Study Abroad and Other Off-Campus Study" for additional information.

Non-need based funding, including merit-based scholarships, is renewed annually for up to eight semesters for first year students provided the student is enrolled full-time and remains in good academic standing.

The Frances Perkins Tuition Scholarship for resident (on campus) Frances Perkins students has term limits based on the total number of credits accepted for transfer at any point. Credits transferred to the College due to a semester or year of study abroad or academic leave count toward the semester limit, whether or not financial aid from the College was provided for these credits. The Frances Perkins Tuition Scholarship for commuting (non-resident) Frances Perkins students is limited to a cumulative total of 128 credits. Commuting Frances Perkins students must be enrolled at least half-time to retain eligibility. The 128-credit total includes transfer credits applied toward the Mount Holyoke degree. Frances Perkins students should plan their course of study with this in mind.

Students continuing on academic probation for more than one semester or suspended for academic reasons or behavioral reasons are ineligible to retain the non-need-based scholarship or grant. Students may also lose eligibility for honor code violations.

Non-need-based aid is refunded based on the refund schedule for tuition. (See the Tuition and Fees (p. 35) chapter.) For example, if 25% of tuition is refunded for the semester, the scholarship will be reduced by 25% for the semester. A student who takes a medical leave during a semester may appeal for the remaining portion of that semester's scholarship to be applied to an additional semester needed to complete course requirements. Students who need an additional semester of aid due to a medical leave may also appeal for additional need-based aid for the additional semester.

Outside Scholarships

Mount Holyoke encourages students to apply for outside scholarships. Outside scholarships can reduce the student's debt or help manage the family contribution.

Any outside scholarships received, per College and federal policy, must be considered part of the student's financial aid package. Students receiving outside scholarships should notify Student Financial Services (sfs@mholyoke.edu) as soon as possible.

If a student receives an outside scholarship(s), the scholarship amount will be added to the financial aid offer. If the amount of the scholarship(s) exceeds the cost of attendance (budget), the student loan will be reduced, followed by work study and institutional grant, if applicable.

International students who secure sponsorship funding prior to admission or enrolling at Mount Holyoke must notify Student Financial Services to discuss the impact on need-based financial assistance.

Information about outside scholarships can be obtained from high school counselors and local libraries or by using scholarship search engines. More information on scholarships is available here (<https://www.mholyoke.edu/admission/apply-undergraduate-first-year/affording-mount-holyoke/financial-aid/how-aid-works/scholarship-policies>). Current students may also research direct apply scholarship information at the Fellowships Office.

Employer Benefit

When a parent receives a tuition benefit through an employer, this funding reduces need-based loans and student employment (federal and institutional) and then any College grant. Tuition grants may only cover tuition. If a combination of tuition grants or scholarships from the College and employers/scholarship agencies exceeds tuition costs, the non-need-based grants from the College will be adjusted accordingly. If a parent receives a tuition benefit for student educational expenses and this benefit is not listed in the financial aid package, please notify Student Financial Services.

Veterans' Benefits (Including Yellow Ribbon)

Veterans' benefits will be treated as other outside scholarships and will be packaged in addition to any need based or non-need based aid the student is eligible for. These benefits include housing allowances and book stipends sent directly to the student. Mount Holyoke participates in the Yellow Ribbon program with a matching grant of up to \$10,000 per student per year for undergraduates.

Those eligible for Veterans' benefits may note that all eligible resident instruction is provided at the College's main campus: Mount Holyoke College, 50 College Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075. The 01075 zip code therefore is used by the Veterans Administration in calculating the Monthly Housing Allowance for those who qualify for this allowance.

Financial Aid for Study Abroad and Other Off-Campus Study

To support study abroad, Mount Holyoke offers the Laurel Fellowship which is need-based grant aid. Other Mount Holyoke scholarships and grants, including Tuition Assistance Grants or MHC Microscholarships, cannot be used for study abroad. Students studying abroad who are U.S. Citizens and permanent residents are eligible for federal financial aid. In order to determine eligibility for the Laurel Fellowship, students must be approved by the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives, submit a

consortium agreement from the study abroad program, and complete a financial aid application. For those receiving only federal financial aid, a consortium agreement is also required. Mount Holyoke does not charge the student MHC tuition or room and board for study abroad in most cases. Typically, students pay the program fees directly to the program. Any financial aid (including educational financing) will be credited to the student account and applied toward Mount Holyoke charges (e.g. Study Abroad Administrative Fee, currently \$900 per semester). Any excess credit balance will be sent to the student to assist with program expenses. To receive the credit balance a student must complete a Disbursement Form, available on the Student Financial Services website.

For more information about available funds and application procedures, visit the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives website (<https://www.mholyoke.edu/academics/international-learning/study-abroad>). In addition, please see the information about study abroad in the Special Programs and Resources (p. 16) chapter under The Dorothy R. and Norman E. McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives.

Financial Aid Policies

Disbursing Funds

Financial aid funds are disbursed on a per-semester basis and are disbursed at the beginning of each semester provided a student has completed all financial aid application requirements including loan requirements. Students should sign in to Financial Aid Online (<https://faid.mholyoke.edu/NetPartnerStudent/Logon.aspx>) for information regarding missing information.

For both initial and returning applicants, a student cannot start classes or move into a residence hall until the appropriate semester fees have been paid in full or provisions for payment plans and/or loans have been approved by Student Financial Services. To receive transcripts, both current and former students with no outstanding charges to the College, or who are current in an College-approved payment plan will have transcripts released. Students with past due balances to the College who are not on an approved payment plan, or are delinquent on their payment plan, may have their transcripts withheld pending a review of their student account. Former students that default on loans held by Mount Holyoke may have their request for College transcripts withheld until the loan is brought to a current status, or they engage in an approved payment plan for the defaulted loan.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Student Financial Services knows students are working toward an important milestone: a degree from Mount Holyoke College. Student Financial Services wants to help students achieve this goal and understands that receiving financial aid is part of a student's success. In accordance with federal policy, to remain eligible for financial aid, students must continue making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward their degree.

Federal regulations require that schools monitor the academic progress of every student who is eligible for federal Title IV financial aid, which includes the Pell Grant, TEACH Grant, SEOG, Direct loan (subsidized and unsubsidized), Parent PLUS loan, and Work Study. Federal standards of satisfactory academic progress (SAP) include a qualitative (GPA) measurement, a quantitative (Pace) measurement (credits completed vs. credits attempted), and a maximum time frame measurement. If one or more of the measures is not being met, the student is not making SAP. SAP is measured and reviewed at the end of each payment period, specifically at the end of fall semester and the end of spring semester.

Mount Holyoke College scholarships and grants are subject to the same SAP standards and monitoring as federal financial aid, with one exception: the Maximum Time Frame for these institutional awards is 8 semesters.

Students who fail to meet either the GPA or Pace satisfactory academic progress requirements will be placed on financial aid warning; no action is required by the student for financial aid purposes. Students who have been placed on financial aid warning are often on academic probation as well. These students are strongly advised to work closely with their academic advising team including their academic dean and faculty advisor in order to address their academic progress difficulties. Financial aid warning lasts for one payment period/semester only, during which the student may continue to receive federal and institutional funded financial aid. Students who fail to meet the GPA and/or Pace satisfactory progress after the warning period will lose their federal and institutional aid eligibility unless they successfully appeal and are placed on financial aid probation, with an academic plan (see details below). Students who have reached the applicable maximum time frame are no longer eligible for federal or institutional aid; they are not eligible for financial aid warning nor financial aid probation.

Students will be notified, via email, by the Office of Student Financial Services if they are not meeting SAP standards and have been placed on financial aid warning or financial aid probation.

Qualitative Standard (GPA)

Students (full or part-time) are required to maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA.

Quantitative (Pace) Standard

Undergraduate students must complete a minimum percentage of cumulative attempted credits, or pace. Pace is calculated by dividing the cumulative credit hours earned by the cumulative credit hours attempted.

Students must maintain a minimum pace of 67% (no rounding is allowed).

For example, a student who completes 12 of their 16 credits attempted in their first semester is at 75% pace. A student who completes 10 of 16 credits in their first semester is at 62% pace.

Another example may be a student who through their first three semesters has earned 28 and attempted 48 for an overall pace of 58.3% pace.

Maximum Time Frame

Undergraduate students are limited to a total of 192 attempted credits for federal financial aid eligibility and 8 semesters of institutional aid eligibility. Students will not be eligible for financial aid warning or financial aid probation once they have reached their maximum time frame.

Other Key Elements

Program Completion

Once the student completes all the academic requirements for their program, the student is considered to have completed the degree program and is no longer eligible for further federal or institutional aid for that program.

Transfer Coursework

Transfer credits accepted toward the student's current program (whether pre-matric, summer/January term, completed during an academic leave, study abroad leave or non-academic leave or completed as a finishing-away senior – including consortium agreements) are counted in both

cumulative credits attempted and cumulative credits earned. Grades earned in transfer credits are not included in cumulative GPA.

Five College Interchange Coursework

Courses taken through the Five College Interchange in fall or spring semesters while enrolled at Mount Holyoke College are counted in both cumulative credits attempted and cumulative credits earned. Letter grades earned in these courses are included in the cumulative GPA, with the exception of CR, NC, and P grades.

Incomplete Coursework (I)

Incomplete coursework at the time of SAP evaluation, whether in Five-College Interchange or MHC courses, is counted in the cumulative credits attempted but zero credits earned. The (I) grade will not be counted in the cumulative GPA. When an incomplete grade is finalized, it is factored into the cumulative GPA and reviewed as part of the SAP calculation at the time of the next formal evaluation. Incomplete coursework that is not resolved by its approved due date will result in an "F" grade (or "W" if the extension was approved as medical), unless the professor supplied a guaranteed grade or the student has been approved by the Dean of the College for a further extension. The credits will be counted in the cumulative credits attempted but zero credits earned. The (F) grade will be counted in the cumulative GPA.

Withdrawn Coursework (W)

Courses that were dropped during Add/Drop period (that is, before the applicable "Last day to withdraw without "W" notation recorded") will neither be counted as credits attempted nor earned and will not be counted in the cumulative GPA. Withdrawn coursework that results in a (W) grade will be counted in the cumulative credits attempted but zero credits earned. (W) Grades are not included in the cumulative GPA calculation. A Leave of Absence or Withdraw taken after the first day of classes for the semester (up through the end of the semester) will result in (W) grades.

Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)

Courses with a Credit (CR) grade are counted as credits attempted and credits earned; no grade will be counted in the cumulative GPA. Courses taken under the Ungraded option or mandatory Credit/No Credit (Pass/Fail) with a No Credit (NC) grade are counted as credits attempted and zero credits earned; no grade will be counted in the cumulative GPA.

Failed (F) Coursework

Courses with a Failed (F) grade are counted as credits attempted and zero credits earned; grade will be counted in the cumulative GPA.

Repeated Coursework

Unlimited repeated courses can be funded with federal/institutional aid if the student has not passed the course previously while attending Mount Holyoke College.

Mount Holyoke's academic policies prohibit students from repeating courses previously passed. However, a student may attempt elsewhere a course passed at Mount Holyoke and remain eligible for federal aid for it, under the usual restrictions for consortium arrangements. Under these conditions, both attempts would be counted towards attempted credits in computing SAP, but only one passed course would be counted towards total credits earned.

Definitions

Financial Aid Warning

As stated earlier, a student failing to meet SAP standards, at the time of SAP review, will be placed on financial aid warning for one payment period (i.e., semester). The student will be eligible for federal and institutional aid during the financial aid warning period and no further

action is required by the student. A student that meets SAP standards at the end of the financial aid warning term is eligible for continued federal and institutional aid. A student that does not meet SAP standards at the end of the financial aid warning term will not be eligible for federal or institutional aid in subsequent semesters until SAP standards are met or the student successfully appeals and is placed on financial aid probation with an academic plan.

Financial Aid Appeal Process/Financial Aid Probation

If, at the end of the financial aid warning term, a student is still not meeting SAP requirements, the student may submit an appeal based on extenuating circumstances only. Extenuating circumstances would be considered personal illness or injury, a death of a close relative, or other special circumstances. Students who believe their extenuating circumstances may qualify for an appeal should meet with a Financial Aid Counselor to review their situation and the appeal process.

The completed SAP Appeal Form must be sent to the Student Financial Services office by August 15th for the fall term and January 15th for the Spring term and it must explain why satisfactory progress was not met and what has changed that will allow the minimum standards to be met and include an academic plan approved by an Academic Dean. Academic plans should include a list of courses to be completed as well as specific information concerning academic and college resources that will be utilized. Late appeals might not be considered. Appeals will be reviewed by the Executive Director of Student Financial Services. Appeals containing significant excessive coursework outside the major, minor and other College requirements, extenuating circumstances which lack significant merit, and personal plans which fail to address the original cause of the SAP problem are subject to denial. Appeals are not approved for the sole purpose of pursuing an additional major or a minor, Nexus, or Five College certificate.

If the appeal is denied, the student will not be eligible for federal or institutional financial aid in subsequent semesters until SAP standards are met. If the appeal is approved, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Probation, with an academic plan, and will be eligible for federal and institutional financial aid during the probationary period.

While it is possible to remain on Financial Aid Probation for consecutive semesters, a student may not be on this status for more than three consecutive semesters. Additionally, understand that a student who has been on Financial Aid Probation, regained SAP, who then later fails to meet SAP may only be granted one additional Financial Aid Probation while attending Mount Holyoke College as an undergraduate. This also applies to a student who while on Financial Aid Probation, fails to meet the SAP academic plan outlined, appeals and is granted an additional Financial Aid Probation status. In other words, a student may be granted Financial Aid Probation twice, with each Financial Aid Probation lasting a maximum of three semesters.

Regaining Eligibility

Students whose federal and institutional aid has been suspended due to not meeting SAP requirements will regain federal and institutional aid eligibility for future semesters upon meeting SAP requirements.

Notice

The procedures and policies listed above are subject to change without advance notice based on changes to federal laws, federal regulations, or school policies. If changes are made, students will be notified via e-mail and must abide by the most current policy.

Funding Limitations

Resident students who enter as first-time, first-year students are eligible for a maximum of eight semesters of financial aid, need-based or non-need-based, from Mount Holyoke. College funding for transfer students and on-campus (resident) Frances Perkins students is limited based on the total number of credits accepted for transfer at any point (e.g. a student who transfers in 64 credits is eligible for a maximum of four semesters of College funding). Off-campus (commuting) Frances Perkins students receive funding for up to 128 attempted credits including any credits transferred to Mount Holyoke. Credits transferred to the College due to a semester or year of study abroad or academic leave will count toward the semester/credit limit, whether or not financial aid from the College was provided for these credits. Students should plan their course of study with these maximums in mind. All resident students are expected to take 16 credits per semester unless approved for a reduced course load due to a medical accommodation. Regardless of the number of credits attempted in a semester, a semester of residence will count as 16 credits toward the 128 credit limit. Commuting Frances Perkins students must take a minimum of eight credits a semester to be considered for financial aid. Students may appeal the loss of funding eligibility based on transferring in credits if the credits are needed to replace courses attempted at Mount Holyoke College but not earned. Students should submit appeals with supporting documentation to Student Financial Services. Please refer to the Student Financial Services website for additional information on funding limitations including a conversion table for transfer credits to equivalent semesters of funding eligibility. Students who must take a nonacademic leave for medical reasons after a semester has begun may request an additional semester of need-based funding at a later date, if needed, by writing to Student Financial Services with the request and authorizing Health or Counseling Services to verify the leave was for medical reasons. Student Financial Services may also request confirmation from the Office of Academic Deans that the additional semester is required to complete the degree. Students living off campus who have medical withdrawals from courses during a semester may also request consideration for additional funding.

Adding/Dropping Courses

For students who pay tuition by the credit hour, any credits dropped after the fifteenth day of classes in the fall and spring semesters will be counted, for financial aid eligibility purposes, toward the 128-credit maximum.

Independent Status

In determining eligibility for need-based financial aid from Mount Holyoke, the College follows the federal definition of an independent student (as listed below), with the following important exception: If a student enrolls as a dependent student at Mount Holyoke, the student will always be considered a dependent student, regardless of changes in family situation, marital status, time away from the College due to nonacademic leave, or withdrawal status. To be considered an independent student according to the federal definition, a student must be one of the following:

- At least twenty-four years old by December 31 of the award year
- Married
- A person with legal dependents other than a spouse
- An orphan or a ward of the court after age 13
- The ward of a court-appointed legal guardian after age 13
- An unaccompanied youth who is homeless or at risk of being homeless after age 13

- A veteran of U.S. military service or currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training

In some cases a student will be asked to supply parental or guardian information even if the student meets the above federal requirements. Please contact Student Financial Services (sfs@mtholyoke.edu) with any questions regarding independent student status.

Financial Aid for Summer Study

The College does not process or provide financial aid for undergraduate summer study at Mount Holyoke or other institutions.

Penalties During Delayed Disbursement of Chapter 33 Veterans' Benefits

In compliance with the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, an individual who is entitled to educational assistance under Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits (Chapter 33) may attend and participate in education at Mount Holyoke College without penalty during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 33 and ending on the earlier of the following dates: the date on which payment from the Veterans Administration is made to Mount Holyoke or 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility. The certificate of eligibility may be a "Statement of Benefits" obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs' website, eBenefits. During this period, no penalty will be imposed upon the covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the College due to the delayed disbursement of funding from the VA under chapter 33. Penalties to be suspended during this period include assessment of late fees, denial of access to classes or institutional facilities, and any requirement that the covered individual borrow additional funds. GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill> (<https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>).

Fellowships for Mount Holyoke Alums and Graduating Seniors

Mount Holyoke offers a large number of fellowships to graduating seniors and outstanding alums who have received a Mount Holyoke degree. Application procedures and deadlines vary.

Mount Holyoke College Alum Fellowships

Thanks to generous gifts from alums, the Alum Association is able to offer a small number of fellowships each year to Mount Holyoke graduates. The terms of each of these gifts govern the parameters for the use of the fellowship funds and the amount of money available for distribution. Applicants may apply to multiple fellowships through one application, as long as they meet the criteria of each award. The fellowship application deadline is November 30. For detailed information, see the Fellowships page (<http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/career/alumnae-fellowships/>).

Bardwell Memorial Fellowship Awarded to a recent graduate of no more than five years, without limitation as to field of work or place of study.

Frances Mary Hazen Fellowship Awarded, preferably, to a candidate in the field of classics.

Hannum-Warner Travel Fellowship Awarded for travel and study, preferably in Asia (although the West is not excluded).

Dr. Mary P. Dole Medical Fellowship Awarded for research to alums, preferably to those who hold a doctor of medicine degree.

Lyon's Pride Fellowship Awarded, preferably, to a candidate pursuing an LGBT, gender, or feminist studies project.

Mary E. Woolley Fellowship The Alum Association's most prestigious award. Awarded without limitation as to year of graduation, field of work, or place of study.

Rachel Brown Fellowship Awarded for the first year of graduate study in the physical or biological sciences to those who majored in these fields.

Richard A. Johnson Prize Awarded for the first year of graduate study in the physical or biological sciences to those who majored in these fields.

The 1905 Fellowship Awarded without limitation as to year of graduation, field of work, or place of study.

With any questions about the application process, visit the Fellowships page (<http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/career/alumnae-fellowships/>). Fellowship applicants may email the fellowship coordinator at alumassociation@mtholyoke.edu for questions about their application process.

Graduate Fellowships Awarded by Departments

Art History and Architectural Studies

Request applications from the academic department coordinator or find them on the department website.

Louise Fitz-Randolph Fellowship for graduate study in history of art, history of architecture, or archaeology in this country or abroad. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a program leading to the M.A. or Ph.D. Applications are due March 31.

Joseph A. Skinner Fellowship for graduate study in architecture. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a program leading to an M.F.A. or M. Arch. Applications are due March 31.

Art Studio

Request applications from the academic department coordinator or find them on the department website.

Joseph A. Skinner Fellowship for graduate study in art studio or related field. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a program leading to an M.A. or M.F.A. Applications are due March 31.

Biological Sciences

Submit a proposed plan of study and budget to the department chair, accompanied by an official transcript of graduate work, where applicable. If the applicant is not a recent Mount Holyoke graduate, a letter of recommendation from a current research advisor or employer is recommended. Applications are due February 20.

Ira Skillman Stryker Fellowship for applicants preparing to teach or do research in biological sciences. Ordinarily this fellowship is used for summer study.

A. Elizabeth Adams Fellowship for graduate study in biological sciences, but not professional degrees.

Morgan-Adams Graduate Fellowship for graduate work in biological sciences.

Economics

Request applications from the academic department coordinator. Applications are accepted starting February 15 and are awarded on a rolling basis.

Virginia Galbraith Graduate Fellowship for excellence in economics supports graduate study in economics or in another field involving a strong focus on economics, and is preferably awarded to an alum who was an economics major or at least took some courses in economics as an undergraduate at Mount Holyoke.

The Robert Robertson Fund for the study of health care will provide financial support for a Mount Holyoke alum pursuing graduate studies. The graduate program should have both an economics and health component.

English

The Graduate Fellowship in English and Joseph McGrath Bottkol Fellowship is awarded annually for graduate study in English without limitation as to place of study.

The Naomi Kitay '33 Fellowship is awarded annually to a recent graduate or an outstanding senior as an aid toward a career in creative prose writing.

Contact the English department for further information about funding opportunities and application deadlines.

History

Contact the History department for application. Applications are due February 1.

Joseph A. Skinner Fellowship for graduate study in history. Preference is given to applicants who are completing the Ph.D. dissertation.

International Relations, Law, and Politics

Submit a proposed plan of study to the chair of the politics department, accompanied by curriculum vitae or resume, an official transcript of undergraduate and graduate work, where applicable, and two letters of recommendation by March 31. The fellowships are restricted to students majoring in either politics or international relations. Former applicants, including recipients, may reapply. Awarded annually.

Ellen Deborah Ellis Fellowship for advanced study in international relations, preferably abroad, but also in the United States. Awarded annually.

Ruth C. Lawson Fellowship for advanced study in international politics. Awarded annually.

Donald G. Morgan Fellowship preferably for attending law school or for graduate work studying aspects of the United States Constitution. Awarded periodically.

Physics

Applications due by May 1 to the academic department coordinator.

Joseph A. Skinner Fellowship for graduate study in physics or closely related disciplines in this country or abroad.

Psychology

Request applications from the academic department coordinator. Applications are due April 15.

Steven H. Davol Fellowship for further study in an area of developmental psychology, preferably that of early childhood.

AREAS OF STUDY / PROGRAMS A-Z

Offering	Major	Minor	Cert / Other	Nexus	Level
African Studies (p. 49)			5college cert. (p. 50)		ugrad
Africana Studies (p. 50)	Major (p. 51)	Minor (p. 121)			ugrad
Ancient Studies (p. 52)	Major (p. 53)	Minor (p. 53)			ugrad
Anthropology (p. 54)	Major (p. 54)	Minor (p. 54)			ugrad
Arabic (p. 60)		Minor (p. 61)			ugrad
Architectural Studies (p. 61)	Major (p. 61)	Minor (p. 62)			ugrad
Art History (p. 64)	Major (p. 64)	Minor (p. 65)			ugrad
Art Studio (p. 70)	Major (p. 70)	Minor (p. 71)			ugrad
Asian Studies (p. 75)		Minor (p. 76)			ugrad
Asian/Pacific/American Studies (p. 82)			5college cert. (p. 82)		ugrad
Astronomy (p. 82)	Major (p. 83)	Minor (p. 83)			ugrad
Biochemistry (p. 85)	Major (p. 86)				ugrad
Biological Sciences (p. 88)	Major (p. 89)	Minor (p. 89)			ugrad
Bio-Mathematical Sciences (p. 96)			5college cert. (p. 96)		ugrad
Buddhist Studies (p. 97)			5college cert. (p. 97)		ugrad
Chemistry (p. 97)	Major (p. 98)	Minor (p. 99)			ugrad
Chinese (p. 102)		Minor (p. 103)			ugrad
Classics (p. 104)	Major (p. 104)	Minor (p. 105)			ugrad
Classical Studies (p. 106)	Major (p. 106)	Minor (p. 107)			ugrad
Coastal and Marine Sciences (p. 112)			5college cert. (p. 112)		ugrad
Cognitive Neuroscience (p. 113)			5college cert. (p. 113)		ugrad
College Courses (p. 113)			Other courses (p. 113)		ugrad
Computer Science (p. 114)	Major (p. 115)	Minor (p. 115)			ugrad
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Critical Social Thought (p. 133)	Major (p. 134)	Minor (p. 134)			ugrad
Culture, Health, and Science (p. 136)			5college cert. (p. 137)		ugrad
Curricular Support Courses (p. 137)			Other courses (p. 137)		ugrad
Dance (p. 138)	Major (p. 138)	Minor (p. 139)			ugrad
Data Analytics and Society (p. 144)				Nexus (p. 144)	ugrad

Data Science (p. 145)	Major (p. 146)		ugrad
Development Studies (p. 148)		Nexus (p. 148)	ugrad
East Asian Studies (p. 149)	Major (p. 150)		ugrad
Economics (p. 151)	Major (p. 152)	Minor (p. 153)	ugrad
Education (with teacher licensure) (p. 346)		Minor (p. 348)	ugrad
Educational Policy and Practice (p. 157)		Nexus (p. 157)	ugrad
Educational Studies (p. 158)		Minor (p. 159)	ugrad
Engineering (p. 160)		Nexus (p. 161)	ugrad
English (p. 161)	Major (p. 162)	Minor (p. 162)	ugrad
Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society (p. 175)		Minor (p. 175)	ugrad
Environmental Studies (p. 178)	Major (p. 179)	Minor (p. 180)	ugrad
Ethnomusicology (p. 187)		5college cert. (p. 187)	ugrad
Film Media Theater (p. 187)	Major (p. 188)	Minor (p. 188)	
First-Year Seminars (p. 203)		Other courses (p. 203)	ugrad
French (p. 212)	Major (p. 213)	Minor (p. 213)	ugrad
Gender Studies (p. 217)	Major (p. 218)	Minor (p. 218)	ugrad
Geography (p. 229)	Major (p. 230)	Minor (p. 230)	ugrad
Geology (p. 233)	Major (p. 233)	Minor (p. 233)	ugrad
German Studies (p. 237)	Major (p. 238)	Minor (p. 239)	ugrad
Global Business (p. 240)		Nexus (p. 240)	ugrad
Greek (p. 241)	Major (p. 242)	Minor (p. 242)	ugrad
History (p. 246)	Major (p. 246)	Minor (p. 247)	ugrad
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International Relations (p. 255)	Major (p. 256)	5college cert. (p. 256)	ugrad
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Japanese (p. 261)		Minor (p. 262)	ugrad
Jewish Studies (p. 263)		Minor (p. 263)	ugrad
Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse (p. 265)		Nexus (p. 266)	ugrad
Latin (p. 267)	Major (p. 267)	Minor (p. 267)	ugrad
Latin American Studies (p. 272)		Minor (p. 273)	ugrad
Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (p. 274)		5college cert. (p. 275)	ugrad
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Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights (p. 275)			Nexus (p. 275)	ugrad
Logic (p. 276)			5college cert. (p. 276)	ugrad
Master of Arts in Teacher Leadership (p. 400)	MAT (p. 400)			grad
Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics (p. 397)	MAT (p. 397)			grad
Master of Arts in Teaching (p. 384)	MAT (p. 384)			grad
Mathematics (p. 277)	Major (p. 277)	Minor (p. 278)		ugrad
Middle Eastern Studies (p. 282)	Major (p. 283)		5college cert. (p. 283)	ugrad
Museums, Archives, and Public History (http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/museums-archives-public-history/)			Nexus (http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/museums-archives-public-history/)	ugrad
Music (p. 284)	Major (p. 285)	Minor (p. 285)		ugrad
Native American and Indigenous Studies (p. 300)			5college cert. (p. 301)	ugrad
Native American and Indigenous Studies Nexus (p. 301)			Nexus (p.)	
Neuroscience and Behavior (p. 302)	Major (p. 302)			ugrad
Philosophy (p. 306)	Major (p. 307)	Minor (p. 307)		ugrad
Physical Education and Athletics (p. 313)			Other courses (p. 313)	ugrad
Physics (p. 320)	Major (p. 321)	Minor (p. 322)		ugrad
Politics (p. 325)	Major (p. 326)	Minor (p. 327)		ugrad
Psychology (p. 336)	Major (p. 337)	Minor (p. 337)		ugrad
Psychology and Education (p. 346)	Major (p. 347)			ugrad
Queer, Trans, and Sexuality Studies (p. 352)			5college cert. (p. 353)	ugrad
Religion (p. 353)	Major (p. 353)	Minor (p. 354)		ugrad
Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice (p. 359)			5college cert. (p. 359)	ugrad
Romance Languages and Cultures (p. 359)	Major (p. 360)	Minor (p. 360)		ugrad
Russian and Eurasian Studies (p. 361)	Major (p. 362)	Minor (p. 362)		ugrad
Russian Culture and Literature (p. 361)		Minor (p. 362)		ugrad
Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (p. 364)			5college cert. (p. 364)	ugrad
Russian Language (p. 361)		Minor (p. 362)		ugrad
Sociology (p. 364)	Major (p. 364)	Minor (p. 365)		ugrad

South Asian Studies (p. 368)	Major (p. 369)		ugrad
Spanish (Hispanophone Studies) (p. 370)	Major (p. 370)	Minor (p. 371)	ugrad
Special (Self-Designed) Major (p. 377)	Major (p. 377)		
Statistics (p. 377)	Major (p. 378)	Minor (p. 378)	ugrad
Sustainability Studies (p. 381)		5college cert. (p. 381)	ugrad

Key to Course Listings

Catalog Updates

Degree requirements, academic policies, and course listings as stated in this catalog are subject to change by official action of the faculty. Administrative policies are subject to change by College officials. Revisions and additions to the curriculum are published each fall and spring through the online registration system.

Course Classification

Introductory courses are numbered 100–199; intermediate courses, 200–299; advanced courses, 300–399; graduate courses, 400–499. With permission, graduate credit may be given for 300-level courses, and 200-level courses may be taken at the 300 level.

The College reserves the right to make changes in course offerings in any term as circumstances require.

Anatomy of a Course Listing

For each course, the following information is listed in the catalog, in this order:

- Course subject, number, and title
- The term(s) in which the course is planned to be offered – e.g. “Fall”, “Spring”, or “Not Scheduled for this Year”
 - Note that course offering plans do evolve after production of the catalog, so students should check the schedule of classes during advising week each semester to confirm the availability of particular courses
- The course description
- Any College-wide undergraduate degree requirements to which it can be applied – e.g. “Science and Mathematics” if it has been designated to count towards the Science and Mathematics distribution requirement. If multiple requirements are listed, usually a student may count the course towards one of the listed requirements and not all. However, there are some combinations of requirements which a student is allowed to fulfill through a single course. For a full description of the College-wide requirements and these “double-counting” rules, please see the Bachelor of Arts Degree and Requirements (p. 9) chapter
- Instructor(s)
- Any restrictions defining who may register for the course
- Any prerequisites of the course – e.g. course(s) which must be taken before this one
- Advisory notes, if any, that alert the student to additional required actions or recommended prerequisites
- Corequisites if this course must be taken at the same time as another, such as a required lab that must also be taken with this course

- Number of semester credits awarded upon completion (or non-academic PE units for Physical Education courses). When a range of credits is listed – e.g. 1-4 – the course may be taken for varied credit values within the specified range. Consult the instructor for further information about course requirements at the different credit values and then select the correct credit value when registering
- Any other notes about the course

Key to Abbreviations and Symbols

Abbreviation	Description
Prereq	Prerequisite course(s) required prior to enrollment in the course
Coreq	Corequisite course required when enrolling in the course
Advisory	Recommended experience or required action by the student (such as a special course application form)
CBL	Community-Based Learning course
FP	Frances Perkins student
X.	Course subjects that begin with “X.” are offered through Professional and Graduate Education

Prerequisites

A student who does not have the indicated prerequisites but who has completed related work or who wishes to enter a course without the stated prerequisites may do so with the approval of the instructor.

Students are encouraged to contact the instructor of the course via email to describe their alternate qualifications and seek a course permission to override the prerequisite.

African Studies

Overview and Contact Information

This program allows students to take advantage of the substantial resources for the study of Africa in the Five Colleges: 40 faculty whose research and teaching focus primarily on Africa offer almost 150 courses. The wide array of course offerings allows students to develop a concentration of study devoted to Africa that complements any major. By focusing intensely on the continent of Africa, students develop a keen appreciation of the rich connections between history, politics, economics, cultures, and the humanities.

See Also

- Critical Race and Political Economy (p. 120)
- Africana Studies (p. 50)

Contact Information

Olabode Omojola, Council Chair, Five College Professor of Music

<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/african-studies>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of six courses:

Code	Title	Credits
A minimum of six approved courses from at least four different departments, programs, or disciplines. Each course should carry at least three credits, and at least fifty percent of its content should be devoted to Africa. These must include: ¹		
	At least one course providing historical perspective on Africa. (Normally the course should offer at least a regional perspective.)	
	At least one course on Africa in the social sciences (anthropology, economics, geography, political science, sociology)	
	At least one course on Africa in the fine arts and humanities (art, folklore, literature, music, philosophy, religion)	
Proficiency through the level of the second year of college, in either an indigenous or colonial language in Africa other than English. This requirement may be met by examination or course work. ²		
Total Courses		6-10

¹ Approved courses for the certificate are listed on the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/african-studies#courses>).
² These language courses may not count toward the minimum of six courses required for the certificate.

Additional Specifications

- No more than three courses in any one department or program may count toward the six required in Section A.
- A certificate candidate may present courses taken in Africa, but normally at least three of the required courses must be taken in the Five Colleges.
- A candidate must earn a grade of B or better in every course for the certificate; none may be taken on a pass/fail basis.
- Unusual circumstances may warrant substituting certificate requirements; therefore candidates through their African Studies Faculty Advisors may petition the Faculty Liaison Committee (the Five College committee of certificate program advisors) at least one full semester before graduation for adjustments in these requirements. A successful petition will satisfy the interdisciplinary character of the certificate program.
- Students are encouraged to spend one semester or more in Africa. Information about study abroad and other opportunities is available through the international program office at each campus.
- Students are encouraged to complete their certificate program with an independent study project that integrates and focuses their course work in African studies.

Africana Studies
Overview and Contact Information

The Africana Studies major is available only to students who entered the College before fall 2023. Students entering fall 2023 or later

should instead refer to Critical Race and Political Economy (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/critical-race-political-economy>) (CRPE) for its Africana Studies pathway and Africana Studies minor. Students who entered before fall 2023 and who will graduate in May 2024 or later may be eligible to choose either the Africana Studies major or the Africana Studies pathway within the CRPE major, after consulting with the chair of the CRPE department.

As a field of inquiry, Africana studies describes and analyzes the origins and experiences of people of African descent wherever they live or have lived. This field is informed by the intellectual traditions of African American, African, and African Diasporic studies. While it has a renewed focus on the connections and movements of African-descended people from different sites of Africa and the diaspora, it also values in depth study of Black people in discrete local, regional and national contexts. This field is inherently comparative, international, and interdisciplinary in approach, embracing the range of fields in the humanities and social sciences and including the performing arts.

Africana Studies prepares students for a number of careers: government, politics, international affairs, law, education, journalism, public health, religious studies, literature and the arts, and business management, to name only a few.

See Also

- Critical Race and Political Economy (p. 120)
- African Studies (p. 49)

Contact Information

David Hernández, Co-chair
Vanessa Rosa, Co-chair
Bridget Barrett, Academic Department Coordinator

Learning Goals

Africana Studies majors and minors should:

- Be aware of important events and themes in African American, African Diaspora and African histories.
- Have exposure to the broad array of theoretical perspectives on black life and experience, including an understanding of the constructedness of race, gender, sexuality, and ethnicity in the study of black conditions, progress and social change.
- Have considered the roles of cultural forms (literature, art, religion, music, etc.) in the lives of peoples of African descent in Africa and the diaspora, and how cultural forms create links among those peoples.
- Develop an awareness of the political economy of race and power in national and transnational contexts.
- Have the ability to read, write, and argue with rigor and discipline.
- Have the ability to critically appreciate and analyze texts.
- Have the ability to conduct independent primary research.
- Have an understanding and capacity to employ various research methodologies.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Critical Race and Political Economy:
Kristie Ford, Director of the Intergroup Dialogue Center; Professor of Sociology and Critical Race and Political Economy

Lucas Wilson, Professor of Economics and Critical Race and Political Economy on the Ford Foundation

David Hernández, Associate Professor of Latinx Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

Ren-yo Hwang, Associate Professor of Gender Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy, On Leave 2025-2026

Vanessa Rosa, Associate Professor of Latinx Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

Maria Abello Hurtado, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

Pilar Eguetz Guevara, Visiting Assistant Professor in Critical Race and Political Economy

Alexis Holloway, Mount Holyoke Fellow and Visiting Lecturer in Critical Race and Political Economy

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
CRPE-200	Foundations of Africana Studies	4
CBL requirement: Select at least one of the following courses:		4
EDUC-205	Social Justice in Education	
At least 16 credits at the 300 level from the approved course list for Africana Studies, in at least two different disciplines, of which only 4 credits may be CRPE-395 (AFCNA-395 if before fall 2023) ¹		16
16 credits of additional courses from the approved course list for Africana Studies ¹		16
Total Credits		40

¹ Courses to be counted for the major (p. 51) are drawn from departmental and College offerings, as approved for Africana Studies. Students may also count courses taken at the other Five College institutions, subject to approval by the chair.

Other Requirements

- Concentration statement. Students who major in Africana Studies will construct their own concentrations with the guidance and advice of a faculty advisor who is affiliated with the program. The concentration statement must be approved by the program. The concentration statement will include a description of the concentration, which disciplines it draws on, a discussion of its intellectual merits and an explanation by the student of why the concentration has been constructed in the particular ways proposed. The student needs to list courses pertinent to the concentration, as well as any relevant experiential learning opportunities including Community-Based Learning (CBL) classes, community service, and internships.

Additional Specifications

- The Africana Studies major is available only to students who entered the College before fall 2023. Students entering fall 2023 or later should instead refer to Critical Race and Political Economy (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/critical-race-political-economy>) (CRPE).

- When declaring a major, each student chooses an advisor from the committee. In addition, the student must have the approval of the program chair.
- Students who declare an Africana Studies major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Courses Meeting Requirements for the Africana Studies Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-216BE	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Black Ethnographers'	4
ANTHR-216RC	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Representing Race'	4
ANTHR-316BF	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Black Feminist Anthropology'	4
Art Studio		
ARTST-380AE	Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-200	Foundations of Africana Studies	4
CRPE-208	Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory	4
CRPE-240BE	Intermediate Topics: 'Black Ethnographers'	4
CRPE-240LF	Intermediate Topics: 'Latinas in Film'	4
CRPE-240RE	Intermediate Topics: 'Representing Race'	4
CRPE-244	The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas	4
CRPE-308	Luminous Darkness: African American Social Thought After DuBois	4
CRPE-332	Black Feminist Anthropology	4
CRPE-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4
CRPE-363	A Social Movements' History of the States from Grassroots Organizing to Social Movements	4
CRPE-367	Slavery, Prison, and Captivity: Narratives of Life In and Out of Bondage	4
Dance		
DANCE-132	Introduction to Hip Hop	2
DANCE-133	Introduction to Breakin'	2
DANCE-142	Introduction to West African Dance	2
DANCE-232	Intermediate Hip Hop	2
DANCE-234	House Dance	2
DANCE-269	Performance Beyond Movement: Dance and Storytelling	2
Economics		
ECON-306	Political Economy of Inequality	4
ECON-349EC	Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Analysis of Empire of Cotton'	4
English		
ENGL-217SA	Topics in English: 'South African Literature: Postapartheid and Beyond'	4
ENGL-254EN	Topics in African American Literature: 'The Theory of the Early African American Novel'	4
ENGL-257	Survey of African American Literature	4

ENGL-350AB	Topics in African American Literature: 'Abolition and Climate Change'	4
ENGL-350AT	Topics in African American Literature: 'Race and the Aesthetics of Taste'	4
ENGL-382EQ	Advanced Topics in English: 'Equiano's Worlds: Global Abolition, Alt Humanisms, and Experimental Prose'	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
ENVST-314	China in the Global South	4
Film Media Theater		
FMT-240PE	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'African Performance Aesthetics'	4
FMT-330AT	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'African Theater'	4
French		
FREN-219	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to the French-Speaking World	4
FREN-341NE	Courses in Francophone Studies: 'Revisiting the Negritude Movement: Origins, Evolution, and Relevance'	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-206BF	Women and Gender in History: 'The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas'	4
GNDST-210WR	Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Womanist Religious Thought'	4
GNDST-333AE	Advanced Seminar: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4
GNDST-333SE	Advanced Seminar: 'Black Sexual Economies'	4
History		
HIST-141	Introduction to Modern African History	4
HIST-142	Introduction to Pre Colonial African History	4
HIST-213	History of Turtle Island: Introduction to Native North America	4
HIST-245EU	Topics in African History: 'European Expansion in Africa'	4
HIST-245EV	Topics in African History: 'Society and Environment in Africa'	4
HIST-245MW	Topics in African History: 'Modern West Africa, 1800 to the Present'	4
HIST-279	Modern Civil Rights Movement	4
HIST-281	African American History, Precolonial to Emancipation	4
HIST-282	African American History from Emancipation to the Present	4
HIST-381BE	Recent American History: 'Black Labor Since Emancipation'	4
Music		
MUSIC-161	Beginning West African Drumming Ensemble	1
MUSIC-226	World Music	4
MUSIC-238	The Power of Black Music	4
Politics		
POLIT-252	Urban Politics	4

POLIT-334	Black American Political Thought	4
Religion		
RELIG-181	Introduction to African Diaspora Religions	4
RELIG-246	Womanist Religious Thought	4
RELIG-331AF	Advanced Topics in Religion: 'African American Spiritualities of Dissent'	4
RELIG-361	The Aquatic Life of Black Devotion	4
Sociology		
SOCI-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4

Ancient Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The major in ancient studies encourages the study of ancient Greek and Roman civilizations from an interdisciplinary and inclusive perspective. Currently, majors may choose from among three concentrations: a) art historical/archaeological, b) historical, c) literary/mythological. On consultation with their advisors, students may select courses from among those offered in classics, art history, history, philosophy, politics, and religion. Through this major students will attain a deeper and more sophisticated knowledge of the ancient world.

The Ancient Studies major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106). Students who entered before fall 2024 and who will graduate in May 2025 or later are eligible to choose either Ancient Studies or Classical Studies after consulting with the chair of the Classical Studies department.

See Also

- Classical Studies (p. 106)
- Classics (p. 104)
- Greek (p. 241)
- Latin (p. 267)

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Learning Goals

Learning goals for students of classics and ancient studies are:

- To analyze critically ancient Greek and Roman texts, in their original languages and in translation, within their literary, philosophical, and historical contexts.
- To understand major monuments and artifacts within their historical and cultural settings; to develop a visual literacy of ancient art and sharpen the ability to see and express what one sees.
- To imagine fully and creatively ancient cultural communities when relying on limited written and material remains.

- To deepen the understanding of current problems by studying the responses of ancient Greeks and Romans to questions about the human condition, including, how to live well, and how to govern.
- To write and speak more confidently and effectively, and to develop well-reasoned arguments using primary evidence and/or secondary material, including print and digital resources.
- To expand intellectual breadth through studying the ancient Greek and Roman worlds through different disciplines and modes of inquiry.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Classics and Italian. Advisors in Ancient Studies:

Geoffrey Sumi, Professor of Classics on the Alum Foundation

Bruce Arnold, Associate Professor of Classics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
At least one 4 credit course at or above the level of GREEK-102 or LATIN-102		4
At least one 4 credit art historical or archaeological course focusing on the ancient Mediterranean		4
At least one 4 credit literary or mythical course focusing on the ancient Mediterranean or India		4
At least two 4 credit historical courses:		8
One course on the ancient Greek world		
One course on the ancient Roman world		
At least two 4 credit 300-level courses:		8
One of which is a designated capstone/research seminar		
One of which is in the chosen concentration		
One additional 4 credit course at the 200 level or above		4
Total Credits		32

Additional Specifications

- The Ancient Studies major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106).
- At least three (4 credit) courses (12 credits total) must be within the chosen concentration
- Students intending to pursue graduate studies are encouraged to minor in a related area (e.g., art history, classics, history, one of the ancient languages, philosophy, or religion)

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Two 4 credit courses, each from different areas of concentration		8
At least one 4 credit course at the 300 level		4
8 credits from relevant 4 credit courses in art history, classics, history, Asian studies, philosophy, religion, or politics		8
Total Credits		20

Additional Specifications

- The Ancient Studies major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106).

Related Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Art History		
ARTH-290AR	Issues in Art History: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'	4
Classical Studies		
CLAS-101	Elementary Latin I	4
CLAS-102	Elementary Latin II	4
CLAS-111	Elementary Greek: Homer's <i>Iliad</i>	4
CLAS-112	Elementary Greek: Homer's <i>Iliad</i>	4
CLAS-201	Intermediate Latin I	4
CLAS-202CE	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic'	4
CLAS-202RC	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome'	4
CLAS-202RN	Intermediate Latin II: 'Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel'	4
CLAS-202VA	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Vergil: <i>Aeneid</i> '	4
CLAS-202WR	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic'	4
CLAS-216	Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-218	Gods and Mortals: Classical Mythology	4
CLAS-226	Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-227	Ancient Greece	4
CLAS-231	Greek Tragedy, American Drama, and Film	4
CLAS-242	Kingdoms Human and Divine	4
CLAS-247	Knowing God	4
CLAS-250AR	Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'	4
CLAS-250EC	Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'	4
CLAS-295	Independent Study	1-4
CLAS-302	Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic	4
CLAS-307	The Slender Muse	4
CLAS-308	Classical Epic: Homer, Vergil, and Ovid	4
CLAS-309	Vergil: <i>Aeneid</i>	4
CLAS-312	Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-313	Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic	4
CLAS-316	Ovid: <i>Metamorphoses</i>	4
CLAS-318	Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel	4
CLAS-320	Bad Roman Emperors	4
CLAS-395	Independent Study	1-8
History		
HIST-226	Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome	4
HIST-227	Ancient Greece	4

HIST-228	Ancient Rome	4
HIST-320	Bad Roman Emperors	4
Philosophy		
PHIL-201	Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought: The Greek Period	4
Politics		
POLIT-211	Classical Political Thought	4
Religion		
RELIG-225KG	Topics in Religion: 'Knowing God'	4

Anthropology

Overview and Contact Information

Anthropology at Mount Holyoke College is devoted to the study of human cultural diversity through time and around the world. The approach is cross-cultural, the perspective non-ethnocentric. The analytic tools will help students make sense of the human condition no matter how familiar or foreign it may seem. Our courses are designed to expose students to a variety of cultures and introduce them to the different topics, theories, and methods of the discipline of anthropology.

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Learning Goals

The Anthropology major is designed to cultivate in students:

- The knowledge of human cultural diversity to foster cross-cultural tolerance and understanding.
- The ability to investigate distinct human conditions around the world by applying an ethnographic perspective.
- Skills to conduct fieldwork in adherence with ethical protocols by using participant observation, in-depth interviews, archival and media research, narrative and discourse analysis and the analysis of material culture.
- Proficiency in the history, development, and contemporary significance of theoretical debates in cultural anthropology.
- Competence to analyze written, visual, and cultural texts and to evaluate evidence.
- Aptitude to clearly and effectively articulate arguments and conclusions in written and spoken form.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Anthropology faculty:

Elif Babül, Professor of Anthropology

Joshua Roth, Professor of Anthropology

Sabra Thorner, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Matthew Watson, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Anisha Chadha, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Teaching Spring Only

William Girard, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, On Leave 2025-2026

Pamela Stone, Visiting Associate Professor in Anthropology

Nadia Latif, Visiting Assistant Professor in Anthropology

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHR-105	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4
ANTHR-235	History of Anthropological Thought ¹	4
ANTHR-275	Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology	4
ANTHR-350	Issues in Contemporary Anthropological Theory	4
One cultural area course in anthropology OR a community-based learning (CBL) course in anthropology other than ANTHR-275		4
Alternatively, this requirement can be fulfilled through: approved study abroad, or foreign language through two semesters at the intermediate level, or an approved area or CBL course in another discipline. While satisfying this specific requirement, these alternative methods of satisfying the cultural area requirement will not count towards the 32 credits required for the major. ²		
4 additional credits in Anthropology ³		4
8 additional credits at the 300 level		8
Total Credits		32

¹ Majors should take ANTHR-235 before ANTHR-350.

² Discuss your plan for fulfilling this requirement with your advisor in advance, to be sure it will satisfy the requirement.

³ If you have fulfilled the cultural area/CBL requirement in anthropology by taking an approved area or CBL course in anthropology, you would need only 4 additional credits. If not, you will need 8.

Additional Specifications

- ANTHR-295 or ANTHR-395 do not count toward the requirements of courses in the major at the 200 and 300 level.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHR-105	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4
4 credits at the 300 level ¹		4
12 additional credits above the 100 level		12
Total Credits		20

¹ Cannot be fulfilled by ANTHR-395

Course Offerings

ANTHR-105 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Introduces the analysis of cultural diversity, including concepts, methods, and purposes in interpreting social, economic, political, and belief systems found in human societies.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.

ANTHR-204 Anthropology of Modern Japan

Spring. Credits: 4

Certain keywords are crucial for understanding Japanese culture and society, words such as *amae* (dependence), *uchi/soto* (inside/outside), *tatemaie/honne* (formality/true feeling), *giri* (obligation), *hare/kegare* (purity/pollution), *seishin* (spirit), and *en* (connection). This course will introduce seminal works that introduce some of these keywords, as well as more recent writing that examines the contexts such as the family, school, and workplace in which these cultural frameworks shape peoples' lives and are themselves reshaped. Also, we will attend to historical moments such as World War II, the postwar era of high-speed growth, and the long recession and era of low birth rate.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

ANTHR-212 Shopping and Swapping: Cultures Consumption and Exchange

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

We shop for our food, for our clothes, for our colleges. We purchase cars, manicures, and vacations. It seems that there is little that cannot be bought or sold. But we also give and receive gifts, exchange favors, "go dutch" in restaurants, and invite friends for potlucks. This course examines exchange systems cross-culturally, in order to understand their cultural significance and social consequences. It explores how our own commodity exchange system, which appears to be no more than an efficient means of distributing goods and services, in fact contains intriguing symbolic dimensions similar to the gift exchange systems of Native North America, Melanesia, and Africa.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: ANTHR-105.

ANTHR-216 Special Topics in Anthropology

ANTHR-216AU Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Peoples and Cultures of Indigenous Australia'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Indigenous peoples of Australia have long been objects of interest and imagination by outsiders -- for their ceremonial practices, social structures, religious forms, aesthetic expressions, and relationships to land. This course will explore how Aboriginal peoples have struggled to reproduce and represent themselves and their lifeways on their own terms -- via visual media (pigment designs on bark, acrylic paintings on canvas); performances (cultural festivals, plays, other forms); archival interventions (photographic, textual, digital); museum exhibition; and various textual genres (autobiography, fiction, poetry). We will examine "traditional" and "contemporary" productions as all part of culture and culture-making in the present, emphasizing that this is ongoing and intercultural work.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: ANTHR-105.

ANTHR-216BE Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Black Ethnographers'

Fall. Credits: 4

The aim of this class is to underscore the significance of Black perspectives and contributions within the field of anthropology. Black anthropology, and especially Black feminist anthropology, has historically been sidelined within anthropological discourse. In this course, we will collectively challenge this historical erasure by centering the work of Black ethnographers. By delving into works spanning continental Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States, students will begin to understand the vast impact Black ethnographers have had both in and outside the field of anthropology.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-240BE

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

ANTHR-216EF Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Ethnographic Film'

Spring. Credits: 4

Anthropologists have made films since the origins of the discipline and have long debated the role of film in the production of knowledge about others. This course explores the history, evolution, critiques, and contemporary practices of ethnographic film. We will consider key works that have defined the genre, and the innovations (and controversies) associated with them; we will engage documentary, observational, reflexive, and experimental cinema; and we will consider Indigenous media as both social activism and cultural reproduction. We will learn about film as a signifying practice, and grapple with the ethical and political concerns raised by cross-cultural representation.

Crosslisted as: FMT-230EF

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: ANTHR-105, FMT-102, or FMT-103.

ANTHR-216FD Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Ethnographic Food Documentary'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Students will learn basic skills on ethnographic methods in anthropology as they are introduced to issues of food and culinary cultural practices, politics and history. Selected readings and films will explore the intersections of food with colonialism, race and ethnicity, gender, health, political economy, and social movements. The course has a focus on Latinx and Latin American/Caribbean foodways, however students will apply the course's conceptual toolkit in a wide range of cultural settings. Students will learn techniques of participant observation, interviews, script writing and visual analysis to conduct fieldwork in a local cultural community in South Hadley and surroundings, as they are guided towards producing a short ethnographic food documentary.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-240EF

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

ANTHR-216GH Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Case Studies in Global Health'*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course is devoted to anthropological perspectives on global health projects and paradigms. We will interrogate how current global health programs emerged from 19th and 20th century development logics, as well as the concurrent rise of discourses, laws and practices that posited healthcare as a universal human right, and how these transformations of these concepts are still mobilized in global health strategies today. We will pay particular attention to when and how health burdens come under governmental jurisprudence or corporate control, how these reworkings affect individual risk and responsibility, or what it means to be ill or well across different global contexts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ANTHR-105.***ANTHR-216HP Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Feminist Health Politics'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Health is about bodies, selves and politics. We will explore a series of health topics from feminist perspectives. How do gender, sexuality, class, disability, and age influence the ways in which one perceives and experiences health and the access one has to health information and health care? Are heteronormativity, cissexism, or one's place of living related to one's health status or one's health risk? By paying close attention to the relationships between community-based narratives, activities of health networks and organizations and theory, we will develop a solid understanding of the historical, political and cultural specificities of health issues, practices, services and movements.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-241HP**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: 4 credits in Gender Studies.***ANTHR-216HR Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Anthropology and Human Rights'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores anthropological approaches to human rights – a key theme of transnational politics and international law. Anthropologists have contributed to discussions on human rights since the UN Declaration and the field has provided a vibrant platform to analyze ideologies, politics, and practices surrounding human rights. We will survey an array of anthropological studies that approach human rights from the perspective of cultural relativism, contextualization, advocacy, and practice. Students will gain a critical perspective on the seemingly universal rhetoric of human rights by learning how it produces diverse effects in places such as Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: ANTHR-105.***ANTHR-216MB Special Topics in Anthropology: 'The Medical Body'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How has medical anthropology apprehended bodies through its decades-long history? We will be reading four books cover to cover, with shorter framing pieces in interstitial weeks. Our readings will come primarily from medical anthropologists, but we will also read across cognate fields in medical humanities and social science. Central to our class discussions will be the ways biomedicine has cared for people occupying gendered, racialized and disabled bodies, especially when many medical practices are designed for an idea of a canonical, universally standardized body. Taken together, this course will shed light on the porosity and multiplicity of embodied states within healthcare systems.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: ANTHR-105.***ANTHR-216MH Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Migration and Human Rights'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Can the history of nation-states and global capitalism also be understood as a history of migration? In what ways are the experiences of refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants different from the legal categories assigned to them? Italian philosopher Giorgio Agamben's conceptualizations of "state of exception" and "bare life" are frequently invoked in current scholarship on refugee and detention camps. What – if any – is the difference between life in concentration camps, refugee camps, and migrant detention centers? Are human rights frameworks adequate to the task of addressing protracted statelessness and migration brought about by the intersection of conflict, economic crises, and climate change? These questions will be examined through scholarship on migration, human rights, and humanitarianism.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives; Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: ANTHR-105.***ANTHR-216RC Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Representing Race'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This class takes a ~look~ at the components of racial representation in audio-visual media: How can ideas and theories be conveyed or communicated through a visual mode? What ethical concerns emerge when representing others in different media? Drawing from written texts, documentaries, graphic novels, and artwork, we will explore the myriad ways media creatives construct racial representations, and question the perceived boundary between research and art. Starting with early anthropological film, this class will move through both conventional and nontraditional material that is used to tell stories, make political statements, and represent people's lived experiences.

*Crosslisted as: CRPE-240RE**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive***ANTHR-216RE Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Anthropology of Reproduction'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course focuses on the biological and cultural components of reproduction and childbirth through cross-cultural perspectives. We explore the birth process across geographies, historical trends, and recent dialogues surrounding the technocratic model of birth, to understand the changing focus of birth as a medical condition. Indigenous birthing customs and beliefs from several different cultural contexts will be considered, as well as the contemporary rates of maternal mortality facing some today. We will also investigate how access to different types of maternal, fetal, and reproductive care is politicized across different times and places.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ANTHR-105.*

ANTHR-221 Anthropology of Media*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course critically examines how media make a difference in diverse peoples' lives. How are media produced, circulated, and consumed? Together, we will explore the material forms through which subjectivities, collectivities, and histories are produced; and the social practices of constructing and contesting national identities, forging alternative political visions, transforming religious practice, and producing new relationships. In this 21st century, media are not just indispensable to what is known, but also, to how we know. Case studies will include film, TV, photography, art, archives, journalism, and digital platforms; ethnographic examples will be drawn from around the world.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-230AM**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ANTHR-105.***ANTHR-230 Language in Culture and Society***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Language is integral to human experiences across cultures. Interpersonal communication holds social worlds together, lending them significance. This course examines language as a complex, embodied field of cultural practice and performance. It bridges core concepts within linguistic anthropology and semiotics – such as relativity, indexicality, performance, and language ideology – with critical analyses of social fields including race, gender, and sexuality. Illustrative examples are drawn from Western and non-Western societies.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: ANTHR-105.***ANTHR-235 History of Anthropological Thought***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course offers a historical foundation for themes in contemporary social theory and ethnography. We build this foundation through readings of twentieth-century anthropological and critical theories, including historicism, interpretive anthropology, structuralism, feminism, and postcolonialism. The course encourages critical and creative responses to anthropology's history through readings that challenge the canon and through active engagement with primary documents revealing the field's social, ethical, and political contexts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 4 credits in Anthropology at the 200 or 300 level.***ANTHR-240 Medical Anthropology***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course provides an introduction to medical anthropology. Core topics will include: the culture of medicine, illness experience, caregiving, power, violence, and humanitarian intervention. We will explore how ethnographic research and social theory can enrich understanding of illness and care, raising issues for and about medicine and public health often left out of other disciplinary approaches. Throughout, we will emphasize the vantage point of the local worlds in which people experience, narrate, and respond to illness and suffering, and the ways in which large-scale forces contribute to such local experience.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: ANTHR-105.***ANTHR-261 Cultures of Power in Mexico***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course introduces the anthropology of Mexico through ethnographies of power, knowledge, and indigeneity. Drawing on feminist and decolonial critical methods, we will trace constructions of Mexican indigeneity through two intersecting stories. The first centers the effects of neocolonial capitalism on indigenous lives, with attention to contemporary ethnographic themes including bioprospecting, narcoculture, social movements, and resistance/refusal. The second lends historical texture to these themes by tracing how state anthropologists have constructed and governed indigenous communities since the Revolution.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ANTHR-105.**Advisory: No previous knowledge of Mexican culture and history is required.***ANTHR-275 Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology***Fall. Credits: 4*

Topics include research design, ethical dilemmas, and the relationship between academic research and community based learning. Applied fieldwork and presentations are an integral part of this course.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning**Restrictions: This course is limited to Anthropology majors.**Prereq: ANTHR-105.***ANTHR-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

*Instructor permission required.***ANTHR-314 Science, Feminism, and Mount Holyoke***Spring. Credits: 4*

Students in this course will develop a collaborative history and ethnography of cultures of science at Mount Holyoke College. Through archival and ethnographic research carried out across the semester, we will examine scientific education and knowledge production at Mount Holyoke in cultural perspective. The collaborative project will introduce students to two broader stories: a history of feminist activist and scholarly challenges to the power of the life sciences; and a history of feminist scientists' work to reform their own institutional cultures. The interdisciplinary field that emerged at the nexus of these two movements, feminist science studies, will offer critical frameworks.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.*

ANTHR-316 Special Topics in Anthropology**ANTHR-316BF Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Black Feminist Anthropology'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores Black feminist anthropology as both a scholarly tradition and a political practice. We examine how Black feminist thinkers have challenged dominant anthropological methods and theories, centering care, embodiment, power, and lived experience. Students will engage works that push the boundaries of knowledge production while exploring the possibilities of an anthropology rooted in liberation and accountability.

*Crosslisted as: CRPE-332**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive, Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 4 credits in Critical Race Political Economy.***ANTHR-316CA Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Carbon Christianity'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This seminar investigates the multiple connections between modern forms of Christianity and fossil fuels. The course begins with a consideration of recent scholarship that details how workers' everyday experiences in coal mines and oil fields profoundly shaped their religious sensibilities. We then examine how fossil fuel companies funded many of the most significant Christian institutions in the United States – both liberal and conservative – during the twentieth century. Finally, the course will reflect on contemporary Christian responses to climate change, both those that seek to halt the burning of fossil fuels and those that deny it is taking place.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-331CA**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology or Religion.***ANTHR-316DD Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Drugs and Devices'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This seminar will explore anthropological approaches to political economy and materiality within the context of medical anthropology. Medical anthropologists have long been focused on the ways health and illness are reconceptualized in relation to the production and circulation of various organic and inorganic materials – for example, drugs, devices, vaccines, organs, and stem cells, to name a few. Against the backdrop of these scholarly debates, this seminar will take up a series of ethnographies, each about a different type of "biocapital" broadly construed, to foster student discussions about the global transaction of biological materials.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology.***ANTHR-316DM Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Decolonizing Museums'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Museums collect, preserve, categorize, and exhibit objects, and through these practices, produce and circulate knowledge. This course takes "the museum" as an object of ethnographic inquiry, focusing especially on Indigenous peoples and their ways of knowing, being, and doing things. How might museums acknowledge the confronting truths of colonization, and the intergenerational and ongoing trauma endured by Indigenous peoples? How might this often-intercultural work offer possibilities for healing? Teaching and learning will be guided by principles of Indigenous sovereignty, and grounded in storytelling and in making things as Indigenous ways of transmitting knowledge.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 credits in the department including ANTHR-105.***ANTHR-316EG Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Eggs and Embryos: Innovations in Reproductive and Genetic Technologies'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This seminar will focus on emerging innovations in the development, use and governance of reproductive and genetic technologies (RGTs). How do novel developments at the interface of fertility treatment and biomedical research raise both new and enduring questions about the 'naturalness' of procreation, the politics of queer families, the im/possibilities of disabilities, and transnational citizenship? Who has a say in what can be done and for which purposes? We will engage with ethnographic texts, documentaries, policy statements, citizen science activist projects, and social media in order to closely explore the diversity of perspectives in this field.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333EG**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits in Gender Studies or Anthropology.***ANTHR-316ET Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Advanced Seminar in Ethnomusicology'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Designed for music and non-music majors, this advanced seminar examines core theoretical and methodological issues in ethnomusicology and the debates that have shaped its practice since its origins in the early twentieth century as comparative musicology. Drawing on musical traditions from different parts of the world and supplemented by workshops conducted by visiting professional musicians, the course explores the interdisciplinary approaches that inform how ethnomusicologists study the significance of music "in" and "as" culture. Topics covered will include ethnographic methods, the intersection of musicological and anthropological perspectives, the political significance of musical hybridity, applied ethnomusicology, and sound studies.

*Crosslisted as: MUSIC-374**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in classroom courses in Social Sciences or Humanities at the 200 level or above.***ANTHR-316EX Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Craft and Composition: Experimental Ethnography'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Above all else, ethnography is a form of writing. Its formal properties range widely, running a gamut that transects art criticism, speculative fiction, travel writing, memoir, science writing, and poetry. But the genre's soul is an imaginative experiment: transporting one world into another. Ethnographers, then, share practices of representation and evocation with the arts. This course introduces the craft of imaginative ethnography, paying central attention to writing that refuses the (social) sciences' stodgy conventions. We will reflect on experiential shapes of reading – what does ethnography do for or to us? – as we recompose ourselves as a collective of ethnographic experimentalists.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology.*

ANTHR-316LA Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Race and Religion in Latin America'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The course will begin with an investigation of the proto-racial and religious categories through which Europeans in the early modern era understood human difference. From there, we will trace how these notions were re-conceptualized in the centuries following the encounter between Europeans, Africans, and the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas. As we examine this history – including the emergence of slavery, eugenics, *mestizaje*, and Liberation Theology – we will pay particular attention to how interwoven racial and religious hierarchies were both constructed and resisted. The final section of the course will concentrate on the contemporary entanglements of race and religion in the region.

Crosslisted as: RELIG-331LA

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology, Religion, or Latin American Studies.

ANTHR-316LW Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Ethnographies of Law'

Spring. Credits: 4

This seminar focuses on the anthropological study of the legal field. The class will begin with a survey of some classical texts that underpin the legal thought in the modern era. We will then see how anthropologists contributed to the study of law by conceptualizing it as part of larger socio-political processes and as a field that includes social relations, processes, and practices. The students will learn how some key legal issues such as dispute management, decision making, and reconciliation are actualized in diverse cultural and social settings, to think critically and evaluate legal processes in a multicultural setting and in plural societies.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology.

ANTHR-316ME Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Political Anthropology of the Middle East'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This seminar focuses on anthropological studies of how power – both in its open and hidden forms – manifests itself and shapes everyday life in the contemporary Middle East. It explores how authority is established and contested in various domains including bureaucracy and the state; sexuality and the family; religion and civil society; markets and the media. We will trace how experiences of colonization, imperialism, modernization, nationalism, capitalism, occupation, war and revolt mold the conditions of living for peoples of the Middle East. We will also examine how specific forms of knowledge production attribute coherence to the region, allowing its imagination as an object of intervention in the name of development and security.

Crosslisted as: ASIAN-362

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 8 Credits in Anthropology.

ANTHR-316ND Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Indigenous Data Sovereignty'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course offers a qualitative approach to Indigenous Data Sovereignty. As we explore examples of innovative tools and technologies, and investigate how Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing are online/ in digital environments, we ground all learning in Indigenous ontologies: relationality, interconnectedness, and storytelling as a primary form of knowledge transmission. No system/structure for preserving or ensuring access to data is neutral; we will work together in a thought-experiment to radically reimagine digital infrastructures (as well as ideas about security and privacy online) from Indigenous perspectives.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: ANTHR-105 and at least one course in Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS).

Advisory: All students who enroll in Indigenous Data Sovereignty must have taken at least one course in Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS). Please contact the instructor with any questions.

ANTHR-316RC Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Ethnographic Research in Religious Communities'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

With a focus on local religious communities, this course puts into practice the research methods, modes of analysis, and writing styles that characterize ethnographic fieldwork. We first consider prominent ethnographies of religious communities in the United States in order to better understand the specific questions, debates, and ethical challenges that this literature addresses. Students then gain hands-on experience with a variety of ethnographic methods through course field trips to local places of worship. Final projects are rooted in extensive independent ethnographic research with a religious community.

Crosslisted as: RELIG-331RC

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology or Religion.

ANTHR-316SE Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Anthropology of Secularism'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

What is secularism? For many of us, the answer is obvious: the world without religious belief, or the separation of church and state, or even the "really real" world. In recent years, scholars in a number of fields have begun to question these common sense notions about secularism. In this course, we will investigate this rapidly expanding literature and the critical lines of inquiry it has opened up: Under what specific cultural and historic conditions did secularism first emerge? Is secularism experienced today in the same way throughout the world? If not, how do they vary? What ways of being and living does secularism encourage or allow to flourish? Which does it stunt, block, or prohibit?

Crosslisted as: RELIG-331SE

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology or in Religion.

ANTHR-317 Play*Fall. Credits: 4*

We associate play with childhood, a time of spontaneous and creative activity, in contrast to the boring routine of adult responsibilities. And yet play is more than just fun and games. It is through play that children develop lasting cognitive and social skills. For adults too, there can be serious play – play that has real consequence – play that shapes the intimate lives of individuals, as well as entire social formations. We will consider attempts to gamify work processes and settings in light of anthropological understandings of play. And we will attempt to gamify anthropology, designing games ourselves based on anthropological readings in order to better understand our discipline.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.***ANTHR-342 Science as Culture***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What is science? The progressive discovery of Nature's laws? The process of honing claims about the universe? Is science the act of postulating and testing hypotheses? Or is it tinkering and experimentation? This course offers an advanced introduction to cultural and anthropological studies of science. Through careful readings of work in areas such as the sociology of scientific knowledge, actor-network theory, feminist science studies, and affect theory, we will explore the sciences as complex systems of cultural production. The course will culminate in a series of critical ethnographic studies of how the sciences shape concepts and experiences of race, the body, gender, and sexuality.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.***ANTHR-350 Issues in Contemporary Anthropological Theory***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the major theoretical frameworks developed and debated by anthropologists of the past two decades. It covers core issues in anthropological epistemology, the relationship of ethnography to social and cultural theory, trends in anthropological analysis, and the place of anthropological theory in broader academic and public discourses.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is limited to seniors.; This course is limited to Anthropology majors.**Prereq: 8 credits in anthropology including ANTHR-235.**Advisory: Anthropology majors should take ANTHR-235 before ANTHR-350.**Notes: Five College students must obtain instructor permission to register.***ANTHR-352 Digital Cultures***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In the last decades, digital media have become integral to our quotidian lives as well as to myriad translocal processes. "New" technologies are hailed in celebratory narratives of democratization and participation, access and innovation, enchantment and possibility; and newly-available gadgets, devices, and platforms are taken up with great speed and facility. This course is designed to ethnographically explore "the digital," as both a site and subject of scholarly inquiry, in which we think through how this form is shifting the ways in which we know ourselves, our social networks, our bodies, and the dynamic cultural and political contexts in which we live.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.***ANTHR-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Arabic

Overview and Contact Information

The Arabic program at Mount Holyoke is a part of the Five College Arabic Language Initiative. The coursework focuses on developing skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking Arabic as well as in Arab culture. The program offers a full year of Arabic instruction; further study is offered through the Five College Consortium. Students can also study abroad in Arabic-speaking countries through fall, spring, or yearlong programs. The McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives maintains a current list of programs offered. Students who study Arabic may choose to complete the minor in Arabic or the major in Middle Eastern Studies for which language study is a principal component.

See Also

- Middle Eastern Studies (p. 282)
- Asian Studies (p. 75)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Asian Studies Committee:

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Calvin Chen, Carol Hoffmann Collins '63 Professor of International Studies and Professor of Politics

Satyananda Gabriel, Professor of Economics

Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alum Foundation and Professor of Politics

Kavita Khory, Ruth Lawson Professor of Politics

Susanne Mrozik, Professor of Religion

Naoko Nemoto, Professor of Asian Studies

Joshua Roth, Professor of Anthropology

Ajay Sinha, Julie '73 and Helene '49 Herzog Professor of Art History

Ying Wang, Felicia Gressitt Bock Professor of Asian Studies

Amina Steinfelds, Associate Professor of Religion

Lan Wu, Associate Professor of History

Abhilash Medhi, Assistant Professor of History

Jinhwa Chang, Senior Lecturer in Japanese, On Leave 2025-2026

Kyae-Sung Park, Five College Senior Lecturer in Korean

Lisha Xu, Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies

Shin-Yi Kao, Lecturer in Asian Studies

Lingjia Xu, Visiting Assistant Professor in Asian Studies

Nari Matsushima, Visiting Instructor in Asian Studies

Alice Kao, Instructor of Chinese

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
As prerequisites, if needed: ASIAN-130, ASIAN-131		
Two Arabic language courses at the 200 level or higher		8
An additional two 300-level courses in Arabic language		8
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

- Students should note that completion of this minor will likely require them to travel to other institutions within the Five Colleges.
- Independent Studies (ASIAN-295 or ASIAN-395) do not count toward the minor
- Language courses that are not taken at MHC must be approved by the chair of Asian Studies at Mount Holyoke College to count toward the minor
- Courses taught in English do not count toward the minor

The 100-level courses in Arabic (ASIAN-130 and ASIAN-131) are prerequisites to the intermediate and advanced courses offered through the Five College Consortium.

Architectural Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The Architectural Studies Program at Mount Holyoke offers an interdisciplinary approach to issues of design, history, and theory. The program blends studio and academic work, as well as the interactions between architecture and culture throughout history.

Architectural Studies lays a foundation of creative practice, technical skills, problem-solving, and critical thinking that prepares students for graduate study and professions in a variety of fields including architecture, landscape architecture, industrial design, graphic design, urban planning, construction, sustainability, and project management with international development organizations. Mount Holyoke College is also a member of the Five College Architectural Studies program which offers access to the collective courses, faculty, and resources of the Five Colleges.

With interests ranging from architectural history to urban design, majors have enrolled in study abroad programs across the globe, including Copenhagen, Dublin, Florence, and Seoul.

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Learning Goals

By participating in the coursework and experiences constituting a major in Architectural Studies, students will acquire the following knowledge and skills. They will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of works of built and landscaped environments in their historical and cultural settings.
- Acquire the vocabulary to describe and analyze monuments and spaces.
- Develop the ability to communicate their design ideas through physical and digital models, drawings, diagrams and visual media.
- Be able to articulate their own design process as informed by architectural theory and historical precedent.
- Acquire a knowledge of sustainable design practices and implications for our changing climate.
- Acquire research skills to locate and assess primary and secondary sources, both print and digital.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by Architectural Studies faculty within the Department of Art History and Architectural Studies:
Naomi Darling, Five College Associate Professor of Architectural Studies, On Leave 2025-2026

Lisa Haber-Thomson, Assistant Professor of Architectural History

Cole Cataneo, Visiting Assistant Professor in Architectural Studies

Caroline Dubinsky, Visiting Assistant Professor in Art History and Architectural Studies

Five College Affiliated Faculty

Gabriel Arboleda, Associate Professor of Art and the History of Art, and Architectural Studies, Amherst College

Thom Long, Five College Associate Professor of Architecture and Design, Hampshire College

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 44 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
Art Studio: one approved art studio course at the 100 level, such as:		4
ARTST-120	Drawing I ¹	
	or ARTST-131 Art Studio Foundations	
	or ARTST-140 Digital Art Foundations	
Art History: one approved art history survey course with significant architectural content, such as:		4
ARTH-101	The Built Environment	
	or ARTH-102 Art and Architecture in the Premodern World	
	or ARTH-103 Western Art: 1400-2000	

or ARTH-105Arts of Asia	
Design Studio: 4 credits in approved foundation architectural design studio courses (taken at Mount Holyoke or through the Five College Interchange), such as:	4
Mount Holyoke:	
ARCH-205AD Introduction to Architecture: 'Design'	
Amherst:	
ARCH-105 Space and Design	
Intermediate Concentration:	
One approved studio art course at the 200 level ²	4
One approved 200-level course in architectural history or an art history course with significant architectural content, such as:	4
ARTH-232RM Renaissance Cities: 'Rome'	
or ARTH-233Italian Renaissance Architecture	
or ARTH-236The Global Renaissance	
or ARTH-290	
or ARTH-290Issues in Art History: 'Medieval Architecture'	
8 credits in these required design courses at the 200-level:	8
ARCH-225ED Intermediate Studies in Architecture: 'Environmental Principles'	
And HACU-275 Digital Architecture Studio at Hampshire College	
8 credits at the 200 level in area of concentration, as approved by the advisor. These may be courses in architectural studies, art history, art studio, environmental studies, geography, politics, etc.	8
Advanced Concentration: 8 credits at the 300 level in area of concentration such as architectural design, the history and/or theory of art or architecture. Advanced courses at Mount Holyoke include:	8
ARCH-311 Design-Build Studio ³	
or ARTH-300Seminar: 'Building After Rome: Early Medieval Architecture'	
or ARTH-302	
or ARTH-352Topics in Modern and Contemporary Architecture: 'Spaces of Law'	
or ARCH-395Independent Study	
At UMass, ARCH-403 Design V Studio and ARCH-404 Design-Build Studio are also options. ⁴	
Total Credits	44

¹ ARTST-120 or ARTST-131 or ARTST-142 or any of their offerings; for example ARTST-120FR or ARTST-131MM or ARTST-142AT

² Design studios are not substitutes for art studios

³ or any topic within ARCH-311, such as ARCH-311FD

⁴ ARCH-403 is taught at UMass in the fall semester. ARCH-404 is taught at UMass in the spring semester of junior year with a summer build practicum.

Other Requirements

- Program plan. Students who elect to major in architectural studies should select an advisor who will assist them in mapping a program of study.

Additional Specifications

- Students may wish to pursue an independent research or design project. Working closely with a faculty advisor, they submit a project proposal at the beginning of fall semester and enroll in ARCH-395 Independent Study. With approval from their advising committee,

- students continue the project through the spring semester by enrolling in a second ARCH-395 or the Capstone Design studio (ARCH-305 or its Five College equivalent).
- Students majoring in architectural studies are not eligible to major or minor in art history.
 - Students should note that completion of this major will likely require them to travel to other institutions within the Five Colleges.
 - For students interested in pursuing a graduate degree in architecture, some programs require an architectural survey course. ARTH-101 The Built Environment would fulfill this requirement, while the other 100-level courses would not. A calculus course and a physics course are often required as well for graduate study.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 24 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One approved art studio course at the 100 level, such as: ¹		4
ARTST-120	Drawing I ¹	
or ARTST-13 Art Studio Foundations		
or ARTST-14:Digital Art Foundations		
One approved art history survey course with significant architectural content, such as:		4
ARTH-101	The Built Environment	
or ARTH-102Art and Architecture in the Premodern World		
or ARTH-103Western Art: 1400-2000		
or ARTH-105Arts of Asia		
Design Studio: 4 credits in approved architectural design studio courses (taken at Mount Holyoke or through the Five College Interchange), such as:		4
Mount Holyoke:		
ARCH-205AD Introduction to Architecture: 'Design'		
Amherst:		
ARCH-105 Space and Design		
Smith:		
ARS-280 Introduction to Architectural Design: Analog		
Three approved electives in art history, art studio, or architectural design at the 200 or 300 level		12
Total Credits		24

¹ ARTST-120 or ARTST-131 or ARTST-142 or any of their offerings; for example ARTST-120BV, ARTST-120VE, ARTST-131SE or ARTST-142AT.

Other Requirements

- Program plan. Those intending to minor must meet with a member of the architectural studies faculty to develop an approved program of study.

Additional Specifications

- Students majoring in art history are not eligible to minor in architectural studies.

Course Offerings

ARCH-203 Scene Design for Theater and Film

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The purpose of this course is to introduce the history, art, and techniques of designing sets for theater and film. Students will learn how sets have been created in the past, how a designer approaches a script, how a designer's work supports the director's vision, how it illuminates a production for the audience, and what methods and techniques are used in the execution of the process. Students will have the opportunity to exercise their visual imaginations, through the creation of designs for a script. They will engage in script analysis, research, collaborative discussion, sketching, technical drawing, model building, and related techniques and methodologies.

Crosslisted as: FMT-240SD

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Lab; \$50 materials fee. Any additional design supplies and materials are the responsibility of the student.

ARCH-205 Introduction to Architecture

ARCH-205AD Introduction to Architecture: 'Design'

Spring. Credits: 4

This studio course introduces a series of design investigations around particular themes and approaches to architecture and the built environment. Students will develop visual communication and architectural design skills (sketches, plans, elevations, sections, projected drawings and model making) to tackle interdisciplinary and socially pertinent design problems. Creative and indexical study and analysis will be used to generate and foster a broad range of concepts and language to solve architectural and design issues involving site, inhabitation, function, form, materiality, light and space. Our goal is to apply creative techniques in art and sculpture to the creation of meaningful space.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.

Advisory: One semester of design or drawing is recommended. Preference given to first-year and sophomore students; others request permission.

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for some of the cost of materials.

ARCH-225 Intermediate Studies in Architectural Design

ARCH-225ED Intermediate Studies in Architecture: 'Environmental Principles'

Fall. Credits: 4

This hybrid studio addresses human comfort with lectures and problem work sessions integrated with design projects. We start with an in-depth study of the world's climate regions, the sun, and the earth's tilt and spin. Primary methods of heat transfer are investigated as students research two architectural solutions (vernacular and contemporary) within each climate. Using daylight, the sun's movement, and sun-path diagrams students will design, draw and build a functioning solar installation. Issues in day-lighting and thermal comfort will then drive an extended design problem. Students will be asked to solve numerical problems and present design solutions using both drawings and models.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: ARCH-205 or equivalent.

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for some of the cost of materials.

ARCH-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

ARCH-305 Advanced Topics in Architecture

ARCH-305UE Advanced Topics in Architecture: 'Public Space and Everyday Life in Globalizing Spanish Cities'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

With a transnational and historical scope, this course will examine everyday life and public space in Spanish cities. We'll approach cities as dynamic global networks shaped by cultures, politics, economies, ideologies, memories, and imaginations. Through literary, visual, and theoretical texts, we'll explore the in/exclusivity of large-scale urban phenomena such as street design, architecture, gentrification, globalization, and mass tourism. From a lesser-known ethnographic angle, we'll also bring into dialogue the power within practices (walking, sitting, remembering, shopping, placemaking) as well as subjects and objects (street vendors, minority identities, urban furniture, buildings).

Crosslisted as: SPAN-350UE

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

ARCH-311 Design-Build Studio

ARCH-311FD Design-Build Studio: 'Foldable Structures'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Foldable structures such as umbrellas and tents have broad applicability in design. NASA invented a folding solar panel inspired by origami and Calatrava is well known for his kinetic structures such as the Milwaukee Art Museum. This studio will examine various types of kinetic systems and use the facilities of the Mount Holyoke's Fimbel Maker and Innovation Lab to prototype, invent and fabricate foldable portable structures. Students will work independently and in teams to design and fabricate joint, rod and skin systems at a scale large enough to provide shelter for a small group of people.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: ARCH-205 and ARCH-225 (or a digital design studio at Hampshire College or Smith College).

Advisory: Math and Computer Science majors welcome with instructor permission.

ARCH-311MK Makerspace Design-Build Studio

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The rise of digital fabrication processes has blurred the traditional division of labor enabling architects and designers not only to draw but to also fabricate projects, often using the very same programs. Following the rise in CAD/CAM has been a burgeoning Maker movement as more and more individuals have rediscovered the joys (and sometimes frustrations) of realizing projects within a collaborative environment. This class will introduce students to both traditional and digital making through a series of exercises that will enable students to realize projects using the facilities of the Fimbel Lab.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: ARCH-205 and ARCH-225 (or a digital architecture or art studio).

ARCH-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

ARCH-395P Independent Study with Practicum*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Related Courses

Students who plan to enroll in courses outside of the Five Colleges, especially in courses to be taken at another institution or abroad, should first consult with their advisor and the program coordinator to determine if the courses meet the departmental criteria for the major.

Five College Course Offerings in Architectural Studies

Current courses in architectural studies are offered throughout the Five Colleges. Check listings in the Five College course schedule (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/courses>).

- Amherst College: Department of Art and the History of Art
- Hampshire College: Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies (HACU), Lemelson Center (HCLC)
- Smith College: Department of Art; Landscape Studies Program
- University of Massachusetts: Architecture and Design; Building Construction Technology; Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning.

Art History

Overview and Contact Information

Art History is the study of objects and images: painting, sculpture, architecture, film, furniture, ceramics, installations, and many other things. Our courses span the globe, from ancient Rome, Islamic cultures, medieval Paris and Renaissance Italy, to Indian cinema, American painting, contemporary photography and modern architecture. The objectives of our curriculum are: to learn the verbal language necessary to analyze and interpret objects, images, and the built environment; to understand works of art and architecture in their historical and cultural settings; and to develop a critical voice that extends to all aspects of the visual world.

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Learning Goals

By participating in coursework and experiences constituting a major in Art History, students will acquire the following knowledge and skills. They will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of works of art and architecture in their historical and cultural settings.
- Acquire the vocabulary needed to analyze and interpret objects, images, and built and landscaped environments across the world and through time.

- Develop visual acuity for critically examining our image-saturated world.
- Apply innovative theoretical and methodological approaches to engage with the history and politics of visual representation.
- Learn to develop research questions, and locate and assess primary and secondary sources, both print and digital.
- Develop the ability to write and speak effectively about material culture with critical sophistication.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Art History and Architectural Studies:

Anthony Lee, Idella Plimpton Kendall Professor of Art History

Jessica Maier, Professor of Art History, Teaching Spring Only

Ajay Sinha, Julie '73 and Helene '49 Herzig Professor of Art History

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Caroline Dubinsky, Visiting Assistant Professor in Art History and Architectural Studies

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One course at the 200 level in the Ancient and Medieval area		4
One course at the 200 level in the Renaissance and Baroque area		4
One course at the 200 level in the Modern and American area		4
One course at the 200 level in the non-Western area		4
Two courses at the 300 level ¹		8
Three additional courses at any level		12
One course from another department or program that is chosen in consultation with an art history advisor, after the declaration of major		4
Total Credits		40

¹ not including ARTH-395

Additional Specifications

- Art history majors may not major or minor in architectural studies.
- Majors may enroll in 300-level seminars at the other Five College institutions with permission in advance from their advisor and the department chair. Students who plan to enroll in 300-level courses outside of the Five Colleges, especially yearlong courses to be taken abroad, should first consult with their advisor and the department chair to determine if the courses meet departmental criteria for 300-level credit.
- No more than four courses from other colleges or universities (including the Five Colleges) may be counted toward the major.
- Reading knowledge of a foreign language is recommended for those contemplating graduate study in art history.
- Students should be aware that preference in 300-level courses is normally given to those who have taken a relevant course at the 200

level. Majors are not automatically guaranteed preference in seminars that might be oversubscribed and, therefore, should not wait until the last semester to fulfill a seminar requirement.

- As a general rule, first-year seminars may not be counted toward the major.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One 100-level art history course ¹		4
Any four courses in art history at the 200 level or above		16
Total Credits		20

¹ A student may substitute this course with AP credit in art history, but must take an additional 4 credits in art history at any level to meet the 20 credit minimum for the minor.

Additional Specifications

- Art history majors may not major or minor in architectural studies.
- Within these general requirements a student may construct a minor as focused or as comprehensive as desired.
- No more than two courses from other colleges or universities (including the Five Colleges) may be counted toward the minor.
- As a general rule, first-year seminars may not be counted toward the minor.

Course Offerings

ARTH-101 The Built Environment

Spring. Credits: 4

Architecture may have originated as a response to basic human needs, but it very quickly took on complex meanings that transcend practicality. This course focuses on architecture from prehistory to the present, including buildings, cities, and urban planning; infrastructure and engineering; the unbuilt (and unbuildable) as well as the built world. Case studies cover design and theory as well as history. Individual projects and sites are explored as windows onto design principles, problems, and solutions; changing techniques, materials, and concerns; and human needs, desires, and ideals as manifested in the built world.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

ARTH-102 Art and Architecture in the Premodern World

Spring. Credits: 4

This global survey of premodern art and architecture introduces students to a wide array of cultures across time and geographies. Each class will center on one monument of world heritage and include a discussion of its context and associated artifacts. Over the semester, students will gain a broad perspective of how humans invested their time and resources into monumental art and architecture. Sites featured in the course include Stonehenge, the Egyptian Pyramids, the Assyrian palace of Nimrud, Dura Europos, Hagia Sophia, the Dome of the Rock, the Great Stupa at Sanchi, the Todaiji Temple at Nara, Lalibela, Notre Dame of Paris, Ani, Angkor Wat, Chichen Itza, and Machu Picchu. For each of the sites discussed, we will look at a variety of media, from architecture, to sculpture, metalwork, manuscripts, frescoes, mosaics, and reliefs.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Advisory: This course replaces ARTH-100PW and may not be taken by students who have completed that course.

ARTH-103 Western Art: 1400-2000

Spring. Credits: 4

Art has the power to drive as well as reflect history. This course explores artists, images, objects, and buildings that have defined identity, sparked revolution, and changed how people think and act over the last seven centuries. Case studies include works that define the western tradition and others that interrogate its complicated legacy. We will see the rise of the very concept of Art along with the heightened status of the artist in society, the origins of the art museum and of the commercial art market. Students gain art-historical skills and learn to analyze the mechanisms by which creative expression shapes history, politics, and beliefs.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Advisory: This course replaces ARTH-100WA and ARTH-100SE, and may not be taken by students who have completed either one.

ARTH-104 Talking Pictures: An Introduction to Film

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Some of the best feature-length films of the past century have commanded our attention and imagination because of their compelling artistry and the imaginative ways they tell stories visually and verbally. This course closely studies narrative films from around the world, from the silent era to the present, and in the process it introduces students to the basic elements of film form, style, and narration. Some of the films to be considered are: *Battleship Potemkin*, *Citizen Kane*, *Contempt*, *The Bicycle Thief*, *Ugetsu*, *Rear Window*, *Woman in the Dunes*, *The Marriage of Maria Braun*, *Days of Heaven*, and *Moulin Rouge*.

Crosslisted as: FMT-103

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

ARTH-105 Arts of Asia

Fall. Credits: 4

This multicultural course introduces students to the visual arts of Asia from the earliest times to the present. In a writing- and speaking-intensive environment, students will develop skills in visual analysis and art historical interpretation. Illustrated class lectures, group discussions, museum visits, and a variety of writing exercises will allow students to explore architecture, sculpture, painting, and other artifacts in relation to the history and culture of such diverse countries as India, China, Cambodia, Korea, and Japan.

Crosslisted as: RELIG-108

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

ARTH-231 Northern Renaissance Art

Spring. Credits: 4

This course covers the arts in Northern Europe during a time of upheaval. We will look at developments in panel painting, manuscript illumination, printmaking, and sculpture from the fourteenth to sixteenth centuries – examining shifting patterns of patronage and production along with shifting styles, techniques, and media. We will consider major artists like Jan van Eyck, Albrecht Durer, and Pieter Bruegel, as well as seismic cultural shifts such as the print revolution, the emergence of the woman artist, the Reformation, and the origins of the art market.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

ARTH-232 Renaissance Cities**ARTH-232FR Renaissance Cities: 'Florence'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The origins of the Italian Renaissance are usually traced to one city, Florence, where a cultural revival sparked around 1400 gained momentum, ultimately radiating through Europe and beyond to become enshrined in the western canon. This course will bring Renaissance Florence back down to Earth by grounding its remarkable creative energy in a convergence of social and historical factors. Taking the long view from the 1200s to the 1500s, we will see how war, plague, belief, ritual, politics, gender, and local and global concerns all played a role in shaping the city's art, architecture, and urban form.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-232RM Renaissance Cities: 'Rome'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Renaissance Rome was a bundle of contradictions: a place of earthly corruption and sacred pageantry, crumbling ruins and glittering palaces, decay and renewal. While still impressive, the city had fallen far from its ancient glory days as capital of an empire. This course begins in the early 1400s, when the papacy returned after an absence of more than a century to reclaim a rundown, depopulated, lawless place. We trace the remarkable series of artistic, architectural, intellectual, and urbanistic transformations that, by 1600, had prepared Rome for a renewed role on the world stage.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-233 Italian Renaissance Architecture***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Renaissance Italy gave rise to an extraordinarily influential version of classical architecture. Figures like Brunelleschi and Palladio took their cues from antiquity while moving beyond it to pioneer new techniques and designs. In this class, students explore developments in building types such as churches, palaces, and villas, as well as urban planning and landscape design. Recurrent themes include the rise of the professional architect, the development of the written treatise, the balance of theory and practice, and the role of patronage. In Renaissance culture, architecture was more than functional: it was a public statement that could project power, taste, and status.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Advisory: First-year students may seek permission if they have 4 credits in Art History.***ARTH-236 The Global Renaissance***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This class turns away from the conventional Eurocentric narrative of the Renaissance, reframing it as a time when exploration and cross-cultural encounters inspired a rich and varied array of art, architecture, and sculpture. The objects we will examine include world maps from Europe and China, West African ivories, Benin bronzes, Indian miniatures, Islamic metalwork, Mexican feather paintings, Aztec cartography, colonial Latin American buildings and murals, as well as European paintings and illustrated books. All of these items speak to expanding networks of trade and conquest. Collectively, they show just how global and connected the Renaissance world really was.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-241 Nineteenth-Century European Art: Neoclassicism to Impressionism***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will survey art in Europe from the French Revolutionary era to the last quarter of the nineteenth century – or, in the language of art history, from the neo-classical painters (David and his atelier) to the great painters of modern life in Paris (Manet and his followers). This chronology represents one of the most important transformations in the history of art: the origins and early development of what we today call "modern art." We will spend considerable time tracing this difficult passage, pausing here and there to readjust ourselves to the shifting language of art and to orient art's relationship to the modern public.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-242 History of Photography: The First Hundred Years***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course surveys the first century of photography, beginning with its putative birth in 1839 and following its shifts and turns until the eve of World War II. We will look at a variety of photographic types: the daguerreotype, calotype, tintype, albumen and gelatin silver prints, and more. We will assess a range of practices: studio portraiture, commercial pictures, vernacular photography, journalism, and the fine arts. And we will follow camerawork in a variety of settings: China, England, France, Germany, Mexico, Russia, and the U.S.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-244 Global Modernism***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course examines the great ruptures in late 19th and early 20th century art that today we call modernist. It relates aspects of that art to the equally great transformations outside the studio: political revolution, the rise and consolidation of industrial capitalism, colonization and its discontents, and world war. It compares different kinds of modernisms, including those in Austria, France, Germany, Mexico, Spain and Russia.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-245 Hot Art During the Cold War***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course traces the different paths of painting, sculpture, and mixed media in the United States and, to a lesser extent, Western and Eastern Europe between 1945 and 1989. It begins with both the "climax" and "crisis" of modernism in midcentury and the movements and works that the crisis spawned. In the second half of the course, it follows art's relationship with a variety of postmodern subjects and debates. Throughout, it measures the effects of geopolitical tensions on the visual arts. Readings include a wide range of primary and secondary sources, with essays by art historians, critics, and artists.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors*

ARTH-246 Photography As Art*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In case studies beginning in the 1930s and continuing to the present, this course explores the many uses of photographs as art. It regards pictures made as individual art works as well as those objects using photographs and photographic materials as parts of an ensemble. We will trace a chronological but also winding path through different regions of the world, including experiments in Africa, Asia, and Europe, in addition to a more prominent concern with those in North America. Some of the case studies may include works by Ansel Adams, Eleanor Antin, Diane Arbus, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Robert Frank, Anselm Kiefer, An-My Le, Dinh Q. Le, Robert Mapplethorpe, Martin Parr, and Fazal Sheikh.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-250 American Art***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

A survey of painting and sculpture, this course introduces students to the work of individual artists. Classes also develop ways of looking at and thinking about art as the material expression of American social, political, and cultural ideas, including the depictions of nature, race, revolution, and country life. The course focuses on "American Masters": Copley, Stuart, Cole, Church, Eakins, Homer, Sargent, Whistler, and Cassatt are some of the key artists.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-290 Issues in Art History****ARTH-290AN Issues in Art History: 'The Garden in the Ancient World'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Drawing on the literature, art, and archaeology of gardens, this course investigates the nature and experience of gardens and gardening, from antiquity to the present day. How have humans conceived of the garden as paradise; a site for philosophy and religion; a space for solace, inspiration, and desire; and a setting for labor, conquest, and resistance? Grounded in readings from antiquity – ranging from the Sumerian *Hymn to Ninurta*, Homer, Sappho, Vergil, Horace, Columella, and Augustine (all in translation) – and complemented by later historical perspectives, from Jane Austen to Jamaica Kincaid, this course analyzes multiple conceptions and expressions of beauty, power, and love-in-the garden.

*Crosslisted as: CLAS-250AW**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***ARTH-290AR Issues in Art History: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'***Fall. Credits: 4*

To see and be seen – it could be argued that this was the very definition of Roman culture. In this course, lectures on the art and architecture of ancient Rome (ca. 300 BCE - 400 CE) will provide the backdrop for an investigation of the central role that visual culture played in the lives of different social groups, including bondspeople and the formerly enslaved, women and children. Special topics will include the funeral as performance, the house as a site of memory, the dissemination of images on coins, the spectacle of agriculture and dining, art and audience in the racetrack and public baths, representations of work by non-elites, and the Roman street as a place for making art.

*Crosslisted as: CLAS-250AR**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***ARTH-290BC Issues in Art History: 'Bollywood: A Cinema of Interruptions'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Indian popular cinema, known commonly as Bollywood, is usually understood to have weak storylines, interrupted by overblown spectacles and distracting dance numbers. The course explores the narrative structure of Bollywood as what scholar Lalitha Gopalan calls a "constellation of interruptions". We will learn to see Bollywood historically, as a cultural form that brings India's visual and performative traditions into a unique cinematic configuration. We will analyze a selection of feature films, read scholarly articles, participate in debates, write guided assignments, and pursue independent research papers in order to understand Bollywood's uniqueness in relation to world cinema.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-230BC**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-290CA Issues in Art History: 'Modern Architecture: From Canon to Anticanon'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course surveys major developments in the history of modern architecture from 1850 to the present. We will look at how new materials and emerging technologies changed the underlying possibilities of architectural form, with deliberate focus on how political changes at a global scale – from world war conflagrations to anticolonial independence movements – shifted the social stakes of modern architecture. We will cover canonical projects of modern architecture and contextualize them within their larger sociopolitical landscape, leaving room to examine many fascinating buildings that lay outside dominant narratives of modernization.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-290MA Issues in Art History: 'High Renaissance and Mannerist Art in Italy'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course covers the development of the visual arts in the major artistic centers of Italy from the late 15th and 16th centuries through the lives and works of major artists, such as Leonardo, Raphael, Titian, and Michelangelo, and artists who are less familiar to viewers today. It focuses on thematic issues concerning the relationship between art and society, including the rise in social status of artists and the idea of artistic genius; the influence of patronage and collecting; art and the creation of artistic identities; women as subjects, patrons, and artists; classicism and "anti-classicism" (Mannerism); the Renaissance conception of queerness; art and religious form.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-290MV Issues in Art History: 'Art, Nature, and Ecology in the Medieval World'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

From gardens of paradise to wild forests, silent deserts to raging seas, the natural world was a potent source of meaning and metaphor in the Middle Ages. This course examines human engagements with nature in art, architecture, and literature to reveal how medieval people were shaped by – and also shaped – the landscapes around them. Adopting a thematic and comparative approach, we will explore the intersections between medieval science, society, and religion. How did medieval people conceptualize the world around them? How did the landscape itself express power – secular, sacred, and supernatural? To what extent do medieval ideas of landscape continue to shape our lives today?

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors*

ARTH-290RC Issues in Art History: 'Medieval Architecture'*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course presents a survey of architectural monuments from the Medieval Mediterranean world, broadly construed. In this region of great cultural diversity, the richness of architectural production flourishes and morphs with the rise and fall of empires. Beginning with the Late Antique basis of architectural typologies and ending with the Ottoman capture of Constantinople in 1453, we will move through the sacred and secular monuments of Anatolia, Eastern and Southern Europe, the Caucasus, Northern Africa, and the Levant.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-290RP Issues in Art History: 'Renaissance Print Culture'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Like the internet in our modern digital age, the Renaissance print was a revolutionary tool of communication – one that held the power to incite violence, alter beliefs, shape popular taste, frame intellectual and artistic debate, and open new worlds. This seminar will trace the rise of print from its origins in western Europe around 1450 to the emergence of the international print market by about 1600. Frequent sessions in the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum and Special Collections will allow us to explore first-hand the physical and material properties of prints. In addition to their techniques, types, and functions, we will consider their commerce, growing circulation, and cultural impact.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 4 credits in the department.***ARTH-290SP Issues in Art History: 'Medieval Iberia: Art, Society, and Culture'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

During the Middle Ages, the Iberian Peninsula was unique in its diversity: social and political, ethnic and religious, linguistic and cultural. This lecture course examines the art and architecture of Spain and Portugal from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages from the perspective of the interconnections between its various communities. We will explore instances of coexistence and acculturation, periods of persecution and violence, and where these relations found visual expression. Course topics will proceed both chronologically and thematically, taking in subjects such as: religious architectures; court culture; identity, assimilation, and exclusion; and Iberia's connection with the wider European and Mediterranean worlds.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-225SP**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ARTH-290TK Issues in Art History: 'Art History Toolkit: Research, Writing, Methods, Careers'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Geared toward new and prospective majors, this course covers art historical research, writing, critical methods, and career options. Students gain research proficiency in digital and analog library resources. They practice a wide range of scholarly and professional writing types. Readings and discussions highlight theories, methods, and urgent questions facing the field today, while invited speakers give an overview of the professional possibilities. Assignments include oral presentations and exhibition designs as well as frequent written work. The overarching goal is a strong foundation in art history as a discipline and a skill set that can lead to a rewarding future.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is limited to sophomores and juniors.**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.***ARTH-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***ARTH-300 Seminar****ARTH-300AM Seminar: 'Architecture in Miniature in Asia'***Spring. Credits: 4*

The course explores small objects that allude to large spaces in different periods and regions of Asia. Portable objects represent real and imaginary buildings in Buddhist Central Asia, Islamic West Asia, and Chinese tombs. Persian miniature paintings are sectioned into architectural enclosures. Chinese landscape paintings and Japanese "dry" gardens compress the natural environment itself. In an active learning environment, we will experience the pleasure of scale-shift in small things. We will examine scholarly articles, write persuasive essays, visit Mount Holyoke's Art and Skinner museums, and make "archimorphic" objects in the Fimbel Maker and Innovation Lab.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***ARTH-300MY Seminar: 'Building After Rome: Early Medieval Architecture'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Even in ruins, the buildings of ancient Rome still amaze us: luxurious villas and palaces, monumental theaters and bathhouses, even a strikingly modern-looking public infrastructure. But how did architecture change after the Western Roman Empire's collapse in the fifth century CE? This seminar delves into the architecture of Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages (ca. 300-ca. 800 CE). We will range across geographic and religious boundaries to consider themes such as: the effects of the so-called "Fall of the Roman Empire" on architectural practice; religious architecture; patronage, labor, and materials; and cross-cultural connections in the Mediterranean world.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 4 credits in Art History.*

ARTH-301 Topics in Art History

ARTH-301DG Topics in Art History: 'Indigenous Futures'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course examines how contemporary artists from the Andes and the Amazon imagine and represent the future of their communities by putting their experiences, aesthetics and epistemologies in dialogue with global issues, such as the environmental crisis. Through analysis of a diverse corpus of works – from Guamán Poma's 17th century drawings, to Daniela Catrileo's 2023 novel *Chilco* – we will examine how indigenous artists and thinkers have imagined other worlds and realities, and we will explore how these works challenge ideas around race, nation, gender, and class. Students will also have a chance to test their own critical imaginations by producing narratives about the future.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-340DG

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two courses in Spanish at the 200-level above SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

ARTH-301MH Topics in Art History: 'Making History'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This research seminar looks at the relationship between historical painting and the history it depicts. How much is fact; how much is fiction; and how do we explain the differences? To what ends was it painted? The focus will be on contemporary history painting in the period 1770-1875. The first half of the semester will examine these questions using critical theory and real examples. Students will then develop a major American, British, or French history painting for sustained research and analysis. Possible pictures include Turner's *Slave Ship*, Gericault's *Raft of the Medusa*, Copley's *Watson and the Shark*, David's *Marat*, and others. Numerous papers and class presentations.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in Art History.

Advisory: A course in American or modern art is recommended.

Notes: Four class presentations, four short papers, and one term paper.

ARTH-302 Great Cities

ARTH-321 Objects of Exchange

Spring. Credits: 4

This seminar explores the interconnected medieval world, especially across the Mediterranean. Each week will examine a thematic group of "exchange objects" at the crossroads of cultural, linguistic, and religious connections. Some of these objects, such as coins, were literal objects of exchange, serving as the mode of transmission for material and visual exchange. In other cases, the materials or details of a work signify connections to the wider world through trade. Still others are hybrid objects, or objects combining features from multiple traditions. Over the course of the semester, students will gain a better understanding of the diversity of the medieval Mediterranean, as well as the extent of premodern mobility of peoples, objects, and ideas. The course will feature direct engagement with objects whenever possible.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: ARTH-102, ARTH-103, or ARTH-105.

ARTH-340 Seminar in Modern Art

ARTH-340AM Seminar in Modern Art: 'After Impressionism'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This seminar will focus on the works of four painters, and we will choose from among the following: Bonnard, Cezanne, Gauguin, Pissarro, Seurat, Toulouse-Lautrec, and van Gogh. We will study their works in relation to the feverish debates about painting in the 1880s and 1890s that the previous generation's Impressionism brought about. As we will discover, the four artists were hardly a unified group, took distinct paths away from Impressionism, and pursued projects that had limited allegiance to its main tenets or, indeed, to the ideas and practices of each other. In all, they will represent the extraordinary vitality of art suddenly loosened from the academic world.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in Art History.

ARTH-352 Topics in Modern and Contemporary Architecture

ARTH-352LW Topics in Modern and Contemporary Architecture: 'Spaces of Law'

Fall. Credits: 4

While law is often seen as an abstract discipline, its practice is embedded within our built environments quite concretely. This seminar surveys spaces of law, with attention to the many ways architecture has historically shaped modern legal concepts. We will ask: How has legal authority been reflected or produced by the design of legal space, as exemplified by the spatial arrangements of the courthouse? How does architecture frame legal evidence? How has the historical development of state-sanctioned punishment been reflected in urban space or architectural form? And finally: how can we use evidence in the built environment to reveal moments of resistance against legal authority?

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 4 credits in the department.

ARTH-370 Research in Art History and Architectural Studies

ARTH-370TM Research in Art History and Architectural Studies: 'Time'

Fall. Credits: 4

This advanced seminar supports the development of independent research projects in art history and architecture. The course will cover general topics related to design research, art history research and writing, including formulating research questions, locating and positioning primary and secondary sources, and developing an argument. In addition to scaffolding individual students' projects, a primary aim of the seminar will be to foster discussion across topics of inquiry and methods of research. By sharing works-in-progress at several key moments in the semester, the seminar provides space for collective learning and peer feedback.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 4 credits in Art History.

ARTH-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Courses Meeting Art History Area Requirements for the Major

Ancient and Medieval

Code	Title	Credits
Art History		
ARTH-102	Art and Architecture in the Premodern World	4
ARTH-236	The Global Renaissance	4
ARTH-290AR	Issues in Art History: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'	4
ARTH-290MV	Issues in Art History: 'Art, Nature, and Ecology in the Medieval World'	4
ARTH-290RC	Issues in Art History: 'Medieval Architecture'	4
ARTH-290SP	Issues in Art History: 'Medieval Iberia: Art, Society, and Culture'	4
ARTH-321	Objects of Exchange	4

Renaissance and Baroque

Code	Title	Credits
Art History		
ARTH-231	Northern Renaissance Art	4
ARTH-232FR	Renaissance Cities: 'Florence'	4
ARTH-232RM	Renaissance Cities: 'Rome'	4
ARTH-233	Italian Renaissance Architecture	4
ARTH-290MA	Issues in Art History: 'High Renaissance and Mannerist Art in Italy'	4
ARTH-290RP	Issues in Art History: 'Renaissance Print Culture'	4

Modern and American

Code	Title	Credits
Art History		
ARTH-241	Nineteenth-Century European Art: Neoclassicism to Impressionism	4
ARTH-242	History of Photography: The First Hundred Years	4
ARTH-244	Global Modernism	4
ARTH-245	Hot Art During the Cold War	4
ARTH-246	Photography As Art	4
ARTH-250	American Art	4
ARTH-290CA	Issues in Art History: 'Modern Architecture: From Canon to Anticanon'	4

Non-Western

Code	Title	Credits
Art History		
ARTH-290BC	Issues in Art History: 'Bollywood: A Cinema of Interruptions'	4

Art Studio

Overview and Contact Information

Mount Holyoke's Department of Art Studio encourages artistic exploration while providing technical skills and interdisciplinary opportunities. Whether enrolled in introductory or advanced art studio courses, students learn to express themselves in a range of methods and material. Analysis of original works and engagement with contemporary

issues are part of the rich studio experience. The Department of Art Studio offers both a major and a minor with courses taught by accomplished visual artists. In addition to working closely with these professionals, students also benefit from the department's ties to the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, one of the oldest teaching museums in the country, and its affiliation with the Five College Consortium.

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Learning Goals

The Mount Holyoke College Art Studio curriculum is designed to encourage students to:

- Observe carefully and think critically through materials, scholarly research, context, and visual language.
- Create works that communicate ideas and intention.
- Publicly present artwork through critique, exhibitions, and other platforms.
- Share and receive constructive criticism across media, both verbally and in writing.
- Maintain a sustainable independent creative practice

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Art Studio:
Ligia Bouton, Professor of Art Studio

Lisa Iglesias, Associate Professor of Art
Amanda Maciuba, Assistant Professor of Art Studio

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Pasqualina Azzarello, Visiting Assistant Professor in Art

Xuan Pham, Visiting Lecturer in Art Studio

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 44 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
ARTST-120	Drawing I ¹	4
or ARTST-131	Art Studio Foundations	
or ARTST-142	Digital Art Foundations	
Five courses in art studio at the 200 level		20
Three courses (12 credits) at the 300 level as follows:		12
Spring junior year:		
ARTST-330	Junior Studio	
Fall senior year:		
ARTST-395SS	Senior Studio	
Spring senior year:		
ARTST-390	Advanced Studio (non-thesis students)	

ARTST-395SS Senior Studio (thesis students)	
8 credits in art history at any level	8
Total Credits	44

¹ ARTST-120, ARTST-131, ARTST-142, or any of their offerings; for example ARTST-120FR, ARTST-131MM, or ARTST-142AT.

Additional Specifications

- Art studio majors must take two of their five required 200-level art studio courses at Mount Holyoke.
- Art studio majors must also take all three 300-level advanced studio courses at Mount Holyoke. In exceptional circumstances, the chair can be petitioned to accept one non-Mount Holyoke 300-level advanced studio course, such as the Five College Advanced Studio Art Seminar, in lieu of one of the three required 300-level advanced studio Mount Holyoke courses.
- Courses may be taken within the Five College Consortium, as approved.
- The department strongly asks that students seek the advice of the art studio faculty in selecting courses, their number, and their sequence in constructing a art studio major.
- Students may only take one 100-level Mount Holyoke Art Studio course (ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142) to fulfill a major or minor requirement. For example, students may not take two Mount Holyoke Art Studio 100-level courses in order to fulfill the criteria for both Art Studio and Architectural Studies.
- ARTST-112 does not fulfill major or minor requirements.
- Any student going abroad in the junior year or semester should consult with the advisor before leaving to assure the verification of transfer credits in the major.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
ARTST-120	Drawing I ¹	4
or ARTST-131	Art Studio Foundations	
or ARTST-142	Digital Art Foundations	
Four courses in art studio at the 200 level		16
Total Credits		20

¹ ARTST-120, ARTST-131, ARTST-142, or any of their offerings; for example ARTST-120FR, ARTST-131MM, or ARTST-142AT

Additional Specifications

- Art studio minors must take two of their four required 200-level art studio courses at Mount Holyoke.
- Courses may be taken within the Five College Consortium, as approved.
- The department recommends that students seek the advice of the art studio faculty in selecting courses, their number, and their sequence in constructing a art studio minor.
- Students may only take one 100-level Mount Holyoke Art Studio course (ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142) to fulfill a major or minor requirement. For example, students may not take two Mount

Holyoke Art Studio 100-level courses in order to fulfill the criteria for both Art Studio and Architectural Studies.

- ARTST-112 does not fulfill major or minor requirements.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of visual art can combine their course work in art studio with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of art studio, please consult your advisor or the chair of the art studio department. See further information in the catalog about the minor in education (p. 348) and Teacher Licensure (p.), and consult Sarah Frenette in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the Department of Art Studio and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Offerings

ARTST-112 Introduction to Art Practices

Fall. Credits: 4

This course explores the various ways that visual storytelling and creative research can be used to develop strategies for problem solving in all our academic pursuits. Art-making will be explored through a range of approaches from traditional drawing and painting, to site-specificity, lens and time-based media, as well as collaborative, community engaged actions. Assignments will focus on visual journaling, autobiographical prompts, and integrating diverse influences into expansive visual languages. Creative work will be enriched through field trips and collaborations across the campus and beyond.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: This class does not fulfill the 100-level course requirement for the Art Studio major or minor. Students who are considering becoming an Art Studio major or minor should enroll in one of the other 100-level Art Studio courses. This class does not fulfill the 100-level course prerequisite for Art Studio 200-level courses. Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials.

ARTST-120 Drawing I**ARTST-120FR Drawing I: 'Form, Structure, and Space'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Drawing I is an introductory course designed for all students, regardless of their previous experience in art. The course emphasizes creative, expressive, and analytical approaches to translating visual experience. Students will work with a variety of traditional and experimental materials, and will hone their skills through guided in-class exercises, independent homework assignments, and regular feedback. Upon completion of the course, students will have a strong command of the fundamental language of drawing, a deeper understanding of visual perception, and an ability to use the medium in imaginative, expressive, and conceptually engaged ways.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Advisory: No previous studio experience required. A student may take only one ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.**Notes: Along with ARTST-131 and ARTST-142, this 120 course will function as a prerequisite course for 200-level studio art courses. Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials.***ARTST-131 Art Studio Foundations****ARTST-131MM Art Studio Foundations: 'Making and Meaning'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Making and Meaning is an interdisciplinary course exploring the processes, ideas, and variety of materials in the visual arts. The course addresses thematic concepts that are central to the nature of art making including the principles of art and design, approaches to color, light, and environment, and issues of identity and community. Assignments in drawing, installation, collaboration, and basic three-dimensional construction will be combined with slide lectures, assigned readings, and short written reflections. Visual problem solving, critical thinking, and experimentation will be emphasized throughout the course, in addition to an in-depth exploration of basic materials and tools.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.**Advisory: No previous studio experience is required. A student may take only one ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.**Notes: Along with ARTST-120 and ARTST-142, this 131 course will function as a prerequisite course for 200-level studio art courses. Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials.***ARTST-142 Digital Art Foundations****ARTST-142AT Digital Art Foundations: 'Art and Technology'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

A hands-on introduction to digital art making using computers and related technologies. We will think creatively, work digitally and explore techno-centric art making as a new form and medium, engaging both technical and conceptual considerations. Through readings, discussion, demonstrations, viewing sessions, technical tutorials and hands-on projects, we will explore the techniques, practices and aesthetics of a broad range of current and emerging digital art practices.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.**Advisory: No previous studio experience is required. A student may take only one ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.**Notes: Along with ARTST-120 and ARTST-131, this 142 course will function as a prerequisite course for 200-level studio art courses. Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials.***ARTST-220 Drawing II**

Further exploration and investigation into the techniques and conceptual issues of drawing. The human figure is used as a departure point for developing perceptual skills and personal expression.

ARTST-220NT Drawing II: 'Drawing as Installation'*Fall. Credits: 4*

How do we draw in three-dimensional space? This course will examine how artists have brought techniques of two-dimensional drawing and reimaged their application to three-dimensional space. Drawing as Installation explores drawing as a conceptual and formal tool that is designed to have a particular relationship with spatial environments such as architectural site-specific locations, with time, and with conceptual and/or social level. In this course we will engage with identity, audience relationship, immersive display, site, time, and space through readings, writing, various exploration of materials, and research topics pertinent to students' individual investigations.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.**Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials. For Art Studio majors only for the first week of pre-registration.**Then open to all in the second week.***ARTST-226 Topics in Art Studio**

Topics courses are offered each semester which are outside the realm of the usual course offerings, focusing on contemporary issues.

ARTST-226DF Topics in Art Studio: 'Costume Design for Stage and Film'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course introduces students to the history, art, and techniques of designing costumes for stage and narrative film. Students will learn how a designer approaches a script, how the designer's work supports the actors' and the director's vision and how it illuminates a production for the audience. Students will have the opportunity to develop their visual imaginations through the creation of designs for stage and film scripts. They will engage in play analysis, research, collaborative discussion, sketching, drawing, rendering, and other related techniques and methodologies.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-240DF**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Advisory: Some drawing and painting skills along with an interest in costume history are recommended but not required.***ARTST-226DH Topics in Art Studio: 'Print/Digital Hybrid'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will explore how to integrate digital processes with traditional printmaking techniques. Students will learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, and develop and create imagery through those programs. They will then use digital devices such as laser cutter, router and plotter to turn a digital file into a physical printing block. The final art form will be hand-printed work, utilizing relief printing, engraving on wood, collographs, and monotyping. This course also covers print-based digital animation.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.**Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for some of the cost of course materials.*

ARTST-226EV Topics in Art Studio: 'Experimental Video: Theory and Practice'

Fall. Credits: 4

This production course grounds practice in theory and history. It will introduce students to canonical and contemporary works from avant-garde cinema while engaging them in experimental filmmaking concepts, aesthetics, and practices. Through lectures and screenings, students will be exposed to groundbreaking filmmakers and analyze their works. These will serve to inform and inspire students' own film projects which will cover a range of experimental film approaches including archival and found footage, structural, surrealist, and poetic. This course is open to students with any level of video production experience, including those new to the practice. Students taking this course will gain experience in planning, shooting and editing their work using DSLR cameras and the option of cell phones.

Crosslisted as: FMT-240EV

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT or ARTST majors/minors only.

Prereq: FMT-102, FMT-103, FMT-104, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.

Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.

ARTST-226PM Topics in Art Studio: 'Expanded Print Media'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course asks students to explore the sculptural possibilities of printmaking while examining ideas of the multiple. Both traditional printmaking (relief printmaking and screenprinting) and various digital methods are employed to push the boundaries of "print media" as a contemporary art practice. Class projects will include print installation and print media driven social interventions. Students will work both collaboratively and independently to explore ideas of space, scale, and the multiple, while creating interactive three-dimensional print media work.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials.

ARTST-236 Painting I

Spring. Credits: 4

Painting I is an introduction to the fundamentals of the discipline and practice of acrylic painting. We will investigate both historical and contemporary strategies of painting and engage in observational and imaginative uses of materials and subject matter. This course promotes and includes a wide variety of opportunities to enhance our educational experience including guest artists, an emphasis on sketchbook habits and critique skills, writing exercises, material experiments, and student presentations on contemporary painters. We will undergo a deep study of lights and darks, color, paint application and composition as we develop distinct visual languages of painting.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials. For Art Studio majors only for the first week of pre-registration. Then open to all in the second week.

ARTST-242 Topics in Digital Art

ARTST-242DM Topics in Digital Art: 'Digital Media Art'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This intermediate digital arts course explores diverse contemporary methods of digital production and engages conceptual and aesthetic issues that arise in this new medium. Possible topics may draw from creative coding and algorithm art, computer animation, and interactive/immersive environments on platforms ranging from computer monitors to projections, to VR headsets and to portable electronic devices. We will explore emerging digital art practices and the role that digital media art plays within contemporary art.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: An introductory creative production class at the 100 or 200 level such as ARTST-120, ARTST-131, ARTST-142, MUSIC-102, MUSIC-203, FMT-240VP, or ARCH-205.

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials.

ARTST-242PE Topics in Digital Art: 'Digital Fabrication and Media Installation'

Spring. Credits: 4

This intermediate digital arts course explores how open-source movements and contemporary art have cleared the way for play as a powerful metaphor for cultural participation. We will explore interactive tools, technologies which reframe our senses, and professional practices in environmental installation. We will consider the role of historical and social knowledge in the creation of interactive experiences and audio-visual environments, looking at work which tends to be discursive, which argues for a story or sets out a case, or which operates as a metaphor for our own digital realities.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is limited to ARTST/ARCH/FMT/MUSIC/DANCE majors only.

Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials.

ARTST-246 Sculpture I

Spring. Credits: 4

In Sculpture I, demonstrations and introductory projects will familiarize students with the tools and processes used to form and manipulate materials such as wood, metal, plaster, paper, wax, and glass. Students will also be asked to explore the potential of combining new technologies in media and fabrication with traditional approaches into immersive sculptural experiences. Each project will present students with a series of conceptual problems to solve. In this way, art-making is positioned as a process of finding individual and independent solutions to three-dimensional problems.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials.

ARTST-256 Printmaking I*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course is an introduction to the four basic areas of printmaking: relief, intaglio, screen printing and lithography. Students will begin the semester learning the basics of each technique through attending demonstrations and working on small projects in each area. Students will then choose to focus on one of the four processes, spending the remainder of the semester learning more advanced methods within their chosen area and completing a series of in-depth projects.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.*

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials. For Art Studio majors only for the first week of pre-registration.

*Then open to all in the second week.***ARTST-263 Topics in Paper and Book Arts****ARTST-263ZP Topics in Paper and Book Arts: 'Zines, Prints & Ephemera'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of traditional bookbinding, contemporary artists' books and digital book design. A variety of book structures and skills will be demonstrated, discussed and used throughout the semester. Students will develop a basic understanding of what an artist's book is, where it fits in contemporary art practice as well as its historical context. This course will focus on both editioned and one-of-a-kind zines and ephemera for exchange and intervention throughout campus.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.*

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials.

ARTST-280 Topics in Art Studio

Topics courses are offered each semester which are outside the realm of the usual course offerings, focusing on contemporary issues.

ARTST-280CM Topics in Art Studio: 'Casting, the Multiple, and Installation'*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will introduce basic mold-making practices in relief casting, multi-part plaster mold building, life casting, vacuum forming, and more. These molds will then be used to mass produce objects in wax, plaster, concrete, pewter, and glass, as well as non-traditional materials like candy. Throughout this initial skill-building portion of the course, students will work closely with partnering institutions on campus (such as the Botanical Gardens and the Williston Library) to propose, fabricate, and ultimately install large-scale installations of their cast objects.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.*

Advisory: Five College students require instructor's permission for this course.

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials. For Art Studio majors only for the first week of pre-registration.

*Then open to all in the second week.***ARTST-280EP Topics in Art Studio: 'Experimental Painting and Drawing'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Through a studio-based, interdisciplinary approach, this course explores diverse methods and practices within contemporary painting and drawing. We will discuss both traditional and experimental definitions of painting and drawing and exercise connections between other disciplines, including performance and sculpture. Topics include artwork as a byproduct of movement, unconventional materials in abstraction, and creative responses to current events. Upon completion of this course, students will gain a broad understanding of contemporary art, build a distinct visual vocabulary, and develop an interdisciplinary mindset in thinking about what paintings and drawings are and can be.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.*

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials. For Art Studio majors only for the first week of pre-registration.

*Then open to all in the second week.***ARTST-280PT Topics in Art Studio: 'Painting the Series'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Painting the Series is a rigorous course that expands skills that students have gathered prior to this semester. Students will engage deeply with the practice of painting in water or oil-based paint on variety of substrates, and create multiple series of works. The semester includes presentations, research, critiques, and discussions. Throughout history, artists have actively approached the strategy of creating a series in order to transform, distill, unpack, and otherwise evolve an original idea. Throughout our course, students will do the same through creating multiple series of works that respond to initial prompts and efforts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: A 200-level painting class.*

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials. For Art Studio majors only for the first week of pre-registration.

*Then open to all in the second week.***ARTST-280WE Topics in Art Studio: 'Wearables and Soft Sculpture'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course introduces students to the history of textiles, fiber arts, soft sculpture, and wearables in relation to cultural and political themes. How do textiles transform from flat surfaces into three-dimensional objects or become a second skin to the object? We will focus on the design, fabrication, and creative application of textile construction processes using a range of fabrics, yarn, and materials associated with wearables and soft sculpture. We will experiment with the use of traditional hand tools, digital technologies, patterning, and natural dyes, engaging in small-scale and large-scale projects that culminate in group critiques.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: ARTST-120, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.*

Notes: Students enrolled in this course will be responsible for cost of course materials. For Art Studio majors only for the first week of pre-registration.

*Then open to all in the second week.***ARTST-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

ARTST-330 Junior Studio*Spring. Credits: 4*

The primary goal of this course is to provide strategies for each student to develop an individual studio art practice. Through experimentation, thematic development, strong sketchbook skills, and research, students will begin the process of developing and articulating a conceptual focus in their own art production. Students will be asked to draw on technical skills acquired in 200-level medium-specific courses to create independently generated projects. Simultaneously, students will be required to reflect clearly upon their work in short writing assignments towards the creation of a coherent artist statement. Our discussions will center on critical texts that help students position their work in larger contemporary art and cultural contexts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to juniors only; This course is limited to Art Studio majors only.**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: At least four 200-level studio art courses.**Notes: Students will be responsible for cost of materials.***ARTST-380 Advanced Topics in Art Studio****ARTST-380AE Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Reading across a spectrum of disciplinary focuses (e.g. philosophies of aesthetics, post-structural feminisms, Black cultural studies, and queer of color critique) this course asks the question what is the nature of aesthetics when it negotiates modes of difference? This course explores the history and debates on aesthetics as it relates to race, gender, and sexuality with particular emphasis on Black diaspora theory and cultural production. Drawing on sensation, exhibitions, active discussion, observation, and experimentation, emphasis will be placed on developing a fine-tuned approach to aesthetic inquiry and appreciation.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333AE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 credits in Gender Studies.**Notes: This course has a \$75 materials fee.***ARTST-380PE Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Media and Performance'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Red-curtained theatrical stages, rock concert arenas, and avant-garde galleries all use media technologies to stage acts of live performance. At the same time, live performance frequently plays a role in media exhibition practices, from film screenings to Instagram feeds. Across sites ostensibly devoted to "media" or "performance," this course examines their intersections. Combining theoretical perspectives from media studies and performance studies, we will explore critical approaches to mediation and liveness, production and reception, and performance's digital directions.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330PE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater or Art Studio.***ARTST-380TX Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Abolition and Radical Textiles'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How do the topics of abolition and textiles come together? Marginalized communities have historically used folkloric, textile arts and material culture to amplify abolitionist causes. From secret quilt codes of the Underground Railroad to an abolitionist community sustained by a silk mill in Florence, Massachusetts, how might thinking with textiles intervene on patriarchal systems rooted in rigidity, isolation and punishment? From the social devaluation of domesticized and feminized labor of weaving, quilting, sewing to banners, students will theorize and experiment with textiles, leaving with a grounded understanding of how textiles/fibers can and have played an essential role in the history of abolition.

*Crosslisted as: CRPE-373, GNDST-333TX**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive, Community-Based Learning**Prereq: 8 credits in Critical Race Political Economy, Gender Studies, and/or Art Studio.**Notes: This course has a \$75 materials fee.***ARTST-390 Advanced Studio***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Concentration on individual artistic development. Emphasis will be placed on experimentation, thematic development, and critical review. Students may elect to take this course more than once.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to Art Studio majors only.**Prereq: At least four 200-level studio art courses.**Notes: Students will be responsible for cost of materials. MHC Art Studio majors only. Repeatable for credit.***ARTST-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.**Notes: Senior Art Studio majors may elect to become candidates for an honors thesis with approval of the Art Studio faculty. Students enrolled in all Art Studio courses will be responsible for cost of course materials.***ARTST-395SS Senior Studio***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4**Restrictions: Limited to Mount Holyoke Art Studio majors in their senior year;**Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.**Notes: Students will be responsible for cost of materials. MHC Art Studio majors only. Repeatable for credit.*

Asian Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The Asian studies (transregional) minor allows students to study the diversity of Asia in a comparative framework. Complementing course work at Mount Holyoke are extracurricular activities and study abroad programs that broaden and deepen students' understanding of Asia.

On campus, our students experience regional culture at many levels, including language tables and clubs, guest lectures, performing and visual arts, film, festivals, and regional cuisine. These activities are often initiated by and benefit greatly from the diverse student population of

Mount Holyoke and particularly the large numbers of students from Asian countries or with an Asian background.

Most of our students spend a semester or a summer in study abroad programs. Mount Holyoke College has affiliated programs or exchanges in China at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, in Beijing in cooperation with the China Studies Institute of Peking University (summer), and University of Hong Kong, China; in Japan at the Associated Kyoto Program (year) and the Japan Women's University; and in South Korea at the Ewha Womans University and the Sookmyung Women's University. Students may also participate in one of the many Mount Holyoke College-approved Middle Eastern or South Asian Study abroad programs.

Asian studies minors graduate to pursue careers in fields as varied as education, business, NGOs, journalism, the arts, government service, and graduate study.

See Also

- Arabic (p. 60)
- Chinese (p. 102)
- East Asian Studies (p. 149)
- Japanese (p. 261)
- Middle Eastern Studies (p. 282)
- South Asian Studies (p. 368)
- Asian/Pacific/American Studies (p. 82)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Asian Studies Committee:

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Lisha Xu, Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies

Shin-Yi Kao, Lecturer in Asian Studies

Lingjia Xu, Visiting Assistant Professor in Asian Studies

Nari Matsushima, Visiting Instructor in Asian Studies

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits

Code	Title	Credits
12 credits of approved Asian studies courses at the 200 level or higher, only 8 of which can be in language ¹		12
At least 4 credits in approved Asian studies courses at the 300 level. ¹		4
Total Credits		16

¹ A full list of the approved courses (p. 76) for the major appears at the end of the Asian Studies Courses section.

Additional Specifications

- Courses should be selected from at least two disciplines.
- No more than one Asian American studies course may be counted toward the Asian studies minor.
- There is no language requirement for the Asian Studies minor.
- See also: minors in Arabic (p. 60), Chinese (p. 102), and Japanese (p. 261).

Course Offerings

Asian Culture

ASIAN-211 Topics in Asian Studies

ASIAN-211CH Topics in Asian Studies: 'Contemporary Chinese Media Culture'

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course investigates the evolution of Chinese media cultures from the 1980s to the present, within the broader context of social and political changes. Students will explore a wide range of media, including film, documentary, music, television, animation, social media, photography, and the built environment. The course will examine the technological, material, formal, and aesthetic aspects of various media forms and encourage broader discussions on the ideological impact, spectatorship, sensory perception, and interactive media experiences beyond the Chinese-language world.

Crosslisted as: FMT-230CH

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Advisory: No knowledge of the Chinese language is required.

ASIAN-211PT Topics in Asian Studies: 'From Shadow Puppets to Digital Screens'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course provides a comprehensive exploration of the rich and diverse world of Chinese films, offering students a deep understanding of the historical, cultural, and artistic dimensions that shape this dynamic film tradition. We will highlight four major periods: The May Fourth and New Cultural Movement (1919-1930), the socialist era, the transnational developments since the 1980s in mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, and the current digital era. We will treat films as a window on the ongoing narrative of a people making history and responding to changing circumstances of revolution, reform, political movements, diaspora, and modernization.

Crosslisted as: FMT-230PT

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Advisory: No knowledge of the Chinese language is required.

ASIAN-214 Philosophical Foundations of Chinese Thought: the Ancient Period

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

An introduction to Chinese thought during the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (roughly 770-256 BCE), a time of remarkable philosophical growth and controversy. We read the works of this era's most influential philosophers, including: Kongzi (Confucius), Mozi, Laozi, Mengzi (Mencius), Zhuangzi, Xunzi, and Han Feizi. Topics discussed include: What makes for a just ruler? What kind of life should we live? What is our relationship to nature? We work to understand each philosopher's responses to these questions, but we also learn to develop our own answers. We take care to place these figures and their works in their historical and cultural context.

Crosslisted as: PHIL-212

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

ASIAN-215 Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater

Fall. Credits: 4

Yue Opera, an all-female art that flourished in Shanghai in 1923, resulted from China's social changes and the women's movement. Combining traditional with modern forms and Chinese with Western cultures, Yue Opera today attracts loyal and enthusiastic audiences despite pop arts crazes. We will focus on how audiences, particularly women, are fascinated by gender renegotiations as well as by the all-female cast. The class will read and watch classics of this theater, including *Romance of the Western Bower*, *Peony Pavilion*, and *Butterfly Lovers*. Students will also learn the basics of traditional Chinese opera.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-204CW, FMT-230CW

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Notes: Taught in English.

ASIAN-216 Making is Thinking: Craft Cultures in East Asia

Fall. Credits: 4

This course examines the changing ideas and media practices of "craft" from pre-modern to the contemporary era, and from the British Art and Craft Movement to folkcraft promotion in East Asia. We will navigate intellectual writings, games, documentaries, novels, paintings, films, design manuscripts and products, and video blogs. We will also engage in DIY activities. Topics include "craft and ecology," "craft and industrialization," "craft and gender," and "the future of work." By delving into the discourses of craft shaped by various technological, cultural, and political forces, we aim to foster a critical awareness of the ethics and condition of labor, long dominated by technoscientific rationality and elitist fine art, and to reimagine the future of work.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Notes: No knowledge of the East Asian languages is required.

ASIAN-247 Chinese Women Writers in the 20th and 21st Centuries

Spring. Credits: 4

In the last hundred years, China witnessed the emergence of many talented Chinese women writers. Not only did they take part in every stage of important socio-political changes in modern and contemporary China, they were and still are the avant-garde of literary reform and innovation. Many of their works, in particular, take gender and gender ideology/politics at issue, while deviating from the traditional discourse of marginalized or trivialized women, exploring creative and effective ways of literary dialogue and imagination. This course will cover women writers from both modern (1911-1949) and contemporary (1949-present) times. Some of the representative women writers include: Ding Ling, Xiao Hong, Zhang Ailing, Zong Pu, Yang Jiang, Wang Anyi, Tie Ning, etc.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Notes: Taught in English. This class may be especially suitable for students who do not identify as native speakers of English.

ASIAN-340 Love, Gender-Crossing, and Women's Supremacy: A Reading of *The Story of the Stone*

Spring. Credits: 4

A seminar on the eighteenth-century Chinese masterpiece *The Story of the Stone* and selected literary criticism in response to this work. Discussions will focus on love, gender-crossing, and women's supremacy and the paradoxical treatments of these themes in the novel. We will explore multiple aspects of these themes, including the sociological, philosophical, and literary milieus of eighteenth-century China. We will also examine this novel in its relation to Chinese literary tradition in general and the generic conventions of pre-modern Chinese vernacular fiction in particular.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-333HH

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 8 credits in Asian Studies or Gender Studies.

Advisory: Intended for East Asian Studies majors and Asian Studies minors.

Notes: Taught in English.

ASIAN-362 Political Anthropology of the Middle East*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This seminar focuses on anthropological studies of how power – both in its open and hidden forms – manifests itself and shapes everyday life in the contemporary Middle East. It explores how authority is established and contested in various domains including bureaucracy and the state; sexuality and the family; religion and civil society; markets and the media. We will trace how experiences of colonization, imperialism, modernization, nationalism, capitalism, occupation, war and revolt mold the conditions of living for peoples of the Middle East. We will also examine how specific forms of knowledge production attribute coherence to the region, allowing its imagination as an object of intervention in the name of development and security.

*Crosslisted as: ANTHR-316ME**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 Credits in Anthropology.***Asian Languages****ASIAN-110 First Year Chinese I***Fall. Credits: 4*

ASIAN-110 is the first semester of the first-year Chinese course. This course is intended for students with no or very little prior knowledge of Mandarin Chinese. Points of focus include pronunciation and tones, basic syntax, high-frequency vocabulary words, conversational flow, and an introduction to reading and writing Chinese characters. Relevant cultural knowledge and activities will be incorporated into the curriculum. The class will initially be conducted in both English and Chinese, with the proportion of Chinese steadily increasing over the first two months, after which the great majority of instruction will be in Chinese. Learning is supplemented by online learning resources, out-of-class language partner sessions, Language and Culture Commons Question and Answer sessions and the Chinese Language Table.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Advisory: Students with previous or equivalent language study should contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-111 First Year Chinese II***Spring. Credits: 4*

ASIAN-111 continues ASIAN-110 First Year Chinese I, with an introduction to Mandarin Chinese and the development of oral proficiency as well as gradual acquisition of reading and writing skills. Learning is supplemented by online learning resources, out-of-class language partner sessions, Language and Culture Commons Question and Answer sessions and the Chinese Language Table.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-110 or equivalent.**Advisory: Students with previous or equivalent language study should contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-120 First Year Japanese I***Fall. Credits: 6*

Introduces listening, speaking, reading, and writing modern Japanese; hiragana, katakana, and approximately 50 Kanji. Supplements class work with audio and video.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years, sophomores, and juniors**Coreq: ASIAN-120L.*

Advisory: Only first-year, sophomores, and juniors may pre-register; if space is available, seniors may be able to register during Add/Drop; students with previous training in Japanese should contact Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

ASIAN-121 First Year Japanese II*Spring. Credits: 6*

This continues ASIAN-120, First Year Japanese I. Introduces listening, speaking, reading, and writing modern Japanese; hiragana, katakana, and approximately 150 Kanji. Supplements class work with audio and video.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-120 or equivalent. Coreq: ASIAN-121L.**Advisory: Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should contact Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu)***ASIAN-130 First Year Arabic I***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course introduces the basics of Modern Standard Arabic and one dialect. It begins with a study of the Arabic script and sounds using the Alif Baa textbook, and then students will use *Al-Kitaab I*, 3rd edition (chapters 1-5). Students will acquire vocabulary and usage for everyday interactions in Arabic. In addition to the traditional textbook exercises, students will write short paragraphs, and participate in role plays and conversations.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Advisory: Students with previous language study should contact May George (mgeorge@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-131 First Year Arabic II***Spring. Credits: 4*

This second half of the year-long course continues to introduce the basics of Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). It covers vocabulary for everyday use and essential communicative skills with regard to real-life and task-oriented situations. Students will concentrate on speaking and listening skills, as well as on learning the various forms of verbs, roots/patterns, and sentence structures. Students are expected to participate in various curricular tasks (e.g., role-plays, discussions) and extracurricular activities (e.g., cooking nights, movie nights, language tables) to dig into some cultural aspects. Students will also engage in conversations which introduce them to dialects to be able to authentically use the language.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-130 or equivalent.***ASIAN-160 Beginning Korean I***Fall. Credits: 4*

Beginning Korean I is the first course in a two-semester Beginning Korean sequence, designed for students with little or no prior knowledge of Korean. The course introduces Hangul (the Korean writing system), fundamental pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar, equipping students for basic communication in everyday situations. Additionally, the course explores foundational cultural practices, fostering cross-cultural awareness and respectful interaction in diverse social contexts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years, sophomores, and juniors**Advisory: Students with previous training in Korean should contact Kyae-Sung Park (kspark@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.*

Notes: Only first-years, sophomores, and juniors may pre-register; if there are any remaining seats, seniors will be able to register during Add/Drop.

ASIAN-161 Beginning Korean II*Spring. Credits: 4*

Beginning Korean II is the second course in a two-semester Beginning Korean sequence, designed for students who have completed Beginning Korean I (ASIAN-160) or possess equivalent proficiency. The course expands vocabulary and grammar while strengthening discourse skills, enabling students to communicate more fluently on various personal topics in diverse social settings. Students engage in extended conversations, comprehend short narrative and descriptive texts, and write simple, connected paragraphs about personal experiences. The course builds on foundational cultural knowledge by further exploring Korean culture and social norms, fostering a deeper understanding of intercultural communication.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-160 or equivalent. Students with equivalent backgrounds should contact the instructor for permission.**Advisory: Contact Kyae-Sung Park (kspark@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-212 Second Year Chinese I***Fall. Credits: 4*

ASIAN-212 is the first semester of the second-year Chinese course. This course will consolidate and expand students' competencies in the four fundamental areas of language learning – speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students will improve their oral fluency, study more complex grammatical structures, and enlarge their vocabulary. Emphasis on facilitating daily-life interactions will be supplemented and expanded by increasing discussion of broader issues in society. Students will develop a deeper and broader understanding of relevant aspects of Chinese culture. This course is conducted mostly in Chinese. Learning is supplemented by online learning resources, out-of-class language partner sessions, Language and Culture Commons Question and Answer sessions and the Chinese Language Table.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-111 or equivalent.**Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-213 Second Year Chinese II***Spring. Credits: 4*

ASIAN-213 continues ASIAN-212 Second Year Chinese I. A continuing emphasis on facility in daily life interactions will be supplemented and expanded by increasing discussion of broader issues in society, including education, employment, etc.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-212 or equivalent.**Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-222 Second Year Japanese I***Fall. Credits: 4*

ASIAN-222 is the third-semester course in Japanese for those who have taken ASIAN-121 or have equivalent preparation in Japanese. Includes approximately 250 kanji. Students in this course learn to listen and comprehend conversations about more sophisticated topics they would encounter in daily life in Japan, such as conducting conversations in a hospital, expressing their plans and intentions, asking a favor, asking for and listening to navigation directions, and giving and receiving gifts. They learn how to interact with Japanese people in such situations with appropriate cultural manners in preparation for any potential stay in Japan such as for study abroad or an internship.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-121 or equivalent.**Advisory: ASIAN-121 or equivalent. Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-223 Second Year Japanese II***Spring. Credits: 4*

ASIAN-223 is the fourth semester course in Japanese for those who have taken ASIAN-222 or have equivalent preparation in Japanese. Students in this course are taught to be able to explain procedures, ask and express opinions, understand and express complaints and apologies, while learning grammatical constructions such as passive, causative, causative-passive and different levels of politeness.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-222 or equivalent.**Advisory: Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-262 Intermediate Korean I***Fall. Credits: 4*

Intermediate Korean I is the first course in a two-semester Intermediate Korean sequence, designed for students who have completed Beginning Korean II or possess equivalent proficiency. This course enhances students' ability to communicate more fluently and accurately on a broader range of personal and societal topics. Students engage in extended conversations, produce connected speech and text, and interpret written and spoken materials with sensitivity to politeness levels and formality. The course also examines Korean culture, traditions, and values through critical analysis and comparative perspectives, fostering intercultural competence. Cultural components are integrated throughout, and students participate in hands-on workshops to experience Korean cultural practices.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-161 or equivalent proficiency. Students with equivalent backgrounds should contact the instructor for permission.**Advisory: Contact Kyae-Sung Park for placement.***ASIAN-263 Intermediate Korean II***Spring. Credits: 4*

Intermediate Korean II is the second course in a two-semester Intermediate Korean sequence, designed for students who have completed Intermediate Korean I (ASIAN-262) or possess equivalent proficiency. This course enhances communicative competence, enabling students to express themselves with greater fluency, accuracy, and confidence in both informal and formal settings while engaging with a broader range of personal, academic, and societal topics. Through project-based learning, students analyze and discuss societal and global issues aligned with their interests while developing critical thinking and analytical skills. Instruction includes interactive lectures, discussions, student presentations, projects, and group activities. Students also participate in hands-on workshops to engage with Korean cultural practices. As part of the Korean language sequence, this course prepares students for advanced coursework, study abroad, and the East Asian Studies major or the Asian Studies (Korean Language) minor.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-262 or equivalent. Students with equivalent backgrounds should contact the instructor for permission.**Advisory: Contact Kyae-Sung Park (kspark@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.*

ASIAN-310 Third Year Chinese I*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course helps students to build linguistic and communicative competence in Mandarin Chinese through reading, discussing, and writing about authentic texts. Newspapers, essays, and short stories will be the teaching materials for the course. An interactive approach will be incorporated into the curriculum to improve students' conversational skills. The class will be conducted mostly in Chinese, and class hours will be supplemented by individual work in the Language Resource Center.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-213 or equivalent.**Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-311 Third Year Chinese II***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course continues ASIAN-310, Third Year Chinese I, in helping students build linguistic and communicative competence in Mandarin Chinese through reading, discussing, and writing about authentic texts. Newspapers, essays, and short stories will be the teaching materials for the course. An interactive approach will be incorporated into the curriculum to improve students' conversational skills. The class will be conducted mostly in Chinese, and class hours will be supplemented by individual work in the Language Resource Center.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-310 or equivalent.**Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-314 Learning Chinese Through Film***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course advances students' Chinese reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills by studying contemporary Chinese films. The selected movies are mostly lighthearted comedies on youth, love, and aspirations, with discussions on relationships, immigration, elder care, education, and social justice. The class will watch the films and use the synopses and selected dialogues from the scripts as reading materials to facilitate linguistic and cultural learning. Students will also watch several prize winners/nominees by internationally acclaimed Chinese directors such as Yimou Zhang, Zhangke Jia, Kar-wai Wong, Xiaogang Feng, and Kaige Chen in the "Chinese Movie Night" activity. The class will be conducted mainly in Chinese.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ASIAN-311 or equivalent.**Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-317 Chinese Society and Culture: Reflections In Literature and Media***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course aims to enhance students' Chinese language proficiency and deepen their cultural understanding through the study of media, essays, and short stories. It focuses on exploring traditional Chinese culture, societal transformations, and contemporary issues. The primary objective is to improve students' advanced communication skills, particularly in reading and comprehending news reports and literary works in Chinese. Additionally, the course encourages students to analyze current issues with a broader perspective and a more nuanced outlook.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ASIAN-311.***ASIAN-318 Business and Intercultural Communication In Chinese Society***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course, open to advanced learners of Chinese and native Chinese speakers, aims to develop crosscultural communication skills in an immersive environment. Students will examine discourse and behavioral patterns in daily and workplace interactions within the broader context of Chinese history, philosophy, and values. In addition to the core textbook, students will engage with a documentary film, business cases, and cultural exploration videos filmed in China. The supplementary readings feature essays by American university students reflecting on their experiences in China, along with selected works by Jonathan D. Spence that deepen historical and cultural understanding. Through cross-cultural projects, students will collaboratively research topics and critically compare Western assumptions with Chinese perspectives. By the end of the course, students will have strengthened both their conversational and written communication skills for academic and professional cross-cultural settings.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ASIAN-311.**Advisory: Students who have not taken ASIAN-311 but have equivalent or higher Chinese proficiency, including native Chinese speakers, may request instructor permission to register.***ASIAN-324 Third Year Japanese I***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course helps students attain a higher level of proficiency in modern Japanese through the extended use of the language in practical contexts. The class will be conducted mostly in Japanese.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-223 or equivalent.**Advisory: ASIAN-223 or equivalent. Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***ASIAN-326 Third Year Japanese II***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course continues ASIAN-324, Third Year Japanese I. It emphasizes attaining a higher level of proficiency in modern Japanese through the extended use of the language in practical contexts. The class will be conducted mostly in Japanese.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ASIAN-324 or equivalent.**Advisory: ASIAN-324 or equivalent. Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.***Independent Study****ASIAN-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***ASIAN-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Related Courses Approved for the Asian Studies Minor

Most Asian studies courses offered by other departments at Mount Holyoke are listed below, but students should also consult the catalog entries or websites of other departments, including Art History, History, International Relations, Politics, and Religion. Asian Studies minors may also plan to use the rich resources of the Five College Consortium in selecting their courses (listings are available through the Five College Class Schedule (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/courses>) or individual college websites).

Please consult the chair of the Asian Studies Committee for guidelines regarding Asian languages not taught in the Five Colleges.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-204	Anthropology of Modern Japan	4
ANTHR-316ME	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Political Anthropology of the Middle East'	4
Art History		
ARTH-105	Arts of Asia	4
ARTH-290BC	Issues in Art History: 'Bollywood: A Cinema of Interruptions'	4
ARTH-300AM	Seminar: 'Architecture in Miniature in Asia'	4
Asian Studies		
ASIAN-110	First Year Chinese I	4
ASIAN-111	First Year Chinese II	4
ASIAN-120	First Year Japanese I	6
ASIAN-121	First Year Japanese II	6
ASIAN-130	First Year Arabic I	4
ASIAN-131	First Year Arabic II	4
ASIAN-160	Beginning Korean I	4
ASIAN-161	Beginning Korean II	4
ASIAN-211CH	Topics in Asian Studies: 'Contemporary Chinese Media Culture'	4
ASIAN-211PT	Topics in Asian Studies: 'From Shadow Puppets to Digital Screens'	4
ASIAN-212	Second Year Chinese I	4
ASIAN-213	Second Year Chinese II	4
ASIAN-214	Philosophical Foundations of Chinese Thought: the Ancient Period	4
ASIAN-215	Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater	4
ASIAN-216	Making is Thinking: Craft Cultures in East Asia	4
ASIAN-222	Second Year Japanese I	4
ASIAN-223	Second Year Japanese II	4
ASIAN-247	Chinese Women Writers in the 20th and 21st Centuries	4
ASIAN-262	Intermediate Korean I	4
ASIAN-263	Intermediate Korean II	4
ASIAN-310	Third Year Chinese I	4
ASIAN-311	Third Year Chinese II	4
ASIAN-314	Learning Chinese Through Film	4
ASIAN-317	Chinese Society and Culture: Reflections In Literature and Media	4

ASIAN-318	Business and Intercultural Communication In Chinese Society	4
ASIAN-324	Third Year Japanese I	4
ASIAN-326	Third Year Japanese II	4
ASIAN-340	Love, Gender-Crossing, and Women's Supremacy: A Reading of The Story of the Stone	4
ASIAN-362	Political Anthropology of the Middle East	4
English		
ENGL-274	Introduction to Asian American Literature	4
ENGL-334BG	Asian American Film and Visual Culture: 'Beyond Geishas and Kung Fu Masters'	4
Film Media Theater		
FMT-230BC	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Bollywood: A Cinema of Interruptions'	4
FMT-230CH	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Contemporary Chinese Media Culture'	4
FMT-230CW	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater'	4
FMT-330BG	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Beyond Geishas and Kung Fu Masters'	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-204CW	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater'	4
GNDST-210SL	Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Women and Gender in Islam'	4
GNDST-333HH	Advanced Seminar: 'Love, Gender-Crossing, and Women's Supremacy: A Reading of <i>The Story of the Stone</i> '	4
History		
HIST-124	History of Modern South Asia, 1700 to the Present	4
HIST-137	Modern East Asia, 1600-2000	4
HIST-239CD	Topics in Asian History: 'Chinese Diasporic Communities in the World: Race, Empire, and Transnationalism'	4
HIST-239HH	Topics in Asian History: 'History of Humans and Other Living Beings'	4
HIST-239MC	Topics in Asian History: 'Borderlands and Ethnicity in Modern China'	4
HIST-239ME	Topics in Asian History: 'Cities in Modern East Asia'	4
HIST-239TB	Topics in Asian History: 'Travels and Tibet in the Modern Era'	4
HIST-301CS	Colloquium: 'Capitalism in South Asia'	4
HIST-332	Environmental History of China	4
Philosophy		
PHIL-212	Philosophical Foundations of Chinese Thought: The Ancient Period	4
Politics		
POLIT-208	Chinese Politics	4
POLIT-216	Middle East Politics	4
POLIT-224	The United States and Iran	4
POLIT-226	The United States, Israel, and the Arabs	4
POLIT-228	East Asian Politics	4
POLIT-341	Political Islam	4

POLIT-342	Islamic Political Thought	4
POLIT-359	Democratization and Civil Society in East Asia	4
Religion		
RELIG-102	Introduction to Islam	4
RELIG-108	Arts of Asia	4
RELIG-163	Introduction to Buddhism	4
RELIG-207	Women and Gender in Islam	4
RELIG-225EB	Topics in Religion: 'Eco-Buddhism'	4
RELIG-225FF	Topics in Religion: 'Buddhism in Fiction and Film'	4
RELIG-241	Women and Gender in Buddhism	4
RELIG-267	Buddhist Ethics	4
RELIG-311	Love, Madness, Discipline: The Sufi Path in Islam	4
RELIG-343	Against Productivity: Sabbath as Countercultural Practice	4

Asian/Pacific/American Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The Five College Asian/Pacific/American Studies (A/P/A) Certificate enables students to pursue concentrated study of the experiences of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Americas. Through courses chosen in consultation with a Mount Holyoke A/P/A program advisor, students can learn to appreciate A/P/A cultural and artistic expressions, understand and critique the racial formation of Asian/Pacific/Americans, and investigate how international conflicts, global economic systems, and ongoing migration affect A/P/A communities and individuals and their intersections with others.

Drawing upon diverse faculty, archival, and community-based resources, this program encourages students not only to develop knowledge of the past experiences of Asian/Pacific/Americans, but also to act with responsible awareness of their present material conditions.

See Also

- Asian Studies (p. 75)

Contact Information

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<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/apastudies>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of seven courses:

Code	Title	Credits
One foundation course. This course offers an interdisciplinary perspective on historical and contemporary experiences of Asian/Pacific/Americans. Attention will be paid to interrogating the term Asian/Pacific/American and to comparing different APA populations distinguished, for example, by virtue of their different geographical or cultural derivations, their distribution within the Americas, and their historical experience of migration. ¹		
One Expressions course devoted to the study of A/P/A cultural expression in its many forms		
One U.S. Intersection course dedicated to the study of intersections between A/P/A and non-A/P/A experiences within the United States.		

One Global Intersections course that offers perspectives on Asian/Pacific/Americans from outside the United States.	
Three other elective courses, through one of which you may complete your special project (see below)	
Total Courses	7

¹ Normally taken during the first or second year.

Other Requirements

- Special Project. Normally fulfilled in the third or fourth year, this requirement involves the completion of a special project based on intensive study of an A/P/A community through research, service-learning, or creative work such as an internship, action-research or a fine arts project. This is often done by students enrolled in an upper-level or independent study course. Projects should include both self-reflective and analytic components. Students fulfilling this requirement will meet as a group at least once during the semester to discuss their ongoing projects and at the end of the semester to present their completed projects at a student symposium or other public presentation. Students' plans for completing the requirement should be approved by a Mount Holyoke A/P/A program advisor in the previous semester.

Additional Specifications

- Courses taken at another campus must be approved by Mount Holyoke A/P/A advisors to count towards the minimum seven courses required. A list of candidate courses is available on the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/asianpacificamerican-studies#courses>).
- Students must receive the equivalent of a B or better in all courses counted toward the certificate.
- Courses counted toward satisfaction of a major requirements may also be counted toward the A/P/A Certificate.
- No course can be counted as satisfying more than one certificate distribution requirement.
- Courses taken abroad may be used to fulfill the distribution requirement with the approval of a Mount Holyoke A/P/A program advisor.
- Students are encouraged to attain some proficiency in at least one language other than English, especially if such proficiency facilitates the completion of the special project component of the certificate program. While English is sufficient and appropriate for the completion of many projects involving Asian/Pacific/American communities, many sources and communities can be consulted only through other languages.

Astronomy

Overview and Contact Information

Modern astronomy is concerned with understanding the nature of the universe and the various structures—galaxies, stars, planets, atoms—within it. We are interested not only in describing these things, but in understanding how they are formed and how they change, and, ultimately, in reconstructing the history of the universe.

This understanding is always based upon the same set of theories and practices—physics, chemistry, biology, materials science, geology, mathematics, computer science—that we use to understand the earth and its immediate surroundings. Thus, all students are strongly

encouraged to base their study of the universe upon a firm grounding in one of these disciplines.

All 100-level courses are taught by Mount Holyoke faculty and staff. Courses at the 200-level and above are staffed collectively by faculty in the Five College Department (as listed above); many of them will be offered off-campus. Students are urged to consult the department to assist in planning a program of study that takes advantage of the rich variety of course opportunities. Through advising, the exact program is always tailored to the student’s particular strengths, interests, and plans.

Astronomical facilities at all five institutions are available for student use. The Williston Observatory at Mount Holyoke includes a historic Clark 8” telescope as well as several Unistellar eVscope 2 telescopes that can image nebulae and galaxies even in areas with light pollution.

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

Learning goals for introductory-level astronomy classes:

- Understand fundamental concepts in astronomy such as gravity, the nature of light, the origin of the universe, and physical characteristics of matter.
- Demonstrate skills for quantitative analyses, including the ability to form a hypothesis, graphically represent and interpret data, estimate error and understand sampling bias.
- Critically evaluate representations of science in all types of media.

Learning goals for advanced astronomy classes:

- Demonstrate proficiency in fundamental concepts in each of the major areas of astronomy: cosmology, planetary science, galaxies, stellar structure, and the universe.
- Show a working knowledge of a broad array of physical phenomena that are based upon fundamental concepts.
- Gain familiarity with instrumentation, computational methods and software resources utilized by professional astronomers.
- Understand the variety of career paths and opportunities that are open to students who have majored in astronomy.
- Exhibit a proficiency in the methods of scientific inquiry in laboratory and/or research projects.
- Demonstrate use of critical thinking skills in well-organized, logical and scientifically sound oral and written scientific reports.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Physics and Astronomy and is a collaborative program through the Five College Department of Astronomy (FCAD):
Benjamin Boatwright, Visiting Assistant Professor in Astronomy

Thomas Burbine, Visiting Assistant Professor in Astronomy

Kathryn Lester, Visiting Assistant Professor in Astronomy

Requirements for the Major

The astronomy major is designed to provide a good foundation in modern science with a focus on astronomy. Taken alone, it is suited for students who wish to apply scientific training in a broad general context. If coupled with additional course work in related fields, the astronomy major or minor provides the foundation to pursue a career as a professional astronomer or planetary scientist. Thus, advanced courses in geology, mathematics, physics, biology, and/or chemistry, as well as a facility in computer programming, are strongly encouraged.

Students should note that completion of this major will likely require them to travel to other institutions within the Five Colleges.

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
MATH-101, MATH-102, and PHYS-110 must be completed as prerequisites for the courses in this major.		
Select one of the following:		4
ASTR-100	Stars and Galaxies	
ASTR-102		
ASTR-104	Planet Earth	
ASTR-105	The Sky	
PHYS-201	Electromagnetism	4
Two astronomy courses at the 200 level (8 credits) from the offerings of the Five College Astronomy department		8
One astronomy course at the 300 level (4 credits) from the offerings of the Five College Astronomy department		4
Two additional courses at the 300 level, in astronomy or a related field such as mathematics, physics, geology, biology, computer science, or the history or philosophy of science		8
One additional course at any level in astronomy or a related field such as mathematics, physics, geology, biology, computer science, or the history or philosophy of science		4
Total Credits		32

Additional Specifications

- Students planning graduate study should generally regard this as a minimum program and include additional 300-level work. Advanced course work in physics and mathematics is especially encouraged for students wishing to pursue graduate studies in astronomy.

Requirements for the Minor

The goal of an astronomy minor is to provide a practical introduction to modern astronomy. If combined with a major in another science or mathematics-related field, such as geology, chemistry, or computer science, it can provide a versatile scientific background that prepares a student for future work as a scientist or technical specialist. Alternatively, the minor may be combined with a major in a nonscientific field, such as history, philosophy, or education, for students who wish to apply their astronomical backgrounds in a broader context that could include history of science, scientific writing or editing, or science education.

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One 300-level astronomy, physics, or geology course		4
Three additional 200-level or 300-level courses in astronomy		12
Total Credits		16

Course Offerings

ASTR-100 Stars and Galaxies

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Discover how the forces of nature shape our understanding of the cosmos. Explore the origin, structure, and evolution of the Earth, moons and planets, comets and asteroids, the sun and other stars, star clusters, the Milky Way and other galaxies, clusters of galaxies, and the universe as a whole.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

ASTR-104 Planet Earth

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course traces the origins of the universe, our solar system, and Earth and provides an introduction to the field of planetary science. It follows the evolution of terrestrial planets and asteroids through geologic processes. Topics include planetary origins, atmospheres, interiors, and magnetic fields; plate tectonics; volcanism, weathering, earthquakes, faults and folding on terrestrial planets; distribution and limitations of resources on Earth and other bodies; and the search for the origins of life.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

ASTR-105 The Sky

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course will provide a hands-on introduction to observing and understanding the extraterrestrial sky. Daily and annual motions of the sun, moon, planets, and stars; celestial coordinate systems; apparent brightnesses and colors of the stars; time; calendars. Observations at the Williston Observatory with the unaided eye, visually with the eight-inch telescope, and by electronic camera with computer-controlled telescopes.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

ASTR-223 Planetary Science

Spring. Credits: 4

This intermediate-level course covers fundamentals of spectroscopy, remote sensing, and planetary surfaces. Discussions will include interiors, atmospheres, compositions, origins, and evolution of terrestrial planets; satellites, asteroids, comets, and planetary rings.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: One course in Geology, Astronomy, Physics, Math, or Computer Science.

ASTR-226 Cosmology

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will cover cosmological models and the relationship between models and observable parameters. Topics in current astronomy that bear upon cosmological problems, including background electromagnetic radiation, nucleosynthesis, dating methods, determinations of the mean density of the universe and the Hubble constant, and tests of gravitational theories. Discussion of questions concerning the foundations of cosmology and its future as a science.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: ASTR-100, ASTR-101, ASTR-102, or ASTR-115; one semester of Physics; and one semester of calculus at high school or college level.

ASTR-228 Astrophysics I: Stars and Galaxies

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A calculus-based introduction to the properties, structure, formation, and evolution of stars and galaxies. The laws of gravity, thermal physics, and atomic physics provide a basis for understanding observed properties of stars, interstellar gas, and dust. We apply these concepts to develop an understanding of stellar atmospheres, interiors, and evolution, the interstellar medium, and the Milky Way and other galaxies.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: PHYS-110 and MATH-102.

Advisory: PHYS-201 and MATH-203 strongly suggested.

ASTR-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

ASTR-330 Topics in Planetary Science

In-class discussions will be used to formulate a set of problems, each designed to illuminate a significant aspect of the topic at hand. The problems will be difficult and broad in scope: their solutions, worked out individually and in class discussions, will constitute the real work of the course. Students will gain experience in both oral and written presentation. Topics vary from year to year.

ASTR-330MA Topics in Planetary Science: 'Mars'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will survey the past, present, and future of Mars exploration and science. We will focus on the evolution of Mars as a paradigm for terrestrial planets, with specific units on missions, formation, volcanism, impacts, glaciers and water, spectroscopy and mineralogy, climate, and issues pertaining to the possibilities of life on Mars. This is a discussion-based, interactive seminar with students and faculty reading current papers from the literature, supported by many outside speakers. Weekly writing assignments will focus on critical thinking.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: Any intermediate-level Astronomy or Geology course.

Advisory: ASTR-223 recommended.

ASTR-330MN Topics in Planetary Science: 'Moon'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will survey the past, present, and future of the exploration and science of the Earth's Moon. We will have specific units on interiors, heat flow, thermal evolution, magnetism, volcanism, impacts, crustal composition and mineralogy, and spectroscopy of its surface. This is a discussion-based, interactive seminar with students and faculty reading current papers from the literature.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: Any intermediate-level Astronomy or Geology course.

Advisory: ASTR-223 recommended but not required.

ASTR-330WR Topics in Planetary Science: 'Ocean Worlds'*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will survey the science and exploration of Europa, Titan, and other ocean worlds in the Solar System whose potential to harbor extraterrestrial life has kickstarted the field of astrobiology in recent decades. We will apply the principles of planetary science to better understand how tectonics, cryovolcanism, fluid flows, and atmospheres interact to produce the chemical and physical environments necessary for life as we know it. The course will build critical reading and oral presentation skills and will feature guest lectures and discussions with scientists currently participating in ocean worlds missions such as Europa Clipper and Dragonfly.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: ASTR-223 or comparable preparation in geology and/or planetary science.***ASTR-335 Astrophysics II***Fall. Credits: 4*

This is a course in applied physics with the ultimate goal of describing how stars work. Topics include gravitation, stellar mass determination, stellar structure, stellar atmospheres, stellar evolution, and the physics of pulsating stars. We will approach each of these topics from fundamental concepts and we will work our way to a detailed understanding. On the way we will review the structure of the atom, radiative processes, and some basic principles of thermodynamics.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: ASTR-228.***ASTR-352 Astrophysics III***Spring. Credits: 4*

This advanced course will cover physical processes in the gaseous interstellar medium, including photoionization in HII regions and planetary nebulae, shocks in supernova remnants and stellar jets, and energy balance in molecular clouds. Dynamics of stellar systems, star clusters, and the viral theorem will also be discussed, along with galaxy rotation and the presence of dark matter in the universe, as well as spiral density waves. The course concludes with quasars and active galactic nuclei, synchrotron radiation, accretion disks, and supermassive black holes.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: ASTR-335 or two Physics courses at the 200 or 300 level.***ASTR-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Biochemistry

Overview and Contact Information

The major in biochemistry is intended to provide a strong background in the fundamentals of both biology and chemistry and to develop an awareness of the unique principles of biochemistry.

Biochemistry is the study of reactions that underpin the living system. These include the vital metabolic reactions that provide cells with energy to perform myriad activities and functions, and the biosynthetic reactions that enable cells to renew, repair, grow, and divide. The linkage of biochemistry with molecular biology has brought revolutionary advances

in our understanding of the living world, the human organism, disease etiology, and medicine.

The interdisciplinary major in biochemistry offers a rigorous course of study that builds on two years of fundamental course work in biology and chemistry. With this broad preparation, students engage with biochemistry and molecular biology at a very high level, allowing them to integrate their knowledge in molecular and cellular biology, and to think and address issues occurring at the forefront of the biochemical/ biomedical sciences. Majors are also encouraged to participate in academic-year and/or summer research and majors usually have more than one research internship experience before graduation.

See Also

- Chemistry (p. 97)
- Biological Sciences (p. 88)

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

Knowledge-Based Learning Goals

- Use energy, kinetics, and thermodynamics to develop a quantitative and mechanistic view of biological systems.
- Explain the structures, functions, and interactions of biomolecules.
- Describe the flow of information within a cell and between cells.
- Use chemical and biological logic to interpret metabolic pathways and their regulation.
- Apply biochemical knowledge to human health, technology, and society.

Skill-Based Learning Goals

- Employ responsible and ethical practices in data collection and analysis, reporting, and attribution.
- Critically evaluate primary scientific literature.
- Interpret and critically analyze data.
- Design and conduct independent experiments in biochemistry, using modern instrumentation.
- Effectively communicate scientific information in oral, written and visual formats to scientific and broader audiences.
- Collaborate to pursue common goals.
- Assess safety concerns in the laboratory and employ best practices.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Biochemistry Committee:

Craig Woodard, Christianna Smith Professor of Biological Sciences

Jason Andras, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

Katie Berry, Associate Professor of Biochemistry

Kyle Broaders, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Amy Camp, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

Rebecca Lijek, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Teaching Spring Only

Kathryn McMenimen, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Alan Van Giessen, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Teaching Spring Only

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 49 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
CHEM-150 or CHEM-160	General Chemistry: Foundations Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry	4
CHEM-202	Organic Chemistry I	4
CHEM-302	Organic Chemistry II	4
CHEM-223	Chemical Measurement and Analysis ¹	4
As a prerequisite for CHEM-308 or CHEM-346:		
MATH-203	Calculus III	
CHEM-308 or CHEM-346	Chemical Thermodynamics with Lab Physical Chemistry of Biochemical Systems with Lab	4
BIOL-145 or BIOL-160	Introductory Biology ² Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry with Laboratory	4
BIOL-200	Introductory Biology II: How Organisms Develop with Laboratory	4
BIOL-220	Cell Biology with Laboratory	4
BIOCH-311	Protein Biochemistry and Cellular Metabolism	4
BIOCH-318	Laboratory Techniques in Protein Biochemistry	1
BIOCH-314	Nucleic Acids and Molecular Biology	4
8 additional credits elected from 300-level courses in biochemistry, biology, or chemistry ³		8
Total Credits		49

¹ For graduates in Spring 2028 and beyond, the CHEM-231 major requirement has been replaced with CHEM-223. While the adjustment moves through the current student cohorts, CHEM-231 or CHEM-223 will be accepted as a prerequisite to BIOCH-311, and as a requirement for the major.

² Students may select any BIOL-145 topic, such as BIOL-145BT, BIOL-145EX, and BIOL-145GW.

³ This requirement is intended to increase the breadth and depth of your knowledge and application of biochemistry through related 300-level course work.

Other Requirements

- Senior Symposium. All seniors must give an oral presentation on a biochemical topic in the Senior Symposium.

Additional Specifications

- Students who are interested in taking the biochemistry core courses (BIOCH-311 and BIOCH-314) in their junior year are encouraged to complete at least CHEM-150 (or CHEM-160), CHEM-223, and BIOL-145 (or BIOL-160) and BIOL-200 during the first year.

- A student coming to the College with advanced credits from IB or A-level course work or Advanced Placement examinations, in accordance with the number of advanced credits received, should consult with the program chair or other members of the Biochemistry Program Committee to determine the appropriate placement for introductory courses in both biology and chemistry.
- The committee further recommends CHEM-325 to students planning graduate work in biochemistry.
- Independent study 295 or 395 does not count towards the minimum of 49 required credits.
- Students who declare a biochemistry major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Plan of Study

The most common student trajectory through the major is the following:

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOL-145 or 160	4	BIOL-200	4
CHEM-150 or 160	4	CHEM-223	4
		8	8
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOL-220	4	CHEM-302	4
CHEM-202	4	MATH-101	4
		8	8
Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOCH-311	4	BIOCH-314	4
BIOCH-318	1	MATH-203	4
MATH-102	4		
		9	8
Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CHEM-308 or 346	4	One Biological Sciences 300-level elective	4
One 300-level Chemistry elective		4	Senior Symposium
		8	4
Total Credits 61			

Course Offerings

BIOCH-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

In this class, students will acquire hands-on and/or applied experience in diverse aspects of the research process in any field of Biochemistry under the direction and supervision of a faculty advisor. Typically, these projects are related to the research program of the advisor. Student experiences often include: familiarizing themselves with a research topic, generating interesting questions, designing experiments, acquiring technical and instrumentation skills, collecting and analyzing data, writing and/or presenting their results. Faculty in the Biochemistry program accept research students through research applications within their home departments. To inquire about enrollment, students should therefore fill out the application forms available through the Departments of Chemistry and Biological Sciences. The application is generally available each semester with a deadline immediately following the advising period, and faculty meet before the end of the semester to place students in labs for the following semester. Enrollment into a research opportunity depends on lab capacity, so often not all applications are able to be fulfilled. A single credit requires an average of 3 hours of work per week. (Note: Some faculty may require a set weekly meeting time for a portion of this class.)

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: Students conducting an independent lab research project for credit in a department, program, or lab covered by the College's chemical hygiene plan must participate in a safety training session before beginning research.

BIOCH-311 Protein Biochemistry and Cellular Metabolism

Fall. Credits: 4

This course is a rigorous introduction to the study of protein molecules and their role as catalysts in the cell. Topics include general principles of protein folding, protein structure-function correlation, enzyme kinetics and mechanism, carbohydrate and lipid biochemistry, and metabolic pathways (catabolic and anabolic) and their interaction and cross-regulation. Biological transformation of energy is considered in light of the principles of thermodynamics.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is limited to Biochemistry majors only.

Prereq: BIOL-220 (or BIOL-230), and CHEM-302, and CHEM-223 (or CHEM-231). Coreq: BIOCH-318.

BIOCH-312 Chemistry of Biomolecules

Fall. Credits: 4

An examination of the major ideas of biochemistry from the point of view of the chemical sciences rather than the life sciences. The focus will be on structure and reactivity of important biomolecules and the role of energetics and reaction dynamics in biochemical processes. Major metabolic pathways are covered, including those of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids.

Crosslisted as: CHEM-312

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: CHEM-202 with a grade of C or better.

Advisory: This course is NOT intended for Biochemistry majors, who must take BIOCH-311 and BIOCH-314. BIOCH-312 students may take BIOCH-318 concurrently.

BIOCH-314 Nucleic Acids and Molecular Biology

Spring. Credits: 4

This course is an in-depth examination of DNA and RNA structures and how these structures support their respective functions during replication, transcription, and translation of the genetic material. Emphasis is on the detailed mechanisms associated with each step of gene expression. Discussions incorporate many recent advances brought about by recombinant DNA technology.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is limited to Biochemistry majors only.

Prereq: BIOCH-311. Coreq: BIOCH-314L.

BIOCH-318 Laboratory Techniques in Protein Biochemistry

Fall. Credits: 1

This course covers fundamental laboratory techniques in protein biochemistry and data analysis. The aims of this course are: 1) to provide students with practical knowledge and hands-on experience with some of the most common experimental methods used in biochemical research, and 2) to develop the skills in written and oral scientific communication. The course focuses on protein overexpression and purification and also includes reagent preparation, proper use of instrumentation, SDS-PAGE gel analysis, enzyme activity assays, protein structure viewing, experimental design and utilizing computers to analyze and present data. Laboratory safety is also emphasized.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Coreq: BIOCH-311 students must co-enroll in this lab course. CHEM-312/ BIOCH-312 students may co-enroll.

BIOCH-330 Topics in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

This course each year examines a number of important and exciting topics in biochemistry, molecular biology, and other related fields of biology. The intellectual and research development that formulated these fundamental concepts is traced through extensive readings of the primary literature. Discussions emphasize the critical evaluation of experimental techniques, data analysis, and interpretation. This is a seminar-style course in which students will bear responsibility for the synthesis and presentation of assigned papers; substantial student participation in the form of oral presentation is expected.

BIOCH-330RN Topics in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology: 'The RNA World: The Origin of Life to Modern Cells'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

RNA is believed by many to have been the first macromolecule to evolve. In a hypothesized "RNA world," RNA would have simultaneously served the roles of carrying genetic information and catalyzing chemical reactions within early cells. The past three decades have been a renaissance for RNA biology, as researchers have uncovered the critical role RNA plays in eukaryotic and bacterial gene regulation and defense, as well as the potential for RNAs to perform catalysis. This seminar will introduce students to modern approaches to study the structure and function of RNA and will explore the chemical and biological roles RNA plays in modern cells as well as its role in the origin of life.

Crosslisted as: CHEM-330RN

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Prereq: BIOCH-311, or BIOCH-314, or BIOCH-312/CHEM-312.

BIOCH-395 Independent Study*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8*

In this class, students will acquire hands-on and/or applied experience in diverse aspects of the research process in any field of Biochemistry under the direction and supervision of a faculty advisor. Typically, these projects are related to the research program of the advisor. Student experiences often include: familiarizing themselves with a research topic, generating interesting questions, designing experiments, acquiring technical and instrumentation skills, collecting and analyzing data, writing and/or presenting their results. Faculty in the Biochemistry program accept research students through research applications within their home departments. To inquire about enrollment, students should therefore fill out the application forms available through the Departments of Chemistry and Biological Sciences. The application is generally available each semester with a deadline immediately following the advising period, and faculty meet before the end of the semester to place students in labs for the following semester. Enrollment into a research opportunity depends on lab capacity, so often not all applications are able to be fulfilled. A single credit requires an average of 3 hours of work per week. (Note: Some faculty may require a set weekly meeting time for a portion of this class.)

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: See safety training restrictions in the course description for BIOCH-295.

Biological Sciences

Overview and Contact Information

Our major provides many ways of looking at living things. Core courses introduce complementary perspectives on life. Advanced courses bring students to the edge of what we know and provide a foundation for original work.

Research interests of the faculty include animal behavior, anatomy, biomechanics, cell biology, development, ecology, evolution, gene regulation, human physiology, invasion biology, invertebrates, microbiology, molecular ecology, neurobiology, plant diversity, plant genetics, race and biology, and symbiosis.

The department's facilities include transmission electron, scanning electron, and fluorescence microscopes, image capture and processing equipment, a tissue culture room, a greenhouse, controlled environment chambers, molecular biology equipment, and several computer-equipped teaching laboratories.

See Also

- Biochemistry (p. 85)
- Bio-Mathematical Sciences (p. 88)
- Environmental Studies (p. 178)
- Neuroscience and Behavior (p. 302)

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

Our goal in the Department of Biological Sciences is to stimulate students' curiosity about the natural world and help them see themselves as scientists, whether they become biology majors or not.

Our learning goals for the major are for students to develop fluency with four core concepts of biology:

- Evolution by natural selection.
- The relationship between structure and function.
- Information flow, exchange, and storage.
- The interconnections between living things and between living things and their environment.

Students develop the abilities to closely observe natural phenomena, use evidence in scientific reasoning, and test their own hypotheses about the natural world. They develop biological literacy, following the trains of scientific discovery (and conflict) in the primary literature, and use quantitative methods — including statistics and modeling — to better understand natural phenomena.

Biology majors will explore the full range of the discipline and gain ample research and laboratory experience. Ultimately, they are provided with the foundations for success in diverse careers, including medicine, biotechnology, environmental conservation, and public policy.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Biological Sciences:

Sarah Bacon, Professor of Biological Sciences

Renae Brodie, Professor of Biological Sciences on the Alum Foundation

Amy Frary, David and Lucy Stewart Professor of Biological Sciences

Gary Gillis, Norman Wait Harris and Emma Gale Harris Foundation Professor of Biological Sciences

Martha Hoopes, Ida and Marion Van Natta Professor of Biological Sciences, Teaching Fall Only

Craig Woodard, Christianna Smith Professor of Biological Sciences

Jason Andras, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

Patricia Brennan, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

Amy Camp, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

Rebecca Lijek, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Teaching Spring Only

André White, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Teaching Spring Only

Chloe Drummond, Clare Booth Luce Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences

Douglas Roossien, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences

James Garner, Visiting Assistant Professor in Biological Sciences

Thomas Mennella, Visiting Assistant Professor in Biological Sciences

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Biological Sciences:		
BIOL-145	Introductory Biology ¹	4
or BIOL-160	Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry with Laboratory	
or NEURO-100	Introduction to Neuroscience and Behavior	
BIOL-200	Introductory Biology II: How Organisms Develop with Laboratory	4
BIOL-210	Molecular Genetics with Laboratory	4
or BIOL-220	Cell Biology with Laboratory	
BIOL-223	Ecology with Laboratory	4
or BIOL-226	Evolution: Making Sense of Life with Laboratory	
One additional of the following 200-level core courses:		4
BIOL-210		
BIOL-220		
BIOL-223		
BIOL-226		
BIOL-241		
One elective course at the 200 or 300 level in Biological Sciences ²		4
Two elective courses at the 300 level in Biological Sciences ³		8
Required Courses Outside of Biological Sciences:		
CHEM-150	General Chemistry: Foundations	4
or CHEM-160	Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry	
One course in either calculus or statistics (e.g. MATH-101, MATH-102, MATH-203, STAT-140, STAT-242, BIOL-234, etc.) ⁴		4
Total Credits		40

¹ Any BIOL-145 offering, for example BIOL-145AB, BIOL-145BT, or BIOL-145GW.

² Any additional 200- or 300-level course, including a fourth 200-level core course, or four credits of BIOL-395 taken in one semester can count toward this elective course requirement. Whether the BIOL-395 counts as a course with or without the lab will be at the discretion of the independent study advisor.

³ Both of these 300-level courses must be taken at Mount Holyoke.

⁴ BIOL-234 can satisfy both the calculus/statistics requirement and the requirement of one elective course at the 200- to 300-level, with authorization of the department.

Additional Specifications

- A total of six Biological Sciences courses are required to be taken with labs.
- BIOL-295 does not count toward the minimum 32 credits in Biological Sciences nor towards the six courses required to be taken with labs.
- We encourage students to explore further coursework in math and statistics, chemistry, computer science, physics, philosophy, anthropology, gender studies, and the many other disciplines that intersect with the biological sciences.
- Students who entered before fall 2023 who have already taken BIOL-230 are advised to complete the major requirements listed in the

catalog of their entrance year. Other current students are advised to complete the major requirements listed above.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
16 credits in Biological Sciences at the 200 and/or 300 level ^{1,2}		16
Total Credits		16

¹ BIOL-295 and BIOL-395 do not count toward the minimum 16 credits in the minor.

² At least eight credits must be taken at Mount Holyoke.

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of biological sciences can combine their course work in biological sciences with a minor in education. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires specific subject matter knowledge within the biological sciences. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of Biology, please consult the chair of the Biological Sciences department and your advisor. CHEM-312 is one of the recommended courses. For further information, also read the sections on the minor in education (p. 348) and Teacher Licensure (p.).

Admission to the Licensure Program requires a formal application, as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Interested students should schedule an initial advising appointment with Sarah Frenette in the Department of Psychology and Education, preferably by the middle of the sophomore year, to review program requirements and assist in planning course work.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice

Credit in Biology towards the Science and Mathematics II Distribution Requirement

Most departmental courses satisfy the science and mathematics distribution requirement. Any off-campus biology course taken to satisfy the science and mathematics distribution requirement must have a laboratory component. Courses that are introductions to professional specialties dependent on biology (e.g., nutrition or horticulture), or are addressed to technical certification (e.g., emergency medical technician), do not satisfy the science and mathematics distribution requirement.

Introductory Biology

The department offers introductory biology in two different forms. The BIOL-145 courses (e.g. BIOL-145AB, BIOL-145GW, etc.) are a liberal arts introduction to biology in a small-class atmosphere. Different sections emphasize different topics. BIOL-160, which must be taken concurrently with CHEM-160, offers an integrated introduction to biology and chemistry. Either one is an appropriate choice for students who are considering a major in biology, biochemistry, or environmental studies. Completion of any of these courses will allow a student to enroll in

BIOL-200. Students are welcome to email the instructors to find out more about any of the introductory courses.

Course Advice for Majors

Majors are strongly encouraged to complete the following course work outside of biological sciences: Organic Chemistry (CHEM-202 and CHEM-302), as well as additional coursework in Physics and Computer Science.

It is not difficult to major in Biological Sciences and go off-campus for one or two semesters. For instance, other places are better situated to study tropical rain forests, deserts, or the ocean. Students have also received credit toward the biology major for course work done in French at partner universities in Montpellier. Mount Holyoke College has special relationships with several other programs abroad. It is not safe to assume, however, that biology courses taken through any program off-campus will count toward requirements of the Biology major. Before enrolling in study away from the College, it is essential to talk about your goals and specific plans with the Chair of Biology or a designated faculty member.

Course Offerings

BIOL-145 Introductory Biology

BIOL-145BT Introductory Biology: 'Biology Today with Laboratory'
Fall. Credits: 4

In this student-centered course, we will explore some of the core concepts, language, and frameworks used in the discipline of biology. This course will help students develop and hone an important skill-set, including experimental design, scientific writing and problem solving. In lecture, we will learn biology by investigating topics that affect everyone, learning about the impacts of social stress on mammalian cardiovascular systems, the promise and peril of gene editing, and the evolution of human skin color, for example. All course objectives will be met through active learning exercises in lecture, readings, discussions, and hands-on work in the laboratory.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences
Coreq: BIOL-145BTL.

BIOL-145EX Introductory Biology: 'Exploring Biodiversity with Laboratory'
Spring. Credits: 4

In this course, we will take a leap back in time to the origins of life, discuss the evolution of major organismal lineages, and investigate biological processes at different scales, from cellular to ecological. Through the lectures, labs, and in-class discussions, students will make connections between fundamental biological concepts and biodiversity, and will become familiar with how scientific knowledge is generated. In lab, students will explore biological diversity, cellular dynamics, and evolutionary and ecological processes, with a focus on gaining skills in scientific inquiry, including hypothesis development, experimental design, collecting and analyzing results, and scientific writing.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences
Coreq: BIOL-145EXL.

BIOL-145GW Introductory Biology: 'A Green World with Laboratory'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course examines the plant life in the woods and fields around us, the exotic plants in our greenhouses, and the plants we depend on for food. We will study plants living in surprising circumstances, settling into winter, escaping from gardens, reclaiming farmland, cooperating with fungi and insects, and fighting for their lives. We will find that plants challenge some conventional, animal-based assumptions about what matters to living things. In labs, students will seek to answer questions about how plants grow in nature, by studying plant structure and function, ecology, and evolution.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-year students.
Coreq: BIOL-145GWL.

BIOL-145LC Introductory Biology: 'Locomotion with Laboratory'
Fall. Credits: 4

One of the most intriguing features of animals is the range of ways in which they are able to move. From running and jumping to climbing, swimming and flying, different forms of locomotion have allowed animals to exploit most of Earth's habitats. In this course, we will study the anatomy, physiology, biomechanics and biochemistry underlying different types of animal movement. While some of our focus will be on humans, we will take advantage of a wide range of mainly vertebrate animal models to understand the evolution and function of the musculoskeletal system and how it is used during locomotion.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.
Coreq: BIOL-145LCL.

BIOL-160 Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry with Laboratory

Fall. Credits: 4

This 8-credit course serves as a gateway to both the biology and chemistry core curricula. The course introduces and develops fundamental concepts in chemistry while also exploring the diverse range of strategies adopted by living systems to survive in different environments. This course prepares students for further study in chemistry (CHEM-201) and/or biology (BIOL-200). Students must register for both BIOL-160 and CHEM-160 as well as a single lab section (listed under CHEM-160L). Recommended for students interested in completing pre-health requirements or advanced study in biochemistry or neuroscience.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-year students.
Coreq: CHEM-160 and CHEM-160L.

Notes: Students must co-enroll in BIOL-160 and CHEM-160 for a total of 8 credits; consisting of three 75-minute lectures, and one three-hour laboratory per week.

BIOL-200 Introductory Biology II: How Organisms Develop with Laboratory

Spring. Credits: 4

Developmental biology is a topic full of fantastic questions: how does a single egg transform into an organism with many cells and tissue types? What controls gene expression? What is the interplay between environmental signal and plant hormones? In this course, plant and animal development will be studied at the level of genes, cells and tissues, in model organisms such as sea urchins, ferns, chicks and lilies. The laboratory is at the heart of the course, and classwork is designed around the live material students will meet each week.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: BIOL-145 or BIOL-160, or NEURO-100. Coreq: BIOL-200L.

BIOL-206 Local Flora with Field Laboratory*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course offers plant identification and natural history, emphasizing native and introduced trees and wildflowers. On- and off-campus field trips.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Prereq: 4 credits in the department.

BIOL-209 Science Communication*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course, we will evaluate the practices that best support a shared understanding of facts and enable trustworthy storytelling. We will read peer-reviewed literature on the benefits, challenges, and equity considerations of using various presentation formats and platforms.

Students will analyze and then practice science-sharing methods targeting professionals and general audiences.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 4 credits in the department.

BIOL-210 Molecular Genetics with Laboratory*Fall. Credits: 4*

A comprehensive study of the fundamental principles of classical and molecular genetics. Topics will include genetic inheritance, the central dogma, gene and protein expression and regulation, the genetic and molecular basis for disease, and modern techniques such as genomics, bioinformatics, and gene therapy. The laboratory component will illustrate and analyze these topics through selected experimental approaches.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: BIOL-200, and CHEM-150 or CHEM-160. Coreq: BIOL-210L.

Advisory: Students are not allowed to take this course in the same semester as BIOL-220 Cell Biology. Also, students who previously took BIOL-230 Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology should not enroll in this course.

BIOL-220 Cell Biology with Laboratory*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

The aim of this course is to understand the fundamental unit of life – the cell – at the molecular level. We will consider the assembly and structure of cellular membranes, proteins, organelles, and the cytoskeleton, as well as their roles in cellular processes including the capture and transformation of energy, catalysis, protein sorting, motility, signal transduction, and cell-cell communication. Emphasis will be placed upon the diversity of cellular form and function and the cell biological basis for disease. The laboratory portion of this course will illustrate and analyze these phenomena through selected biochemical, genetic, and microscopy-based approaches.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: BIOL-200, and CHEM-150 or CHEM-160. Coreq: BIOL-220L.

Advisory: Students may only register for one 200-level Biology core courses (BIOL-220, BIOL-226, and BIOL-241) in the first week of pre-registration.

Students are not allowed to take this course in the same semester as BIOL-210 Molecular Genetics. Also, students who previously took BIOL-230 Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology should not enroll in this course.

BIOL-223 Ecology with Laboratory*Fall. Credits: 4*

This ecology course will cover the fundamental factors controlling the distribution and abundance of organisms, including interactions with the abiotic environment, fitness and natural selection, population growth and dynamics, species interactions, community dynamics, and diversity. We will address variation across space and time. The course will combine observational, experimental, and mathematical approaches to some of the applications of ecological theory, including conservation, disease dynamics, and biological control.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: BIOL-145 or BIOL-160 and at least one semester of Calculus or Statistics. Coreq: BIOL-223L.

Advisory: Because the course uses quantitative methods, students must have experience with calculus or statistics; high school level courses are sufficient.

Notes: BIOL-223 and/or BIOL-226 must be taken for the Biology major.

BIOL-226 Evolution: Making Sense of Life with Laboratory*Spring. Credits: 4*

Evolution is central to our understanding of Biology; it helps us explain both the diversity and commonality in organismal form, function and behavior that have been generated over 3 billion years of life on Earth. We will discuss the mechanisms of evolution within populations and between species, examine some branches of the tree of life and learn how the tree is generated, discuss how phenotypes arise from genotypes and interactions with the environment, and how development is central to understanding evolution. Some themes include the evolution of symbiosis, sex, and human evolution, as well as the crucial role that evolutionary principles play in society including agriculture and medicine.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: BIOL-200. Coreq: BIOL-226L.

Advisory: Students may only register for one 200-level Biology core courses (BIOL-220, BIOL-226, and BIOL-241) in the first week of pre-registration.

Notes: BIOL-223 and/or BIOL-226 must be taken for the Biology major.

BIOL-234 Biostatistics with Laboratory*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The statistics sections of biology articles have become so technical and jargon-filled that many biologists feel intimidated into skipping them or blindly accepting the stated results. But how can we ask relevant questions or push the boundaries of knowledge if we skip these sections? Using lectures, data collection, and hands-on analysis in R, this course will connect statistics to biology to help students develop a gut instinct for experimental design and analysis. We will explore sampling bias and data visualization and review methods and assumptions for the most common approaches with examples from current biological literature and our own data.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: 8 credits in Biological Sciences or ENVST-200. Coreq: BIOL-234L.

BIOL-236 Topics in Biological Sciences**BIOL-236HA Topics in Biological Sciences: 'Human-Animal Interaction'**
Fall. Credits: 4

Every day we see two vastly different species – human and dog – successfully interacting, living, and working together. Simultaneously, the wild world is changing and shrinking as humans spread into land that was once dedicated to wild-living animals, humans are forced to interact with different species in new ways. To maintain species diversity, we must understand the relationships that develop and how to create best policies and practices. In this class, we will learn about the human-animal bond, the interaction between human psychology, animal behavior, and the life sciences and the complex and evolving relationship between conservation, policy, and human-animal interactions.

Crosslisted as: PSYCH-259HA

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.

BIOL-241 Comparative Animal Physiology with Laboratory

Spring. Credits: 4

Animals share needs such as eating, breathing, moving and reproducing. Yet their solutions to meeting these needs are incredibly diverse, constrained as they are by each group's evolutionary history and by the specific demands of the environment in which they live. By looking at the range of solutions animals have devised to navigate life on Earth, we will explore fundamental themes in physiology including homeostasis and the relationship between structure and function. Using lectures, readings and discussions, students will gain an appreciation for the remarkably diverse ways in which animals have evolved to overcome the fundamental challenges of life.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: BIOL-145, BIOL-160, or NEURO-100, and BIOL-200. Coreq: BIOL-241L.

Advisory: Students may only register for one 200-level Biology core courses (BIOL-220, BIOL-226, and BIOL-241) in the first week of pre-registration.

BIOL-249 The Naturalist Habit with Field Laboratory

Fall. Credits: 4

In this course, we will explore the rich natural history of our region, focusing on organisms in their natural habitat and contemplating questions and approaches we might employ to better understand them and the ways in which they live. We will place particular emphasis on developing the habits of close and curious observation and coupling those habits with the skills and methods of scientific hypothesis development, experimental design, and field ecology.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: Any 100-level Biology course (BIOL-145 or BIOL-160) and BIOL-200.

Notes: Class meetings will consist of weekly field trips to local natural areas, where we will spend most of our time outdoors along with weekly classroom sessions for discussion and student projects. Field trips will proceed in all safe weather (e.g. cold, rain, wind, etc.), and attendance is mandatory. BIOL-249 counts as a 200-level course with a lab.

BIOL-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

In this class, students will acquire hands-on experience in diverse aspects of the research process in any field of Biology, from familiarizing themselves with a research topic, generating interesting questions, designing experiments, acquiring technical skills, collecting and analyzing data, to writing and/or presenting their results. To inquire about enrollment, students should fill out the application survey available on the departmental website or on my.mtholyoke. The application is generally available between registration and the end of exams, and faculty meet after exams to place students in labs for the following semester. Decisions depend on lab capacity. A single credit requires an average of 3 hrs of work per week. (Note: Some faculty may require a set weekly meeting time for a portion of this class.)

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: Any student conducting an independent laboratory research project for course credit in a department, program, or laboratory covered by the College's chemical hygiene plan must participate in a safety training session before beginning research.

BIOL-307 Vertebrate Anatomy with Laboratory

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

We will study the structure, function and evolution of the diversity of structures that allow vertebrates, including humans, to perform basic functions. We will connect these functions with day-to-day challenges for vertebrates, and we will discuss functional disruption such as disease and trauma. Students are expected to work in groups, as well as view most lectures before class. Class time will be used for active discussion and occasional guest lectures. During lab time, we will dissect many vertebrates so comfort in working with preserved and often smelly specimens is a must. This class requires memorization of many structures in a functional context.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: 8 credits at the 200 level in Biology. Coreq: BIOL-307L.

BIOL-319 Immunology with Laboratory

Spring. Credits: 4

The immune system protects the sterile interior of our bodies from the vast diversity of microbes in the outside world, adapting and improving from each encounter. How does it achieve this remarkable feat? This course will investigate the cells, organs, and biochemical signals that comprise innate and adaptive immune systems, as well as how they interact to identify and remove foreign pathogens. Emphasis will be placed on the human immune response to infectious diseases, with examples from clinical case studies and experimental models. The laboratory portion will provide experience with the foundational techniques of immunology research. Additional topics may include: autoimmunity, allergy, vaccination, transplantation, cancer, immune deficiency, and pathogen evasion strategies.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: BIOL-210 and BIOL-220. Coreq: BIOL-319L.

Notes: Interested students with only one of the prerequisites (BIOL-210 or BIOL-220) are invited to email the instructor to discuss whether this class is right for them.

BIOL-321 Conference Course

Selected topics from areas emphasized in the department according to needs of particular students. Study in small groups or by individuals.

BIOL-321CM Conference Course: 'Cellular Microbiology'*Fall. Credits: 4*

Pathogenic microbes, including viruses, bacteria, and fungi are expert cell biologists. During infection, they "hijack" host cell processes for their own benefit: rewiring signaling and metabolic pathways, inducing dramatic cytoskeletal rearrangements, and suppressing cell death pathways, to name just a few examples. Cellular microbiology is the study of how microbes interact with and manipulate host cell biology at the molecular level. In this seminar, we will draw upon the primary literature to explore specific case studies in cellular microbiology, aiming not only to understand how these manipulations benefit microbial pathogens, but also to become more expert cell biologists ourselves.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: BIOL-220.***BIOL-321EG Conference Course: 'Eukaryotic Molecular Genetics'***Spring. Credits: 4*

In this course, we will examine the role of molecular genetic analysis in the study of phenomena such as human disease (e.g., cancer), animal development, and gene regulation. We will also discuss new techniques for genomic analysis, including the science as well as the health, legal, ethical and moral issues involved. There will be group discussions of original research articles and review articles.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: BIOL-200 and BIOL-210 or BIOL-220.**Notes: In place of a lab, each student will do a semester-long project involving literature research.***BIOL-321EU Conference Course: 'The Neuron'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Nervous systems are built from a diversity of neurons, which can be classified in a variety of ways, including location, neurotransmitters, structure, connectivity, or gene expression. In the extreme, each neuron in a brain has its own unique identity. In this discussion-based course, we will review fundamental neuron biology, then we will use classic and modern literature to consider current multidisciplinary questions such as: What makes a neuron a neuron? Where did neurons come from? How do we distinguish different types of neurons? Students will research their favorite neuron and present it in a variety of media: written summaries, oral presentations, and creatively as a "trading card".

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: BIOL-210, or BIOL-220, or NEURO-100 and 4 credits in Biological Sciences.***BIOL-321HG Conference Course: 'Molecular Genetics and Human Genetic Disorders'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Mendel's principles of genetic inheritance underpin all the inheritance patterns that we observe and the traits they govern. However, in nature, not all is as it first appears. Many traits seem to diverge from Mendelian genetics until we understand those inheritance patterns more deeply. In this course, we will explore the depths of genetic inheritance by first understanding the mechanisms of these seeming "exceptions of Mendelian inheritance". We will then understand how the molecule of DNA behaves in the nucleus to allow for gene expression and how we study DNA in the lab. Finally, we will discuss human genetic disorders that occur because of deviations in gene expression or DNA behavior but are rooted in Mendelian genetic principles. The capstone experience of the course is a student-group project exploring experimental approaches for diagnosing or treating a human genetic disorder.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: BIOL-200 and BIOL-210, or BIOL-220 or BIOL-230.***BIOL-321PB Conference Course: 'Plant Biogeography'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What roles do ecology and evolution play in shaping where, when, and how plants are geographically distributed? In this course, we focus on this question by examining plant geographic patterns on both global and local scales. We explore how abiotic and biotic factors affect historical, present, and potential future plant distributions. Together, we engage primary literature on topics such as island biogeography, climate change effects on species persistence, and contemporary influences of humans on the movement of plants. In lab, we use analytical tools such as phylogenetics and ecological niche modeling to investigate the intersections between plant evolution, geography, and climate change.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits at the 200 level in Biological Sciences or equivalent.***BIOL-321VX Conference Course: 'Outsmarting Pathogens'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Smallpox, a disfiguring infection called "one of the most devastating diseases known to humanity" by the World Health Organization, was eradicated from the planet through immunization. Polio paralyzed 350,000 children a year until immunization reduced infection by 99%. Why have we succeeded in immunizing against these pathogens but not HIV or the common cold? Students in this seminar will discuss primary literature in immunology, microbiology, and epidemiology to learn how vaccines outsmart pathogens. Study of biological mechanisms will be complemented with exploration of the socioeconomic factors that influence vaccine development and usage. Students' independent research will connect their interests and current events to course concepts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: BIOL-230 or both BIOL-210 and BIOL-220.***BIOL-322 Comparative Biomechanics***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The main objective of this course is to explore organismal structure and function via an examination of the basic physical principles that guide how living things are constructed and how organisms interact with their environment. We will use the combined approaches of the biologist and engineer to study the impact of size on biological systems, address the implications of solid and fluid mechanics for animal design, survey different modes of animal locomotion, and learn how biologists working in diverse areas (e.g., ecology, development, evolution, and physiology) gain insight through biomechanical analyses.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits from Biological Sciences except BIOL-200.***BIOL-323 Plant Growth and Development***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course is a study of the higher plant, its structure, organization, and development. We will examine the endogenous and environmental factors influencing plant growth and reproduction. Topics include anatomy, hormones and their mode of action, tropisms, photomorphogenesis, and flowering.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: BIOL-200 and two other courses at the 200-level in Biological Sciences.*

BIOL-325 Plant Diversity and Evolution*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course explores the tremendous diversity of the plant kingdom, emphasizing the local flora. Evolutionary relationships are discussed on the basis of comparisons of reproductive biology, morphology, anatomy, cell structure, and molecular biology.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: 8 credits at the 200-level in Biological Sciences.

Notes: Offered alternate years.

BIOL-327 Microbiology with Laboratory*Spring. Credits: 4*

We share planet Earth with an unimaginable number of "invisible" microbial life forms. In this course we will explore the structure, metabolism, genetics, and ecology of microbes, most prominently bacteria. Other microbes, including archaea, eukaryotic microbes, and viruses will also be considered. Whenever possible, the relationship between microbes and humans will be highlighted. Other goals will be for students to become comfortable with scientific primary literature and to hone their communication skills through discussions and written assignments. Finally, the laboratory portion of this course will highlight classic and modern techniques in microbiology.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: BIOL-210, BIOL-220, or BIOL-230. Coreq: BIOL-327L.

BIOL-328 Human Physiology with Laboratory*Fall. Credits: 4*

In this class, we will learn about the functions of human organ systems and their relationships with each other in health and disease, at both the cellular and tissue levels. We will study the mechanisms that regulate a variety of organ systems and learn how these mechanisms respond to the changing needs of the individual. Because a purely reductive approach often misses important determinants of body function, we will also consider how human health and disease unfold in a person's particular social and cultural context.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: BIOL-210, BIOL-220, or BIOCH-311. Coreq: BIOL-328L.

BIOL-337 Symbiotic Interactions*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

From mutualism to parasitism, symbiotic interactions are a universal feature of life. In this seminar we will study the mechanisms underlying symbiotic interactions and consider their significance for the ecology and evolution of organisms. Through foundational texts and current scientific literature, we will explore some of the most spectacular and important examples of contemporary symbioses – from infectious diseases to coral reefs, to infectious diseases, to the vast communities of microbes that live on and in our bodies – and we will learn how symbiosis is responsible for major milestones in the history of life, such as the origin of the eukaryotic cell, the emergence of land plants, and the evolution of sex.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: BIOL-223 or BIOL-226.

BIOL-340 Eukaryotic Molecular Genetics with Laboratory*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course, we will examine the role of molecular genetic analysis in the study of phenomena such as human disease (e.g., cancer), animal development, and gene regulation. We will also discuss new techniques for genomic analysis, including the science as well as the health, legal, ethical and moral issues involved. There will be group discussions of original research articles and review articles.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: BIOL-200 and one of the following: BIOL-210 or BIOL-220. Coreq: BIOL-340L.

BIOL-342 Extreme Life*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will focus on biological systems that push the limits of structural and physiological possibility. For example, midges flap their wings at up to 1000 Hz; bar-headed geese migrate over Mount Everest; deep-sea fish withstand pressures near 300 atmospheres; certain frogs can allow their body temperatures to drop below 0 degrees Celsius. Through readings and discussions, we will explore the diverse mechanisms that underlie how organisms reach extreme levels of performance and survive in extreme environments.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: Two Biological Sciences courses above 200.

BIOL-343 Substance Use Disorder: Addiction and Drug Memory Formation with Laboratory*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course, we will review the contribution of memory processes to substance use disorder. We will review primary research literature and case studies that explore the neuronal plasticity that underlie drug addiction and long-term memory formation. After reviewing the scientific literature, we will examine the overlap between memory and addiction-related behaviors of rodents. This course will enable students to relate changes in neuronal structure and function to drug-associated behavioral changes.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Prereq: BIOL-200, BIOL-210, BIOL-220, or BIOL-230. Coreq: BIOL-343L.

BIOL-346 The Diverse Biology of Sex*Spring. Credits: 4*

Sex evolved multiple times in nature and is the most common way to reproduce in eukaryotes. This class will explore the diversity of sexual strategies that have resulted in over 500 million years of evolutionary history, diving deeply into mechanisms of sexual differentiation, and the resulting phenotypes. The second half of the class will focus on an exploration of sexual systems that rely primarily on two mating types: female and male. We will discuss the origin of this sexual binary, its usefulness and limitations, the common misunderstandings that are pervasive in modern culture, and how we can better engage with the nuance of biological complexity. We will discuss sex and gender and how they are viewed across disciplinary boundaries. Students will take weekly quizzes on the reading material, keep a journal with their questions and insights, and prepare a capstone presentation on a topic of their choosing.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: BIOL-223 or BIOL-226.

Advisory: Students from non-biology majors are welcome to contact the instructor to seek permission to enroll.

BIOL-347 Local Community Ecology with Field Laboratory*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This field-based lab course will explore local community ecology and biodiversity using our own Mount Holyoke campus in winter as a "living lab." We will explore local community patterns in study sites, identify plant and animal species, and develop research projects that investigate ecological processes and community interactions. Students will learn basic statistical programming using the R environment to analyze collected and available data for independent or group research papers/presentations. Lecture topics will include species/sign identification in winter, study design, niche and neutral theory, eco-evolutionary processes, predator-prey and host-pathogen dynamics, and human impacts on biodiversity. We will discuss the value of biodiversity and threat of climate change from different global perspectives.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: Ecology (BIOL-223) or Evolution (BIOL-226). Coreq: BIOL-347L.**Notes: Outdoor lab during winter – please dress appropriately. BIOL-321CE counts as a 300-level course with lab.***BIOL-348 Invasion Ecology***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Invasive species have become a common focus for land managers and gardeners around the world because some invasive species have decimated local biodiversity. What can we learn about these species, their interactions with local communities, and the dynamics of invasions that will help us manage diversity in a changing world? We will discuss the science and politics behind invasive species and explore the secrets of their success and their impacts. This course will include a whole class project or group research projects based on current issues in the literature or local invasive species.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits above BIOL-200 with BIOL-223 or BIOL-226 or ENVST-200.***BIOL-349 Advances in Gene Therapy***Spring. Credits: 4*

The first human gene therapy clinical research in the United States took place in 1990. Since then, there have been significant advances in gene therapy development, but there have also been problems, setbacks and even tragedies. Students in this seminar will read, present, discuss, and write about the primary literature covering both the history and the most recent advances in human gene therapy. Potential topics include early gene therapy attempts, types of vectors and delivery systems, gene therapy for genetic diseases, the use of gene therapy in cancer treatment, and ethical issues surrounding gene therapy.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: BIOL-210 or BIOL-230.***BIOL-350 Topics in Biological Sciences**

Selected topics from areas emphasized in the department according to needs of particular students. Study in small groups or by individuals.

BIOL-350DB Topics in Biological Sciences: 'Developmental Biology with Laboratory'*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course-based undergraduate research experience will explore advanced topics and techniques in developmental biology. Using the developing fruit fly nervous system as a model, students will be guided through the design and execution of a novel experiment using genetic tools such as CRISPR/Cas9, RNAi, and MARCM to probe questions in stem cell fate, differentiation, or tissue patterning. Students will test their hypotheses using three-dimensional fluorescent microscopy, and present their results in both written and oral formats. Class time will be used to build effective communities by strategically combining lecture, hands-on training, and laboratory activities.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: BIOL-210 or BIOL-220.***BIOL-350SE Topics in Biological Sciences: 'Stream Ecology: Keeping Up with Running Water with Laboratory'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will focus on the processes and functions of streams and rivers and the basics of aquatic life in flowing water. Lectures will be centered on primary scientific literature and topics relating local hydrology, biogeochemistry, and species and community interactions, within a context of human impacts and climate change. Lab sections will be field- and laboratory-based, including methodologies for sample collection in campus streams, species identification and observation, and water quality assessment. Final group research projects will apply course knowledge and skills, with student presentations of experimental or observational findings in the context of core principles and key concepts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits at the 200 level in Biological Sciences.***BIOL-352 Molecular Ecology***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Over the past quarter century, molecular genetic methods have become increasingly important in ecological research. In this course, we will examine contemporary molecular genetic tools and learn how they can be used to answer ecological questions. Topics will include: reconstruction of ancestral relationships; measuring the size, diversity, and spatial structure of populations; characterization of migration and dispersal patterns; and identification of sensitive or threatened species and populations. We will explore these themes through foundational texts and current scientific literature, and we will analyze molecular genetic datasets in class to gain familiarity with available techniques.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: BIOL-230 (or BIOL-210), and BIOL-223 or BIOL-226.*

BIOL-353 Pregnancy and the Placenta*Spring. Credits: 4*

Pregnancy is a stunning feat of physiology. It is a conversation between two bodies -- parental and fetal -- whose collective action blurs the very boundaries of the individual. In this course we will explore such questions as: what is pregnancy, and how does the ephemeral, essential organ known as the placenta call pregnancy into being? How is pregnancy sustained? How does it end? We will consider the anatomy of reproductive systems and the hormonal language of reproduction. We will investigate the nature of "sex" hormones, consider racial disparities in pregnancy outcome, and weigh the evidence that the intrauterine environment influences disease susceptibility long after birth.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits at the 200 level in Biological Sciences.***BIOL-354 Race and Biology***Spring. Credits: 4*

In this student-centered, discussion-based seminar, we will explore current hypotheses about the evolution of human variation, trace the history of how biology has been used in the construction of racial ideologies, and delve into the impacts of racial categorization on human health. We will investigate these themes through readings, videos, class discussions, student expert panels, and research papers. Students taking this course will improve their ability to: engage constructively in scholarly discussions; use verbal and written discourse to explore themes in science; use new knowledge to understand current issues; critically evaluate media information using evidence from scientific studies; and communicate new knowledge.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: 4 credits of Biological Sciences at the 200 level.***BIOL-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8*

In this class, students will acquire hands-on experience in diverse aspects of the research process in any field of Biology, from familiarizing themselves with a research topic, generating interesting questions, designing experiments, acquiring technical skills, collecting and analyzing data, to writing and/or presenting their results. To inquire about enrollment, students should fill out the application survey available on the departmental website or on my.mtholyoke. The application is generally available between registration and the end of exams, and faculty meet after exams to place students in labs for the following semester. Decisions depend on lab capacity. A single credit requires an average of 3 hrs of work per week. (Note: Some faculty may require a set weekly meeting time for a portion of this class.)

*Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.**Notes: See safety training restrictions in description of BIOL-295.***BIOL-399 Biology Journal Club/Data Hub***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 1*

Reading and understanding research reports from the primary scientific literature is an essential skill for any scientist. Likewise, critiquing experimental proposals and freshly-minted data is one of the core components of the pursuit of science. Using the Biology Department Seminar series as a springboard, this course seeks to familiarize students with the process of understanding, appreciating, and critiquing scientific manuscripts. Additionally, drawing on projects being proposed and executed under the auspices of BIOL-395, this course seeks to help students develop comfort discussing "fresh" scientific data. This course will provide a valuable way to connect with active scientists, both developing and experienced, from within and beyond Mount Holyoke.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: 8 credits in Biological Sciences.*

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Credit/no credit grading only. Reading materials will be drawn primarily from research and review articles in the primary scientific literature. Data will be presented by students actively engaged in research projects. We will discuss data and readings as a group in class meetings.

Bio-Mathematical Sciences

Overview and Contact Information

Refinements to life science research technologies have led to an appreciation of the daunting complexities of biological phenomena. Sorting through potential mechanisms and patterns to develop testable hypotheses based on biological data requires collaboration with mathematicians, statisticians, and computer scientists.

While cutting edge life science research increasingly involves such collaborations, researchers are often stymied by the different languages of their disciplines. The goal of this program is to create educational structures that help Five College students become scientifically multilingual in fields of life and quantitative sciences by providing the means for each student to trace their own intentional pathway across the disciplines.

See Also

- Biological Sciences (p. 88)
- Mathematics (p. 277)

Contact Information

Martha Hoopes, Professor, Biological Sciences**Craig Woodard, Professor, Biological Sciences**<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/biomathematics>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of six courses:

Code	Title	Credits
One gateway course: Frontiers in Bio-Mathematics		
4 courses in the life sciences (Biology, Neuroscience, Biochemistry) ¹		
or 4 courses in the quantitative sciences (Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science) ¹		
A capstone course in bio-mathematical or bio-statistical methods or an honors thesis in a bio-mathematical sciences topic		

A research experience of one summer (or equivalent) with a team of life and mathematical science mentors

Total Courses 6

¹ The four courses are expected to complement the student's major. For example, life sciences majors would take four courses on the mathematics/statistics/computer science side and, alternatively, quantitative science majors would take four courses on the life sciences side. Hybrid courses, e.g., computational biology, bioinformatics, biostatistics, would count toward either life sciences or quantitative sciences.

Additional Specifications

- A list of courses approved for the certificate is available on the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/biomathematical-sciences#courses>).

Buddhist Studies

Overview and Contact Information

Buddhism began in India some two and a half millennia ago. Since that time it has evolved through a number of transformations and has been transmitted to numerous cultures. Buddhism has had a great impact upon the lives of individuals and the development of societies, and it has made many contributions to various spheres of culture, for example to art, literature, philosophy and religion.

Because Buddhist studies is an interdisciplinary field—straddling anthropology, art history, Asian studies, history, language study, literary and textual studies, philosophy, and religious studies—students are often unaware of the integrity of the field or of the range of resources available for its study through the Five Colleges.

Each student pursuing the the Five College Certificate in Buddhist Studies will choose, in consultation with one of the MHC Buddhist studies advisors, a course of study to fulfill the requirements of the certificate. Each proposed course of study must be approved by the coordinating committee for the Buddhist studies certificate.

Contact Information

Susanne Mrozik, Professor, Religion

Ajay Sinha, Professor, Art and Art History

<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/buddhism>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of seven courses:

Code	Title	Credits
A minimum of seven approved courses that must include:		
	One advanced-level course ¹	
	One course in three different disciplines of Buddhist studies: anthropology, art history, Asian studies, philosophy, religious studies, etc.	
	One course addressing classical Buddhism	
	One course addressing contemporary Buddhist movements (nineteenth–twenty-first century)	

One course in at least two of the following four geographical areas: South and Southeast Asia, East Asia, the Tibeto-Himalayan region, and the West

Total Courses 7

¹ 200- or 300-level at Hampshire; 300-level or above at Mount Holyoke, Smith, or UMass; comparable upper-level courses at Amherst.

Additional Specifications

- Up to two canonical or appropriate colloquial Asian language courses may count toward the certificate. Language study is not required, however.
 - For students who may wish to pursue a certificate in Buddhist studies as preparation for graduate study in this field, we strongly recommend the study of at least one canonical language (Sanskrit, Pali, Chinese, or Tibetan) and/or the modern language of at least one Buddhist culture (especially for those who have an ethnographic interest in Buddhism). We strongly encourage these students to continue language study beyond the first-year level.
- Students must receive a grade of at least B in each course counting toward the certificate. Courses must be 3 credits or more to count toward the certificate. A list of candidate courses is available on the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/buddhist-studies#courses>).
- Courses taken abroad or outside the Five Colleges may count toward the certificate only if they would be approved for credit toward the major in the appropriate department of the student's home institution.

Chemistry

Overview and Contact Information

Chemistry is the study of the composition, synthesis, physical properties, and transformations of materials, including biological substances, technological materials, and natural products. The goals of the chemistry major are to give students a firm foundation in the fundamental principles of chemistry, its subdisciplines, and their interrelationships; to develop a proficiency in experimental technique, design, and interpretation; and to expose students to contemporary research questions and applications. This is accomplished through hands-on experience with modern instrumentation throughout the curriculum, a broad array of advanced course work, and engagement in active discussion and collaboration with the chemistry faculty.

See Also

- Biochemistry (p. 85)
- Engineering (p. 160)
- Dual-Degree in Engineering (p. 13)

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Learning Goals

Knowledge-Based Learning Goals

- Understand the physical basis and utility of hierarchical representations of structure (atomic, molecular, macro/supramolecular) at appropriate levels of sophistication.
- Understand the physical basis and utility of spectroscopic and analytical technologies.
- Use energy, kinetics, and thermodynamics to develop a quantitative and mechanistic view of chemical systems.
- Apply structural and energetic models to describing and predicting the functions and interactions of molecules.
- Apply chemical knowledge to socially significant endeavors.

Skill-Based Learning Goals

- Solve chemical problems using both qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Design and conduct independent experiments in chemistry, using modern instrumentation.
- Interpret and critically analyze data.
- Critically evaluate primary scientific literature.
- Effectively communicate scientific information in oral, written, and visual formats to scientific and broader audiences.
- Collaborate to pursue common goals.
- Employ responsible and ethical practices in data collection and analysis, documentation, reporting, and attribution.
- Assess safety concerns in the laboratory and employ best practices.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Chemistry:

Wei Chen, Marilyn Dawson Sarles, M.D. Professor of Life Sciences and Professor of Chemistry

Donald Cotter, Kennedy-Schelkunoff Professor of Chemistry

Darren Hamilton, Bertha Phillips Rodger Professor of Chemistry

Katie Berry, Associate Professor of Biochemistry

Kyle Broaders, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Kathryn McMenimen, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Alan Van Giessen, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Teaching Spring Only

Rachel Hems, Visiting Assistant Professor in Chemistry

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 44 credits¹:

Code	Title	Credits
Chemistry		
CHEM-150 or CHEM-160	General Chemistry: Foundations Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry	4
CHEM-202	Organic Chemistry I ²	4
CHEM-223 or CHEM-306	Chemical Measurement and Analysis ²	4
CHEM-231	Inorganic Chemistry ²	4

CHEM-308	Chemical Thermodynamics with Lab	4
4 additional credits in chemistry at the 300 level		4
4 additional credits in chemistry at any level ³		4
One of the following courses in biological or macromolecular science:		4
CHEM-309	Introduction to Materials	
CHEM-312	Chemistry of Biomolecules	
CHEM-329	Cosmetic Chemistry	
Mathematics (also needed as prerequisites for certain courses above)		
MATH-101	Calculus I	4
MATH-102	Calculus II	4
MATH-203	Calculus III	4
Total Credits		44

¹ Of the 44 required credits for the major, a minimum of 16 credits must be completed at Mount Holyoke College

² These may be taken in any order after CHEM-150 (or CHEM-160)

³ PHYS-205, Introduction to Mathematical Methods for Scientists, can be counted as a chemistry elective

Other Requirements

- Senior Symposium. An individual oral presentation at the annual Senior Symposium for those seniors taking CHEM-395.

Additional Specifications

- Additional recommendations for students considering graduate work:
 - CHEM-325
 - PHYS-110 and PHYS-201
 - In-depth courses in at least four sub-disciplines
 - MATH-211 or PHYS-205
- Additional requirements for ACS certification:
 - PHYS-110 and PHYS-201
 - A course in biological chemistry, for example CHEM-312
 - A course in polymer or material science
 - At least four in-depth courses (i.e. 300-level)
 - At least one semester of independent research (i.e. CHEM-295 or CHEM-395)
 - A total of 400 laboratory hours at the 200 level and above, including up to 180 hours of independent research
- Independent work is encouraged and usually takes the form of work on a problem allied to the research interests of a faculty member, details of which are available from the chemistry department office and website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/chemistry>). A number of Mount Holyoke College students participate in the department's summer research program (eight to ten weeks of paid, full-time research), a valuable addition to their education. Students may pursue independent work at any time in their Mount Holyoke careers. The department is extremely well equipped for research, including one high-field nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer, two atomic force microscopes (AFM), several gas (GC) and high performance liquid (HPLC) chromatographs, numerous infrared (IR), ultra-violet/visible (UV-Vis) and fluorescence spectrometers (XRF), in addition to specialized equipment for microwave promoted synthesis of peptides and organic molecules, calorimetry, dynamic light

scattering, optical microscopy, electrochemistry and computational molecular modeling.

ACS Certification of an Undergraduate Degree in Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry is approved by the American Chemical Society. The Committee on Professional Training of the American Chemical Society sets the criteria for approval of a chemistry program; the chair of the approved program certifies annually those students who have met the curricular guidelines.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
At least 12 credits in chemistry at the 200 level or above		12
At least 4 credits in chemistry at the 300 level		4
Total Credits		16

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of chemistry can combine their course work in chemistry with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of chemistry, please consult your advisor or the chair of the chemistry department. See further information in the catalog about the minor in education (p. 348) and Teacher Licensure (p.) and consult Ms. Lawrence in the psychology and education department.

Licensure requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the chemistry department and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice

Selecting Chemistry Courses

All students regardless of background preparation are required to begin their study of chemistry with either CHEM-150 General Chemistry: Foundations or CHEM-160 Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry (must be taken concurrently with BIOL-160).

- CHEM-150 focuses in the fundamental concepts in chemistry and how they affect the structure and reactivity of molecules. This course covers the electronic structure of atoms and molecules, chemical bonding, molecular shape, functional groups, stoichiometry, chemical reactivity and equilibrium. CHEM-150 is offered in both Fall and Spring semesters.
- CHEM-160, taken concurrently with BIOL-160, is intended for students with an interest in biochemistry, neuroscience, and the health professions. This course covers similar material to CHEM-150 but emphasizes the connections between chemistry and biology and features a single lab section for both courses. Offered only in the Fall semester.

Course Offerings

CHEM-150 General Chemistry: Foundations

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course introduces fundamental principles of chemistry and prepares students to begin study in inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry at the intermediate level. Topics include quantitative relations in chemical reactions, elementary thermodynamics, and atomic and molecular structure. This course emphasizes and supports the development of quantitative reasoning and argumentation skills. Includes laboratory.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Coreq: CHEM-150L.

Notes: This course is offered in both fall and spring semesters.

CHEM-160 Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry

Fall. Credits: 4

This 8-credit course serves as a gateway to both the biology and chemistry core curricula. The course introduces and develops fundamental concepts in chemistry while also exploring the diverse range of strategies adopted by living systems to survive in different environments. This course prepares students for further study in chemistry and/or biology (BIOL-200). Students must register for both BIOL-160 and CHEM-160 as well as a single lab section (listed under CHEM-160L). Recommended for students interested in completing pre-health requirements or advanced study in biochemistry or neuroscience, and for those students seeking an intensive experience in chemistry and biology.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-year students.

Coreq: BIOL-160 and CHEM-160L.

Notes: Students must co-enroll in BIOL-160 and CHEM-160 for a total of 8 credits; three 50 minute lectures, three 75-minute lectures, and one three-hour laboratory per week.

CHEM-199 Introduction to Research

Spring. Credits: 4

This seminar is for first-year students who have a strong interest in the chemical sciences and will help to prepare them for scientific research. Students will be exposed to various research topics through reading, discussing, presenting, and writing about primary literature and attending selected department seminars. Throughout the semester students will carry out one research-style project in order to gain experience with the multifaceted nature of scientific inquiry. To jump start their research career on campus, each student will arrange meetings with at least two science faculty followed by a presentation and a written description on the faculty members' research topics.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-year students.

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: CHEM-150 or CHEM-160.

Advisory: Interested students should complete the online application.

CHEM-202 Organic Chemistry I*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course introduces the core principles of the language of organic chemistry and extends their use to the description of the behavior and reactivity of carbonyl containing functional groups. Topics include representation and naming, the use of various spectroscopic approaches to probe molecular structure, an overview of bonding models and molecular geometry, the development of mechanistic drawing, and the application of this mechanistic approach to the reactions of a wide range of carbonyl compounds. The accompanying laboratory course emphasizes the connections between the observable behavior of organic substances and their molecular structures. The laboratory curriculum introduces the essential techniques of preparation, purification, and spectroscopic analysis of organic compounds, with emphasis on both physical manipulations and their underlying chemical rationale.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: CHEM-150, or CHEM-160, or CHEM-101 and CHEM-201. Coreq: CHEM-202L.***CHEM-211 Environmental Chemistry***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course serves as an introduction to environmental chemistry and will apply foundational chemistry concepts to an understanding of how environmental problems are identified and remedied. This course will broadly survey national and global environmental issues, along with local case studies, with a focus on the chemistry of the atmosphere, water, and energy production. Topics will include tropospheric air pollution, stratospheric ozone depletion, climate change, natural water chemistry, water treatment, and energy production technologies.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: CHEM-150 or CHEM-160.***CHEM-223 Chemical Measurement and Analysis***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course serves as an introduction to quantitative analytical chemistry and measurement. Topics to be covered include: aqueous statistical and error analysis, titrimetric and gravimetric analysis, and sample preparation techniques. In the laboratory, students will apply techniques covered in lecture to quantitation of a variety of analytes, and they will also learn the fundamentals of method development and optimization.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: CHEM-150 or CHEM-160. Coreq: CHEM-223L.***CHEM-231 Inorganic Chemistry***Spring. Credits: 4*

An introduction to the chemistry of elements. Topics include atomic structure and periodicity, symmetry, bonding theory, chemistry of the main-group elements and coordination chemistry. Laboratory introduces computational, preparative, and spectroscopic techniques.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: CHEM-150 or CHEM-160. Coreq: CHEM-231L.**Advisory: MATH-101 recommended.***CHEM-291 Scientific Illustration and Data Visualization***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Doing experiments and gathering data are important, but far from the entirety of the scientific process. Understanding and communicating experimental outcomes often heavily rely on our ability to visually represent them. In this course, we will explore best practices for organizing and representing data, and learn how the choices we make influence the message our representations communicate. We will also develop a set of good design principles for scientific figures, and learn to prepare high quality plots and graphics for use in presentations, posters, reports, theses, and papers.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits in a STEM subject.***CHEM-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

In this class, students will acquire hands-on and/or applied experience in diverse aspects of the research process in any field of Chemistry under the direction and supervision of a faculty advisor. Typically, these projects are related to the research program of the advisor. Student experiences often include: familiarizing themselves with a research topic, generating interesting questions, designing experiments, acquiring technical and instrumentation skills, collecting and analyzing data, writing and/or presenting their results. To inquire about enrollment, students should fill out the application form available on the departmental website.

The application is generally available each semester with a deadline immediately following the advising period, and faculty meet before the end of the semester to place students in labs for the following semester. Enrollment into a research opportunity depends on lab capacity, often not all applications are able to be fulfilled. A single credit requires an average of 3 hours of work per week. (Note: Some faculty may require a set weekly meeting time for a portion of this class.)

*Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.**Notes: Students conducting an independent laboratory research project for course credit in a department, program, or laboratory covered by the College's chemical hygiene plan must participate in a safety training session before beginning research.***CHEM-302 Organic Chemistry II***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course provides a direct continuation of Organic Chemistry I (CHEM-202) and develops and extends many of the concepts and approaches developed therein. Topics include stereochemistry, substitution and elimination reactions, conformational analysis, addition reactions of multiple bonds, substitution reactions of aromatic systems, and a broad extension of the carbonyl chemistry introduced in the preceding class. Consideration will be given to the development of organic syntheses of specific materials and attendant issues of compatibility and selectivity in reaction choice. The scope and reach of the spectroscopic methods introduced in Organic Chemistry I will be extended and applied to structure determination. The accompanying laboratory course provides additional practice with the techniques of preparation, isolation, purification, and chemical and spectroscopic analysis of organic compounds. Mechanistic interpretation of results, in-depth analysis of spectroscopic data, and the development of synthetic protocols are areas of special emphasis.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: CHEM-202 with grade of C or better. Coreq: CHEM-302L.*

CHEM-308 Chemical Thermodynamics with Lab*Fall. Credits: 4*

A consideration of the contribution of thermodynamics to the understanding of the 'driving forces' for physical chemical changes and the nature of the equilibrium state. Topics will include statistical mechanics, thermodynamics, and kinetics.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-203 or PHYS 205, and CHEM-223 or CHEM-231, all with grade of C or better. Coreq: CHEM-308L.

CHEM-309 Introduction to Materials*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This integrated lecture/lab course provides an introduction to different types of materials, including metals, ceramics, polymers, and composites, emphasizing structure and property relationships. The principles behind the design and implementation of materials as well as advances in materials in the areas of nano-, bio-, and electronic technology will be presented. Class time is split among lecture, discussion, and laboratory.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: CHEM-231, CHEM-202, and MATH-101 Coreq: CHEM-309L.

CHEM-312 Chemistry of Biomolecules*Fall. Credits: 4*

An examination of the major ideas of biochemistry from the point of view of the chemical sciences rather than the life sciences. The focus will be on structure and reactivity of important biomolecules and the role of energetics and reaction dynamics in biochemical processes. Major metabolic pathways are covered, including those of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids.

Crosslisted as: BIOCH-312

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: CHEM-202 with a grade of C or better.

Advisory: This course is NOT intended for Biochemistry majors, who must take BIOCH-311 and BIOCH-314. CHEM-312 students may take BIOCH-318 concurrently.

CHEM-320 Introduction to Nanoscience and Technology*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will offer an introduction to nanoscience and nanotechnology by providing an overview of the synthesis of nanoparticles, the fabrication and preparation of thin films, the use of nanolithographic techniques, and the characterization of nanoparticles and films. Instrumentation developed to analyze nano-structured materials, including both spectroscopic and microscopic techniques, will be covered. An exploration of contemporary applications of nanotechnology, including environmental implications and assessment, will also be included. Class time is split among lecture, discussion, and laboratory work.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: Take CHEM-202, MATH-101, and either CHEM-231 or CHEM-223.

CHEM-325 Atomic and Molecular Structure with Lab*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course is an introduction to experimental and theoretical approaches to the determination of the structure of atoms, molecules, and chemical bonds. Classroom work provides background in the theory of atomic and molecular structure and an introduction to quantum mechanics and spectroscopy.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-203 or PHYS-205, and CHEM-231, all with grade of C or better.

Coreq: CHEM-325L.

Advisory: MATH-203 is recommended.

CHEM-326 Poisons: Death by Chemistry*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course uses a Problem-Based Learning approach to look at the effect of poisons at the molecular, cellular, and physiological levels from the chemistry and biochemistry perspective. We'll discuss: the classification of poisons and the common structural elements of the molecules within each class; the interaction of toxic molecules with proteins and nucleic acids present in the cell; the physiologic effect of toxins on different systems of the body; dosage effects and pharmacokinetics; the mechanisms by which antidotes work; and the analytical techniques that toxicologists use to determine which poisons are present in the body. The different classes of poisons will be discussed in the context of historical case studies.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: Any 200-level Chemistry course.

CHEM-329 Cosmetic Chemistry*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will introduce the chemistry, formulation, and physical characteristics of personal care products. The topics will include basic skin physiology, hygiene products, adornment products for face, nail, and hair, as well as current trends and advances in cosmetic dermatology. An integral part of the course will involve hands-on experience in making and characterizing some common skincare and cosmetic products.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: CHEM-302.

CHEM-330 Advanced Topics in Chemistry**CHEM-330RN Advanced Topics in Chemistry: 'The RNA World: The Origin of Life to Modern Cells'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

RNA is believed by many to have been the first macromolecule to evolve. In a hypothesized "RNA world," RNA would have simultaneously served the roles of carrying genetic information and catalyzing chemical reactions within early cells. The past three decades have been a renaissance for RNA biology, as researchers have uncovered the critical role RNA plays in eukaryotic and bacterial gene regulation and defense, as well as the potential for RNAs to perform catalysis. This seminar will introduce students to modern approaches to study the structure and function of RNA and will explore the chemical and biological roles RNA plays in modern cells as well as its role in the origin of life.

Crosslisted as: BIOCH-330RN

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Prereq: BIOCH-311, or BIOCH-314, or CHEM-312.

CHEM-334 Advanced Inorganic Chemistry*Fall. Credits: 4*

The implications of molecular symmetry as expressed in the language of group theory are explored in some depth. Group theory provides the context for a discussion of the structural and spectroscopic properties of inorganic compounds, particularly those of the transition metals. Topics include molecular orbital theory, vibrational spectroscopy, and electronic spectroscopy.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: CHEM-231.

CHEM-336 Organic Synthesis*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course emphasizes recent developments in synthetic organic chemistry and deals with general synthetic methods and specific examples of natural product synthesis. It covers such topics as new methods of oxidation and reduction, stereospecific olefin formation, ring-forming reactions, and methods of carbon-carbon bond formation. The application of these reactions to the synthesis of naturally occurring compounds is examined. A general strategy for the synthesis of complex molecules is also presented.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: CHEM-302.***CHEM-339 Biological Organic Chemistry***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores the underlying organic chemistry of biosynthetic pathways and thereby seeks to build a framework for understanding molecular-level biological transformations from the perspective of mechanistic organic chemistry. Beginning with common biological mechanisms, and drawing parallels with their sophomore organic chemistry counterparts, a broad overview will be constructed of the pathways by which key classes of biological molecules are assembled, modified, and consumed. Several classic biosynthetic pathways will be dissected as seminal examples in the field. The contemporary literature will be mined for further inspiration with a key element of the class taking the form of a poster and short talk presentation of student selected work.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Restrictions: This course is limited to Biochemistry and Chemistry majors only.; This course is limited to seniors.**Prereq: CHEM-302.***CHEM-346 Physical Chemistry of Biochemical Systems with Lab***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course provides an overview of the fundamental principles of physical chemistry with an emphasis on their application to the study of biological molecules and processes. Topics will include statistical mechanics, thermodynamics and enzyme kinetics. Discussion of applications will relate commonly used experimental techniques – such as spectroscopy and calorimetry – to the fundamental principles on which they are based. In addition, students will gain experience and confidence in the use of mathematical models to describe biochemical systems.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Restrictions: This course is limited to Biochemistry and Chemistry majors only.**Prereq: MATH-203 or PHYS-205, and CHEM-231 or CHEM-306, all with a grade of C or better. Coreq: CHEM-346L.***CHEM-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8*

In this class, students will acquire hands-on and/or applied experience in diverse aspects of the research process in any field of Chemistry under the direction and supervision of a faculty advisor. Typically, these projects are related to the research program of the advisor. Student experiences often include: familiarizing themselves with a research topic, generating interesting questions, designing experiments, acquiring technical and instrumentation skills, collecting and analyzing data, writing and/or presenting their results. To inquire about enrollment, students should fill out the application form available on the departmental website. The application is generally available each semester with a deadline immediately following the advising period, and faculty meet before the end of the semester to place students in labs for the following semester. Enrollment into a research opportunity depends on lab capacity, often not all applications are able to be fulfilled. A single credit requires an average of 3 hours of work per week. (Note: Some faculty may require a set weekly meeting time for a portion of this class.)

*Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.**Notes: See safety training restrictions in description of CHEM-295.*

Chinese

Overview and Contact Information

The Chinese program offers four levels of courses. In addition to intensive training of skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, the program emphasizes the connection between curriculum and career and tries to create opportunities for students to use their acquired language skills in daily life and to learn other subjects. Fourth level Chinese courses are designed with the concept of “using Chinese to learn” and a specific subject to be studied in Chinese (such as film, journalism, and business).

Students can study abroad in China and Taiwan through fall, spring, or year-long programs. The McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives maintains a current list of programs offered.

Students who study Chinese may choose to complete the minor in Chinese or the major in East Asian Studies (p. 149) for which language study is a principal component.

See Also

- East Asian Studies (p. 149)
- Asian Studies (p. 75)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Asian Studies Committee:

Elif Babul, Professor of Anthropology

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Satyananda Gabriel, Professor of Economics

Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alum Foundation and Professor of Politics

Kavita Khory, Ruth Lawson Professor of Politics

Susanne Mrozik, Professor of Religion

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Ying Wang, Felicia Gressitt Bock Professor of Asian Studies

Amina Steinfels, Associate Professor of Religion

Lan Wu, Associate Professor of History

Abhilash Medhi, Assistant Professor of History

Jinhwa Chang, Senior Lecturer in Japanese, On Leave 2025-2026

Kyae-Sung Park, Five College Senior Lecturer in Korean

Lisha Xu, Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies

Shin-Yi Kao, Lecturer in Asian Studies

Lingjia Xu, Visiting Assistant Professor in Asian Studies

Nari Matsushima, Visiting Instructor in Asian Studies

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
As prerequisites, if needed: ASIAN-110, ASIAN-111		
	Two Chinese language courses at the 200 level or higher	8
	An additional two 300-level courses in Chinese language courses	8
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

- Independent studies (ASIAN-295 or ASIAN-395) do not count toward the minor.
- Language courses that are not taken at Mount Holyoke must be approved by the head of the Chinese program at Mount Holyoke College to count toward the minor.
- Courses taught in English do not count toward the minor.

Course Offerings

The 100-level courses in Chinese (ASIAN-110 and ASIAN-111) are prerequisites to the intermediate and advanced courses below.

ASIAN-212 Second Year Chinese I

Fall. Credits: 4

ASIAN-212 is the first semester of the second-year Chinese course. This course will consolidate and expand students' competencies in the four fundamental areas of language learning -- speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students will improve their oral fluency, study more complex grammatical structures, and enlarge their vocabulary. Emphasis on facilitating daily-life interactions will be supplemented and expanded by increasing discussion of broader issues in society. Students will develop a deeper and broader understanding of relevant aspects of Chinese culture. This course is conducted mostly in Chinese. Learning is supplemented by online learning resources, out-of-class language partner sessions, Language and Culture Commons Question and Answer sessions and the Chinese Language Table.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: ASIAN-111 or equivalent.

Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

ASIAN-213 Second Year Chinese II

Spring. Credits: 4

ASIAN-213 continues ASIAN-212 Second Year Chinese I. A continuing emphasis on facility in daily life interactions will be supplemented and expanded by increasing discussion of broader issues in society, including education, employment, etc.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: ASIAN-212 or equivalent.

Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

ASIAN-310 Third Year Chinese I

Fall. Credits: 4

This course helps students to build linguistic and communicative competence in Mandarin Chinese through reading, discussing, and writing about authentic texts. Newspapers, essays, and short stories will be the teaching materials for the course. An interactive approach will be incorporated into the curriculum to improve students' conversational skills. The class will be conducted mostly in Chinese, and class hours will be supplemented by individual work in the Language Resource Center.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: ASIAN-213 or equivalent.

Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

ASIAN-311 Third Year Chinese II

Spring. Credits: 4

This course continues ASIAN-310, Third Year Chinese I, in helping students build linguistic and communicative competence in Mandarin Chinese through reading, discussing, and writing about authentic texts. Newspapers, essays, and short stories will be the teaching materials for the course. An interactive approach will be incorporated into the curriculum to improve students' conversational skills. The class will be conducted mostly in Chinese, and class hours will be supplemented by individual work in the Language Resource Center.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: ASIAN-310 or equivalent.

Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

ASIAN-314 Learning Chinese Through Film

Fall. Credits: 4

This course advances students' Chinese reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills by studying contemporary Chinese films. The selected movies are mostly lighthearted comedies on youth, love, and aspirations, with discussions on relationships, immigration, elder care, education, and social justice. The class will watch the films and use the synopses and selected dialogues from the scripts as reading materials to facilitate linguistic and cultural learning. Students will also watch several prize winners/nominees by internationally acclaimed Chinese directors such as Yimou Zhang, Zhangke Jia, Kar-wai Wong, Xiaogang Feng, and Kaige Chen in the "Chinese Movie Night" activity. The class will be conducted mainly in Chinese.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ASIAN-311 or equivalent.

Advisory: Contact Lisha Xu (lxu@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

Classics

Overview and Contact Information

The discipline of classics comprises the study of the language, literature, history, culture, and society of the Greeks and Romans and of the ancient Mediterranean world from about the eighth century BCE to the fifth century of our own era. Literary genres (such as epic poetry, drama, and historiography), political institutions and ideals (such as democracy and free speech), as well as principles of philosophy and science are all part of the rich legacy that the ancient Greeks and Romans bequeathed to western Europe. Many of their ideas and institutions were consciously revived in the Renaissance and Enlightenment and remain with us today.

Classics combines the study of both ancient Greek and Latin with courses in ancient history, art, philosophy, politics, and religion. The department therefore offers courses in the ancient languages at all levels as well as a wide array of courses (taught in English) approaching the culture and history of Greek and Roman antiquity from a variety of perspectives.

The Classics major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106). Students who entered before fall 2024 and who will graduate in May 2025 or later are eligible to choose either Classics or Classical Studies after consulting with the chair of the Classical Studies department.

Study Abroad

The department encourages study abroad. In recent years a number of students in the department have spent part of their junior year at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies (ICCS) in Rome. Some have pursued their studies at Oxford, Saint Andrews, and other institutions in United Kingdom. College Year in Athens also offers one-semester programs in Greece. Students who anticipate taking an advanced degree in archaeology, ancient art history, ancient history, or classics can apply to summer sessions of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

See Also

- Ancient Studies (p. 52)
- Classical Studies (p. 106)

- Greek (p. 241)
- Latin (p. 267)

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Learning Goals

Learning goals for students of classics and ancient studies are:

- To analyze critically ancient Greek and Roman texts, in their original languages and in translation, within their literary, philosophical, and historical contexts.
- To understand major monuments and artifacts within their historical and cultural settings; to develop a visual literacy of ancient art and sharpen the ability to see and express what one sees.
- To imagine fully and creatively ancient cultural communities when relying on limited written and material remains.
- To deepen the understanding of current problems by studying the responses of ancient Greeks and Romans to questions about the human condition, including, how to live well, and how to govern.
- To write and speak more confidently and effectively, and to develop well-reasoned arguments using primary evidence and/or secondary material, including print and digital resources.
- To expand intellectual breadth through studying the ancient Greek and Roman worlds through different disciplines and modes of inquiry.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Classics and Italian. Classics faculty include:

Geoffrey Sumi, Professor of Classics on the Alum Foundation

Bruce Arnold, Associate Professor of Classics

Nicole Brown, Assistant Professor of Classics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
At least 8 credits in Greek at the 200 level or above		8
At least 8 credits in Latin at the 200 level or above		8
12 credits at the 300 level in Greek or Latin		12
At least 8 additional credits at the 300 level in approved coursework ¹		8
At least 4 additional credits at the 200 level or above in approved coursework ¹		4
Total Credits		40

¹ After consulting with the student's advisor, a major may choose from a variety of related courses (p. 105) in art history, Asian studies,

classics (in English), history, politics, or religion at the 200 level or above. Courses at the 100 level do not count toward the major.

Additional Specifications

- The Classics major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106).
- Students anticipating graduate work in classics should begin the study of both Greek and Latin as soon as possible.
- Students who declare a classics major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
4 credits from Greek or Latin at the 100 or 200 level		4
8 credits from Greek or Latin at the 200 or 300 level		8
4 credits from Greek or Latin at the 300 level		4
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

- The Classics major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106).
- The minor must include courses in both Greek and Latin.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the fields of Latin and classics can combine their course work in Latin and classics with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the majors of Latin and classics, please consult your advisor or the chair of the classics department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p.) is available in other sections of the catalog, or consult Sarah Frenette in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the classics department and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Courses Counting Toward the Major and Minor in Classics

Code	Title	Credits
Art History		
ARTH-290AR	Issues in Art History: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'	4
Classical Studies		

CLAS-101	Elementary Latin I	4
CLAS-102	Elementary Latin II	4
CLAS-111	Elementary Greek: Homer's <i>Iliad</i>	4
CLAS-112	Elementary Greek: Homer's <i>Iliad</i>	4
CLAS-201	Intermediate Latin I	4
CLAS-202CE	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic'	4
CLAS-202RC	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome'	4
CLAS-202RN	Intermediate Latin II: 'Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel'	4
CLAS-202VA	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Vergil: <i>Aeneid</i> '	4
CLAS-202WR	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic'	4
CLAS-216	Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-218	Gods and Mortals: Classical Mythology	4
CLAS-226	Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-227	Ancient Greece	4
CLAS-231	Greek Tragedy, American Drama, and Film	4
CLAS-242	Kingdoms Human and Divine	4
CLAS-247	Knowing God	4
CLAS-250AR	Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'	4
CLAS-250EC	Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'	4
CLAS-295	Independent Study	1-4
CLAS-302	Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic	4
CLAS-307	The Slender Muse	4
CLAS-308	Classical Epic: Homer, Vergil, and Ovid	4
CLAS-309	Vergil: <i>Aeneid</i>	4
CLAS-312	Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-313	Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic	4
CLAS-316	Ovid: <i>Metamorphoses</i>	4
CLAS-318	Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel	4
CLAS-320	Bad Roman Emperors	4
CLAS-395	Independent Study	1-8
History		
HIST-226	Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome	4
HIST-227	Ancient Greece	4
HIST-228	Ancient Rome	4
HIST-320	Bad Roman Emperors	4
Philosophy		
PHIL-201	Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought: The Greek Period	4
Politics		
POLIT-211	Classical Political Thought	4
Religion		
RELIG-225KG	Topics in Religion: 'Knowing God'	4

Classical Studies

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Classical studies therefore approaches Greek and Roman civilizations from an interdisciplinary perspective, including the study of ancient Greek and/or Latin language and literature, along with courses in ancient history, art, archaeology, philosophy, politics, and religion. The department offers courses in the ancient languages at all levels as well as a wide array of courses, whose material is entirely in English, examining the culture and history of Greek and Roman antiquity from a variety of perspectives. Finally, classical studies complements well the study of philosophy, religion, art history, English, and history; in some cases, ancient Greek and Latin are necessary for advanced study in these areas. Classical studies is, moreover, solid preparation for professional schools (law and medicine), library science and museum studies. It remains an unwavering foundation in the liberal arts and challenges students to think deeply about abiding questions relating to the human condition.

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See Also

- Ancient Studies (p. 52)
- Classics (p. 104)
- Greek (p. 241)
- Latin (p. 267)

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Nicole Brown, Assistant Professor of Classics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Two courses at the 300-level in Classical Studies ¹		8
Six additional courses at the 200-level or above in Classical Studies ¹		24
All majors must take at least one approved course in two of the following three subject areas: ²		
Literary/mythological		
Art historical/archeological		
Historical		
One additional language course in Latin (CLAS-102 or above) or Greek (CLAS-112 or above)		4
Total Credits		36

¹ Classical Studies or courses approved by the department in a related discipline such as art history, history, religion, or philosophy. At least five courses (20 credits) must be in the Classical Studies subject. See Courses section (p. 107) for approved courses for the major.
² See Courses section (p. 107) for lists of approved courses in these specific areas.

Additional Specifications

- Students may count up to 8 credits of independent study (295 or 395) toward the major requirements in total, but no more than 4 credits of 395. Exceptions may be made by the chair in the case of intermediate and advanced language tutorials.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One course at the 300 level in Classical Studies ¹		4
Three additional courses at the 200 level or above in Classical Studies ¹		12
Total Credits		16

¹ Classical Studies or courses approved by the department in a related discipline such as art history, history, religion, or philosophy. See Courses section (p. 107) for lists of approved courses for the minor.

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Course Offerings

CLAS-101 Elementary Latin I

Fall. Credits: 4

Offers study and practice in the grammar and syntax of classical Latin.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years, sophomores, and juniors

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-102 Elementary Latin II

Spring. Credits: 4

Offers study and practice in the grammar and syntax of classical Latin.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-101 or CLAS-101.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-111 Elementary Greek: Homer's *Iliad*

Spring. Credits: 4

This course introduces the ancient Greek language and epic meter through the study of the *Iliad*. The grammar of the *Iliad*, originally an oral poem, is relatively uncomplicated, so that by the middle of the first semester students will begin to read the poem in Greek. By the end of the year they will have read a portion of *Iliad*, Book I.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Notes: Taught in Greek.

CLAS-112 Elementary Greek: Homer's *Iliad*

Fall. Credits: 4

This course is a continuation of CLAS-111, introducing the ancient Greek language and epic meter through the study of the *Iliad*. By the end of the year students will have read a portion of *Iliad*, Book I.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: GREEK-101 or CLAS-111.

Notes: Taught in Greek.

CLAS-201 Intermediate Latin I

Fall. Credits: 4

This course combines a thorough review of Latin grammar and syntax with an introduction to the life and literature of ancient Rome, based on the reading of selected passages of Roman prose and poetry.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-102 or CLAS-102.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202 Intermediate Latin II

CLAS-202CE Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The career of the Roman orator and statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero spanned the last generation of the Roman Republic, a period of political instability and civil war. As the leading orator of his day, Cicero often used his rhetorical skills to thwart those who he believed were bent on the destruction of the Roman Republic. In this course, we will examine the role of public oratory in the political process in this period with a close reading of Cicero's speeches and letters concerning one of his political enemies (Catiline, Clodius, or Mark Antony).

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-201 or CLAS-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202RC Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Could Romans be funny? Perhaps surprisingly, in a culture where seriousness (*gravitas*) and sternness (*severitas*) were praiseworthy attributes, Romans enjoyed theatrical productions adapted from Greek comedies – from raucous and ribald farces to more subtle comedies of manners. They also believed that satire, poetry that poked fun at the vices and foibles of human nature, was a truly Roman genre. Moreover, both comic and satirical elements appear in a wide range of Roman literature. Authors may include Plautus, Terence, Horace, Ovid, Martial, Juvenal, and others.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202RN Intermediate Latin II: 'Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel'*Spring. Credits: 4*

Petronius' *Satyricon* is one of the few surviving novels from the ancient world. Formed from a pastiche of other literary genres, including epic, comedy, and satire, it is a vivid account of the adventures of three men as they travel throughout Italy. Though fiction, and only partially extant, its realistic portrayal of Roman life offers a glimpse into the social mores in the early empire. Petronius himself was a member of Nero's court and the *Satyricon* a product of Nero's promotion of the arts. By giving rise to the picaresque genre the *Satyricon's* influence continued to be felt far beyond its own day.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: 200-level Latin.**Notes: Taught in Latin.***CLAS-202VA Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Vergil: Aeneid'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

A study of the *Aeneid* with attention both to its presentation of the classic conflict between Greek and Roman value systems and to its controversial portrayal of empire in the Augustan age.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: LATIN-201 or CLAS-201.**Notes: Taught in Latin.***CLAS-202WR Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Livy and Sallust, the best known historians of the Roman Republic, viewed history writing as a moral enterprise, presenting events from the past as exemplary tales to inform and enlighten the lives of their readers. Their narratives thus are highly rhetorical, combining myth, memory, and history to reconstruct the past. Close reading of selections from Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* and/or Sallust's monographs – the *Bellum Catilinae* and *Bellum Jugurthinum* – will lead to discussions about how Romans viewed their past and how they wrote about it.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: LATIN-201 or CLAS-201.**Notes: Taught in Latin.***CLAS-216 Ancient Rome***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Ancient Rome and its empire can be viewed both as a measure of human achievement and a cautionary tale of the corrupting effects of unbridled power. This course covers the history of Ancient Rome from its mythologized beginnings (753 BCE) to the rise and spread of Christianity under the Emperor Constantine (312 CE). Topics include the creation and development of Rome's republican form of government as well as its eventual transition to monarchy, the causes and consequences of the acquisition of empire, the role of the army in administering the provinces and defending the frontiers, the image of emperor, the economy, and religion.

*Crosslisted as: HIST-228**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-218 Gods and Mortals: Classical Mythology***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The wrath of Achilles. The travels of Odysseus. The blinding of Oedipus. The myths of Greece and Rome continue to exert a hold on our collective imagination. But for the ancient Greeks and Romans who produced these stories about gods and demigods, myth was more than a source of entertainment, it offered insight into matters of more pressing concern, from political strife, to mental health, to the nature of humankind and its place in the cosmos. In this course, we will come to understand the social significance of myth through a survey of some foundational works of classical literature, including Homeric epic, Hesiod, Greek tragedy, Plato and Vergil. In the process, we will learn about modern approaches to the interpretation of myth, and conversely, how the study of mythology has affected other disciplines, from psychoanalysis to anthropology. We will adopt a transcultural perspective, studying how and why the mythologies of Greece – already indebted to those of the Hittites and Mesopotamians – were reconfigured as they passed into Roman literature and ultimately into our own popular media.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-226 Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome***Spring. Credits: 4*

Bread and circuses (*panem et circenses*) was a catchphrase in the Roman empire that described the political strategy of controlling an unruly populace through free bread and public entertainment. Against a backdrop of Roman social and political institutions, this course focuses on the imperial ideology, aristocratic ethos, and cultural practices that underpinned this catchphrase, as well as questions concerning the careers of entertainers – gladiators, charioteers, and actors – who were at once celebrities and social outcasts; the rules of spectatorship at the games; the use of these games as a form of social control; and the logistics of feeding the city population.

*Crosslisted as: HIST-226**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-227 Ancient Greece***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will trace the emergence and expansion of Greek civilization in the Mediterranean between the Bronze Age and Alexander the Great. Among themes to be explored are political structures, trade, slavery, gender relations, and religion, as well as the contributions of ancient Greeks to literary genres (drama, rhetoric, historiography, philosophy) and to the visual arts. Throughout we will consider how the history of the ancient Greeks can speak to modern concerns. Sources will include works of ancient Greek literature and history (e.g., Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristophanes, Plutarch) as well as archaeological and epigraphic evidence.

*Crosslisted as: HIST-227**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.*

CLAS-231 Greek Tragedy, American Drama, and Film*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The Greeks, beginning with Homer, saw the world from an essentially tragic perspective. The searing question of why human societies and the human psyche repeatedly break down in tragic ruin and loss, particularly in the conflicts of war and in the betrayal of personal bonds of love and friendship, fascinated them as it still does us. The most consistent themes that emerged from such examination are the tragedy of self-knowledge and illusion, the tragedy of desire, the tragedy of crime and guilt, and tragedy as a protest against social injustice. This course examines the critical influence of the three most important Athenian dramatists, Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, on the works of Nobel winner Eugene O'Neill, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller and important filmmakers, who have tried to recreate the powerful atmosphere and impact of the Greek tragic theater or reworked the tragic themes of classical myth for their own purposes in the modern age.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-242 Kingdoms Human and Divine***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How political authority is wielded is a theme of some of the greatest works in the Greco-Roman philosophical tradition: Plato's *Republic*, Aristotle's *Politics*, and Augustine's *City of God*. Authority exercised well gives rise to good order and human flourishing, but abusive authority results in the opposite: injustice, conflict, and ultimately destructive violence. In this course we will compare how these philosophers addressed the problem of political authority in the human realm with the theme of the kingdom of God in the Bible, especially as found in *The Gospel of Matthew* and *The Book of Revelation*.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-225KH**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-247 Knowing God***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the following key texts from the ancient world that treat significantly the problem of knowing God and the mystery enveloping such knowledge: Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*, Plato's *Phaedo*, Cicero's *Concerning the Nature of the Gods*, Job, Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*, and others. Attention is also given to the different ways of thinking about the divine and human natures in these works, which are broadly reflective of Graeco-Roman and Judaeo-Christian value systems.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-225KG**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-250 Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies****CLAS-250AR Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'***Fall. Credits: 4*

To see and be seen – it could be argued that this was the very definition of Roman culture. In this course, lectures on the art and architecture of ancient Rome (ca. 300 BCE - 400 CE) will provide the backdrop for an investigation of the central role that visual culture played in the lives of different social groups, including bondspeople and the formerly enslaved, women and children. Special topics will include the funeral as performance, the house as a site of memory, the dissemination of images on coins, the spectacle of agriculture and dining, art and audience in the racetrack and public baths, representations of work by non-elites, and the Roman street as a place for making art.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-290AR**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***CLAS-250AW Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'The Garden in the Ancient World'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Drawing on the literature, art, and archaeology of gardens, this course investigates the nature and experience of gardens and gardening, from antiquity to the present day. How have humans conceived of the garden as paradise; a site for philosophy and religion; a space for solace, inspiration, and desire; and a setting for labor, conquest, and resistance? Grounded in readings from antiquity – ranging from the Sumerian *Hymn to Ninurta*, Homer, Sappho, Vergil, Horace, Columella, and Augustine (all in translation) – and complemented by later historical perspectives, from Jane Austen to Jamaica Kincaid, this course analyzes multiple conceptions and expressions of beauty, power, and love-in the garden.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-290AN**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-250DM Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Dante's Inferno Between Myth and History'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* is one of world literature's foundational works. In his 700 years old masterpiece, Dante poses and confronts universal questions that are still at the core of our daily existence: God, love, ethics, gender relationships, politics, social harmony, literature, the afterlife, and the relations between human and nonhuman forms of life. In this course, we will read, analyze, discuss, and enjoy Dante's great poem by focusing on the first of its three parts, the *Inferno*. In particular, we will be covering Dante's take on mythology and history.

*Crosslisted as: ITAL-221DM, RELIG-225DM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.*

CLAS-250EC Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Environmental crises like global warming, deforestation, and pollution are pushing ecosystems to the brink of collapse and endangering populations around the globe. Our present, though challenging to an unprecedented degree, is not the first time humans have faced crises related to climate, depletion of natural resources, and mass migration. In this course, we'll delve into the culture and mythologies of ancient Mesopotamian, Egyptian, and Levantine societies to see how they understood their relationships with their indigenous ecosystems, how they interpreted natural disasters and anthropogenic environmental destruction, and how they imagined starting over again after the end of the world.

*Crosslisted as: JWST-225EC, RELIG-225EC**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***CLAS-302 Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The career of the Roman orator and statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero spanned the last generation of the Roman Republic, a period of political instability and civil war. As the leading orator of his day, Cicero often used his rhetorical skills to thwart those who he believed were bent on the destruction of the Roman Republic. In this course, we will examine the role of public oratory in the political process in this period with a close reading of Cicero's speeches and letters concerning one of his political enemies (Catiline, Clodius, or Mark Antony).

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.**Notes: Taught in Latin.***CLAS-307 The Slender Muse***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

A study of the highly romantic poetry that launched a revolution in Latin literature, including such works as Catullus's epyllion on Peleus and Thetis and Vergil's *Eclogues* and *Georgics*, with attention to the new understanding of poetry shown in these poems and to their commentary on the social turmoil of the last phase of the Republic.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: Any Latin course above LATIN-201/CLAS-201.**Notes: Taught in Latin.***CLAS-308 Classical Epic: Homer, Vergil, and Ovid***Spring. Credits: 4*

Classical epic embraced a tragic view of the world. People of that era were compelled to confront their own mortality and frailties by the harsh conditions of war, famine, disease, political instability, and the dangers of childbearing, much more directly than moderns do. As a result, epic poets, such as Homer, Vergil, and Ovid, offered conflicting visions of hope blended with pessimism for how to meet the challenges posed by such precarious conditions. This course provides an opportunity to evaluate the tragic nature of the modern world by comparison with the cultures that created much of our own basic framework for thinking about politics and the human condition in that pessimistic light.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-309 Vergil: Aeneid***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

A study of the Aeneid with attention both to its presentation of the classic conflict between Greek and Roman value systems and to its controversial portrayal of empire in the Augustan age.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.**Notes: Taught in Latin.***CLAS-312 Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Could Romans be funny? Perhaps surprisingly, in a culture where seriousness (*gravitas*) and sternness (*severitas*) were praiseworthy attributes, Romans enjoyed theatrical productions adapted from Greek comedies – from raucous and ribald farces to more subtle comedies of manners. They also believed that satire, poetry that poked fun at the vices and foibles of human nature, was a truly Roman genre. Moreover, both comic and satirical elements appear in a wide range of Roman literature. Authors may include Plautus, Terence, Horace, Ovid, Martial, Juvenal, and others.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.**Notes: Taught in Latin.***CLAS-313 Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Livy and Sallust, the best known historians of the Roman Republic, viewed history writing as a moral enterprise, presenting events from the past as exemplary tales to inform and enlighten the lives of their readers. Their narratives thus are highly rhetorical, combining myth, memory, and history to reconstruct the past. Close reading of selections from Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* and/or Sallust's monographs—the *Bellum Catilinae* and *Bellum Jugurthinum*—will lead to discussions about how Romans viewed their past and how they wrote about it.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.**Notes: Taught in Latin.***CLAS-316 Ovid: Metamorphoses***Fall. Credits: 4*

A study of Ovid's ambitious epic celebrating change and transformative forces, with attention to the challenges it poses to traditional Roman values and to conventional Roman notions of the work appropriate to a poet. In particular, consideration will be given to the way Ovid's poem subversively responds to Vergil's work.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.**Notes: Taught in Latin.***CLAS-318 Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel***Spring. Credits: 4*

Petronius' *Satyricon* is one of the few surviving novels from the ancient world. Formed from a pastiche of other literary genres, including epic, comedy, and satire, it is a vivid account of the adventures of three men as they travel throughout Italy. Though fiction, and only partially extant, its realistic portrayal of Roman life offers a glimpse into the social mores in the early empire. Petronius himself was a member of Nero's court and the *Satyricon* a product of Nero's promotion of the arts. By giving rise to the picaresque genre the *Satyricon*'s influence continued to be felt far beyond its own day.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: 200-level Latin.**Notes: Taught in Latin.*

CLAS-320 Bad Roman Emperors*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Caligula was a god (or so he thought); Nero fiddled while Rome burned; Commodus dressed as a gladiator and fought man and beast in the arena. The historical tradition of Rome is replete with stories about eccentric and insane emperors whose scandalous reigns raise questions about the nature of the emperor's power and his role in administering the empire. A close study of Roman imperial biography and historiography – the source of so many of these stories of bad emperors – weighed against documentary evidence and material remains reveals the dynamic between the emperor, his court, and his subjects that was fundamental to the political culture of imperial Rome.

*Crosslisted as: HIST-320**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors; Course is limited to ANGST, CLAS, CLASS, GREEK LATIN maj and min only.**Prereq: 8 credits in Classics, Latin, Greek, Classical Studies, or History.**Notes: This course will open to History majors and minors in the second week of preregistration.***CLAS-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Courses Approved to Count for the Classical Studies Major and Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Art History		
ARTH-290AR	Issues in Art History: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'	4
Classical Studies		
CLAS-101	Elementary Latin I	4
CLAS-102	Elementary Latin II	4
CLAS-111	Elementary Greek: Homer's <i>Iliad</i>	4
CLAS-112	Elementary Greek: Homer's <i>Iliad</i>	4
CLAS-201	Intermediate Latin I	4
CLAS-202CE	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic'	4
CLAS-202RC	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome'	4
CLAS-202RN	Intermediate Latin II: 'Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel'	4
CLAS-202VA	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Vergil: <i>Aeneid</i> '	4
CLAS-202WR	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic'	4
CLAS-216	Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-218	Gods and Mortals: Classical Mythology	4
CLAS-226	Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-227	Ancient Greece	4
CLAS-231	Greek Tragedy, American Drama, and Film	4
CLAS-242	Kingdoms Human and Divine	4
CLAS-247	Knowing God	4
CLAS-250AR	Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'	4

CLAS-250EC	Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'	4
CLAS-295	Independent Study	1-4
CLAS-302	Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic	4
CLAS-307	The Slender Muse	4
CLAS-308	Classical Epic: Homer, Vergil, and Ovid	4
CLAS-309	Vergil: <i>Aeneid</i>	4
CLAS-312	Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-313	Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic	4
CLAS-316	Ovid: <i>Metamorphoses</i>	4
CLAS-318	Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel	4
CLAS-320	Bad Roman Emperors	4
CLAS-395	Independent Study	1-8
History		
HIST-226	Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome	4
HIST-227	Ancient Greece	4
HIST-228	Ancient Rome	4
HIST-320	Bad Roman Emperors	4
Philosophy		
PHIL-201	Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought: The Greek Period	4
Politics		
POLIT-211	Classical Political Thought	4
Religion		
RELIG-225KG	Topics in Religion: 'Knowing God'	4

Courses Approved to Count for the Literary/Mythological Area of the Classical Studies Major

Code	Title	Credits
Classical Studies		
CLAS-202RC	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome'	4
CLAS-202RN	Intermediate Latin II: 'Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel'	4
CLAS-202VA	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Vergil: <i>Aeneid</i> '	4
CLAS-202WR	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic'	4
CLAS-231	Greek Tragedy, American Drama, and Film	4
CLAS-242	Kingdoms Human and Divine	4
CLAS-247	Knowing God	4
CLAS-250EC	Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'	4
CLAS-307	The Slender Muse	4
CLAS-308	Classical Epic: Homer, Vergil, and Ovid	4
CLAS-309	Vergil: <i>Aeneid</i>	4
CLAS-312	Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-313	Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic	4

CLAS-316	Ovid: <i>Metamorphoses</i>	4
CLAS-318	Petronius' <i>Satyricon</i> and the Roman Novel	4

Courses Approved to Count for the Art Historical/Archaeological Area of the Classical Studies Major

Code	Title	Credits
Art History		
ARTH-290AR	Issues in Art History: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'	4
Classical Studies		
CLAS-250AR	Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'	4

Courses Approved to Count for the Historical Area of the Classical Studies Major

Code	Title	Credits
Classical Studies		
CLAS-202CE	Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic'	4
CLAS-216	Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-218	Gods and Mortals: Classical Mythology	4
CLAS-226	Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome	4
CLAS-227	Ancient Greece	4
CLAS-302	Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic	4

Coastal and Marine Sciences

Overview and Contact Information

The Five College Coastal and Marine Sciences certificate enables students to select from a wide variety of marine-science-related courses, including coastal and marine ecology/geology, resource management and public policy, oceanography and coastal engineering to create a cohesive concentration.

Under the guidance of their faculty advisor for the certificate, students complete the three components of the program:

- a progressive series of courses available within the five campuses and in approved academic off-campus programs, such as Sea Education Association, School for Field Studies, Williams-Mystic, Duke University Marine Lab, Shoals Marine Lab, and others.
- proficiency in field/lab work through intensive field courses or internships.
- and a "capstone" independent, marine-related research project that will count toward the certificate.

Students interested in working toward the certificate should contact the FCCMS program coordinator to schedule an introductory meeting. After beginning the introductory course of study, students will be assigned a FCCMS faculty advisor. Advisors at Mount Holyoke College are Jason Andras (biological sciences) and Renae Brodie (biological sciences).

Contact Information

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Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of six courses:

Code	Title	Credits
A minimum of six approved courses (18 credit minimum), including at least one course in each of the following three categories:		
	Marine ecology and biodiversity	
	Marine geology and chemistry	
	Resource management and policy	
At least three of the six courses must be above introductory level, and in at least two fields of study		
At least three of the six courses must have a heavy concentration in coastal and marine sciences ¹		
Total Courses		6

¹ Courses with a heavy concentration in coastal and marine sciences are annotated as such on the list of approved courses for the certificate (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/coastal-and-marine-sciences#courses>).

Other Requirements

- Field/lab experience. Students must demonstrate competency in data collection by completing a minimum of 80 cumulative hours of coastal and marine-related field and/or lab work. This can be achieved by an appropriate combination of:
 - Courses that include field/lab experience (field trips, outdoor or indoor laboratory or practicum, field research). These courses may be taken among the Five Colleges or an approved study away program.
 - An approved summer internship, job, or volunteer experience in a coastal or marine environment. Field opportunities (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/coastal-and-marine-sciences#internships>).
 - Work on the independent, marine-related research project (see below).
- Independent research project. Students must consult with FCCMS advisors to develop and complete an independent marine-related research project typically completed during the junior or senior year. Research projects may be based upon work begun during an internship, field course, volunteer or job experience. Requirements for this research project include:
 - A research project proposal: This must be submitted to the FCCMS advisor for review before the research is conducted; the research itself may be overseen by another faculty member or scientist. Research project proposal form (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/sites/default/files/documents/FCCMS%20Research%20Proposal%20Form.docx>).
 - Poster presentation: The research project will culminate in a poster, to be presented at FCCMS symposia offered in November and April. Students will seek feedback from FCCMS advisors during poster development, prior to poster presentation.

Additional Specifications

- Students must meet with FCCMS advisors ahead of time to ensure that internships, courses, field trips, etc. will meet the field/lab requirement. Students are required to keep a log of their field/lab experience hours for advisor approval and submission with the certificate application (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/sites/default/files/documents/Coastal%20and%20Marine%20Sciences%20Certificate%20Application%20April%202021.docx>) and are encouraged to meet with their FCCMS advisor once per semester to review progress.
- Students must receive a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better for all courses contributing to the certificate requirements.
- Courses taken at other institutions (study abroad, domestic exchange, and transfer credits) may be applied towards the certificate, as long as approved by the certificate advisor. Study away programs with courses frequently approved for the certificate are listed on the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/coastal-and-marine-sciences>).

Cognitive Neuroscience

Overview and Contact Information

Cognitive neuroscience is the study of mind as it is manifested in the human brain. Cognitive neuroscientists combine psychophysical and brain imaging techniques such as functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) and event-related potentials (ERPs) to examine the brain function underlying cognitive abilities in human beings.

The program of study for the Five College Certificate in Cognitive Neuroscience is designed to offer students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of cognitive neuroscience, through both theoretical and empirical training. The certificate program includes courses in research techniques, basic scientific foundations, neuroscience, philosophy, and cognition, combined with independent research. It brings together several related disciplines, each of which provides a different focus on mind-brain issues.

The certificate encourages students to follow a program distinct from, and yet complementary to, majors such as neuroscience and behavior, philosophy, or psychology.

See Also

- Neuroscience and Behavior (p. 302)

Contact Information

Katherine Binder, Professor, Psychology
Mara Breen, Professor, Psychology and Education

<http://www.fivecolleges.edu/cogneuro/>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of six courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Areas of Study: at least one approved course in each of six areas of study. ¹		
	Overview of cognitive science	

Scientific foundations (physics, computer science, chemistry, and biology)

Research methods, design, and analysis

Philosophy of mind

Neuroscience (neuroanatomy and neurophysiology)

Advanced topics

Independent Research: at least one semester of independent research through a thesis, course project, or special study²

Total Courses

6-7

¹ Approved courses for the certificate are listed on the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/cogneuro/courses>).

² The course project may be completed in conjunction with one of the classes listed under the Research Methods area. An advisor-approved summer research project would also meet the research requirement.

College Courses

Overview

College Courses are liberal arts courses taught outside of departments or programs.

Course Offerings

COLL-211 Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education

Fall and Spring. Credits: 2

Learn to speak with confidence and clarity about your summer internship or research project. Connect it to your academic coursework. What have you learned? How is it useful? What are your next steps? Students will reflect on their experience and collaborate with others to generate useful knowledge. Required for the Nexus but open to all students. For more information, email nexus@mtholyoke.edu.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

COLL-224 Being Human in STEM

Spring. Credits: 4

This interactive course combines academic inquiry and community engagement to investigate the theme of diversity and climate within STEM fields. We will begin by examining the ways in which cultural norms and practices intersect with our diverse identities and histories to shape our experiences within the STEM disciplines. How can we challenge and change existing cultures and practices to create environments where we can be our full human selves? Together we will investigate the ideas and actions of those who are changing how we construct scientific knowledge and who can engage in that work. We will then build on this foundation to develop projects that further contribute to this endeavor, engaging closely with resources and sites at Mount Holyoke and the surrounding community. Coursework includes weekly readings, reflective writing, creative projects, and in-class discussions, culminating in a public presentation of our collective work.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

COLL-228 Fundamentals of Maker Culture*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course immerses students in the collaborative and creative world of makerspaces, emphasizing hands-on design, inclusivity, and mentorship. Through progressive design projects – from initial concepts to more complex creations – students will reflect on their learning styles, growth, and attitudes. Course readings and discussions will cover core pedagogical principles, including growth mindset, effective feedback, and addressing bias, building a foundation for inclusive teaching. Students will develop skills in both technical tool use and inclusive mentorship, focusing on creating accessible, empowering spaces.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.***COLL-321 Fundamentals of Microscopy***Spring. Credits: 4*

Microscopes are important tools used by technicians, medical professionals, and scientists to investigate interesting scientific questions and solve real-world problems. This course covers important microscopy basics including scale, the relationship between reality and the image, and the kind of information that can be captured with different types of microscopes. This course combines lecture and hands-on laboratory activities allowing students the opportunity to explore the basic principles of visible light, fluorescence, and electron microscopy. We will gain practical hands-on experience with the many forms of microscopy and learn the procedures and tools of the trade necessary to become a proficient microscopist. All students will be trained on at least one research-grade microscope during the semester and the major assignment for this course will be a final portfolio of micrographs created by each student.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in STEM subjects.*

Computer Science

Overview and Contact Information

Computer science is an exciting field with applications to many disciplines across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The main role of a computer scientist is that of a problem solver. A degree in the field signifies formal training in computational and analytical approaches to problem solving as well as the skills necessary to develop software to tackle new challenges. These computational approaches can be applied to a wide spectrum of problems, including protein folding and flexibility, modeling and forecasting bird migration, improving the capabilities of search engines to retrieve the most relevant documents, understanding how the connectedness provided by social networks impact the lives we lead, supporting scientists in the management and analysis of the data they collect, and more. In truth, it is difficult to think of a scenario in which the tools acquired in computer science do not provide a powerful advantage.

Honors

To graduate with honors in computer science, a student must complete a project and write an accompanying thesis. This is often a full year commitment, during which the student works closely with a faculty member to explore a topic in depth by reading research papers, writing programs, and experimenting with ideas. Preliminary research usually begins in the summer following the junior year, with the student submitting and defending a thesis proposal early in the fall of the senior year. Upon department approval of this proposal, the student will

complete the research during the senior year, writing and defending the thesis in the spring. Some honors students attend conferences and/or coauthor papers with their mentors.

See Also

- Data Science (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/data-science/>)
- Engineering (p. 160)

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

The computer science curriculum is designed to encourage students to:

- Develop the critical thinking skills to solve problems by designing and implementing algorithms.
- Develop the analytical skills for reasoning about algorithmic complexity.
- Be able to design, implement, test, and document computer programs that solve substantial computational problems.
- Build skills for developing a working understanding of a complex code base and ability to effectively modify it.
- Be able to think at multiple levels of detail and abstraction.
- Develop a foundation that allows and encourages learning new and relevant skills and technologies as the field evolves.
- Understand the interplay between theory and practice.
- Understand the interplay between software and hardware.
- Be able to communicate clearly in written and oral form.
- Be able to work effectively on a team.

More specifically, students are expected to master the following concepts:

- Computer programming – including working knowledge of at least two programming languages in different paradigms.
- Data structures: an ability to use and implement fundamental abstract data types including queues, stacks, balanced search trees, hash tables, and graphs.
- Abstraction to manage complexity.
- Recursion and induction.
- Algorithmic problem-solving: an ability to design, code, analyze, and prove the correctness of algorithms using recursive divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming, and greedy approaches.
- The conceptual organization of computers—including both computer architecture (the hardware level) and operating system issues.
- Data storage on a computer.
- Applications of computing: an understanding of how computers, algorithms, programs, and/or data structures are used in several application areas.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Computer Science:

Audrey Lee St. John, Professor of Computer Science

Barbara Lerner, Professor of Computer Science, On Leave 2025-2026

Lisa Ballesteros, Jean E. Sammet Associate Professor of Computer Science

Heather Pon-Barry, Associate Professor of Computer Science

Alyxander Burns, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Teaching Spring Only

Tony Liu, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Murphy McCauley, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Melody Su, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, On Leave 2025-2026

Diane Uwacu, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Brett Mullins, Visiting Instructor in Computer Science; UMass Teaching Associate

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Computer Science (36 credits)		
COMSC-151	Introduction to Computational Problem Solving	4
COMSC-205	Data Structures	4
COMSC-221	Introduction to Computing Systems	4
COMSC-225	Software Design and Development	4
COMSC-312	Algorithms	4
COMSC-322	Operating Systems	4
Three additional computer science courses: ¹		12
Two of these must be at the 300 level (8 credits)		
The third may be at either the 200 level or 300 level (4 credits)		
Mathematics (4 credits)		
MATH-232	Discrete Mathematics ²	4
Humanities and Social Sciences ^{3, 4}		
Beyond those used to fulfill the College's distribution requirements:		
One additional designated Humanities course ⁵		
One additional designated Social Science course ⁵		
Total Credits		40

¹ Independent study courses do not count as electives

² Computer science majors who elect a mathematics or statistics minor may not count MATH-232 for credit in both mathematics or statistics and computer science

³ These courses can also count towards the College's Outside the Major requirement or towards the requirements of a second major and therefore are not counted directly toward the credits required for the major.

⁴ The ungraded option cannot be elected after declaration of the major in courses used to meet these requirements.

⁵ Designated courses are those that have been classified to meet the College's applicable distribution requirement.

Additional Specifications

- The skills and abstract reasoning of mathematics are especially important in computer science. It is strongly recommended that students take additional mathematics courses (at least through MATH-101 and MATH-102). MATH-211, is very useful for some fields, like machine learning and computer graphics.
- Students planning to pursue an advanced degree in computer science should include in their plans additional computer science courses and independent research leading to a thesis.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Computer Science		
COMSC-151	Introduction to Computational Problem Solving ¹	4
COMSC-205	Data Structures	4
COMSC-225	Software Design and Development	4
Two additional computer science courses (8 credits), including:		8
One at the 300 level		
The second can be at either the 200 level or 300 level		
Total Credits		20

¹ COMSC-150 plus COMSC-161 can substitute for COMSC-151

Course Advice

The Computer Science department offers multiple ways to begin study of computer science, suitable for students considering a computer science major or minor, those who may want to use computing within another major, and those who are curious about computer science and want to start with an introduction that is not programming-intensive.

For students considering a major or minor in computer science:

If you are interested in a major or minor in computer science, the recommended entry point is COMSC-151. This is a programming-intensive course introducing the use of computers as a problem-solving tool.

Students with prior programming experience may take a placement test to determine eligibility to skip the above and start with COMSC-205.

For students interested in programming but undecided about a computer science major or minor:

Some semesters, the department offers an alternative entry point: COMSC-150. This course focuses on the core constructs used in many programming languages, but does not include the topic of object-oriented programming. If a student then wishes to continue with more computer science study, COMSC-150 should be followed by COMSC-161; the combination of the two is equivalent to COMSC-151.

For student curious about computer science:

For students interested in exploring computer science with less emphasis on programming, the department typically offers at least one

non-major course each semester (for example, COMSC-100, COMSC-106, or COMSC-109).

Course Offerings

COMSC-100 Foundations of Computer Science

Spring. Credits: 4

At its core, computer science is a field about creative problem solving. In this introductory course, students will develop the computational problem-solving skills required to approach a host of big and small problems from across the field, evaluate the quality of proposed solutions, and reason about the unintended side-effects of different approaches. Along the way, students will be exposed to a variety of research areas in computer science through examining some of their solved, unsolved, and unsolvable problems. Although programming is a tool that many computer scientists use to develop solutions, this is not a programming-based course.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Coreq: COMSC-100L.

Advisory: No prior study of computer science is expected. Students may not take this course after COMSC-106, COMSC-150, or COMSC-151.

Notes: Course does not count toward the Computer Science major or minor. Students who have previously taken AP Computer Science or AP Computer Science Principles should consider taking COMSC-151 (or the CS placement exam) instead.

COMSC-106 Fundamentals of Applied Computing

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Have you ever used Google's image search tool and wondered how the search results were found? Why is it so difficult for a computer to "see" as we do? Computer scientists are actively researching how to approach this challenge of "computer vision." This course will introduce the fundamentals of applied computing using computer vision as a motivating theme. Students will learn foundations of programming (in the Python programming language) before working with computational tools more independently.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Advisory: No prior study of computer science is expected. Students may not take this course after Computer Science COMSC-100, COMSC-150, or COMSC-151.

Notes: Course does not count toward the Computer Science major or minor.

COMSC-107 iDesign Learning Lab

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

When charting a path through college and beyond, a metacognitive framework can provide scaffolding for intentional reflection. Situated in the Fimbel Maker & Innovation lab, this course will leverage tangible activities to ground discussions on factors and strategies that impact learning. For example, embedding a microcontroller to create motion-sensitive lights in a ballet skirt parallels the cycle of self-regulated learning. No prior experience with electronics or computer science is assumed, and students will work with hands-on tutorials that teach the basics required to develop their own interactive technology projects.

Coreq: COMSC-107L.

Notes: Half semester.

COMSC-109 iDesign Learning Incubator

Spring. Credits: 4

Learning to make and making to learn - this course challenges students to engage in both by being situated in the Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab. Hands-on introductory activities provide the surprisingly minimal level of comfort and background required to produce prototypes of interactive technology products. These tangible experiences are leveraged to prompt students to reflect on factors and strategies that impact effective learning. For example, developing a music box parallels the cycle of self-regulated learning, while designing a greeter robot grounds discussion on the role of belongingness in a learning environment.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Advisory: No prior experience with electronics or computer science is assumed.

COMSC-112 Topics in Computer Science Problem Solving

COMSC-112AE Topics in Computer Science: 'AI Ethics'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing our world, from the way we drive to the way we communicate. But what are the ethical implications of these changes? In this course, we will explore the ethical challenges and opportunities posed by AI. We will discuss topics such as data privacy, fairness, bias, accountability, and transparency. We will also examine the role of AI in society and its potential impact on our values and our way of life.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Advisory: No prior knowledge of AI is required.

COMSC-133 Topic Problem Solving

COMSC-133DV Data Visualization: Design and Perception

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Data visualizations such as graphs, charts, and infographics are everywhere! But creating data visualizations which communicate effectively is not a simple task. In this introductory course, students will explore how design influences the ways that data are understood and how they can use this to craft effective visualizations for different types of data. Experience working with data, design, or data visualization are not expected; students will work on a series of projects which will build these skills over the semester.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

COMSC-150 Introduction to Computer Science

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Introduction to the field of computer science. Introduces students to Python programming including algorithms, basic data structures (lists, dictionaries), and programming techniques. Does not include object-oriented programming.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Notes: Students pursuing a Computer Science major or minor or the Data Science major should take COMSC-161 following this course. Alternatively, students may wish to consider the more programming-intensive course COMSC-151.

COMSC-151 Introduction to Computational Problem Solving*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Introduces students to algorithms, basic data structures, and programming techniques. Students learn computing principles by exploring problems drawn from a broad set of domains, such as cryptography, data analysis and games.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Coreq: COMSC-151L.*

Notes: This course is programming-intensive and includes the topic of object-oriented programming. Students may wish to consider COMSC-150 as an alternative entry point that does not cover the topic of object-oriented programming.

COMSC-161 Introduction to Computer Science Part 2: Object-Oriented Programming*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

This course builds on the programming concepts learned in COMSC-150, covering object-oriented programming and introducing the Java programming language.

Prereq: COMSC-150 or placement test.

Advisory: Students may not take this course after COMSC-151. Just getting started with computer science? We recommend taking the CS Problem Solving Assessment. You can access it via Gradescope with Entry Code RWG253.

Notes: Half semester. The combination of COMSC-150 and COMSC-161 serves as an alternate prerequisite route for COMSC-205 Data Structures.

COMSC-205 Data Structures*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course builds on the basic programming concepts learned in COMSC-151, shifting the focus to the organization of data in order to improve efficiency and simplicity of programs. Topics include the study of abstract data types and data structures (such as linked lists, stacks, queues, and binary trees). This course is programming-intensive and introduces the Java programming language.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: One of the following: COMSC-151 (with a grade of C or better) or COMSC-161 (with a grade of C or better). Coreq: COMSC-205L.

Advisory: This course cannot be taken by students who have completed COMSC-201 or COMSC-211.

COMSC-221 Introduction to Computing Systems*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course looks at the inner workings of a computer and computer systems. It is an introduction to computer architecture. Specific topics include assembly language programming, memory, and parallelism. This course is programming intensive.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-201 or COMSC-205; and MATH-232. Coreq: COMSC-221L.*

Advisory: The department recommends, but does not require, that students take COMSC-225 prior to COMSC-221.

COMSC-225 Software Design and Development*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Building large software systems introduces new challenges to software development. Appropriate design decisions and programming methodology can make a major difference in developing software that is correct and maintainable. In this course, students will learn techniques and tools that are used to build correct and maintainable software, improving their skills in designing, writing, debugging, and testing software. Topics include object-oriented design, testing, design patterns, and software architecture. This course is programming intensive.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205 (with a grade of C or better).***COMSC-226 Engineering Robotic Systems***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This intermediate-level course presents a hands-on introduction to robotics. Each student will construct and modify a robot controlled by an Arduino-like microcontroller. Topics include kinematics, inverse kinematics, control-theory, sensors, mechatronics, and motion planning. Material will be delivered through one weekly lecture and one weekly guided laboratory. Assignments include a lab-preparatory homework, guided lab sessions, and out-of-class projects that build upon the in-class sessions. Students have access to the Fimbel Maker and Innovation lab for fabricating and demonstrating their robots.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.**Prereq: COMSC-150 or COMSC-151.***COMSC-235 Applications of Machine Learning***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course provides a practical and conceptual introduction to machine learning. Through programming projects and work with real-world data, we will study the motivations behind common machine learning algorithms, and the properties that determine whether or not they will work well for a particular task. We will also study practical applications of these algorithms to problems in areas such as speech, language, social sciences, and biology. Topics may include: supervised learning, classification, regression, clustering, decision trees, support vector machines, Naïve Bayes, neural networks and reinforcement learning.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205.**Advisory: Students may not take this course after COMSC-335.***COMSC-243 Topic****COMSC-243CA Topic: 'Critical AI'***Spring. Credits: 4*

In the last few years, the use of AI models has exploded, causing significant impacts across the globe. But what even is AI? And can it do all the things that people say it can? In this course, students will build the skills required to distinguish between AI fact & fiction by engaging with both the computing principles behind AI models and interdisciplinary perspectives on their development and use. Coursework will include weekly readings, reflective writing, creative projects, and in-class discussions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Coreq: COMSC-243CAL.***COMSC-243GP Topic: 'Introduction to Game Programming'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Video games are not only engaging to play, but challenging and fun to program. Many games are in fact simulations: they define a game world, and model that world and the interactions of elements in it. To program games, one must excel at this type of modeling while simultaneously handling real-time input and output to create a compelling experience. This project-based course explores techniques at the heart of game programming. By working through design and coding activities both with a team and independently, students will strengthen their core programming skills, their ability to model complex problems, and their skills for developing software in a team. This course is programming-intensive.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-225.*

COMSC-243HC Topic: 'Human-Computer Interaction'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Human-computer interaction (HCI) is a multidisciplinary field exploring the relationships between people and computers. This broad area includes the study of topics such as how people interact with technology, how design impacts what people do with technology, and methodologies for designing new technologies that really works for people. In this class, students will learn about and apply human-centered design principles, employ common research methods in the field, and explore recent literature in the field.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205 (may take concurrently). Prereq: COMSC-205 (may take concurrently).***COMSC-243HR Topic: 'Human-Robot Interaction'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Human-Robot Interaction is an interdisciplinary field that examines a broad set of questions about robots that are designed to interact with humans (e.g., educational, assistive, and service robots). How does the behavior and appearance of a robot change how humans perceive and interact with it? How can we design and program robots that are natural, trustworthy, and effective? In this course, students learn the algorithmic foundations of interactive robots, gain experience building and evaluating interactive robots, and read and present scholarly research papers. Class time is split between lecture, presentations by students, discussions, and hands-on activities.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205.***COMSC-243PC Topic: 'Physical Computing Workshop'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Physical computing requires the design of systems that integrate hardware and software components. By exploring sensors, such as a photoresistor to detect ambient light or an ultrasonic distance sensor to detect objects, and reactive elements, such as LEDs or motors, students will learn core principles of underlying physical computing design. Hands-on labs and design projects will provide students with the opportunity to make their own prototypes, supported by the resources of the Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-151.***COMSC-243ST Topic: 'Introduction to Search Technologies'***Spring. Credits: 4*

The vast amount of unstructured and structured data on the web and in organizational databases has increased the need for approaches to processing large volumes of text. Such analyses help researchers and businesses to gain insights – that would otherwise be too resource- and time-consuming to do manually – into issues such as how much a consumer can be expected to spend in a particular context, the rise of hate groups and their impact on social media, or to whom a newly discovered manuscript may be attributed. In this course, students are introduced to tools and techniques used to gain these insights, such as Map-Reduce and Sentiment Analysis, in the context of Natural Language Processing and search technologies (e.g., Google).

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-150 or COMSC-151.***COMSC-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

*Instructor permission required.***COMSC-311 Theory of Computation***Fall. Credits: 4*

Are there any limits to what computers can do? Does the answer to this question depend on whether you use a PC or a Mac? Is C more powerful than Python? This course explores these questions by investigating several models of computation, illustrating the power and limitations of each of these models, and relating them to computational problems and applications. Topics include finite state automata, pushdown automata, grammars, Turing machines, the Halting Problem, and NP-completeness.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205 and MATH-232.**Notes: This 3-minute student-created video gives an overview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV57Yv8BxBc>.***COMSC-312 Algorithms***Fall. Credits: 4*

How does Google Maps find the best route between two locations? How do computers help to decode the human genome? At the heart of these and other complex computer applications are nontrivial algorithms. While algorithms must be specialized to an application, there are some standard ways of approaching algorithmic problems that tend to be useful in many applications. Among other topics, we explore graph algorithms, greedy algorithms, divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming, and network flow. Students learn to recognize when to apply each of these strategies as well as to evaluate the expected runtime costs of the algorithms they design.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205 and MATH-232.***COMSC-316 Developing Innovative Software***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Tired of writing programs that nobody ever uses? Then, this is the course for you. Many people come up with novel ideas for software, but lack the resources or ability to develop the software. Students will apply their programming skills to develop and deliver software based on the requirements of a client. Students will learn critical communication skills required to work with a client, work in teams with classmates, and experience the software lifecycle from requirements elicitation through delivery. Students will synthesize many topics learned in prior courses as well as explore new technologies required to complete a specific project. Programming intensive.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-225.***COMSC-322 Operating Systems***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

An introduction to the issues involved in orchestrating the use of computer resources. Topics include operating system evolution, memory management, virtual memory, resource scheduling, multiprogramming, deadlocks, concurrent processes, protection, and design principles. Course emphasis: understanding the implications of OS design on the programs you run and write (i.e., on their security, performance, etc.). **This course is programming intensive.**

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-221 and COMSC-225.*

COMSC-334 Artificial Intelligence*Fall. Credits: 4*

Artificial Intelligence, as a field, has grown from its humble beginnings in science fiction to become one of the broadest fields in computer science, encompassing an incredibly wide array of topics. One of the common threads between these topics is "How do we build computer systems which exhibit logic and reason?" or rather "How do we build systems which can solve problems intelligently without resorting to brute force?" We'll cover a few major topics in this course, most notably search, logical reasoning, and planning as well as game playing/theory, uncertain reasoning, and graphical models. This course is programming intensive.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-225 and MATH-232.***COMSC-335 Machine Learning***Spring. Credits: 4*

How does Netflix learn what movies a person likes? How do computers read handwritten addresses on packages or detect faces in images? Machine learning is the practice of programming computers to learn and improve through experience, and it is becoming pervasive in technology and science. This course will cover the mathematical underpinnings, algorithms, and practices that enable a computer to learn. Topics will include supervised learning, unsupervised learning, evaluation methodology, and Bayesian probabilistic modeling. Students will learn to program in MATLAB or Python and apply course skills to solve real world prediction and pattern recognition problems. Programming Intensive.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: A grade of C or better in COMSC-205, MATH-232, and a Calculus course (MATH-101, MATH-102, or MATH-203).**Advisory: Preference will be given to Computer Science seniors in need of a final 300-level elective and Data Science seniors.***COMSC-341 Topics****COMSC-341CD Topics: 'Causal Inference for Data Science'***Fall. Credits: 4*

You might have heard the phrase "correlation is not causation" – but then, what is causation? For example, how did scientists determine that smoking causes lung cancer? This course will explore how to ask and answer causal questions using data. We will learn the fundamentals of estimating cause-and-effect relationships, drawing from foundations in computer science, statistics, and economics. We will also use modern data science tools coding in Python to run simulations, work with data, and communicate our findings. Students will get hands-on experience thinking through causal study design and analyzing data across real-world applications in healthcare, public policy, education, and more. This course will have a substantial mathematical component, building off probability concepts seen in MATH-232.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205 and MATH-232.***COMSC-341CV Topics: 'Computer Vision'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course provides an introduction to image analysis and 3D interpretation from image data. It uncovers the mystery behind standard techniques in image processing like filtering, edge detection, stereo vision, flow, etc. Math lovers, this course is for you! Throughout the semester, each student will develop their own computer vision library through programming assignments. Furthermore, students will learn about newer, advanced machine-learning-based computer vision algorithms.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205, MATH-211, and Calculus (MATH-101, MATH-102, or MATH-203), all with grade of C or better.***COMSC-341DV Topics: 'Storytelling with Data Visualization'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Data storytelling techniques blend the principles of data visualization, data analysis, and visual design to tell compelling, data-driven stories across a wide variety of fields. Bridging public communication and data, these techniques are used every day by data journalists and data analysts as well as public science and research communicators in for- and non-profit organizations across the globe. In this course, students will explore how a variety of data storytelling techniques work by critically examining state-of-the-art examples and developing a portfolio of data-driven stories of their own.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205.***COMSC-341EA Topics: 'Embodied Algorithms Design Studio'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Computer scientists often study algorithms at a high level of abstraction to enable mathematical tools; activities that make this more concrete can deepen learning. This project-based course challenges students to make the theory tangible through the design and fabrication of physical artifacts. Situated in the Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab, students will be taught core "maker" techniques through hands-on lab activities while simultaneously being exposed to algorithms from computational geometry and beyond. Sample projects include: "triangulations" for 3D-printed jewelry; "hexaflexagons" for skirts with hidden fabric panels; "tilings" for laser cutting unconventional wooden puzzles.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205 and MATH-232. Coreq: COMSC-341EAL***COMSC-341NL Topics: 'Natural Language Processing'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course provides an introduction to natural language processing, the discipline of enabling computers to process and understand human language. We will learn fundamental techniques for automated text and speech analysis and understanding, with insights from linguistics. Students will get hands-on practice implementing computational algorithms, reading scholarly research articles and will design and carry out an independent final project.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-225, MATH-232, and a Calculus course (MATH-101, MATH-102, or MATH-203).***COMSC-341RP Topics: 'Robotics Planning Algorithms'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Robotics planning is a fundamental skill for developing autonomous robots. This course will introduce students to the fundamental concepts and algorithms of robotics planning. Students will learn how to apply the concepts they have learned in Data Structures to implement and analyze the performance of popular planning algorithms. Students will also learn about the advancements and gaps that exist today in robotics navigation, manipulation, and collaboration.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: COMSC-205, and MATH-232 (may be taken concurrently). Prereq: COMSC-205, and MATH-232 (may be taken concurrently).**Advisory: This course is ideal for students who are interested in developing autonomous robots. It is also a good course for students who are interested in learning more about the latest advancements in robotics planning research.*

COMSC-341RT Topics: 'Applied Rigidity Theory'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Suppose you were asked to: control a formation of robots to cooperatively carry an object; engineer a bridge using metal beams and bolts; or develop a web app to assist in drug design. The area of "rigidity theory" provides tools for approaching any of these tasks. We start with fundamental results from classical rigidity theory, culminating in a combinatorial characterization of rigid 2D "bar-and-joint frameworks" and a graph-theoretic algorithm. We then shift to specific applications drawn from domains such as robotics, structural engineering and computational biology. In small groups, students investigate a research question and produce an associated pedagogical or computational tool.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: COMSC-205 and MATH-232.

COMSC-341TE Topics: 'Text Technologies for Data Science'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course focuses on text analysis and technologies. We look at the challenges of working with massive amounts of unstructured vs semi-structured vs structured data. In that context, we explore some of the ways that statistical analyses are applied to things like search, categorization e.g. spam filtering, recommender systems, plagiarism detection, and hidden message finding.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: COMSC-205.

COMSC-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Critical Race and Political Economy

Overview and Contact Information

Critical Race and Political Economy (CRPE) introduces students to the intersectional and interdisciplinary study of race, colonialism, migration, and political economy. This program provides a comparative and relational framework for examining law, policing, education, housing, political economy, arts, media, and representation in local and global contexts.

Within the CRPE major, each student may complete a pathway in CRPE, in Africana Studies, or in Critical Social Thought. Minors are available in CRPE, Africana Studies, and Latinx Studies. Advanced seminars allow students to use this framework for in-depth study of a particular pathway.

See Also

- Africana Studies (p. 50)
- Critical Social Thought (p. 133)

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Learning Goals

Students will:

- Understand the mutual constitution and relative autonomy of axes of social differentiation;
- Comprehend how national boundaries, as well as local, national and transnational cultures and politics affect the constitution of racial and ethnic categories; and
- Compare representations of borderlands, hybridity, migration and diaspora from different cultures.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Critical Race and Political Economy:

Kristie Ford, Director of the Intergroup Dialogue Center; Professor of Sociology and Critical Race and Political Economy

Lucas Wilson, Professor of Economics and Critical Race and Political Economy on the Ford Foundation

David Hernández, Associate Professor of Latinx Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

Ren-yo Hwang, Associate Professor of Gender Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy, On Leave 2025-2026

Vanessa Rosa, Associate Professor of Latinx Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

Maria Abello Hurtado, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

Pilar Eguez Guevara, Visiting Assistant Professor in Critical Race and Political Economy

Alexis Holloway, Mount Holyoke Fellow and Visiting Lecturer in Critical Race and Political Economy

Requirements for the Major

Each student may select the CRPE pathway, the Africana Studies pathway, or the Critical Social Thought pathway within the major, selecting from courses approved for their pathway. The pathway will be recorded on the transcript upon graduation from the major.

CRPE Pathway

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One introductory course in critical race and cultural theory:		4
CRPE-180	Introduction to Latinx Studies: Structural Inequalities	
CRPE-200	Foundations of Africana Studies	
CRPE-205	Foundations in Critical Social Thought	
At least 8 credits at the 200 level from the approved course list for People, Power, Place ¹		8
At least 8 credits at the 200 level from the approved course list for Representation ¹		8
12 credits in CRPE at the 300 level ²		12

8 additional credits in CRPE at any level ²	8
Total Credits	40

¹ See Courses section (p. 122) for lists of approved courses in these specific areas.

² See Courses section (p. 122) for lists of CRPE approved courses across the curriculum.

Critical Social Thought Pathway

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
CRPE-205	Foundations in Critical Social Thought	4
At least 4 credits at the 200 level from the approved course list for People, Power, Place ¹		4
At least 4 credits at the 200 level from the approved course list for Representation ¹		4
8 credits in CST at the 200 level ²		8
8 credits in CST at the 300 level ²		8
CRPE-392	Senior Seminar	4
8 additional credits in CST at any level ²		8
Total Credits		40

¹ See Courses section (p. 122) for lists of approved courses in these specific areas.

² See Courses section (p. 122) for lists of CST approved courses across the curriculum.

Africana Studies Pathway

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
CRPE-200	Foundations of Africana Studies	4
At least 4 credits at the 200 level from the approved course list for People, Power, Place ¹		4
At least 4 credits at the 200 level from the approved course list for Representation ¹		4
8 credits in Africana Studies at the 200 level ²		8
12 credits in Africana Studies at the 300 level ²		12
8 additional credits in Africana Studies at any level ²		8
Total Credits		40

¹ See Courses section (p. 122) for lists of approved courses in these specific areas.

² See Courses section (p. 122) for lists of Africana Studies approved courses across the curriculum.

Requirements for the Minor

Each student may select a CRPE minor, an Africana Studies minor, or a Latinx minor, selecting from courses approved for their minor.

CRPE Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One introductory course in critical race and cultural theory:		4
CRPE-180	Introduction to Latinx Studies: Structural Inequalities	
CRPE-200	Foundations of Africana Studies	
CRPE-205	Foundations in Critical Social Thought	
At least 4 credits at the 200 level from the approved course list for People, Power, Place ¹		4
At least 4 credits at the 200 level from the approved course list for Representation ¹		4
Four additional credits at the 200 level from the approved course list for People, Power, Place or Representation ¹		4
Four credits in CRPE at the 300 level ²		4
Total Credits		20

¹ See Courses section (p. 122) for lists of approved courses in these specific areas.

² See Courses section (p. 122) for a list of approved CRPE courses across the curriculum.

Africana Studies Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
CRPE-200	Foundations of Africana Studies	4
Twelve credits credits at the 200 level or higher from the approved course list for Africana Studies ¹		12
Four credits at the 300 level from the approved course list for Africana Studies ^{1,2}		4
Total Credits		20

¹ See Courses section (p. 122) for a list of approved Africana Studies courses across the curriculum.

² CRPE-395 may not be counted towards the minimum 4 credits at the 300 level.

Latinx Studies Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
CRPE-180	Introduction to Latinx Studies: Structural Inequalities	4
At least one course at the 300 level from the approved course list for Latinx Studies		4
Three other courses at the 200 or 300 level from the approved course list for Latinx Studies		12
Total Credits		20

¹ See Courses section (p. 122) for a list of approved Latinx Studies courses across the curriculum.

Additional Specifications

- At least one course must include a Community-Based Learning component.
- With department faculty approval, students may substitute Latinx Studies offered across the Five Colleges.

- Four independent study credits (CRPE-295 or CRPE-395) may be included in the minor.

Course Advice

CRPE courses are taught by core, affiliated, and other campus faculty. CRPE courses are also tagged as CRPE (1), Africana Studies (2), Critical Social Thought (3), Latinx Studies (4), Collaboratory (CO), People Power Place (PE), and Representations (RE), which you can jump to from the menu above. Beyond these tagged courses, if there is a course taken at MHC or the Five Colleges that the student believes can count for the CRPE major, the student should meet with the CRPE Chair for permission.

Each major pathway requires a foundation course. Students are welcome to take any of the other foundation courses (CRPE-180 Introduction to Latinx Studies: Structural Inequalities, CRPE-200 Foundations of Africana Studies, CRPE-205 Foundations in Critical Social Thought) as an elective.

Course Offerings

CRPE-180 Introduction to Latinx Studies: Structural Inequalities

Fall. Credits: 4

The course is an overview of the social conditions of Latinx people within the US. It addresses laws, policies and institutions that shape the complexity of Latinxes' social location and activism as well as legal constructions of race, citizenship, nomenclature, border politics, public health, education, and labor. We will consider the intersections of class, gender and sexuality as well as inequality in relation to other persons of color. Students will develop a firm sense of the importance and breadth of the Latinx political agenda and acquire skills to think across social issues. The course may include a Community Based Learning (CBL) Mentor.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

CRPE-200 Foundations of Africana Studies

Fall. Credits: 4

This reading- and writing-intensive course draws upon the intellectual traditions of African American, African, and African diasporic studies in order to explore the connections and disjunctures among people of African descent. While the course pays attention to national, regional, and historical contexts, it asks this question: what do African descended people have in common and when and how are their experiences and interests different? What can we glean from contemporary discourses grounded in the consideration of global black lives?

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

CRPE-205 Foundations in Critical Social Thought

Spring. Credits: 4

This class introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of Critical Social Thought. Students will learn to interrogate and challenge structures of social, cultural, and political power from a variety of theoretical traditions, such as Marxism, critical ethnic studies, queer and gender critique, critical race theory, media studies, performance studies, disability studies, history of science, the Frankfurt school, and settler colonial and postcolonial theory. Developing skills in theoretical and social critique to address pressing social issues, students will be equipped with an interdisciplinary toolbox to pursue independent projects.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

CRPE-208 Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory

Fall. Credits: 4

This course examines the discursive relationship between race, power and law in contemporary U.S. society. Readings examine the ways in which racial bodies are constituted in the cultural economy of American society where citizens of African descent dwell. We explore the rules and social practices that govern the relationship of race to gender, nationality, sexuality, and class in U.S. courts and other cultural institutions. Thinkers covered include W.E.B. DuBois, Kimberle Crenshaw, Derrick Bell, and Richard Delgado, among others.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

CRPE-228 Visualizing Immigrant Narratives: Migration in Film

Fall. Credits: 4

This course offers an interrogation of overt and embedded narratives of migrants and the migration process in popular and documentary film, paying specific attention to cinematic representations of non-citizen bodies confronting migration, deportation, labor, acculturation, and anti-immigrant hysteria. Film screenings and class discussions comprise the interpretative lens through which students will examine the aesthetic, cultural, economic, gendered, historical, political, racial and sexual dimensions of cultural texts. The course is supplemented with readings about immigration policies and histories.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

CRPE-231 Dialoguing for Racial Change

Spring. Credits: 4

A critical analysis of race, racism, and justice in the United States, as set in a socio-historical context defined by power. In addition to traditional modes of teaching-learning, students use intergroup dialogue and collaborative group work to examine how race is constructed, experienced, reproduced, and transformed within social structures. Topics include racial identity development and how individuals internalize and "live race" in everyday interactions; historical mechanisms for how bodies and spaces have become "raced" over time; institutional dimensions of racial inequality (e.g., law, education, popular culture); and practices for pursuing racial justice.

Crosslisted as: SOCI-216DR

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Application form: <https://tinyurl.com/SP26CRPE231>

CRPE-239 Latinx Urbanism

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course examines the relationship between the urban and Latina/o/x placemaking, identities and culture(s). Urban scholars have long studied the "evolving" city – this course explores the changing city in relation to Latina/o/x populations and urban social change movements. We examine historical and contemporary conditions and cover a broad range of topics including: urbanization, urban planning, "new urbanism," placemaking, gentrification, migration/immigration, segregation, and more. The readings in this course aim to provoke a consideration of the dynamic between space and place, as well as how urban life, culture, and form impacts Latina/o/x populations and vice versa.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

CRPE-240 Intermediate Topics

CRPE-240AC Topics in Critical Social Thought: 'Aliens, Anti-Citizens, and Identities'

Spring. Credits: 4

The course will examine marginal and "alien" citizenship statuses in the United States. Whereas the *Declaration of Independence* asserts that "all men are created equal," we will interrogate that statement by studying identities and personages that are explicitly treated unequally in the law and society. From immigrants to gang members, from tipped workers to queer persons, from presumed terrorists to disenfranchised ex-cons, we will examine the deliberate incorporation and maintenance of people in society into lower classes and statuses.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

CRPE-240BE Intermediate Topics: 'Black Ethnographers'

Fall. Credits: 4

The aim of this class is to underscore the significance of Black perspectives and contributions within the field of anthropology. Black anthropology, and especially Black feminist anthropology, has historically been sidelined within anthropological discourse. In this course, we will collectively challenge this historical erasure by centering the work of Black ethnographers. By delving into works spanning continental Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States, students will begin to understand the vast impact Black ethnographers have had both in and outside the field of anthropology.

Crosslisted as: ANTHR-216BE

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

CRPE-240BR Intermediate Topics: 'Borderlands Film and Literature'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In *Borderlands/La Frontera*, Gloria Anzaldúa asserts that material change is impossible without changing the cultural imagery in our minds. Latinx Borderlands artists have effected such change through their cultural production. This course will introduce students to Borderlands literature and film, and will provide an overview of Mexican American, Chicanx, and other Latinx artistic production from the U.S.- Mexico border region. The course will closely examine how these texts reflect borderland folklore, social issues, and "fronterizo" identities. Students will read multiple registers of artistic production, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama, testimonio, and folk song lyrics.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

CRPE-240BX Intermediate Topics: 'Introduction to Black Sexual Cultures/ Sexuality Studies'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course examines the ways in which race, gender, and class have shaped the experiences of people of African descent. It explores how the concept of sexuality offers a unique lens for rethinking both historical and contemporary discussions on the formation of Black identity and personhood, while being particularly attentive to a queer archive. By prioritizing Blackness, the course critically engages with the interconnections between race, gender, and sexuality, aiming to separate whiteness from LGBTQ+ studies and heterosexuality from Black studies. With a focus on how Black individuals have asserted social and sexual agency despite systemic oppression, we will draw on frameworks coming out of critical race theory, Black feminist thought, queer and trans*-of-color critique, as well as attend to genres of creation that include literature, art, performance, new media, and the erotic. By the end of this course, students will have gained a deeper appreciation for the complexity and diversity of Black sexuality, as well as the cultural and political implications that surround its productions. They will be equipped with the critical tools to engage in meaningful dialogues about representation, expression, and the power of pleasure within the context of Black life and sexual legacies.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-204BX

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

CRPE-240EF Intermediate Topics: 'Ethnographic Food Documentary'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Students will learn basic skills on ethnographic methods in anthropology as they are introduced to issues of food and culinary cultural practices, politics and history. Selected readings and films will explore the intersections of food with colonialism, race and ethnicity, gender, health, political economy, and social movements. The course has a focus on Latinx and Latin American/Caribbean foodways, however students will apply the course's conceptual toolkit in a wide range of cultural settings. Students will learn techniques of participant observation, interviews, script writing and visual analysis to conduct fieldwork in a local cultural community in South Hadley and surroundings, as they are guided towards producing a short ethnographic food documentary.

Crosslisted as: ANTHR-216FD

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

CRPE-240FD Intermediate Topics: 'U.S. Latinx Foodways'

Fall. Credits: 4

This interdisciplinary seminar explores the relationship between food, race, and migration for Latinx populations in the U.S. We will draw upon readings from the social sciences and the humanities to investigate processes of racial formation embedded in the production, labor, and consumption of foods and how these processes affect Latinx populations. What can Latinx foodstuffs and foodways reveal about U.S. racial and migration dynamics, landscapes, and politics? What social worlds and power relations emerge at the nexus of food, race, and migration? The course is organized thematically and anchored in selected case studies.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

CRPE-240LC Intermediate Topics: 'La Cultura Cura: Healing Through Language and Culture'*Spring. Credits: 4*

Using the lens of anthropology and Latinx studies, this course offers theoretical and practical tools for understanding difference, transforming conflict and advancing social change. We will learn how racial, ethnic and other social differences are created through culture, power, language and representation. As we learn to recognize our differences we will also learn, practice and take away a toolkit of transformational skills and frameworks for healing and communicating effectively across those differences, including *la cultura cura* (culture heals), cultural competence, non-violent communication, emotional literacy, mindfulness and storytelling.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive***CRPE-240LF Intermediate Topics: 'Latinas in Film'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will examine Latinas as both subjects and creators of visual narratives and cultural representations. Students will view a range of films about and by Latinas in historical and cross-cultural perspective. Each film will be paired with selected readings and examined in class discussions from aesthetic, cultural, racial, gendered, historical and political dimensions. Latinas will be treated as a gender-inclusive category with trans representation present in the course films and readings selection. Central to the discussions will be the ways in which the Latina body, marked by race, ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality, is used to produce meaning about Latinidad in the United States, as well as how those conceptions have shifted over time. Ultimately, students will apply a basic conceptual toolkit in cinematic, narrative structure and cultural criticism to examine films about and by Latinas as their final class project.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive***CRPE-240RE Intermediate Topics: 'Representing Race'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This class takes a ~look~ at the components of racial representation in audio-visual media: How can ideas and theories be conveyed or communicated through a visual mode? What ethical concerns emerge when representing others in different media? Drawing from written texts, documentaries, graphic novels, and artwork, we will explore the myriad ways media creatives construct racial representations, and question the perceived boundary between research and art. Starting with early anthropological film, this class will move through both conventional and nontraditional material that is used to tell stories, make political statements, and represent people's lived experiences.

*Crosslisted as: ANTHR-216RC**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive***CRPE-244 The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas***Fall. Credits: 4*

This class aims to raise student awareness of and exposure to different cultural backgrounds and contributions of Black feminist thought, womanism, and afro feminism across the Caribbean and the Americas. We will take a historical journey exploring the roles of cisgender Black women and gender-non-confirmative Black people in the formations of Black feminist thought, highlighting their contributions and struggles in dismantling the Western matrix of domination, but also in the radical building of new societies. Students will learn about the groundbreaking theories and methodologies that helped pave the way for contemporary feminist organizations and social movements.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-206BF**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive***CRPE-254 Nueva York***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will explore the history of Latina/o/x populations in New York City. Students will learn about histories of migration and settlement, urban inequality, community building, and urban transformation with particular focus on the Puerto Rican population in New York City. The course will examine the many ways Latinas/os/x have transformed New York City and built vibrant communities.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive***CRPE-256 Trap Doors and Glittering Closets: Queer/Trans* of Color Politics of Recognition, Legibility, Visibility and Aesthetics***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In 2014, *Time* magazine declared the "Transgender Tipping Point" as a popular moment of transgender people's arrival into the mainstream. Using a queer and trans* of color critique, this course will unpack the political discourses and seeming binaries surrounding visibility/invisibility, recognition/misrecognition, legibility/illegibility, belonging/unbelonging and aesthetics/utility. How might we grapple with the contradictions of the trapdoors, pitfalls, dark corners and glittering closets that structure and normalize violence for some while safeguarding violence for others? This course will center the 2017 anthology *Trap Door: Trans Cultural Production and the Politics of Visibility*.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-204CP**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: One course in CRPE, Gender Studies, or CST.*

CRPE-257 Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will offer an overview of select methodologies and methods from Community-based Participatory Action Research (CBPAR), Participatory Action Research (PAR), collaborative ethnography and other social justice research interventions such as radical oral history, grassroots research collectives, experimental digital archives, research and data justice networks and organizations. We will center on questions of "accountability"; that is, to whom, for whom, and to what end do processes of accountability serve those already in power? Moreover, we will investigate the chasms between academia and activism in order to explore the possibility of unlikely collaborative research alliances.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-204TJ

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

Prereq: 4 credits in Gender Studies, Critical Social Thought, or Critical Race Political Economy.

CRPE-261 Race, Racism, and Power

Spring. Credits: 4

This course analyzes the concepts of race and racism from an interdisciplinary perspective, with focus on Latinas/os/x in the United States. It explores the sociocultural, political, economic, and historical forces that interact with each other in the production of racial categories. We will focus on structural, systemic, and institutional racism and processes of racialization. The course examines racial inequality from a historical perspective and investigates how racial categories evolve and form across contexts. The analysis that develops will ultimately allow us to think rigorously about social inequality, transformation, and liberation.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

CRPE-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

CRPE-308 Luminous Darkness: African American Social Thought After DuBois

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Examines the life, work, and legacies of WEB DuBois. Drawing on domestic and diasporic fictional and nonfictional meditations on Black life and progress in and beyond the 'DuBoisian century,' the course considers the changing meanings of and movements for global racial justice for people of African descent. The course also confronts the globalization of the color line in the post-Civil Rights/Black Power era. Due to increasing precarity for the masses, emphasis is given to more recent ideas like afro-pessimism, racial capitalism, and afro-futurism, as contemporary responses to DuBois's 1903 question, 'How does it feel to be a problem?' Readings by Jemisin, Gyasi, Robinson, Fields, Butler, Davis, Ransby, Hartman, Wilderson, Fanon, YamahttaTaylor, among others form the core of the course.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 8 credits in Africana Studies, Critical Social Thought, or Critical Race Political Economy.

CRPE-323 Latina Feminism(s)

Fall. Credits: 4

In this seminar, we will explore the relationship between Latina feminist theory and knowledge production. We will examine topics related to positionality, inequality, the body, reproductive justice, representation, and community. Our approach in this class will employ an intersectional approach to feminist theory that understands the interconnectedness between multiple forms of oppression, including race, class, sexuality, and ability. Our goal is to develop a robust understanding of how Latina feminist methodologies and epistemologies can be tools for social change.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-333FM

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in Latina/o Studies, Gender Studies, Critical Social Thought, or Critical Race Political Economy.

CRPE-332 Black Feminist Anthropology

Spring. Credits: 4

This course explores Black feminist anthropology as both a scholarly tradition and a political practice. We examine how Black feminist thinkers have challenged dominant anthropological methods and theories, centering care, embodiment, power, and lived experience. Students will engage works that push the boundaries of knowledge production while exploring the possibilities of an anthropology rooted in liberation and accountability.

Crosslisted as: ANTHR-316BF

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive, Speaking-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 4 credits in Critical Race Political Economy.

CRPE-339 Abolitionist Dreams and Everyday Resistance: Freedom Memoirs, Struggles, and Decolonizing Justice

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This seminar will offer close theoretical readings of a variety of anti-colonial, abolitionist, anti-imperialist, insurgent and feminist-of-color memoir, autobiographical and social justice texts. We will read works from Leanne Betasamosake Simpson, Assata Shakur, Patrisse Cullors, Grace Lee Boggs, Audre Lorde, Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarsinna, Leila Khaled, Fannie Lou Hamer, Sarah Ahmed, Lee Maracle, Kai Cheng Thom, Angela Davis, Sojourner Truth, adrienne maree brown, Alexis Pauline Gumbs, Mary Brave Bird, Jamaica Kincaid, Gabby Rivera and Haunani-Kay Trask. We will center the interlinking and capacious concepts of liberation, revolution, freedom, justice and decolonization.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-333AD

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: One course in Gender Studies, Critical Social Thought, or Critical Race Political Economy at the 200 level or above.

CRPE-340 Advanced Topics**CRPE-340GH Advanced Topics: 'Girlhood Studies in Critical Race and Political Economy'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores some of the central themes in girlhood studies through critical race and political economy lenses. We will dig into questions such as: What does it mean to be socially considered a girl? Who defines girlhood? How is girlhood defined, shaped, and experienced in different societies, cultures, and periods? How do historical hierarchies of race, class, gender, and sexuality affect the girlhood experience? As we enter the heart of this interdisciplinary academic field that seeks to understand the complexities of existing as a girl, we will revisit the origins and evolution of the field as a distinctive area of study.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333GH**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***CRPE-362 Facilitating for Racial Change***Fall. Credits: 4*

What factors hinder meaningful dialogues on race within the U.S. context? What facilitation skills promote interracial communication and collaboration across axes of difference? How might these co-created dialogic spaces help promote social transformation and change? This course is designed to prepare students to facilitate dialogues on race and other social-justice related topics by bridging sociological theory on race and racial identity development with engaged praxis using Intergroup Dialogue (IGD) pedagogical techniques.

*Crosslisted as: SOCI-362**Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distrib. Reqmt; Multicultural Perspectives**Instructor permission required.**Prereqs: CRPE-231, SOCI-216, or CUSP-215RR, and additional 8 credits in Critical Race Political Economy or Sociology.**Notes: The application can be found here: <https://forms.gle/2GQXLiC3oadn3KrKA>***CRPE-363 A Social Movements' History of the States from Grassroots Organizing to Social Movements***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will be an interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary exploration of grassroots organizing, community experiences, and social movements from 1700 to the present day by highlighting how community organizing has been affected by socio-structural problems and, in the words of Patricia Hill Collins, "the matrix of oppression"; but also by critically analyzing the historical contributions of grassroots organizations to dismantling all systems of domination. We will track how various organizations and social movements have understood, challenged, contested, and transformed power hierarchies. Simultaneously we will enter the history of community organizing in the United States of America and interrogate how multidimensional processes of racialization, gender classification, class, and sexual division inform experiences within and around these social movements.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***CRPE-366 Disposable People: A History of Deportation***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores comparative racial and ethnic politics in the U.S. during the 20th century. We will analyze the creation and maintenance of structural inequalities through laws and policies targeted at persons of color in the areas of healthcare, transportation, immigration, labor, racial segregation, and education. Through readings, lectures and films, we will discuss critical histories of community struggle against social inequality, registering the central impact that race, class, gender, sexuality, and citizenship have had on efforts toward social justice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***CRPE-367 Slavery, Prison, and Captivity: Narratives of Life In and Out of Bondage***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will be a multidisciplinary exploration of narratives produced by enslaved people, captivity experiences, and histories of imprisonment from the 17th to the present day by highlighting how these narratives were connected to artistic and socio-political movements of their times. The class will critically analyze the historical contributions of the narratives of enslaved people that shape ideas of justice, emancipation, and new societies. We will chronologically track how several narratives of enslaved and captive people described, challenged, contested, and attempted to dismantle hegemonic power structures.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***CRPE-372 Transforming Harm and Mutual Aid: A Transformative Justice Lab***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The overall goal of this course is to make explicit connections between mutual aid and transformative justice, and the intertwined place-based and community histories in which these interventions continue to be made. Students will leave with a grounded understanding of the connections, tensions and differences between transformative justice and restorative justice and criminal justice. Alongside Dean Spade's *Mutual Aid Building Solidarity During This Crisis (and the Next)*, students will be introduced to the radical history of mutual aid – learning the difference between "charity" and "solidarity" – and how mutual aid might interrupt systemic to interpersonal harm.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333TH**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning**Prereq: A 200-level course in Gender Studies, Critical Social Thought, or Critical Race Political Economy.*

CRPE-373 Abolition and Radical Textiles

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

How do the topics of abolition and textiles come together? Marginalized communities have historically used folkloric, textile arts and material culture to amplify abolitionist causes. From secret quilt codes of the Underground Railroad to an abolitionist community sustained by a silk mill in Florence, Massachusetts how might thinking *with* textiles intervene on patriarchal systems rooted in rigidity, isolation and punishment? From the social devaluation of domesticized and feminized labor of weaving, quilting, sewing to banners, students will theorize and experiment with textiles, leaving with a grounded understanding of how textiles/fibers can and have played an essential role in the history of abolition.

Crosslisted as: ARTST-380TX, GNDST-333TX

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive, Community-Based Learning

Prereq: 8 credits in Critical Race Political Economy, Gender Studies, and/or Art Studio.

Notes: This course has a \$75 materials fee.

CRPE-374 Latinx Immigration

Spring. Credits: 4

The course provides an historical and topical overview of Latina/o migration to the United States. We will examine the economic, political, and social antecedents to Latin American migration, and the historical impact of the migration process in the U.S. Considering migration from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean, we will discuss the social construction of race, the gendered nature of migration, migrant labor struggles, Latin American-U.S. Latino relations, immigration policy, and border life and enforcement. Notions of citizenship, race, class, gender, and sexuality will be central to our understanding of the complexity at work in the migration process.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Notes: Community-based learning is optional in this class.

CRPE-392 Senior Seminar

Fall. Credits: 4

This course brings seniors together to develop and carry out a capstone project related to their specific interests while exploring the relationships among theory, activism, research and practice in gender studies and/or critical social thought. Projects can take different forms. Seniors with diverse interests, perspectives, and expertise will have the opportunity to reflect on the significance of their education in relation to their current and past work, their capstone or senior projects, their academic studies as a whole or their engagements outside of academia. Course readings and discussion will be shaped by students in collaboration with the instructor.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-392

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is limited to seniors.; This course is limited to CRPE and Gender Studies majors only.

CRPE-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Courses Meeting Requirements for CRPE's Major Pathways, Minors, and Categories

CRPE Major Pathway/Minor

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Anthropology		
ANTHR-216BE	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Black Ethnographers'	4
ANTHR-216FD	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Ethnographic Food Documentary'	4
ANTHR-216RC	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Representing Race'	4
ANTHR-316BF	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Black Feminist Anthropology'	4
ANTHR-342	Science as Culture	4
ANTHR-352	Digital Cultures	4
Art History		
ARTH-301DG	Topics in Art History: 'Indigenous Futures'	4
Art Studio		
ARTST-380AE	Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4
ARTST-380TX	Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Abolition and Radical Textiles'	4
Biological Sciences		
BIOL-354	Race and Biology	4
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-224	Being Human in STEM	4
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CRPE-180	Introduction to Latinx Studies: Structural Inequalities	4
CRPE-200	Foundations of Africana Studies	4
CRPE-205	Foundations in Critical Social Thought	4
CRPE-208	Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory	4
CRPE-228	Visualizing Immigrant Narratives: Migration in Film	4
CRPE-231	Dialoguing for Racial Change	4
CRPE-239	Latinx Urbanism	4
CRPE-240AC	Topics in Critical Social Thought: 'Aliens, Anti-Citizens, and Identities'	4
CRPE-240BE	Intermediate Topics: 'Black Ethnographers'	4
CRPE-240BR	Intermediate Topics: 'Borderlands Film and Literature'	4
CRPE-240BX	Intermediate Topics: 'Introduction to Black Sexual Cultures/Sexuality Studies'	4
CRPE-240EF	Intermediate Topics: 'Ethnographic Food Documentary'	4
CRPE-240FD	Intermediate Topics: 'U.S. Latinx Foodways'	4
CRPE-240LC	Intermediate Topics: 'La Cultura Cura: Healing Through Language and Culture'	4
CRPE-240LF	Intermediate Topics: 'Latinas in Film'	4
CRPE-240RE	Intermediate Topics: 'Representing Race'	4
CRPE-244	The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas	4
CRPE-254	Nueva York	4

CRPE-256	Trap Doors and Glittering Closets: Queer/Trans* of Color Politics of Recognition, Legibility, Visibility and Aesthetics	4	ENGL-350AB	Topics in African American Literature: 'Abolition and Climate Change'	4
CRPE-257	Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability	4	ENGL-350AT	Topics in African American Literature: 'Race and the Aesthetics of Taste'	4
CRPE-261	Race, Racism, and Power	4	ENGL-361LP	Advanced Creative Writing Topics: 'Writing as Performance: Latinx and Latin American Poetry and Narrative'	4
CRPE-308	Luminous Darkness: African American Social Thought After DuBois	4	ENGL-368	Shapeshifting Through the Nineteenth Century and Beyond	4
CRPE-323	Latina Feminism(s)	4	ENGL-382AN	Advanced Topics in English: 'American Animals'	4
CRPE-332	Black Feminist Anthropology	4	ENGL-382EQ	Advanced Topics in English: 'Equiano's Worlds: Global Abolition, Alt Humanisms, and Experimental Prose'	4
CRPE-339	Abolitionist Dreams and Everyday Resistance: Freedom Memoirs, Struggles, and Decolonizing Justice	4	ENGL-382MX	Advanced Topics in English: 'I Would Prefer Not To: Marxism and Early American Literature'	4
CRPE-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4	Environmental Studies		
CRPE-363	A Social Movements' History of the States from Grassroots Organizing to Social Movements	4	ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
CRPE-366	Disposable People: A History of Deportation	4	ENVST-314	China in the Global South	4
CRPE-367	Slavery, Prison, and Captivity: Narratives of Life In and Out of Bondage	4	ENVST-321CP	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Political Economy of the Environment: Capitalism and Climate Change'	4
CRPE-372	Transforming Harm and Mutual Aid: A Transformative Justice Lab	4	ENVST-331	Water, People, and Politics in the Anthropocene	4
CRPE-373	Abolition and Radical Textiles	4	Film Media Theater		
CRPE-374	Latinx Immigration	4	FMT-240PE	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'African Performance Aesthetics'	4
CRPE-392	Senior Seminar	4	FMT-330AT	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'African Theater'	4
Dance			FMT-330BG	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Beyond Geishas and Kung Fu Masters'	4
DANCE-132	Introduction to Hip Hop	2	FMT-330LP	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Writing as Performance: Latinx and Latin American Poetry and Narrative'	4
DANCE-133	Introduction to Breakin'	2	FMT-330PA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4
DANCE-142	Introduction to West African Dance	2	FMT-330RR	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'	4
DANCE-232	Intermediate Hip Hop	2	French		
DANCE-234	House Dance	2	FREN-219	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to the French-Speaking World	4
DANCE-269	Performance Beyond Movement: Dance and Storytelling	2	FREN-341NE	Courses in Francophone Studies: 'Revisiting the Negritude Movement: Origins, Evolution, and Relevance'	4
Economics			Geography		
ECON-210	Marxian Economic Theory	4	GEOG-206	Political Geography	4
ECON-306	Political Economy of Inequality	4	GEOG-212	Care and Capital: A Feminist Geography of Labor	4
ECON-349EC	Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Analysis of Empire of Cotton'	4	GEOG-261CT	Collaborative Research Experience: 'Cities'	4
English			GEOG-261MG	Collaborative Research Experience: 'Human Migration'	4
ENGL-217LX	Topics in English: 'Latinx Literature in the U.S. and Beyond'	4	Gender Studies		
ENGL-217SA	Topics in English: 'South African Literature: Postapartheid and Beyond'	4	GNDST-122	Who Makes Your Clothes? Gender and Labor in the Global Apparel Industry	4
ENGL-240	Early American Narratives and Counternarratives	4	GNDST-123	Gender and Empire	4
ENGL-254EN	Topics in African American Literature: 'The Theory of the Early African American Novel'	4	GNDST-204BX	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Introduction to Black Sexual Cultures/Sexuality Studies'	4
ENGL-257	Survey of African American Literature	4			
ENGL-274	Introduction to Asian American Literature	4			
ENGL-280	Literary and Cultural Theory	4			
ENGL-325	Victorian Literature and Visual Culture	4			
ENGL-334BG	Asian American Film and Visual Culture: 'Beyond Geishas and Kung Fu Masters'	4			
ENGL-338	Aesthetics of Racial Capitalism	4			
ENGL-344	Revolution and Postcolonialism	4			

GNDST-204TJ	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability'	4	HIST-282	African American History from Emancipation to the Present	4
GNDST-206BF	Women and Gender in History: 'The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas'	4	HIST-357	History of British Capitalism	4
GNDST-206US	Women and Gender in the Study of History: 'U.S. Women's History since 1890'	4	HIST-381BE	Recent American History: 'Black Labor Since Emancipation'	4
GNDST-210SL	Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Women and Gender in Islam'	4	Jewish Studies		
GNDST-210WR	Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Womanist Religious Thought'	4	JWST-269	Citizens and Subjects: Jews in the Modern World	4
GNDST-212EC	Women and Gender in Social Sciences: 'Gender and Labor in the Global Economy'	4	Latin American Studies		
GNDST-212RC	Women and Gender in Social Sciences: 'Gender, Race, and Capitalism'	4	LATAM-287DE	Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Decolonizing Development'	4
GNDST-241PH	Women and Gender in Science: 'Pharmocracy: Empire by Molecular Means'	4	LATAM-287FM	Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Frames of Mind: Tracking Power/Knowledge'	4
GNDST-241RA	Women and Gender in Science: 'Rethinking Aids'	4	Music		
GNDST-333AE	Advanced Seminar: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4	MUSIC-161	Beginning West African Drumming Ensemble	1
GNDST-333EC	Advanced Seminar: 'Gender Inequality and Economic Development: Challenges, Contradictions, and Contestations'	4	MUSIC-226	World Music	4
GNDST-333EM	Advanced Seminar: 'Flesh and Blood: Naturecultural Embodiments'	4	MUSIC-238	The Power of Black Music	4
GNDST-333ER	Advanced Seminar: 'Theorizing Eros'	4	MUSIC-261	Intermediate West African Drumming Ensemble	1
GNDST-333MS	Advanced Seminar: 'Multi-Species Justice? Entangled Lives and Human Power'	4	Politics		
GNDST-333PA	Advanced Seminar: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4	POLIT-252	Urban Politics	4
GNDST-333SE	Advanced Seminar: 'Black Sexual Economies'	4	POLIT-334	Black American Political Thought	4
GNDST-333TH	Advanced Seminar: 'Transforming Harm and Mutual Aid: A Transformative Justice Lab'	4	Psychology		
GNDST-333TX	Advanced Seminar: 'Abolition and Radical Textiles'	4	PSYCH-213	Psychology of Racism	4
GNDST-392	Senior Seminar	4	Religion		
History			RELIG-181	Introduction to African Diaspora Religions	4
HIST-141	Introduction to Modern African History	4	RELIG-207	Women and Gender in Islam	4
HIST-142	Introduction to Pre Colonial African History	4	RELIG-209	Disability and Religion	4
HIST-213	History of Turtle Island: Introduction to Native North America	4	RELIG-225NR	Topics in Religion: 'Reimagining American Religious History: Race, Gender, and Alterity'	4
HIST-245EU	Topics in African History: 'European Expansion in Africa'	4	RELIG-246	Womanist Religious Thought	4
HIST-245EV	Topics in African History: 'Society and Environment in Africa'	4	RELIG-248	Islam in America: From Slavery to the "Muslim Ban"	4
HIST-245MW	Topics in African History: 'Modern West Africa, 1800 to the Present'	4	RELIG-267	Buddhist Ethics	4
HIST-255DE	Ideas and Society in Europe: 'Decentering Europe: An Introduction to Critical European Studies'	4	RELIG-269	Citizens and Subjects: Jews in the Modern World	4
HIST-276	U.S. Women's History Since 1890	4	RELIG-331AF	Advanced Topics in Religion: 'African American Spiritualities of Dissent'	4
HIST-277	History of Energy	4	RELIG-352	Body and Gender in Religious Traditions	4
HIST-279	Modern Civil Rights Movement	4	RELIG-361	The Aquatic Life of Black Devotion	4
HIST-281	African American History, Precolonial to Emancipation	4	Sociology		
			SOCI-216DR	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Dialoguing for Racial Change'	4
			SOCI-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4
			Spanish		
			SPAN-230AN	Identities & Intersections: An Introduction: 'Animal Stories'	4
			SPAN-230HY	Identities & Intersections: An Introduction: 'Hybrid Identities of the Spanish-Speaking World'	4
			SPAN-250AT	Concepts and Practices of Power: 'The Agency of Things: Material Culture of Latin America, Spain, and the U.S. Border'	4
			SPAN-340DG	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Indigenous Futures'	4
			SPAN-340PA	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4
			SPAN-340RR	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'	4

Africana Studies Major Pathway/Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-216BE	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Black Ethnographers'	4
ANTHR-216RC	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Representing Race'	4
ANTHR-316BF	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Black Feminist Anthropology'	4
Art Studio		
ARTST-380AE	Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-200	Foundations of Africana Studies	4
CRPE-208	Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory	4
CRPE-240BE	Intermediate Topics: 'Black Ethnographers'	4
CRPE-240LF	Intermediate Topics: 'Latinas in Film'	4
CRPE-240RE	Intermediate Topics: 'Representing Race'	4
CRPE-244	The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas	4
CRPE-308	Luminous Darkness: African American Social Thought After DuBois	4
CRPE-332	Black Feminist Anthropology	4
CRPE-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4
CRPE-363	A Social Movements' History of the States from Grassroots Organizing to Social Movements	4
CRPE-367	Slavery, Prison, and Captivity: Narratives of Life In and Out of Bondage	4
Dance		
DANCE-132	Introduction to Hip Hop	2
DANCE-133	Introduction to Breakin'	2
DANCE-142	Introduction to West African Dance	2
DANCE-232	Intermediate Hip Hop	2
DANCE-234	House Dance	2
DANCE-269	Performance Beyond Movement: Dance and Storytelling	2
Economics		
ECON-306	Political Economy of Inequality	4
ECON-349EC	Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Analysis of Empire of Cotton'	4
English		
ENGL-217SA	Topics in English: 'South African Literature: Postapartheid and Beyond'	4
ENGL-254EN	Topics in African American Literature: 'The Theory of the Early African American Novel'	4
ENGL-257	Survey of African American Literature	4
ENGL-350AB	Topics in African American Literature: 'Abolition and Climate Change'	4
ENGL-350AT	Topics in African American Literature: 'Race and the Aesthetics of Taste'	4
ENGL-382EQ	Advanced Topics in English: 'Equiano's Worlds: Global Abolition, Alt Humanisms, and Experimental Prose'	4
Environmental Studies		

ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
ENVST-314	China in the Global South	4
Film Media Theater		
FMT-240PE	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'African Performance Aesthetics'	4
FMT-330AT	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'African Theater'	4
French		
FREN-219	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to the French-Speaking World	4
FREN-341NE	Courses in Francophone Studies: 'Revisiting the Negritude Movement: Origins, Evolution, and Relevance'	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-206BF	Women and Gender in History: 'The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas'	4
GNDST-210WR	Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Womanist Religious Thought'	4
GNDST-333AE	Advanced Seminar: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4
GNDST-333SE	Advanced Seminar: 'Black Sexual Economies'	4
History		
HIST-141	Introduction to Modern African History	4
HIST-142	Introduction to Pre Colonial African History	4
HIST-213	History of Turtle Island: Introduction to Native North America	4
HIST-245EU	Topics in African History: 'European Expansion in Africa'	4
HIST-245EV	Topics in African History: 'Society and Environment in Africa'	4
HIST-245MW	Topics in African History: 'Modern West Africa, 1800 to the Present'	4
HIST-279	Modern Civil Rights Movement	4
HIST-281	African American History, Precolonial to Emancipation	4
HIST-282	African American History from Emancipation to the Present	4
HIST-381BE	Recent American History: 'Black Labor Since Emancipation'	4
Music		
MUSIC-161	Beginning West African Drumming Ensemble	1
MUSIC-226	World Music	4
MUSIC-238	The Power of Black Music	4
Politics		
POLIT-252	Urban Politics	4
POLIT-334	Black American Political Thought	4
Religion		
RELIG-181	Introduction to African Diaspora Religions	4
RELIG-246	Womanist Religious Thought	4
RELIG-331AF	Advanced Topics in Religion: 'African American Spiritualities of Dissent'	4
RELIG-361	The Aquatic Life of Black Devotion	4

Sociology

SOCI-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4

Critical Social Thought Major Pathway

Code	Title	Credits

Anthropology

ANTHR-342	Science as Culture	4
ANTHR-352	Digital Cultures	4

Art History

ARTH-301DG	Topics in Art History: 'Indigenous Futures'	4

Art Studio

ARTST-380AE	Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4
ARTST-380TX	Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Abolition and Radical Textiles'	4

Critical Race & Political Econ

CRPE-205	Foundations in Critical Social Thought	4
CRPE-208	Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory	4
CRPE-228	Visualizing Immigrant Narratives: Migration in Film	4
CRPE-239	Latinx Urbanism	4
CRPE-240FD	Intermediate Topics: 'U.S. Latinx Foodways'	4
CRPE-244	The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas	4
CRPE-254	Nueva York	4
CRPE-256	Trap Doors and Glittering Closets: Queer/Trans* of Color Politics of Recognition, Legibility, Visibility and Aesthetics	4
CRPE-257	Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability	4
CRPE-261	Race, Racism, and Power	4
CRPE-308	Luminous Darkness: African American Social Thought After DuBois	4
CRPE-323	Latina Feminism(s)	4
CRPE-339	Abolitionist Dreams and Everyday Resistance: Freedom Memoirs, Struggles, and Decolonizing Justice	4
CRPE-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4
CRPE-366	Disposable People: A History of Deportation	4
CRPE-372	Transforming Harm and Mutual Aid: A Transformative Justice Lab	4
CRPE-373	Abolition and Radical Textiles	4
CRPE-374	Latinx Immigration	4
CRPE-392	Senior Seminar	4

Economics

ECON-210	Marxian Economic Theory	4
ECON-306	Political Economy of Inequality	4
ECON-349EC	Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Analysis of Empire of Cotton'	4

English

ENGL-257	Survey of African American Literature	4
ENGL-274	Introduction to Asian American Literature	4
ENGL-280	Literary and Cultural Theory	4

ENGL-325	Victorian Literature and Visual Culture	4
ENGL-334BG	Asian American Film and Visual Culture: 'Beyond Geishas and Kung Fu Masters'	4
ENGL-338	Aesthetics of Racial Capitalism	4
ENGL-344	Revolution and Postcolonialism	4
ENGL-350AB	Topics in African American Literature: 'Abolition and Climate Change'	4
ENGL-350AT	Topics in African American Literature: 'Race and the Aesthetics of Taste'	4
ENGL-368	Shapeshifting Through the Nineteenth Century and Beyond	4
ENGL-382AN	Advanced Topics in English: 'American Animals'	4
ENGL-382MX	Advanced Topics in English: 'I Would Prefer Not To: Marxism and Early American Literature'	4

Environmental Studies

ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
ENVST-321CP	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Political Economy of the Environment: Capitalism and Climate Change'	4
ENVST-331	Water, People, and Politics in the Anthropocene	4

Film Media Theater

FMT-330PA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4
FMT-330RR	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'	4

Geography

GEOG-206	Political Geography	4

Gender Studies

GNDST-122	Who Makes Your Clothes? Gender and Labor in the Global Apparel Industry	4
GNDST-204TJ	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability'	4
GNDST-206BF	Women and Gender in History: 'The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas'	4
GNDST-206US	Women and Gender in the Study of History: 'U.S. Women's History since 1890'	4
GNDST-210SL	Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Women and Gender in Islam'	4
GNDST-241PH	Women and Gender in Science: 'Pharmocracy: Empire by Molecular Means'	4
GNDST-241RA	Women and Gender in Science: 'Rethinking Aids'	4
GNDST-333AE	Advanced Seminar: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4
GNDST-333EC	Advanced Seminar: 'Gender Inequality and Economic Development: Challenges, Contradictions, and Contestations'	4
GNDST-333EM	Advanced Seminar: 'Flesh and Blood: Naturecultural Embodiments'	4
GNDST-333ER	Advanced Seminar: 'Theorizing Eros'	4
GNDST-333MS	Advanced Seminar: 'Multi-Species Justice? Entangled Lives and Human Power'	4

GNDST-333PA	Advanced Seminar: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4
GNDST-333SE	Advanced Seminar: 'Black Sexual Economies'	4
GNDST-333TH	Advanced Seminar: 'Transforming Harm and Mutual Aid: A Transformative Justice Lab'	4
GNDST-333TX	Advanced Seminar: 'Abolition and Radical Textiles'	4
GNDST-392	Senior Seminar	4
History		
HIST-141	Introduction to Modern African History	4
HIST-276	U.S. Women's History Since 1890	4
HIST-277	History of Energy	4
HIST-279	Modern Civil Rights Movement	4
HIST-282	African American History from Emancipation to the Present	4
HIST-357	History of British Capitalism	4
Jewish Studies		
JWST-269	Citizens and Subjects: Jews in the Modern World	4
Latin American Studies		
LATAM-287DE	Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Decolonizing Development'	4
LATAM-287FM	Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Frames of Mind: Tracking Power/Knowledge'	4
Politics		
POLIT-252	Urban Politics	4
Psychology		
PSYCH-213	Psychology of Racism	4
Religion		
RELIG-181	Introduction to African Diaspora Religions	4
RELIG-207	Women and Gender in Islam	4
RELIG-209	Disability and Religion	4
RELIG-225NR	Topics in Religion: 'Reimagining American Religious History: Race, Gender, and Alterity'	4
RELIG-248	Islam in America: From Slavery to the "Muslim Ban"	4
RELIG-267	Buddhist Ethics	4
RELIG-269	Citizens and Subjects: Jews in the Modern World	4
RELIG-331AF	Advanced Topics in Religion: 'African American Spiritualities of Dissent'	4
RELIG-352	Body and Gender in Religious Traditions	4
Sociology		
SOCI-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4
Spanish		
SPAN-230HY	Identities & Intersections: An Introduction: 'Hybrid Identities of the Spanish-Speaking World'	4
SPAN-250AT	Concepts and Practices of Power: 'The Agency of Things: Material Culture of Latin America, Spain, and the U.S. Border'	4
SPAN-340DG	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Indigenous Futures'	4
SPAN-340PA	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4
SPAN-340RR	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'	4

Latinx Studies Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-180	Introduction to Latinx Studies: Structural Inequalities	4
CRPE-228	Visualizing Immigrant Narratives: Migration in Film	4
CRPE-239	Latinx Urbanism	4
CRPE-240AC	Topics in Critical Social Thought: 'Aliens, Anti-Citizens, and Identities'	4
CRPE-240BR	Intermediate Topics: 'Borderlands Film and Literature'	4
CRPE-240FD	Intermediate Topics: 'U.S. Latinx Foodways'	4
CRPE-240LC	Intermediate Topics: 'La Cultura Cura: Healing Through Language and Culture'	4
CRPE-240LF	Intermediate Topics: 'Latinas in Film'	4
CRPE-254	Nueva York	4
CRPE-261	Race, Racism, and Power	4
CRPE-323	Latina Feminism(s)	4
CRPE-366	Disposable People: A History of Deportation	4
CRPE-374	Latinx Immigration	4

English

ENGL-217LX	Topics in English: 'Latinx Literature in the U.S. and Beyond'	4
ENGL-361LP	Advanced Creative Writing Topics: 'Writing as Performance: Latinx and Latin American Poetry and Narrative'	4

Film Media Theater

FMT-330LP	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Writing as Performance: Latinx and Latin American Poetry and Narrative'	4

People, Power, Place

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-216FD	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Ethnographic Food Documentary'	4
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-200	Foundations of Africana Studies	4
CRPE-205	Foundations in Critical Social Thought	4
CRPE-208	Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory	4
CRPE-239	Latinx Urbanism	4
CRPE-240AC	Topics in Critical Social Thought: 'Aliens, Anti-Citizens, and Identities'	4
CRPE-240FD	Intermediate Topics: 'U.S. Latinx Foodways'	4
CRPE-244	The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas	4
CRPE-254	Nueva York	4
CRPE-257	Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability	4
CRPE-261	Race, Racism, and Power	4
Geography		
GEOG-212	Care and Capital: A Feminist Geography of Labor	4

GEOG-261CT	Collaborative Research Experience: 'Cities'	4
GEOG-261MG	Collaborative Research Experience: 'Human Migration'	4

Gender Studies

GNDST-204TJ	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability'	4
GNDST-206BF	Women and Gender in History: 'The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas'	4
GNDST-210SL	Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Women and Gender in Islam'	4
GNDST-212EC	Women and Gender in Social Sciences: 'Gender and Labor in the Global Economy'	4
GNDST-212RC	Women and Gender in Social Sciences: 'Gender, Race, and Capitalism'	4

History

HIST-141	Introduction to Modern African History	4
HIST-213	History of Turtle Island: Introduction to Native North America	4
HIST-245EU	Topics in African History: 'European Expansion in Africa'	4
HIST-245EV	Topics in African History: 'Society and Environment in Africa'	4
HIST-245MW	Topics in African History: 'Modern West Africa, 1800 to the Present'	4
HIST-279	Modern Civil Rights Movement	4
HIST-281	African American History, Precolonial to Emancipation	4
HIST-282	African American History from Emancipation to the Present	4

Politics

POLIT-252	Urban Politics	4

Psychology

PSYCH-213	Psychology of Racism	4

Religion

RELIG-207	Women and Gender in Islam	4
RELIG-246	Womanist Religious Thought	4
RELIG-248	Islam in America: From Slavery to the "Muslim Ban"	4

Representation

Code	Title	Credits
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-228	Visualizing Immigrant Narratives: Migration in Film	4
CRPE-240BR	Intermediate Topics: 'Borderlands Film and Literature'	4
CRPE-240BX	Intermediate Topics: 'Introduction to Black Sexual Cultures/Sexuality Studies'	4
CRPE-240EF	Intermediate Topics: 'Ethnographic Food Documentary'	4
CRPE-240LC	Intermediate Topics: 'La Cultura Cura: Healing Through Language and Culture'	4
CRPE-240RE	Intermediate Topics: 'Representing Race'	4

CRPE-256	Trap Doors and Glittering Closets: Queer/Trans* of Color Politics of Recognition, Legibility, Visibility and Aesthetics	4

Dance

DANCE-232	Intermediate Hip Hop	2
DANCE-234	House Dance	2
DANCE-269	Performance Beyond Movement: Dance and Storytelling	2

English

ENGL-240	Early American Narratives and Counternarratives	4
ENGL-254EN	Topics in African American Literature: 'The Theory of the Early African American Novel'	4
ENGL-257	Survey of African American Literature	4
ENGL-274	Introduction to Asian American Literature	4

Film Media Theater

FMT-240PE	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'African Performance Aesthetics'	4

Gender Studies

GNDST-204BX	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Introduction to Black Sexual Cultures/Sexuality Studies'	4

Music

MUSIC-238	The Power of Black Music	4
MUSIC-261	Intermediate West African Drumming Ensemble	1

Religion

RELIG-225NR	Topics in Religion: 'Reimagining American Religious History: Race, Gender, and Alterity'	4

Collaboratory

Collaboratories are courses designed to foster in-depth critical studies of race, colonialism, migration, and political economy. The department will offer one collaboratory per year.

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Critical Social Thought Overview and Contact Information

The Program in Critical Social Thought is designed for students who want to interrogate cultural and social phenomena outside the confines of traditional disciplinary boundaries with the goal of analyzing relations of power embedded in knowledge production and social life. Students apply critical thought from a wide array of intellectual traditions, including critical ethnic studies, performance studies, disability studies, the history of science, psychoanalysis, Marxism, the Frankfurt School, critical race studies, queer theory, feminist theory, and postcolonial theory. Critical Social Thought puts less emphasis on the social, cultural, or scientific objects under study than on its distinctive, interdisciplinary methodology in which student-driven inquiry and research combines theoretical and social critique with a concern for addressing pressing social issues.

The Critical Social Thought major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2023. Students entering fall 2023 or later should instead refer to Critical Race and Political Economy (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/critical-race-political-economy>) (CRPE) for its Critical Social Thought pathway. Students who entered before fall 2023 and who will graduate in May 2024 or later are eligible to choose either the Critical Social Thought major or the Critical

Social Thought pathway within the CRPE major, after consulting with the chair of the CRPE department.

See Also

- Critical Race and Political Economy (p. 120)

Contact Information

David Hernández, Co-chair
Vanessa Rosa, Co-chair
Bridget Barrett, Academic Department Coordinator

Learning Goals

The learning goals of Critical Social Thought are:

- Interrogate pressing social and cultural issues outside of traditional disciplinary boundaries.
- Analyze the relations of power in knowledge production and social life.
- Apply interdisciplinary methodology informed by an array of critical traditions.
- Conduct independent research on a self-designed course of study.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Critical Race and Political Economy:
Kristie Ford, Director of the Intergroup Dialogue Center; Professor of Sociology and Critical Race and Political Economy

Lucas Wilson, Professor of Economics and Critical Race and Political Economy on the Ford Foundation

David Hernández, Associate Professor of Latinx Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

Ren-yo Hwang, Associate Professor of Gender Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy, On Leave 2025-2026

Vanessa Rosa, Associate Professor of Latinx Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

Maria Abello Hurtado, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

Pilar Eguetz Guevara, Visiting Assistant Professor in Critical Race and Political Economy

Alexis Holloway, Mount Holyoke Fellow and Visiting Lecturer in Critical Race and Political Economy

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
CRPE-205	Foundations in Critical Social Thought	4
Two courses at the 200 level from the approved course list for Critical Social Thought		8
Two courses at the 300 level from the approved course list for Critical Social Thought		8
One capstone seminar to complete a senior capstone project ¹		4
Two electives at the 300 level across two departments/programs from the approved course list for Critical Social Thought		8

Two additional electives at any level from the approved course list for Critical Social Thought	8

Total Credits	40

¹ Students enroll in CRPE-392/GNDST-392 to fulfill this requirement. In the event that there are insufficient numbers of graduating seniors to fill this class, students will complete their capstone projects through independent study or in another 300 level seminar. The capstone project is a thesis, research paper, performance, or multimedia project that serves as a culminating intellectual experience of a self-designed course of study. Normally this project will be completed in the capstone seminar.

Other Requirements

- Declaring the major. Students who wish to major in critical social thought will meet with the program chair to discuss their major interest and to select two advisors from the program faculty.
- Proposal. Submitted after completion of CRPE-205 and prior to declaring the major. Students must submit a 2-3 page proposal that identifies the focus of their course of study, explains its genesis and significance, and includes an annotated list of the courses they have and intend to take for credit in their major. Students will submit the proposal to their two advisors for approval before submitting it to the chair.

Additional Specifications

- The Critical Social Thought major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2023. Students entering fall 2023 or later should instead refer to Critical Race and Political Economy (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/critical-race-political-economy>) (CRPE).
- No more than a total of 8 credits of independent study (CRPE-295 or 395, or before fall 2023 CST-295 or 395) may be counted toward the major in addition to 8 credits of CRPE-395 senior thesis work.
- Students who declare a critical social thought major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
CRPE-205	Foundations in Critical Social Thought	4
One course at the 200 level from the approved course list for Critical Social Thought		4
One course at the 300 level from the approved course list for Critical Social Thought		4
One elective at the 200 or 300 level from the approved course list for Critical Social Thought		4
One elective at the 300 level from the approved course list for Critical Social Thought		4
Total Credits		20

Other Requirements

- Declaring the minor. Students who wish to minor in critical social thought shall meet with the program chair to discuss their minor interest and to select an advisor from the program faculty.
- Proposal. Submitted after completion of CRPE-205 and prior to declaring the minor. To declare the minor, students must submit a

2-3 page proposal that identifies the focus of their course of study, explains its genesis and significance, and includes an annotated list of the courses they have and intend to take for credit in their minor. Students will submit the proposal to their advisor for approval before submitting it to the chair.

Additional Specifications

- The Critical Social Thought major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2023. Students entering fall 2023 or later should instead refer to Critical Race and Political Economy (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/critical-race-political-economy>) (CRPE).
- No more than a total of 4 credits of independent study (CRPE-295 or 395, or before fall 2023 CST-295 or 395) may be counted toward the minor.

Courses Meeting Requirements for Critical Social Thought

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-342	Science as Culture	4
ANTHR-352	Digital Cultures	4
Art History		
ARTH-301DG	Topics in Art History: 'Indigenous Futures'	4
Art Studio		
ARTST-380AE	Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4
ARTST-380TX	Advanced Topics in Art Studio: 'Abolition and Radical Textiles'	4
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-205	Foundations in Critical Social Thought	4
CRPE-208	Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory	4
CRPE-228	Visualizing Immigrant Narratives: Migration in Film	4
CRPE-239	Latinx Urbanism	4
CRPE-240FD	Intermediate Topics: 'U.S. Latinx Foodways'	4
CRPE-244	The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas	4
CRPE-254	Nueva York	4
CRPE-256	Trap Doors and Glittering Closets: Queer/Trans* of Color Politics of Recognition, Legibility, Visibility and Aesthetics	4
CRPE-257	Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability	4
CRPE-261	Race, Racism, and Power	4
CRPE-308	Luminous Darkness: African American Social Thought After DuBois	4
CRPE-323	Latina Feminism(s)	4
CRPE-339	Abolitionist Dreams and Everyday Resistance: Freedom Memoirs, Struggles, and Decolonizing Justice	4
CRPE-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4
CRPE-366	Disposable People: A History of Deportation	4

CRPE-372	Transforming Harm and Mutual Aid: A Transformative Justice Lab	4
CRPE-373	Abolition and Radical Textiles	4
CRPE-374	Latinx Immigration	4
CRPE-392	Senior Seminar	4
Economics		
ECON-210	Marxian Economic Theory	4
ECON-306	Political Economy of Inequality	4
ECON-349EC	Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Analysis of Empire of Cotton'	4
English		
ENGL-257	Survey of African American Literature	4
ENGL-274	Introduction to Asian American Literature	4
ENGL-280	Literary and Cultural Theory	4
ENGL-325	Victorian Literature and Visual Culture	4
ENGL-334BG	Asian American Film and Visual Culture: 'Beyond Geishas and Kung Fu Masters'	4
ENGL-338	Aesthetics of Racial Capitalism	4
ENGL-344	Revolution and Postcolonialism	4
ENGL-350AB	Topics in African American Literature: 'Abolition and Climate Change'	4
ENGL-350AT	Topics in African American Literature: 'Race and the Aesthetics of Taste'	4
ENGL-368	Shapeshifting Through the Nineteenth Century and Beyond	4
ENGL-382AN	Advanced Topics in English: 'American Animals'	4
ENGL-382MX	Advanced Topics in English: 'I Would Prefer Not To: Marxism and Early American Literature'	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
ENVST-321CP	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Political Economy of the Environment: Capitalism and Climate Change'	4
ENVST-331	Water, People, and Politics in the Anthropocene	4
Film Media Theater		
FMT-330PA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4
FMT-330RR	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'	4
Geography		
GEOG-206	Political Geography	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-122	Who Makes Your Clothes? Gender and Labor in the Global Apparel Industry	4
GNDST-204TJ	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability'	4
GNDST-206BF	Women and Gender in History: 'The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas'	4
GNDST-206US	Women and Gender in the Study of History: 'U.S. Women's History since 1890'	4

GNDST-210SL	Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Women and Gender in Islam'	4
GNDST-241PH	Women and Gender in Science: 'Pharmocracy: Empire by Molecular Means'	4
GNDST-241RA	Women and Gender in Science: 'Rethinking Aids'	4
GNDST-333AE	Advanced Seminar: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'	4
GNDST-333EC	Advanced Seminar: 'Gender Inequality and Economic Development: Challenges, Contradictions, and Contestations'	4
GNDST-333EM	Advanced Seminar: 'Flesh and Blood: Naturecultural Embodiments'	4
GNDST-333ER	Advanced Seminar: 'Theorizing Eros'	4
GNDST-333MS	Advanced Seminar: 'Multi-Species Justice? Entangled Lives and Human Power'	4
GNDST-333PA	Advanced Seminar: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4
GNDST-333SE	Advanced Seminar: 'Black Sexual Economies'	4
GNDST-333TH	Advanced Seminar: 'Transforming Harm and Mutual Aid: A Transformative Justice Lab'	4
GNDST-333TX	Advanced Seminar: 'Abolition and Radical Textiles'	4
GNDST-392	Senior Seminar	4

History

HIST-141	Introduction to Modern African History	4
HIST-276	U.S. Women's History Since 1890	4
HIST-277	History of Energy	4
HIST-279	Modern Civil Rights Movement	4
HIST-282	African American History from Emancipation to the Present	4
HIST-357	History of British Capitalism	4

Jewish Studies

JWST-269	Citizens and Subjects: Jews in the Modern World	4

Latin American Studies

LATAM-287DE	Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Decolonizing Development'	4
LATAM-287FM	Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Frames of Mind: Tracking Power/Knowledge'	4

Politics

POLIT-252	Urban Politics	4

Psychology

PSYCH-213	Psychology of Racism	4

Religion

RELIG-181	Introduction to African Diaspora Religions	4
RELIG-207	Women and Gender in Islam	4
RELIG-209	Disability and Religion	4
RELIG-225NR	Topics in Religion: 'Reimagining American Religious History: Race, Gender, and Alterity'	4
RELIG-248	Islam in America: From Slavery to the "Muslim Ban"	4
RELIG-267	Buddhist Ethics	4
RELIG-269	Citizens and Subjects: Jews in the Modern World	4
RELIG-331AF	Advanced Topics in Religion: 'African American Spiritualities of Dissent'	4
RELIG-352	Body and Gender in Religious Traditions	4

Sociology

SOCI-362	Facilitating for Racial Change	4

Spanish

SPAN-230HY	Identities & Intersections: An Introduction: 'Hybrid Identities of the Spanish-Speaking World'	4
SPAN-250AT	Concepts and Practices of Power: 'The Agency of Things: Material Culture of Latin America, Spain, and the U.S. Border'	4
SPAN-340DG	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Indigenous Futures'	4
SPAN-340PA	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4
SPAN-340RR	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'	4

Culture, Health, and Science

Overview and Contact Information

The Five College Program in Culture, Health, and Science (CHS) is a certificate program that allows undergraduate liberal arts students to explore human health, disease, and healing from interdisciplinary perspectives. Graduate schools recognize that tomorrow's health experts will need interdisciplinary training to link their understandings of history, culture, and behavior with clinical, biological, and epidemiologic models of health and disease. Students design a plan of study that approaches health holistically from the perspective of natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

Completing a CHS certificate builds on the liberal arts approach to equip students with tools to think critically about health issues. For example, students may learn to:

- Recognize historical patterns of disease distribution, treatment, and health disparities
- Appreciate the value of integrating literature, philosophy, and the arts with studies in STEM fields (and vice versa)
- Develop technical skills (such as research design, media literacy, gene editing, foreign languages, econometrics, doula training, or statistical analysis) to apply to health issues
- Navigate healthcare systems and be an advocate for themselves and others
- Apply contributions of multiple disciplines to the realm of public health, health promotion, cultural competence, disease eradication and global health

Students learn how behavior influences disease distribution, how biomedical categories change across time and culture, and how political and socioeconomic factors affect disease and treatment. CHS students learn to interpret and communicate their results to diverse audiences.

CHS is led by a steering committee of faculty members from all five colleges and a range of disciplines. CHS students work with their campus advisors to articulate objectives, select courses, and conduct independent projects or internships. Faculty and students alike are enriched by the cross-campus connections and interdisciplinary collaborations that the Culture, Health, and Science program fosters — locally and globally.

For a complete list of CHS campus advisors, CHS-approved courses, internship opportunities, and upcoming events, see the certificate website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/chs>).

Contact Information

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Rebecca Lijek, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences

<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/culture-health-and-science-chs>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of seven courses and an independent research project:

Code	Title	Credits
Seven CHS-approved courses, with at least one course from each of the five categories of inquiry:		
	1. Biocultural Approaches: Interdisciplinary and/or comparative approaches that explore the interdependent influences on human health and disease	
	2. Mechanisms of Disease Transmission: Mechanisms of disease transmission within individuals and populations	
	3. Population, Health, and Disease: Exploring the relationships among social, behavioral, economic, and other aggregate population forces on human health and disease	
	4. Engaged and Humanistic Approaches: Ethical, humanistic, artistic, and engaged approaches to human health and disease, including explorations of healthcare practice, policy, and activism.	
	5. Research Design and Analysis: Concepts of evidence, data collection, research ethics, measurement, and modes of analysis	
An approved independent research project, such as an internship, thesis, course project, independent study, or other activity acceptable to the student's campus CHS certificate advisor		
Total Courses		7

Additional Specifications

- No course can be used to satisfy more than one category.
- No more than three courses can "double count" toward a student's major.
- Four semesters—or the equivalent—of a second language is also recommended but not required. Such language training may be required for students seeking internships and summer research positions.
- A list of CHS-approved courses is available from the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/culture-health-and-science-chs#courses>).

Curricular Support Courses

Overview

Curricular support courses are designed to strengthen skills applicable to a student's academic growth.

There is a 12-credit limit on curricular support and non-liberal arts courses that may be counted towards the 128 credits required for graduation.

CUSP-203 Integrating Learning, Service, and Social Action

Spring. Credits: 2

Community-based learning (CBL) is a central aspect of the liberal arts curriculum -- as it facilitates student learning outside the College gates with community partners in ways that can effect social change. Such learning requires self-reflective practices, project planning and assessment, and knowledge of local histories. Through course readings, discussion, and community visitors, this class is designed to facilitate community-based learning for CBL student staff, C.A.U.S.E. leadership, student interns or future interns, as well as any student with a general interest in CBL.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

Notes: Remember, there is a 12-credit limit on curricular support and non-liberal arts courses that may be counted towards the 128 credits required for graduation.

CUSP-207 Making Hidden Connections: Exploring Quantitative Innovation with Peers

Spring. Credits: 2

The purpose of this class is to provide training for students to work with their peers on quantitative reasoning/methods across the curriculum. This training could result in participation as a formal peer mentor or course teaching assistant, or this training may support a student's own quantitative exploration. Explore different factors that impact persistence when working within a quantitative setting. How can interactions with peers support learning and build resilience? This course will bring together students from different majors to practice peer mentoring across disciplinary boundaries. By leading classmates through instructional modules developed for introductory curricula, this practice will anchor individual and group reflection and feedback within a framework drawn from inclusive and effective pedagogy. Through this reflection, we may discover connections that can change how we engage with new opportunities and challenges.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Instructor permission required.

Notes: Meets second half of the semester on Monday evenings. Remember, there is a 12-credit limit on curricular support and non-liberal arts courses that may be counted towards the 128 credits required for graduation.

CUSP-208 Fundamentals of Maker Culture

Spring. Credits: 2

This course is an introduction to common shop practices in the MHC Makerspace. In this course, you will learn to safely operate equipment and to both develop and mentor projects, with a focus on inclusive pedagogy. Emphasis will be placed on class participation as well as hands-on project based assignments. Priority will be given to those seeking to work as Makerspace Consultants.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Application and permission of instructor required. Application found here: <https://bit.ly/FundMakerCulture>

Notes: There is a 12-credit limit on curricular support and non-liberal arts courses that may be counted towards the 128 credits required for graduation.

CUSP-212 Peer Mentoring: Theory and Practice*Spring. Credits: 2*

This course is an introduction to theories and practices of collaborative learning for students preparing to work as mentors in the Speaking, Arguing, and Writing Program (SAW). We will draw on existing research, practice sessions, class discussion, and our own writing and speaking to craft our philosophies of peer mentoring and to develop effective practical strategies.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Instructor permission required.*

Notes: Meets second half of the semester on Monday evenings. Remember, there is a 12-credit limit on curricular support and non-liberal arts courses that may be counted towards the 128 credits required for graduation.

Dance

Overview and Contact Information

Dance majors at Mount Holyoke College explore the broad, rich field of dance with faculty mentors who help students identify their unique paths through a curriculum designed to prepare students for a life in the arts. Students experience rigorous technique courses in multiple and diverse dance forms and explore performance, making, music and theory. Through creative, embodied research, students synthesize their Mount Holyoke liberal arts experience with their Dance majors. A Dance degree can lead to career opportunities specific to the dance field as performer, choreographer, dance company director, and teacher, and extend to work further afield.

Dancers from the program develop the skills to succeed at Mount Holyoke and engage with the world beyond the College. They exemplify the qualities that come from being a dancer: creative problem solving, critical and abstract thinking, effective collaboration, self-directed communication, and disciplined professionalism. They retain knowledge with attention to detail, learning along the way that mistakes are a valuable part of becoming a dancer and then finding ways to improve and grow. They welcome challenges and demonstrate levity and resilience far beyond the training of many other fields. All these aspects, combined with embodied knowledge become lived experiences and readiness for a career in the field.

Mission Statement

Rigorous dance training, creative research, and performance experience define the Dance program. Embodying multiple centers of dance from global indigenous, to theatrical, to emerging contemporary forms, Dance students integrate physical practice with scholarly inquiry and choreographic process. The department fosters a dynamic and inclusive environment, preparing graduates to engage the world as risk-taking artists, collaborators, and leaders.

Five College Dance

Dance majors are part of the Five College Consortium's Five College Dance (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/dance/>) program that combines the programs of Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Course offerings are coordinated among the campuses to facilitate registration, interchange, and student travel. Students may take dance courses on any of the five campuses and receive credit at their home institution.

Contact Information

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107 Kendall Sports & Dance Complex

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Learning Goals

Technique and Practice

- Students will develop fluency in multiple dance forms through rigorous physical practice, refining familiar techniques, and taking risks in unfamiliar areas.

Context and Perspective

- Students will integrate varied worldwide perspectives with their embodied experience to expand their knowledge and identify synergy across disciplines.

Research and Scholarship

- Students will articulate and pursue questions through creative and scholarly research methods, building a foundation for academic discovery as artist-practitioners.

Collaboration

- Students will collaborate as co-creators in faculty choreography, as dancers engaging directly with live music in technique classes, and as creative partners in the work of their peers.

Composition and Performance

- Students will create choreography, perform original dance works by acclaimed artists and faculty, and critically engage in creative process as producers, directors, and performers.

Mount Holyoke Faculty

Barbara Diewald, Associate Professor of Dance, Teaching Fall Only

Shakia Barron, Class of 1929 Virginia Apgar Assistant Professor of Dance

Mustapha Braimah, Assistant Professor of Dance

Peter Jones, Senior Lecturer and Accompanist in Dance

William Seigh, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Dance

Ian Berg, Visiting Assistant Professor in Dance

Eleanor Goudie-Averill, Visiting Assistant Professor in Dance

Five College Faculty

Professors Aiken (Smith), Blum (Smith), Hauser (Smith), Vacanti (UMass), Woodson (Amherst); Associate Professor Tomé (Smith); Assistant Professors Byrd-McPhee (UMass), Cox (UMass), Holland (UMass), Kim (Amherst), Monteiro (Amherst), Riegel (UMass), Torres (FCD), Weidman (Hampshire); Musician in Dance Meginsky (Smith)

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses:		
DANCE-151	Composition I	4
DANCE-252	Composition II	4
DANCE-390	Advanced Seminar in Research, Choreography and Production (2 cr fall and 2 cr spring)	4
Theory & Context - 4 credits each in three of these four categories: ¹		12
Music for Dance:		
DANCE-287	Rhythmic Analysis	
	or DANCE-387 Rhythmic Analysis II: Performance	
Dance & Culture		
DANCE-272	Dance and Culture ³	
Dance History:		
DANCE-171	Studies in Dance History ²	
Scientific Foundations:		
DANCE-241	Scientific Foundations of Dance ⁴	
	or DANCE-338 Mobilizing the Hippocampus	
Technique: ⁵		16
At least eight 2-credit courses of dance technique including:		
At least three different idioms from ballet, modern, street styles, and West African		
At least two technique courses at the 300 level		
Total Credits		40

¹ Students may consider other Dance department or Five College Dance courses in these categories with permission.

² Any DANCE-272 offering, for example DANCE-272FD, DANCE-272HP, or DANCE-272QF.

³ Any DANCE-171 offering, for example DANCE-171GC, DANCE-171HP, or DANCE-171MT.

⁴ Any DANCE-241 offering, for example DANCE-241AM.

⁵ For students pursuing a professional career in dance, this curricular design provides important training in the physicality of the form(s) and development of refined performance skills. A minimum of two technique courses per semester is encouraged.

Other Requirements

- Crew. Dance majors must serve on crew in the first two years, for a minimum of two dance concerts.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 24 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
DANCE-151	Composition I	4
DANCE-171	Studies in Dance History	4
DANCE-241	Scientific Foundations of Dance	4
DANCE-272	Dance and Culture	4
A minimum of two courses of dance technique or repertory (DANCE-305)		4
An additional 4 credits of dance at the 300 level, either in theory or technique		4
Total Credits		24

Other Requirements

- Crew. Dance minors must serve on crew in the first two years, for a minimum of two dance concerts.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of dance can combine the core courses in the dance major and required technique courses with a minor in education. Students need to consult with the Dance department chair and faculty for the teacher licensure program.

See further information in the catalog about the minor in education (p. 348) and Teacher Licensure (p.), and consult the Teacher Licensure program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Offerings

Dance Theory

DANCE-151 Composition I

Fall. Credits: 4

A study of the principles and elements of choreography through diverse approaches to dancemaking. How is movement design and meaning constructed? How do the different dimensions of the medium of dance inform and inspire choreographic choices? Course work will focus on experiential and analytical approaches to these questions through readings, video viewings and guided improvisational and compositional explorations of such issues as sensation, time, rhythm, desire, image, shape, space, and effort quality. Students will experiment with a range of tools and strategies for dance making, including movement phrasing, musical structure, collage, group forms, improvisational scoring, and the design of movement in relation to objects and environments.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

DANCE-171 Studies in Dance History

DANCE-171GC Studies in Dance History: 'Dance in a Global Context'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A study of the histories, cultures and lineages of African, Asian, Indigenous and Latin peoples, this course is a framework for understanding their influence on the American concert dance tradition. Specifically, this course examines the worlds of dancing and dancemaking as they intersect with cultural and gendered differences, geographic location, race, and ethnicity. Students will discuss issues and topics in global dance practices through readings by dance scholars and artists and the viewing of filmed media. Embodied material will enliven some class discussions.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

DANCE-241 Scientific Foundations of Dance

Selected scientific aspects of dance, including anatomical identification and terminology, physiological principles, and conditioning/strengthening methodology. These concepts are discussed and explored experientially in relationship to the movement vocabularies of various dance styles.

DANCE-241AM Scientific Foundations of Dance: 'Anatomy of Movement'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

Designed for dance students, this course is an experiential study of the human body's musculoskeletal system. The structure of this course includes lectures, movement laboratory sessions, somatic exercises, and developing a personal warmup for full-bodied dancing. Anatomical understanding becomes a springboard for clearer movement choices and deeper engagement in dance practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 2 credits in Dance.

Advisory: Previous dance experience is recommended.

DANCE-252 Composition II

Spring. Credits: 4

Intermediate Composition is structured as a workshop for you to explore and expand your own artistic vision. It will increase your understanding of inspiration and intention as they relate to choreography as well as encourage active consideration of choreographic possibilities for space, time, performer/audience interaction, energetic qualities, use of text, music, and physical and environmental intelligences.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Restricted to Dance majors only

Prereq: DANCE-151.

DANCE-272 Dance and Culture

DANCE-272HP Dance and Culture: 'Hip Hop'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course will be a literary, media-based, and technical exploration of the history and influence of contemporary Hip Hop culture creation. Students will engage in an embodied study of various hip-hop dance techniques and a rigorous investigation of the influence of Hip Hop culture on music, fashion, language, media, and personal style throughout the world. The technical aspect of the course will support their study of history and culture through media, readings, discussion and research. Works cited will include peer reviewed articles, as well as the brilliance of materials created outside of the narrow academic lens. Each reading, film, or documentary that is assigned will be followed by written responses and discussions, and students will present their in-depth research findings at the end of the course.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

DANCE-272QF Dance and Culture: 'Queer and Feminist Performance'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

What does performance teach us about subjectivity? How do bodies' cultural inscriptions shape meaning in dance? How does choreography complicate the performance of gender? This course poses an inquiry into euro-american contemporary dance performance through the lenses of queer and feminist thought. Students will study the body as a site of knowledge production and investigate how movement and performance can highlight the intersection of theory and lived experience. Class will read from authors including adrienne marie brown, Audre Lorde, Sarah Ahmed, Ann Cooper Albright, Petra Kuppens, José Muñoz, Fiona Buckland, and others. We will watch and be in conversation about performances by choreographers like Rosie Herrera, Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, Anya Chatterjea, Miguel Gutierrez, and Ralph Lemon.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

DANCE-287 Rhythmic Analysis

Fall. Credits: 4

The study of music from a dancer's perspective. Topics include musical notation, construction of rhythm, elements of composition (visual aspects of music and movement), communication between dancer and musician, and music listening.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

DANCE-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Students interested in independent study in dance (DANCE-295) must provide convincing reasons for pursuing independent work and be self-motivated and supervised in their work. Students are responsible for choosing and receiving approval from a faculty advisor, with whom workload expectations, meeting times, and outcomes will be mutually negotiated and set for the semester. Credit load (1-4) will reflect the workload level and outcomes of the proposed study (e.g., a 2-credit independent study requires a minimum of 2-4 hours of outside work each week).

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

DANCE-338 Mobilizing the Hippocampus

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will provide a research site to investigate the functions of the hippocampal brain region to then embody that learning through choreographic structures. In particular, students will use dance expression to aid the understanding of complex neuroscience topics, and apply neuroscience knowledge to deepen creative expression. "Mobilizing the hippocampus" will help to bridge a gap between science and art, serving as a tool to stimulate a heightened understanding of both disciplines.

Crosslisted as: NEURO-338

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors; This course is limited to Dance and Neuroscience majors.

DANCE-377 Advanced Studies

DANCE-377AP Advanced Studies: 'Applied Somatics for Dance'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

Somatics enhances proprioceptive awareness, uses imagery to deepen anatomical understanding, prevents injury, and promotes coordinated, responsive movement. This course is an experiential study of anatomy and somatic methods, emphasizing their impact on dance practices. While primarily movement-based, the course also critically examines how somatics incorporates ancient medicine, Africanist traditions, and Eastern philosophy, often without acknowledgment, leading to universalization. This course serves as both an ideal warm-up for full-bodied movement and an in-depth exploration of experiential anatomy.

Prereq: 8 credits in Dance.

Advisory: Prior dance experience is helpful but not required.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-387 Rhythmic Analysis II: Performance

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A continuation of DANCE-287. The focus now shifts specifically to performance and the notation of complex rhythmic structures. Working as an ensemble, the class will create a music/dance suite, using body music, movement, vocal work, and music visualization as our inspiration. Emphasis will be placed on odd and mixed meters and rhythmical accuracy. Students will contribute both movement and musical material. Class time will be run like a professional rehearsal. Outside work will focus on musical research, choreography, and music notation. This suite will be performed at Blanchard Campus Center at a date to be determined.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: DANCE-287.

DANCE-390 Advanced Seminar in Research, Choreography and Production

Fall and Spring. Credits: 2

The structure of this seminar, a required course for dance majors, has three emphases: supporting the development of research, performance and production; offering practical tools for sustaining a life in the arts after academia; and investing in process (your own and that of your cohort). Students should sign up for both fall and spring semesters of this seminar. The fall semester focuses primarily on embodied and scholarly research and the spring semester is meant to support the production of capstone projects.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: DANCE-252.

Advisory: Students must have completed 2 crew assignments.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Students interested in independent study in dance (DANCE-395) must provide convincing reasons for pursuing independent work and be self-motivated and supervised in their work. Students are responsible for choosing and receiving approval from a faculty advisor, with whom workload expectations, meeting times, and outcomes will be mutually negotiated and set for the semester. Credit load (1-4) will reflect the workload level and outcomes of the proposed study (e.g., a 2-credit independent study requires a minimum of 2-4 hours of outside work each week).

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Performance Studies**DANCE-107 Introduction to Ballet and Modern**

Fall and Spring. Credits: 2

This course is an introduction to the basic principles of ballet and modern dance. Students will learn and practice common forms, pathways, and footwork in both styles. The class will focus on momentum, weight shift, and dynamic alignment.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-113 Beginning Modern

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

An introduction to the basic principles of dance movement: body alignment, coordination, strength and flexibility, basic forms of locomotion. No previous dance experience required.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-120 Beginning Ballet

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

Students will study the basic movements and fundamentals of classical ballet. The movements are taught in a pure form, at a relaxed pace before proceeding to more complex combinations. Ballet I sets the groundwork for the movements and musicality of the ballet lesson.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-127 Renaissance and Baroque Dance I

Fall. Credits: 1

Sixteenth- through eighteenth-century European social dance, contemporary with the eras of Elizabeth I and Shakespeare in England, the Medicis in Italy, Louis XIV in France, and colonial America. The focus will be on learning the dances, supplemented by historical and social background, discussion of the original dance sources, and reconstruction techniques.

Crosslisted as: MUSIC-147D

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-128 Renaissance and Baroque Dance II

Spring. Credits: 1

Continuation of Renaissance and Baroque Dance I. Sixteenth- through eighteenth-century European social dance, contemporary with the eras of Elizabeth I and Shakespeare in England, the Medicis in Italy, Louis XIV in France, and colonial America. The focus will be on learning the dances, supplemented by historical and social background, discussion of the original dance sources, and reconstruction techniques.

Crosslisted as: MUSIC-147F

Prereq: DANCE-127 or MUSIC-147D.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-131 Afrobeats Dance

Spring. Credits: 2

Through movement and lecture, this class will explore the historical and cultural influences of hip-hop and Afrobeat, which, while newer than classical forms, have rapidly gained global popularity and evolved significantly. Each session will emphasize context and the importance of understanding the reasons behind the dance. The movement sections will follow a traditional structure, featuring a choreographed warm-up, training, new techniques, across-the-floor progressions, and a review combination. Lectures will be delivered through literature, documentaries, and film clips.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-132 Introduction to Hip Hop

Fall. Credits: 2

This class will introduce students to the basic elements of hip-hop dance including bouncing, rocking, waving, swinging, and much more. The class will include drills and combinations, which will ask the dancers to find their relationship to musicality, athleticism, dynamics, and articulation of the body. In addition, students will learn the history of hip-hop's core four elements: Deejaying, Emceeing, Breakin', and Graffiti.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-133 Introduction to Breakin'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

In this course students will learn about the history and foundation of Hip Hop culture from its birth to both the current underground and commercial scene. Students will work on foundational techniques and dynamic movements to continue to develop their growth in the form. Documentaries shown in class will inform the students about the underground battle scene and its evolution to the big-stage events like the Olympics. Students will learn battle etiquette and, as community engagement, the students will attend a local event where they can showcase what they've learned and be in community. Students will also be prepared for commercial work by practicing choreography in class that includes auditioning techniques and working on-stage presence. The goal of the course is to physically train and educate students in Breakin' as well as prepare them for any path they want to follow in dance.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-134 Dance and Drumming***Spring. Credits: 2*

This course bridges two critical components in dance training: movement and rhythm. The course takes inspiration from traditions that conceive drumming and dancing as inseparable companions in the dance making process. In these traditions, such as many West African societies, the well-trained performer, no matter where they lean in their mode of expression, is expected to have a depth of knowledge in both areas. Throughout the semester, students will be introduced to different dance-drumming traditions. For each dance piece, students will learn the movements as well as all of the supporting drum parts and an introduction to the fundamentals of the lead drum.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-136 Introduction to Afro-Cuban***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

This course offers a dynamic exploration of Cuban dance, focusing on styles deeply connected to Black identity and culture. Students delve into the rich history, spirituality, and artistry of Afro-Cuban dance forms rooted in African ethnic groups such as the Bantu, Yoruba, and Fon. These traditions have profoundly shaped Latin American dance and continue influencing global culture today. Through hands-on learning and live drumming, students experience the intricate rhythms and vibrant movements that transcend time and borders, and merge into contemporary popular culture. Students move to vibrant beats while gaining a deeper understanding of how they shape identity and cultural expression.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-137 Latin Social Dances***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

This course delves into the vibrant, embodied expressions of the Hispanic Caribbean, focusing on social dances like Mambo, Bachata, Merengue, and Rumba. Students will actively engage in these dynamic dance forms, exploring their cultural significance and enduring influence on the global dance scene. Through a fun and physically enriching experience, these dances foster a strong sense of community, encourage camaraderie, and promote an appreciation for cultural diversity-enhancing both the learning environment and personal growth.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-142 Introduction to West African Dance***Fall. Credits: 2*

An introduction to the history and vocabulary of West African dance, emphasizing the central role that dance plays in African cultures. This class will introduce students to movements from traditional concepts to neo-traditional West African dance forms and the African Diaspora. Students will learn to identify the aesthetic principles and develop physical and artistic skills such as explicit sound, music, and movement connection; call and response; body isolation; and the individuality of movement expressions. Additionally, they will practice playing an instrument, singing, and learning with an emphasis on community building and individual potential.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-147 Bollywood Dance***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

Throughout the course, students will build a solid foundation in rhythm, coordination, strength, and stamina, all of which are applicable to various dance styles. By focusing on these fundamental aspects, participants will not only develop their skills in Bollywood dance but also enhance their abilities across various dance styles. Students will also engage in ear training exercises to develop their ability to discern various beats, enabling them to recognize and appreciate the unique sounds of traditional Indian instruments. Through this practice, they will gain a deeper understanding of the intricate rhythm system that underpins Indian music.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-208 Intermediate West African Dance***Spring. Credits: 2*

This course offers in-depth exploration of embodied West African movement principles and their socio-historical and cultural contexts. Students will study select West African movements and rhythms, engaging with a growing genre influenced by these traditions. Students will refine their skills and knowledge of traditional African dance performances and their rhythms. They will examine both traditional and neo-traditional performances to understand the philosophical foundations rooted in African cosmologies. Students will learn how history and knowledge are artistically constructed within traditional African dance forms, oral traditions, songs, and specific gestures.

*Prereq: Any 100-level dance technique course.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-216 Intermediate Modern***Spring. Credits: 2*

This course is a continued practice of modern dance. Physically, the emphasis is on aligned, articulate and efficient dancing through modern dance technique and principles. Students will build capacity for physical endurance and active presence as well as a deepening awareness of the body's potential. Course work will include improvisation, moving into and out of the floor, shifting the centers of gravity, and finding agility and clarity in movement and thought.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-218 Improvisation from an Africanist Perspective***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

This course is a contemporary exploration of the physical, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of the African-rooted community dance circle. Through movement, literary, and media-based explorations, students will examine the history of the circle and investigate dance improvisation as a practice of deep listening, researching the potential of the circle to engage people across many cultures, races, and backgrounds.

*Prereq: One course in Dance.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.*

DANCE-219 Intermediate Improvisation*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

This course focuses on dance improvisation. The class studies structured improvisation through the use of scores, tasks, imagery, and other methods for generating and crafting movement. Students will sharpen their awareness of attention and intention in instant decision-making practices as individuals and in group settings. This is a movement class intended for students with a regular dance practice in any form.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-222 Intermediate Ballet***Fall. Credits: 2*

This course is designed for the intermediate-level dancer. It will include a logical and efficient development of exercises culminating with varied allegro combinations. The class will provide the student the opportunity to acquire endurance and learn artistic expression. The importance of musicality within the technique will be a fundamental aspect of the class.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-232 Intermediate Hip Hop***Fall. Credits: 2*

Journey through time and experience the evolution of hip-hop from its old-school social dance roots to the contemporary phenomenon of commercial choreography that hip-hop has become. Using film and text in addition to studio work, this class will create a framework from which to understand and participate in the global culture of hip-hop dance.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-234 House Dance***Spring. Credits: 2*

This course is designed for dancers to learn the fundamentals of House dance. Students will learn the history and culture of House along with terminology of the dance movements. Class will include across the floor drills and center combinations, which will ask the dancers to find their relationship to musicality, athleticism, dynamics, and articulation of the body. Improvisation is a critical component of this course. This will empower students to embody the movement, feel comfortable improvising, and have a greater capacity to learn more intricate choreography.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-236 Funk Styles***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

This course introduces students to funk dance styles such as Locking, Popping, and Breaking. It contextualizes the history of funk dance and examines its relationship to the evolution of African American music. Students will learn terminology and the rhythmic patterns of each dance form as they find their own relationship to the movement. This course will focus on becoming grounded in specific movement techniques through drills and combinations, and students will freestyle incorporating learned foundations and their own unique movement styles.

*Prereq: One course in Dance.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-237 Intermediate Tap***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

Intermediate Tap expands the movement vocabulary and technical skills of the beginner. Students increase rhythmic accuracy, coordination, and speed by practicing tap rudiments and double-time patterns. The class also includes satisfying time steps and breaks, traveling combinations, and some creative improvisation to deepen the dancer's connection to music. Students will learn at least one complete dance from the traditional tap dance repertory. Video performances by tap masters, past and present will be shown in class or assigned for out-of-class viewing.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-268 Dance, Performance and Text***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

In this course, students will explore the various ways in which dance and embodied performance generate, adapt, and incorporate text in practice. Our endeavor envisions and engages with text as a permanent artifact that is enlivened through the crucible of the dance-making process. Students will take inspiration from other logocentric forms such as plays, poetry, prose etc.

*Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: DANCE-151.*

Advisory: Students interested in this course should possess a foundational understanding of dance composition, usually via DANCE-151.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-269 Performance Beyond Movement: Dance and Storytelling***Fall. Credits: 2*

In this course, dancers will deepen their ability to convey emotion, character, and narrative through movement and expression. Using guided exercises in physical storytelling, improvisation and text interpretation, students will explore ways to connect action with intention, voice with body, and impulse with preparation.

Advisory: The course will emphasize how breath, spatial awareness, interpretive acuity, and dynamic presence enhance performance. Students will experiment with varied methods of expressing relationships, tension, and transformation, learning to bring greater depth and nuance to their work. This course is encouraged for any students interested in developing performance skills.

*Notes: Repeatable for credit.***DANCE-305 Dance Repertory****DANCE-305CR Dance Repertory: 'Contemporary Repertory'***Fall. Credits: 2*

This course is designed for intermediate and advanced dancers interested in performing. The work developed will be performed in the Fall Faculty Concert.

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Students must attend the Five College Dance Department audition at the beginning of the fall semester for permission to register for this course.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-305NT Dance Repertory: 'Exploring the Intersection of Movement, Choreography, and Performance'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

Throughout the semester, students will actively participate in the choreographic process as they create or rework dance pieces. A strong background in modern dance technique and improvisational skills is preferred as these technical elements will serve as a solid base for the choreographic and performance aspects of the course. Students will have the opportunity to refine their technique, expand their movement vocabulary, and explore improvisational skills within the context of choreography. This course offers a comprehensive experience exploring intersections of dance and performance studies, choreographic processes, and technology.

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Students must attend the Five College Dance Department Audition at the beginning of the fall semester for permission to register for this course.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-305RM Dance Repertory: 'Modern Repertory'

Fall. Credits: 2

This course is designed for intermediate and advanced dancers interested in performing. The work developed will be performed in the Fall Faculty Concert.

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Students must attend the Five College Dance Department Audition at the beginning of the fall semester for permission to register for this course.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-305RT Dance Repertory: 'Tap'

Fall. Credits: 2

This course is designed for intermediate and advanced dancers interested in performing. The work developed will be performed in the Fall Faculty Concert.

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Students must attend the Five College Dance Department auditions for permission to register for this course.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-305ST Dance Repertory: 'Street Styles'

Fall. Credits: 2

This course is designed for intermediate and advanced street style dancers interested in performing a premiere work for the Fall Faculty Dance concert.

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Students must attend the Five College Dance Department Audition at the beginning of the fall semester for permission to register for this course.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-318 Advanced Modern

Fall and Spring. Credits: 2

Intermediate and Advanced study in modern technique focuses on body level issues of strength, support, alignment, articulation, and initiation; and performance issues of rhythmic clarity, spatial clarity, intention, embodiment, intricate coordinations, and expanding personal vocabularies. Students will build capacity for physical endurance and active presence as well as a deepening awareness of the body's potential.

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Advisory: Students must pass the Advanced Placement Audition to take this course.

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

DANCE-325 Advanced Ballet

Spring. Credits: 2

Course is for advanced dancers and will stress complex classical ballet technique combinations, concentrating on turns at the barre, turns in the big poses in the centre, and batterie in the allegro. Artistry, presentation, and musicality of dance will be incorporated, with the grande allegro serving as the focus of the class.

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Advisory: Advanced placement

Notes: Repeatable for credit.

Data Analytics and Society

Overview and Contact Information

Data analytics and society offers an explicit focus on social and historical context, emphasizing critical literacies for data analysis and ethical decision-making. This Nexus focuses on acquiring concrete skills and data and visual literacies in hands-on research application. Students will link courses in data analysis across disciplines to engage with fundamental data literacies for citizenship, in particular visual, communicative and interpretive capabilities in social context. The Nexus in Data Analytics and Society can enhance a range of different majors by adding a concentration in social research and will help students represent their applied analytical skills in problem solving and data analysis.

See Also

- Data Science (p. 145)
- Sociology (p. 364)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chairs:
Eleanor Townsley, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Sociology; Director of Nexus

Dylan Shepardson, Robert L. Rooke Associate Professor of Mathematics

Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four 4-credit courses, of which:		16
one must be in statistics at the 200 level or higher, from the list of courses approved for this Nexus		
one must be in computer science at the 200 level or higher, from the list of courses approved for this Nexus		
one must be in an application area (e.g., biology, economics, English, psychology, sociology) at the 200 level or higher, from the list of courses approved for this Nexus		

one is an elective course that demonstrates an interest in data science and that may be taken at the 100 level and must be taken before the internship

Note: at least one of these four courses must be an approved 300-level capstone course that goes into depth in statistics, computer science, or a data science application area. Appropriate courses include: COMSC-335, ECON-320, SOCI-316NT, STAT-340 or STAT-344

A substantive internship

COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2

A presentation at LEAP Symposium

Additional Specifications

- In one of the four courses for this Nexus, students must work intimately with data to explore, visualize, contextualize, and present conclusions.
- Nexus students will develop a brief proposal outlining their specific area of focus including a course outline. Students will schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete an online Plan of Study form to be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
- COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Courses other than those listed below may count toward the Nexus. Students should consult the Nexus track chair for consideration of courses not on the list.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-316ND	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Indigenous Data Sovereignty'	4
Astronomy		
ASTR-226	Cosmology	4
ASTR-228	Astrophysics I: Stars and Galaxies	4
Biological Sciences		
BIOL-223	Ecology with Laboratory	4
BIOL-234	Biostatistics with Laboratory	4
Computer Science		
COMSC-100	Foundations of Computer Science	4
COMSC-106	Fundamentals of Applied Computing	4
COMSC-133DV	Data Visualization: Design and Perception	4
COMSC-205	Data Structures	4
COMSC-235	Applications of Machine Learning	4
COMSC-311	Theory of Computation	4
COMSC-312	Algorithms	4
COMSC-334	Artificial Intelligence	4
COMSC-335	Machine Learning	4
COMSC-341NL	Topics: 'Natural Language Processing'	4

Economics		
ECON-220	Introduction to Econometrics	4
ECON-320	Econometrics	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-200	Environmental Science	4
Geography		
GEOG-205	Mapping and Spatial Analysis	4
GEOG-210	GIS for the Social Sciences and Humanities	4
Mathematics		
MATH-211	Linear Algebra	4
MATH-301	Real Analysis	4
MATH-339PT	Topics in Applied Mathematics: 'Optimization'	4
MATH-342	Probability	4
Politics		
POLIT-200	Research Methods	4
POLIT-387EC	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'U.S. Elections'	4
Psychology		
PSYCH-201	Statistics	4
PSYCH-204	Research Methods in Psychology	4
PSYCH-219GR	Topics in Social Psychology: 'Behavior Research in Intergroup Psychology'	4
PSYCH-310QR	Laboratory in Social Psychology: 'Qualitative Research in Psychology'	4
PSYCH-330RD	Lab in Developmental Psychology: 'Laboratory in Romantic Development: Observational Coding Methodology'	4
Sociology		
SOCI-216SA	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Social Network Analysis: Analyzing Who You Know and How It Matters'	4
SOCI-225	Social Science Research and Data Analysis	4
SOCI-316AG	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Society of Algorithms'	4
Statistics		
STAT-242	Intermediate Statistics	4
STAT-340	Applied Regression Methods	4
STAT-343	Mathematical Statistics	4
STAT-344TM	Seminar in Statistics and Scientific Research: 'Time Series Analysis'	4

Data Science

Overview and Contact Information

The major in data science aims to guide students to be effective, ethical, and judicious users, interpreters, analyzers, and communicators of data and data-related concepts. The major offers students a foundational understanding of the data generating process, the appropriate and efficient translation of analytic strategies to specific data settings, the potential biases arising from missing data or data collection, the means for drawing accurate conclusions, and the techniques and principles of integrity in data visualization and communication. As part of their data science education, students will develop excellent communication skills and the ability to make clear and persuasive arguments framed by logic and supported by data. The data science curriculum reflects the increasingly collaborative and interdisciplinary academic landscape.

See Also

- Computer Science (p. 114)
- Mathematics (p. 277)
- Statistics (p. 377)
- Data Analytics and Society (p. 144)

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

- Apply core concepts of statistics, computing, and domain knowledge to extract insight from data sets.
- Understand the social and ethical issues surrounding data collection, analysis and use.
- Be able to communicate in multiple modalities the results of large scale data analysis.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Data Science Program Committee:
Gary Gillis, Norman Wait Harris and Emma Gale Harris Foundation
Professor of Biological Sciences

Martha Hoopes, Ida and Marion Van Natta Professor of Biological Sciences, Teaching Fall Only

Alanna Hoyer-Leitzel, Associate Professor of Mathematics

M. Gretchen Lay, Associate Professor of Economics

Heather Pon-Barry, Associate Professor of Computer Science

Laura Tupper, Associate Professor of Statistics

Benjamin Gebre-Medhin, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Tony Liu, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Laura Sizer, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Teaching Fall Only

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
STAT-140	Introduction to the Ideas and Applications of Statistics	4
STAT-242	Intermediate Statistics	4
As a prerequisite for MATH-211:		
MATH-102	Calculus II (or above)	
MATH-211	Linear Algebra	4
COMSC-151	Introduction to Computational Problem Solving ¹	4
COMSC-205	Data Structures	4

12 credits at the 300 level from at least two departments or programs and chosen from the approved list of elective courses for Data Science. One course must be either: ^{2, 3, 4, 5}

COMSC-335 Machine Learning ^{6, 7}
or STAT-340 Applied Regression Methods

8 additional credits chosen from the approved list of elective courses for Data Science ^{2, 3, 4, 5}

Total Credits 40

- ¹ Any COMSC-151 offering, for example, COMSC-151CP, COMSC-151DS, or COMSC-151HC.
- ² Students who do not elect both COMSC-335 and STAT-340 will need to choose two other 300-level courses from this list, one of which is from a department other than their COMSC-335/STAT-340 choice.
- ³ Many elective courses require prerequisites. Students are encouraged to plan their elective courses early in order to ensure that they meet the requirements to access chosen courses.
- ⁴ Students are strongly encouraged to take an elective course in ethics.
- ⁵ Other courses that focus on ethics, cover data analytic methods, or involve an independent project with data can be substituted with approval of the Data Science Program Committee.
- ⁶ Students intending to attend graduate school in data science are advised to take both of these courses.
- ⁷ COMSC-335 Machine Learning requires MATH-232 as a prerequisite.

Additional Specifications

- Students who declare a Data Science major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Course Advice
Students Considering a Major in Data Science

Data science is new and evolving; there are many important combinations of theoretical, applied, and field-specific knowledge that may provide a foundation for future work. If you are interested in a data science major, we recommend that you work with your advisor to choose a set of related courses that reflect your interests and priorities from the list of electives. Course combinations that focus on individual topics, disciplines, or domains are strongly recommended. We also strongly recommend substantial engagement with issues of ethics, which could be in one focused course or across multiple courses.

Students Considering Graduate School or a Career as a Data Scientist:

While there are many fields for which the combination of data analysis and computational tools may be valuable, we have particular recommendations for students seeking a future as a data scientist. We strongly recommend that you take both COMSC-335 Machine Learning and STAT-340 Applied Regression Methods. Ideally, at least one course should involve an extended project requiring the analysis of data. We also recommend that you contextualize your data science preparation in the content of a domain or area of study that is theoretically and empirically cohesive.

Course Offerings

DATA-113 Introduction to Data Science

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Data scientists answer questions with scientific and social relevance using statistical theory and computation. We will discuss elementary topics in statistics and learn how to write code (in Python) to visualize data and perform simulations. We will use these tools to answer questions about real data sets. We will also explore ethical issues faced by data scientists today.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

DATA-225 Topics in Data Science

DATA-225AR Topics in Data Science 'Ethics and Artificial Intelligence'

Spring. Credits: 4

Artificially intelligent technologies are prominent features of modern life – as are ethical concerns about their programming and use. In this class we will use the tools of philosophy to explore and critically evaluate ethical issues raised by current and future AI technologies. Topics may include issues of privacy and transparency in online data collection, concerns about social justice in the use of algorithms in areas like hiring and criminal justice, and the goals of developing general versus special purpose AI. We will also look at ethics for AI: the nature of AI "minds," the possibility of creating more ethical AI systems, and when and if AIs themselves might deserve moral rights.

Crosslisted as: PHIL-260AR, EOS-299AR

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

DATA-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

DATA-350 Advanced Topics in Data Science:

DATA-350TE Advanced Topics in Data Science: 'Technology, Ethics, and Public Policy'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In this course, we study the most pressing ethical concerns relating to emerging technology and envision novel policy solutions to address them. Existing regulatory and policy instruments are often unable to provide sufficient oversight for emerging technology. Can legal anti-discrimination doctrine address biased algorithmic decision-making systems? How does generative artificial intelligence challenge traditional ways of thinking about intellectual property? Do we have rights over the personal data that private firms collect about us? We examine these gaps in the context of contemporary regulatory proposals on national, multinational, and international scales.

Crosslisted as: PHIL-350TE

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy.

DATA-390 Research and Topics in Data Science

Fall. Credits: 4

This seminar provides an opportunity for students from all disciplines to do guided research using data science tools in a research project of their choice. Students will develop an understanding of the full pipeline of successful data science research by selecting a topic, identifying relevant datasets, designing research methods, conducting in-depth analyses, deriving meaningful conclusions, and submitting a final report. Opportunities for students to present their work and review journal articles create a scaffolded approach. Past project topics include geology, music, demographics, art, economics, government, religion, transportation, and law.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: STAT-242 and COMSC-205, or a 300-level class in Statistics or Computer Science.

DATA-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

DATA-395P Independent Study w/Practicum

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Required Core Courses for the Data Science Major

Code	Title	Credits
Computer Science		
COMSC-151	Introduction to Computational Problem Solving	4
COMSC-205	Data Structures	4
COMSC-335	Machine Learning	4
Mathematics		
MATH-211	Linear Algebra	4
Statistics		
STAT-140	Introduction to the Ideas and Applications of Statistics	4
STAT-242	Intermediate Statistics	4
STAT-340	Applied Regression Methods	4

Note: Majors need to take either COMSC-335 or STAT-340.

Elective Courses for the Data Science Major

Code	Title	Credits
Biological Sciences		
BIOL-223	Ecology with Laboratory	4
BIOL-234	Biostatistics with Laboratory	4
Computer Science		
COMSC-235	Applications of Machine Learning	4
COMSC-312	Algorithms	4
COMSC-334	Artificial Intelligence	4
COMSC-335	Machine Learning	4
COMSC-341CD	Topics: 'Causal Inference for Data Science'	4

COMSC-341DV	Topics: 'Storytelling with Data Visualization'	4
COMSC-341NL	Topics: 'Natural Language Processing'	4
COMSC-341TE	Topics: 'Text Technologies for Data Science'	4
Data Science		
DATA-113	Introduction to Data Science	4
DATA-225AR	Topics in Data Science 'Ethics and Artificial Intelligence'	4
DATA-350TE	Advanced Topics in Data Science: 'Technology, Ethics, and Public Policy'	4
DATA-390	Research and Topics in Data Science	4
Economics		
ECON-220	Introduction to Econometrics	4
ECON-320	Econometrics	4
Entrepreneurship, Orgs & Soc		
EOS-299AR	Topic: 'Ethics and Artificial Intelligence'	4
Geography		
GEOG-205	Mapping and Spatial Analysis	4
GEOG-210	GIS for the Social Sciences and Humanities	4
Mathematics		
MATH-339PT	Topics in Applied Mathematics: 'Optimization'	4
MATH-339SP	Topics in Applied Mathematics: 'Stochastic Processes'	4
MATH-342	Probability	4
Philosophy		
PHIL-260AR	Topics in Applied Philosophy: 'Ethics and Artificial Intelligence'	4
PHIL-350TE	Topics in Philosophy: 'Technology, Ethics, and Public Policy'	4
Politics		
POLIT-387EC	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'U.S. Elections'	4
Psychology		
PSYCH-326CP	Laboratory in Personality and Abnormal Psychology: 'Research in Clinical Psychology'	4
Sociology		
SOCI-216TX	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Text as Data I: From Qualitative to Quantitative Text Analysis'	4
SOCI-316TX	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Text as Data II: Computational Text Analysis for the Social Sciences'	4
Statistics		
STAT-244MP	Intermediate Topics in Statistics: 'Survey Sampling'	4
STAT-244NF	Intermediate Topics in Statistics: 'Infectious Disease Modeling'	4
STAT-244SC	Intermediate Topics in Statistics: 'Computational Statistics'	4
STAT-340	Applied Regression Methods	4
STAT-343	Mathematical Statistics	4
STAT-344ND	Seminar in Statistics and Scientific Research: 'Analysis of Neural Data'	4
STAT-344TM	Seminar in Statistics and Scientific Research: 'Time Series Analysis'	4
STAT-351	Bayesian Statistics	4

Note: DATA-113 can only count toward the major if taken before completing 200-level course in Statistics or Computer Science.

Development Studies

Overview and Contact Information

Critically analyze the relationships among technological, economical, political, and social processes that shape inequality, and the ways in which these processes play out in different places and across scales. Students will understand one's own positionality, privilege and perspective, learn about the perspectives of others, and cultivate ethical judgment in order to work across difference with attention to inclusivity, equity, and social justice. In addition, students will learn theoretical approaches, multiple histories, and research methods to prepare for internships, research and careers in development work for a more equitable and sustainable world.

For the Development Studies Nexus, students devise their own plan in consultation with the track chair and must seek advance approval from the chair.

See Also

- Environmental Studies (p. 178)
- Sustainability Studies (p. 381)

Contact Information

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chairs:

Catherine Corson, Miller Worley Professor of Environmental Studies, On Leave 2025-2026

Ayca Zayim, Associate Professor of Sociology

Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus 16 or selected with approval of the track chair		
At least one course at the 300 level		
At least one course at the 200 level or above		
One course at the 100 level or above ¹		
A substantive summer internship ²		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
A presentation at LEAP Symposium		
Total Credits		18

- ¹ Only one course at the 100 level is permitted to count toward the Nexus.
- ² The summer internship must meet College requirements for a substantial educational experience: At least 200 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization's stated mission and complements the student's area of focus.

Additional Specifications

- Nexus students will develop a brief proposal outlining their specific area of focus including a course outline. Students will schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete an online Plan of Study form to be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
- COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Courses other than those listed below may count toward the Nexus. Students should consult the Nexus track chair for consideration of courses not on the list.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-216HR	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Anthropology and Human Rights'	4
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
Economics		
ECON-213	Economic Development	4
ECON-241	Critical Development Studies	4
ECON-314	Globalization and Development	4
ECON-349DV	Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Development Economics: A Closer Look in Africa'	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-206	Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change	4
ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
ENVST-223	Development Geography	4
ENVST-251	Research, Ethics, Justice and Campus Sustainability	4
ENVST-314	China in the Global South	4
ENVST-331	Water, People, and Politics in the Anthropocene	4
ENVST-346	Global Environmental Politics Governance	4
Geography		
GEOG-105	World Regional Geography	4
GEOG-208	Global Movements: Migrations, Refugees and Diasporas	4
Gender Studies		

GNDST-333EC	Advanced Seminar: 'Gender Inequality and Economic Development: Challenges, Contradictions, and Contestations'	4
History		
HIST-301CS	Colloquium: 'Capitalism in South Asia'	4
HIST-357	History of British Capitalism	4
Religion		
RELIG-181	Introduction to African Diaspora Religions	4
RELIG-331AF	Advanced Topics in Religion: 'African American Spiritualities of Dissent'	4
Sociology		
SOCI-240	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	4
SOCI-316DG	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Sociology of Development and Globalization'	4

East Asian Studies

Overview and Contact Information

One of three interdisciplinary majors within the Asian Studies program, East Asian studies allows students to specialize in the history, languages, cultures, and politics of East Asia. Complementing course work at Mount Holyoke are extracurricular activities and study abroad programs that broaden and deepen students' understanding of Asia.

Language study is the core component of the major. We offer four levels of instruction in Chinese, three in Japanese, and two in Korean. Our students are expected to incorporate the humanities and the social sciences fully into their studies with classes at Mount Holyoke and the other colleges in the Five College Consortium.

On campus, our students experience regional culture at many levels, including language tables and clubs, guest lectures, performing and visual arts, film, festivals, and regional cuisine. These activities are often initiated by and benefit greatly from the diverse student population of Mount Holyoke and particularly the large numbers of students from Asian countries or with an Asian background.

Most of our students spend a semester or a summer in study abroad programs. Mount Holyoke College has affiliated programs or exchanges in China at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Peking University (summer), and University of Hong Kong; in Japan at the Associated Kyoto Program (year) and the Japan Women's University; and in South Korea at the Ewha Womans University and the Sookmyung Women's University.

East Asian Studies majors and minors graduate to pursue graduate studies and careers in fields as varied as law, education, business, NGOs, journalism, the arts, and government service.

Minors in Chinese and Japanese are available; see their own sections of the catalog.

See Also

- Asian Studies (p. 75)
- Chinese (p. 102)
- Japanese (p. 261)

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Learning Goals

By majoring in East Asian Studies, students should:

- Develop proficiency in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean. By "proficiency" we mean the ability to:
 - Read newspapers, magazines, and popular literature.
 - Converse with a native speaker on non-technical subjects.
 - Write coherent paragraphs on non-technical subjects.
- Develop knowledge of the history of premodern and modern East Asia.
- Develop knowledge of the arts, literature, religions, and philosophies of East Asia.
- Develop knowledge of the geography, politics, economics, and societies of East Asia.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Asian Studies Committee:
Elif Babul, Professor of Anthropology

Calvin Chen, Carol Hoffmann Collins '63 Professor of International Studies and Professor of Politics

Satyananda Gabriel, Professor of Economics

Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alum Foundation and Professor of Politics

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Nari Matsushima, Visiting Instructor in Asian Studies

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses (16 credits) in, equivalent to two years of college-level study of, an East Asian language: Chinese, Japanese, or Korean ¹		16
HIST-137 or POLIT-228	Modern East Asia, 1600-2000 East Asian Politics	4
At least three non-language courses (12 credits) on East Asia, including at least one from each of the following two groups: ²		12
Group One: Humanities (literature, art, history, philosophy, and religion and interdisciplinary courses in these areas) ^{3, 4}		
Group Two: Social Sciences (anthropology, economics, geography, international relations, linguistics, politics, and sociology interdisciplinary courses in these areas)		
Two additional courses (8 credits) to complete the major ²		8
At least three courses (12 credits) must be at the 300 level. One of the three 300-level courses must be a non-language and non-independent study course. ⁵		
Total Credits		40

¹ Japanese, Chinese, and Korean are taught at Mount Holyoke and elsewhere in the Five Colleges. A maximum of 16 lower-level language credits and a total of 24 language credits can be counted toward the major.

² A full list of the approved courses (p. 150) for the major appears at the end of the East Asian Studies Courses section.

³ Language courses are not included in this group

⁴ In order to count toward the major, Studio Art or performance courses must be supplemented with analytical written work

⁵ A course that is taught outside of Mount Holyoke College must be approved by the chair of the Asian Studies program to count as a 300-level course.

Additional Specifications

- Any course that devotes 50 percent or more of its substance to East Asian countries, peoples, or issues may be included in the major.
- One course on East Asian diasporas (e.g., Asian American studies) may count toward the major.
- Students who declare an East Asian studies major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Related Courses Counting toward the East Asian Studies Major

Most East Asian studies courses at Mount Holyoke are listed below, but students should also consult the catalog entries or websites of other departments, including art history, history, international relations, politics, and religion. East Asian Studies majors should also plan to use the rich resources of the Five College Consortium in selecting their courses (listings are available through the Five College Class Schedule (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/courses>) or individual college websites).

Please consult the chair of Asian Studies for guidelines regarding Asian languages not taught in the Five Colleges.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-204	Anthropology of Modern Japan	4
Asian Studies		
ASIAN-110	First Year Chinese I	4
ASIAN-111	First Year Chinese II	4
ASIAN-120	First Year Japanese I	6
ASIAN-121	First Year Japanese II	6
ASIAN-160	Beginning Korean I	4
ASIAN-161	Beginning Korean II	4
ASIAN-211CH	Topics in Asian Studies: 'Contemporary Chinese Media Culture'	4
ASIAN-212	Second Year Chinese I	4
ASIAN-213	Second Year Chinese II	4
ASIAN-214	Philosophical Foundations of Chinese Thought: the Ancient Period	4
ASIAN-215	Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater	4
ASIAN-216	Making is Thinking: Craft Cultures in East Asia	4
ASIAN-222	Second Year Japanese I	4
ASIAN-223	Second Year Japanese II	4
ASIAN-247	Chinese Women Writers in the 20th and 21st Centuries	4
ASIAN-262	Intermediate Korean I	4
ASIAN-263	Intermediate Korean II	4
ASIAN-310	Third Year Chinese I	4
ASIAN-311	Third Year Chinese II	4
ASIAN-314	Learning Chinese Through Film	4
ASIAN-317	Chinese Society and Culture: Reflections In Literature and Media	4
ASIAN-318	Business and Intercultural Communication In Chinese Society	4
ASIAN-324	Third Year Japanese I	4
ASIAN-326	Third Year Japanese II	4
ASIAN-340	Love, Gender-Crossing, and Women's Supremacy: A Reading of <i>The Story of the Stone</i>	4
Film Media Theater		
FMT-230CH	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Contemporary Chinese Media Culture'	4
FMT-230CW	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater'	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-204CW	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater'	4
GNDST-333HH	Advanced Seminar: 'Love, Gender-Crossing, and Women's Supremacy: A Reading of <i>The Story of the Stone</i> '	4
History		
HIST-137	Modern East Asia, 1600-2000	4
HIST-239CD	Topics in Asian History: 'Chinese Diasporic Communities in the World: Race, Empire, and Transnationalism'	4

HIST-239HH	Topics in Asian History: 'History of Humans and Other Living Beings'	4
HIST-239MC	Topics in Asian History: 'Borderlands and Ethnicity in Modern China'	4
HIST-239ME	Topics in Asian History: 'Cities in Modern East Asia'	4
HIST-332	Environmental History of China	4
Philosophy		
PHIL-212	Philosophical Foundations of Chinese Thought: The Ancient Period	4
Politics		
POLIT-208	Chinese Politics	4
POLIT-228	East Asian Politics	4
POLIT-359	Democratization and Civil Society in East Asia	4
Religion		
RELIG-163	Introduction to Buddhism	4
RELIG-225EB	Topics in Religion: 'Eco-Buddhism'	4
RELIG-225FF	Topics in Religion: 'Buddhism in Fiction and Film'	4
RELIG-241	Women and Gender in Buddhism	4

Economics

Overview and Contact Information

An economics student will acquire the necessary analytical tools to understand contemporary economic issues and to take reasoned positions in debates about economic and social policy. The student will be in a position to apply these tools in a multitude of areas in a future career. Many of the world's most pressing problems—discrimination, environmental destruction, inequality, inflation, poverty, underdevelopment, unemployment—are economic in nature. Economics is concerned with the study of the causes and the possible solutions to these and other economic and social problems.

Macroeconomics deals with the economy as a whole, with the forces behind economic growth, the problems occurring in the growth process (such as business cycles, inflation, and unemployment), and government policies to address these problems. Microeconomics focuses on the efficient allocation of resources among alternative uses and addresses such questions as how individuals, firms, and societies decide what to produce, how to produce, and how to distribute the output.

Economists study these important issues by combining theoretical models and data analysis. The great human interest of the subject, together with the rigor of its analysis, gives the study of economics its stimulating quality.

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Learning Goals

An economics major who graduates from Mount Holyoke College will have mastered the necessary analytical tools to understand contemporary economic issues and to take reasoned positions in

debates about economic and social policy. More specifically, achievement of this overarching learning goal entails that the graduating senior:

- Has mastered the core body of economic theory, which necessitates solid quantitative, problem solving and critical thinking skills.
- Understands how different theoretical approaches in economics lead to different explanations and policy conclusions.
- Understands how economic inquiry differs from other approaches to social inquiry.
- Has conducted research on questions of economic theory and policy usually combining theoretical models and data analysis.

Students begin with the core courses (Macroeconomic Theory, Microeconomic Theory, and Econometrics), the objective of which is to intensively examine the theoretical tools used in professional economic research (see below for specific course goals). Seminars at the 200- and 300-level then allow students to choose from a wide array of classes that apply economic theory to particular areas, drawing and building on the concepts and analytical tools developed in these introductory courses

Macroeconomic Theory (ECON-211)

- Students will be able to explain the concepts of opportunity cost, trade-offs, and the benefits of exchange.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of the laws of supply and demand and equilibrium and to analyze responses of markets to external events.
- Students will understand the concepts of gross domestic product, inflation and unemployment.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of the circular flow model and use the concepts of aggregate demand and aggregate supply to analyze the response of the economy to disturbances.
- Students will understand and describe the determinants of the demand for money, the supply of money and interest rates and the role of financial institutions in the economy.
- Students will learn to define fiscal and monetary policies and how these affect the economy.
- Students will be able to identify the causes of prosperity, growth, and economic change over time and to explain the mechanisms through which these causes operate in the economy.
- This course is not open to first year students.

Microeconomic Theory (ECON-212)

- Students will be able to explain the concepts of opportunity cost, trade-offs, and the benefits of exchange.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of the laws of supply and demand and equilibrium and to analyze responses of markets to external events.
- Students will learn to apply supply and demand analysis to examine the impact of government regulation.
- Students will be able to explain and calculate price elasticity and will demonstrate an understanding of producer choice, including cost and break-even analysis.
- Students will learn to compare common market structures.
- Students will be able to apply microeconomic principles and models to define and address market failures and to describe issues such as wage inequality or other policy matters.
- This course is not open to first year students.

Introduction to Econometrics (ECON-220)

- Students will be able to explain core concepts and techniques in econometrics and will understand the assumptions upon which econometric models are based and their implications.
- Students will be able to estimate and interpret linear regression models and distinguish between economic and statistical importance.
- Students will be introduced to statistical software used to estimate regression models and analyze data, and will demonstrate the ability to understand and assess results.
- Students will learn to interpret and critically evaluate applied work and econometric findings in order to be able to critique reported regression results in applied academic papers and interpret the results for someone who is not trained as an economist.
- This course is not open to first year students.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Economics:
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James Hartley, Professor of Economics

Katherine Lande, Professor of Economics

Michael Robinson, Julia and Sarah Ann Adams Professor of Economics, Teaching Fall Only

Steven Schmeiser, Professor of Economics

Lisa Sullivan, Professor of Economics ; Provost and Dean of Faculty

Lucas Wilson, Professor of Economics and Critical Race and Political Economy on the Ford Foundation

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Johannes Norling, Associate Professor of Economics

Amanda Awadey, Assistant Professor of Economics

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Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
As prerequisites for economics core courses:		
ECON-110	Introductory Economics	
MATH-101	Calculus I	
Economics Core Courses:		
ECON-211	Macroeconomic Theory	4
ECON-212	Microeconomic Theory	4
ECON-220	Introduction to Econometrics	4
or ECON-320	Econometrics	
Economics Electives: ^{1, 2}		

Three 300-level courses (two of these must be taken at Mount Holyoke)	12
8 additional credits at either the 200 or 300 level	8
Total Credits	32

¹ A student must take at least 16 of the major credits at Mount Holyoke, with no more than four credits at the 300-level transferred in.

² No more than two independent study credits can be used towards the major.

Additional Specifications

- Students typically begin their study of economics with Introductory Economics (ECON-110), which is the prerequisite for intermediate level courses. There are a number of 200-level courses that can be taken as a first course in economics, though these courses are not open to first-semester students. Note: 200-level courses are not open to first semester students, ECON-211 and ECON-212 are not open to first year students.
- The objective of the core courses is to examine intensively the theoretical tools used in professional economic research. One or more of the core courses is required for each 300-level course in the department. At the intermediate level, a student can choose from a wide array of courses that apply economic theory to particular areas, drawing and building on the concepts and analytical tools developed in the introductory courses. Most 300-level courses are applied courses as well, but the level of analytical sophistication is higher, and students are expected to write substantial analytical research papers. The applied areas offered in the department cover a wide range of subjects, including corporate governance, economic development, economic history, economics of corporate finance, environmental economics, health economics, industrial organization, international economics, macroeconomic advanced game theory, Marxian economic theory, and public finance.

Students considering developing a special major in mathematics and economics or statistics and economics should consult the Special Major (p. 377) chapter.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
12 credits at the 200 level or above		12
4 credits at the 300 level		4
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

- Students are encouraged to consult a faculty member for advice in planning a coherent economics minor.

Course Advice

Introductory Courses

Students may begin the study of economics with Introductory Economics (ECON-110). Students should consult the department chair before selecting courses if they received a 4 or 5 on one or both of the advanced placement exams in economics, took "A-levels," or took the International Baccalaureate in economics.

Course Offerings

100-Level Courses

ECON-110 Introductory Economics

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Introduction to economic issues and the tools that economists use to study those issues: supply and demand, decision making by consumers and firms, market failures, economic output and growth, fiscal and monetary policy in relation to unemployment and inflation, and international economics. Topics include both the study of markets and the need for public policy/government action to address market failures.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

200-Level Courses

ECON-207 Special Topics

This 200-level course investigates a particular topic in economics at some depth without presupposing prior knowledge of economics. Many students may find one or more of these courses useful complements to majors and minors other than economics.

ECON-207EH Special Topics: 'Economics of Happiness'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course will explore happiness and wellbeing through an economic lens. Beginning with the World Happiness Report, we'll take an empirical approach to understanding the drivers of happiness and wellbeing across different regions and generations. Using a variety of media formats, complementary psychology research, campus exploration, and seminar-type discussions, we'll examine topics such as aging and dementia, technology use, altruism, connection and loneliness, personal finance, and the impact of social policies on wellbeing. We'll learn how to conduct simple cost-benefit analyses and develop creative economic solutions to social issues.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Advisory: Students who took FYSEM-110EC Economics of Happiness cannot take this course.

ECON-210 Marxian Economic Theory

Fall. Credits: 4

An introduction to Marx's critique of political economy. Offers a close reading of volume 1 of Marx's *Capital*. Marx's understanding of capitalism as a system of accumulation and exploitation allow students a contrasting vision of an economic system based on dispossession, individual choice, and private property. Contemporary issues such as climate change; social and economic crisis; inequalities of race, gender, sexuality, and nation; de-growth; alternative forms of economic organization; and more are reviewed.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: ECON-110 or CRPE-200. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.

ECON-211 Macroeconomic Theory*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Intermediate macroeconomic theory. Analysis of causes of long-run economic growth and short-run business cycles. Study of different macroeconomic models, consumption, investment, government spending, net exports, money supply, and money demand. Examination of fiscal and monetary policy and U.S. economic relations with the rest of the world.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-110 and MATH-101.*

Advisory: Students who have taken the International Baccalaureate or A-Level exams in economics should consult the department before registering for the course. The department does not recommend taking this as the first course in Economics.

ECON-212 Microeconomic Theory*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Microeconomic theory explores the foundations of consumer and firm theory as well as their theoretical applications. We examine the assumptions of models, market structures, and explore topics such as game theory and public goods.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-110 and MATH-101.*

Advisory: Students who have taken the International Baccalaureate or A-Level exams in economics should consult the department before registering for the course. The department does not recommend taking this as the first course in Economics.

ECON-213 Economic Development*Fall. Credits: 4*

Economic development is the study of the macro and micro dynamics that shape economic and social outcomes in low and middle-income countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and transition economies. The outcomes we focus on in this course are human well-being, poverty, and inequalities as well as structural transformation, economic growth, sustainability, and the creation of decent jobs. We will pay particular attention to the implications of the nature of an economy's insertion into the global economy and the global economic context, and to the role of government policies in advancing economic development.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: ECON-110. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.***ECON-215 Economics of Corporate Finance***Spring. Credits: 4*

An investigation of the economic foundations for investment, financing, and related decisions in corporations. Topics include capital markets and institutions; analysis of financial statements; sources and uses of funds; capital budgeting and risk; cost of capital; portfolio theory; the impact of corporate decisions on the economy. Some attention given to recent developments in the stock market, in the merger movement, and in international finance.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: ECON-110. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.***ECON-218 International Economics***Spring. Credits: 4*

The first part of the semester investigates reasons why nations trade and factors that determine trade patterns, focusing on examples of agricultural and food trade. Using the basic tools of microeconomics, it considers the welfare and distributional impacts of free trade among countries. Further topics include barriers to trade, reasons for limiting trade, international food and agricultural policy, and current trade policy issues. The second part introduces the students to basic models in international finance and studies applications of current policy issues such as fixed exchange rates and the Euro.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: ECON-110. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.***ECON-219 Environmental Economics***Spring. Credits: 4*

In this class, we will use the lens of economic analysis to examine how environmental problems arise and what can be done to resolve them. This will include an assessment of relevant environmental policies (e.g., carbon tax & cap-and-trade programs), how these policies function, and what impacts they have on people and the economy. Topics include market failures and externalities, pollution, climate change, management of renewable and nonrenewable resources, sustainability, biodiversity, and others.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: ECON-110. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.***ECON-220 Introduction to Econometrics***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

A study of statistical methods applied to economic and social data. Measures of central tendency and dispersion, point and interval estimation, hypothesis testing, simple correlation, and simple and multiple regression analysis.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: ECON-110 and MATH-101. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.***ECON-228 Political Economy***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course introduces students to the modal interdisciplinary approach of political economy, an approach that de-centers economics from a narrow focus on optimization and hyper-rationality to a broader vision of how the behavior of homo sapiens acting as economic agents is shaped by social and psychological processes. Thus, the determinants of economic outcomes are similarly impacted by emotional and social context. This course will offer a critical exploration of how the works of Adam Smith, David Ricardo, Karl Marx, Amartya Sen, and others have informed approaches to the study of political economy. Topics to be explored include: how socially constructed concepts of gender (as opposed to biological sex) and race/ethnicity impact value distribution; power dynamics in the workplace and larger society; and social investment thereby shaping the cultural architecture and economic processes that contribute to inequality. One of the objectives of this course is to specifically address the role of capital accumulation and mercantilist tendencies in modern capitalist economies in the diminution of productive self-employment, family businesses, and other alternatives to large-scale enterprises, leading to distorted forms of development resulting in catastrophic effects to the global ecology.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: Not open to first-year students in their first semester.*

ECON-241 Critical Development Studies*Spring. Credits: 4*

Critical development studies explore the economic, political, cultural, and environmental conditions underpinning global economic systems (i.e. large-scale industrial, merchanting, and financial systems). Critical development studies seek to understand the dynamics of such systems and to develop methodologies for reducing marginalization and inequalities, to give the voiceless a voice in shaping public policies. These political economic studies often draw links between imperialism, colonization, slavery, and unequal trading relationships. In this course, we will seek to understand and evaluate proposals for advancing a better development path for the marginalized along constructed class, gender, and racial lines.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: ECON-110. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.***ECON-249 Topics in Economics****ECON-249CN Topics in Economics: 'China's Innovation System'***Fall. Credits: 4*

China is undergoing a massive transformation driven by innovation. The country has increased its capacity for innovation at a scale and speed unmatched in history. These innovations are reshaping China's domestic economy and the larger global economy. The various components of these innovation processes and concrete examples of actual innovations will be the subject of this course. We will also explore the impacts of these innovation processes and specific innovations on other social processes (economic, political, cultural, psychological, and ecological).

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: ECON-110. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.***ECON-249EG Topics in Economics: 'Economic Growth'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Once upon a time, the whole world was poor. Why is that no longer true? Since the Solow growth model was developed in the 1950s, we have known that the primary engine for economic growth is technological change. There has been a vast amount of research since the mid-1990s that has expanded our understanding of the mechanisms of economic growth, what creates technological change and how it affects economies. What is the difference between countries that have become rich and those that have not? Is there something countries can do to increase their economic growth? This course explores the mathematical models economists have been building to answer these and related questions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: ECON-110 and MATH-101. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.***ECON-249HP Topics in Economics: 'Economics of Shopping: An Introduction to Industrial Organization'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The economics of shopping is a course that explores how consumers buy goods and how firms get products onto shelves, covering topics such as consumer preferences, store choice, and consumer influence, but also research and development of patents, advertising, distribution, shelf competition, and store location choices. We will look at a variety of industries such as fast fashion and beer and students will perform their own semester long case study. We will apply basic microeconomic concepts and empirical methods and focus on developing economic thinking. This course is an introduction to the field of industrial organization.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: ECON-110. Not open to first-year students in their first semester.**Advisory: Students who have taken ECON-307 may not take this course without prior permission.***ECON-270 Accounting***Fall. Credits: 4*

The course, while using traditional accounting techniques and methodology, will focus on the needs of external users of financial information. The emphasis is on learning how to read, interpret, and analyze financial information as a tool to guide investment decisions. Concepts rather than procedures are stressed and class time will be largely devoted to problem solutions and case discussions. A basic knowledge of arithmetic (+, -, *, /) and algebra is suggested.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: Not open to first-year students in their first semester.**Advisory: Not open to students who have taken EOS-225.***300-Level Seminars****ECON-301 Advanced Game Theory***Fall. Credits: 4*

The course will illustrate and analyze the strategies used in making interrelated decisions. We will develop game theoretical tools and apply them to examples from economics, business, politics, and even sports. Topics include the prisoner's dilemma, signaling, coordination, voting, and competition. We analyze games in static and dynamic environments with perfect and imperfect information.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-211 and ECON-212.***ECON-306 Political Economy of Inequality***Spring. Credits: 4*

This seminar develops a historical and theoretical analysis of issues and concerns arising from a Marxian specification of social and economic inequality. Using class as a lens for examining relationships between individuals, institutions, and society, the course examines the role of markets and the state in social and economic life, and the challenges of achieving class justice for all. Issues of governance, subjectivity, production, and reproduction in economic and social spheres are addressed in the writings of Darity, Hamilton, DeMartino, Marx, Williams, Robinson, Taylor, Loury, and others.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-210, ECON-211, or ECON-212.**Advisory: ECON-212.***ECON-307 Seminar in Industrial Organization***Spring. Credits: 4*

Analysis of theoretical models and empirical studies on the economic performance of industries. Approaches studied include transaction cost economics, game theory, and pricing models. Topics include advertising, research and development, and relationships between government and business such as regulation and antitrust laws.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-212.*

ECON-314 Globalization and Development*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Many developing countries face significant economic challenges today: slow economic and productivity growth, premature de-industrialization, limited creation of decent jobs, large foreign debt burdens, growing climate change impacts, and high inequality. In this seminar, we analyze how the interactions between domestic economic dynamics and globalization (unfettered cross-border flows of trade, financial capital, foreign direct investment as well as the rise of China) have shaped economic development outcomes. We study how they led to success in some countries and huge challenges in others, and what domestic and international policy changes are needed to achieve more equitable and sustainable development.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-211 or ECON-213.***ECON-319 Environmental Economics, Ecology and Conservation Policy***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Understanding and solving environmental problems requires interdisciplinary perspectives. This course links tools from economics with tools from ecology and environmental sciences to design effective policies for protecting the environment. We will examine topics such as the protection of rare and endangered species, rainforest conservation, climate change and others. We will also study important domestic and international policies related to these topics.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-212 or ECON-219.***ECON-320 Econometrics***Fall. Credits: 4*

A study of advanced statistical methods in quantifying economic theory. Emphasis on the practical application of regression analysis to test economic theory, especially where the assumptions underlying ordinary least squares analysis are violated. Examines several different subjects that illustrate empirical economic research.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-211, ECON-212 and ECON-220.***ECON-326 Economics of the Digital Economy***Spring. Credits: 4*

This seminar explores the economic impact of the Internet, information technology, digitalization, and the networked information economy on manufacturing and manufacturing networks, global and local finance, goods and services markets, innovation and invention, intellectual property rights, public finance and taxation, security and cybercrime, media, and social networking. We investigate the implications of the networked information economy and digitalization, more broadly, for the creating of new economic (and social) relationships and the internet of everything. We also examine the continuing struggle over regulation of cyberspace across international borders and the definition and enforcement of intellectual property rights in a global context.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-211 and ECON-212.***ECON-338 Money and Banking***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Monetary theory and policy. Overview of financial markets and institutions. Explores the nature of money and the effects of changing money supply on the economy, theories of money demand, the various methods by which monetary policy can be conducted and the advantages and disadvantages of each, methods of banking regulation and the attendant problems that arise, and important episodes in monetary history (e.g., the Great Depression).

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-211.**Advisory: MATH-101 recommended.***ECON-346 Population Economics Through Data Analysis***Fall. Credits: 4*

Demography is the scientific study of human populations, primarily with respect to their size, structure, and development. Population economics, or economic demography, focuses on economic aspects of demographic topics, including fertility, mortality, migration, poverty, and inequality.

This course studies each topic through a review of relevant research and economic models, and extensive analysis of censuses, household surveys, and other sources of demographic data.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-220.***ECON-349 Advanced Topics in Economics****ECON-349DV Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Development Economics: A Closer Look in Africa'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Economic development is complex and nuanced, and differences in development persist globally. Many African countries, however, lag behind in key development indices and this precipitates our focus on Africa. In this seminar, we will build our knowledge of development issues in this region and provoke our interest in possible areas for future research to increase our understanding. To do this, this seminar will focus on field experiments aimed at providing causal evidence of interventions related largely to human capital development and entrepreneurship, critically examining what has worked and learn from what has not and their limitations. We will also keep abreast of current issues in development and discuss schools of thought on sustainable development, global poverty and aid.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-220.*

ECON-349EC Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Analysis of Empire of Cotton'*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course focuses on analyzing the "Empire of Cotton," as it was labeled by Pulitzer Prize nominee Sven Beckert. This course explores the nexus between war capitalism as epitomized by British subjugation of peoples around the world, notably in India (the jewel in the crown) and China; the massive seizure of advanced textile manufacturing machines and raw materials (notably raw cotton), and the industrial revolution. The course also examines the history of globalization in this period of knowledge transfer, mass human trafficking, and slave economies of the USA, Caribbean, and South America. A basic hypothesis explored in the course will be whether this Empire of Cotton played a pivotal role in creating income and wealth inequalities between the so-called North and the marginalized South, inequalities that persist in the present.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Economics, Critical Social Thought, or Critical Race Political Economy.***ECON-349QF Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Quantitative Finance'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course uses computation and statistics to explore topics in modern quantitative portfolio and risk management. We cover models in financial econometrics, risk metrics, equity modeling, factor models, derivative pricing, and volatility surfaces, with emphasis on models that require numerical solutions. We learn to use a general purpose programming language to retrieve and explore data, implement models, and present results. The majority of class time is spent in the computer lab. No prior programming experience is required.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ECON-215 and ECON-220.**Advisory: No prior programming experience is required.***ECON-349UT Advanced Topics in Economics: American Economic Utopias'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Utopian visions are historical artifacts. Arguably, in articulating a vision of the perfect life, utopian thinkers and social experimenters always tell us something important about "the anxieties and discontents amidst which they are produced" as well as deep aspirations of their place and age (H.G Wells, 1939). We'll test that argument in this course by situating a selection of nineteenth and early twentieth century American utopian communities within the contexts of their economic and social history. The course will begin with a brief survey of utopian thought by key economic thinkers and end with a work of contemporary science fiction chosen by the class.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in the department at the 200-level or above.***Independent Research**

We strongly encourage students to pursue independent research under ECON-295 or ECON-395. These courses, which are offered for a variable number of credits, provide opportunities for many different kinds of independent projects. Both ECON-295 and ECON-395 typically encompass a small research project, possibly in conjunction with faculty research.

A student works individually on their thesis over a two-semester period, first by registering for ECON-395 in the fall and then by finishing with ECON-395 in the spring (4 credits in each semester) for a total of 8 credits. Each thesis is supervised by a committee of two faculty members, one of whom serves as the primary advisor.

A one-semester ECON-395 project may not be counted toward the courses required for the major or minor at the 300 level. For a two-semester ECON-395 project culminating in a thesis, up to two credits in the second semester may count toward the major. Thesis credits do not count towards the major requirements beyond the two credits of independent study allowed.

ECON-295 Independent Study*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***ECON-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Educational Policy and Practice

Overview and Contact Information

The Nexus in Educational Policy and Practice is intended to provide students with an opportunity to conduct a cross-disciplinary exploration of an education-related topic. The multidisciplinary nature of the Nexus offers varied perspectives on contemporary contexts and historical moments that shape and define knowledge, behavior, structures, organizations, and policies both in and out of educational settings. Examples of these varied perspectives include Education: Policy and Politics; Philosophy and the Child; International Education; Women, Leadership and Higher Education; Education, Health, and Sports Pedagogy; Education and the Arts; Environmental Education.

See Also

- Educational Studies (p. 158)
- Psychology and Education (p. 346)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chair:

Sarah Frenette, Five College Coordinator of Teacher Licensure

Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus 16 or selected with approval of the track chair		
At least one course at the 300 level		
At least one course at the 200 level or above		
One course at the 100 level or above ¹		
A substantive summer internship ²		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
A presentation at LEAP Symposium		
Total Credits		18

¹ Only one course at the 100 level is permitted to count toward the Nexus.

² The summer internship must meet College requirements for a substantial educational experience: At least 200 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization's stated mission and complements the student's area of focus.

Additional Specifications

- Nexus students will develop a brief proposal outlining their specific area of focus including a course outline. Students will schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete an online Plan of Study form to be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
- COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Selection of Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Courses other than those listed below may count toward the Nexus. Students should consult the Nexus track chair for consideration of courses not on the list.

Code	Title	Credits
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
Education		
EDUC-205	Social Justice in Education	4
EDUC-233	Educational Psychology	4
EDUC-267	Children's Literature for Educators	4
Educational Studies		
EDUST-339EP	Seminar in Educational Studies: 'Educational Policy'	4
Entrepreneurship, Orgs & Soc		
EOS-299ND	Topic: 'Individuals and Organizations'	4
EOS-349MV	Topic: 'Motivation'	4
Psychology		
PSYCH-213	Psychology of Racism	4

PSYCH-230	Developmental Psychology	4
PSYCH-233	Educational Psychology	4
PSYCH-331	Laboratory in Early Childhood Learning and Development	4

Educational Studies
Overview and Contact Information

The minor in educational studies provides students with an opportunity to conduct a cross-disciplinary exploration of an education-related topic. The multidisciplinary nature of the minor offers varied perspectives on contexts and historical moments that shape and define knowledge, behavior, structures, and policies both in and out of classrooms. Students planning to minor in educational studies must consult with a member of the program committee to discuss an area of interest and design a plan of study. A brief proposal and plan of study outlining the focus of the minor and the courses making up the minor must be approved by the program chair. The culminating experience of the minor is a 2-credit Educational Studies course requiring students to analyze and synthesize key ideas that have emerged from their focused study. Students will work with a faculty advisor as they write and present a capstone paper or project.

Please note: this minor in educational studies does not lead to teacher licensure. For information on the education minor (p. 348) leading to teacher licensure (p. 349), please consult the Psychology and Education chapter, which provides detailed information on the course requirements and application procedures for teacher licensure programs.

- See Also
- Psychology and Education (p. 346)
 - Educational Policy and Practice (p. 157)

Contact Information

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Educational Studies Committee:

Preston Smith II, Class of 1926 Professor of Politics

Lucas Wilson, Professor of Economics and Critical Race and Political Economy on the Ford Foundation

Bruce Arnold, Associate Professor of Classics

Jennifer Jacoby, Associate Professor of Psychology and Education; Director of First-Year Seminars, Teaching Fall Only

Jackson Matos, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Education

Sarah Frenette, Five College Director of Undergraduate Teacher Licensure Programs

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC-205 or EDUC-220	Social Justice in Education	4
Three courses at the 200 level or above focusing on a specific area of study ¹		12
EDUST-295	Independent Study	2
Total Credits		18

¹ Some possible areas of study include: Knowledge and the Humanities, National and International Perspectives on Education, Teaching and Learning, Sport Pedagogy, Social Justice, and Educational Policy.

Additional Specifications

- One Independent Study (EDUST-395) can be applied to the minimum minor requirements.

Course Offerings

EDUST-215 Ideas and Ideals in Public Education

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Using an interdisciplinary framework, this course will examine the social, historical, legal, philosophical, economic, and political foundations of education in the United States. It is designed to engage students in an examination of the enduring questions, debates, and tensions that revolve around the institution of schooling in the U.S. Topics covered will include an examination of political ideologies that have informed past and current education reform movements, an historical perspective on access to education, and an analysis of trends in funding of public education, among others.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

EDUST-250 Special Topics in Educational Studies

EDUST-250CR Special Topics in Educational Studies: 'Current and Controversial Issues in Education'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course examines the individual, institutional, and sociocultural challenges within education today. Students will analyze current issues in the context of historical perspectives as they engage in dialogue on contentious topics, including technology in education, teachers and unions, DEI, immigration, educational access and equity, charter schools, and special education.

Crosslisted as: PSYCH-239CR

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Notes: Students can obtain 300-level credit with permission of instructor.

EDUST-250CW Special Topics in Educational Studies: 'Storytelling and Play: Learning from Children's Works'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course explores play and storytelling as sources of meaning-making, community building, and pedagogical insight. Drawing from psychology, disability studies, anthropology, Black feminist thought, Indigenous worldviews, and educational frameworks, students will examine how play shapes development and challenges dominant paradigms. Through theoretical study and empirical data, we will explore how children's stories illuminate social issues, and how educators and researchers can respond with care, creativity, and justice-oriented practice. We will also investigate how play functions in adult learning, collective well-being, and community building.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

EDUST-250PH Special Topics in Educational Studies: 'Introduction to Sport Pedagogy'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course is designed to introduce students to the many facets of sport pedagogy and coaching. Our focus is the strategies and styles of coaching youth sports. Topics include coaching philosophy, motor learning, anatomy and physiology, biomechanics, sport psychology and risk management/liability. Other topics include the benefits of playing sports, developing age-appropriate instruction and training, goal setting, effective feedback, special issues in coaching children, and coaches as role models for children. In a local school system, we will apply the concepts and theories learned, by developing and implementing lesson plans to introduce various athletic skills and sports.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

EDUST-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

EDUST-339EP Seminar in Educational Studies: 'Educational Policy'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In this course, students will explore educational policy including why policy-making and policies matter, what makes compelling evidence to various stakeholders, ways to identify levers for change, and the negotiation processes. We will consider local, state, federal policy, and international comparative cases. Students will analyze the ways in which policy, practice, and theory intersect or diverge, and why. Beyond course materials, students will choose a topic, draft and revise a written policy brief, as well as practice pitching policy through spoken word.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Advisory: One 200-level course in Educational Studies or relevant area recommended.

EDUST-351 Topics in Education**EDUST-351AD Topics in Education: 'Adult Literacy'***Fall. Credits: 4*

In this seminar, we will explore a number of literacy issues as they relate to the ever-present challenge of adult illiteracy. We will examine the following topics as they relate to adults with low-literacy skills: vocabulary acquisition, reading comprehension, and writing abilities. This is a Community-Based Learning course, and students will spend time each week tutoring adults in local Adult Basic Education centers to gain first-hand insights into these issues.

*Crosslisted as: PSYCH-349AD**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***EDUST-351CH Topics in Education: 'Childhood and Adolescence in the U.S. Today'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will explore conceptualizations of childhood and adolescence in the United States today. Using both academic articles and media resources, the course will address topics such as: early education and school readiness; play and extracurricular involvement; college access and attendance; mental health, self-esteem, and social media; and youth activism. We will use developmental psychology as the lens for most of our readings and discussion, although the course will integrate concepts from sociology, history, and education. We will also examine the roles of relationships (e.g., family, teachers, and peers) and contexts (e.g., policy, schools, and culture) on youth experience.

*Crosslisted as: PSYCH-337CH**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-200 or PSYCH-204.***EDUST-351CR Topics in Education: 'Current and Controversial Issues in Education'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the individual, institutional, and sociocultural challenges within education today. Students will analyze current issues in the context of historical perspectives as they engage in dialogue on contentious topics, including technology in education, teachers and unions, DEI, immigration, educational access and equity, charter schools, and special education.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***EDUST-351RH Topics in Education: 'Puerto Rican Learning Opportunities in Holyoke'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course, students will learn about the history of Holyoke, the Puerto Rican community in Holyoke, and its diasporic connections. Instructors will introduce students to decolonial principles of community interaction, ethical considerations of community-based learning, Puerto Rican family and community engagement, Puerto Rican culture and values, and pedagogies of culturally relevant teaching. The course will culminate in a CBL project.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***EDUST-351SJ Topics in Education: 'Social Justice and Education'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

As U.S. racial group populations are on the rise, educational institutions need to prepare for racial diversity reflected in classrooms from elementary school to college. In this lab course, students will use qualitative research methods and social justice frameworks to code and analyze three distinct data sets, one collected from Puerto Rican parents in Holyoke; one from a college course on social justice; and one from pre-service teachers in public schools. Students will create posters to display their findings on the presence (or absence) of social justice in education at the end-of-semester event.

*Crosslisted as: PSYCH-310SJ**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204 and EDUC-205 or a multicultural perspectives course that covers race and racism.**Notes: If there are openings in the second week of pre-registration, the course may open to junior majors.***EDUST-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Engineering

Overview and Contact Information

The Engineering Nexus provides a path from the traditional disciplines of the liberal arts to a career in engineering. Engineers are trained to solve a diverse set of problems, and a student may major in the field of science or mathematics most closely allied to the engineering subfield in which the student is interested. Combining a science or mathematics major with some additional course work and summer internships in engineering is excellent preparation for future graduate work in engineering or employment in engineering-related fields.

While the Engineering Nexus explicitly is not an engineering degree or accreditation, it is intended as a route into the field of engineering. The experiential portion of the Nexus involves completing a summer internship in the field of engineering. This may be participating in a formal Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program in an academic laboratory, a summer internship with an engineering firm, working abroad for the summer in an engineering laboratory, or other options.

See Also

- Dual-Degree in Engineering (p. 13)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Engineering committee:

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Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus 16 or selected with approval of the track chair		
At least one course at the 300 level		
At least one course at the 200 level or above		
One course at the 100 level or above ¹		
A substantive summer internship ²		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
A presentation at LEAP Symposium		
Total Credits		18

¹ Only one course at the 100 level is permitted to count toward the Nexus.

² The summer internship must meet College requirements for a substantial educational experience: At least 200 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization's stated mission and complements the student's area of focus.

Additional Specifications

- Given the diversity of the engineering field, a wide range of courses can count toward the Nexus. Note that a random selection from the list of Nexus in Engineering courses provided will not be automatically approved by an Engineering Nexus advisor. It is critical for students to understand what subfields of engineering they wish to pursue and how they enhance their existing majors.
- Each student develops a course plan with an engineering Nexus advisor that will help them reach their goals. Students will schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete an online Plan of Study form to be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
 - COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Students craft their selection of courses in consultation with a Nexus in Engineering advisor. These courses are examples of courses that have been used in the past for a particular program. See the Nexus in Engineering website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/engineering>) for examples of how some of these courses may fit together with majors and subfields of engineering.

Code	Title	Credits
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
Computer Science		
COMSC-226	Engineering Robotic Systems	4
Economics		
ECON-212	Microeconomic Theory	4
ECON-307	Seminar in Industrial Organization	4
Mathematics		
MATH-333	Differential Equations	4
MATH-342	Probability	4
Physics		
PHYS-290	Advanced Laboratory Practicum	1-8
PHYS-308	Electronics	4
PHYS-325	Electromagnetic Theory	4
PHYS-390	Advanced Laboratory Practicum	1-8

English

Overview and Contact Information

English courses at Mount Holyoke offer students an opportunity to study texts and writers from the many cultural traditions that have shaped, and been shaped by, the English language. Our offerings range from the seventh through twenty-first centuries and encompass multiple national, racial, and cultural identities. The department's courses cultivate skills in close reading, critical thinking, and persuasive writing. For students interested in writing, a number of courses offer practical instruction in the techniques of fiction, poetry, and other literary genres. The major helps prepare students for a wide range of careers, including teaching at all levels, law, business, and graduate study in literature and culture.

The department reflects in its offerings a balanced variety of historical and theoretical approaches to the study of language, literature, and culture. Many courses locate British and American literary texts within their historical contexts; many courses employ approaches drawn from gender studies, queer theory, and postcolonial theory. We regularly offer courses on African American, Asian American, and other ethnically defined American literatures, as well as on writings from Africa, Asia, the Pacific Rim, and Ireland. Some members of the department study visual culture in many different media, including film. The department expects its majors to study texts from a variety of historical periods and challenges students to respond to new questions about the theoretical relationships of literary and cultural forms and historical transformation.

Additional information is found on the MHC English Department Resource Room website (<https://sites.google.com/mtholyoke.edu/englishdeptresourceroom/home>).

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Learning Goals

By participating in coursework and experiences constituting a major in English, students are expected to acquire the following knowledge and skills:

- Become skilled in the close reading of literature and culture.
- Become familiar with literary works from diverse traditions, periods, and genres.
- Understand literature and culture in relation to multiple forms of difference.
- Apply a variety of critical and theoretical interpretive lenses to literature and culture.
- Learn to write about literary and cultural texts with clarity, argument, and evidence.
- Learn to produce creative works with craft, imagination, and experiment.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of English: Nigel Alderman, Professor of English

Ilyko Day, Elizabeth C. Small Professor of English, On Leave 2025-2026

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Suparna Roychoudhury, Associate Provost and Associate Dean of Faculty; Professor of English, Teaching Fall Only

Kate Singer, Mary Lyon Professor of Humanities

Elizabeth Young, Carl M. and Elsie A. Small Professor of English

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Wesley Yu, Associate Professor of English

Arnav Adhikari, Assistant Professor of English

Kristen Maye, Clara Willis Phillips Assistant Professor of English

Alex Moskowitz, Assistant Professor of English

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Lucas de Lima, Visiting Assistant Professor in English

Mariah Rigg, Mount Holyoke Fellow and Visiting Lecturer in English

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL-199	Introduction to the Study of Literature	4
Three approved disciplinary perspectives courses in English at the 200 level: ¹		12
One Literary History and Period course		
One Race, Power, and Difference course		

One Theory and Methods course	
Three English courses at the 300 level ²	12
Two additional English courses at the 200 or 300 level	8
Total Credits	36

¹ See Courses section (p. 163) for lists of approved courses in these specific areas. A student may not double count a single course to fulfill more than one area.
² At least two 300-level courses must be taken at Mount Holyoke.

Additional Specifications

- First-Year Seminars do not count toward the completion of the English major.
- ENGL-295 and ENGL-395 do not count toward the completion of the English major.
- An English major offers the opportunity to study various texts written in English, both those in traditions of British and American literature as well as those from other parts of the world. A student of English should be acquainted with works from different historical periods and different national traditions and different genres—fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama.
- This discipline consists of a variety of intellectual-interpretive approaches. Each major should take advantage of the department’s diverse offerings by thoughtfully devising their own path of study while becoming familiar with all genres. Core requirements provide an acquaintance with writings and critical methodologies essential to a mastery of the field.
- We also urge majors to explore the creative process by taking writing courses and to link the study of literature in English with the study of history, the arts, and other literatures. Courses in classical and modern languages and literatures, art history, music, dance, theater, film, politics, anthropology, psychology, philosophy, religion, history, and the sciences complement and supplement courses in English.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Two courses in English at the 200 level		8
Two courses in English at the 300 level		8
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

- At least one course at each level should be taken at Mount Holyoke.
- The choice of courses is at the discretion of the student, with no departmental approval required. Members of the department are, of course, available for consultation about possible minor programs. The approval of the chair is necessary for any exception to the requirements.
- ENGL-295 and ENGL-395 do not count toward the completion of the English minor.
- First Year Seminars do not count toward the completion of the English minor.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of English can combine their course work in English with a minor in education. In some

instances course work in the major may coincide with course work required for licensure. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of English, please consult the chair of the English Department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice

Courses in the First Year

The department offers two kinds of courses for first-year students: first-year seminars offered by English faculty under the FYSEM designation and sections of ENGL-199. The first-year seminars taught by English department faculty are writing-intensive seminars on various topics which strengthen a student's proficiency and confidence as a writer. ENGL-199, also writing-intensive, is an introduction to literary studies and a required gateway to the major. Students who, in the fall, take a first-year seminar and who are considering a major in English ordinarily take ENGL-199 in the spring. First-year students interested in ENGL-201 and upper-level courses require the permission of the instructor.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may elect ENGL-201 or courses such as Poetry Writing I (ENGL-204).

Course Offerings

ENGL-199 Introduction to the Study of Literature

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course examines various strategies of literary representation through a variety of genres, including such traditional literary forms as the novel, lyric poetry, drama, and autobiography, as well as other cultural forms, such as film. Particular attention is given to student writing; students are expected to write a variety of short essays on selected topics. Though the themes of specific sections may vary, all sections seek to introduce students to the terminology of literary and cultural discourse.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Notes: ENGL-199, required for the English major, introduces students to critical issues in the study of English literature. Students considering an English major will ordinarily take ENGL-199 after taking a first-year seminar.

ENGL-209 Writing, Reading, and Constructed Languages

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Languages are created by communities, shaped by each generation and passed on to the next. Constructed Languages (conlangs), in contrast, are created intentionally to serve philosophical or artistic goals. Conlangs are often seen in science fiction and fantasy genres, contributing texture to the fictional world. Constructing a language is an act of creativity, but conlangs can never be as complex as natural languages. Which aspects of language do conlangs illuminate, and which do they flatten? How do they critique or reinforce ideologies of oppression? We will approach these questions from linguistic, literary, cognitive, and sociological perspectives.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

ENGL-249 Style, Voice, and Self in Academic Discourse

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Academic discourse (writing and speaking) is often described as impersonal and objective. Expertise, evidence, and argument are valued. Clarity and concision are expected. Individuality and creativity are rarely mentioned, but can they have a place in academic discourse? This course will explore that question while discussing the relationship between academic and public discourse, social media in academic conversations, academic ethics, and Standard English as a default language for academic communication.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Advisory: The course is designed for students who do not identify as native speakers of English, but it is open to all students.

Writing Courses: Prose and Poetry

ENGL-201 Introduction to Creative Writing

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course offers an introduction to the composition of multiple genres and modes of creative writing, which may include poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, hybrid forms, graphic novels, and digital texts. Students will learn strategies for generating ideas, drafting, giving and receiving feedback, revising creative work, and building literary community.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

ENGL-204 Poetry Writing

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In this introductory course, students will read widely in contemporary poetry. Through prompts and project-based inquiry, both within the workshop and in take-home assignments, students will have the opportunity to produce and share writing based on the conceptual frameworks explored in the class.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

ENGL-205 Playwriting*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course offers practice in the fundamentals of dramatic structure and technique. Weekly reading assignments will examine the unique nature of writing for the theatre, nuts and bolts of format, tools of the craft, and the playwright's process from formulating a dramatic idea to rewriting. Weekly writing assignments will include scene work, adaptation, and journaling. The course will culminate in a significant writing project. Each class meeting will incorporate reading student work aloud with feedback from the instructor and the class. Students will listen, critique, and develop the vocabulary to discuss plays, structure, story, and content.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-240PW**Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: One course in Film Media Theater or Theatre Arts or a creative writing English course.**Notes: Cannot be taken at the 300 level.***ENGL-219 Topics in Creative Writing****ENGL-219AT Topics in Creative Writing: 'Writing Animal Tales'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What do writings about animals reveal about their lives? How do human beings engage with mammals, fish, reptiles, and birds as food, competitors, and companions? We will explore these questions as we read works focusing on the real and imagined lives of animals from ancient fables through twenty-first-century novels, essays, and hybrid-genre works. Reading discussions will be followed by writing experiments designed to spark original thinking and develop facility with writing. You will gain insight into the fine and ferocious literature concerning the great and small beasts, writing creative and analytical pieces toward a final portfolio. Some classes will involve field trips to observe animals.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ENGL-201.***ENGL-219BC Topics in Creative Writing: 'Building Literary Community'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Writing is a necessary but not sufficient condition for the creation of literature. Together, we will study and participate in various literary communities. We will investigate literary ecosystems, looking at how writing is published, circulated, and rewarded; as well as at labor conditions, ongoing inequities, and possibilities for disruption. Our class will serve as an incubator for new and existing student literary production. Students will work individually and collaboratively on projects such as writing reviews, producing broadsides or chapbooks, hosting readings, advocacy, and more. Visitors may include agents, book or journal editors, reviewers, designers, booksellers, and organizers.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: ENGL-201.**Advisory: Open to all; experience with campus literary productions welcome but not required.***ENGL-219BH Topics in Creative Writing: 'Beyond the Hero's Journey: On Indigenous Forms and Reimaginings'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this class, we will read, discuss, and write into narrative shapes outside Freytag's Pyramid or the Western "hero's journey" with a particular emphasis on the works of Indigenous, historically marginalized, and queer writers. We will look to the traditions, modalities, political movements and artifacts of the natural world that continue to influence contemporary, decolonial, and cross-genre storytelling. Sample authors include: Elissa Washuta, No'u Revilla, Layli Long Soldier, Xavier Navarro Aquino, Kristiana Kahaukawila, Tommy Orange, and others. Throughout the semester, writers will be encouraged to interrogate the objects, animals, climates, and structural systems that inform their own lives. All genres welcome!

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distrib. Rqmt; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ENGL-201 or equivalent.***ENGL-219CH Topics in Creative Writing: 'Climate Changes Everything: Telling Stories at the End of the World As We Know It'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this moment of climate emergency, how and why do we make meaning? What possibilities might various textual practices offer for engaging with, and positioning ourselves in relationship to, the unfathomable? If we are telling stories in the face of a radically uncertain future, who is our audience? Together, we will find ways of telling stories that help us relate to this moment, and, crucially, to each other. This is a creative writing course. Expect to encounter and create texts in many possible forms, including climate fiction, agitprop, documentary poetry, lyric essay, interactive narrative, and more.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ENGL-201.***ENGL-219FM Topics in Creative Writing: 'Four Memoirs: Writing Through Radical Self-Inquiry'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this class, we will read four full-length memoirs, each representing radically different structures and styles. Students will write four short memoirs mirroring the forms of these books. These "memoirs" will run between 2,000-2,500 words, and they will represent the pillars of the final grade. Memoir projects will receive instructor feedback, and will also be shared in smaller "care groups" to offer and receive feedback. Mary Oliver once wrote that "attention is the beginning of devotion." Together, we will nurture our attention to the world, and, therefore, devote ourselves to bettering it. We will nurture our sensitivities, our wonder, our awe, and identify not only who we are through rigorous self-inquiry, but what conversations we are participating in when we write, what literary traditions we perpetuate, and, perhaps most importantly, what traditions we break. Sample texts (full-length and excerpted) include Carmen Maria Machado, Alexander Chee, Barry Jenkins, Jaquira Díaz, Michelle Zauner, Saeed Jones, Natasha Trethewey, Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, Cyrus Simonoff, Yuko Tsushima, and others.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ENGL-201.*

ENGL-219MA Topics in Creative Writing: 'Everything is Political: Making Art in an Ongoing Catastrophe'

Fall. Credits: 4

In our current polycrisis – climate catastrophe, genocide, the rise of fascism, white supremacy –how and why do artists make meaning? What possibilities might various textual practices offer for engaging with, and positioning ourselves in relationship to, the unfathomable? When we tell stories in the face of a radically uncertain future, who is our audience? With collaboration as our orientation, we will find ways of telling stories that help us relate to this moment, and, crucially, to each other. This is a creative writing course. Expect to encounter and create texts in many possible forms, including agitprop, climate fiction, documentary poetry, interactive narrative, lyric essay, and more.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ENGL-201.

ENGL-219MT Topics in Creative Writing: 'Retelling Myth and Fairy Tale'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course explores contemporary fiction that retells old myths and fairy tales to create new writing. We will read short stories and novels from a diversity of cultures that adapt received texts to generate new works, which often implicitly question the original tales' messages, providing feminist, racial, and/or queer correctives. Students will read these retellings as creative writers, glean techniques and approaches to write their own contemporary retellings. Everyone will give and receive critique in small groups and workshops throughout the course and revise writing for the final project.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ENGL-201.

ENGL-219QT Topics in Creative Writing: 'Queer and Trans Writing'

Spring. Credits: 4

What do we mean when we say "queer writing" or "trans writing"? Are we talking about creative writing by queer and/or trans authors? Writing about queer or trans practices, identities, experience? Writing that subverts conventional forms? All of the above? In this course, we will engage these questions not theoretically but through praxis. We will read fiction, poetry, comics, creative nonfiction, and hybrid forms. Expect to encounter work that challenges you in terms of form and content. Some writers we may read include Ryka Aoki, James Baldwin, Tom Cho, Samuel R. Delany, Kari Edwards, Elisha Lim, Audre Lorde, Cherrie Moraga, Eileen Myles, and David Wojnarowicz.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-204QT

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ENGL-201.

ENGL-265 Children's and Young Adult Literature

ENGL-304 Advanced Poetry Writing

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In this workshop students will have the opportunity to generate new poems, with an eye to revision, critical thinking, and longer manuscript projects. We will read and discuss work by contemporary poets and will occasionally incorporate other media – visual art, music, performance, film, work that defies genre – to learn about what we might want to do with language and poetry. Together, we will work to build a community through our reading and our work.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ENGL-201 and 4 additional credits in English.

Notes: Repeatable.

ENGL-306 Advanced Projects in Creative Writing

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This semester-long course is designed for students already at work on a longer project (a novel or novella, a short story collection, a collection of poems, longform creative nonfiction, a graphic novel, or a hybrid form). Students will build on the skills and insights gained in previous creative writing courses to draft, workshop, and revise a full-length creative manuscript. Workshop and revision will comprise much of our time, along with readings on craft by authors such as Lynda Barry, Italo Calvino, and Samuel R. Delany. Students will also have an opportunity to meet literary publishing professionals.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: ENGL-201 or equivalent.

Advisory: Interested students must complete an application using: [this link](#)

ENGL-361 Advanced Creative Writing Topics

ENGL-361CP Advanced Creative Writing Topics: 'On the Art of Character, and the Character Profile'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Anything becomes interesting if you look at it long enough," Flaubert once wrote, and to this we might add anyone-as every individual holds a universe of complexity and context. In this class, we will read and discuss texts across genres closely following a single character or individual; writers will take on a semester-long challenge interviewing and profiling people they know, as well as individuals they don't know, investigating and building a portfolio of work about and around them. We will focus on technique and craft: How does one conduct an interview? How does one create a compelling, nuanced profile? How do we identify the extraordinary in the familiar? And we will focus on ethics: Is this story mine to tell? What are my biases as a writer? Whose gaze is present on the page and in media? The art of the profile has political currency, the possibility to shift collective imagination and attention. Mary Oliver wrote, "Attention is the beginning of devotion," and our attention as listeners, as witnesses, is more urgent than ever. All genres welcome.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ENGL-201 or equivalent.

ENGL-361CV Advanced Creative Writing Topics: 'Canny Valley: Writing from Art and Archives'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This multi-genre creative writing course focuses on generating writing inspired by the area's art and archives. The class will visit collections including Sylvia Plath's archives at Smith, the Emily Dickinson Museum, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, and Mount Holyoke College's own art museum and archives. Students will learn how to work with archival materials including original manuscripts, correspondence, recordings, and photos and will create writing in any genre spurred by the art and archives they interact with. Readings will include writings on *ekphrasis* or writing that responds to visual art. The class will also meet with curators and archivists to discuss aspects of working in these fields.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ENGL-201.

Advisory: At least two previous courses in creative writing is recommended.

ENGL-361LP Advanced Creative Writing Topics: 'Writing as Performance: Latinx and Latin American Poetry and Narrative'*Fall. Credits: 4*

This creative writing course turns to poetry and narrative that comes alive off the page. Reading work by Raquel Gutiérrez, Clarice Lispector, Jenni(f)fer Tamayo, Ricardo Bracho, and Tatiana Nascimento, among others, students will write and perform across genres while in dialogue with voices from across the Americas. To place ourselves in our bodies as well as our words, we will explore not just the innovative aesthetics taken up by writers of Latin American descent but also the politics activated in forms as varied as the butch memoir, the sissy play, the travel diary, and the sound poem. Central to our experiments will be the relationship between writing and other artistic mediums as we navigate topics such as race, colonialism, gender, sexuality, class, disability, ecology, and spirituality.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330LP**Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distrib. Reqmt; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ENGL-201.***ENGL-361SW Advanced Creative Writing Topics: 'Screenwriting'***Fall. Credits: 4*

The screenplay is a unique and ephemeral form that exists as a blueprint for something else: a finished film. How do you convey on the page a story that will take shape within an audio-visual medium? The screenwriter must have an understanding of both the language of narrative film as well as the general shape and mechanics of film stories. This advanced course will cover dialogue, characterization, plot, story arc, genre, and cinematic structure. We will analyze scenes from fictional narrative films – both short and feature length – and read the scripts that accompany these films. By the end of this course, each student will have written two original short films. In workshop style, the class will serve as practice audience for table readings of drafts and writing exercises.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-340SW**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT or ENGL majors/minors only.**Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater.***ENGL-361TR Advanced Creative Writing Topics: 'Introduction to Literary Translation'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This creative writing course explores literary translation as a transformative and political practice. Throughout short writing experiments, collaborations, workshops, and a final project, we will work with a range of genres and forms in order to grasp the stakes and possibilities of translation across cultures, mediums, historical epochs, and literary styles. Reading texts by Katrina Dodson, John Keene, Don Mee Choi, and Alejandro Zambra, among others, we will build an expansive vocabulary for discussing our translation projects while keeping in mind questions of context and power. Basic skills in any second language are required.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distrib. Reqmt; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is limited to juniors only.**Prereq: Some knowledge of a foreign language required.***Intermediate Literature Courses****ENGL-211 Shakespeare***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

A study of some of Shakespeare's plays emphasizing the poetic and dramatic aspects of his art, with attention to the historical context and close, careful reading of the language. Eight or nine plays.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-230SK**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Notes: Meets the English department's legacy pre-1700 requirement.***ENGL-213 The Literature of the Later Middle Ages***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will examine a variety of English works and genres written in the thirteenth through fifteenth centuries. Our concentration will be principally on the Gawain-poet, Chaucer, Langland, Margery Kempe, and Lydgate. Most of our readings are in Middle English.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: ENGL-199.**Notes: Meets the English department's legacy pre-1700 requirement.***ENGL-214 Topics in Medieval Studies****ENGL-214BE Topics in Medieval Studies: 'Beowulf, Gawain, Ishiguro: Medieval Mythmaking and the Idea of Britain'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course explores early-medieval English literature that focuses on migration, cultural and religious inter-mixing, and histories of invasion and conquest. We'll read early-English literature to study its frameworks of historiography and its imperial interests, the mythologies behind early-English identities, the culture of English learning, and the afterlives of invasion. Course readings will include modern English translations of *Beowulf*, the works of Gildas and Bede, and selections from post-Conquest history and Arthuriana. With the semester's worth of knowledge about early-English history and literary production, we'll spend the final weeks of the course reading Kazuo Ishiguro's novel *The Buried Giant*.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ENGL-199 and 4 additional credits in the English department.**Notes: Meets the English department's legacy pre-1700 requirement.***ENGL-214CT Topics in Medieval Studies: 'The Canterbury Tales'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Amidst the social and political upheavals of the late fourteenth century, Geoffrey Chaucer wrote his well-known work, *The Canterbury Tales*. This advanced 200-level course will explore Chaucer's social satire, the innovative characterization of his motley pilgrims, and the array of contemporary interpretive approaches this work invites. Guided by literary analysis, our discussions will deepen our understanding of medieval society; its religious and political institutions; its attitudes toward class, gender, and race; its questions about ethical responsibility and individual will; and the functions and impacts of language. Readings will be in the original Middle English.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: ENGL-199 and 4 additional credits in the English department.**Advisory: ENGL-213 recommended.*

ENGL-214LR Topics in Medieval Studies: 'Love and Reason in Medieval Romance'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Arthurian legend conjures enduring stereotypes of chivalry and romantic love, but how do we go about situating medieval romance in literary history? Where does it come from, why was it written, who read it, and how did it change over time? In this course, students will learn about romance's historical and social contexts, its form, tropes, and imagery. We will think about romance's contemplation of justice, loyalty, subjectivity, love, and shame, especially as this body of literature grapples with the conflicts that arise between the mortal and divine. Course readings will include works by Marie de France, Chrétien de Troyes, Chaucer, Lydgate, and Spenser. We will read in Middle English where possible.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Advisory: ENGL-210 or ENGL-213 recommended.

Notes: Meets the English department's legacy pre-1700 requirement.

ENGL-217 Topics in English

ENGL-217GE Topics in English: 'Understanding Accent'

Spring. Credits: 4

In this course we will study accented language using perspectives from literary studies, linguistics, legal studies, and education. We will consider whether accent is produced by a speaker or signer, or if we create accents when we perceive others' language. We will look at how accent works in written language, and try to account for the impact of language-generating AI on our concept of accent. Authors and artists may include Xiaolu Guo, Harmony Becker, and Elaine Castillo. This course also focuses on developing students' writing skills, and our approach may be particularly effective for students who do not identify as native speakers of English.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

ENGL-217HA Topics in English: 'Hitchcock and After'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course will examine the films of Alfred Hitchcock and the afterlife of Hitchcock in contemporary U.S. culture. We will analyze Hitchcock films in a variety of interpretive frames, including feminist and queer theories, and in shifting historical contexts including the Cold War. We will also devote substantial attention to the legacy of Hitchcock in remakes, imitations, and parodies. Hitchcock films may include *The Birds*, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, *Marnie*, *North by Northwest*, *Psycho*, *Rear Window*, *Rebecca*, *Shadow of a Doubt*, *Spellbound*, *Strangers on a Train*, and *Vertigo*.

Crosslisted as: FMT-230HA

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: 4 credits in Film Media Theater.

Notes: Weekly evening screening required.

ENGL-217LX Topics in English: 'Latinx Literature in the U.S. and Beyond'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course offers an introduction to 20th- and 21st-century Latinx literature and cultural production ranging from poetry, plays, fiction, and nonfiction to film, murals, installations, and performance art. While centering US Latinx writers and their historical contexts, we will also consider visual media and the work of authors from Brazil, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic who illuminate and challenge the idea of *latinidad*. Topics to be explored include U.S. imperialism, migration, revolutionary social movements, gender and queer sexualities, religion and spirituality, racial and class formations, and aesthetic traditions such as *rasquachismo* and ritual performance. Authors and artists may include Gloria Anzaldúa, Pedro Pietri, Adão Ventura, the Young Lords, Ana Mendieta, Third World Gay Revolution, and Virginia Grise.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

ENGL-217SA Topics in English: 'South African Literature: Postapartheid and Beyond'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course is a survey of postapartheid South African literature. In the aftermath of apartheid post-1994, South African literature has wrestled with ideas about what kind of future is livable and possible. Labeling itself as the "Rainbow Nation," South African politicians, activists, and artists (literary, visual, musical) have sought to create a democratic vision of South Africa that celebrates differences of race, culture, gender, and sexual orientation. Using 1994 as our moment of departure, this course will examine the "future" of South Africa as told through postapartheid South African fiction. Acknowledging that there are many ways to imagine the future, this course examines how portrayals of race, of gender and sexuality, and of the nation serve to construct and disrupt ideas about the future.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

ENGL-217TJ Topics in English: 'Translation Theory and Practice in Jewish Literature'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course examines translation as a mode of cultural transmission, creativity, and theoretical inquiry for Jewish literature and thought. Topics include: translation as a means of mediating access to the sacred; women's roles as readers and creators of translations; enduring debates about what may be "lost" in translation; and whether translation into "Global English" helps or hurts the survival of literatures in Yiddish, Ladino, and other minoritized languages. Students put theory into practice by reading translations of Jewish literature critically and comparatively and by producing their own translations.

Crosslisted as: JWST-219, GRMST-231TR

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

ENGL-217TR Topics in English: 'Transgender Literature'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Transgender literature has had a significant impact on how we talk about transness (and gender) and the kinds of trans stories we are able to tell. Although trans identities may find expression in texts as early as *Metamorphoses* (Ovid), this course will look at literature from the 20th and 21st centuries. Considering a wide range of genres – novels, poetry, short stories, memoir, and young adult literature – we will think about how writers talk about their bodies, their transitions, and their histories. Drawing upon fields such as history, medicine, and social science, this course will look at trans literature as both a product of these histories and as a powerful tool for critical liberation.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-204TA**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ENGL-217WP Topics in English: 'Contemporary Women Playwrights'***Spring. Credits: 4*

While women have written plays since the seventeenth century, the twentieth and twenty-first century has witnessed a boom in women playwrights. This course will familiarize students with some of the major female playwrights of our era, such as Wendy Wasserstein, Caryl Churchill, Suzan Lori-Parks, and Ntozake Shange, as well as newer playwrights (Amy Hertzog, Katori Hall, and Young Jean-Lee). Assignments include both practice-oriented (such as developing a screen treatment or production proposal for one of the plays) and research-oriented (such as conducting in-depth research for a grant proposal), three short analytical papers, a script analysis, and in-class presentations.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-230WP**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: One of the following: FMT-102, FMT-104, FMT-106, or ENGL-199.***ENGL-226 Black Before the Law***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will interrogate the law through its confrontations with racial blackness. Considering a range of literary, historical, and cultural material – the Dred Scott v. Sandford decision; the series *How to Get Away with Murder*; the overturn of Roe v. Wade – we will ask: from what sources does the law derive its authority, and what enables its authority to persist? Attuning to the strategic positioning of black people as often outside of the law's protection, while also central to its operation, we will track the law's inbuilt contradictions. Some texts will include Cheryl Harris's "Whiteness as Property," "The Moynihan Report," and W.E.B. DuBois's *Black Reconstruction in America*.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ENGL-232 Rovers, Cuckqueens, and Country Wives of All Kinds: The Queer Eighteenth Century***Fall. Credits: 4*

With the rise of the two-sex model, the eighteenth century might be seen to be a bastion of heteronormativity leading directly to Victorian cis-gender binary roles of angel in the house and the bourgeois patriarch. Yet, beginning with the Restoration's reinvention of ribald theater, this period was host to a radical array of experimentation in gender and sexuality, alongside intense play with genre (e.g., the invention of the novel). We will explore queerness in all its forms alongside consideration of how to write queer literary histories.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-204ET**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Notes: This course is part of a two-semester sequence with ENGL-233**Nonbinary Romanticism, but students are encouraged to take either course separately. Meets the department's legacy 1700-1900 requirement.***ENGL-233 Nonbinary Romanticism: Genders, Sexes, and Beings in the Age of Revolution***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

With the onslaught of American, French, Haitian, and South American revolts and revolutions, the Atlantic world, much of Europe, and its colonial/industrial empire were thrown into a period of refiguring the concept of the raced, national, and gendered subject. This course considers what new forms of gender, sex, sexuality, and being were created, practiced, or thought, however momentarily, in this tumultuous age. Specific attention is given to conceptions of nonbinary being (of all varieties). Authors may include E. Darwin, Equiano, Wollstonecraft, Lister, M. Shelley, Byron, Jacobs.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-204NB**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Notes: This course is a second part of a two-course sequence with ENGL-232, but each may be taken separately. Meets the department's legacy 1700-1900 requirement***ENGL-240 Early American Narratives and Counternarratives***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course frames early American literary and cultural history as a series of hegemonic narratives and counternarratives. Starting with the violence of settler colonialism and Indigenous resistance, this course considers how US literary and national traditions have always been contested by oppressed and dispossessed peoples, who have offered alternatives to predominant American mythologies such as individualism and freedom. We will also track how African American antislavery writers established rhetorical and literary forms in opposition to slavery that influenced the protest and reform ethos of the first half of the nineteenth century. By focusing on the development of various literary forms such as the essay, oratory, the slave narrative, and poetry, this course will consider how Black writers, Indigenous figures, women, and social reform movements reconsidered questions surrounding race, gender, and class from sixteenth-century contact and colonization up until the end of the Civil War.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Notes: Meets the department's legacy 1700-1900 requirement.*

ENGL-243 American Gothic*Fall. Credits: 4*

An examination of the gothic – a world of fear, haunting, claustrophobia, paranoia, and monstrosity – in U.S. literature and visual culture. Topics include race, slavery, and the gothic; gender, sexuality, and the gothic; regional gothic; the uncanny; cinematic and pictorial gothic; pandemic gothic. Authors, artists, and filmmakers may include Dunbar, Elmer, Faulkner, Gilman, Hitchcock, Jackson, Kubrick, LaValle, Lovecraft, McCullers, Morrison, O'Connor, Parks, Peele, Poe, Polanski, Romero, and Wood.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-230AG**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Advisory: ENGL-240 or ENGL-241 recommended.***ENGL-244 Self, World, Other: Reading the Global Anglophone***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will introduce you to the study of literature in English across connected pasts and global circulations. We will focus on works from the former British Empire—mainly Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean—though our inquiry extends to the shared and ongoing conditions of colonialism in the 20th and 21st centuries. Through novels, poetry, and cinema, we will explore questions of citizenship and exile, racialization and identity, language and politics, and collective life under globalized capitalism. We will ask: what constitutes the world of literature? Who inhabits its centers and margins? We will explore works by Walcott, Roy, Ngugi, Ghosh, Dangaremba, and Coetzee, amongst others.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ENGL-246 The Graphic Novel***Fall. Credits: 4*

Graphic narratives have come to occupy a significant (if contentious) place in literary discourse. From its origins in underground comics culture to the recognition of global awards, the graphic form continues to transform and surprise. In this course, we will study several graphic narratives together with film, media theory, and criticism. With special attention to its most popular incarnation – the autobiographical novel – we will ask: What does graphic representation make possible for literature? How do images work with (or against) text? What kinds of political and aesthetic expression does the graphic novel afford? Works by Sacco, Bechdel, Satrapi, Nakazawa, Sajad, amongst others.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-230GN**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ENGL-254 Topics in African American Literature****ENGL-254EN Topics in African American Literature: 'The Theory of the Early African American Novel'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course examines the beginning of the African American novelistic tradition in the nineteenth century alongside a range of literary and cultural theory drawn from Marxism, cultural studies, and novel theory to consider how early African American writers produced strange, unique, and new experimental forms of literature that both responded to the political economy of racial capitalism while also redefining literary history. We will explore how the novel-a fictional form – imagines abolitionist futures, while also tracking the role it played within nineteenth – century abolitionist politics. Writers may include Hannah Crafts, William Wells Brown, Harriet Wilson, Stuart Hall, and Georg Lukacs.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: ENGL-199 or 4 credits in English.**Notes: This course meets the English department's 1700-1900 requirement.***ENGL-255 Writing the Black Self***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the idea of "the self" and "the subject" by reading autobiographical and memoir writing by Black authors. Through an engagement with some criticism on the role of slavery in staffing the sense of self-possession accorded to the individual subject, we will think together about how autobiographical forms of writing function in the tradition of black thought and letters. From slave narratives, to the essays of the Harlem Renaissance, to the preponderance of Black Power-era memoirs, we will consider whether these texts accomplish a Black self in writing, and if indeed that is their ambition.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive***ENGL-257 Survey of African American Literature***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course surveys Black literary production with special attention to the idea of genre as a choice of form made by Black writers from the antebellum era through the present to communicate critique, effect political change, and render new worlds. Structured around debates about the genre status of Black writing, this course introduces students to slave era texts by Harriet E. Wilson, David Walker, and Phillis Wheatley; twentieth-century works by Nella Larsen, Zora Neale Hurston, Amos Tutuola, Chester Himes, Bill Gunn, James Baldwin, and Toni Cade Bambara; and contemporary work by Saidiya Hartman, Octavia Butler, Jeremy O. Harris, and Rita Dove. Reading, writing, and critical viewership will be central to the course.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***ENGL-274 Introduction to Asian American Literature***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course introduces students to Asian American literature, considering its historical origins and evolution. Throughout the course we explore questions of identity, immigration and citizenship, generational conflict, war and migration, and mixed and cross-racial politics. Readings of primary texts will be supplemented by historical and critical source materials. Authors may include Nina Revoyr, Ruth Ozeki, Nam Le, Chang-rae Lee, Aimee Phan, Susan Choi, and Jhumpa Lahiri.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors*

ENGL-279 Sherlock Holmes and Interpretation*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will explore the Sherlock Holmes stories and their various afterlives as a case study to explore the problematics of interpretation, especially literary interpretation. Some of the questions raised will concern evidence, inductive and deductive thought, applying theoretical paradigms, historical and material contexts, character and narrative, form and genre, popular culture, ideology, and the aesthetic.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: ENGL-199 or 8 credits in English.***ENGL-280 Literary and Cultural Theory***Spring. Credits: 4*

How and why do we read literature and cultural expression? What kinds of knowledge can different cultural media offer us about ourselves and the world? This introduction to literary and cultural theory will survey later twentieth- and twenty-first-century thought, including theorists asking questions about labor, power, ideology, subjectivity, identity, race, gender, sexuality, indigeneity, empire, colonialism, language's figurality, affect, technology, and the nonhuman. We will think about these theories as their own forms of cultural expression and as methodologies that can help us discuss and make meaning of textual, visual, and digital culture.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ENGL-281 Topics in Literary and Cultural Theory**

Topics in Literary and Cultural Theory courses aim to take several fields of literary and cultural theory and focus reading and discussion on their singular and intertwined projects.

ENGL-281AD Topics in Literary and Cultural Theory: 'Queer and Disability Mindbodies, Affects, and Times'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will read queer and disability theory both as separate histories and as interlaced projects that resist normative life chronologies, genders, sexualities, productivities, and bodily shapes. Particular attention will be given to questions of embodiment, race, political activism, and relationality. This last category – how we relate to ourselves and to others – will be explored through queer and disability theory's understanding of neurodivergent mindbodies and their nonconforming sorts of feelings and times. How might we think about, for example, "feeling backwards" or "flexible time" as both scholarly ideas and experiences that might help us change our lives and the structures we live within? We will also discuss how theory might be written, and might ask us to read, in queer and neurodivergent ways.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ENGL-282 Writing London: The Modern City Novel***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will chart London's progress from the center of an empire to a node in the global world's economy, and the novel's movement from realism to postmodernism and beyond. Beginning by contrasting the London of Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes with that of Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*, we will then trace the development of a multiethnic city in which according to a recent report there are more than 300 languages spoken in London schools. By so doing we will also examine the history and tradition of the twentieth- and twenty-first-century novel and investigate its various theories, genres, and styles.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***Advanced Literature Courses****Prerequisites for Advanced Courses**

The stated prerequisites for 300-level courses are junior and senior standing and 8 credits of work in English beyond a first-year seminar, often including a specified course such as ENGL-199 or ENGL-240. A sophomore who has completed the specified 8 credits may enroll with prior permission of the instructor. Any student without the prerequisites should consult the instructor.

Seminars and Courses on Special Topics

These courses offer advanced study of literature in English. Reading texts from different periods and genres, seminars aim for depth and specific focus and require of every student both original work and partial responsibility for leading class discussions.

Each year the department offers various upper-level seminars and special topics courses. Enrollment in these seminars and courses is restricted (15 to 20 in seminars; 30 or fewer in courses). Interested students should pay particular attention to the prerequisites; preference for admission is usually given to seniors.

ENGL-311 Chaucer: Stories & Storytellers**ENGL-311CT Chaucer: 'The Canterbury Tales'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Known as a storyteller par excellence, Chaucer was also a famous reader of classical epic, romance, and philosophy. This research seminar will give students the opportunity to read the *Canterbury Tales* in light of the work's cultural, historical, and literary contexts. Throughout the semester, students will engage with Chaucer's tales and his favorite sources to examine and discuss his representations of gender and class, his perspectives on religious authority, his use of the English vernacular, and his commitment to poetry.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ENGL-199 and 8 credits in the department.**Advisory: ENGL-213 or ENGL-214 strongly recommended.**Notes: Meets the English department's legacy pre-1700 requirement.*

ENGL-312SF Shakespeare: 'Shakespeare and Film'*Spring. Credits: 4*

We will read plays by Shakespeare, watch films based on those plays, and study the plays, the films, and the plays-as-films. 'Shakespeare' comes first, of course, both historically and as the source/inspiration for the films. Yet each film has its own existence, to be understood not just as an 'adaptation,' but also as the product of linked artistic, technical, and economic choices. Considering Shakespeare's plays as pre-texts (rather than pre-scriptions), we will look at early and recent films, both those that follow closely conventionalized conceptualizations of 'Shakespeare,' and those that tend to erase or emend their Shakespearean sources.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330SF**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits from English beyond the 100 level, including ENGL-211.**Notes: Does not meet the English department's pre-1700 requirement.***ENGL-321 Studies in Nineteenth-Century British Literature****ENGL-321WD Studies in Nineteenth-Century British Literature: 'William Wordsworth and George Eliot'***Fall. Credits: 4*

William Wordsworth and George Eliot grew up in a revolutionary age: the American Revolution, the French Revolution, the Haitian Revolution, wars of independence and of imperial conquest, and, behind it all, the social transformations arising from the industrial revolution. Both Wordsworth and Eliot wrestled with how to adapt their art to these new realities: he introduced dramatically new content into poetry and experimented with a startling variety of poetic forms; she transformed the various prose genres to construct a novelistic form able to represent the totality of British society. By so doing, they forged a revolution in literary forms with the emergence of the modern lyric and the realist novel.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 8 credits in English.**Notes: Meets the English department's legacy 1700-1900 requirement.***ENGL-323 Gender and Class in the Victorian Novel***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will investigate how gender and class serve as structuring principles in the development of the Victorian novel in Britain, paying attention to the ways in which the form also develops in relation to emerging ideas about sexuality, race, nation, and religion. Novelists include Brontë, Dickens, Eliot, and Gaskell and we will read examples of domestic fiction, detective fiction, social realist novels, and the Victorian gothic.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333SS**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English.**Notes: Meets the English department's legacy 1700-1900 requirement.***ENGL-325 Victorian Literature and Visual Culture***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will examine literary texts that represent new forms of visuality in nineteenth-century Britain as well as examples of visual culture that provide a framework for reading Victorian culture in innovative ways. We will study nineteenth-century photography -- portraiture, prison photography, imperial photographs, and private and popular erotic images -- as well as novels and autobiographical writing that engage with new photographic technology and its transformation of the ways in which Victorians understood identity, politics, aesthetics, and representation. The course will take a similar approach to painting, literary illustration, political cartoons and caricature, and advertising.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 8 credits in English.**Notes: Meets the English department's legacy 1700-1900 requirement.***ENGL-334 Asian American Film and Visual Culture****ENGL-334BG Asian American Film and Visual Culture: 'Beyond Geishas and Kung Fu Masters'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines contemporary Asian American film and visual culture through the lens of cultural recovery, self-invention, and experimentation. Focusing primarily on film and photography, we will explore issues of race and visuality, Hollywood orientalism, memory and postmemory, and racial impersonation and parody. Students will engage with a variety of theoretical and critical approaches. Artists may include Nikki S. Lee, Margaret Cho, Tseng Kwong Chi, Jin-me Yoon, Justin Lin, Binh Dahn, Richard Fung, Mira Nair, Deepa Mehta, and Alice Wu.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330BG**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English or Film Media Theater.***ENGL-338 Aesthetics of Racial Capitalism***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Race is the modality in which class is lived," wrote the late cultural theorist Stuart Hall. This course takes Hall's axiom as a starting point for considering the racial, gendered, and sexualized character of capitalist domination. Throughout the course students will explore both the political economy and the cultural imagery of racial capitalism. One question we will grapple with is the following: if capital itself is as imperceptible and objectively real as gravity, what are the common tropes we use to apprehend its circulation? Is it the stock market ticker tape, the shipping container, or the industrial wasteland? Drawing on writers and artists of color from around the world, we will consider ways they offer cognitive maps of the gendered and sexualized contours of racial capitalism. Authors may include Octavia Butler, Chang-rae Lee, Leslie Marmon Silko, Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah, and Ruth Ozeki. Visual artists may include Xu Bing, Otobong Nkanga, Allan deSouza, Rodney McMillian, Mark Bradford, Takahiro Iwasaki, Anicka Yi, and Candace Lin.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in English or CST-200/CRPE-205.*

ENGL-344 Revolution and Postcolonialism*Spring. Credits: 4*

Revolution-as foundational event, symbolic aspiration, or failed aftermath-has been central to postcolonial thinking. In this seminar, we will consider contested ideas on revolution and its multiple dimensions across an archive of literary, visual, and theoretical sources. While our focus will be on the twentieth century, we will think broadly about how echoes of revolutionary pasts inform postcolonial understandings of the present, including practices of independence, solidarity, globalization, nonviolence, the strike, etc. Readings may include works by Fanon, Gandhi, Ambedkar, Luxemburg, Ngugi, Gordimer, amongst others, with possible films by Pontecorvo, Pathwardhan, Eisenstein.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***ENGL-350 Studies in African American Literature****ENGL-350AB Topics in African American Literature: 'Abolition and Climate Change'***Spring. Credits: 4*

What makes change so difficult? Why do people always seem to be so apathetic to the most pressing political and social issues? In the face of climate change and racial injustice, why do so many people remain absolutely unmoved? Questions like these were central problems for the abolitionist movement in the nineteenth century, and they remain crucial issues for people today who similarly believe that another world is possible. This class will consider how the abolitionist movement was intertwined with the birth of environmentalism to understand the nature of struggle today. We will read a range of antislavery writing, nineteenth-century Black radical figures, and various critical theorists of capitalism and climate change.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English, or 4 credits in English and 4 credits in Critical Race Political Economy.**Notes: Meets the department's legacy 1700-1900 requirement.***ENGL-350AT Topics in African American Literature: 'Race and the Aesthetics of Taste'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This 300-level seminar will examine race and taste in the literatures of slavery and colonialism. We will analyze taste as a mode of racial perception and a practice of racial discrimination. To do this, taste will be interpreted as a metaphor for aesthetic discernment ('you have great taste!') and at the register of gustatory perception ('what does it taste like?') to reveal that taste does not name a neutral operation of judgment; rather it names a field of interaction with the world that produces and extends social values, cultural commonsense, and racial categories. Together we will trace how subjectively experienced affects associated with the consumption of food and drink recapitulate arrangements of racial and epistemic power.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***ENGL-357 Blackness and the Literatures of Law***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course submits the language of law and legality to consideration as a literary genre. We will endeavor to treat the production of legal literature as a choice of form and part of a broad cultural apparatus that legitimizes hierarchical forms of social organization. In particular, we will track the manner in which the law assembles its legitimacy alongside the strategic positioning of blackness and Black people as oftentimes beyond its boundaries, while at other times central to its ethical operation. The conventional moral and sacred regard for the law as an arbiter of truth will be scrutinized for how it enables structural contradictions to be sutured. Texts will include Patricia Williams, *The Alchemy of Race and Rights*; Cheryl Harris, "Whiteness as Property"; the decision in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*; Colin Dayan, *The Law Is a White Dog*; and Wahneema Lubiano, "Black Ladies, Welfare Queens, and State Minstrels: Ideological War by Narrative Means."

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ENGL-199.***ENGL-367 Topics in Film Studies****ENGL-367AD Topics in Film Studies: 'Adaptation: A Study in Form'***Fall. Credits: 4*

The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines "adaptation" as "the bringing of two things together so as to effect a change in the nature of the objects." Rather than studying adaptation as a project that attempts to reproduce an original work in another medium, our course considers the complex relationship between narratives and their retellings and revisions. In particular, we will focus on how such retellings permanently alter their so-called "source" material and how each incarnation of a given narrative offers us insight into and commentary upon a particular historical moment and its unique political and ideological challenges. We will also consider the ways in which literary and visual representations differ in their communicative and affective mechanisms, and challenge where we draw the line between "art," "history," and "entertainment."

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330AD**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English or in Film Media Theater.***ENGL-367CM Topics in Film Studies: 'Cinematic Masculinities in Contemporary American Film, 1970-present'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Film critics Manohla Dargis and A.O. Scott contend that "movies may be male dominated, but images of men are surprisingly narrow." This course both explores various constructs of postmodern American masculinity as they are portrayed and disseminated through contemporary film, and seeks to understand some of what is at stake (culturally, ideologically, economically) in perpetuating certain cinematic archetypes. Of particular relevance to our investigation are the ways in which film yokes masculinity to race, gender, and class. Films include *Full Metal Jacket*, *No Country for Old Men*, *The Big Lebowski*, *Boyz in the Hood*, *Paris is Burning*, *Fight Club*, and *Moonlight*.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330CM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in English or in Film Media Theater.*

ENGL-367RE Topics in Film Studies: 'Revenge on Stage and Screen'*Spring. Credits: 4*

Revenge plots display an enduring popularity. We will examine plays and films that show the range of possibilities, exploring: narratives focused on gender, race, and class; the place of family in revenge plots; the "underdog" tale; the importance of religion to ideas of justice; and the way in which genre influences notions of vengeance. Films and plays include the following: Euripides' *Medea*, Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Ji Junxiang's *The Orphan of Zhao*, Suzan-Lori Parks's *Fucking A*, Fritz Lang's *The Big Heat*, Damián Szifron's *Wild Tales*, Quentin Tarantino's *Kill Bill*, and Emerald Fennell's *Promising Young Woman*. Students will design their own final research projects.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330RE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater or English.***ENGL-368 Shapeshifting Through the Nineteenth Century and Beyond***Spring. Credits: 4*

How can we change our ideas and enactments of white, Western subjectivity and being? This course contends that one transhistorical figure for such revolution is shapeshifting, and we will read examples in novels, poetry, memoir, and other nineteenth-century and contemporary media. Special attention will be paid to texts, then and now, that speak to queer/trans, disability, and critical race discourses as significant sites of resistance to Western being through bodily transformation. A substantial amount of time will be spent on individual research and methodologies.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English.**Notes: Meets English department legacy 1700-1900 requirement.***ENGL-382 Advanced Topics in English****ENGL-382AN Advanced Topics in English: 'American Animals'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course investigates the representation of nonhuman animals in US literature and visual culture over the last 200 years. Topics include: literary animals, race, and racism; animals, gender, and sexuality; taxidermy and extinction; and experiments in representing animal perspectives. Readings in Animal Studies, Black Studies, feminist and queer theory, environmental humanities, and other fields. Authors, artists, and filmmakers may include Octavia Butler, Karen Joy Fowler, Zora Neale Hurston, Jack London, Eadweard Muybridge, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Jordan Peele, Edgar Allan Poe, Kelly Reichardt, Mark Twain, and Jesmyn Ward.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English.***ENGL-382EQ Advanced Topics in English: 'Equiano's Worlds: Global Abolition, Alt Humanisms, and Experimental Prose'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Oludah Equiano is now famous for having penned the first slave narrative the same year as the French Revolution, a narrative that documented life in Africa, the horrors of Atlantic enslavement, as well as his voyages to South America, the Caribbean, and the Arctic. We will read and reread this narrative as a work of experimental prose and as a call to study of the following literary-cultural topics: the discourse of global abolition, alternatives to the Enlightenment Human in the context of enslavement, oceanic movement and global migrations, and the surfeit of experimental prose writing that sought to understand the concomitant changes in economic systems and the politics of living.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***ENGL-382MX Advanced Topics in English: 'I Would Prefer Not To: Marxism and Early American Literature'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course considers how early American and African American writers have critiqued labor under capital: from the plantation, to the factory, and to the office. At its core, this course considers how slavery functions as the political unconscious of early American literary critiques of labor.

Throughout the semester, we will put a range of early American literary texts in conversation with the Marxist tradition and anti-capitalist theory in order to uncover a latent leftist politics of possibility in the early American period while also exploring how early American authors were anti-capitalist theorists in their own right. Literary authors may include: Harriet Wilson, William Wells Brown, Herman Melville, and more. Marxist theoretical thinkers may include Karl Marx, Cedric Robinson, Angela Davis, and Gyorgy Lukács.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English.***ENGL-382QM Advanced Topics in English: 'The Queer Early Modern'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course combines Renaissance literary texts with various related secondary readings that will enable students to better understand the way that sexuality -- both normative and nonnormative -- was portrayed and interpreted in early modern literature. As we progress through the course, we will discuss what defines queer history and histories of sexuality, how the history of sexuality in the past informs the present, and, ultimately, the ways in which we can use early modern literature to better understand ourselves today. Course texts will include Christopher Marlowe's *Edward II*, John Lyly's *Galatea*, Shakespeare's sonnets, and the poetry of Aemilia Lanyer, Aphra Behn, and Katherine Philips.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333QM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Notes: Meets the English department's legacy pre-1700 requirement.***Independent Study**

Students with special interests, adequate preparation, and a capacity to work well on their own may apply for independent study, either ENGL-295 or ENGL-395. An application for independent study must be submitted the semester prior to which the work will be completed. Note: ENGL-295 and ENGL-395 do not count toward the completion of the English major or minor.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may take ENGL-295 for 1 to 4 credits, if suitable directors for the proposed projects are available.

Juniors and seniors who have devised projects in literary criticism and scholarship, or in writing prose and poetry, and demonstrate strong preparation, are encouraged to take ENGL-395 for 4 credits. They should discuss their ideas for projects with their academic advisor and others in the department who might serve to direct the project. In most cases, students should seek out department members with whom they have already studied; but if this is not possible, their advisors or the department chair will help find someone to supervise the project. (Students studying off campus may pursue such arrangements by email.) The department will try to find such advisors for students, but cannot guarantee a student will be allowed to undertake independent study. Planning ahead increases the probability of success. Again, preference is given to students who can demonstrate thorough preparation, normally through appropriate course work at the 300 level.

Seniors who have done well in one semester of ENGL-395, and who meet the College requirement of a 3.00 grade point average, may, with the approval of the director of the project, continue the independent work for an additional 4 credits, with the intent of writing a thesis to be submitted for honors.

ENGL-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

ENGL-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Courses Meeting Disciplinary Perspectives Requirements

Literary History and Period

Code	Title	Credits
English		
ENGL-211	Shakespeare	4
ENGL-213	The Literature of the Later Middle Ages	4
ENGL-214BE	Topics in Medieval Studies: 'Beowulf, Gawain, Ishiguro: Medieval Mythmaking and the Idea of Britain'	4
ENGL-214CT	Topics in Medieval Studies: 'The Canterbury Tales'	4
ENGL-214LR	Topics in Medieval Studies: 'Love and Reason in Medieval Romance'	4
ENGL-232	Rovers, Cuckqueens, and Country Wives of All Kinds: The Queer Eighteenth Century	4
ENGL-233	Nonbinary Romanticism: Genders, Sexes, and Beings in the Age of Revolution	4
ENGL-240	Early American Narratives and Counternarratives	4
ENGL-243	American Gothic	4
ENGL-244	Self, World, Other: Reading the Global Anglophone	4

ENGL-254EN	Topics in African American Literature: 'The Theory of the Early African American Novel'	4
ENGL-279	Sherlock Holmes and Interpretation	4

Race, Power, and Difference

Code	Title	Credits
English		
ENGL-217LX	Topics in English: 'Latinx Literature in the U.S. and Beyond'	4
ENGL-217SA	Topics in English: 'South African Literature: Postapartheid and Beyond'	4
ENGL-226	Black Before the Law	4
ENGL-240	Early American Narratives and Counternarratives	4
ENGL-244	Self, World, Other: Reading the Global Anglophone	4
ENGL-246	The Graphic Novel	4
ENGL-254EN	Topics in African American Literature: 'The Theory of the Early African American Novel'	4
ENGL-255	Writing the Black Self	4
ENGL-257	Survey of African American Literature	4
ENGL-274	Introduction to Asian American Literature	4
ENGL-281AD	Topics in Literary and Cultural Theory: 'Queer and Disability Mindbodies, Affects, and Times'	4

Theory and Methods

Code	Title	Credits
English		
ENGL-209	Writing, Reading, and Constructed Languages	4
ENGL-217GE	Topics in English: 'Understanding Accent'	4
ENGL-217HA	Topics in English: 'Hitchcock and After'	4
ENGL-217TR	Topics in English: 'Transgender Literature'	4
ENGL-219BC	Topics in Creative Writing: 'Building Literary Community'	4
ENGL-219BH	Topics in Creative Writing: 'Beyond the Hero's Journey: On Indigenous Forms and Reimaginings'	4
ENGL-219CH	Topics in Creative Writing: 'Climate Changes Everything: Telling Stories at the End of the World As We Know It'	4
ENGL-219MA	Topics in Creative Writing: 'Everything is Political: Making Art in an Ongoing Catastrophe'	4
ENGL-219QT	Topics in Creative Writing: 'Queer and Trans Writing'	4
ENGL-226	Black Before the Law	4
ENGL-232	Rovers, Cuckqueens, and Country Wives of All Kinds: The Queer Eighteenth Century	4
ENGL-233	Nonbinary Romanticism: Genders, Sexes, and Beings in the Age of Revolution	4
ENGL-246	The Graphic Novel	4
ENGL-254EN	Topics in African American Literature: 'The Theory of the Early African American Novel'	4
ENGL-255	Writing the Black Self	4
ENGL-257	Survey of African American Literature	4
ENGL-279	Sherlock Holmes and Interpretation	4
ENGL-280	Literary and Cultural Theory	4

ENGL-281AD	Topics in Literary and Cultural Theory: 'Queer and Disability Mindbodies, Affects, and Times'	4

Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society

Overview and Contact Information

Every one of us must ask what can I do and what we can we do as a community to frame the vexing problems of our time, find collaborators and together explore and discover solutions.

The interdisciplinary minor in Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society (EOS) offers students a knowledge framework and practical competencies to make a positive contribution to communities, locally and globally.

Envisioning socially impactful action requires an understanding of problems from multiple perspectives, of difference along multiple axes, of the dynamics of organizations, and of individual and collective agency in social context. And advancing solutions demands creative thinking, resilience and risk-taking, collaboration with multiple stakeholders, and command of basic business practices.

In EOS, students learn to develop such understandings and competencies through engagement in four subject areas, applied learning experiences, and connections with practitioners in the field. The four areas within the EOS curriculum are:

1. **Entrepreneurship:** Being an entrepreneur in today's rapidly changing world requires the ability to apply critical, analytical and creative thinking to the global and local problems at hand, process large amounts of information from a range of knowledge areas, work in teams, assess financial resource requirements and feasibility, and communicate effectively while also attending to ethical, environmental, and social impact concerns. In courses in this area, students start to develop these capabilities.
2. **Organizations and Power:** Organizations are central structures of society. Nonprofits, public institutions, and private businesses are all shaped by the particular histories, legal traditions, and relationships of power in different societies. To function well in organizations and leverage them to affect social needs, students need to understand the roles of different types of organizations, hierarchies of power, regulatory frameworks, social impacts, and ethical decision-making in organizational structures. Courses in this area provide students with such understandings.
3. **Structures of Inequality:** To effect positive change, students need to understand the structures of inequality underlying many of the problems they aim to address. In this area's courses, students learn how systemic forces shape inequality along different axes (e.g., race, class, gender, sexuality, religion, and nationality), and how individual, collective and government actions interact with these dynamics in pursuit of greater social justice.
4. **Financial Analysis:** Assessing, accessing and effectively employing resources to address social needs are important elements of entrepreneurship. In courses in this area, students learn and gain practice in understanding, analyzing and using financial resource information and processes.

Students minoring in EOS choose one approved course from each of the four areas, with one course at the 300 level. We strongly encourage students to integrate their course work with applied learning experiences

and to interact with practitioners in their field. Student should select a coherent set of courses and applied learning experiences that fit their specific interests and aspirations. We urge students to seek advice from the member of the EOS committee who best matches their interest.

See Also:

- Nexus in Global Business (p. 240)
- Nexus in Nonprofit Organizations (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/nonprofit-organizations/>)

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This area of study is administered by an interdisciplinary committee:

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Catherine Corson, Miller Worley Professor of Environmental Studies, On Leave 2025-2026

Becky Packard, Mary E. Woolley Professor of Psychology and Education

Audrey Lee St. John, Professor of Computer Science

Eleanor Townsley, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Sociology; Director of Nexus

Lynda Pickbourn, Associate Professor of Gender Studies

Rick Feldman, Senior Lecturer in Entrepreneurship, Organizations and Society; Entrepreneurship Coordinator

Laura Sizer, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
	One course in Area One: Entrepreneurship ¹	4
	One course in Area Two: Organizations and Power ¹	4
	One course in Area Three: Structures of Inequality ¹	4
	One course in Area Four: Financial Analysis ¹	4
Of the four courses, one must be at the 300 level ¹		
Total Credits		16

¹ A full list of the approved courses (p. 176) for each required area within the minor appears at the end of the Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society Courses section.

EOS Course Offerings

EOS-241 Business Organizations, Management, and Finance

Fall. Credits: 4

This course provides an introduction to business and organizational economics and analytics and to broad business organization topics. Solutions to business and organization challenges necessarily include technological, social, environmental, and political components, as well as financial and market components. Profitability, sustainability, and success are not so easily achieved by simple marginal pricing models. We want to learn more about this greatly expanded view of managerial decision-making through a socio-economic lens. This is not a matter of ideology; it is a very practical approach because that is now how businesses operate and function. Using this approach – models, cases, analysis, problem-solving – will also strengthen students' capacity for business analytics and consulting.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ECON-110 or SOCI-123 and any EOS course.

Advisory: Students who have taken ECON-249ME or ECON-349AM managerial economics courses should not take this course.

EOS-249 Ethics in Entrepreneurship and Business

Fall. Credits: 4

This course uses the traditional approaches of moral philosophy to explore ethical challenges and obligations faced by individuals, businesses, and organizations in an increasingly complex global environment. Through consideration of philosophical theories and particular cases, we explore issues such as the social roles and ethical obligations of businesses or organizations; rights and responsibilities of workers, managers, and owners; ethics in sales and marketing; and ethics in a global business environment.

Crosslisted as: PHIL-260EB

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: This course is strongly recommended for students interested in participating in the International Business Ethics Case Competition.

EOS-253 Social Entrepreneurship and Impact

Fall. Credits: 4

In this course, students will learn more about opportunity recognition and assessment by being engaged in addressing major global problems as they are manifested locally or regionally. Students will work in teams to identify how these global issues appear locally (each team will select a locality) and how various populations are affected, will learn to assess the issue and situation from those stakeholders' perspectives, will explore and evaluate opportunities to create a project, action, business, social enterprise or organization that positively creates some solution to these problems and delivers a clear benefit to others.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Any social science course and any Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society (EOS) course.

Advisory: Students who have taken EOS-210, EOS-229, or EOS-239 should not take this course.

EOS-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

EOS-295P Independent Study with Practicum

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

EOS-299AR Topic: 'Ethics and Artificial Intelligence'

Spring. Credits: 4

Artificially intelligent technologies are prominent features of modern life – as are ethical concerns about their programming and use. In this class we will use the tools of philosophy to explore and critically evaluate ethical issues raised by current and future AI technologies. Topics may include issues of privacy and transparency in online data collection, concerns about social justice in the use of algorithms in areas like hiring and criminal justice, and the goals of developing general versus special purpose AI. We will also look at ethics for AI: the nature of AI 'minds,' the possibility of creating more ethical AI systems, and when and if AIs themselves might deserve moral rights.

Crosslisted as: PHIL-260AR, DATA-225AR

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

EOS-299ND Topic: 'Individuals and Organizations'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course focuses on individual and small-group behavior in the organizational setting. The class will focus on: (1) understanding human behavior in an organizational context; (2) understanding of oneself as an individual contributor and/or leader within an organization, and ways to contribute to organizational change; (3) intergroup communication and conflict management; and (4) diversity and organizational climate.

Crosslisted as: PSYCH-212

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

EOS-310 Social Entrepreneurship Capstone

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Project-based learning course: students bring ideas, projects, and plans to develop toward implementation. Learn about organization startup in social and environmental context. Students engage in class discussions and attend short lectures and, working individually or in teams, develop projects to an implementation stage. Results include having a well-designed solution that delivers real benefit to identified stakeholder(s).

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: 4 credits in EOS.

Advisory: During advising week, students should email Professor Feldman with a request and brief explanation as to why they are interested.

EOS-341 Advanced Managerial Economics

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will use an intensive case-study approach mixed with lectures, readings, and discussions. The focus is investigating the economics of management and enterprise (firms, organizations) decision-making in local/regional, national, and global settings, the intersections of economic considerations with social and political considerations, and the frameworks and tools for analyzing the behaviors and decisions of various enterprises. Class participation in the discussions is essential. Students will also develop and provide presentations of case analyses.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ECON-110 plus at least one other upper-level Economics or EOS/Entrepreneurship course.

EOS-349MV Topic: 'Motivation'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In this course, we will examine multiple theories of motivation and their relevance across a range of organizational settings (including corporations, special programs, and schools or colleges). How do we spark interest in a new subject or inspire people to undertake a challenging project? How do we sustain persistence in ourselves and others? This course is relevant for students interested in motivation, whether for attainment (such as within in human resources, talent development, or management) or for learning (whether for students, teachers, or leaders). Because motivation is closely linked to learning and achievement, in addition to well-being and purpose, we will also consider these topics and more.

Crosslisted as: PSYCH-337MV

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in Psychology or Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society (EOS).

EOS-349NQ Topic: 'Organizations and Inequality'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In Organizations and Inequality, we analyze how organizations create, reproduce, and also potentially challenge social inequalities. Drawing on different organizational perspectives, students will engage the challenges of ethical action in a complex world marked by competing rationalities and deep inequalities. Students will also research an organization of which they are a member and develop their own case study.

Crosslisted as: SOCI-316NQ

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: SOCI-123 and 4 additional credits in Sociology.

EOS-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Courses Counting toward the Minor in Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society

A student minoring in EOS must take one course from each subject area, with at least one course at the 300 level.

Area One: Entrepreneurship

Being an entrepreneur in today's rapidly changing world requires the ability to apply critical, analytical and creative thinking to the global and local problems at hand, process large amounts of information from a range of knowledge areas, work in teams, assess financial resource requirements and feasibility, and communicate effectively. In these courses, students start to develop these capabilities.

Code	Title	Credits
Entrepreneurship, Orgs & Soc		
EOS-253	Social Entrepreneurship and Impact	4
EOS-310	Social Entrepreneurship Capstone	4
EOS-349MV	Topic: 'Motivation'	4

Area Two: Organizations and Power

Organizations are central structures of society. Nonprofits, public institutions, and private businesses are all shaped by the particular histories, legal traditions, and relationships of power in different societies. To function well in organizations and leverage them to affect social needs, students need to understand the roles of different types of organizations, hierarchies of power, regulatory frameworks, social impacts, and ethical decision-making in organizational structures. These courses provide students with such understandings.

Code	Title	Credits
Asian Studies		
ASIAN-318	Business and Intercultural Communication In Chinese Society	4
Economics		
ECON-307	Seminar in Industrial Organization	4
ECON-349DV	Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Development Economics: A Closer Look in Africa'	4
Educational Studies		
EDUST-339EP	Seminar in Educational Studies: 'Educational Policy'	4
Entrepreneurship, Orgs & Soc		
EOS-249	Ethics in Entrepreneurship and Business	4
EOS-299AR	Topic: 'Ethics and Artificial Intelligence'	4
EOS-299ND	Topic: 'Individuals and Organizations'	4
EOS-349NQ	Topic: 'Organizations and Inequality'	4
History		
HIST-357	History of British Capitalism	4
Philosophy		
PHIL-260AR	Topics in Applied Philosophy: 'Ethics and Artificial Intelligence'	4
PHIL-260EB	Topics in Applied Philosophy: 'Ethics in Entrepreneurship and Business'	4
Politics		
POLIT-248GR	Topics in Politics: 'Grassroots Democracy'	4
Psychology		
PSYCH-212	Individuals and Organizations	4
Sociology		
SOCI-316NQ	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Organizations and Inequality'	4
SOCI-316SY	Special Topics in Sociology: 'The Business of Culture: Marketing and Selling Symbolic Goods'	4

Area Three: Structures of Inequality

To effect positive change, students need to understand the structures of inequality underlying many of the problems they aim to address. In these courses, students learn how systemic forces shape inequality along different axes (e.g., race, class, gender, sexuality, religion, and nationality), and how individual, collective and government actions interact with these dynamics in pursuit of greater social justice.

Code	Title	Credits
Dance		
DANCE-272HP	Dance and Culture: 'Hip Hop'	4
Economics		
ECON-213	Economic Development	4
ECON-306	Political Economy of Inequality	4
ECON-349DV	Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Development Economics: A Closer Look in Africa'	4
ECON-349EC	Advanced Topics in Economics: 'Analysis of Empire of Cotton'	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
ENVST-223	Development Geography	4
Geography		
GEOG-208	Global Movements: Migrations, Refugees and Diasporas	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-333EC	Advanced Seminar: 'Gender Inequality and Economic Development: Challenges, Contradictions, and Contestations'	4
History		
HIST-208	The Consumer Revolution: A History of Shopping	4
HIST-357	History of British Capitalism	4
Politics		
POLIT-252	Urban Politics	4
POLIT-267	The Politics of Finance and Financial Crises	4
POLIT-277	Dislocation: Class and Politics in the U.S.	4
Sociology		
SOCI-239	How Capitalism Works: Social Class, Power, and Ideology	4
SOCI-316DG	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Sociology of Development and Globalization'	4
SOCI-316FN	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Finance, Globalization, and Inequality'	4

Area Four: Financial Analysis

Assessing, accessing and effectively employing resources to address social needs are important elements of entrepreneurship. In these courses students learn and gain practice in understanding, analyzing and using financial resource information and processes.

Code	Title	Credits
Economics		
ECON-215	Economics of Corporate Finance	4
ECON-218	International Economics	4
ECON-270	Accounting	4
Entrepreneurship, Orgs & Soc		

EOS-241	Business Organizations, Management, and Finance	4
EOS-341	Advanced Managerial Economics	4

Environmental Studies

Overview and Contact Information

Environmental Studies is a cross-divisional department with natural science, social science, humanities, and interdisciplinary courses. Our students learn about the origins and impacts of, as well as potential solutions to, environmental issues by studying the behavior of natural systems and their interactions with political, economic, social, and cultural factors. Because the study of environmental concerns is inherently interdisciplinary, students develop integrative thinking skills and a broad foundation of knowledge in their time at Mount Holyoke College. Environmental Studies majors graduate with the intellectual tools, practical skills, and depth of understanding to confront environmental challenges of the present and future.

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Learning Goals

The department emphasizes approaches to learning that engage students more actively in the scientific, social/human, and global dimensions of environmental study. Each approach is a fundamental component of environmental literacy.

- **Interdisciplinary Thinking:** Students develop the ability to integrate knowledge using modes of inquiry that conceptually organize and link ideas, methods, and data from several fields.
- **Critical Thinking:** Students cultivate the capacity to listen and think analytically and critically by questioning assumptions, evaluating evidence, and articulating well-reasoned arguments. They also develop quantitative and qualitative methodological expertise.
- **Depth of Knowledge:** Students gain a solid understanding of how the natural world operates, how it has been impacted by human activities, and how it has influenced human actions and development through time. They recognize that solving environmental challenges requires knowledge of the underlying physical and biological processes involved as well as the complex ways these processes interact with cultural, historical, political, and economic forces.
- **Intercultural Competence:** Students appreciate the diverse cultures that make human society, and develop perspectives, skills, and knowledge to engage with values, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of communities other than their own in environmental education, activism, development projects, and domestic and international research projects.
- **Global Consciousness:** Students recognize and understand global, national, regional, and local environmental concerns, perspectives, and experiences, including the impacts of economic, cultural, and political contexts on various communities and resources.

Skills

In order to meet the above goals, the Environmental Studies curriculum places a strong emphasis on habits of critical thinking and questioning across academic disciplines:

- **Problem Identification, Assessment, and Solution:** Students gain analytical skills in determining the scale and parameters of environmental problems. They develop an in-depth understanding of the scientific method, employing both quantitative and qualitative analyses to clarify and understand data. They become familiar with scientific, historical, and ethical analyses of environmental problems and are able to propose imaginative and creative solutions appropriate to specific issues, based on in-depth study of local to global factors.
- **Communication and Information Literacy:** Students recognize the breadth depth of environmental information, across a range of formats and fields. They strengthen writing and communication skills and develop a broad foundation of information literacy. They learn how to formulate and articulate questions, frame research projects, locate needed resources, evaluate information, and make critical judgments about the presentation of research. They are able to synthesize, present, and use this information in a way that helps answer a question, solve a problem, or educate self or others.
- **Reflective Learning and Application of Knowledge:** Students practice and develop their capacity for reflective learning in all courses, but especially in the capstone senior seminar. They develop the skills for peer feedback, self-reflection, and assessment of learning impacts. Experiential learning opportunities (e.g., community-based work, internships, and study abroad) allow students to increase their range of interactions with diverse peoples. They also develop leadership and decision-making skills including facility in working constructively with diverse perspectives, personalities, and groups. They develop pre-professional confidence in future options for environmental work in a range of government, education, business, and non-profit contexts.

These core foundational approaches and skills are important in all facets of environmental studies and will serve graduates well in their post-college lives and careers.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Environmental Studies:

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Timothy Farnham, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies

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Kevin Surprise, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Studies

Gretchen Peltier, Visiting Assistant Professor in Environmental Studies

Thakshala Tissera, Visiting Instructor in Environmental Studies

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 44 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory Courses		
ENVST-100 or ENVST-150D' or ENVST-150P	Introduction to Environmental Studies ¹ Introductory Topics in Environmental Studies: 'Introduction to Environmental and Public Health'	4
One Science with Lab Course:		4
BIOL-145	Introductory Biology ²	
BIOL-160	Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry with Laboratory	
CHEM-150	General Chemistry: Foundations	
CHEM-160	Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry	
PHYS-100	Foundations of Physics	
PHYS-110	Force, Motion, and Energy	
PHYS-150	Phenomena of Physics	
NEURO-100	Introduction to Neuroscience and Behavior	
Intermediate Core ³		
One Natural Science Course:		4
ENVST-200	Environmental Science	
ENVST-233HC	Topics in Environmental Studies: 'Human Health and Climate Change'	
BIOL-223	Ecology with Laboratory	
GEOL-203	The Earth's Surface	
One Social Science Course:		4
ENVST-206	Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Change	
ENVST-210	Political Ecology	
ENVST-241	Environmental Issues	
One Humanities Course:		4
ENVST-216	Global Environmental Justice	
ENVST-240	The Value of Nature	
ENVST-254	The Climate Humanities, Futures, and Activism	
Senior Seminar		
ENVST-390	Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies	4
Additional Electives		
Three courses at the 300 level ⁴		12
Two additional electives at the 200 or 300 level		8
Total Credits		44

¹ Or a 4 or 5 on the Environmental Studies or Science AP exam

² BIOL-145 or any of its offerings; for example BIOL-145AB, BIOL-145EX, and BIOL-145GW.

³ A full list of the approved elective courses (p. 180) appears at the end of the Environmental Studies Courses section.

⁴ Independent study may be substituted for one of the 300-level courses, with approval of advisor. Independent study cannot be substituted for ENVST-390.

Additional Specifications

- When declaring their Environmental Studies major, students must choose an advisor who can help them select the elective courses that best suit their curricular goals.
- Students may take up to two 200- or 300-level courses off campus (study abroad, Five Colleges, etc.). Two additional 200- or 300-level courses may be taken within the Five Colleges. All off-campus courses are subject to advisor approval.
- Students who declare an environmental studies major automatically fulfill the College’s “outside the major” requirement.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory Course		
ENVST-100 or ENVST-150D or ENVST-150PI	Introduction to Environmental Studies Introductory Topics in Environmental Studies: 'Introduction to Environmental and Public Health'	4
Intermediate Core		
One Natural Science Course		4
ENVST-200	Environmental Science	
ENVST-233HC	Topics in Environmental Studies: 'Human Health and Climate Change'	
BIOL-223	Ecology with Laboratory	
GEOL-203	The Earth's Surface	
One Social Science Course		4
ENVST-206	Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Change	
ENVST-210	Political Ecology	
ENVST-241	Environmental Issues	
One Humanities Course		4
ENVST-216	Global Environmental Justice	
ENVST-240	The Value of Nature	
ENVST-254	The Climate Humanities, Futures, and Activism	
Additional Elective		
One course at the 300 level ¹		4
Total Credits		20

¹ Students must choose a 300-level elective from the full list of the approved electives (p. 180) at the end of the Environmental Studies Courses section.

Additional Specifications

- Courses in the same department as the student’s major may not be counted towards the minor in environmental studies.

Course Advice

In addition to courses in Environmental Studies, many elective courses for the major and minor in environmental studies are offered by other departments. Appropriate courses taken at Amherst, Hampshire, or Smith colleges or the University of Massachusetts may be counted toward the major or minor with the approval of environmental studies advisor. Courses taken at other colleges or universities, or through accredited field

studies around the world, may also be counted toward the major or minor with the approval of the student’s environmental studies advisor.

Selecting Initial Courses

Students interested in environmental issues should register for a 100-level Environmental Studies course during their first year. An introductory course is required for both the major and the minor in environmental studies and provides a broad overview of the field. It also gives students a good sense of how to continue their studies in the environmental field.

Other courses that are very useful for first-year students include:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL-145 or BIOL-160	Introductory Biology Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry with Laboratory	4
CHEM-150 or CHEM-160	General Chemistry: Foundations Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry	4
GEOG-105	World Regional Geography	4
GEOL-107	Environmental Geology	4
PHYS-104	Renewable Energy	4
STAT-140	Introduction to the Ideas and Applications of Statistics	4

A 100-level science course with lab is a required prerequisite for the 200-level science courses that environmental studies majors and minors must take.

Intermediate Courses

Intermediate courses for the major and minor should be chosen from the list approved by the environmental studies faculty. Other courses may be counted toward this requirement with the approval of environmental studies advisor.

Advanced Courses

All majors must complete ENVST-390, and complete three other 300-level courses. Independent study (ENVST-395) may be substituted for one of the required advanced courses (though not ENVST-390), with approval of advisor.

Course Offerings

ENVST-100 Introduction to Environmental Studies

Spring. Credits: 4

This course introduces students to the field of environmental studies and to some of the scientific, historical, political, economic and cultural aspects of environmental concerns. Through interdisciplinary lenses, we explore the complexities of many issues and problems such as climate change, threats to biodiversity, and toxic environments. In addition to fostering an understanding of their origins, the course focuses on potential solutions.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

ENVST-104 Renewable Energy*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

We will examine the feasibility of converting the entire energy infrastructure of the U.S. from one that is dependent on fossil fuels to one that utilizes mostly renewable sources of energy. We will examine the potential scale of energy production and the associated costs, natural resource requirements and land usage needs for both renewables, such as solar, wind and biofuel, and non-renewables, such as coal, natural gas, petroleum and nuclear. By applying extensive use of basic algebra and an elementary understanding of the physical processes underpinning each energy technology, we will arrive at a number of urgent conclusions about the challenges facing our energy infrastructure.

*Crosslisted as: PHYS-104**Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences***ENVST-150 Introductory Topics in Environmental Studies****ENVST-150PH Introductory Topics in Environmental Studies:
'Introduction to Environmental and Public Health'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course offers a broad introduction to the problems and solutions in the field of environmental and public health. Students will read about and discuss issues that occur in both industrialized and developing countries. Topics include the biological, physical, and chemical agents of environmental contamination; methods used in epidemiology and toxicology to evaluate environmental hazards; policies currently in place to reduce health risks and protect populations from exposure; and emerging global environmental health problems.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences***ENVST-200 Environmental Science***Fall. Credits: 4*

Most of the environmental challenges we face are complex and interdisciplinary in nature. This course introduces students to the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to both understand the interrelationships of the natural world, as well as to identify and analyze environmental problems and think critically about alternative solutions for addressing them. Key concepts from ecology, biogeochemistry, and other fields inform our study of climate change, water resources, soil sustainability, food production, and other topics. Fundamental and emerging issues are examined using regional case studies, hands-on problem solving, and field and laboratory experiments in this interdisciplinary field-based course.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: One 100-level lab science. Coreq: ENVST-200L.**Advisory: One course in Statistics is recommended.***ENVST-206 Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change***Fall. Credits: 4*

Using regional case studies from across the world, this course examines some of the causes and consequences of human-induced environmental changes. The course explores the fundamental relationships and processes involved in human-environmental interactions; the various impacts that humans have had over time upon soils, water, flora, fauna, landforms, and the atmosphere; and possible alternative development strategies that could create a balance between human needs and environmental sustainability

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives***ENVST-210 Political Ecology***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will explore the historical, political, economic, social, and cultural contexts in which human-environment interactions occur. We will cover critical topics and trends in the field of political ecology, from its early manifestations to more recent expansions. Using case studies from the global south and north, we will discuss factors that shape social and environmental change across scales from the personal to the global, and we will examine the role of gender, race, class, and power in struggles over resources. Students will become familiar with the academic debates in which political ecologists are engaged, and they will apply the concepts discussed in a case of their choice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ENVST-216 Global Environmental Justice***Fall. Credits: 4*

From struggles for racial justice and Indigenous self-determination, to action for biodiversity conservation, many of the world's most urgent issues are also environmental justice challenges. This course will survey the theoretical questions, concepts, and perspectives on environmental justice at local and global scales. In the first part of the course, we will do a brief historical overview of the environmental justice movement and environmentalism(s), and we will discuss global contemporary issues like e-waste and food justice. In the second part of the course, we will analyze the multiple definitions and meanings that social movements and collectives give to justice. As such, we will engage with decolonial, Indigenous, eco-feminist, queer, and multispecies perspectives. Throughout the semester, students will analyze a case study of environmental (in)justice, which will culminate in a research-grounded sci-fi creative piece that represents a more just future in their chosen case.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is limited to sophomores and juniors.**Prereq: ENVST-100 or 4 credits in humanities or social science.***ENVST-223 Development Geography***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores the major trends and changes in development theory and their bearings on development policy and practice, critically discussing concepts of development and the emergence and evolution of paradigms in development thinking. We will explore what and who drives (under)development, where (location and scales), and what can be done. The course integrates hands-on experiential learning through case studies and guest lectures to enable students to analyze what theoretical foundations informed past and current development thinking and their prospects and limits.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive*

ENVST-233 Topics in Environmental Studies**ENVST-233AN Topics in Environmental Studies: 'Narrating the Anthropocene'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The location of a possible "golden spike" at Crawford Lake, marking the Anthropocene's onset, further underscores the claim that we have entered a new geological epoch in which human activity is the dominant force of planetary change. Thinking beyond physical markers, this course delves into the representational strategies, challenges, and speculative dimensions of Anthropocene thinking. How does the Anthropocene (re)shape our understandings of the human, the other-than-human, and the humanities? This course explores answers to these questions by engaging with critical debates on the concept, and closely analyzing literary, cinematic, and artistic representations of the Anthropocene.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***ENVST-233EH Topics in Environmental Studies: 'Environmental Humanities'***Spring. Credits: 4*

At the heart of the humanities lies a central question: What does it mean to be human? This course asks that question in the context of the Anthropocene, when humans are seen as key agents of planetary change inextricably entangled in the more-than-human world. It introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of environmental humanities, examining how history, philosophy, and the arts shape our understandings of the environment. Engaging with storytelling, cultural values, and socio-political structures, we will explore how humanistic inquiry illuminates pressing issues such as climate change and species extinction while fostering creative and just responses to environmental challenges.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***ENVST-233HA Topics in Environmental Studies: 'Introduction to Human-Animal Studies'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course introduces the study of human relationships with other animals. We will explore how these relationships shape, and are shaped by, social, political, and economic forces. Key questions include: How do specific, historic, and cultural perspectives inform our understandings of animals? What ethical and political concerns emerge from human-animal entanglements in various contexts such as agriculture, conservation, and companionship? What are the key debates on animal welfare and conservation? We will explore the complexities of those connections through critical discussions that draw on interdisciplinary methods of inquiry.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Advisory: Not recommended for seniors or students who have taken ENVST-351NH.***ENVST-233HC Topics in Environmental Studies: 'Human Health and Climate Change'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Human health is directly and indirectly impacted by climate change. Throughout this course we will investigate the diverse human health impacts that are linked to climate change. We will ask how changes to our air quality, water quality, vector-borne disease distribution, and food production impact our health. We will examine how extreme weather events lead to changes in morbidity, mortality, and mental health conditions in communities. Through both lecture and discussion, we will critically review and evaluate our current knowledge regarding climate and human health as well as identify solutions for adapting to these changes.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: ENVST-150 or 4 credits in science.***ENVST-240 The Value of Nature***Spring. Credits: 4*

Through this seminar, students develop an in-depth knowledge of and articulate vocabulary for the significant and diverse ways that humans value the natural world -- utilitarian, scientific, aesthetic, naturalistic, symbolic, ethical, and spiritual. We use these different typologies of human environmental values as frameworks for readings and discussion, extending our examination to historical and cultural variations in values, competing perspectives of the natural world, and other value concepts, including intrinsic and transformative value. We examine the concept of biophilia and probe the role values play in the concern over losses of biological diversity and its implications.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: ENVST-100 or ENVST-150PH.***ENVST-241 Environmental Issues***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course, we will explore the different facets of numerous environmental policy issues and review the substantive aspects, legal themes, and regulatory structure of the major federal environmental laws. The laws covered in this course include the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and others. The course objectives are for the student to learn the basic regulatory characteristics of the major laws and to become well-versed in the current environmental issues which we will focus upon throughout the semester, such as global climate change, ocean degradation, energy resources, and biodiversity loss.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: ENVST-100, or ENVST-150PH, or ENVST-150DV.*

ENVST-251 Research, Ethics, Justice and Campus Sustainability*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The course is designed for students interested in learning about and doing qualitative research on campus sustainability. We will discuss the logic of qualitative social research and examine a range of methods, considering the specific advantages and limitations of different techniques. Students will also discuss ethical issues, including the challenges of conducting research in cross-cultural settings, reflect on our own underlying assumptions, motivations and values in research, and consider what it means to decolonize methodologies. The course is a term-based learning course in which students work in teams to conduct research on a topic of their choice related to sustainability literacy on the Mount Holyoke College campus. Students share and discuss weekly assignments in class, and then analyze and present their results.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits of social science or humanities courses.**Advisory: Students from a variety of disciplines are welcome.***ENVST-254 The Climate Humanities, Futures, and Activism***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The climate humanities are uniquely positioned to imagine, question, and promote the necessary changes for more just climate futures. Thus, this course asks, how just are climate solutions for those who will be most impacted, and for those who have contributed the least, to climate change? How can we imagine alternative modes of existence and just futures? What can we learn from diverse climate imaginaries? We will first analyze climate change and history, climate ethics, and climate fiction. Next, through post/decolonial approaches, we will examine the contradictions of some climate mitigation and adaptation mechanisms, and how they can reinforce inequalities. Lastly, we will learn about the meanings of climate justice and the perspectives of Indigenous and other marginalized communities.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: ENVST-100 or 4 credits of social science or humanities courses.***ENVST-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***ENVST-314 China in the Global South***Fall. Credits: 4*

China is at the heart of development in the 21st century. In other words, it is impossible to understand the twenty-first century without understanding China. But is China a partner or a neocolonial exploiter in the Global South? How can we make sense of China's current record of infrastructure lending in Africa or the recent uptick in China-Africa trade? What is the geography of China's economic statecraft in Africa? To provide some answers, we will explore the on-the-ground realities of China's increasingly complex engagement with developing countries in aid, trade, investment, agribusiness, and technology transfer. We will examine China's emerging role by focusing on the spatial economic statecraft and geostrategic politics of Chinese capital flow.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 4 credits in Geography or a related 200-level social science course.***ENVST-316 Restoration Ecology***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

A key test of our ecological knowledge is whether we can successfully apply it to create or restore ecosystems that have been damaged or destroyed. As we take on the role of restoration ecologists this semester, we will use principles and methods of ecology, conservation biology, hydrology, soil science, and related disciplines to learn about the theory, practice, and politics of ecosystem restoration. This course emphasizes fieldwork, interdisciplinary teamwork, and ecological planning to evaluate and design restoration projects in our surrounding communities and regional landscapes. On a few occasions, meetings may last until 5:05 pm so that we can go on fieldtrips that are farther from campus.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ENVST-200 or at least 8 credits of 200 or 300-level laboratory science.***ENVST-321 Conference Courses in Environmental Studies**

Selected topics in areas of environmental interest, determined by faculty expertise and student needs. Study in small groups or by individual students working with faculty.

ENVST-321CP Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Political Economy of the Environment: Capitalism and Climate Change'*Fall. Credits: 4*

Can an economic system predicated on infinite growth achieve sustainability on a finite planet? This question will likely define the twenty-first century. This course aims to grapple with this paradox, examining the relationships and tensions between the globally dominant form of economy – capitalism – and global climate change. We will explore the interwoven rise of capitalism and emergence of fossil fuel energy, as well as the global expansion of capitalism and the connections between resources, economic growth, and political power. We will engage with various theoretical approaches to capitalism-environment relations, such as metabolic rift theory, the second contradiction of capitalism, and the production of nature thesis. These theories provide insight into recent forms of capitalism (i.e. neoliberalism) and the increasing degradation and commodification of the environment. We end by studying contemporary debates, examining institutions and policies seeking to manage climate change from with liberal-capitalist frameworks, the emergence of the "green economy", and the politics of climate denialism, concluding with alternatives economies and the climate justice movement. This course will provide students with theoretical knowledge and analytical skills for understanding economy-environment relationships.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors*

ENVST-321EQ Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Food Equity and Empowerment'*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course uses a critical lens to examine the conflicts around equity and justice in our food systems, from production to consumption. Using race, ethnicity, gender and socioeconomic factors as the lens through which to examine the impacts associated with how we grow and consume food, this course seeks to understand an alternative to the dominant Western narrative on food systems. As a class, we will engage with readings, discussion and actual hands-on participation with food equity issues in the Pioneer Valley, so that we can reflect on our own power and privilege in the food system and come to a more holistic understanding of the challenges within the field.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 credits in Environmental Studies or Geography including ENVST-100 or ENVST-150PH.***ENVST-321GW Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Human Health and Water'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Human health, both morbidity and mortality, is directly impacted by the accessibility and availability of safe drinking water. This course will focus on the human health implications, challenges, and successes of water access, scarcity, and quality in different parts of the world. We will cover threats to water quality including water-borne diseases, inorganic contaminants, and emerging contaminants of concern as well as strategies for reducing the impacts to human health. We will also discuss the disproportionate burden of water-related diseases on children, which impacts their long-term physical and cognitive development.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Environmental Studies or science courses.***ENVST-321NH Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Animal Tales: Narratives of Non-Human Animals'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The animal, what a word!" Under the gaze of his cat, Derrida ponders the difficulty of representing the non-human animal. Yet, animals permeate the stories we tell. How do various narrative modes impact our relationships with animals? How do different cultural histories and perspectives of animals affirm or challenge assumptions regarding the non-human? Given the ongoing Sixth Extinction, can stories about animals compel us to envision a multispecies justice that ensures conditions of livability for all? To explore these questions, students will critically examine the aesthetics, ethics, and politics of animal representations in literature, cinema, art, and museum exhibits.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in humanities or social sciences.***ENVST-321PC Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Petrocultures and Energy Humanities'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Contemporary life is profoundly shaped by fossil fuels, from the infrastructures that sustain daily routines to the cultural values that define progress. Yet this dependence often coexists with an "energy unconscious" in the U.S. cultural imagination. This course introduces the field of energy humanities, focusing on petroculture: i.e, how petroleum structures social, political, and cultural life. Through literature, film, art, and theory, we will examine the global entanglements of energy, environment, and power, addressing questions of climate change, resource dependence, and transition while developing critical tools to imagine more just and sustainable futures.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives***ENVST-329 Methods in Environmental Science***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course offers a broad survey of skills and tools used in field-based environmental investigations. Students will gain hands-on experience with methods for collecting data from abiotic and biotic ecosystem components. Specific topics covered will include land-use mapping and spatiotemporal analysis; water, soil, and air quality monitoring; wildlife and vegetation surveying; and carbon storage and decomposition rate estimation. Additional topics will include experimental design, data analysis, and science communication. Class meetings will occur primarily in the field, and assignments will help prepare students to address a range of environmental issues.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in environmental studies.***ENVST-331 Water, People, and Politics in the Anthropocene***Spring. Credits: 4*

Water is not simply a natural biophysical element that flows neutrally through landscapes. In this course, we will focus on the political, ecological, and historical dimensions of human water use in a changing climate. Throughout the course, we will examine ways in which water crises are produced and play out at various scales, ranging from the macro (global) to the micro (household) and human body. We will begin by strengthening our foundational understanding of water resources and laws that affect distribution, quality, use, and sustainability. Then, we'll dig deeper into the complexities that link water, people, and politics. In the last weeks of the course, we'll work on applying these ideas to dissect real-world issues such as the Flint and the Jackson water crisis. We'll also think about how to harness the newest and best ideas to sustainably and inclusively meet societal and ecological water needs now and in the future.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: One course in Geography or one related social science course.*

ENVST-333 Landscape and Narrative: Finding Place, Finding Home*Fall. Credits: 4*

Different types of stories or narratives – whether myth, literature, maps, oral tradition, or scientific theory – have been created about nearly every region or environment on Earth as attempts to describe and understand that place and human connections to it. In this seminar we'll explore how braided strands of human history and natural history contribute to stories we tell of the land, and to stories we tell of ourselves in the land. We'll consider examples of how lifeways, homeplace, and identity are linked with environment or landscape. We'll also create written, visual, and/or aural narratives of our own.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits in Environmental Studies.*

Advisory: Preference will be given to junior and senior Environmental Studies majors, but other students who meet the prerequisite of 8 credits in the department are welcome to apply. Application: <https://tinyurl.com/envst333>.

ENVST-335 Wetlands Ecology and Management*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Although they cover ~0.6% of the Earth's surface, wetlands perform more ecosystem services per hectare than any other ecosystem type. Alarming, over half of the Earth's wetlands have been lost to agriculture and development. With these wetlands were also lost the valuable ecosystem functions wetlands perform. This course takes an interdisciplinary approach to examine the biogeochemical, ecological, societal, and regulatory aspects of wetland ecosystems. Group discussion of primary scientific literature, as well as independent experimental design and the writing of a research proposal are core components. Field trips will sometimes keep us until 5:05 pm, and will provide an opportunity to explore these fascinating ecosystems in person.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: ENVST-200 or at least 8 credits of 200- or 300-level laboratory science.***ENVST-339 Indigenous and Decolonial Ecologies***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

From protesting pipelines in Standing Rock to fighting fires in Brazil, Indigenous peoples have been at the forefront of environmental struggles. But how do Indigenous peoples characterize relationships with land/territories? How do Indigenous and other marginalized groups contest colonialism when engaging with their territories, and in politics? What alternative worlds do they imagine? This course will seek to answer these questions in connection to theories, concepts, and cases focused on the Americas/Abya-Yala. It will further center Indigenous and other marginalized ways of knowing, worldviews, and lifeways, when analyzing issues like pollution, conservation, or environmental conflicts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distrib. Rqmt; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department or in humanities or social science at the 200-level or above.***ENVST-346 Global Environmental Politics Governance***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Why can't countries agree to strict emissions limits to solve the climate crisis? How can we halt unprecedented biodiversity loss? In this course, we review how legacies of colonialism and neoliberalism shape global environmental politics. We examine how actors from NGOs to Indigenous Peoples to corporations influence official negotiations and alternative models. We explore how novel technologies and financial instruments like AI, cryptocurrencies and nature-based video games are changing environmental governance. This curriculum-to-career course emphasizes the skills—from policy briefs to elevator pitches to treaty and congressional negotiations—to advocate for sustainability and justice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Environmental Studies or social science courses.***ENVST-347 Environmental Geopolitics and Security***Spring. Credits: 4*

Food insecurity, warfare, disasters, energy, climate crises: how are environments enrolled in and entangled with questions of power, security, and geopolitical strategy? This course will explore relationships between population, resources, and scarcity, starting from the premise that scarcity is more often manufactured to maintain power than it is a "natural" condition. We examine the weaponization of environments in modern warfare, relationships between racism, pollution, (in)security and slow violence, the ways that climate change is being militarized and securitized and energy transitions are raising new questions of geopolitical power. We conclude with perspectives on rethinking security.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in humanities or social science.***ENVST-390 Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies***Spring. Credits: 4*

This is the capstone course of the environmental studies major. The course explores linkages among the diversity of disciplines that contribute to the environmental studies major, illustrates how these disciplines that contribute to the environmental studies major are used in environmental decision making, enables students to inform one another's roles as environmentalists, and provides students with opportunities to develop individual and cooperative projects.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning**Restrictions: This course is limited to Environmental Studies majors.; This course is limited to seniors.***ENVST-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***ENVST-395P Independent Study with Practicum***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Courses Approved as Electives for the Major and Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-316CA	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Carbon Christianity'	4
Architecture		
ARCH-225ED	Intermediate Studies in Architecture: 'Environmental Principles'	4
Art History		
ARTH-290MV	Issues in Art History: 'Art, Nature, and Ecology in the Medieval World'	4
Biological Sciences		
BIOL-200	Introductory Biology II: How Organisms Develop with Laboratory	4
BIOL-226	Evolution: Making Sense of Life with Laboratory	4
BIOL-323	Plant Growth and Development	4
BIOL-325	Plant Diversity and Evolution	4
BIOL-350DB	Topics in Biological Sciences: 'Developmental Biology with Laboratory'	4
BIOL-350SE	Topics in Biological Sciences: 'Stream Ecology: Keeping Up with Running Water with Laboratory'	4
Chemistry		
CHEM-202	Organic Chemistry I	4
Classical Studies		
CLAS-250EC	Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'	4
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-239	Latinx Urbanism	4
CRPE-240FD	Intermediate Topics: 'U.S. Latinx Foodways'	4
Economics		
ECON-219	Environmental Economics	4
ECON-319	Environmental Economics, Ecology and Conservation Policy	4
English		
ENGL-219CH	Topics in Creative Writing: 'Climate Changes Everything: Telling Stories at the End of the World As We Know It'	4
ENGL-350AB	Topics in African American Literature: 'Abolition and Climate Change'	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-206	Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Change	4
ENVST-251	Research, Ethics, Justice and Campus Sustainability	4
ENVST-295	Independent Study	1-4
ENVST-314	China in the Global South	4
ENVST-316	Restoration Ecology	4
ENVST-321CP	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Political Economy of the Environment: Capitalism and Climate Change'	4
ENVST-321EQ	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Food Equity and Empowerment'	4
ENVST-321GW	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Human Health and Water'	4
ENVST-321NH	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Animal Tales: Narratives of Non-Human Animals'	4
ENVST-321PC	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Petrocultures and Energy Humanities'	4
ENVST-329	Methods in Environmental Science	4
ENVST-331	Water, People, and Politics in the Anthropocene	4
ENVST-333	Landscape and Narrative: Finding Place, Finding Home	4
ENVST-335	Wetlands Ecology and Management	4
ENVST-339	Indigenous and Decolonial Ecologies	4
ENVST-346	Global Environmental Politics Governance	4
ENVST-347	Environmental Geopolitics and Security	4
ENVST-395	Independent Study	1-8
ENVST-395P	Independent Study with Practicum	1-8
Geography		
GEOG-205	Mapping and Spatial Analysis	4
GEOG-206	Political Geography	4
GEOG-208	Global Movements: Migrations, Refugees and Diasporas	4
GEOG-210	GIS for the Social Sciences and Humanities	4
GEOG-224	Atmosphere and Weather	4
GEOG-230	Environmental Soil Science	4
Geology		
GEOL-201	Rocks and Minerals	4
GEOL-202	History of Earth	4
GEOL-211	Uranium	4
GEOL-226	Oceanography & Marine Science	4
GEOL-229	Hydrology and Hydrogeology: Hydrological Cycle, Surface, and Groundwater Movement	4
GEOL-342CC	Seminar in Geology: 'Global Effects of Climate Change'	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-333MS	Advanced Seminar: 'Multi-Species Justice? Entangled Lives and Human Power'	4
History		
HIST-239HH	Topics in Asian History: 'History of Humans and Other Living Beings'	4
HIST-247	Mountains and Modernity	4
HIST-277	History of Energy	4
HIST-332	Environmental History of China	4
Jewish Studies		
JWST-225EC	Topics in Judaism: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'	4
Music		
MUSIC-203	Acoustic Ecology and Sonic Art	4
Politics		
POLIT-387EV	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'U.S. Environmental Politics and Policy'	4
Religion		
RELIG-225EB	Topics in Religion: 'Eco-Buddhism'	4
RELIG-225EC	Topics in Religion: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'	4

RELIG-331CA	Advanced Topics in Religion: 'Carbon Christianity'	4
Spanish		
SPAN-250AT	Concepts and Practices of Power: 'The Agency of Things: Material Culture of Latin America, Spain, and the U.S. Border'	4

Ethnomusicology

Overview and Contact Information

The Five College Certificate Program in Ethnomusicology allows students interested in studying music from a multidisciplinary perspective to build bridges across departmental boundaries in a rigorous and structured manner, and to receive credit for their accomplishments, even while completing a major in another field.

In reflecting interdisciplinary trends in Ethnomusicology, students are encouraged to combine the certificate with degrees in various overlapping fields, such as Africana studies, anthropology, Asian studies, Asian American studies, cultural studies, European studies, gender studies, language studies, Latin American studies, religion, sociology, as well as other courses of study in music (composition, performance, jazz studies/improvisation, and musicology).

The Certificate Program in Ethnomusicology provides a framework for navigating course offerings and engaging with ethnomusicologists throughout the Five Colleges. While “music” is the centerpiece of the certificate program, the wide range of topics that appear under the rubric of “ethnomusicology” extend far beyond “music in a cultural context” to include history, political science, economics, evolution, science and technology, physiology, media studies, and popular culture studies, among others.

See Also

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Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of seven courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Seven approved courses distributed as indicated in the following four categories, with no more than five courses from any one department/discipline:		
Area Studies or Topics courses: at least two courses		
Methodology: at least two courses		
Performance: at least one course		
Additional Electives negotiated in consultation with the student's ethnomusicology advisor, including courses from related disciplines including: anthropology, sociology, history, or media studies; area studies fields such as Africana studies, Asian studies, or Middle East studies; or others related to a particular student's ethnomusicological interests		
Total Courses		7

Additional Specifications

- Introductory courses in basic musicianship do not count towards the requirements. Introductory courses in related disciplines may only be counted in certain circumstances determined by the research goals of the individual student.
- Since ethnomusicological research and related musical performance may require understanding of and competence in a foreign language, students are encouraged, but not required, to acquire proficiency in a language relevant to their focus. Students are also encouraged to include experiential learning, a study abroad or domestic exchange experience, in-depth study of a single musical tradition, or comparative studies of several musical traditions.
- A list of courses typically approved for the certificate is available on the program's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/ethnomusicology#courses>).

Film Media Theater

Overview and Contact Information

The Department of Film Media Theater (FMT) offers students an innovative, project-based curriculum that integrates two practices of learning and knowing in the presentational and representational arts. One practice focuses on the critical study of film, media, and theater, while the other focuses on production and performance. The flexible curriculum offers both writing-intensive courses in the history of and theoretical approaches to the cinema, media, and theater, as well as moving image production and performance courses in new, state-of-the-art production spaces. Students majoring in FMT combine creative, critical thinking with the practice of making theater, film, and other media-based communicative forms through the major requirements and production-based opportunities, as well as those offered across multiple disciplines in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

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Learning Goals

Students majoring in Film Media Theater will:

- Understand and be able to explain, as well as engage – as thinkers and as makers – with the global histories, languages, theories, and practices of film, media, and theater.
- Think and write critically about images, sound, performance, and text-based media, dissecting the arguments they make, how they ask us to see the world around us, and why.
- Develop skills required to conceive and produce creative projects, including interdisciplinary innovative projects that reimagine existing practices.
- Identify, critique, and engage with how these forms are embedded within and respond to global structures of power, including racism and other forms of oppression.

- Understand the relationships among critical and production practices in film, media, and theater, and how they mutually inform one another.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of FILM MEDIA THEATER:

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Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One introductory course. Choose from:		4
FMT-102	Introduction to Film Studies	
FMT-104	Introduction to Media Studies	
FMT-106	Introduction to Theater	
Two approved courses in FMT in these areas:		8
One Critical Studies course at the 200 level ¹		
One Production/Performance course at the 100 or 200 level ¹		
Three additional 200-level FMT courses ²		12
One Critical Studies course in FMT at the 300 level ¹		4
Two additional 300-level FMT courses ²		8
Total Credits		36

¹ See Courses section (p. 188) for lists of approved courses in these specific areas.

² Eight credits of independent study (FMT-295 or FMT-395) or practicum can count towards the major.

Additional Specifications

- At least 16 credits must be completed at Mount Holyoke, including at least eight credits at the 300 level.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One introductory course:		4
FMT-102	Introduction to Film Studies	
FMT-104	Introduction to Media Studies	
FMT-106	Introduction to Theater	
One 200-level FMT course in Critical Studies ¹		4
One 200-level FMT course in Production/Performance ¹		4
One FMT elective course at the 300 level		4
Four additional FMT credits at the 200 or 300 level		4
Total Credits		20

¹ See Courses section (p. 188) for lists of approved courses in these specific areas.

Additional Specifications

- Independent study (FMT-295 or FMT-395) cannot be used to count toward the minor.
- A minimum of 12 credits in FMT must be completed at Mount Holyoke.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of theater can combine their course work in theater with a minor in education. In some instances, course work in the Film Media Theater major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for teacher licensure in Theater, please consult your advisor or the chair of the Film Media Theater department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, or consult the Department of Psychology and Education.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Offerings

FMT-102 Introduction to Film Studies

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course teaches the basic concepts, vocabulary, and critical skills involved in interpreting film. Through readings and lectures, students will become more informed and sophisticated observers of the cinema, key examples of which will be screened weekly. While the focus will be on the form and style of narrative film, documentary and avant-garde practices will be introduced. The class will also touch upon some of the major theoretical approaches in the field.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.

FMT-103 Talking Pictures: An Introduction to Film*Spring. Credits: 4*

Some of the best feature-length films of the past century have commanded our attention and imagination because of their compelling artistry and the imaginative ways they tell stories visually and verbally. This course closely studies narrative films from around the world, from the silent era to the present, and in the process it introduces students to the basic elements of film form, style, and narration. Some of the films to be considered are: *Battleship Potemkin*, *Citizen Kane*, *Contempt*, *The Bicycle Thief*, *Ugetsu*, *Rear Window*, *Woman in the Dunes*, *The Marriage of Maria Braun*, *Days of Heaven*, and *Moulin Rouge!*.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-104**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***FMT-104 Introduction to Media Studies***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course introduces students to the critical study of media, focusing on electronic media, digital technologies, and network cultures. We will analyze the aesthetics, politics, protocols, history, and theory of media, paying attention to the ways they create and erase borders; affect how we form and articulate identities; invade privacy while providing a platform for exploration; foster hate speech and progressive movements alike; and participate in capitalist economies and the acceleration of climate change. While tracing the global flows of media creation, distribution, and consumption, we will also consider the different issues that arise in diverse national and local contexts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***FMT-106 Introduction to Theater***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course offers the student a study and practice of theater as a collaborative art. Course includes the analysis of the dramatic text in terms of the actor; the director; the scenic, costume, lighting, and sound designers; and technicians. Close analytical readings of play texts and critical/theoretical essays will be supplemented by attending theater productions both on and off campus and by staging students' own theatrical projects.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***FMT-121 Acting I***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will focus on basic techniques in realistic acting. Students will be introduced to the seminal work of Stanislavski and engage through concentration, relaxation, objective/action, and beats/scene analysis. Each student will apply these concepts to different texts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***FMT-131 Costume Construction I***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course takes students through the theatrical process of creating clothing and accessories for the stage. Topics covered are hand- and machine-sewing techniques, working from commercial patterns and basic pattern drafting.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Notes: Materials fee: \$50***FMT-132 Lighting Design I***Fall. Credits: 4*

An introduction to the art and practice of lighting design for the theater. This course will cover the basics of light, lighting equipment, and how to develop a design for a theatrical production. Students will have the opportunity to use the Black Box Light Lab to create their own lighting designs from selected scenes of plays and musicals and learn the basics of programming a computerized lighting board. Students enrolled in this class will automatically be signed up for the Theatre Arts Department Light Prep Crew for the semester, where students learn to hang and focus lights on the Rooke Stage for the department's mainstage productions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***FMT-133 Fundamentals of Lighting and Sound Design***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

A starting point to the art and practice of lighting and sound design for the theater. This course will cover the basic tools and techniques of designing light and sound and provide an understanding of the designer's role in the collaborative process of producing a show. Students will have the opportunity to create their own lighting and sound designs in the Black Box classroom and present them to the class. In addition to class time students are required to complete 12 hours of light prep crew – this is an extension of the class where students will learn how to hang and focus lights, read a light plot, and work as a lighting team on the Theater Department main stage productions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 4 credits in the department.**Notes: Lab***FMT-137 Fundamentals of Technical Theater***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will examine the materials and techniques used in building and operating theatrical scenery. It will include prop building, rigging, and welding for the theater. Students will learn the skills to work in the scene shop interpreting scenic designs for department productions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Lab; \$50 materials fee. Theater tickets and any design supplies are the responsibility of the student.***FMT-143 Sound Design I***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course serves as an introduction to sound design and explores the many ways that sound can be utilized to tell a story. Students will gain familiarity with the principles of sound design and common terminology used to describe sound. In this course we will practice relating audio to image and text. Throughout the course we will explore the role of sound design in the theater and break down the process a sound designer uses to get a design from the page to the stage.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive*

FMT-230 Intermediate Courses in History and Theory**FMT-230AG Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'American Gothic'***Fall. Credits: 4*

An examination of the gothic – a world of fear, haunting, claustrophobia, paranoia, and monstrosity – in U.S. literature and visual culture. Topics include race, slavery, and the gothic; gender, sexuality, and the gothic; regional gothic; the uncanny; cinematic and pictorial gothic; pandemic gothic. Authors, artists, and filmmakers may include Dunbar, Elmer, Faulkner, Gilman, Hitchcock, Jackson, Kubrick, LaValle, Lovecraft, McCullers, Morrison, O'Connor, Parks, Peele, Poe, Polanski, Romero, and Wood.

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-243**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Advisory: ENGL-240 or ENGL-241 recommended.***FMT-230AM Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Anthropology of Media'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course critically examines how media make a difference in diverse peoples' lives. How are media produced, circulated, and consumed? Together, we will explore the material forms through which subjectivities, collectivities, and histories are produced; and the social practices of constructing and contesting national identities, forging alternative political visions, transforming religious practice, and producing new relationships. In this 21st century, media are not just indispensable to what is known, but also, to how we know. Case studies will include film, TV, photography, art, archives, journalism, and digital platforms; ethnographic examples will be drawn from around the world.

*Crosslisted as: ANTHR-221**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ANTHR-105.***FMT-230BC Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Bollywood: A Cinema of Interruptions'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Indian popular cinema, known commonly as Bollywood, is usually understood to have weak storylines, interrupted by overblown spectacles and distracting dance numbers. The course explores the narrative structure of Bollywood as what scholar Lalitha Gopalan calls a "constellation of interruptions". We will learn to see Bollywood historically, as a cultural form that brings India's visual and performative traditions into a unique cinematic configuration. We will analyze a selection of feature films, read scholarly articles, participate in debates, write guided assignments, and pursue independent research papers in order to understand Bollywood's uniqueness in relation to world cinema.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-290BC**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***FMT-230CH Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Contemporary Chinese Media Culture'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course investigates the evolution of Chinese media cultures from the 1980s to the present, within the broader context of social and political changes. Students will explore a wide range of media, including film, documentary, music, television, animation, social media, photography, and the built environment. The course will examine the technological, material, formal, and aesthetic aspects of various media forms and encourage broader discussions on the ideological impact, spectatorship, sensory perception, and interactive media experiences beyond the Chinese-language world.

*Crosslisted as: ASIAN-211CH**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Advisory: No knowledge of the Chinese language is required.***FMT-230CM Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Children's Media'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course considers a wide range of media for children and young adults, from pre-cinematic devices like the phenakistoscope and flip books to computer games and graphic novels. Screenings will include Disney, Pixar, and anime films as well as various children's television series. What do children's media reveal about the way children are conceptualized, and what do they suggest about the values a society wishes to instill and replicate in the next generation? How do these media help children learn about and navigate geopolitical, environmental, and social issues? How have discourses around children's media and children's access to media served as barometers of larger ideological battles?

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 4 credits in Film Media Theater.***FMT-230CN Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Latin American Cinema'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course offers a broad introduction to the history, politics and aesthetics of Latin American cinema through some of its most influential films. We address the revolutionary styles of agit-prop, Neo-Realism and Third Cinema, as well as Hollywood-style melodrama. The course also familiarizes students with the basic terminology, concepts and approaches of film studies.

*Crosslisted as: SPAN-240CN**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: SPAN-212 or native fluency in Spanish.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***FMT-230CW Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Yue Opera, an all-female art that flourished in Shanghai in 1923, resulted from China's social changes and the women's movement. Combining traditional with modern forms and Chinese with Western cultures, Yue Opera today attracts loyal and enthusiastic audiences despite pop arts crazes. We will focus on how audiences, particularly women, are fascinated by gender renegotiations as well as by the all-female cast. The class will read and watch classics of this theater, including *Romance of the Western Bower*, *Peony Pavilion*, and *Butterfly Lovers*. Students will also learn the basics of traditional Chinese opera.

*Crosslisted as: ASIAN-215, GNDST-204CW**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Notes: Taught in English.*

FMT-230DQ Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Drama Queens: Love, Heartache and Making a Scene'

Fall. Credits: 4

Movies and television in Spanish are known for serving over-the-top drama. From the histrionics of Mexico's sweeping *época de oro* productions to the *telenovelas* of today, melodrama has provided an effective means for understanding not only our own personal affliction but also broader societal issues. Star-crossed lovers, family feuds, a mother's sacrifice, and other common tropes become vehicles for articulating and challenging ideas about socio-economic hierarchies, gender and sexuality norms, racialization, and national identity. This course explores such dynamics in iconic box-office hits, popular television serials, and recent streaming content.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-240DQ

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

FMT-230EF Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Ethnographic Film'

Spring. Credits: 4

Anthropologists have made films since the origins of the discipline and have long debated the role of film in the production of knowledge about others. This course explores the history, evolution, critiques, and contemporary practices of ethnographic film. We will consider key works that have defined the genre, and the innovations (and controversies) associated with them; we will engage documentary, observational, reflexive, and experimental cinema; and we will consider Indigenous media as both social activism and cultural reproduction. We will learn about film as a signifying practice, and grapple with the ethical and political concerns raised by cross-cultural representation.

Crosslisted as: ANTHR-216EF

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: ANTHR-105, FMT-102, or FMT-103.

FMT-230FH Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'From Civil War to Factory Floor: 200 Years of History Plays'

Spring. Credits: 4

The word theatre, derived from the Greek word theatron, means "seeing place". How do plays reflect vital aspects of time, place, and people? In this class, we'll use dramatic texts as lenses through which to better understand key historical periods and movements of the last 200 years. What new perspective can we gain from Suzan-Lori Parks' dramatization of the American Civil War in *Father Comes Home From the Wars*? How does Brecht's *Mother Courage* reflect the rise of fascism in the late 1930s? What does Tony Kushner's *Angels in America* tell us about the impacts of HIV/AIDS in the 1980s? And how does Lynn Nottage's 2015 play *Sweat* invite us to grapple with the complexities of polarized politics in 21st Century America? Students will endeavor to engage critically with these questions, and more. This course will have a moderate to heavy reading-load and will culminate in a significant research paper.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 4 credits in Film Media Theater.

FMT-230GN Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'The Graphic Novel'

Fall. Credits: 4

Graphic narratives have come to occupy a significant (if contentious) place in literary discourse. From its origins in underground comics culture to the recognition of global awards, the graphic form continues to transform and surprise. In this course, we will study several graphic narratives together with film, media theory, and criticism. With special attention to its most popular incarnation – the autobiographical novel – we will ask: What does graphic representation make possible for literature? How do images work with (or against) text? What kinds of political and aesthetic expression does the graphic novel afford? Works by Sacco, Bechdel, Satrapi, Nakazawa, Sajad, amongst others.

Crosslisted as: ENGL-246

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

FMT-230HA Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Hitchcock and After'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course will examine the films of Alfred Hitchcock and the afterlife of Hitchcock in contemporary U.S. culture. We will analyze Hitchcock films in a variety of interpretive frames, including feminist and queer theories, and in shifting historical contexts including the Cold War. We will also devote substantial attention to the legacy of Hitchcock in remakes, imitations, and parodies. Hitchcock films may include *The Birds*, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, *Marnie*, *North by Northwest*, *Psycho*, *Rear Window*, *Rebecca*, *Shadow of a Doubt*, *Spellbound*, *Strangers on a Train*, and *Vertigo*.

Crosslisted as: ENGL-217HA

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: 4 credits in Film Media Theater.

Notes: Weekly evening screening required.

FMT-230HP Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Histories of Performance I'

Fall. Credits: 4

A survey of world performance history, including: the evolution of human language and consciousness; the rise of oral, ritual, and shamanic performance; religious and civic festivals; and imperial theater practices that position the stage at the dangerous intersection of religious worship, public taste, royal patronage, and government censure. Understanding performance as both artistic practice and social institution, this course emphasizes the role performance has played in changing audiences and as a cultural and political force in various societies. We explore not only how performances were created – in terms of design, dramaturgy, architecture, and acting – but also for whom, and why.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

FMT-230HR Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Histories of Performance II'*Spring. Credits: 4*

A historical survey of dramatic texts and world performance traditions from the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries, with attention given to: the influence of print culture on early modern theatrical movements; the rise of nationalism and the creation of dramatic genres; and the effects of industry and technology on experimental modernist forms. Understanding performance as both artistic practice and social institution, this course emphasizes the role performance has played in changing audiences and as a cultural and political force. As such, we explore not only how performances are created—in terms of design, dramaturgy, architecture, and acting—but for whom, and why.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***FMT-230LA Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Latin American Film History'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course offers an overview of the history of sound cinema in Latin America, from its Golden Age to the contemporary period. We address key cinematic movements and aesthetic traditions, including Golden Age Mexican Cinema, Cinema Novo, Third Cinema, and New Latin American Cinema. The course also explores significant political, cultural, and economic changes that have altered the Latin American cinematic landscape in recent decades.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive***FMT-230LX Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Latinx Media'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores the recent history of Latinx media production and representation in the United States, linking the varying meanings of Latinidad to critical shifts in US and Latin American media landscapes. The course highlights vital exchanges across national and linguistic markets which inform the production of media by and about Latinxs.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***FMT-230MU Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Music and Film'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course is for all who stay to the end of the credits, purchase soundtracks, and argue over who should have won the Oscar for Best Score, along with anyone else interested in the undervalued importance of music to the general effect of a motion picture. We will explore and discuss the myriad ways in which these two media interact. The course will focus on classic scores by Herrmann, Morricone, and Williams, as well as the uses of pre-existing music in films of Kubrick and Tarantino.

*Crosslisted as: MUSIC-220**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: MUSIC-100, MUSIC-102, MUSIC-103 or MUSIC-131, or one Film Media Theater course.***FMT-230MV Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Media and Surveillance'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

With corporations using our data to anticipate our desires and counterterrorism units tapping into our communications, we are increasingly embedded in a surveillance society. This course considers practices of surveillance across media platforms, from smartphones, fitness trackers, and baby monitors to the biometric technologies that determine who may cross borders. We will explore how different governments, corporations, and individuals use new media to surveil others, as well as the ways racism and transphobia are inscribed in surveillance practices. We will also discuss and try out protective measures and various subversive practices of "sousveillance".

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 4 credits in Film Media Theater.***FMT-230NC Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Social Media: Networked Cultures'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Social media connects communities, informs us about friends' lives, and gives us a platform on which to share ideas and form identities. Beyond that, social media play an increasingly conspicuous role in national and transnational politics, from the Arab Spring to the viral spread of fake news around the 2016 US election. While social media connects people across the globe to an unprecedented degree, this course will explore how they also reveal divisions and borders, as well as alarming transgressions of borders, that complicate any utopian visions of a "global village." Throughout, we will be attuned to how corporate and governmental interests shape and are shaped by social media communities.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***FMT-230PN Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Spanish Cinema'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course offers a broad introduction to the history, politics and aesthetics of Spanish cinema through its most iconic films. We address the innovations of surrealism, neo-realism, and postmodernism as well as Hollywood-style commercial genres. The course also familiarizes students with the basic terminology, concepts and approaches of film studies in Spanish. Pedro Almodóvar, Luis Buñuel, Isabel Coixet and other directors included.

*Crosslisted as: SPAN-240PN**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.*

FMT-230PT Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'From Shadow Puppets to Digital Screens'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course provides a comprehensive exploration of the rich and diverse world of Chinese films, offering students a deep understanding of the historical, cultural, and artistic dimensions that shape this dynamic film tradition. We will highlight four major periods: The May Fourth and New Cultural Movement (1919-1930), the socialist era, the transnational developments since the 1980s in mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, and the current digital era. We will treat films as a window on the ongoing narrative of a people making history and responding to changing circumstances of revolution, reform, political movements, diaspora, and modernization.

Crosslisted as: ASIAN-211PT

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Advisory: No knowledge of the Chinese language is required.

FMT-230RE Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Representations of Labor in Latin American Cinema'

Fall. Credits: 4

A broad introduction to the study of visual representation in Latin American, Spanish, and U.S. Latina/o cultures. Students will examine the articulation of a variety of topics in media such as film, television, fine arts, Internet, and/or video. The specific course contents and examples examined will vary each semester.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-240RE, GNDST-204RE

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

FMT-230SK Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Shakespeare'

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

A study of some of Shakespeare's plays emphasizing the poetic and dramatic aspects of his art, with attention to the historical context and close, careful reading of the language. Eight or nine plays.

Crosslisted as: ENGL-211

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

FMT-230TV Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'History of U.S. Television'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course traces the history of television in the United States from its invention to the present, including how U.S.-based television has circulated globally. In addition to looking at how the medium was developed and regulated as a technology, we will analyze the aesthetic and thematic content of television across the medium's history and within particular genres (sitcom, drama, reality, etc.), exploring how television has represented aspects of U.S. society including race, gender, sexuality, and socioeconomic class. We will give particular attention to how television has reflected and influenced moments of political and social change, including the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, and 9/11. Students will conduct historical research and produce written and audiovisual content presenting their work.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 4 credits in the department.

FMT-230TW Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Twentieth-Century Fashion'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The course is on the development of fashion and wearable art from the end of the nineteenth century to the year 2000. The course provides an overview of styles and a closer look at the work of individual artists including Charles Frederick Worth, Paul Poiret, Mario Fortuny, Elsa Schiaparelli, Coco Chanel, Cristobal Balenciaga, Emilio Pucci, Mary Quant, Rudi Gurenreich, Alix Gres, Yves Saint Laurent, Christian LaCroix, Issey Miyake, Hussein Chalayan, Jean-Paul Gaultier, Anna Sui, and Vivienne Westwood, most of whom have also designed iconic costumes for theater or film. Lectures will be accompanied by PowerPoint presentations and where possible original examples of clothing will be shown.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

FMT-230VD Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Video Design'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course explores the history, theory and current practice of video design in performance, film and fine art. We will explore projection as a time based, ephemeral medium and interrogate how the unique properties of video can aid in storytelling, particularly in conjunction with three-dimensional space. Students will gain proficiency in various video creation tools and will produce their own video project by the end of the semester.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

FMT-230WF Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Global Film and Media After 1960'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course examines films and topics central to the study of global cinema since 1960. We will begin with the New Waves of France, Italy, England, and Japan, and Direct Cinema of the '60s and '70s in the U.S. We will explore films of Third Cinema in Latin America, Asia and Africa in the late '60s and '70s, and examine films of New Zealand and Australia from the '70s to the current moment, with an emphasis on stories that center indigenous peoples. We also will focus on significant film movements of the last three decades, such as New Queer Cinema in the U.S. and New Cinema of East and Southeast Asia. Analysis will focus on formal and stylistic techniques within a political and social context.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: One of the following: FMT-102, FMT-103, FMT-230CN, FLMST-201, FLMST-202, or FLMST-203.

Notes: There are film screenings for this course.

FMT-230WP Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Contemporary Women Playwrights'*Spring. Credits: 4*

While women have written plays since the seventeenth century, the twentieth- and twenty-first century has witnessed a boom in women playwrights. This course will familiarize students with some of the major female playwrights of our era, such as Wendy Wasserstein, Caryl Churchill, Suzan Lori-Parks, and Ntozake Shange, as well as newer playwrights (Amy Hertzog, Katori Hall, and Young Jean-Lee). Assignments include both practice-oriented (such as developing a screen treatment or production proposal for one of the plays) and research-oriented (such as conducting in-depth research for a grant proposal), three short analytical papers, a script analysis, and in-class presentations.

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-217WP**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: One course from: FMT-102, FMT-104, FMT-106, or ENGL-199.***FMT-240 Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice****FMT-240AD Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Audio Storytelling'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Audio storytelling is an art form that enables you to communicate effectively with an audience. In this course, you will learn how to produce audio stories with a strong narrative and compelling characters. Students will practice pitching story ideas, scripting and reporting, develop interviewing skills, field recording techniques and learn the fundamentals of multi-track audio production software during in-class tech labs. In addition, students will perform listening exercises, readings, and have the opportunity to participate in seminar discussions and feedback sessions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT majors/minors and Nexus in Journalism only.**Prereq: FMT-102, FMT-103, or FMT-104.**Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.***FMT-240AT Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Acting II'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

A continuation of techniques developed in Acting I. Concentration is on scene work with 'classic' and contemporary realist playwrights, i.e., Chekhov, Ibsen, Williams, Churchill, Kane, etc. Students will perform at least four scenes using the Stanislavski method as their base. Practical tools explored in class are intended to offer the student greater vocal, physical, and imaginative freedom and clarity, as well as text analysis skills.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: FMT-121.***FMT-240CD Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Costume Design'***Fall. Credits: 4*

An introduction to the art and work of the costume designer in the performing arts. Students will learn how a costume designer analyzes a script, approaches research, renders costume sketches, and helps to shape a production.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Lab; \$50 materials fee. Any additional design supplies and materials are the responsibility of the student.***FMT-240CM Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Stage Combat I'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The purpose of this course is to help the actor discover a full awareness of their body so it can be used as an effective tool in creating and performing stage combat. Through a series of classroom exercises and performances this course will focus on giving students a strong foundation in stage combat techniques, including basic martial training, unarmed combat and rapier/dagger work. Students must be comfortable analyzing scenes of violence from contemporary film and stage and be prepared to work in a highly physical setting.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Physical Education**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: FMT-121, FMT-106, or FMT-240CR.***FMT-240CR Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Stage Combat II'***Fall. Credits: 4*

The purpose of this course is to physically train the actor's body so it can be used as an effective tool in creating and performing stage combat. Through a series of classroom exercises and performances this course will focus on giving students a strong foundation in stage combat techniques, including, but not limited to, quarterstaff and single rapier. Students must be comfortable analyzing scenes of violence from contemporary film and stage and be prepared to work in a highly physical setting.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Physical Education**Prereq: FMT-121, FMT-106, or FMT-240CM.***FMT-240CT Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Costume Construction II'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course builds upon the skills from Costume Construction I and develops skills in pattern drafting, draping, and costume crafts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: FMT-131.**Notes: Materials fee: \$50***FMT-240DA Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Drafting'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Introduction to the fundamentals of theatrical/production drafting. We will cover basic techniques, tools and approaches to communicating three-dimensional objects in a two-dimensional language including orthographic projections, ground plans, and sections. Course will begin with basic hand drafting tools and techniques before moving into an introduction to computer-aided drafting (CAD) using Vectorworks.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: 4 credits in Film Media Theater.**Notes: \$50 course material fee.*

FMT-240DF Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Costume Design for Stage and Film'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course introduces students to the history, art, and techniques of designing costumes for stage and narrative film. Students will learn how a designer approaches a script, how the designer's work supports the actors' and the director's vision and how it illuminates a production for the audience. Students will have the opportunity to develop their visual imaginations through the creation of designs for stage and film scripts. They will engage in play analysis, research, collaborative discussion, sketching, drawing, rendering, and other related techniques and methodologies.

Crosslisted as: ARTST-226DF

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Advisory: Some drawing and painting skills along with an interest in costume history are recommended but not required.

FMT-240DR Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Directing'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course is designed to be an introduction to the fundamental theories and principles of directing for the stage. Visual theory, text analysis, collaborative techniques, and organizational strategies are examined and applied in class exercises, including the direction of a major scene. Each student will be required to cast, rehearse, and present to the public a fully realized scene by the end of term. Directing is a complicated activity that requires you to do and be many things, and this course will help you lay the foundation to discovering your own process.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: FMT-106 or FMT-121.

FMT-240EV Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Experimental Video: Theory and Practice'

Fall. Credits: 4

This production course grounds practice in theory and history. It will introduce students to canonical and contemporary works from avant-garde cinema while engaging them in experimental filmmaking concepts, aesthetics, and practices. Through lectures and screenings, students will be exposed to groundbreaking filmmakers and analyze their works. These will serve to inform and inspire students' own film projects which will cover a range of experimental film approaches including archival and found footage, structural, surrealist, and poetic. This course is open to students with any level of video production experience, including those new to the practice. Students taking this course will gain experience in planning, shooting and editing their work using DSLR cameras and the option of cell phones.

Crosslisted as: ARTST-226EV

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT or ARTST majors/minors only.

Prereq: FMT-102, FMT-103, FMT-104, ARTST-131, or ARTST-142.

Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.

FMT-240PE Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'African Performance Aesthetics'

Spring. Credits: 4

This class explores African approaches to performance, premised on the interdisciplinarity of theater in many African societies. We take our inspiration from centuries of apprentice-style artist training in some indigenous West African societies. The evolution of oral and popular performance traditions into literary theater has also necessitated a similar trend in the training of the modern actor. The primary object of this class is to be able to embody a plethora of idiomatic expressions. Thus, we will move to the energy of the drums, we will train the ears to transmit the complex musicality of several sonic elements and raise our voices in song and apply them in scene explorations. Ultimately, we intend to unlock new ways of using our minds, bodies, and voices as conduits of exciting storytelling.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

FMT-240PW Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Playwriting'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course offers practice in the fundamentals of dramatic structure and technique. Weekly reading assignments will examine the unique nature of writing for the theater, nuts and bolts of format, tools of the craft, and the playwright's process from formulating a dramatic idea to rewriting. Weekly writing assignments will include scene work, adaptation, and journaling. The course will culminate in a significant writing project. Each class meeting will incorporate reading student work aloud with feedback from the instructor and the class. Students will listen, critique, and develop the vocabulary to discuss plays, structure, story, and content.

Crosslisted as: ENGL-205

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: One course in Film Media Theater, or Theater Arts, or a creative writing English course.

Notes: Cannot be taken at the 300 level.

FMT-240SC Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Scenic Painting'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course will focus on the demonstration of scenic painting techniques based on traditional methods and innovative problem-solving. Projects will be introduced with a demonstration; the remainder of class periods are intended for work on assigned projects. Come to class prepared to work and dressed appropriately in attire that can be discarded after the course (footwear included). Topics of instruction will include cartooning and scaling/transferring images via grid, pounce, and projector; value studies; perspective drawing; color mixing; scumbling/wet blending/stippling/spattering/dry brushing/color gradations; 2-D painting techniques; trompe l'oeil; aging; backdrop painting; faux finishes; fabric rendering; and tool building.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: 4 credits in the department.

Notes: This course has a \$50 materials fee. Cannot be taken at the 300 level.

FMT-240SD Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Scene Design for Theater and Film'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The purpose of this course is to introduce the history, art, and techniques of designing sets for theater and film. Students will learn how sets have been created in the past, how a designer approaches a script, how a designer's work supports the director's vision, how it illuminates a production for the audience, and what methods and techniques are used in the execution of the process. Students will have the opportunity to exercise their visual imaginations, through the creation of designs for a script. They will engage in script analysis, research, collaborative discussion, sketching, technical drawing, model building, and related techniques and methodologies.

*Crosslisted as: ARCH-203**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Lab; \$50 materials fee. Any additional design supplies and materials are the responsibility of the student.***FMT-240SG Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Stage Management'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of what a stage manager does and why a stage manager is integral to any theatrical production. Students will understand the technical and artistic skills required of a stage manager, and will examine a dramatic text from a stage manager's perspective. Through group activities and in-class projects, students will use the text to execute stage management duties during the pre-production, rehearsal, and performance process. This will include creating paperwork, taping out a ground plan, notating blocking, prompting, running a tech rehearsal, creating a prompt book, and calling cues.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: FMT-106.**Notes: Theater tickets, supplies, and materials are the responsibility of the student.***FMT-240VE Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Video Editing'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This hands-on course will explore creative video editing practice and modes through the production of several short projects, revisions, group screenings and feedback sessions. While this is primarily a production course, we will learn about the history of the craft, read iconic texts, and view selected films to help inform our process and understanding of editing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT majors/minors and Nexus in Journalism only.**Prereq: FMT-102, FMT-103, or FMT-104.**Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.***FMT-240VN Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Video Design II'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the relationship between video and three dimensional space, building upon the content of Video Design I. Through theoretical and practical applications students will become familiar with the process of conceptualizing and producing video for performance, film and fine art. Students will produce their own video project at the end of the semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: one of the following: FMT-230VD, FMT-240EV, FMT-240VP, or ARTST-142AT.***FMT-240VP Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Fundamentals of Video Production'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course provides a foundation in the principles, techniques, and equipment involved in video production. Students will make several short videos over the course of the term as well as one final piece. We will develop our own voices while learning the vocabulary of moving images and gaining production and post-production skills. In addition to technical training, classes will include critiques, screenings, readings, and discussion.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT majors/minors and Nexus in Journalism only.**Prereq: FMT-102 or FMT-103.**Notes: A lab fee may be charged. Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.***FMT-282 Theater Practicum***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Fall 2025 Productions: Antigone (section 01) and Short Play Festival (section 02).*

This course is open to any student cast in a mainstage production or serving as a stage manager, assistant stage manager, or assistant director. The student is expected to attend all rehearsals and performances under the supervision of the director. Rehearsals include table reads, blocking and staging, scene work, run-throughs, dress rehearsals, technical rehearsals, invited dress, which culminates in performances for the public. Outside work includes line memorization, character work, and scene preparation. Total contact hours range anywhere from 75-125 over the course of the production.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.**Advisory: By audition or interview only.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Meets Humanities requirement if taken for 4 credits.***FMT-284 Theater Practicum: Costumes***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

The practicum covers crew for hair and makeup or wardrobe on a production. The student fulfilling a run crew must be present for all technical rehearsals and performances plus a training session scheduled before the start of tech. No previous experience is necessary for any of these positions; training will be provided as part of the practicum.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.**Notes: Repeatable. Contact Costume Shop Manager for specific dates and times.*

FMT-286 Theater Practicum: Lighting and Sound*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

This course is for students interested in the production crew positions listed below. No previous experience is necessary for any of these positions; training will be provided as part of the practicum. The student will need to be present for all technical rehearsals and performances and a training session scheduled before the start of tech. *Light Board Operator:* Program and run the light control board under the guidance of the Lighting Designer and Stage Manager. *Sound Board Operator:* Program and run the sound board and sound computer under the guidance of the Sound Designer and Stage Manager. *Follow Spot Operator:* Operate a follow spot under the guidance of the Lighting Designer and Stage Manager. Must be comfortable with heights. *Projection Operator:* Program and run the projection equipment and computer under the guidance of the Projection Designer and Stage Manager.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Notes: Repeatable.***FMT-288 Theater Practicum: Scenic Run Crew***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

This course is for students interested in working on Scenic Run Crew. No previous experience is required for this position; training will be provided as part of the practicum. Students will need to be present at all technical rehearsals and performances and will need to help with the strike of the set for the final performances.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Notes: Repeatable.***FMT-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***FMT-330 Advanced Courses in History and Theory****FMT-330AD Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Adaptation: A Study in Form'***Fall. Credits: 4*

The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines "adaptation" as "the bringing of two things together so as to effect a change in the nature of the objects." Rather than studying adaptation as a project that attempts to reproduce an original work in another medium, our course considers the complex relationship between narratives and their retellings and revisions. In particular, we will focus on how such retellings permanently alter their so-called "source" material and how each incarnation of a given narrative offers us insight into and commentary upon a particular historical moment and its unique political and ideological challenges. We will also consider the ways in which literary and visual representations differ in their communicative and affective mechanisms, and challenge where we draw the line between "art," "history," and "entertainment."

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-367AD**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English or in Film Media Theater.***FMT-330AT Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'African Theater'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course introduces the oral traditions, important playwrights, and aesthetic innovations in postcolonial literary theater in some African societies. The oral theater traditions of Africa are an example of the innate human quest to perform and will eventually be the basis for understanding some of the innovations made in African literary theater. We shall also focus on writings by African writers and writers of African descent who deal with the post-colonial conditions of Black Africa and the African Diaspora. This class is designed to serve as a window into the continent of Africa: its people, its ideas, triumphs, struggles, and the complex histories emerging from its vastness and diversity.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater or Africana Studies.***FMT-330BG Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Beyond Geishas and Kung Fu Masters'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines contemporary Asian American film and visual culture through the lens of cultural recovery, self-invention, and experimentation. Focusing primarily on film and photography, we will explore issues of race and visibility, Hollywood orientalism, memory and postmemory, and racial impersonation and parody. Students will engage with a variety of theoretical and critical approaches. Artists may include Nikki S. Lee, Margaret Cho, Tseng Kwong Chi, Jin-me Yoon, Justin Lin, Binh Dahn, Richard Fung, Mira Nair, Deepa Mehta, and Alice Wu.

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-334BG**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English or Film Media Theater.***FMT-330CA Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Cases in Media Law'***Spring. Credits: 4*

What's the deal with the "TikTok ban"? Why does it matter whether or not "The Pitt" is a spinoff of "ER"? In this class, we look closely at a series of case studies in the history of media regulation and legislation, including the Paramount Decrees of 1948 that banned Hollywood studios from owning their own theaters; Supreme Court cases around journalistic freedom of expression; the PATRIOT Act which enabled a vast surveillance infrastructure; the recent antitrust case against Google; and recent cases around intellectual property. Along the way we study how these legislative and legal decisions shape the media we consume and how we consume them.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater or 8 credits in Politics. Students with a declared Nexus in Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights should contact the instructor for permission.*

FMT-330CM Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Cinematic Masculinities in Contemporary American Film, 1970-present'*Spring. Credits: 4*

Film critics Manohla Dargis and A.O. Scott contend that "movies may be male dominated, but images of men are surprisingly narrow." This course both explores various constructs of postmodern American masculinity as they are portrayed and disseminated through contemporary film, and seeks to understand some of what is at stake (culturally, ideologically, economically) in perpetuating certain cinematic archetypes. Of particular relevance to our investigation are the ways in which film yokes masculinity to race, gender, and class. Films include *Full Metal Jacket*, *No Country for Old Men*, *The Big Lebowski*, *Boyz in the Hood*, *Paris is Burning*, *Fight Club*, and *Moonlight*.

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-367CM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in English or Film Media Theater.***FMT-330EA Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Envisioning Apocalypse'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

With ever more dire news about our planetary future hitting the headlines regularly, what better time to look at how human beings past and present have envisioned the demise of the earth or our species? In this course we will study representations of apocalyptic futures from illuminated manuscripts, from illustrated poetry, and from science fiction films that waver between hope for escape and doomsday scenarios. Along the way we will also take seriously nonfiction representations of global crises, analyzing how phenomena like climate change and galactic collision are represented across media forms, including infographics, visual models, digital memes, and documentary films

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: FMT-102 (or FLMST-201) or FMT-104 (or FLMST-220MD).***FMT-330LP Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Writing as Performance: Latinx and Latin American Poetry and Narrative'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This creative writing course turns to poetry and narrative that comes alive off the page. Reading work by Raquel Gutiérrez, Clarice Lispector, Jenni(f)fer Tamayo, Ricardo Bracho, and tatiana nascimento, among others, students will write and perform across genres while in dialogue with voices from across the Americas. To place ourselves in our bodies as well as our words, we will explore not just the innovative aesthetics taken up by writers of Latin American descent but also the politics activated in forms as varied as the butch memoir, the sissy play, the travel diary, and the sound poem. Central to our experiments will be the relationship between writing and other artistic mediums as we navigate topics such as race, colonialism, gender, sexuality, class, disability, ecology, and spirituality.

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-361LP**Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distrib. Rqmt; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: ENGL-201.***FMT-330MA Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Music and Animation'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

An in-depth exploration of music and animation from the silent era to the digital age. We will draw on film-music theoretical and critical approaches to analyzing the interaction of music and image in shorts and feature films by studios like Warner Brothers, Disney, Pixar, and Ghibli, television shows, video games, music videos, and experimental animation. Our focus will be on audio-visual media that thematizes music and music-making, from Visual Music and Silly Symphonies to Mamoru Hosoda's *Belle* and the video game *Guitar Hero*. Final projects can range from critical-analytical papers and video essays to original audio-visual creative work.

*Crosslisted as: MUSIC-371MA**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in classroom Music or Film Media Theater courses including at least 4 credits at the 200 level or above.**Advisory: This course should not be taken by students who took MUSIC-222/ FMT-230MA previously.***FMT-330MD Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Mediating "Motherhood"'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course investigates the ways media have mediated cultural perceptions of "moms" and "motherhood," from the maternal melodramas of Hollywood Cinema to ultrasound images used to justify government policies regulating women's health decisions. Along the way we consider how reality TV has represented moms as figures of excess, nurture, irresponsibility, and domesticity; how the horror genre probes the uncanny, creepy, and violent aspects of motherhood; motherhood as refracted through social media influencer culture; and counter-hegemonic representations of trans parenthood. We discuss the entanglements between representation, regulation, and resistance around these mediations of mothers.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater.***FMT-330ME Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Feminist Media Studies'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How is pop culture a site of social struggle? This course engages students in the scholarly field of feminist media studies in order to illuminate how popular culture indexes complex political terrains. With attention to intersections of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, ability and disability, we will analyze representation across wide-ranging media forms. What can feminist theory tell us about media's production and reception? What can media theory tell us about feminist discourses, movements, and activism? Throughout, students will assess their own roles as consumers and producers of media and also as critical thinkers navigating shifting political landscapes and mediated environments.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-204ME**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: FMT-102 or GNDST-101.*

FMT-330MX Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Media and Sexuality'

Spring. Credits: 4

Sex and sexuality are frequently at the forefront of innovation in media and technology, from the beginnings of photography, film, and video to the rise of the internet, artificial intelligence, and big data. Combining critical frames from Media Studies and Sexuality Studies, this seminar investigates what happens when media and sexuality intersect. We will ask how media and technology bolster new forms of sexual expression, communication, and embodiment. And, at the same time, we will examine how emerging technologies enable new modes of social regulation and surveillance. Throughout, we will foreground queer, trans, and feminist perspectives on media histories and digital futures.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-333MX

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Prereq: 8 credits in FMT or Gender Studies.

FMT-330PA Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course studies the films of Pedro Almodóvar, European cinema's favorite bad boy turned acclaimed auteur. On the one hand, students learn to situate films within the context of contemporary Spanish history (the transition to democracy, the advent of globalization, etc.) in order to consider the local contours of postmodern aesthetics. On the other hand, the films provide a springboard to reflect on larger theoretical and ethical debates related to gender, sexuality, consumer culture, authenticity, and authorship.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-340PA, GNDST-333PA

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two courses in Spanish at the 200-level above SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

FMT-330PE Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Media and Performance'

Fall. Credits: 4

Red-curtained theatrical stages, rock concert arenas, and avant-garde galleries all use media technologies to stage acts of live performance. At the same time, live performance frequently plays a role in media exhibition practices, from film screenings to Instagram feeds. Across sites ostensibly devoted to "media" or "performance," this course examines their intersections. Combining theoretical perspectives from media studies and performance studies, we will explore critical approaches to mediation and liveness, production and reception, and performance's digital directions.

Crosslisted as: ARTST-380PE

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater or Art Studio.

FMT-330RE Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Revenge on Stage and Screen'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Revenge plots display an enduring popularity. We will examine plays and films that show the range of possibilities, exploring: narratives focused on gender, race, and class; the place of family in revenge plots; the "underdog" tale; the importance of religion to ideas of justice; and the way in which genre influences notions of vengeance. Films and plays include the following: Euripides' *Medea*, Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Ji Junxiang's *The Orphan of Zhao*, Suzan-Lori Parks's *Fucking A*, Fritz Lang's *The Big Heat*, Damián Szifron's *Wild Tales*, Quentin Tarantino's *Kill Bill*, and Emerald Fennell's *Promising Young Woman*. Students will design their own final research projects.

Crosslisted as: ENGL-367RE

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater or English.

FMT-330RR Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course analyzes the fight against fascism through the lens of Spanish cinema. Students learn about the history of fascism and anti-fascism in general, Spain's pivotal role in the battle between the two opposing ideologies, the stylistic traits adopted by each in cinema, and how films themselves can wage "reel" revolution. Struggles against capitalism, officially dictated national(ist) histories and cis-hetero-normativity, as well as stances in favor of organized anarchism, are also central to anti-fascist art and politics. The course concludes with reflections on anti-fascism in the Americas, particularly in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and the United States.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-340RR

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two courses in Spanish at the 200-level above SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

FMT-330SF Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Shakespeare and Film'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

We will read plays by Shakespeare, watch films based on those plays, and study the plays, the films, and the plays-as-films. "Shakespeare" comes first, of course, both historically and as the source/inspiration for the films. Yet each film has its own existence, to be understood not just as an "adaptation," but also as the product of linked artistic, technical, and economic choices. Considering Shakespeare's plays as pre-texts (rather than pre-scriptions), we will look at early and recent films, both those that follow closely conventionalized conceptualizations of "Shakespeare," and those that tend to erase or emend their Shakespearean sources.

Crosslisted as: ENGL-312SF

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits from English beyond the 100 level, including ENGL-211.

FMT-330ST Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'The Italian Stage: Commedia dell'Arte, Social Mobility, Politics'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores Italian theatre from the Commedia dell'Arte to Pirandello with particular attention to social mobility, politics, and class conflict. Authors include classics such as Isabella Andreini, Carlo Goldoni and Luigi Pirandello.

*Crosslisted as: ITAL-341ST**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Notes: Taught in English. Italian students can elect to add ITAL-215 to this course.***FMT-330WD Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Women in Design'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will discuss women who have made a substantial contribution, through the arts of design and material culture, to the way we see and experience the visual world. It will introduce students to seminal contemporary and historical designers in the fields of performing arts, film, fashion, architecture, exterior and interior design. Students will research designers, write papers and make visual presentations on their life and work.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater, Art Studio, or Architecture.***FMT-340 Advanced Courses in Production and Practice:****FMT-340AU Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Audition Techniques'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The purpose of this course is to prepare students for the challenges that accompany auditioning for film and theater. During the semester students will be asked to work on a series of monologues (4-6) that range from classical to contemporary in style. Time will also be spent on cold readings, taped auditions, resume and headshot workshops, and singing auditions. This is an advanced level course and is intended for students interested in pursuing audition both at Mount Holyoke College and outside of academic institutions. The pace will be brisk and students will be required to perform or present material every week.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: FMT-240AC, and one of the following: FMT-240AT, FMT-240CM, FMT-240MP, or FMT-340AY.**Notes: Materials fee: \$50***FMT-340AY Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Acting III: Styles'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This performance-intensive course will focus on specific styles, ranging from the Greek, to Shakespeare, to non-realism. Through a series of classroom explorations, students will learn how to craft a believable character, using the gesture, vocal, and physical language of certain styles including but not limited to: chorus work, soliloquies, and scenes.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: Acting I (FMT-121 or FMT-240AC) and one other 200-level performance course (Acting II, stage combat, directing, etc.).***FMT-340DA Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Directing Actors for the Screen'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Intended for advanced film/video production students, this course will focus on the cinematic directorial skills needed for a successful collaboration with actors. Through discussions, exercises, film director workshops and audition/casting sessions, students will cast, rehearse and shoot short scenes (both original and adapted) from an array of cinematic genres. We will build upon our skills of script and character analysis and creating dramatic conflict. Though we will be collaborating with theater student actors, all students in the class will be expected to direct as well as act.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT majors and minors only.**Prereq: FMT-240VP.**Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.***FMT-340DC Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Documentary Production'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this hands-on course intended for advanced film/media students, we will explore contemporary documentary forms through readings, screenings, discussions, and practice. The course will cover the span of documentary storytelling as students develop production skills in research and writing, interviewing, camera and sound recording, and editing. We will also model the professional strategies documentarians use to fund and distribute their work, putting together film proposals and pitch decks. Students will practice pitching their film ideas to the class. While this is primarily a production course, in which students will produce short films, we will also read key texts and view select contemporary films to investigate what a documentary can be – investigative, personal narrative, experimental, or social advocacy tool. Screenings and readings will ultimately inform our process and approach. The course will explore ethical concerns associated with documentary film including issues of privacy, representation, truthfulness, and objectivity. Collaboration is encouraged.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT majors/minors and Nexus in Journalism only.**Prereq: FMT-240VP.**Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.***FMT-340DT Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Digital Cinematography'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This intensive technical and hands-on course is intended for advanced film production students. We will gain the skills needed to create high quality moving images through the exploration of the frame and lighting as well as story subtext. We will use advanced cinema cameras and lenses to expand our basic knowledge of cinematography gained in Introduction to Video Production. We will focus on camera placement, lens selection, movement, composition, and advanced lighting and exposure techniques. Camera rigs and dollies will be used for both studio and location-based work. Projects will include shooting 4K digital video, advanced color grading and some editing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT majors and minors only.**Prereq: FMT-240VP.**Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.*

FMT-340ST Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Advanced Scene Study'*Spring. Credits: 4*

In this course, students will engage in the deep exploration of a scene. The rehearsal process is one of the key components of the theater making endeavor and will be a primary mode of learning. We shall work in small groups and each student will have the opportunity to experience the process from the point of view of an actor as well as a director. Students will be exposed to a myriad of texts and styles. Our processes will prioritize, among other things, sound textual and character analysis, effective communication, strong process approach and a deep respect for a safe collaborative environment.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in FMT and FMT-121.***FMT-340SW Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Screenwriting'***Fall. Credits: 4*

The screenplay is a unique and ephemeral form that exists as a blueprint for something else: a finished film. How do you convey on the page a story that will take shape within an audio-visual medium? The screenwriter must have an understanding of both the language of narrative film as well as the general shape and mechanics of film stories. This advanced course will cover dialogue, characterization, plot, story arc, genre, and cinematic structure. We will analyze scenes from fictional narrative films -- both short and feature length -- and read the scripts that accompany these films. By the end of this course, each student will have written two original short films. In workshop style, the class will serve as practice audience for table readings of drafts and writing exercises.

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-361SW**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT or ENGL majors/minors only.**Prereq: 8 credits in Film Media Theater.**Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors and English majors. Others majors require instructor permission.***FMT-340TV Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Scripted Television Series Production'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Intended for advanced Film Media Theater students, this course will explore scripted television series production through an immersive hands-on process. We will work as a class to write and produce an original limited scripted television series, modeling the industry by creating our own "writers' room" and shooting/editing four short episodes. In addition to weekly screenings of popular scripted television series within an array of genres, this class will consist of lectures on advanced filmmaking techniques, working with actors, table readings of scripts, and critiques of footage and various cuts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT majors and minors only.**Prereq: FMT-240VP.**Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.***FMT-340VP Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Short-Form Narrative Film Production'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Intended for advanced Film Media Theater students, this course will explore fictional narrative filmmaking through a rigorous script-to-screen process. Students will write, shoot and edit a short fictional narrative film in small groups. In addition to weekly screenings of short and feature narrative films, the class will consist of lectures on advanced narrative filmmaking techniques, working with actors, film discussions, script readings and critiques of footage and various cuts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is limited to FMT majors and minors only.**Prereq: FMT-240VP.**Notes: Five College students: Open to Five College Film majors. Others majors require instructor permission.***FMT-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Courses Meeting Film Media Theater Area Requirements for the Major and Minor Critical Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-228	Visualizing Immigrant Narratives: Migration in Film	4
Film Media Theater		
FMT-230AG	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'American Gothic'	4
FMT-230BC	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Bollywood: A Cinema of Interruptions'	4
FMT-230CH	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Contemporary Chinese Media Culture'	4
FMT-230CM	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Children's Media'	4
FMT-230CN	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Latin American Cinema'	4
FMT-230CW	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater'	4
FMT-230EF	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Ethnographic Film'	4
FMT-230FH	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'From Civil War to Factory Floor: 200 Years of History Plays'	4
FMT-230HA	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Hitchcock and After'	4
FMT-230HP	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Histories of Performance I'	4
FMT-230HR	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Histories of Performance II'	4
FMT-230LA	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Latin American Film History'	4
FMT-230LX	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Latinx Media'	4

FMT-230MU	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Music and Film'	4	FMT-133	Fundamentals of Lighting and Sound Design	4
FMT-230MV	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Media and Surveillance'	4	FMT-137	Fundamentals of Technical Theater	4
FMT-230NC	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Social Media: Networked Cultures'	4	FMT-240AD	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Audio Storytelling'	4
FMT-230PN	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Spanish Cinema'	4	FMT-240AT	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Acting II'	4
FMT-230SK	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Shakespeare'	4	FMT-240CD	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Costume Design'	4
FMT-230TV	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'History of U.S. Television'	4	FMT-240CM	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Stage Combat I'	4
FMT-230TW	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Twentieth-Century Fashion'	4	FMT-240CR	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Stage Combat II'	4
FMT-230WF	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Global Film and Media After 1960'	4	FMT-240CT	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Costume Construction II'	4
FMT-230WP	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Contemporary Women Playwrights'	4	FMT-240DA	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Drafting'	4
FMT-330AD	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Adaptation: A Study in Form'	4	FMT-240DF	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Costume Design for Stage and Film'	4
FMT-330AT	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'African Theater'	4	FMT-240DR	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Directing'	4
FMT-330CA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Cases in Media Law'	4	FMT-240EV	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Experimental Video: Theory and Practice'	4
FMT-330CM	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Cinematic Masculinities in Contemporary American Film, 1970-present'	4	FMT-240PE	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'African Performance Aesthetics'	4
FMT-330EA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Envisioning Apocalypse'	4	FMT-240PW	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Playwriting'	4
FMT-330LP	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Writing as Performance: Latinx and Latin American Poetry and Narrative'	4	FMT-240SC	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Scenic Painting'	4
FMT-330MA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Music and Animation'	4	FMT-240SD	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Scene Design for Theater and Film'	4
FMT-330MD	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Mediating "Motherhood"'	4	FMT-240SG	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Stage Management'	4
FMT-330MX	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Media and Sexuality'	4	FMT-240VE	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Video Editing'	4
FMT-330PA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'	4	FMT-240VN	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Video Design II'	4
FMT-330PE	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Media and Performance'	4	FMT-240VP	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: 'Fundamentals of Video Production'	4
FMT-330RE	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Revenge on Stage and Screen'	4	FMT-340AU	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Audition Techniques'	4
FMT-330RR	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'	4	FMT-340AY	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Acting III: Styles'	4
FMT-330SF	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Shakespeare and Film'	4	FMT-340DA	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Directing Actors for the Screen'	4
FMT-330WD	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Women in Design'	4	FMT-340DC	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Documentary Production'	4
			FMT-340DT	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Digital Cinematography'	4
			FMT-340ST	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Advanced Scene Study'	4
			FMT-340SW	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Screenwriting'	4
			FMT-340TV	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Scripted Television Series Production'	4
			FMT-340VP	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: 'Short-Form Narrative Film Production'	4

Production/Performance

Code	Title	Credits
Film Media Theater		
FMT-121	Acting I	4
FMT-131	Costume Construction I	4

First-Year Seminars

Overview and Contact Information

The First-Year Seminar Program welcomes students to Mount Holyoke College, inviting them to join in the pleasure of an intellectually adventurous education in the liberal arts. In these small, discussion-based seminars, students work with faculty to achieve the first Learning Goal of the Mount Holyoke curriculum, which will form the foundation for their education here: the ability to think analytically and critically by questioning assumptions, evaluating evidence, and articulating well-reasoned arguments. All First-Year Seminars are writing-intensive.

All entering first-year students must complete a First-Year Seminar in their first semester at Mount Holyoke. Transfer students and Frances Perkins Scholars who enter with sophomore or junior standing are exempt from this requirement, although encouraged to take a First-Year Seminar.

First-year seminars do not meet other graduation requirements and must be approved courses at Mount Holyoke.

All first-year seminars share the same FYSEM subject designation, but they are taught by faculty from departments across the College.

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

- Students will develop their ability to think analytically and critically by questioning assumptions, evaluating evidence, and articulating well-reasoned arguments.
- Students will develop their writing skills. All first-year seminar courses are "writing-intensive." This designation means that the process of writing in English is a significant focus of the course. There are frequent opportunities for writing (usually at least 15 pages over the course of the semester in at least four assignments or stages of a larger project). Students have opportunities to draft, receive comments, and revise writing, as well as opportunities to reflect on their writing process and progress. Finally, students meet individually with their professor or SAW mentor — ideally both — for further discussion of their development as writers.

Course Offerings

FYSEM-110 First-Year Seminar

FYSEM-110AE The African American Essay

Fall. Credits: 4

In this first-year seminar, students will be introduced to and acquainted with the essay form as it has been endeavored by African American writers throughout the 19th and 20th century. This course emphasizes the essay as a written genre that is meditative, argumentative, and inquisitive; it is a form that open-endedly captures a course of thought, often times raising more questions than proffering secure answers to its inquiries. In this sense, the essay is characterized by the French etymological origins of the term which means "to try" or "to attempt." With these interpretative groundings, we will explore how Black writers have ventured thought, critique, performance, disorder and more through the rhetorical format of the essay.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110AG The Lives and Afterlives of Antigone

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Antigone's confrontation with the power of the state and her political dissent have made her one of the central global literary figures for political struggle. Reading plays, novels, and poems from Ancient Greece to 20th century Germany, Ireland, and South Africa and 21st Century Britain, Pakistan, and the United States, we will explore the question of a person's conflicted relationship with the demands of state law, family bonds, individual conscience, and collective justice and think about the role of literary representation as a form of historical witness. Writers include Sophocles, Bertolt Brecht, Kamila Shamsie, and Judith Butler.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110AM Art and Words

Fall. Credits: 4

True, a picture is worth a thousand words, but how do we know which words to use exactly? In this seminar, we will focus on the work of language in relation to the visual arts, and learn to distinguish between different kinds of writing, including art history, art criticism, poetry and fiction. We will visit the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum and the Skinner Museum, and develop provocative ideas about original works of art. We will practice critical thinking and writing on our own, and work collaboratively on various projects. We will find a deeper relationship between words and the arts by expanding our definition of writing to include speaking thoughtfully, listening actively, and cultivating leadership skills by striking idea-driven discussions on the arts.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110AS Art and Society

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course explores the interconnections between art and society using a sociological lens. We will examine topics such as the social construction of cultural authenticity; the relationship between cultural capital and group boundaries; and the legitimization of art forms.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110BD Rooted Movements: Dance and Politics*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course, we will look at dance as a form of political activism, focusing particularly on Black Dance culture. This will be a literary, media-based, and technical exploration, offering students the opportunity to think analytically and critically as they hone both their writing and discussion skills. Our goal is to understand and appreciate the historical, political, cultural, and social contexts that influenced the creation of Black Dance culture and how the Africanist presence has shaped American dance culture. We will learn and explore dance movement together in the studio, but no previous experience needed!

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110BT Talking Robots***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Have you ever wondered why Siri or Alexa doesn't understand things you say? Or wondered if actual robots can understand language as well as the ones we see in movies? In this seminar we will learn about social robots and what it takes for robots to converse with humans. We will read research conducted by computer scientists, linguists, and psychologists, as well as investigate representations of social robots in popular media and literature.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110BZ Bird Migration: The Spectacle and the Science***Fall. Credits: 4*

This class will bring you face to face with one of the most remarkable phenomena of the natural world: bird migration. We will search for tiny Blackpoll Warblers, which migrate through our campus before making three-day, nonstop flights over the Atlantic Ocean from Massachusetts to South America. We will look for Chimney Swifts, which nest in chimneys on campus and spend their winters skimming through the mist and treetops of the Amazon Rainforest. We will learn how to identify birds visually and by song, study the science behind bird migration, practice ecological census techniques, and learn how these incredible creatures can be protected. This class will involve time spent outdoors.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110CB Cinema and the Brain***Fall. Credits: 4*

Cinema is a form of art that uniquely captures and portrays the human mind. In this course we will explore how mental experience is encoded in the brain, using film as our object of study. Students will, through movies, analyze major topics in psychology and neuroscience such as memory, mental time travel, addiction, and empathy. Course readings and class discussion will further offer students the opportunity to develop their critical thinking skills in order to better understand the multiple layers of cognitive processes and behaviors depicted in movies.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110CE College***Fall. Credits: 4*

In this course, we will study college from a variety of perspectives. What is a college? What is the history of college? Why do individuals go to college? What are the economic and social returns to attending college? What is the financial model of a college? What are revenues and costs? How does a college determine what price to charge (tuition, aid: need based and merit)? How does college admissions work (early decision, affirmative action, SAT scores, and need blind admissions)? Who is admitted and why? How is a college run? What does the administration do? What determines the curriculum and majors? What are the challenges facing colleges?

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110CL Representative Works of Modern Chinese Literature***Fall. Credits: 4*

The twentieth century started with the downfall of the Chinese monarchy, numerous humiliations at the hands of Western countries, and the establishment of the Republic of China in 1911. In the spirit of reform and renaissance, a group of young writers, educated in both China and the West, spearheaded a new direction in Chinese literature. This group of writers abandoned the classical Chinese language, was keenly interested in social development and betterment, attacked Confucian tradition, and adopted Western ideals. The class will read representative works of these writers and try to understand their sociopolitical impact, while appreciating the artistic qualities of these writings.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110CP What's to Be Done About Capitalism?***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

From the writings of Adam Smith in the 18th century to present-day arguments by Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the benefits and costs of capitalism in human society have been hotly debated. Do the benefits of capitalism outweigh the costs? Is it possible or desirable to "tame" markets to maintain their good elements while minimizing the harm? How has a debate dominated by Europeans and North Americans considered or overlooked perspectives from the rest of the world? In exploring these questions, we will engage with some of the key thinkers on capitalism from Adam Smith and Karl Marx through major thinkers in both the developed and developing world to the present day.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110CU Introduction to Latin American Cultures***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Examines the confrontation, assimilation, and transformation of Indigenous, African, and European cultures in Latin America from the sixteenth century to the present. Focuses on the processes in which distinctive self-images emerged in the region and how these images have been challenged and changed over time. Uses films, literature, and folk traditions to complement scholarly analysis of the emergence of a New World mentality.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.*

FYSEM-110CW Goodbye, Conventional Wisdom*Fall. Credits: 4*

One of the hallmarks of a liberal arts education is to draw on a broad base of knowledge in order to interrogate common assumptions. No one exemplifies this critical approach better than French philosopher Michel Foucault. One of the most influential thinkers of recent times, Foucault revolutionized several academic disciplines and even questioned the very notion of a discipline itself. He did so by revealing the history and transformations of ideas now viewed as self-evident. This first-year seminar invites students to develop similar analytical skills. Following Foucault's lead, the course pays special attention to preconceptions about government, freedom, identity, and sexuality.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110DE Inequality in a Global World***Fall. Credits: 4*

We live in a world of haves and have-nots, characterized by soaring income and wealth inequality. Since 2020 alone, five billion people have become poorer, while the number of billionaires has multiplied. What drives this inequality? Is there a culprit? This course examines the historical roots and contemporary political and economic dynamics underlying global inequality, exploring topics such as colonialism, free trade, and land grabs. Bringing together theoretical perspectives, case studies, and empirical data, we will analyze changing development paradigms over the past few decades, what economic development efforts have meant for the global South, and where we can go from here.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive, Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110DF Designing the Future***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

For as long as there have been people, people have been thinking about the future. But who gets to decide what the future looks like? And what do our visions of the future reflect about ourselves? In this class, we'll use books, movies, and Mount Holyoke's own Archives to explore what people of the past and present imagined the future would be. We'll also engage in the practice of "futuring" to imagine possible, probable, preferable, and preposterous technological futures of our own and take a trip to the Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab to get familiar with some current technologies we can use to build tomorrow.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110DY Freedom Dreams and Historical Memory***Fall. Credits: 4*

How do the stories we tell about the past shape our connection to one another and our ability to imagine emancipatory futures? This course will consider how people in – and in relation to – the United States have envisioned more just and inclusive communities, launched democratic initiatives, and reached for solidarity in the context of ongoing histories of harm. We will explore ways to mobilize such vision and initiative even as we work to reveal the histories of injustice obscured by nationalist narratives. What can we learn about the possibilities for achieving and sustaining democracy by reflecting on African American, Indigenous, immigrant, and working-class histories and cultures?

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110EC The Economics of Happiness***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course, we will delve into the application of economic principles to our daily experiences, aiming to understand the factors influencing human happiness. Questions such as "What constitutes happiness?" and "How do we make choices that lead to happiness?" are central to our exploration. We will analyze consumer behavior, including preferences, store selection, and the influence of various factors on consumption decisions. Additionally, we will examine the economic implications of consumerism on trade and the environment. Moreover, we consider the role of ethics and empathy in both individual consumer decisions and policymaking endeavors.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110EL Politics of the Self***Fall. Credits: 4*

In an era where Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are ubiquitous, self-presentation is a constant concern and practice. What are the politics of self-presentation and -cultivation, if any? Do the choices we make about diet, how to dress, where to shop, and our friends have any political valence? To what extent can these choices be thought of as a form of resistance to popular culture in an era where rebellion is marketed to us? This course will probe these questions by considering the connections among self, appearances, discipline, and the way these are dependent upon the recognition of others. Readings will include the Stoics, American transcendentalists, Rousseau, Nietzsche, and Foucault.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110EQ Disaster Science: Earthquakes, Floods, and Volcanoes***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course explores the sometimes catastrophic intersection of geology with people's lives. Earthquakes, volcanoes, and floods are geologic events; they are also natural hazards that pose significant challenges to communities in high risk areas. Where are these risky areas? Why? Is it possible to predict when and where catastrophic geologic events will occur? How do we assess geological risks? Using case studies from around the world, we explore these three natural hazards in the context of plate tectonics, climate change, and community preparedness and recovery.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110FA Fashion, Style and Design***Fall. Credits: 4*

This first year seminar will discuss the impact of political and social change on the fashion and decorative art movements of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. Students will study how and why fashions were created, explore the meaning and significance of style, and examine the role of design in the popular imagination and cultural memory of the period.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.*

FYSEM-110GA Gods and Monsters: Science and Scientists in the Modern World*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Since its origins as a recognizable genre in the early 19th century, scientists have been central figures in horror literature. In these stories where they inspire anxiety, fear, and occasionally hope, scientific knowledge-makers, their practices, and their ability to manipulate the natural world are often placed in opposition to more traditional ways of being. This seminar examines significant episodes in the history of science over the last two hundred years – from the emergence of evolutionary theory in the 19th century through the quantum mechanical and biochemical revolutions of the 20th – alongside the enduring cultural responses they have inspired in horror literature and film.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110GC Green-Colored Glasses: A Botanical Lens into Our Lives***Fall. Credits: 4*

How does your life intersect with plants? In this seminar we will engage this question using essays, popular media, and our own observations to illuminate historical and contemporary connections between plants and humans. Inside the classroom and in the outdoors, we will carefully examine our own plant awareness, develop our critical thinking, and challenge our perceptions of the impacts and roles of plants throughout human history.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110GF God, Free Will and Morality***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This first year seminar is a critical thinking boot camp. Students will learn to charitably interpret, logically reconstruct, and critically evaluate arguments. The arguments come from classic and contemporary readings in philosophy about God, free will, and morality. We will focus on questions such as: Does God exist? Is it rational to believe in God? What should I do if I want to do the right thing? When is it ok to criticize other cultures? How much do I owe to others? Do we have free will? Can we ever be held responsible for anything? Students will come out of the class better thinkers, better writers, and better equipped to tackle difficult questions like these with rigor and care.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110GN South Asian Pasts Through Graphic Novels***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

If news debates, Facebook posts, and WhatsApp forwards now form arenas for contesting historical claims – once mainly a preserve of academic histories – what might supposedly low-brow media such as comics or graphic novels tell us about how history is produced and consumed? This first-year-seminar shall introduce students to key topics in South Asian history through a selection of comics, graphic novels, and primary sources. We shall read comics and graphic novels as narrative histories and speculative accounts of the lives of ordinary people and their experience of world historical events. In placing them alongside primary sources, the course shall encourage students to ask historical questions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110HD Childhood***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Did you really learn everything you needed to know in kindergarten? In this course we will explore how children's development, with a focus on early childhood (ages 0-8), is shaped by the family, school, community, cultural, and policy contexts in which they participate and live. We will read research conducted by psychologists, sociologists, and education researchers, as well as investigate representations of childhood in popular media and literature.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110HP Happiness and the Good Life***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course introduces the skills needed to navigate college, with a focus on philosophical writing, analysis and argument. Our topic is happiness and 'the good life.' Happiness is something we all want but often struggle to define. We will look at what philosophers have said about the nature and importance of happiness in our lives, as well as recent positive psychology literature on what makes us happy and why. While we draw from multiple disciplines the emphasis of the class is on philosophical analysis and argument. Students will learn to integrate campus resources, such as LITS and the SAW Center, into their coursework, as they hone skills in clear, rigorously argued, analytic writing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110JE Liars and Pranksters on the Italian Stage***Fall. Credits: 4*

Can serious artists play cruel jokes? Who laughs at Dante? This course explores the role of lies and practical jokes in Italian theater and the way the concept of humor has changed over time. We will investigate the intimate connection among power, religion, and laughter by reading some of the funniest (and politically charged) works of Italian theater. Our authors will take us through the streets of Renaissance Florence, eighteenth-century Venetian canals, as well as the improvised factory theaters of the 1970s. Readings include Dante, Machiavelli, Goldoni, Puccini, Fo, De Filippo.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110JT AI and Social Justice***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems are ubiquitous, ranging from digital personal assistants to healthcare management. While the benefits of AI are touted widely, how does AI negatively impact society? How do AI systems mirror and strengthen biases already embedded in the data used to train them and in our social structures? Via what mechanisms might AI stigmatize and further marginalize vulnerable populations? In this course we will gain an understanding of how AI systems work, explore the societal dimensions of technology, learn to evaluate, assess, and question its impact on society, and consider how AI can be used as a tool to achieve equity and increase social justice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.*

FYSEM-110LG Slang: Community/Power/Language*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Language is a living system. It grows and changes, despite efforts to preserve it. This course examines how slang participates in these changes. What separates slang from standard language, and who sets the standard? Through readings in linguistics and literature, this course examines how we use language to connect, create, and control.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110LV The Lives of Animals***Fall. Credits: 4*

Are crows self-aware? How do bees vote during collective decision-making? Do dolphins know each other's names? We will engage our collective curiosity as we explore animal cognition and social behaviors. Using peer-reviewed scientific literature as the foundation for our investigations, we will draw inspiration from videos, blogs, and observations of local wild and domestic animals to develop individual and collective projects based on our interests. In this first-year seminar, we will practice library research skills, draft and revise work based on feedback, and learn strategies for respectful peer engagement while creating a course website about animals.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110MG Myth, Magic, and Vibration: Exploring the Human Bond to the Natural World***Fall. Credits: 4*

Humans could simply view nature as a repository of material resources for our use. Many would argue that this is the primary perspective of modern society. And yet mythology, history, and science show that there is a much deeper connection to the natural world – one that provides spiritual and psychological sustenance as well as multiple forms of physical support. In this first-year seminar, we will explore the human bond to nature through readings from a wide variety of sources and disciplines, and also through short field trips out into the local landscape.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110MT Measuring Merit: Who Belongs in College and Why?***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Selective colleges like Mount Holyoke are prestigious, in part, because they admit less than half of the students who apply; but what specific traits make one worthy of admissions? Grades and test scores matter, as do field hockey prowess, the ability to play classical flute, participation in a Model UN summer camp, and struggles to overcome poverty or hardship. This class considers the origins and consequences of our understanding of worthiness in the context of college admissions. We will use the case of college admissions to address important questions about how social phenomena are quantified and compared, and how cultures of measurement represent power and shape inequality.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110MX Living in A Material World***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In a world full of designed objects made from a wide range of materials. What makes fabric stretchy? Why does gluten change the texture of food? What are the pros and cons of plastic? What is neodymium, how do we get it out of the ground, and why is it in your phone? Some naturally occurring materials require only a little work by humans to make a useful item, while engineered materials may involve complicated processes. We will examine the role of different materials in society, considering economic and ethical questions as we learn about scientific breakthroughs that enabled new products. Hands-on activities will help us better understand the topics.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110MZ Music and Childhood***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Unlike many other categories of identity, childhood is both universal and temporary. That simultaneous omnipresence and transience makes it easy to overlook the role played by children in the history of music. This course surveys significant instances of children as creators, performers, consumers, and subjects of music: from Mozart to Michael Jackson, playgrounds to orphanages, street musicians and choristers to the prodigies of TikTok. We will trace the enlisting of children, childhood, and the childlike across a range of musical traditions and pedagogical, aesthetic, commercial, and cultural-political agendas. Students will also contextualize their own memories of childhood musicking.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110NP Opera and Social Justice***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course investigates the intersection of opera and social justice in the context of American society over the past two decades. We will examine operatic works produced since the early 2000s via lectures, discussions, readings, and multimedia presentations, exploring how composers, librettists, directors, and performers have engaged with and responded to various social justice movements such as those related to civil rights, gender equality, LGBTQ+ rights, environmental justice, immigration, and indigenous rights. We will explore the historical, cultural, and political contexts that have shaped these operas as well as their reception by and impact on contemporary audiences, considering the ethical responsibilities of artists, the power of opera as a tool for social change, and the evolving role of opera within contemporary culture. During the course, students will also have behind-the-scenes access to collaborative efforts currently underway to stage two upcoming operatic productions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.*

FYSEM-110NQ Nature is Queer*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Queerness is all over the natural world. This class will highlight the diversity of sexual strategies in nature, and help dispel the notion that biology describes sex as binary or only heterosexual. In reality, biologists are well aware of the queerness of nature, but have struggled with how to study this sexual diversity and have often settled for convenient categories. Four billion years of evolution have produced myriads of sexual and reproductive strategies in diverse organisms: from the widespread occurrence of homosexual sex, to sex change, multiplicity of mating types, male pregnancy, selfing, etc; Nature has done it all! Class discussion will require an open mind, and developing comfort around conversations related to sex, reproduction, and the sometimes disturbing history of science. Students will be expected to write several assignments for the general public. One such assignment requires students dive deeply into the queerness of one organism of their choosing to produce a printed catalog page for public display.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110NT Space, Time, and Entropy***Fall. Credits: 4*

The formulation of the laws of thermodynamics and discovery of relativity in the late 1800s and early 1900s had profound implications for our understanding of the universe. The idea that the entropy of the universe is always increasing, for example, had a deeply destabilizing effect on the Enlightenment idea of a clockwork universe that is ordered and unchanging. We will study the laws of thermodynamics and the ideas of relativity, with the goal of understanding their impact on science, art, literature, and society. Topics will include heat engines, reversible and irreversible processes, chaos, the heat death of the universe, Maxwell's Demon, information theory, and the directionality of time.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110PE Performing the Self***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How do we represent ourselves as we document our lives and communicate with others? In this seminar we will move beyond critiques of selfie culture, instead analyzing self-representation as an important avenue for forming identities. We will study forms of self-representation across history and will focus on visual and new media as platforms for performing selfhood. Students will discuss the politics and aesthetics of self-fashioning across these media forms, and will execute multiple forms of self-expression, including the argumentative essay, the op-ed, the blog post, and the tweet.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110PK Pharmocracy: Humans, Animals, Power and Knowledge in the Pharmaceutical Era***Fall. Credits: 4*

Since the 1950s, the pharmaceutical industry, one of the world's largest economic sectors and a core constituent of globalized corporate power today, has built a transnational empire that affects not only health and food chains, science, politics, stock markets, and the private/public distinction, but has completely changed what it means to be human or animal. We will study several key examples of these transformations, and how pharma produces knowledge on the backs of impoverished humans and animals as trial subjects. This course will also help students develop their composition skills which, through content and form, can decompose the structures that sustain corporate power.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110PP Pop Science: Science and Culture***Fall. Credits: 4*

Pop science is the term for science communication that distills scientific discoveries for a general audience. Some of these scientific ideas can have striking cultural influence. For example, the "butterfly effect" as an explanation of the mathematical definition of chaos led to a cultural change from belief in a predictable universe to one where small changes can have big effects. Through a range of books, news articles, and social media from the 1980s until today, we will examine the cultural influences of scientific advances in popular understanding. In addition, we will consider critiques of pop science, including concerns about its accuracy and the effects of racism and sexism on science communication.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110PQ Politics of Inequality: Social Movements in the U.S.***Fall. Credits: 4*

The course explores comparative racial and ethnic politics in the U.S. during the twentieth century. We will analyze the creation and maintenance of structural inequalities through laws and policies targeted at persons of color in the areas of healthcare, transportation, immigration, labor, racial segregation, and education. Through readings, lectures and films, we will discuss critical histories of community struggle against social inequality, registering the central impact that race, class, gender, sexuality, and citizenship have had on efforts toward social justice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110PT Politics and Truth***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What is the relationship between truth and politics? Does democracy require truth or pervert it? Can truth thrive in any type of government? What's really at stake here? In this course, we will explore a variety of classic texts, ranging from such authors as Plato to Karl Marx to Hannah Arendt to Martin Luther King, Jr. to contemporary feminist theorists. We will focus on developing the ability to reflect on your own beliefs, analyze authors' arguments, and to articulate and defend your own perspective.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.**Advisory: For students in their first two semesters at the College only.*

FYSEM-110PZ Interweaving Themes in Physics and Art*Spring. Credits: 4*

Physics and art represent the world in seemingly different ways. They share, however, many common themes: the guiding role of symmetry, the tension between order and disorder, and the emergence of structure from many simple constituents. We will explore some of the big ideas in physics, including quantum mechanics, relativity, entropy, and chaos theory, by looking at how these underlying themes are represented in the visual arts. Islamic tessellations, Japanese Suminagashi paper marbling, and works by contemporary artists will guide us toward an intuitive understanding of some of the most exciting ideas in physics, without the need for any prior physics background.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110QC Queer Church***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Surveying contemporary LGBTQIA+ participation in mainline American Protestant denominations, this first-year seminar will consider recent congregational histories and emergent queer Christian theology that, together, form some public-square debate. Examining these phenomena in a multicultural variety of American Christian cultures, the course will privilege queer Christian voices through interactive primary sources: oral histories, site visits, and guest speakers. While homophobic and transphobic discourse in North America often has religious origins, this first-year seminar sheds light on the open and affirming ecclesial work of Christian activists.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110RE Religion and Climate Change***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Religion and climate change might seem to be an odd combination. After all, we tend to imagine religion as the domain of faith, emotion, and the otherworldly and the climate as the realm of science, objective knowledge, and the here and now. Nevertheless, this course investigates their sometimes surprising connections. For example, how do religious communities work to promote or oppose political action on climate change? How do religious conceptions about God's relationship with nature or with humanity impact adherents' views on climate change? How might the futures predicted by climate models and those prophesied in sacred texts affect people's actions today?

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110RT Reproductive Rights and the State***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What is the role of governments in regulating human reproduction? How has this changed throughout the 20th and 21st century? Is reproduction an area of our private lives that should be left outside the realm of government? Or is the state actually needed to safeguard our reproductive rights? This course analyzes the history of reproductive policies in the US and compares it with cases from the global South. From family planning to population control, from woman's right to reproductive justice, we will analyze the evolution of language to name this policy arena and the way this has affected policy design. Through the use of a variety of primary and secondary sources, this course will help students improve their critical thinking, argumentative writing, and analytical skills.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110RY Sex, Drugs, and Psychopaths***Fall. Credits: 4*

The prevalence of misinformation and disinformation has weakened the public's trust in science. This course will challenge media's coverage of three major topics – sex, drugs, and psychopaths – against the latest findings from neuroscience research. Through readings, podcasts, movies, and class discussions, students will challenge common misconceptions about our brains, by examining the science behind infidelity, gender identity, addiction, mental health, and murder.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110SG The Social Life of Images***Spring. Credits: 4*

How do images shape how we see the world, and how does society shape the images we create? This course explores the dynamic relationship between images and social life, examining how factors such as cultural norms, structural boundaries, and new technologies influence visual media. Through readings, class discussions, and other assignments, students will analyze images within social contexts such as collective identity, digital culture, and advertising. Enriching their visual literacy skills will give students new insights about today's image-saturated world.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110SM AI: Smart Machines, Tough Choices***Fall. Credits: 4*

Dive into the fascinating world of robotics and AI. We will investigate how these technologies are reshaping our lives and industries, from healthcare to space exploration, while grappling with the ethical questions they pose. For example, in healthcare, we might ask: Should an AI be allowed to make critical medical diagnoses, potentially overriding a human doctor's judgment? Or, in the realm of autonomous vehicles, we could consider: Who is held responsible when a self-driving car causes an accident, the owner, the manufacturer, or the AI itself? No coding or complex math needed—just an open mind and a desire to explore the future of automation.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.*

FYSEM-110SV Sustainable Development and Its Discontents*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Sustainable development has been the leading paradigm linking economic growth, poverty reduction, and environmental sustainability for decades. Yet, global inequality metrics are scarcely improving, and environmental issues like climate change and biodiversity loss are reaching extreme levels. This course examines the concept of sustainable development and various attempts to put it into practice around the world, as well as the limitations and contradictions of predominant approaches to sustainability and economic development. We will then explore alternatives to mainstream development advanced by global social movements, including food sovereignty, degrowth, and climate justice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110SW The Future Is Female: Science Fiction By Women***Fall. Credits: 4*

In the genre of science fiction, women authors have always been present if not always as widely known or accepted as their male counterparts. Published in 1818, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* is considered the first true science fiction story; in 2018, N.K. Jemisin became the first person ever to win the Hugo award for science fiction/fantasy three years in a row. Many of these authors not only present a rich, imagined world of scientific "what ifs," but also a nuanced, evocative view of possible societies, exploring issues of social justice, race, gender, sexuality, and class – often at their intersection. This course will explore works of science/speculative fiction by women and nonbinary writers, with the occasional foray into other relevant works of literature, television, film, art, and pop culture.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110SX Sexuality and Society***Fall. Credits: 4*

What is the impact of what is included and excluded in formal sex education programs? What does it mean to maintain good sexual health? How does sexual identity relate to behavior and attraction? As a class, we will explore sexuality at an individual, interpersonal, community, and societal level. Primary topics will include sex education, sexual identity, health, consent, relationships, and media portrayals of sexuality.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110TC Why Are We Divided: Inequality, Politics, and Populism***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the intersection of inequality and politics in the United States. We begin the course with an examination of racial, gender, and class inequalities in the U.S. The next section of the class considers the ways in which these inequalities both reflect and influence political divisions in the U.S. today. We end the course with an analysis of populism. While focusing primarily on the Trump campaign and presidency, we will also examine populist movements throughout the globe.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110TG Transgressive Music***Fall. Credits: 4*

The seminar will introduce and discuss various musical works and genres that fall under rock critic Ann Powers' definitions of 'Violator Art,' exploring them within the context of their wanton and disturbing appeal, as well as their often scandalous social impact. Topics will include the Second Viennese School, free jazz, protest music, punk rock, hip-hop, works such as J. S. Bach's 'Cantata No. 179,' Strauss's 'Salome,' Stravinsky's 'Le Sacre du printemps,' Billie Holiday's 'Strange Fruit,' George Crumb's 'Black Angels,' and artists such as Laurie Anderson, the Sex Pistols, Missy Elliot, and Nirvana.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.**Notes: Students should be prepared for mature themes and some coarse language.***FYSEM-110TN Transporting Imaginations***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will center on Solnit's 'Wanderlust: A History of Walking' to inform our own explorations of campus. By casting our attention to our immediate locality, we will learn the rhythms and material potentials as well as the traces of history that construct our present environment. We will talk about how scientists measure forest entities; how pilgrimage walks like Camino De Santiago frame spiritual growth; and how artists including Francis Alys, Mark Bradford, Abigail DeVille, Mel Chin and others, transform the material residue they find in particular locations into visual artworks. This course will include walks, discussion, as well as hand-on activities including sketchbook work and collage.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110TS Translating Language Diversity***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Linguistic diversity is too often silenced in debates about equity and inclusion. In our seminar we'll consider the languages of each student, remembering that language is a plastic identity that can be learned. We'll identify the translations in our scholarly, professional and personal lives and ask how does Mount Holyoke's mission of "purposeful engagement in the world" depend upon translation both on campus and globally? We'll also explore the role of translation in the communication revolution of A.I. tools given digital disparities and language privilege. Our goal is to define language justice and to develop linguistic self-reflexivity through individual translation projects

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.***FYSEM-110UA Adolescence in the U.S. Today***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What does it mean to be an adolescent? Popular culture has a lot to say about this life stage, not all of it rooted in evidence. In this course, we will examine the range of adolescent experiences in the United States and critically question common assumptions. We will consider how social context and relationships influence youth as they navigate school, college and career expectations, extracurricular activities, and social media. Our interdisciplinary approach will draw on readings from psychology, sociology, history, education as well as media resources.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.*

FYSEM-110UF The Agency of Things: Reflections on Stuff and Material Culture

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

What is a thing? What is stuff? Water bottles, trash, smartphones, photos, dirt, a broken printer, your favorite socks... Where do they come from and where are they going? In this course we'll gain an understanding of the political, historical, philosophical, ecological, and affective agency of objects and non-human things. We will study how artists, writers, collectors, environmentalists, and migrants engage with the stuff around us. Our study will be enlightened by several excursions to see collections of non-human things, such as the MHC Skinner Museum and the Botanic Gardens. Students will also have a chance to decipher the meaning and global trajectories of their own stuff, in addition to making things in Mount Holyoke's Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110UW Awakenings

Fall. Credits: 4

An exploration of writing, primarily fiction, by U.S. women from around 1900 to now, focusing on the theme of awakenings. We will examine how women writers represent political awakenings, transformations of physical embodiment and psychological consciousness, and discoveries of new literary forms. We will read a diverse group of writers and foreground interpretive frameworks of race, gender, and sexuality. Authors may include Bechdel, Chang, Chopin, Cisneros, Davis, Dunbar-Nelson, Egan, Far, Gilman, Hurston, Larsen, McCullers, Morrison, Stein, Truong, Wharton, and Yamamoto.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110VE The Inevitable Element: Why Carbon is at the Root of Our Climate Change Crisis

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Have you ever wondered why we are so concerned with our carbon footprint? Why don't we worry about our oxygen footprint? Or silicon? What makes carbon so special? This first-year seminar will delve into the reasons that carbon, and uniquely carbon, is central to climate change. We will discuss the properties of carbon and why those properties have resulted in a fossil fuel-based economy. We will cover nucleosynthesis of elements, the formation of earth and the solar system, the origin of life and information flow in living organisms, how time and heat resulted in reserves of energy-rich petroleum buried in the earth, why these fossil fuels have made a convenient foundation for our modern economy, and the resulting impact carbon emissions have on the atmosphere. Finally, we will discuss how carbon capture can be used to mitigate the impact of climate change.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110VT Jack the Ripper and the Making of Late-Victorian London

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In the summer and fall of 1888, a series of gruesome murders captured the attention of Londoners and brought questions of class, gender, race and social-economic change to the forefront of public debate. Though the culprit was never identified, Jack the Ripper became synonymous with the perceived dangers of late-Victorian London. Using newspapers, periodicals, police archives, and other sources from the period, this course will set students on an historical investigation of the "Whitechapel Murders," seeking to understand the event, its historical context, and the way historians have interpreted its meaning.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110WK Women and Work in the Global Economy

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The reorganization of production across national borders has transformed labor markets around the world, with profound effects on workers' lives. What role have social constructions of gender played in shaping employment outcomes in different countries? What has been the impact of these employment dynamics on gender relations? This course will engage with these questions by examining the impact of labor market transformations on women's work in the global economy. Students will learn to engage critically with multiple perspectives and to formulate and articulate their own arguments in writing.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110WM Women and the Civil Rights Movement

Fall. Credits: 4

This course focuses on Black women's involvement and resistance in civil and human rights movements in the United States. Students will learn about the long history of the civil and human rights movement, the role that Black women played in resistance movements and the evolution of the Black radical tradition beginning with enslavement and moving through the 1970s.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110WR The West and the Rest: Muslims in Post-9/11 Europe and the U.S.

Fall. Credits: 4

This course traces the administrative and popular categorizations of Muslim populations in Europe and the United States following the events of September 11, 2001. The course examines the mechanisms through which Muslims are designated as a coherent, timeless category associated with backwardness, violence, and an urgent threat. By the end of the semester, the students will gain a critical, comparative perspective to identify and analyze some common mechanisms such as racialization, securitization, and gendering, as well as practices of border-making and border-crossing that travel across time and space to define certain groups as "dangerous others."

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

FYSEM-110YP Cryptology: How Governments, Institutions and People Protect Their Secrets

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Cryptology is the study of secret communication between different groups of people. From ancient Egypt when secret hieroglyphs were used to communicate to today when credit card numbers are encrypted to be transmitted over the internet, cryptology has been a necessary part of human life. In this class we will read and write about some of the famous examples of cryptosystems. We study the mathematics needed for these systems and how these concepts connect to what you studied in high school. Why is division complicated and how can we use raising numbers to high powers and division to encrypt messages? In particular, we will use worksheets and Jupyter notebooks to work with examples of these systems.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Mount Holyoke first-year students only, by placement.

French

Overview and Contact Information

The French curriculum is intended to develop skills in the language and provide a broad and varied acquaintance with French and Francophone cultures and literatures. Taking as its premise that language gives access to new and different cultures, the program makes available to students the textual, oral, and visual products of the French-speaking world. It also offers familiarity with the interdisciplinary exchanges – art, literature, history, politics, music, philosophy – that inform French studies today.

The department offers courses in language, culture, and literature at all levels. All courses are conducted in French with the exception of the department's first-year seminars and the Romance Languages and Literature seminar (FREN-321). The Romance Language seminar is taught in English but all reading and writing are done in French.

In language courses students have the opportunity to work with language assistants in small supplementary conversation groups. Many culture and literature courses are either speaking-intensive or writing-intensive, and in some, writing mentors are provided. Students have access to weekly drop-in tutoring sessions as well as one-on-one tutoring. Pedagogical and technological resources and events enable French students to communicate and share ideas with the global community. A comprehensive library of classic French books and movies is maintained in the department office.

Graduates of Mount Holyoke who have majored in French have used the analytical skills and means of expression acquired during their studies to pursue a wide range of career options: education, government service, law, international banking, publishing, and marketing, among others. Each spring, the department sponsors a Major Tea and Career Panel inviting to campus three or four alums with diverse occupations who speak about the benefits and opportunities that their French major has brought to their careers.

Study Abroad

Mount Holyoke College has six French study abroad programs: APA Paris, CIEE Paris Liberal Arts, CUPA Paris, IES Abroad in Nantes, Middlebury in France and UMN Montpellier. Students spending one or two semesters in France or a Francophone country on a program approved by the department will be able to earn credits toward the requirements of their

major through study abroad. The programs are open to both majors and non-majors.

To qualify for study abroad, students need to have taken at least two courses in French (not counting Independent Study) and completed at least FREN-201.

Students may be able to accelerate from FREN-101 to FREN-201 or from FREN-102 to FREN-203 upon recommendation of their instructor.

Bringing Back Credit from Study in France or Other Francophone Country

- French majors who spend one semester abroad are allowed to bring back a maximum of 16 credits including 4 credits worth of advanced language course work, for a total of 16 credits maximum toward the major.
- French majors who spend two semesters abroad are allowed to bring back a maximum of 24 credits, including 4 credits of advanced language course work, for a total of 24 credits maximum toward the major.
- Students with a double major may choose to pursue courses in their other major. They are urged to obtain approval from the adviser of their other major before departure to make sure it will count towards their other major.
- The major program should provide continuity in the study of French. To this end, *at least one 4-credit course taught in French must be elected each semester of the junior and senior years.*
- French minors who spend either one semester or a full year abroad are allowed to bring back a maximum of 8 credits toward the minor.
- All courses taught in the French language may be counted toward the major or minor.

Please consult the French department and the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives for details about these and other programs. Mount Holyoke offers need-based Laurel Fellowships to support students whose own resources are not sufficient to cover the cost of study abroad. Laurel Fellowships are the only form of financial aid given by Mount Holyoke for study abroad. Information about financing study abroad may be obtained from the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/centers-and-facilities/mcculloch-center-global-initiatives>) as well as Student Financial Services (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/student-financial-services>).

Honors Work

The French department is pleased to support senior independent study projects during their penultimate semester undertaken by students with a proven track record of exceptionally high performance in course work in French. Continuation of these projects toward completion of a thesis to be considered for possible honors is contingent upon approval of the department.

French Department Prizes

In order to be eligible to receive a French Department prize, students must take a minimum of two French courses over the academic year.

Students may qualify for the Global Competence Award, which is given to seniors with demonstrated achievement in language learning, cultural immersion, global perspective-taking, and cross-cultural learning.

Contact Information

Catherine Le Gouis, Chair
Stacey Pare, Academic Department Coordinator

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Learning Goals

Learning a foreign language is an essential component of a Liberal Arts education, offering broad perspectives on other cultures and enhancing abilities in one's own.

Fluency in the French language along with knowledge of a wide range of literature and life in a variety of Francophone cultures, reached through a structured and flexible sequencing of courses from entry to seminar levels, are the goals of our curriculum for majors and non-majors alike. Since full immersion is the most effective way to achieve fluency, all our courses are taught exclusively in French.

Mount Holyoke French majors are competent global citizens who go on to a wide variety of careers.

Immersion

Majors and non-majors are fully immersed in French in all our courses. Students who choose to go abroad become able to study alongside French speakers in courses within the regular academic curriculum of French and French-language universities.

Communication

Students who take courses in the French department become able to engage in substantive and active discussions with French speakers, ranging in complexity from everyday conversations to abstract intellectual discourse.

Expression

Students become able to produce written documents and oral or media presentations that are not only grammatically correct, coherent, and well-organized, but display sophistication of thought and analysis.

Civilization

Students become acquainted with a broad range of written, visual, and digital texts, as well as social and cultural artifacts from all regions of the French-speaking world.

Exploration

Mount Holyoke French majors are able to conduct independent research, articulate their results in effective spoken and written French, take advantage of internship opportunities, and collaborate in a global environment.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of French:
Samba Gadjigo, Helen Day Gould Professor of French

Catherine Le Gouis, Reverend Joseph James Hilary Paradis Professor of French

Carolyn Shread, Senior Lecturer in French, Teaching Spring Only

Anouk Alquier, Lecturer in French

Brahim Oulbeid, Visiting Assistant Professor in French

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Two of the following 4-credit intermediate courses in culture and literature:		8
FREN-215	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to the Literature and Culture of France and the French-Speaking World	
FREN-219	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to the French-Speaking World	
FREN-225	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to Contemporary Culture and Media of France and the French-Speaking World	
Two 4-credit electives in culture and literature at the 200 or 300 level		8
Three additional 4-credit electives in culture and literature at the 300 level ¹		12
Four credits of advanced language study ²		4
Total Credits		32

¹ 215, 219, or 225, can be used to fulfill the intermediate course requirements if not previously taken to fulfill the advanced 200-level course requirements. One of the electives may be a course in another department and taught in English provided it focuses substantially on French or Francophone content and was pre-approved by the chair of the French department.

² French majors who study abroad, for a summer, semester, or year are required to complete at least 4 credits' worth of advanced language work while abroad. When possible, this should include work in both oral French (typically, a course in phonetics) and written French (a course in grammar, composition, stylistics, or translation); in some cases, a single course may cover both written and oral components. French majors who do not study abroad must complete another 300-level course in French in order to fulfill the minimum requirement of 32 credits for the major.

Additional Specifications

- Note that independent study (FREN-295 and FREN-395) will not be counted among the required courses listed above.
- The major program should provide continuity in the study of French. To this end, at least one 4-credit course taught in French must be elected each semester of the junior and senior years.
- See Study Abroad information in the overview (p. 212) for information about crediting courses taken on study abroad towards the major.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Two of the following intermediate courses in culture and literature:		8
FREN-215	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to the Literature and Culture of France and the French-Speaking World	
FREN-219	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to the French-Speaking World	
FREN-225	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to Contemporary Culture and Media of France and the French-Speaking World	
Two advanced courses in culture and literature (300 level)		8
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

- Independent study (FREN-295 or FREN-395) does not count toward the minor
- See Study Abroad information in the overview (p. 212) for information about crediting courses taken on study abroad towards the minor.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of French can combine their course work in French with a minor in education. In some instances, course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of French, please consult your advisor or the chair of the French department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, or consult Sarah Frenette, Teacher Licensure Coordinator in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the French department and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice

Course Selection/Foreign Language Requirement

Students who have never studied French should enroll in FREN-101, a course for beginners. Those who have previously studied French at Mount Holyoke and who wish to continue must have the prerequisites stipulated for specific courses.

All students must take a placement test online (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/french>).

Advanced Courses

The department's 300-level courses represent a variety of approaches to advanced work in French studies and thus reflect the diversity within the

field of French today. Specific offerings under the general rubrics change from year to year. Prerequisites for all 300-level courses are two of the following: FREN-215, FREN-219, or FREN-225. Students who do not have the stipulated prerequisites must consult the department chair or the course instructor.

Course Offerings

FREN-101 Elementary French I

Fall. Credits: 4

Learn to speak, understand, read and write authentic French in record time. We will use a multimedia approach that accesses language via video, audio and text. The immersive environment students experience will equip them to make active use of the language and provide insight into French and Francophone cultures. Students will have the opportunity to work on language skills in sessions with a language assistant.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Placement test required even if no previous study of French;

FREN-101 is designed for students with no previous training in French. All students must take the online French placement test to register for the class.

Advisory: FREN-101 is designed for students with no previous training in French or a maximum of one year of French at the high school level. All

students must take the online French placement test to register for the class.

Notes: Students who have done strong work in FREN-101 may accelerate to FREN-201 with the approval of their instructor.

FREN-102 Elementary French II

Spring. Credits: 4

Students will develop their speaking, understanding, reading and writing skills in French. The multimedia approach will provide students with an immersive environment where they will engage actively with the language and culture.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: FREN-101 or placement test and department placement.

FREN-201 Intermediate French

Fall. Credits: 4

Communication and culture in the global French-speaking world. We will explore different media and documents that will enable students to express themselves both orally and in writing in a wide variety of contexts. Students will consolidate and expand their skills and engage in creative activities in literary as well as colloquial French.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: FREN-102 or placement test and department placement.

FREN-203 Advanced Intermediate French

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course will improve students' writing and speaking skills in French and develop their ability to read and discuss texts. Course materials include authors and films representing cultures of the French-speaking world. Written and oral expression are strengthened through weekly essays, class discussion, and comprehensive grammar review.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: FREN-201 or placement test and department placement.

Notes: FREN-203 provides a strong foundation for continued study of French and for study abroad (see <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/french>)

**FREN-215 Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature:
Introduction to the Literature and Culture of France and the French-Speaking World**

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course introduces students to literature and culture from a variety of perspectives. It will increase confidence and skill in writing and speaking; integrate historical, political, and social contexts into the study of literary texts from France and the French-speaking world; and bring understanding of the special relevance of earlier periods to contemporary French and Francophone cultural and aesthetic issues. Students explore diversified works – literature, historical documents, film, art, and music – and do formal oral and written presentations.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: FREN-203, or placement test and department placement.

**FREN-219 Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature:
Introduction to the French-Speaking World**

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course introduces the literatures of French-speaking countries outside Europe. Readings include tales, novels, plays, and poetry from Africa, the Caribbean, Canada, and other areas. Discussions and short papers examine the texts as literary works as well as keys to the understanding of varied cultures. Students will be asked to do formal oral and written presentations.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: FREN-203, or placement test and department placement.

**FREN-225 Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature:
Introduction to Contemporary Culture and Media of France and the French-Speaking World**

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

The primary purpose of this course is to familiarize students with contemporary issues in French culture as they are represented in French-speaking media of today. This course will introduce students to contemporary popular culture, through the study of texts, popular music, and feature films. Students will be asked to participate actively in class discussion, do oral presentations, and converse with an exchange partner.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Prereq: FREN-203, or placement test and department placement.

FREN-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Advanced Courses

FREN-311 Period Courses

Courses on social and political issues and critical approaches: The usual periodization of French literature and culture is by century. Some period courses focus on the characteristics of specific centuries. Others focus on artistic or intellectual movements: gothic, Renaissance, romantic. All period courses, whatever their conceptual framework, integrate texts and historical contexts.

FREN-311LM Period Courses: 'Les Misérables'

Fall. Credits: 4

Hugo's epic masterpiece, written in exile, has everything: ceaseless adventures, crimes and punishments, love, hate, obsession, heroes, villains, the battle of Waterloo, and civil war. The sympathetic everyman, Jean Valjean, condemned to hard labor for stealing bread and relentlessly pursued by the pitiless policeman Javert, encounters other unforgettable characters. We will examine how Hugo situates Valjean's escapes within a framework of social injustice and good triumphing over evil, balancing his political and romantic ideas. Reading, discussion, film screenings.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225.

FREN-321 Genre Courses

This interdisciplinary seminar will focus on a comparative study of Romance languages or literatures. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Seminar discussions will be conducted in English, but students wishing to obtain language credit are expected to read works in at least one original language. Papers will be written in either English or the Romance language of the student's choice.

FREN-321AV Genre Courses: 'About Vanguards and Revolutionary Ideas'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course addresses cultural relations between Latin America and Romance languages and cultures through the concept of vanguard: the Latin American poetic vanguardias of the early twentieth century and controversies with the Italian and Spanish vanguardias; the influence of the Négritude anti-colonial movement in Latin American decolonial thinking and the political avant-garde movements and guerrillas of the '60s and '70s; the intersections between French surrealism and Latin American magic realism; and the emergence of the Cinema Novo and New/Third Cinema (the vanguard of political cinema in Latin America) in the context of Italian neo-realism and the French nouvelle vague.

Crosslisted as: ROMLG-375AV, ITAL-361AV, SPAN-360AV

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 8 credits at the 200 level in language or literature.

Notes: Taught in English. Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.

FREN-321LT Genre Courses: 'Romance Languages Translate'

Spring. Credits: 4

This seminar explores Romance languages, literatures and cultures through the prism of translation. By comparing translations from Spanish, Catalan, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Romanian between each other and into English, we will map out the boundaries, intersections and middle grounds of this language family. Students will engage with the different traditions of translation studies in these languages and critically analyze translators' paratexts. Selecting an individual translation project in a Romance language of their choice, through a process of revision and collaboration, each student will produce both a polished translation and a commentary explaining challenges and choices.

Crosslisted as: ROMLG-375LT, ITAL-361LT, SPAN-360LT

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Advisory: Two courses in culture and literature at the 200 level.

Notes: Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.

FREN-321MT Genre Courses: 'The Mind of the Traveler: Journeys, Expeditions, Tours'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Travel literature has always been a precious source for the study of culture, politics, arts and, last but not least, people. From Tacitus to Marco Polo, from Stendhal to Camilo Jose Cela, we will read and discuss authors who traveled for political, personal, and recreational reasons. We will also pay special attention to tales of emigration and immigration in the third millennium.

*Crosslisted as: SPAN-360MT, ITAL-361MT, ROMLG-375MT**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Advisory: For language majors; two courses in culture and literature at the 200 level.**Notes: Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.***FREN-331 Courses on Social and Political Issues and Critical Approaches**

These courses examine a definable phenomenon—an idea, a movement, an event, a mentality, a cultural structure or system, an historical problem, a critical mode—relevant to the civilization of France or of French-speaking countries. Readings from a variety of disciplines shed light on the particular aspect of thought or culture being studied.

FREN-331FE Courses on Social and Political Issues and Critical Approaches: 'Fabulous Feasts: French Cuisine and Food Culture'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

UNESCO recognized French culinary culture as "a social custom aimed at celebrating the most important moments in the lives of individuals and groups" (2010). We will explore the historical, sociological and cultural aspects of meals, *étiquette* and the culinary arts and the culture that embodies them through different media (recipe collections, guides, literary texts, essays, plays, films and TV shows). We will examine the development of French cuisine from medieval banquets to markets to *grande cuisine* and *nouvelle cuisine* and its influences. We will also investigate gastronomic traditions, regional and local culinary character and gastronomy in order to understand and reflect upon French food culture.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225.***FREN-331LF Courses on Social and Political Issues and Critical Approaches: 'Publishing 'la Francophonie': The Distribution and Reception of Texts from the Antilles, Africa, and Beyond'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course decolonizes French literary study by focusing on the history of Francophone publishing against the dominance of Paris as cultural capital. Reading authors such as Césaire, Chauvet, Tadjó, and Laferrière, our analyses will include the material conditions that shape stories. From the innovative publisher *Présence Africaine* to *Littérature Monde*, and from small presses like LEGS Éditions to transnational co-productions, we'll consider the aesthetic and political cultures determining literary distribution and reception. Exploring the effects of literary prizes, grants, and subsidies, we'll go beyond the text to ask how market networks that grant access and attention impact narratives.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225.***FREN-331LM Courses on Social and Political Issues and Critical Approaches: 'Reading "Le Monde"'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Founded in 1944, *Le Monde* is the premier French newspaper, renowned for its in-depth analysis and thought-provoking opinion pieces. In this seminar we will explore the editorial line of the paper, its uncompromising independence, and its evolution from a Paris-centered evening publication to a multi-media enterprise with 24/7 global coverage. For each session, thanks to our online subscriptions, we will examine a wide variety of topics including national and international politics, social and cultural affairs, economics, science and the environment. Students will gain a distinct perspective on current affairs, advance their language skills and develop their communicative competence.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225.***FREN-331RE Courses on Social and Political Issues and Critical Approaches: 'Revolutions'***Spring. Credits: 4*

We will examine a wide variety of documents, ranging from key historical texts to insurgents' posters, in order to explore the concept of revolution and to analyze how France was dramatically changed by overarching societal, historical, and artistic developments. We will focus on France's relations with racial minorities in times of upheaval at the local, national, and global levels.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225***FREN-341 Courses in Francophone Studies**

These courses study nonmetropolitan French-speaking cultures and literary works written in French outside Europe. Areas of focus are one or more of the following regions: Africa, the Caribbean, or Canada.

FREN-341CM Courses in Francophone Studies: 'Through African Eyes: Intro to African Cinema'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

With the rest of the world, in 1995 filmmakers from the whole African continent met in Ouagadougou to celebrate the Century of world cinema. This also gave African filmmakers an opportunity to reflect on their 30 years of film practice. Today, only a year after most former French colonies in Africa have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their independence, African cinema is also entering its fifties. This course will introduce students to a half a century of African cinema with a special attention to its history and its search for survival and self identity within world cinema.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225.***FREN-341FS Courses in Francophone Studies: 'Women and Writing in French-Speaking Africa'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores writings by women in French-speaking Africa from its early beginnings in the late 1970s to the present. Special attention will be given to social, political, gender, and aesthetic issues.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: 12 credits in French including two courses at the advanced level, or permission of department chair and instructor.*

FREN-341HT Courses in Francophone Studies: 'The Haitian Literary Tradition: Revolution, Diaspora, and Writing in French Now'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course engages with the rich tradition of French writing from Haiti. Beginning with Émeric Bergeaud's *Stella* (1859), the first novel of the first Black republic, we explore the history of Haitian writing across literary genres and movements, including the *Indigénisme* that anticipated *Négritude*. Diasporic authors from the Duvalier dictatorship period include Marie Vieux-Chauvet, author of the cult classic, *Amour, Colère, Folie*, and Dany Laferrière, famous as both the first Haitian and first Quebecois to enter the *Académie française*. In Haiti's contemporary literary scene, we focus on writers such as Yanick Lahens and Marie-Célie Agnant.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225.

FREN-341NE Courses in Francophone Studies: 'Revisiting the Negritude Movement: Origins, Evolution, and Relevance'

Spring. Credits: 4

In the interwar period, 1920-1940, black students from Africa and the Caribbean met in Paris to pursue their education. Galvanized by the colonial situation at home and the political situation in France, Aimé Césaire (Martinique), Léopold S. Senghor (Sénégal), and Léon Damas (French Guyana) formed the cultural movement called *Négritude*. This course will survey the emergence, goals, evolution, achievements, and legacies of that movement. Discussions will be based on major texts by the founders. Their influence on the works of a new generation of African and Caribbean writers will also be examined.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225.

FREN-341PA Courses in Francophone Studies: 'Paris dans l'Imaginaire Africain'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The relation between colonizer and colonized is two-fold. On the one hand, we have a visible, concrete and immediate form of domination. It is military, economic, social and political. It constrains the body. On the other hand, we have the ideological, less visible, subtler and yet more destructive colonization: that of the mind. This course will have two components: First, we will briefly summarize how, through its educational system and its major narratives (textbooks, essays, literature, and film) the colonizer constructed and controlled both his own image and that of its "silenced" colonized other. Second, we will more substantively explore how, after WW1, through the early 1960s, the colonized, breaking his silence, used "the barrel of the pen" and the camera to account for his own lived experiences of the "Metropole" (Paris and France as a whole).

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two courses in French at the 200 level.

FREN-341SE Courses in Francophone Studies: 'Ousmane Sembène: A Rebel with a Camera'

Fall. Credits: 4

Born in 1923 in Senegal, the writer/filmmaker Ousmane Sembène is one of the rare witnesses of the three key periods of contemporary African history: the colonial period; the period of struggle for political and economic independence; and the period of effort to eliminate neocolonialism through the rehabilitation of African cultures. This course is entirely devoted to the works of Ousmane Sembène and will explore the key moments of his life, his activism in European leftist organizations, his discovery of writing, and most of all the dominant features of his film work.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225.

FREN-351 Courses on Women and Gender

These courses explore cultural, literary, and social issues relating to women and gender identities in France and French-speaking countries. Topics may include women's writing, writing about women and men, the status of women, feminist criticism, and

FREN-351QU Courses on Women and Gender: 'Une Philosophe, Qu'est-ce? Thinking with French Women Philosophers from Simone de Beauvoir to Catherine Malabou'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course focuses on French women writers of philosophy. We start with the existentialism of Simone de Beauvoir, author of the founding text of second wave feminism, *Le deuxième sexe*. We'll consider écriture féminine with the French Feminism triad Hélène Cixous, Julia Kristeva, Luce Irigaray, as an antecedent of contemporary *écriture inclusive*.

After exploring Barbara Cassin's project to define philosophical terms multilingually, we'll have a special focus on Catherine Malabou whose meditation on plasticity resonates with the gender fluidity of our time and whose recent study of anarchism offers a new critique of domination.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two of the following courses: FREN-215, FREN-219, FREN-225.

FREN-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Gender Studies

Overview and Contact Information

Gender studies majors cultivate the habit of asking how gender—through its connections with other forms of power—shapes bodies, lives, texts, institutions, and worlds. Gender studies is interdisciplinary and cross-cultural in its approaches. The goal is to provide students with multiple angles of vision that enrich their learning in and beyond the major.

At Mount Holyoke, gender studies grew out of women's studies, with its commitment to uncovering the realities of women's lives, understanding the nature of women's oppression, and charting paths to significant social change. Building on this foundation, gender studies encompasses investigations into the very nature of gender; its intersection with other forms of difference and power such as class, race, nation, sexuality, and species; and its intimate connection with myriad forms of knowledge and social practice, from scientific investigation to artistic creation and performance.

Majors are introduced to the foundations of the field in courses on women and gender, feminist and queer theory, and methodology. Drawing on courses offered across the Mount Holyoke curriculum and in the Five Colleges, majors then explore topics such as women's literary and artistic production; gender in imperial and postcolonial contexts; feminist antiracism; women's health; women and labor; violence against women; feminist science studies; queer studies; men and masculinity; transgender politics; U.S. women of color politics; women immigrants and refugees; transnational feminisms.

An experiential learning seminar, taken in the junior or senior year; and a senior capstone course bring majors together to think through connections among the diverse intellectual and creative approaches they have encountered as well as between scholarship and social action.

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Learning Goals

1. Identify and denaturalize core assumptions embedded in the social construction of gender, race, and sexuality.
2. Understand and employ intersectional and interdisciplinary methodologies to interrogate normative and binary definitions of gender, race, and sexuality.
3. Develop a familiarity with major theoretical perspectives and concepts of feminist theory and praxis, including but not limited to Black feminisms, women of color feminisms, Latina(x) feminisms, transnational feminisms, and feminist science and technology studies.
4. Understand queer, trans*, and feminist interventions in work on poverty, immigration, policing and imprisonment, disability justice, health care and reproductive rights, science and technology governance, militarization, and imperialism.
5. Demonstrate through oral and written presentations how theoretical frameworks shape the politics of knowledge.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Gender Studies:

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Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
GNDST-101	Introduction to Gender Studies	4
GNDST-201	Methods and Practices in Feminist Scholarship	4
GNDST-221	Feminist and Queer Theory ¹	4
GNDST-290	²	4
or an alternative course with a significant community-based learning component and a focus on women, gender, and/or sexuality ²		
Two GNDST-333	Advanced Seminar topics	8
GNDST-392	Senior Seminar	4
The remaining 8 credits may be chosen from gender studies courses at Mount Holyoke or elsewhere in the Five Colleges, or courses approved by the department		8
Total Credits		36

¹ Topics and approaches emphasized in GNDST-221 (Feminist and Queer Theory) vary from semester to semester. Also, other courses may be substituted for this requirement, where indicated, but note that this will neither reduce the number of credits required for the major nor lead to a waiver of prerequisites for GNDST-333.

² Any GNDST-290 topic offering. Topics and approaches will vary each semester.

³ Permission to have a course other than GNDST-290 fulfill the field placement/community-based learning requirement is given by the department chair. This course may be taken outside the gender studies department. The requirement may not be fulfilled by an internship or an independent study.

Additional Specifications

- 12 credits of the major must be taken at the 300 level

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
GNDST-101	Introduction to Gender Studies	4
GNDST-201	Methods and Practices in Feminist Scholarship	4
	or GNDST-221 Feminist and Queer Theory	
8 credits above the 100 level; may be chosen from gender studies courses or courses approved by the department		8
4 credits at the 300 level; may be chosen from gender studies courses or courses approved by the department		4
Total Credits		20

Course Offerings

GNDST-101 Introduction to Gender Studies

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course is designed to introduce students to social, cultural, historical, and political perspectives on gender and its construction. Through discussion and writing, we will explore the intersections among gender, race, class, and sexuality in multiple settings and contexts. Taking an interdisciplinary approach to a variety of questions, we will consider the distinctions between sex and gender, women's economic status, the making of masculinity, sexual violence, queer movements, racism, and the challenges of feminist activism across nations, and possibilities for change. We will also examine the development of feminist theory, including its promises and challenges.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

GNDST-118 Multispecies Justice: Entangled Lives and Human Power'

Spring. Credits: 4

Human effects on species other than our own (and also our own) have been devastating in the "anthropocene." We leave a wake of destruction, brutality, and extinction behind which makes us plummet into an 'Age of Loneliness'. But is it the "human" as a species that does that, or is it the human under the command of Empire? How to rekindle the flame of life in order to realize the inherent meaningfulness of the biosphere? To respond to this question, we will study different scenarios of human-animal entanglements such as training, rescue, the animal industrial complex, the pet, the politics of extinction, hunting, infection, predation, biomedical research, breeding/reproduction and others.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Students may take this course for 200-level credit with instructor permission.

GNDST-122 Who Makes Your Clothes? Gender and Labor in the Global Apparel Industry

Fall. Credits: 4

The organization of production across national borders has transformed labor markets around the world, with profound effects on workers' lives. What role have social constructions of gender played in shaping employment outcomes in the global economy? What has been the impact of these employment dynamics on gender relations? What strategies are available to increase wages, promote equal opportunity, fight discrimination in the workplace, and secure greater control over working hours and conditions? This introductory course engages with these questions through an in-depth study of gender and labor in the global apparel industry.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Advisory: Students who have taken FYSEM-110WK Women and Work in the Global Economy are advised not to take this course.

GNDST-123 Gender and Empire

Fall. Credits: 4

Gender politics have been instrumental to imperial conquest, invasion, occupation, and colonization for centuries, and this link persists today as neocolonial management strategies and philanthropic aid. Gender-focused cultural practices in regions coveted by imperial power are used as pretext for military, cultural, scientific, and economic interventions. Whether widow burning in South Asia, female genital cutting in East Africa, veiling in Afghanistan, homophobic violence in Arab nations, or sexual practices in Africa allegedly leading to the spread of AIDS, Global North leaders use ideological projections of gender and sexual norms and ideals to take control and subjugate.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

GNDST-201 Methods and Practices in Feminist Scholarship

Spring. Credits: 4

This is a class about doing research as a feminist. We will explore questions such as: What makes feminist research feminist? What makes it research? What are the proper objects of feminist research? Who can do feminist research? What can feminist research do? Are there feminist ways of doing research? Why and how do the stories we tell in our research matter? Some of the key issues and themes we will address include: accountability, location, citational practices and politics, identifying stakes and stakeholders, intersectionality, inter/disciplinarity, choosing and describing our topics and methods, and research as storytelling. The class will be writing intensive and will culminate in each student producing a research portfolio.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: GNDST-101.

GNDST-204 Women and Gender in the Study of Culture

GNDST-204BX Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Introduction to Black Sexual Cultures/Sexuality Studies'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course examines the ways in which race, gender, and class have shaped the experiences of people of African descent. It explores how the concept of sexuality offers a unique lens for rethinking both historical and contemporary discussions on the formation of Black identity and personhood, while being particularly attentive to a queer archive. By prioritizing Blackness, the course critically engages with the interconnections between race, gender, and sexuality, aiming to separate whiteness from LGBTQ+ studies and heterosexuality from Black studies. With a focus on how Black individuals have asserted social and sexual agency despite systemic oppression, we will draw on frameworks coming out of critical race theory, Black feminist thought, queer and trans*-of-color critique, as well as attend to genres of creation that include literature, art, performance, new media, and the erotic. By the end of this course, students will have gained a deeper appreciation for the complexity and diversity of Black sexuality, as well as the cultural and political implications that surround its productions. They will be equipped with the critical tools to engage in meaningful dialogues about representation, expression, and the power of pleasure within the context of Black life and sexual legacies.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-240BX

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

GNDST-204CM Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Critical Relationality'*Fall. Credits: 4*

Grounded in queer, feminist, and decolonial concerns with social belonging, this class begins from the critical insight that "the family" is neither an inevitable nor ideal way to organize our social worlds. From histories of marriage to sciences of mating systems to politics of polyamory, we will explore monogamy's meanings and how its logics shape our worlds. Drawing on indigenous, multispecies, crip, and queer feminist insights, we will also explore relating and belonging beyond the settler family. Over the course of the semester students will become familiar with debates about human nature and belonging and a variety of critical and creative approaches to reading and engaging them.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***GNDST-204CP Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Trap Doors and Glittering Closets: Queer/Trans* of Color Visual Cultures of Resistance'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In 2014, *Time* magazine declared the "Transgender Tipping Point" as a popular moment of transgender people's arrival into the mainstream. Using a queer and trans* of color critique, this course will unpack the political discourses and seeming binaries surrounding visibility/invisibility, recognition/misrecognition, legibility/illegibility, belonging/unbelonging and aesthetics/utility. How might we grapple with the contradictions of the trapdoors, pitfalls, dark corners and glittering closets that structure and normalize violence for some while safeguarding violence for others? This course will center the 2017 anthology *Trap Door: Trans Cultural Production and the Politics of Visibility*.

*Crosslisted as: CRPE-256**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: One course in CRPE, Gender Studies, or CST.***GNDST-204CW Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women's Theater'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Yue Opera, an all-female art that flourished in Shanghai in 1923, resulted from China's social changes and the women's movement. Combining traditional with modern forms and Chinese with Western cultures, Yue Opera today attracts loyal and enthusiastic audiences despite pop arts crazes. We will focus on how audiences, particularly women, are fascinated by gender renegotiations as well as by the all-female cast. The class will read and watch classics of this theater, including *Romance of the Western Bower*, *Peony Pavilion*, and *Butterfly Lovers*. Students will also learn the basics of traditional Chinese opera.

*Crosslisted as: ASIAN-215, FMT-230CW**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Notes: Taught in English.***GNDST-204ET Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Rovers, Cuckqueens, and Country Wives of All Kinds: The Queer Eighteenth Century'***Fall. Credits: 4*

With the rise of the two-sex model, the eighteenth century might be seen to be a bastion of heteronormativity leading directly to Victorian cisgender binary roles of angel in the house and the bourgeois patriarch. Yet, beginning with the Restoration's reinvention of ribald theater, this period was host to a radical array of experimentation in gender and sexuality, alongside intense play with genre (e.g., the invention of the novel). We will explore queerness in all its forms alongside consideration of how to write queer literary histories.

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-232**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Notes: This course is part of a two-semester sequence with Nonbinary Romanticism, but students are encouraged to take either course separately.***GNDST-204FA Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Fascism, Gender and Sexuality: Far-Right Movements in 20th Century Europe'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course explores the use of gender in historical and contemporary fascist movements, examining the ways in which fascist movements construct images of "masculine" and "feminine" to shape ideology. We will look at the rhetoric of gender equity to enforce regression and oppression systems, and how these rhetorics are used as tools to enforce xenophobic and racist narratives against immigrants to the US and Europe. This course will incorporate theoretical readings from political and social histories of 20th century Europe, gender and sexuality, as well as media sources like film, journalism and social media.

*Crosslisted as: GRMST-231FA**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Notes: Taught in English, with additional readings and fourth lab hour in German for students wanting to take the class for 300-level credit.***GNDST-204FT Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Feminist, Queer, Trans Disability Studies'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course introduces Disability Studies concepts and discussion from a feminist, queer, and trans perspectives, specifically centering on Black, Indigenous, People of Color disabled people. Through this, we'll see the differences in disabled communities, the tensions within the field, and learn to center the most marginalized. Here, the focus is on scholarship, activism, and arts that center disabled people, their histories, struggles, and dreams. We'll also discuss the differences between the Disability Rights and Disability Justice movements and how they represent the demands and needs of disabled communities.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: GNDST-101.*

GNDST-204GV Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Gendered Violence from Medieval to Contemporary Spain'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This survey course will review the complex interaction of gender and violence as a personal and institutional issue in Spain from Medieval times to the present. What are the ideological and sociocultural constructs that sustain and perpetuate violence against women? What are the forms of resistance women have put into play? Among the texts, we will study short stories by Lucanor (thirteenth century) and María de Zayas (seventeenth century), song by Bebé and movie by Boyaín (twentieth century), contemporary news (twenty-first century), and laws (from the thirteenth century to the present).

Crosslisted as: SPAN-230GV

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

GNDST-204NB Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Nonbinary Romanticism: Genders, Sexes, and Beings in the Age of Revolution'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

With the onslaught of American, French, Haitian, and South American revolts and revolutions, the Atlantic world, much of Europe, and its colonial/industrial empire were thrown into a period of refiguring the concept of the raced, national, and gendered subject. This course considers what new forms of gender, sex, sexuality, and being were created, practiced, or thought, however momentarily, in this tumultuous age. Specific attention is given to conceptions of nonbinary being (of all varieties). Authors may include E. Darwin, Equiano, Wollstonecraft, Lister, M. Shelley, Byron, Jacobs.

Crosslisted as: ENGL-233

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Notes: This course is a second part of a two-course sequence with ENGL-232/GNDST-204ET, but each may be taken separately.

GNDST-204QT Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Queer and Trans Writing'

Spring. Credits: 4

What do we mean when we say "queer writing" or "trans writing"? Are we talking about writing by queer and/or trans authors? Writing about queer or trans practices, identities, experience? Writing that subverts conventional forms? All of the above? In this course, we will engage these questions not theoretically but through praxis. We will read fiction, poetry, comics, creative nonfiction, and hybrid forms. Expect to encounter work that challenges you in terms of form and content. Some writers we may read include Ryka Aoki, James Baldwin, Tom Cho, Samuel R. Delany, kari edwards, Elisha Lim, Audre Lorde, Cherrie Moraga, Eileen Myles, and David Wojnarowicz.

Crosslisted as: ENGL-219QT

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: ENGL-201.

GNDST-204RE Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Representations of Labor in Latin American Cinema'

Fall. Credits: 4

A broad introduction to the study of visual representation in Latin American, Spanish, and U.S. Latina/o cultures. Students will examine the articulation of a variety of topics in media such as film, television, fine arts, Internet, and/or video. The specific course contents and examples examined will vary each semester.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-240RE, FMT-230RE

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

GNDST-204RV Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Perspectives on Revolutionary Parenting'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In this space, we center the radical potentials of mothering/parenting alongside reproductive justice. We'll discuss how mothering/parenting operates in relation to the state, medical structures, borders, and other apparatuses. This course also considers what practices make mothering/parenting and reproductive justice as a space of potential liberation. What and who constitutes a mother/parent? How can the practice of parenting and reproductive justice be a liberatory practice? We'll look at texts such as *Revolutionary Mothering* and the history of community mothering spaces such as STAR House.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: GNDST-101.

GNDST-204TA Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Transgender Literature'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Transgender literature has had a significant impact on how we talk about transness (and gender) and the kinds of trans stories we are able to tell. Although trans identities may find expression in texts as early as *Metamorphoses* (Ovid), this course will look at literature from the 20th and 21st centuries. Considering a wide range of genres – novels, poetry, short stories, memoir, and young adult literature – we will think about how writers talk about their bodies, their transitions, and their histories. Drawing upon fields such as history, medicine, and social science, this course will look at trans literature as both a product of these histories and as a powerful tool for critical liberation.

Crosslisted as: ENGL-217TR

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

GNDST-204TJ Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will offer an overview of select methodologies and methods from Community-based Participatory Action Research (CBPAR), Participatory Action Research (PAR), collaborative ethnography and other social justice research interventions such as radical oral history, grassroots research collectives, experimental digital archives, research and data justice networks and organizations. We will center on questions of "accountability"; that is, to whom, for whom, and to what end do processes of accountability serve those already in power? Moreover, we will investigate the chasms between academia and activism in order to explore the possibility of unlikely collaborative research alliances.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-257

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

Prereq: 4 credits in Gender Studies, Critical Social Thought, or Critical Race Political Economy.

GNDST-204TN Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Feminist Transnationalities'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course explores recent histories, contexts, debates, and representations of feminist thought and movement across national, political, and cultural domains. Through engagement with narrative, ethnographic, and artistic sources, we consider how coalitions and solidarities have been built, in resistance to gendered and racialized oppressions, that not only challenge dominant feminist discourses but also reimagine possibilities for antiracist and anticolonial worldmaking. Topics include Black feminist internationalism, Marxist and socialist feminisms, migration and the politics of borders, trans inclusivity, as well as critiques of binaries such as west/east, local/global, and victim/agent.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: GNDST-101.

GNDST-206 Women and Gender in History

GNDST-206BF Women and Gender in History: 'The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas'

Fall. Credits: 4

This class aims to raise student awareness of and exposure to different cultural backgrounds and contributions of Black feminist thought, womanism, and afro feminism across the Caribbean and the Americas. We will take a historical journey exploring the roles of cisgender Black women and gender-non-confirmative Black people in the formations of Black feminist thought, highlighting their contributions and struggles in dismantling the Western matrix of domination, but also in the radical building of new societies. Students will learn about the groundbreaking theories and methodologies that helped pave the way for contemporary feminist organizations and social movements.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-244

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

GNDST-206FM Women and Gender in History: 'Feminist and Intersectional Science Studies'

Fall. Credits: 4

Gender and race are social categories, yet science had often treated them as natural kinds. This course joins the history and anthropology of science with studies of sex, sexuality, gender, and race to examine how Western science has constructed, sustained, and critiqued these categories over time. Moving chronologically, the course will introduce students to central texts, theories, and research methods in feminist and intersectional science studies, asking: What is the genealogy of such categories as sex, gender, sexuality, and race? How have such classifications shaped scientific ideas of "life," "nature," and "reason"? How have these categories been used to mark sameness and difference, and how have subjects impacted by those differences shaped the field of feminist science studies?

Crosslisted as: HIST-207

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

GNDST-206MA Women and Gender in History: 'Mary Lyon's World and the History of Mount Holyoke'

Spring. Credits: 4

What world gave rise to Mary Lyon's vision for Mount Holyoke and enabled her to carry her plans to success? Has her vision persisted or been overturned? We will examine the conditions, assumptions, and exclusions that formed Mount Holyoke and the arrangements of power and struggles for justice that shaped it during and after Lyon's lifetime. Topics include settler colonialism and missionary projects; northern racism and abolitionism; industrial capitalism and the evolution of social classes; debates over women's education, gender, and body politics; religious diversity; and efforts to achieve a just and inclusive campus. Includes research based on primary sources.

Crosslisted as: HIST-259

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: Either 8 credits in History, or 4 credits in History and 4 credits in either Gender Studies or Critical Race Political Economy. All other interested students may apply with an email to the instructor.

Notes: Available for 300-level credit.

GNDST-206NT Women and Gender in History: 'Histories of Native American Women'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course explores the histories of Native American women, from origins to the present day. This course also introduces students to Indigenous methodologies. We will look at topics such as origin stories, Indigenous feminism, the fur trade, Removal, reservations, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. Major themes include kinship, community, gender, race, material culture, sovereignty, reproduction, matrilineal societies, survivance, and diplomacy.

Crosslisted as: HIST-296NT

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

GNDST-206US Women and Gender in the Study of History: 'U.S. Women's History since 1890'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course considers the historical evolution of women's private lives, public presence, and political engagement within and beyond the borders of the United States, from the 1890s to the present. How have U.S. racism, consumer capitalism, immigration, and changing forms of state power shaped women's experiences and possibilities? How have regimes of gender, sexuality, bodily comportment, and reproduction evolved in relation to national and global changes? Emphasis will be placed on the experiences and perspectives of working-class women, women of color, and colonized women.

Crosslisted as: HIST-276

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

GNDST-210 Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion

GNDST-210BD Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Women and Gender in Buddhism'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Can women become Buddhas? Why is the Buddha called a "mother"? Who gets to ordain? Why would anyone choose celibacy? Who engages in religious sexual practices and why? This course examines the centrality of gender to Buddhist texts, practices, and institutions. We pay particular attention to the challenges and opportunities Buddhist traditions have offered women in different historical and cultural contexts. Throughout the course we consider various strategies of empowerment, including feminist, postcolonial, queer, trans*, and womanist.

Crosslisted as: RELIG-241

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

GNDST-210JD Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Women and Gender in Judaism'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course examines gender as a key category in Jewish religious thought and practice. Students examine different theories of gender and intersectional feminisms, concepts of gender in a range of Jewish sources, and feminist Jewish responses to those sources. Students work with the Judaica collection at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum and consider material culture as a source for women's and gender studies. Topics may include: how Jewish practice and law regulate sexuality and desire; feminist, queer and trans methods of engaging patriarchal texts; methods of studying women and gender in Jewish cultures; racialization.

Crosslisted as: JWST-234, RELIG-234

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

GNDST-210NR Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Reimagining American Religious History: Race, Gender, and Alterity'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course invites its participants to place critical race and gender studies perspectives in dialogue with the emergence of new religious movements in the United States. Course participants rely on the presupposition that only through a thorough examination of religious traditions on the 'margin' can we fully understand the textured meaning of American religious history as a sub-discipline. Privileging the founding stories and institutionalization of minoritized American religious groups, the course considers how subaltern voices have shaped and transformed American religious life.

Crosslisted as: RELIG-225NR

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

GNDST-210SL Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Women and Gender in Islam'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course will examine a range of ways in which Islam has constructed women – and women have constructed Islam. We will study concepts of gender as they are reflected in classical Islamic texts, as well as different aspects of the social, economic, political, and ritual lives of women in various Islamic societies.

Crosslisted as: RELIG-207

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

GNDST-210WR Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Womanist Religious Thought'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

As a conceptual framework which reconsiders the rituals, scriptures, and allegiances of religious black women, womanist thought has expanded the interdisciplinary canon of black and feminist religious studies. This course is a survey of womanist religious scholars from multiple religious traditions: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Yoruba-Ifa – as well as theorists who understand womanism as a "spiritual but not religious" orientation. Course participants will use the interpretive touchstones of cross-culturalism, erotics, earthcare, and health – among others – to examine contemporary womanist religious thought.

Crosslisted as: RELIG-246

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

GNDST-210YD The Gender of Yiddish

Fall. Credits: 4

Yiddish and questions of gender have a long history. The language was called "mame-loshn" (mother tongue); it was associated with home and family. Jewish women were the primary intended readers of Yiddish, beginning with religious literature for those who could not read Hebrew and developing into a modern, secular, often moralizing literature. Despite the strong connections between Yiddish and women, women writers have been marginalized and underestimated. This course will explore the gendered history of Yiddish, including through the lens of queer theory. We will also read English translations of literature by modern Yiddish women writers who are being rediscovered today through new translations and scholarly attention.

Crosslisted as: JWST-213, GRMST-213

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Taught in English.

GNDST-212 Women and Gender in Social Sciences

GNDST-212EC Women and Gender in Social Sciences: 'Gender and Labor in the Global Economy'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Globalization has not only changed the way we consume: it has also profoundly transformed production and the nature of work across the globe. Using case-studies of employment and work in the agricultural, manufacturing and service sectors in a range of countries, this course analyzes the gender and class dimensions of these transformations, examines the contradictory tendencies inherent in these processes and explores alternatives for policy and action.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 4 credits in Gender Studies or in the social sciences.

GNDST-212HS Women and Gender in Social Sciences: 'Psychology of Human Sexuality'*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course is an introduction to the psychological study of human sexuality. We will take a psychobiosocial perspective in this course, covering topics such as reproductive anatomy and physiology, sexual response, sexually transmitted infections, contraceptive choices, pregnancy and birth, attraction and dating, love, sexual and relational communication, and consent. The goals of the course are to have students develop a strong understanding of human sexual biology, identity, behavior, and health, to understand how each of these areas is impacted by social context, and to engage with current research in the field.

*Crosslisted as: PSYCH-217**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: A 100-level course in Psychology or AP Psychology.**Advisory: Students who have taken FYSEM-110SX Sexuality and Society should not take this course.***GNDST-212RC Women and Gender in Social Sciences: 'Gender, Race, and Capitalism'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How does capitalism depend on gender, race and sexuality? In turn, how are gender, race, and sexuality defined through our economic lives? Why are women so often cast as the solution to poverty in the Global South? Is sex work distinct from other types of work? How can we think about the household as the fundamental socio-economic unit in light of queer and feminist critiques of the nuclear family? In this course, we will examine these types of intersections, taking our cue from an interdisciplinary social science literature featuring feminist political economists, theorists of racial capitalism, economic sociologists and anthropologists, and scholar-activists. We will think through both the large scale of global macroeconomic systems, as well as the microlevel of everyday life and culture. No prior background in economics or politics is assumed. After considering the historical origins of capitalism, we will survey topics including work, social reproduction and care labor, debt, finance, development, and universal basic income.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 4 credits in Gender Studies or in the social sciences.***GNDST-221 Feminist and Queer Theory***Spring. Credits: 4*

We will read a number of key feminist texts that theorize sexual difference, and challenge the oppression of women. We will then address queer theory, an offshoot and expansion of feminist theory, and study how it is both embedded in, and redefines, the feminist paradigms. This redefinition occurs roughly at the same time (1980s/90s) when race emerges as one of feminism's prominent blind spots. The postcolonial critique of feminism is a fourth vector we will examine, as well as anti-racist and postcolonial intersections with queerness. We will also study trans-theory and its challenge to the queer paradigm.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: GNDST-101.***GNDST-221QF Feminist and Queer Theory: 'Feminist and Queer Theory'***Spring. Credits: 4*

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*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: GNDST-101.***GNDST-241 Women and Gender in Science****GNDST-241HP Women and Gender in Science: 'Feminist Health Politics'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Health is about bodies, selves and politics. We will explore a series of health topics from feminist perspectives. How do gender, sexuality, class, disability, and age influence the ways in which one perceives and experiences health and the access one has to health information and health care? Are heteronormativity, cissexism, or one's place of living related to one's health status or one's health risk? By paying close attention to the relationships between community-based narratives, activities of health networks and organizations and theory, we will develop a solid understanding of the historical, political and cultural specificities of health issues, practices, services and movements.

*Crosslisted as: ANTHR-216HP**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: 4 credits in Gender Studies.***GNDST-241PH Women and Gender in Science: 'Pharmocracy: Empire by Molecular Means'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Since the 1950s, the pharmaceutical industry – one of the world's largest economic sectors and a core constituent of globalized corporate power – has built a transnational empire that controls not only gender, sex, health, food chains, science, politics, stock markets, and private/public distinctions, but has completely changed what it means to be human or animal. We will study these transformations, and how pharmocracy produces knowledge through experimentation on impoverished humans and animals. In the context of the post-9/11 legal emergency frameworks, pharmocracy is also the nearly impenetrable tangle between pharma, academia, public health, and the military biosecurity bureaucracies.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: 4 credits in Gender Studies, Critical Social Thought, Critical Race Political Economy, Anthropology, Sociology, History, Environmental Studies, Biology, or Geography.*

GNDST-241RA Women and Gender in Science: 'Rethinking Aids'*Spring. Credits: 4*

Many aspects of COVID-19 have their roots in the 1980s AIDS epidemic – politically, scientifically, culturally. A careful reexamination of the mainstream narrative of the HIV/AIDS phenomenon and the history from which it emerged is therefore urgent. The course will focus on the unprecedented scientific narratives around HIV and AIDS, as well as their continuation into present-day Africa, on the backdrop of advances in immunology, virology, and genetics. It will also scrutinize the burgeoning political and neoliberal economic constellations later known as pharmacocracy, which appropriated and weaponized novel radical forms of activism that had emerged from within gay minority culture.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in one of the following: Gender Studies, CRPE, Anthropology, Sociology, Environmental Studies, Psychology, Neuroscience, Biology, FMT, or History.***GNDST-290EX Experiential Learning***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course helps students explore gender theory, and the analysis of power more generally, in concrete "real-world" connections between academia, communities, scholarship, creative expression, and social action. In January, students will find placement at an organization, foundation, or business that incorporates a feminist, and/or queer focus. Class sessions provide cohort space to reflect on students' experiences at work. We will also focus on analyzing the institutional structures that characterize philanthropic organizations, also known as the "NGO-industrial complex". We will also practice how to respond to job ads, build a resumé, and prepare for job interviews.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning**Prereq: GNDST-101 and either GNDST-201 or GNDST-221.***GNDST-290KM Experiential Learning: 'Transdisciplinary Hybridity: Exploring Possibilities for Queer Feminist Knowledge-Making'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Students will learn about and experiment with a variety of possibilities for queer feminist knowledge-making. First, we'll engage with "transdisciplinarity" and "hybridity" as concepts and practices in activist-scholar projects of disciplinary disentanglement. Then, accompanied by the work of writers, artists, scientists, and organizers involved in queer feminist knowledge-making along and against the borders and boundaries of genre, time, and expectation, we'll experiment with methodological and representational eclecticism. Course activities foreground collaboration and reflexivity as tools for sustainable community, racial, and disability justice centered activist-scholarship.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: 4 credits in Gender Studies.***GNDST-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***GNDST-333 Advanced Seminar****GNDST-333AE Advanced Seminar: 'Race, Gender and Sexual Aesthetics in the Global Era'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Reading across a spectrum of disciplinary focuses (e.g. philosophies of aesthetics, post-structural feminisms, Black cultural studies, and queer of color critique) this course asks the question what is the nature of aesthetics when it negotiates modes of difference? This course explores the history and debates on aesthetics as it relates to race, gender, and sexuality with particular emphasis on Black diaspora theory and cultural production. Drawing on sensation, exhibitions, active discussion, observation, and experimentation, emphasis will be placed on developing a fine-tuned approach to aesthetic inquiry and appreciation.

*Crosslisted as: ARTST-380AE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 credits in Gender Studies.**Notes: This course has a \$75 materials fee.***GNDST-333BW Advanced Seminar: 'De Brujas and Other "Bad Women" in the Spanish Atlantic'***Fall. Credits: 4*

During the Spanish Empire (15th-18th centuries), women who violated the social order by failing to uphold the expected sexual morality and gender norms of the "ideal woman" were considered a danger or categorized as "raras". They were silenced, criticized, punished, and some burned at the stake as witches. Students will study contradictory discourses of good and evil and beauty and ugliness in relation to gender in the Spanish Atlantic. We will analyze historical and literary texts as well as film versions of so-called "bad" women – such as the Celestina, Elena/o de Céspedes, Antonio/Catalina de Erauso and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz.

*Crosslisted as: SPAN-330BW**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***GNDST-333CM Advanced Seminar: 'Gender, Sexuality, and Communism'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Using the frameworks of transnational and anticolonial feminisms, this course explores the genealogies, constellations, and contestations of feminist thought in the post-Soviet world. We will consider its unique formations in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, focusing especially on "peripheral" perspectives, such as Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, students will engage with narrative, historical, archival, and ethnographic sources, giving attention to the relationship between gendered subjectivity and state practices. Topics may include: cultures of dissent, women's movements, queer intimacies and LGBTQ+ rights, and transnational collaborations.

*Crosslisted as: RES-344**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 credits in Gender Studies.*

GNDST-333EC Advanced Seminar: 'Gender Inequality and Economic Development: Challenges, Contradictions, and Contestations'*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course explores the complex relationships between economic development and gender inequality in the global South. Students will be introduced to the theoretical frameworks and debates that shape the analysis of gender and economic development and will draw on these frameworks to analyze interactions between gender relations and economic development policies and processes in different contexts.

Topics include the household as a unit of analysis; the gender division of labor: paid and unpaid work; the feminization of the labor force in the global economy; poverty; asset inequality; the informal economy; environmental governance; microfinance; and migration.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

GNDST-333EG Advanced Seminar: 'Eggs and Embryos: Innovations in Reproductive and Genetic Technologies'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This seminar will focus on emerging innovations in the development, use and governance of reproductive and genetic technologies (RGTs). How do novel developments at the interface of fertility treatment and biomedical research raise both new and enduring questions about the 'naturalness' of procreation, the politics of queer families, the im/possibilities of disabilities, and transnational citizenship? Who has a say in what can be done and for which purposes? We will engage with ethnographic texts, documentaries, policy statements, citizen science activist projects, and social media in order to closely explore the diversity of perspectives in this field.

Crosslisted as: ANTHR-316EG

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: 8 credits in Gender Studies or Anthropology.

GNDST-333EM Advanced Seminar: 'Flesh and Blood: Naturecultural Embodiments'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What does it mean to be (in?) a body? Who counts as whole, broken or food? How do discipline, punishment, use, reproduction, and illness come into play? What are agency, animacy, knowledge, consciousness in relation to embodiment? Western rationality has produced and disciplined a coherent, bounded, defended, racialized, and gendered bodily Self through medicine, psychiatry, nutrition, education, sexology, thanatology, obstetrics, and other disciplines. We will explore this production and its continual undoing, through topics such as medical diagnosis, disability, death and burial cultures, infection, diet, breastfeeding and dairy, chronic illness, depression, queerness, and hormone replacement.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: GNDST-101 and GNDST-221 or GNDST-201, or CST-200 or CST-248, or 8 credits in Anthropology, Sociology, Biology, Environmental Studies or Geography.

GNDST-333ER Advanced Seminar: 'Theorizing Eros'*Fall. Credits: 4*

The erotic is a rich site of queer feminist thinking about the costs of the imposition of sexuality as an interpretive grid. The course begins with the study of sexuality as a knowledge system, with a focus on racial and colonial histories of sexuality, then moves on to considerations of the erotic. In both Lordean and Foucauldian genealogies, eros operates as a set of possibilities, or capacities – for pleasure, joy, fulfillment, satisfaction – that exceed "sexuality" and can inspire ways of rethinking nature, need, and relationality. Lynne Huffer, L.H. Stallings, Adrienne Marie Brown, Sharon Holland, and Ela Przybylo, among others, help us think capaciously about what the erotic can do.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 8 credits in Gender Studies or Critical Social Thought.

GNDST-333FM Advanced Seminar: 'Latina Feminism(s)'*Fall. Credits: 4*

In this seminar, we will explore the relationship between Latina feminist theory and knowledge production. We will examine topics related to positionality, inequality, the body, reproductive justice, representation, and community. Our approach in this class will employ an intersectional approach to feminist theory that understands the interconnectedness between multiple forms of oppression, including race, class, sexuality, and ability. Our goal is to develop a robust understanding of how Latina feminist methodologies and epistemologies can be tools for social change.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-323

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in Latina/o Studies, Gender Studies, Critical Social Thought, or Critical Race Political Economy.

GNDST-333GH Advanced Seminar: 'Girlhood Studies in Critical Race and Political Economy'*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores some of the central themes in girlhood studies through critical race and political economy lenses. We will dig into questions such as: What does it mean to be socially considered a girl? Who defines girlhood? How is girlhood defined, shaped, and experienced in different societies, cultures, and periods? How do historical hierarchies of race, class, gender, and sexuality affect the girlhood experience? As we enter the heart of this interdisciplinary academic field that seeks to understand the complexities of existing as a girl, we will revisit the origins and evolution of the field as a distinctive area of study.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-340GH

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

GNDST-333GS Advanced Seminar: 'Gender and Sexual Minority Health'
Fall. Credits: 4

This course is a critical overview and investigation of health as it relates to the experiences of gender and sexual minority people. We will begin with exploring theoretical understandings of health and marginalization, and use those as frameworks to examine various domains of health. Areas of interest will include mental health, sexual and reproductive health, substance use, disability, and issues related to body size and image. We will end by looking at other structural issues that affect gender and sexual minority health, such as access to care, health education, and health policy.

Crosslisted as: PSYCH-319GS

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: PSYCH-204 or GNDST-201.

GNDST-333HH Advanced Seminar: 'Love, Gender-Crossing, and Women's Supremacy: A Reading of *The Story of the Stone*'

Spring. Credits: 4

A seminar on the eighteenth-century Chinese masterpiece *The Story of the Stone* and selected literary criticism in response to this work. Discussions will focus on love, gender-crossing, and women's supremacy and the paradoxical treatments of these themes in the novel. We will explore multiple aspects of these themes, including the sociopolitical, philosophical, and literary milieus of eighteenth-century China. We will also examine this novel in its relation to Chinese literary tradition in general and the generic conventions of premodern Chinese vernacular fiction in particular.

Crosslisted as: ASIAN-340

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 8 credits in Asian Studies or Gender Studies.

Advisory: Intended for East Asian Studies majors and Asian Studies minors.

GNDST-333ME Advanced Seminar: 'Feminist Media Studies'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

How is pop culture a site of social struggle? This course engages students in the scholarly field of feminist media studies in order to illuminate how popular culture indexes complex political terrains. With attention to intersections of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, ability and disability, we will analyze representation across wide-ranging media forms. What can feminist theory tell us about media's production and reception? What can media theory tell us about feminist discourses, movements, and activism? Throughout, students will assess their own roles as consumers and producers of media and also as critical thinkers navigating shifting political landscapes and mediated environments.

Crosslisted as: FMT-330ME

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: FMT-102 or GNDST-101.

GNDST-333MS Advanced Seminar: 'Multi-Species Justice? Entangled Lives and Human Power'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

How can we change animal exploitation and re-situate the human more equitably with other species? Through animal rights? Justice? Abolition? Dismantle human exceptionalism? Animal emancipation? Companionship? Co-existence? Stewardship? What are the uses and limits of the discourses from which critical animal studies borrows conceptually, for example: antiracism, feminism, disability studies, nationalism, transformative justice, and so on. We will explore different scenarios of human-nonhuman entanglements, such as training, rescue, the animal industrial complex, the politics of extinction, hunting, infection, predation, breeding/reproduction and others.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 8 credits in Gender Studies, CST, CRPE, Environmental Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, History, Psychology, or Neuroscience.

GNDST-333MX Advanced Seminar: 'Media and Sexuality'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Sex and sexuality are frequently at the forefront of innovation in media and technology, from the beginnings of photography, film, and video to the rise of the internet, artificial intelligence, and big data. Combining critical frames from Media Studies and Sexuality Studies, this seminar investigates what happens when media and sexuality intersect. We will ask how media and technology bolster new forms of sexual expression, communication, and embodiment. And, at the same time, we will examine how emerging technologies enable new modes of social regulation and surveillance. Throughout, we will foreground queer, trans, and feminist perspectives on media histories and digital futures.

Crosslisted as: FMT-330MX

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Prereq: 8 credits in FMT or Gender Studies.

GNDST-333PA Advanced Seminar: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course studies the films of Pedro Almodóvar, European cinema's favorite bad boy turned acclaimed auteur. On the one hand, students learn to situate films within the context of contemporary Spanish history (the transition to democracy, the advent of globalization, etc.) in order to consider the local contours of postmodern aesthetics. On the other hand, the films provide a springboard to reflect on larger theoretical and ethical debates related to gender, sexuality, consumer culture, authenticity, and authorship.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-340PA, FMT-330PA

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two courses in Spanish at the 200-level above SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

GNDST-333QH Advanced Seminar: 'Queering the Horror: Collective Memory, Political Violence, and Dissident Sexualities in Latin American Narratives'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The bloody dictatorships that took place in the Southern Cone and the armed conflicts in Colombia, Guatemala and Peru during the 20th century left behind a legacy of political violence and collective trauma. These states themselves became sadistic death machines, where bodies became territories of punishment and discipline as well as of struggle, resistance, and difference. We will analyze how recent cultural production (film, novel, short stories, and theater) along with theoretical texts imagine and represent those "body struggles" through queer and female bodies, and how they replace the masculine icons of the left-wing militants and the state military terrorists.

*Crosslisted as: SPAN-350QH**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***GNDST-333QJ Advanced Seminar: 'Queer Objects'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the relationship between the temporal and material structures of everyday life-including objects, housing, gifts, dress, food, drugs, sex toys, accessories, and technologies-and queer identities, communities, and practices. Taking an intersectional and interdisciplinary approach that includes narrative, archival, ethnographic, visual, and historical sources, we will consider not only how queer life shapes and is shaped by objects, but also the extent to which "objecthood" can be tied to structural and state power through the politics of consumption. Topics and themes may include material feminisms, the queer archive, queer aesthetics, biopolitics, and affect theory.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***GNDST-333QM Advanced Seminar: 'The Queer Early Modern'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course combines early modern texts with various related secondary readings that will enable students to better understand the way that sexuality-both normative and nonnormative-was portrayed and interpreted in Renaissance literature. As we progress through the course, we will discuss what defines queer history and histories of sexuality, how the history of sexuality in the past informs the present, and, ultimately, the ways in which we can use early modern literature to better understand ourselves today. Course texts will include Christopher Marlowe's *Edward II*, John Lyly's *Galatea*, Shakespeare's sonnets, and the poetry of Aemilia Lanyer and Katherine Philips.

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-382QM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***GNDST-333RT Advanced Seminar: 'Body and Gender in Religious Traditions'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Do bodies matter in religious traditions? Whose bodies matter? How do they matter? By studying religious body ideals and practices, we examine the possibilities and problems different kinds of bodies have posed in religious traditions. Topics include religious diet, exercise, and dress; monasticism, celibacy, and sexuality; healing rituals, and slavery and violence. We pay special attention to contemporary challenges to problematic body ideals and practices coming from feminist, disability, postcolonial, queer, and trans theorists and activists.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-352**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 8 credits in Religion, Gender Studies, or Critical Race Political Economy.***GNDST-333SE Advanced Seminar: 'Black Sexual Economies'***Spring. Credits: 4*

At once viewed as a dysfunction of normative ideas about sexuality, the family, and the nation, Black sexualities are intimately linked to and regulated by political and socioeconomic discourses. Slavery studies scholars remind us of how it has proven foundational for modern notions of race and sex by making explicit links between labor and exploitation. Thus, this course moves through themes such as slavery historicity, intersections between Black feminisms and Black sexualities, sexual labor/work, pleasure, and the erotic, in order to consider the stakes of our current critical approaches to Black sexual economies and interrogate its silences and possibilities.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Notes: Sophomores may reach out to the instructor for permission to take the course.***GNDST-333SS Advanced Seminar: 'Gender and Class in the Victorian Novel'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will investigate how gender and class serve as structuring principles in the development of the Victorian novel in Britain, paying attention to the ways in which the form also develops in relation to emerging ideas about sexuality, race, nation, and religion. Novelists include Bronte, Dickens, Eliot, and Gaskell and we will read examples of domestic fiction, detective fiction, social realist novels, and the Victorian gothic.

*Crosslisted as: ENGL-323**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in English.**Notes: Meets the English department's 1700-1900 requirement.*

GNDST-333TH Advanced Seminar: 'Transforming Harm and Mutual Aid: A Transformative Justice Lab'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The overall goal of this course is to make explicit connections between mutual aid and transformative justice, and the intertwined place-based and community histories in which these interventions continue to be made. Students will leave with a grounded understanding of the connections, tensions and differences between transformative justice and restorative justice and criminal justice. Alongside Dean Spade's *Mutual Aid Building Solidarity During This Crisis (and the Next)*, students will be introduced to the radical history of mutual aid-- learning the difference between "charity" and "solidarity" -- and how mutual aid might interrupt systemic to interpersonal harm.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-372

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

Prereq: A 200-level course in Gender Studies, Critical Social Thought, or Critical Race Political Economy.

GNDST-333TX Advanced Seminar: 'Abolition and Radical Textiles'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

How do the topics of abolition and textiles come together? Marginalized communities have historically used folkloric, textile arts and material culture to amplify abolitionist causes. From secret quilt codes of the Underground Railroad to an abolitionist community sustained by a silk mill in Florence, Massachusetts how might thinking *with* textiles intervene on patriarchal systems rooted in rigidity, isolation and punishment? From the social devaluation of domesticized and feminized labor of weaving, quilting, sewing to banners, students will theorize and experiment with textiles, leaving with a grounded understanding of how textiles/fibers can and have played an essential role in the history of abolition.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-373, ARTST-380TX

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive, Community-Based Learning

Prereq: 8 credits in Critical Race Political Economy, Gender Studies, and/or Art Studio.

Notes: This course has a \$75 materials fee.

GNDST-333WE Advanced Seminar: 'Weird Feelings: Unsettling Latin American Short Fiction'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In this course we will read and discuss a group of short stories written by contemporary female, queer and trans Latin American authors. These stories deal with (among other weird feelings and states) the uncanny, the unsettling and the horror of daily life as well as processes of becoming, embodiment and disidentification. This course considers the intersections of identity and imagination, race, gender, and class. Special attention is given to the way in which these writings depict oppression and resilience and how they reinvent the Latin American short story writing tradition. Authors may include Ivan Monalisa, Guadalupe Nettel, Mariana Enriquez, Camila Sosa, and Claudia Salazar.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-330WE

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

GNDST-333WP Advanced Seminar: 'Women, Politics, and Activism in United States History'

Fall. Credits: 4

From the Revolution to the Nineteenth Amendment, the denial of women's right to vote shaped their activism across a wide range of movements and initiatives. Patterns of mobilization and leadership that emerged in that era left powerful legacies. We will consider forces that have driven women to polarized political views and efforts that have united them across differences, from the 1770s to the present. How have the actions of Indigenous, African American, and immigrant women shaped the nation's political landscape? How have race, class, gender, sexuality, immigration, and empire informed women's activism? Student efforts will culminate in the production of a substantial research paper.

Crosslisted as: HIST-333WP

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in History or 4 credits in History and 4 credits in Gender Studies.

GNDST-392 Senior Seminar

Fall. Credits: 4

This course brings seniors together to develop and carry out a capstone project related to their specific interests while exploring the relationships among theory, activism, research and practice in gender studies and/or critical social thought. Projects can take different forms. Seniors with diverse interests, perspectives, and expertise will have the opportunity to reflect on the significance of their education in relation to their current and past work, their capstone or senior projects, their academic studies as a whole or their engagements outside of academia. Course readings and discussion will be shaped by students in collaboration with the instructor.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-392

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is limited to seniors.; This course is limited to CST or Gender Studies majors.

GNDST-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Geography

Overview and Contact Information

Geography is an integrated discipline that studies the relationships between people, places, society, and the environment. Mount Holyoke College geography majors and minors learn about the impacts of social, economic, environmental, and political processes that shape spaces and places, the science of earth systems, the human dimensions of global environmental and climate change, and the use of geographic information science (GIS) and remote sensing techniques to represent and analyze data and knowledge at different spatial scales.

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Learning Goals

Students majoring/minoring in geography draw upon their individual interests and passions to chart unique paths through the discipline. Yet, within this diversity, students take courses that are informed by the following key learning goals:

- Understand and use geographic concepts of place, space, and scale to explore human-environment relations.
- Recognize the physical processes that shape the patterns of the earth’s surface, including landforms, climate, and ecosystems.
- Explore the many sub-disciplines of geography.
- Apply geographic methods, theories, and perspectives to critically tackle pressing societal questions.
- Articulate geographic research questions and demonstrate effective reading and writing skills.
- Apply mapping and geospatial technologies to analyze geographic data and solve geographic problems.
- Understand and utilize basic quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Geology and Geography:

Michelle Markley, Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Professor of Geology

Mark McMenamin, Professor of Geology

Serin Houston, Associate Professor of Geography and International Relations

Dinko Hanaan Dinko, Assistant Professor of Earth Environmental Sustainability

Alan Werner, Professor Emeritus of Geology

Ashley Allen, Visiting Assistant Professor in Geography

Kinuyo Kanamaru, Visiting Assistant Professor in Earth Science

Caroline Loomis, Visiting Assistant Professor in Geography

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
GEOG-105	World Regional Geography	4
GEOL-107	Environmental Geology ¹	4
GEOG-205	Mapping and Spatial Analysis	4
or GEOG-210	GIS for the Social Sciences and Humanities	
Any four 200-level courses in Geography or from the list of approved courses ²		16
Any two 300-level seminar courses in Geography or from the list of approved courses ²		8
Total Credits		36

¹ GEOL-104, GEOL-105, or GEOG-107 may be taken in place of GEOL-107.
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A full list of approved courses (p. 230) appears at the end of the Geography Courses section.

Additional Specifications

- Many geography courses are offered in alternate years. Students should consult the department when planning their major.
- Courses from other departments, the Five Colleges, and abroad may also apply toward the 300-level course requirement in the major.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
GEOG-105	World Regional Geography	4
Any three 200-level courses in Geography or from the list of approved courses ¹		12
Any 300-level seminar course in Geography or from the list of approved courses ¹		4
Total Credits		20

¹ A full list of approved courses (p. 230) appears at the end of the Geography Courses section.

Additional Specifications

- Many geography courses are offered in alternate years. Students should consult the department when planning their minor.
- Courses from the Five Colleges or abroad may also apply toward the 300-level course requirement in the minor.

Course Offerings

GEOG-103 Environmental Geology

Fall. Credits: 4

The only planet known to sustain life, Earth provides all the resources that sustain us, yet at the same time it can be an unpredictable and sometimes dangerous home. Floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and other natural processes challenge our ingenuity, while we also contend with self-induced problems such as pollution, desertification, and global climate change. This course examines earth processes, how these affect our lives, and how we can best live with and sustain our environment.

Crosslisted as: GEOL-104EG

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

GEOG-104 Dinosaurs

Spring. Credits: 4

The first dinosaur fossils recognized in North America were footprints found in South Hadley. One of the most ancient dinosaur species in the United States was discovered close to campus. In this course we will learn the main types of non-avian dinosaurs, compare them to other ancient and modern vertebrates, and explore their physiology and their relationship to birds. To complete the final project, students will select a dinosaur species and study its geological age, geographic distribution, burial conditions, environmental preferences, ecological roles, feeding and reproductive strategies, and body form as they review the history of attempts to reconstruct their adopted dinosaur.

Crosslisted as: GEOL-104DN

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

GEOG-105 World Regional Geography*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course surveys the major geographic regions of the world in terms of environmental features and resource distributions, economic mainstays, population characteristics, cultural processes, social relationships, and patterns of urbanization and industrial growth. In addition to these topical foci, we use various sub-fields of geography to animate different regions. This approach provides a sense of depth while we also pursue a breadth of knowledge about the world.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

GEOG-107 Introduction to Physical Geography*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course provides a foundational understanding about how the Earth and its processes work, how they impact and control the habitability of our planet, and how vital they are to our very existence. These foundations are important for all of us to gain a holistic view of our integrated geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and cryosphere. At the same time, we will explore the notion of scientific thinking and analysis. We will discuss how researchers collect data, for ideas, and then test those ideas to help us understand Earth's processes and history. Scientific research can help evaluate the impact of human activity on our home planet and it can have a direct impact on public policy.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

GEOG-202 Cities in a Global Context*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Cities are dynamic landscapes informed by myriad economic, political, social, environmental, and cultural processes. This course delves into the forces of urbanization and examines how cities have been investigated, built, experienced, and lived in throughout history and around the globe. By accenting a geographic perspective and drawing upon an array of theoretical ideas and empirical examples, this class grapples with the fascinating complexities of the urban context.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

GEOG-205 Mapping and Spatial Analysis*Spring. Credits: 4*

Provides a comprehensive introduction to maps, including their design, compilation, and computer production. Introduces students to the principles of abstracting the Earth's surface into spatial databases using GIS, remote sensing, and Global Positioning Satellites.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

GEOG-206 Political Geography*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Systemically studies political phenomena and their geographic expression, at a variety of spatial scales – national, regional, and international. Major themes include nation-state formation, boundary, territory, and ethnic issues, regional blocs and spheres of influence, and conflicts over access to and use of resources.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

GEOG-208 Global Movements: Migrations, Refugees and Diasporas*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The voluntary and involuntary movement of people around the globe is the focus of this course on migrations, refugees, and diasporas.

Questions of borders, nativism, transnationalism, the global economy, and legality thread through this course as we consider the many social, cultural, environmental, economic, and political factors shaping decisions to leave a home or homeland. Historical and contemporary case studies, compelling theoretical texts, and geographic perspectives on these topics collectively animate our discussions.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

GEOG-210 GIS for the Social Sciences and Humanities*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course introduces the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other geospatial technologies in the social sciences and the humanities. The student will learn to collect, process, and analyze quantitative data within the spatial (geographic) context where they occur. Course content may include research topics from current faculty.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Advisory: Proficiency with computers and quantitative data analysis.

GEOG-212 Care and Capital: A Feminist Geography of Labor*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores how gender, race, class, and power influence economies and are shaped by economics. Using feminist geography frameworks, we ask questions like: What defines a worker? What kinds of work are valued? How are money, care, and survival represented, challenged, and reimagined? Through case studies, discussions, and projects, students investigate how labor divisions are created and maintained, the production and consumption of commodities, and the nexus of gendered, racialized, and classed inequities. Additional course topics include global structures of work, the undervaluation of care and reproductive labor, and the cultural narratives that construct "the economy."

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

GEOG-224 Atmosphere and Weather*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course provides a detailed introduction to the earth's atmosphere with particular emphasis on the troposphere extending from the surface to 10km in elevation. Topics include the earth's solar energy budget, atmospheric pressure and wind systems, global and local meteorological processes, and weather forecasting. The class will make significant use of meteorological data and satellite imagery taken from NOAA's National Weather Service to study seasonal weather patterns, rain and snow events, and catastrophic hurricanes.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: Any 100-level natural science course.

Advisory: Students who have taken high school earth science but not a college-level natural science course are welcome to request instructor permission to enroll.

GEOG-230 Environmental Soil Science*Fall. Credits: 4*

Introduction to the physical, chemical, and biological properties of soils and their relationship to environmental quality, agricultural production, and land management. This course will also describe the processes of origin and development of soils as natural entities and how they affect the different ecosystems where they are located. Some field work required.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Prereq: Any 100 or 200 level science course or GEOG-107.

GEOG-261 Collaborative Research Experience

Collaborative research experiences combine direct mentorship from faculty, group discussions and learning, and independent inquiry that leads to substantive student research projects. The thematic focus of these experiences varies. Students can develop research projects on a topic of their choice related to the class theme or participate in the faculty member's research in the field.

GEOG-261CT Collaborative Research Experience: 'Cities'*Spring. Credits: 4*

This collaborative research experience focuses on cities and their dynamism. It affords students the opportunity to combine aspects of both a typical course and of an independent study to examine numerous facets of urban life, such as, the impacts of urban planning and design, lived experiences in cities, and the possibilities for just and regenerative urban futures. Steeped within geographic and urban theories and scholarship, by the end of the semester, students will have produced a substantive research project (on a topic of their choice or aligned with the professor's research), experienced direct mentorship from the professor, and participated in group discussions and collaborative learning.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***GEOG-261MG Collaborative Research Experience: 'Human Migration'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This collaborative research experience focuses on human migration and invites students to consider, for example: the spatial and temporal patterns of migration and settlement, migrant representations and their implications, and the impacts of borders and bordering. The class uses geographic and migration theories as analytical guides and combines aspects of a typical course with independent study to examine human migration. By the end of the semester, students will have produced a substantive research project (on a topic of their choice or aligned with the professor's research), experienced direct mentorship from the professor, and participated in group discussions and collaborative learning.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***GEOG-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***GEOG-311 Seminar in Geography**

These seminars present selected topics in geography that reflect contemporary problems, current geographical ideas, philosophical and methodological trends in geography, and/or the history and development of geographical thought.

GEOG-311CU Seminar: 'Critical Urban Geography'*Fall. Credits: 4*

This seminar engages with the evolving field of critical urban geography. We will consider contemporary issues in cities around the world by examining scholarship related to environmental, political, economic, social and spatial themes.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***GEOG-312 Seminar in Geography**

These seminars present selected topics in geography that reflect contemporary problems, current geographical ideas, philosophical and methodological trends in geography, and/or the history and development of geographical thought.

GEOG-321 Advanced Geographic Information Systems*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course builds advanced skills in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), combining theory with weekly labs to create confident, independent users. Students move beyond mapmaking to analyze and visualize data, apply spatial models, and integrate Python programming into GIS workflows. Hands-on projects emphasize decision-making, critical thinking, and problem solving, while showcasing advanced ArcGIS functions. By working with both quantitative and qualitative datasets, students gain the ability to use GIS creatively and effectively in academic and professional contexts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: GEOG-205 or GEOG-210.***GEOG-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Courses Meeting Requirements for the Geography Major and Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-200	Environmental Science	4
ENVST-206	Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change	4
ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
ENVST-216	Global Environmental Justice	4
ENVST-223	Development Geography	4
ENVST-314	China in the Global South	4
ENVST-321CP	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Political Economy of the Environment: Capitalism and Climate Change'	4
ENVST-321EQ	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Food Equity and Empowerment'	4
ENVST-321GW	Conference Courses in Environmental Studies: 'Human Health and Water'	4
ENVST-331	Water, People, and Politics in the Anthropocene	4
Geography		
GEOG-105	World Regional Geography	4
GEOG-202	Cities in a Global Context	4
GEOG-205	Mapping and Spatial Analysis	4
GEOG-206	Political Geography	4
GEOG-208	Global Movements: Migrations, Refugees and Diasporas	4
GEOG-210	GIS for the Social Sciences and Humanities	4
GEOG-212	Care and Capital: A Feminist Geography of Labor	4
GEOG-224	Atmosphere and Weather	4
GEOG-230	Environmental Soil Science	4
GEOG-261CT	Collaborative Research Experience: 'Cities'	4
GEOG-261MG	Collaborative Research Experience: 'Human Migration'	4
GEOG-311CU	Seminar: 'Critical Urban Geography'	4
GEOG-321	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	4
Geology		

GEOL-104EG	Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography: 'Environmental Geology'	4
GEOL-104HM	Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography: 'Earth As Home'	4
GEOL-342CC	Seminar in Geology: 'Global Effects of Climate Change'	4

Geology

Overview and Contact Information

The geology major offers students hands-on learning in the classroom, lab, and field. Intermediate and upper-level courses are relatively small and explore geologic materials, physical and biological processes, and earth history and change. We recommend strongly courses in the cognate sciences (biology, chemistry, and physics), as well as calculus and/or statistics.

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Learning Goals

Students majoring or minoring in geology learn about the dynamic processes and history that shaped our planet and provide us with the resources and natural environments on which we rely. This is a fascinating field of study that also prepares one for outstanding employment opportunities. Our courses are designed to achieve the following learning goals:

- Develop observational and quantitative skills appropriate for field, laboratory, analytical, and modeling methods of geoscience inquiry.
- Develop sophisticated and nuanced reasoning skills to evaluate multiple working hypotheses, integrate earth science data gathered at different spatial and temporal scales, and critically assess data, ideas, and methods from the published literature.
- Become an effective communicator, able to ask interesting questions, collaborate with peers, and engage thoughtfully and respectfully in discussion; to write about scientific observations and interpretations using appropriate vocabulary and style; and to orally and graphically present data, ideas, and methods from your own research and from published literature.
- We encourage geology majors to be informed about ideas and methods within the cognate sciences of biology, chemistry, physics, and math and statistics.
- Geology majors will understand the importance of earth processes and materials in shaping the history and future of humanity.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Geology and Geography:

Michelle Markley, Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Professor of Geology

Mark McMenamin, Professor of Geology

Serin Houston, Associate Professor of Geography and International Relations

Dinko Hanaan Dinko, Assistant Professor of Earth Environmental Sustainability

Alan Werner, Professor Emeritus of Geology

Ashley Allen, Visiting Assistant Professor in Geography

Kinuyo Kanamaru, Visiting Assistant Professor in Earth Science

Caroline Loomis, Visiting Assistant Professor in Geography

Eugenio Marciano, Manager of the Geo-Processing Lab; Instructor in Geology and Geography

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
32 credits in geology ¹		
8 credits in geology at the 100 level or above		8
16 credits in geology at the 200 level or above		16
8 credits in geology at the 300 level		8
4 credits in chemistry		
CHEM-150 (or 4 credits of Advanced Placement Chemistry)		4
Total Credits		36

¹ A full list of approved courses (p. 234) appears at the end of the Geology Courses section.

Additional Specifications

- No more than 4 credits of independent study (GEOL-295 or GEOL-395) may be counted towards the major.
- Geography, environmental studies, astronomy, and other geology courses in the Five Colleges and from abroad may also apply toward the major as electives or, in some cases, as substitutes for required courses.
- A summer field course may also count for 4-6 credits in geology.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One 100-level geology course		4
12 credits in geology at the 200 level or above		12
4 additional credits in geology at the 300 level		4
Total Credits		20

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of earth and space science can create a special earth science major and combine this course work with a minor in education. For specific course requirements for licensure in earth and space science within the field of geology (and related disciplines), please consult your advisor or the chair of the geology and geography department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog. Students interested in pursuing

teacher licensure should set up an initial advising session with Sarah Frenette, Five College Teacher Licensure Coordinator and director of the Early Childhood/Elementary Teacher Licensure Program, by the middle of the sophomore year in order to identify course work in the major and in the arts and sciences necessary for licensure.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Offerings

GEOL-103 Oceanography

Spring. Credits: 4

Because more than seventy percent of our planet is covered by oceans, the study of marine systems is crucial to our understanding of Earth History and life on the planet. We will examine chemical, physical, geological, and biological processes in the oceans at a variety of scales in time and space. We will explore how the Earth's oceans formed, how they provided the foundations for life, and how they continue to affect weather and climate, stabilize global chemical cycles, erode coastlines and provide access to resources. We will conclude the semester with a discussion of the human impact on the ocean environment including sea level rise, acidification, coral bleaching and over-fishing.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

GEOL-104 Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography

Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography courses are designed to serve first-year students and sophomores interested in exploring the natural sciences. These courses also prepare students for upper-level coursework in geology, physical geography, and the earth, oceanographic, and atmospheric sciences. Students may only take one section of GEOL-104.

GEOL-104DN Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography: 'Dinosaurs'

Spring. Credits: 4

The first dinosaur fossils recognized in North America were footprints found in South Hadley. One of the most ancient dinosaur species in the United States was discovered close to campus. In this course we will learn the main types of non-avian dinosaurs, compare them to other ancient and modern vertebrates, and explore their physiology and their relationship to birds. To complete the final project, students will select a dinosaur species and study its geological age, geographic distribution, burial conditions, environmental preferences, ecological roles, feeding and reproductive strategies, and body form as they review the history of attempts to reconstruct their adopted dinosaur.

Crosslisted as: GEOG-104

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

GEOL-104EG Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography: 'Environmental Geology'

Fall. Credits: 4

The only planet known to sustain life, Earth provides all the resources that sustain us, yet at the same time it can be an unpredictable and sometimes dangerous home. Floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and other natural processes challenge our ingenuity, while we also contend with self-induced problems such as pollution, desertification, and global climate change. This course examines earth processes, how these affect our lives, and how we can best live with and sustain our environment.

Crosslisted as: GEOG-103

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

GEOL-104HM Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography: 'Earth As Home'

Fall. Credits: 4

Earth is our home, and it is essential to understand the planet's geology and physical geography if we aspire to be good planetary stewards. In this course we will learn about the physical structure and constituents of earth. We will consider in detail its rocks, its atmosphere, and its oceans, with particular focus on earth's surface features: their origins, their beauty, and their utility as habitat for humans and other creatures. The primary goal of this course is to give you a sufficient understanding of geology and physical geography to enable you to both appreciate the majesty, and respond to any threats to the integrity of our collective home.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

GEOL-105CC Introduction to Geology: 'Climate Change'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course is about past, present, and future global climate and environmental change. We will discover how the climate system works, how the climate has evolved over geologic time, and what might be in store for us in the future – as human population grows, landscapes are modified and greenhouse gas concentrations increase in our atmosphere. We will study some of the biggest climate events in Earth's history and will come to appreciate how rapid changes currently underway compare to the natural range and pace of climatic variability. The course will provide students with an up-to-date assessment of 1) how the climate system works, 2) to what extent humans are causing climate change, 3) what the consequences of those changes might be, and 4) what can be done to mitigate the most adverse effects of those changes.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Coreq: GEOL-105CCL.

GEOL-107 Environmental Geology

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The only planet known to sustain life, Earth provides all the resources that sustain us, yet at the same time it can be an unpredictable and sometimes dangerous home. Floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and other natural processes challenge our ingenuity, while we also contend with self-induced problems such as pollution, desertification, and even global climate change. This course examines earth processes, how these affect our lives, and how we can best live with and sustain our environment. May be taken for 200-level credit with permission of instructor.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

GEOL-201 Rocks and Minerals*Spring. Credits: 4*

In this course you will learn to recognize the common rock-forming minerals and principal rock types, and to understand their origins, properties, associations, and geological significance. Observational skills and hand sample identification will be emphasized in lab.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Coreq: GEOL-201L.**Advisory: Students must have either a one-year high school earth science class or any 100- or 200-level Geology, GEOG-107, or CHEM-150.***GEOL-202 History of Earth***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the evolution and interaction of life, rocks, oceans, and air during the past 4 billion years of earth history. Some topics covered are: the geologic time scale, significant events in earth history, ice ages and greenhouse atmospheres, continental drift, extinctions and radiations of flora and fauna, the geology of the anthropocene, and absolute and relative dating of rocks. Oral presentations and writing assignments focus on the design and testing of earth science hypotheses, and critical analysis of recently published research on earth history.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: One 100-level Geology course.***GEOL-203 The Earth's Surface***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The surface of the Earth is a history book of past environmental change. Every hill and valley, every erosional feature and every deposit is the result of processes acting at the Earth's surface. In this course we study these processes (e.g. glaciers, rivers, slopes, coastlines, arid regions, frozen ground, cave formation, soil development and groundwater) to understand how they work and to understand the resulting landforms and deposits. With this understanding we can then observe different landforms and deposits and infer past processes (i.e. environments of deposition).

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: One 100-level Geology course.***GEOL-210 Plate Tectonics***Fall. Credits: 4*

Plate tectonic theory explains the origins of volcanoes and earthquakes, continental drift, and the locations of mountain belts and oceans. This course focuses on the geometry of plate tectonics. Topics include mid-ocean ridge systems, transform faults, subduction zones, relative plate motion, earthquake analysis, triple point junctions, and stereographic projection.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: Any one course in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, Geology, or Physics.**Advisory: Comfort with geometry and trigonometry required.***GEOL-211 Uranium***Spring. Credits: 4*

From the A-bomb to zircon, uranium has revolutionized humanity's destructive potential and wisdom about time. Uranium is the planet's heaviest naturally occurring element, and it transforms by both radioactive decay and nuclear fission. This course explores these two transformations and what we make of them, specifically: nuclear power, nuclear weapons, nuclear wastelanding, radiation and health, and research on deep time. We use modeling to explore high-precision dating of recent geologic and climate events as well as the age of the oldest rocks on earth. Some math is involved. Writing and reading assignments focus on science communication for a general audience.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: One course in Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Math, Physics, or Statistics.***GEOL-224 Sedimentology***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Sedimentary rocks provide us with repositories of fresh water, hydrocarbons, and other critical raw materials, as well as geological evidence for the history of planet earth. This course will introduce students to the study of sedimentary rocks and their environments of deposition, with a focus on the varied processes of sediment accumulation. We will employ the principles of stratigraphic analysis and correlation to interpret ancient environments, paleoclimate, and paleogeography, and use these tools to probe the characteristics of sedimentary basins. Field trips will introduce a variety of analytical techniques used to study sedimentary rocks.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: Any one course in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, Geology, or Physics.***GEOL-226 Oceanography & Marine Science***Spring. Credits: 4*

Most of earth's surface is covered by oceans, giving our "blue marble" a unique look. Oceanic waters make it both nice and dangerous to live near the coasts. We will learn here about oceans by means of key questions. Where did all this water come from? What can we learn about the nature of the seas and their inhabitants? How have these creatures changed oceans through time? How do geology and tectonics determine the depth of an ocean basin? How do marine currents, the Coriolis effect, and strange ice-like substances in the sea floor influence global climate? In this course, we will gain a much-needed, more complete view of our global home.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences***GEOL-229 Hydrology and Hydrogeology: Hydrological Cycle, Surface, and Groundwater Movement***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will introduce students to water science where we investigate the hydrological cycle, water distribution on the earth's surface and subsurface at the continental and catchments scale. We will study atmospheric processes such as precipitation, evapotranspiration, and surface runoff to understand how it affects the quantity and quality of potable water availability. Students will learn and practice introductory level groundwater calculations which are mathematical equations that describe the flow and storage of water.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences***GEOL-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

GEOL-321 The Science of Paleontology*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Our understanding of the fossil record is critical for today, as it helps us to comprehend the current state of the planet and its inhabitants. Using a variety of tools and techniques, this course will provide you with a one semester apprenticeship in paleontological science. We will examine the morphology, evolution, survivorship, paleogeography and ecological relationships of ancient organisms. Our subjects will include plants, invertebrate animals, and vertebrate animals, with examples ranging from the Precambrian to the Pleistocene. We will address quantitative questions in paleontology by means of Excel and R Studio.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: Two college-level science courses.***GEOL-322 Petrology***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course covers mineralogical and chemical compositions, classification, genesis and mode of occurrence of igneous and metamorphic rocks. The structure of the course is a lab course, focusing on the methodology and analytical techniques used to study rock specimens.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: GEOL-201.***GEOL-333 Structural Geology and Orogenesis***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course covers the basic techniques of field geology and structural analysis. Lectures concentrate on field techniques, stress, strain, faulting, folding, rock strength, deformation mechanisms, and multidisciplinary approaches to mountain building (orogenesis). Weekly writing assignments focus on presenting original research and distinguishing between observations and interpretations.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits from Geology including GEOL-201.***GEOL-334 Historical Geology***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course digs into the geologic time scale in the context of the evolution and interaction of life, sediments, rocks, oceans, and air during the past few billion years. Some topics covered are: ice ages and greenhouse atmospheres, continental drift, extinctions and radiations of flora and fauna, the early evolution of earth, and absolute and relative dating of rocks. Students collaborate during class meetings to develop a nuanced understanding of the data and methods that define the geologic time scale in scientific literature. A final exam involves memorization of the geologic time scale and significant events in earth history.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: two courses in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, or Geology.**Advisory: Students who have completed GEOL-202 may not take this course.***GEOL-342 Seminar in Geology**

Seminars offer directed study and discussion of one or more selected topics in geology. Topics vary from year to year. Consult the department for information about future seminars.

GEOL-342CC Seminar in Geology: 'Global Effects of Climate Change'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Climate change is shifting the historical climate due to temperature increases and changing weather patterns. Historical monitoring of atmospheric gases has shown that anthropogenic contributions since the Industrial Revolution are the leading causes. Today, the effects of climate change vary by location and are most visible in weather patterns, where some locations are becoming wetter or dryer. The global temperatures of land surfaces and oceans have increased over time, and these shifts have also directly affected biodiversity and human activity. This discussion-based seminar aims to cover peer-reviewed articles on the effects of climate change in different regions of the world.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the sciences.***GEOL-342SR Seminar in Geology: 'Sustainable Resources'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Have you ever wanted to know where the materials in your phone came from? Or the gemstones in your jewelry? How about the environmental impacts of extracting those resources from the Earth? Or the human impacts? In this seminar, we will explore mining of minerals and gems, as well as the environmental cost of that extraction and use, with an eye to making Earth material resources more sustainable.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***GEOL-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Courses Meeting Requirements for the Geology Major

Code	Title	Credits
Astronomy		
ASTR-104	Planet Earth	4
ASTR-223	Planetary Science	4
ASTR-330MA	Topics in Planetary Science: 'Mars'	4
ASTR-330MN	Topics in Planetary Science: 'Moon'	4
ASTR-330WR	Topics in Planetary Science: 'Ocean Worlds'	4
Chemistry		
CHEM-211	Environmental Chemistry	4
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-321	Fundamentals of Microscopy	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-200	Environmental Science	4
Geography		
GEOG-104	Dinosaurs	4
GEOG-205	Mapping and Spatial Analysis	4
GEOG-210	GIS for the Social Sciences and Humanities	4
GEOG-224	Atmosphere and Weather	4
GEOG-230	Environmental Soil Science	4
GEOG-321	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	4
Geology		
GEOL-103	Oceanography	4

GEOL-104DN	Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography: 'Dinosaurs'	4
GEOL-104EG	Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography: 'Environmental Geology'	4
GEOL-104HM	Introduction to Geology and Physical Geography: 'Earth As Home'	4
GEOL-105CC	Introduction to Geology: 'Climate Change'	4
GEOL-107	Environmental Geology	4
GEOL-201	Rocks and Minerals	4
GEOL-202	History of Earth	4
GEOL-203	The Earth's Surface	4
GEOL-210	Plate Tectonics	4
GEOL-211	Uranium	4
GEOL-224	Sedimentology	4
GEOL-226	Oceanography & Marine Science	4
GEOL-229	Hydrology and Hydrogeology: Hydrological Cycle, Surface, and Groundwater Movement	4
GEOL-321	The Science of Paleontology	4
GEOL-322	Petrology	4
GEOL-333	Structural Geology and Orogenesis	4
GEOL-334	Historical Geology	4
GEOL-342CC	Seminar in Geology: 'Global Effects of Climate Change'	4
GEOL-342SR	Seminar in Geology: 'Sustainable Resources'	4

German Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The major in German studies integrates learning inside and outside the classroom, the development of language skills with the study of the social, economic, and cultural developments in the German-speaking countries, in the past and present and within a larger transnational context. Students entering the College in Fall 2023 who declare a German Studies major or minor and those from a previous entrance year completing these programs should expect to need some Five College classes to complete the programs. *Students entering Fall 2024 or later will not have the option to declare a German Studies major or minor.*

Study and Internships Abroad in German-Speaking Countries

A junior year or semester, as well as summer programs and internships in Germany, is open to both majors and non-majors. To be appropriately prepared for study in Germany, students who wish to participate are required to have studied German continuously, at least one course taught in German each semester, during their first and second years. Majors spending their junior year in a German-speaking country with a program approved by the department and the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives normally satisfy some of the minimum requirements of their major while abroad. By completing appropriate course work, including written work, students majoring in German may transfer the equivalent of one course per semester at the 300 level and additional credits at the 200 level. Minors spending the junior year in a German-speaking country with a program approved by the department and the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives may bring back the equivalent of one course at the 300 level and one course at the 200 level. Upon their return, students are required to participate in at least one course per semester in the department so that faculty can evaluate them based on

work done in the senior year when writing recommendations for graduate school or employment opportunities.

The department has an exchange program with the University of Leipzig. In addition, the department participates in the College's exchange with the Berlin School of Economics and Law. The department encourages students to apply for DAAD scholarships to help finance study abroad in Germany and DAAD RISE internships (for students in STEM fields). The chair and other faculty will assist each student with selecting an individually appropriate opportunities. See the department's webpage (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/german-studies>) for more details. Our students frequently spend time abroad, either in their junior year or in the summer. They also take advantage of diverse internship opportunities at German investment banks or brokerage firms, science laboratories, hospitals, newspapers, intercultural agencies, schools, radio and television stations, museums, libraries, archives, and other places of professional interest to them.

Our graduating seniors have consistently been awarded such highly regarded national and international graduate fellowships as DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), Fulbright, PAD (Pädagogischer Austauschdienst), Congress/Bundestag Fellowship for Young Professionals, Bundestag Internship Program (Internationale Parlaments-Praktika Internship Programm), CDS Emigré Parliamentary/Cultural Vistas Internships, and internships with the European Union.

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Learning Goals

Department Level

In addition to mastery of the German language (see course specific goals below), a German major or minor who graduates from Mount Holyoke College will have achieved these overarching departmental learning goals:

1. To acquire the analytical, cultural, and linguistic competence in German and German Studies to understand major debates, trajectories, and directions in German history, culture and society.
2. To express analytical ideas, formulate opinions, and discuss topics with relative ease and precision in German, both written and spoken.
3. To have a working knowledge of decolonial and transnational approaches to German Studies, including an understanding of topics such as identity, citizenship and belonging, memory, globalization, nationalism, imperialism, cosmopolitanism, etc.
4. To develop intellectual breadth through study across different disciplines and modes of inquiry relating to German Studies (i.e. language and cultural studies, history, politics, critical social thought, etc.).

Course Level

Elementary (Completion of Sequence of GRMST-101 and 102, or GRMST-103)

- Communicate in German on a range of everyday situations.
- Produce responses to questions (oral & written) using vocabulary and structures as presented in the lesson plans and texts read.
- Understand and produce a variety of text types (personal letters, emails); write (and rewrite) shorter creative essays (Schreibaufgaben) as well as at least 4 progressively longer essays.
- Comprehend German grammar requiring some review and more contextualized analysis and discussion on the next level (GRMST-201).
- Read and summarize the content of German texts, both orally and in writing, written specifically for German learners, and/or authentic texts written for children or young people in Germany.

Intermediate (GRMST-201)

- Have a sound understanding of the diversity of contemporary life in the German-speaking world with some in-depth knowledge on specific topics.
- Possess global comprehension of authentic materials (including texts, films, videos on YouTube, etc.) and some fine-point knowledge analysis.
- Produce spoken and written discourse from description to narration, to formulation of arguments and/or hypotheses, while incorporating an increasing variety of style and complexity.
- Improve writing and speaking abilities in German through extensive writing and re-writing of assignments as well as recordings and analysis of oral presentations.
- Read at least one (possibly two) longer works written in German.

Advanced Intermediate (Two 200-level classes above GRMST-201)

- Will know how to work with authentic materials and use acquired knowledge to discuss and understand related issues.
- Produce medium-length analytical essays, a final paper (Hausarbeit) similar to those written by students at a German university and narratives based on first-hand experience, fiction, non-fiction, visual texts, and media.
- Engage in class discussions, debate, and group interactions in German with relative ease using appropriate vocabulary and produce a basic German university-style Referat.
- Analyze visual and printed texts. understand historical perspectives within German cultures that existed prior to the 20th and 21st centuries.
- Produce a basic German-style Hausarbeit and acquire a basic knowledge of how to research a topic.

Advanced level (300-level courses)

- Formulate, develop, present, and document original research questions, their thesis, and arguments made in oral presentations, written abstracts, and group projects in relatively precise German.
- Write, with revision(s), an analytical study of at least 12 pages (15-20 pages for the senior seminar) including footnotes and bibliography.
- Present analysis of course material, discussion questions, and individual research projects orally (20-minute presentations).
- Understand major debates, trajectories, and directions in the field of German studies. Integrate this study with at least one other discipline (e.g., international relations or European studies) and other transnational contexts.

- Express analytical ideas, formulate opinions, and discuss topics with relative ease in German.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of German Studies:

Catherine McNally, Visiting Assistant Professor of German Studies

Requirements for the Major

Students should note that completion of this major will likely require them to travel to other institutions within the Five Colleges. The major is not available to students entering the college on or after Fall 2024.

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
20 credits beyond GRMST-115 drawn from these or other upper-level courses:		
GRMST-201		
GRMST-205	¹	
GRMST-221		
GRMST-223	^{2,3}	
GRMST-231	²	
Three additional courses (12 credits), taught in German, at the 300 level including: ³		12
GRMST-325		
Total Credits		32

¹ GRMST-205 may be replaced by other German or European studies courses at Mount Holyoke or the other Five Colleges with the approval of faculty.

² GRMST-221 and GRMST-223 courses are taught in German; GRMST-231 courses are taught in English. GRMST-221, GRMST-223, and GRMST-231 may be taken more than once as long as the topic is different.

³ GRMST-223 may be taken for 300-level credit, with approval of the instructor.

Additional Specifications

- Students entering the College in Fall 2023 who declare a German Studies major or minor and those from a previous entrance year completing these programs should expect to need some Five College classes to complete the programs. Students entering Fall 2024 or later will not have the option to declare a German Studies major or minor.
- A maximum of 8 credits toward the major may include courses taught in English, such as GRMST-231 or, with permission of the department, other cross-listed topics courses at the 200 or 300 level.
- As culture is constructed and expressed through language, students are expected to conduct their work in the department and as much work as possible outside the department, in the German language. The major in German studies is intended to provide a focused concentration in the language and culture of the German-speaking countries within transnational European contexts. Students achieve an advanced level of translingual and transcultural competence.
- Students' trajectory towards completing the requirements for the German major is based on their level of language proficiency when

they enter Mount Holyoke. Individual course selection is to be coordinated with the chair or departmental advisor.

- In conjunction with their advisors, students plan an individualized program of study suited to their interests and backgrounds. To ensure breadth of background and context, we strongly encourage students to include at least one pre-twentieth century course and to complement their German Studies major with a second major, minor, Nexus, or Five College certificate. Students may focus on a specific topic, period, or century. Courses focusing on German and/or European culture and taught in other departments or programs may be selected from such fields as anthropology, art, critical social thought, economics, environmental studies, film studies, gender studies, history, history of science, international relations, Jewish studies, music, politics, philosophy, psychology, religious studies, sociology, and theater arts.

The minor in German studies is intended to provide a focused introduction to the language and culture of German-speaking countries within a larger transnational context. Students achieve a basic level of trans-lingual and transcultural competence. The minor is not available to students entering the college on or after Fall 2024.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
GRMST-205		4
At least one 4-credit course at the 300 level in the Department of German Studies		4
Two additional 4-credit courses in German Studies beyond GRMST-102:		8
The first must be taught in German beyond the 100 level.		
The second may include any of the following: ¹		
GRMST-201, 221, 223 (4 credits, taught in German) ²		
GRMST-230, 231 (4 credits, taught in English)		
Or an additional course at the 300-level		
Total Credits		16

¹ Other courses may count toward the minor if approved by the department chair.

² GRMST-223 may be taken more than once as long as the topics are different.

Additional Specifications

- Students entering the College in Fall 2023 who declare the German Studies minor and those from a previous entrance year completing these programs should expect to need some Five College classes to complete the programs. Students entering Fall 2024 or later will not have the option to declare a German Studies minor.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of German studies can combine their course work with a minor in education (p. 348). In some instances, coursework in the major coincides with coursework required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For more information, please consult your advisor, the chair of the German studies department, information in the catalog on the minor in education (p. 348)

and teacher licensure (p. 349), or the program's website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice

Most courses are conducted in German, except our seminars GRMST-205 and the various GRMST-231 seminars.

GRMST-231 topics satisfy the Humanities distribution requirement. It may also be possible to count these topics toward the German major or minor with permission of the department.

Courses that satisfy the College language requirement only are designated as such. Other courses can satisfy either the language requirement or fulfill a Humanities distribution requirement.

Advice for New Students

First-Year Seminars offered by German Studies faculty and GRMST-231 are writing-intensive courses taught in English. Both courses are open to first-year students.

Placement in German Courses

The Department of German Studies will review the course selection of all entering students, taking into consideration school and AP records together with the results of the placement exam (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/german-studies>).

All students with prior knowledge of German who plan to elect German in either semester must complete this exam carefully. Final course placement will be based on the following considerations: the student's specific training in German, the results of the student's online placement exam, and scheduling possibilities. Students should take the online placement exam prior to registration, if possible.

Students in Groups II–IV, as described below, are required to complete the online placement exam. Students may choose their courses according to the following guidelines, but all students are encouraged to consult with the chair of the department during the summer or upon arrival on campus. Email: kremmler@mtholyoke.edu

- Group I: Students with no previous training in German, or with the equivalent of one year of study at the secondary school level, should elect GRMST-101 in the fall. GRMST-101 and GRMST-102 constitute a yearlong Elementary German course.
- Group II: Students who have studied German for more than one year but for fewer than four years, or who feel they need a comprehensive review of grammar, should elect GRMST-201. Students entering in the spring who have studied German for one or two years may choose GRMST-102 in consultation with the chair.
- Group III: Students with three or four years of study in German should ordinarily elect GRMST-221. Students with four or more years of German or extensive experience living in a German-speaking country

or speaking German should ordinarily elect GRMST-223 based on the results of the placement exam.

- Group IV: Other students with previous training in German should consult with the department chair (kremmler@mtholyoke.edu) during the summer or in September for individual placement or enroll in GRMST-223.

All students contemplating spending all or part of their junior year in Germany should elect German in the first semester of their first year, since two continuous years of German in college are normally required for junior year programs in Germany.

Course Offerings

German Studies Courses

Topics in German and European Studies in a Global Context

Global Business

Overview and Contact Information

All economic life is increasingly impacted by the forces of globalization. This Nexus track introduces students to the contemporary corporate world, the role of global markets, and debates about appropriate regulation and long-term implications. Students will explore in depth the tools of corporate leadership, the sociology of organizations, and models of regulation. Students may pursue internships with national or international for-profit corporations to complete the experiential requirement for this Nexus track.

See Also

- Economics (p. 151)
- Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society (p. 175)
- Nonprofit Organizations (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/nonprofit-organizations/>)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chairs:

Rick Feldman, Senior Lecturer in Entrepreneurship, Organizations and Society; Entrepreneurship Coordinator

Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus 16 or selected with approval of the track chair		
At least one course at the 300 level		

At least one course at the 200 level or above

One course at the 100 level or above ¹

A substantive summer internship ²

COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2

A presentation at LEAP Symposium

Total Credits	18

¹ Only one course at the 100 level is permitted to count toward the Nexus.

² The summer internship must meet College requirements for a substantial educational experience: At least 200 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization's stated mission and complements the student's area of focus.

Additional Specifications

- Nexus students will develop a brief proposal outlining their specific area of focus including a course outline. Students will schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete an online Plan of Study form to be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
 - COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Courses other than those listed below may count toward the Nexus. Students should consult the Nexus track chair for consideration of courses not on the list.

Code	Title	Credits
Asian Studies		
ASIAN-318	Business and Intercultural Communication In Chinese Society	4
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
Economics		
ECON-215	Economics of Corporate Finance	4
ECON-249HP	Topics in Economics: 'Economics of Shopping: An Introduction to Industrial Organization'	4
ECON-270	Accounting	4
ECON-307	Seminar in Industrial Organization	4
ECON-338	Money and Banking	4
Entrepreneurship, Orgs & Soc		
EOS-241	Business Organizations, Management, and Finance	4
EOS-249	Ethics in Entrepreneurship and Business	4
EOS-253	Social Entrepreneurship and Impact	4
EOS-299ND	Topic: 'Individuals and Organizations'	4
EOS-310	Social Entrepreneurship Capstone	4

EOS-349MV	Topic: 'Motivation'	4
EOS-349NQ	Topic: 'Organizations and Inequality'	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-333EC	Advanced Seminar: 'Gender Inequality and Economic Development: Challenges, Contradictions, and Contestations'	4
History		
HIST-252	History of Money	4
Politics		
POLIT-267	The Politics of Finance and Financial Crises	4
Psychology		
PSYCH-212	Individuals and Organizations	4
Sociology		
SOCI-216EC	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Sociology of Economic Life'	4
SOCI-216QD	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Qualitative Research and Data Analysis'	4
SOCI-239	How Capitalism Works: Social Class, Power, and Ideology	4
SOCI-316NQ	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Organizations and Inequality'	4

Greek

Overview and Contact Information

Ancient Greek is very much alive, not just in the medical and technical terms that pervade modern life, but in the numerous works that still speak to audiences today. Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, Greek tragedies, Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War* and, of course, the *New Testament* are just some of the names on Greek's list of "Greatest Hits."

These works, of course, can be read in translation, and the department offers a wide array of courses approaching the culture and history of Greek antiquity through readings entirely in English. But juxtapose any two translations of a work in Ancient Greek and you will quickly realize how much the translator stands between you and the original. For this reason, our language program is designed to allow students to read Homer's *Iliad* in Greek as soon as possible—and to help them learn to use the tools needed for learning Greek on their own. Beyond the first year, we offer a range of courses at all levels.

The Greek major (or minor) complements well the study of philosophy, religion, politics, English, ancient art history, and archaeology, and in some cases Greek is necessary for advanced study in these areas. It is also excellent preparation for law school, while some of our majors have completed their pre-med course work and gone on to medical school. Most important, the study of Greek (Latin, too) provides a strong foundation in the liberal arts, one that challenges students to think deeply about difficult questions and to value the power of language.

In addition to Greek the department offers majors in Latin, classics, and ancient studies. Classics combines the study of both ancient languages with courses in ancient history, art, philosophy, politics, or religion. Ancient studies approaches Greek and Roman civilizations from an interdisciplinary perspective with less emphasis on the ancient languages. There are also minors related to each of these majors.

The Greek major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should

instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106). Students who entered before fall 2024 and who will graduate in May 2025 or later are eligible to choose either Greek or Classical Studies after consulting with the chair of the Classical Studies department.

Study Abroad

The department encourages study abroad. In recent years, students in the department have spent part of their junior year at Oxford, Saint Andrews, and other institutions in Great Britain. College Year in Athens also offers a one-semester program in Greece. Students who anticipate taking an advanced degree in archaeology, ancient art history, ancient history, or classics can apply to summer sessions of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

See Also

- Ancient Studies (p. 52)
- Classical Studies (p. 106)
- Classics (p. 104)
- Latin (p. 267)

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Learning Goals

Learning goals for students of classics and ancient studies are:

- To analyze critically ancient Greek and Roman texts, in their original languages and in translation, within their literary, philosophical, and historical contexts.
- To understand major monuments and artifacts within their historical and cultural settings; to develop a visual literacy of ancient art and sharpen the ability to see and express what one sees.
- To imagine fully and creatively ancient cultural communities when relying on limited written and material remains.
- To deepen the understanding of current problems by studying the responses of ancient Greeks and Romans to questions about the human condition, including, how to live well, and how to govern.
- To write and speak more confidently and effectively, and to develop well-reasoned arguments using primary evidence and/or secondary material, including print and digital resources.
- To expand intellectual breadth through studying the ancient Greek and Roman worlds through different disciplines and modes of inquiry.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Classics and Italian. Advisors for Greek:

Geoffrey Sumi, Professor of Classics on the Alum Foundation

Bruce Arnold, Associate Professor of Classics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
At least 12 credits at the 300 level in the language of concentration		12
20 additional credits in approved courses at the 200 level or above. These may be courses in Latin or Greek and/or a variety of courses in art history, classics (in English), history, philosophy, politics, or religion. ¹		20
Total Credits		32

¹ These courses should be selected after consulting with the student's advisor.

Additional Specifications

The Greek major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106).

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
12 credits above the 100 level in the Greek language		12
At least 4 credits at the 300 level in the Greek language		4
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

The Greek major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106).

Course Offerings

Classical Studies courses below include courses in Greek language, literature, and history.

CLAS-101 Elementary Latin I

Fall. Credits: 4
Offers study and practice in the grammar and syntax of classical Latin.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language
Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years, sophomores, and juniors
Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-102 Elementary Latin II

Spring. Credits: 4
Offers study and practice in the grammar and syntax of classical Latin.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language
Prereq: LATIN-101 or CLAS-101.
Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-111 Elementary Greek: Homer's Iliad

Spring. Credits: 4
This course introduces the ancient Greek language and epic meter through the study of the Iliad. The grammar of the Iliad, originally an oral poem, is relatively uncomplicated, so that by the middle of the first semester students will begin to read the poem in Greek. By the end of the year they will have read a portion of Iliad, Book I.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language
Notes: Taught in Greek.

CLAS-112 Elementary Greek: Homer's Iliad

Fall. Credits: 4
This course is a continuation of CLAS-111, introducing the ancient Greek language and epic meter through the study of the Iliad. By the end of the year students will have read a portion of Iliad, Book I.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language
Prereq: GREEK-101 or CLAS-111.
Notes: Taught in Greek.

CLAS-201 Intermediate Latin I

Fall. Credits: 4
This course combines a thorough review of Latin grammar and syntax with an introduction to the life and literature of ancient Rome, based on the reading of selected passages of Roman prose and poetry.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language
Prereq: LATIN-102 or CLAS-102.
Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202 Intermediate Latin II

CLAS-202CE Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4
The career of the Roman orator and statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero spanned the last generation of the Roman Republic, a period of political instability and civil war. As the leading orator of his day, Cicero often used his rhetorical skills to thwart those who he believed were bent on the destruction of the Roman Republic. In this course, we will examine the role of public oratory in the political process in this period with a close reading of Cicero's speeches and letters concerning one of his political enemies (Catiline, Clodius, or Mark Antony).
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language
Prereq: LATIN-201 or CLAS-201.
Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202RC Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4
Could Romans be funny? Perhaps surprisingly, in a culture where seriousness (gravitas) and sternness (severitas) were praiseworthy attributes, Romans enjoyed theatrical productions adapted from Greek comedies – from raucous and ribald farces to more subtle comedies of manners. They also believed that satire, poetry that poked fun at the vices and foibles of human nature, was a truly Roman genre. Moreover, both comic and satirical elements appear in a wide range of Roman literature. Authors may include Plautus, Terence, Horace, Ovid, Martial, Juvenal, and others.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language
Prereq: LATIN-201.
Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202RN Intermediate Latin II: 'Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel'

Spring. Credits: 4

Petronius' *Satyricon* is one of the few surviving novels from the ancient world. Formed from a pastiche of other literary genres, including epic, comedy, and satire, it is a vivid account of the adventures of three men as they travel throughout Italy. Though fiction, and only partially extant, its realistic portrayal of Roman life offers a glimpse into the social mores in the early empire. Petronius himself was a member of Nero's court and the *Satyricon* a product of Nero's promotion of the arts. By giving rise to the picaresque genre the *Satyricon's* influence continued to be felt far beyond its own day.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: 200-level Latin.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202VA Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Vergil: Aeneid'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A study of the Aeneid with attention both to its presentation of the classic conflict between Greek and Roman value systems and to its controversial portrayal of empire in the Augustan age.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-201 or CLAS-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202WR Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Livy and Sallust, the best known historians of the Roman Republic, viewed history writing as a moral enterprise, presenting events from the past as exemplary tales to inform and enlighten the lives of their readers. Their narratives thus are highly rhetorical, combining myth, memory, and history to reconstruct the past. Close reading of selections from Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* and/or Sallust's monographs – the *Bellum Catilinae* and *Bellum Jugurthinum* – will lead to discussions about how Romans viewed their past and how they wrote about it.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-201 or CLAS-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-216 Ancient Rome

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Ancient Rome and its empire can be viewed both as a measure of human achievement and a cautionary tale of the corrupting effects of unbridled power. This course covers the history of Ancient Rome from its mythologized beginnings (753 BCE) to the rise and spread of Christianity under the Emperor Constantine (312 CE). Topics include the creation and development of Rome's republican form of government as well as its eventual transition to monarchy, the causes and consequences of the acquisition of empire, the role of the army in administering the provinces and defending the frontiers, the image of emperor, the economy, and religion.

Crosslisted as: HIST-228

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-218 Gods and Mortals: Classical Mythology

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The wrath of Achilles. The travels of Odysseus. The blinding of Oedipus. The myths of Greece and Rome continue to exert a hold on our collective imagination. But for the ancient Greeks and Romans who produced these stories about gods and demigods, myth was more than a source of entertainment, it offered insight into matters of more pressing concern, from political strife, to mental health, to the nature of humankind and its place in the cosmos. In this course, we will come to understand the social significance of myth through a survey of some foundational works of classical literature, including Homeric epic, Hesiod, Greek tragedy, Plato and Vergil. In the process, we will learn about modern approaches to the interpretation of myth, and conversely, how the study of mythology has affected other disciplines, from psychoanalysis to anthropology. We will adopt a transcultural perspective, studying how and why the mythologies of Greece – already indebted to those of the Hittites and Mesopotamians – were reconfigured as they passed into Roman literature and ultimately into our own popular media.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-226 Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome

Spring. Credits: 4

Bread and circuses (*panem et circenses*) was a catchphrase in the Roman empire that described the political strategy of controlling an unruly populace through free bread and public entertainment. Against a backdrop of Roman social and political institutions, this course focuses on the imperial ideology, aristocratic ethos, and cultural practices that underpinned this catchphrase, as well as questions concerning the careers of entertainers – gladiators, charioteers, and actors – who were at once celebrities and social outcasts; the rules of spectatorship at the games; the use of these games as a form of social control; and the logistics of feeding the city population.

Crosslisted as: HIST-226

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-227 Ancient Greece

Fall. Credits: 4

This course will trace the emergence and expansion of Greek civilization in the Mediterranean between the Bronze Age and Alexander the Great. Among themes to be explored are political structures, trade, slavery, gender relations, and religion, as well as the contributions of ancient Greeks to literary genres (drama, rhetoric, historiography, philosophy) and to the visual arts. Throughout we will consider how the history of the ancient Greeks can speak to modern concerns. Sources will include works of ancient Greek literature and history (e.g., Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristophanes, Plutarch) as well as archaeological and epigraphic evidence.

Crosslisted as: HIST-227

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-231 Greek Tragedy, American Drama, and Film*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The Greeks, beginning with Homer, saw the world from an essentially tragic perspective. The searing question of why human societies and the human psyche repeatedly break down in tragic ruin and loss, particularly in the conflicts of war and in the betrayal of personal bonds of love and friendship, fascinated them as it still does us. The most consistent themes that emerged from such examination are the tragedy of self-knowledge and illusion, the tragedy of desire, the tragedy of crime and guilt, and tragedy as a protest against social injustice. This course examines the critical influence of the three most important Athenian dramatists, Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, on the works of Nobel winner Eugene O'Neill, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller and important filmmakers, who have tried to recreate the powerful atmosphere and impact of the Greek tragic theater or reworked the tragic themes of classical myth for their own purposes in the modern age.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-242 Kingdoms Human and Divine***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How political authority is wielded is a theme of some of the greatest works in the Greco-Roman philosophical tradition: Plato's *Republic*, Aristotle's *Politics*, and Augustine's *City of God*. Authority exercised well gives rise to good order and human flourishing, but abusive authority results in the opposite: injustice, conflict, and ultimately destructive violence. In this course we will compare how these philosophers addressed the problem of political authority in the human realm with the theme of the kingdom of God in the Bible, especially as found in *The Gospel of Matthew* and *The Book of Revelation*.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-225KH**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-247 Knowing God***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the following key texts from the ancient world that treat significantly the problem of knowing God and the mystery enveloping such knowledge: Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*, Plato's *Phaedo*, Cicero's *Concerning the Nature of the Gods*, Job, Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*, and others. Attention is also given to the different ways of thinking about the divine and human natures in these works, which are broadly reflective of Graeco-Roman and Judaeo-Christian value systems.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-225KG**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-250 Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies****CLAS-250AR Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'***Fall. Credits: 4*

To see and be seen – it could be argued that this was the very definition of Roman culture. In this course, lectures on the art and architecture of ancient Rome (ca. 300 BCE - 400 CE) will provide the backdrop for an investigation of the central role that visual culture played in the lives of different social groups, including bondspeople and the formerly enslaved, women and children. Special topics will include the funeral as performance, the house as a site of memory, the dissemination of images on coins, the spectacle of agriculture and dining, art and audience in the racetrack and public baths, representations of work by non-elites, and the Roman street as a place for making art.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-290AR**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***CLAS-250AW Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'The Garden in the Ancient World'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Drawing on the literature, art, and archaeology of gardens, this course investigates the nature and experience of gardens and gardening, from antiquity to the present day. How have humans conceived of the garden as paradise; a site for philosophy and religion; a space for solace, inspiration, and desire; and a setting for labor, conquest, and resistance? Grounded in readings from antiquity – ranging from the Sumerian *Hymn to Ninurta*, Homer, Sappho, Vergil, Horace, Columella, and Augustine (all in translation) – and complemented by later historical perspectives, from Jane Austen to Jamaica Kincaid, this course analyzes multiple conceptions and expressions of beauty, power, and love-in the garden.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-290AN**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-250DM Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Dante's Inferno Between Myth and History'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* is one of world literature's foundational works. In his 700 years old masterpiece, Dante poses and confronts universal questions that are still at the core of our daily existence: God, love, ethics, gender relationships, politics, social harmony, literature, the afterlife, and the relations between human and nonhuman forms of life. In this course, we will read, analyze, discuss, and enjoy Dante's great poem by focusing on the first of its three parts, the *Inferno*. In particular, we will be covering Dante's take on mythology and history.

*Crosslisted as: ITAL-221DM, RELIG-225DM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.*

CLAS-250EC Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Environmental crises like global warming, deforestation, and pollution are pushing ecosystems to the brink of collapse and endangering populations around the globe. Our present, though challenging to an unprecedented degree, is not the first time humans have faced crises related to climate, depletion of natural resources, and mass migration. In this course, we'll delve into the culture and mythologies of ancient Mesopotamian, Egyptian, and Levantine societies to see how they understood their relationships with their indigenous ecosystems, how they interpreted natural disasters and anthropogenic environmental destruction, and how they imagined starting over again after the end of the world.

Crosslisted as: JWST-225EC, RELIG-225EC

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

CLAS-302 Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The career of the Roman orator and statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero spanned the last generation of the Roman Republic, a period of political instability and civil war. As the leading orator of his day, Cicero often used his rhetorical skills to thwart those who he believed were bent on the destruction of the Roman Republic. In this course, we will examine the role of public oratory in the political process in this period with a close reading of Cicero's speeches and letters concerning one of his political enemies (Catiline, Clodius, or Mark Antony).

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-307 The Slender Muse

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A study of the highly romantic poetry that launched a revolution in Latin literature, including such works as Catullus's epyllion on Peleus and Thetis and Vergil's *Eclogues* and *Georgics*, with attention to the new understanding of poetry shown in these poems and to their commentary on the social turmoil of the last phase of the Republic.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Any Latin course above LATIN-201/CLAS-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-308 Classical Epic: Homer, Vergil, and Ovid

Spring. Credits: 4

Classical epic embraced a tragic view of the world. People of that era were compelled to confront their own mortality and frailties by the harsh conditions of war, famine, disease, political instability, and the dangers of childbearing, much more directly than moderns do. As a result, epic poets, such as Homer, Vergil, and Ovid, offered conflicting visions of hope blended with pessimism for how to meet the challenges posed by such precarious conditions. This course provides an opportunity to evaluate the tragic nature of the modern world by comparison with the cultures that created much of our own basic framework for thinking about politics and the human condition in that pessimistic light.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-309 Vergil: Aeneid

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A study of the Aeneid with attention both to its presentation of the classic conflict between Greek and Roman value systems and to its controversial portrayal of empire in the Augustan age.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-312 Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Could Romans be funny? Perhaps surprisingly, in a culture where seriousness (*gravitas*) and sternness (*severitas*) were praiseworthy attributes, Romans enjoyed theatrical productions adapted from Greek comedies – from raucous and ribald farces to more subtle comedies of manners. They also believed that satire, poetry that poked fun at the vices and foibles of human nature, was a truly Roman genre. Moreover, both comic and satirical elements appear in a wide range of Roman literature. Authors may include Plautus, Terence, Horace, Ovid, Martial, Juvenal, and others.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-313 Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Livy and Sallust, the best known historians of the Roman Republic, viewed history writing as a moral enterprise, presenting events from the past as exemplary tales to inform and enlighten the lives of their readers. Their narratives thus are highly rhetorical, combining myth, memory, and history to reconstruct the past. Close reading of selections from Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* and/or Sallust's monographs—the *Bellum Catilinae* and *Bellum Jugurthinum*—will lead to discussions about how Romans viewed their past and how they wrote about it.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-316 Ovid: Metamorphoses

Fall. Credits: 4

A study of Ovid's ambitious epic celebrating change and transformative forces, with attention to the challenges it poses to traditional Roman values and to conventional Roman notions of the work appropriate to a poet. In particular, consideration will be given to the way Ovid's poem subversively responds to Vergil's work.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-318 Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel

Spring. Credits: 4

Petronius' *Satyricon* is one of the few surviving novels from the ancient world. Formed from a pastiche of other literary genres, including epic, comedy, and satire, it is a vivid account of the adventures of three men as they travel throughout Italy. Though fiction, and only partially extant, its realistic portrayal of Roman life offers a glimpse into the social mores in the early empire. Petronius himself was a member of Nero's court and the *Satyricon* a product of Nero's promotion of the arts. By giving rise to the picaresque genre the *Satyricon*'s influence continued to be felt far beyond its own day.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: 200-level Latin.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-320 Bad Roman Emperors

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4
Caligula was a god (or so he thought); Nero fiddled while Rome burned; Commodus dressed as a gladiator and fought man and beast in the arena. The historical tradition of Rome is replete with stories about eccentric and insane emperors whose scandalous reigns raise questions about the nature of the emperor's power and his role in administering the empire. A close study of Roman imperial biography and historiography – the source of so many of these stories of bad emperors – weighed against documentary evidence and material remains reveals the dynamic between the emperor, his court, and his subjects that was fundamental to the political culture of imperial Rome.
Crosslisted as: HIST-320
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities
Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors; Course is limited to ANGST, CLAS, CLASS, GREEK LATIN maj and min only.
Prereq: 8 credits in Classics, Latin, Greek, Classical Studies, or History.
Notes: This course will open to History majors and minors in the second week of preregistration.

CLAS-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8
Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.
Instructor permission required.

History
Overview and Contact Information

History is a critical and analytical method of inquiry into our collective past based on our cumulative experience, informed understanding, and careful judgment. It teaches us to look beyond appearance, to evaluate something with clarity and disinterest, to discover and investigate all the causes of an event and evaluate their relative importance. History teaches how to discern the relationship between cause and effect, to analyze motives, to determine agency and assign responsibility, and to understand change over time. These general habits of sorting through the past allow us to appreciate the profound differences between ourselves and others and to imagine (and to some degree experience) the world as people have in times now lost and in places we shall never see.

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

Students of the History department can expect to:

- Understand the dynamics of change over time, the complexity of human experience across time and space, and the ways people both shape and are shaped by the particular worlds they inhabit.
- Evaluate a wide range of historical materials for their credibility, position, and perspective, and for the clues they offer about past worlds and experiences. Discern from such fragmentary evidence meaningful patterns that illuminate our understanding of the past.

- Develop empathy for the people whose lives we seek to understand and a respectful appreciation of the range and diversity of human experience.
- Generate significant, open-ended questions, and devise research strategies to find suitable evidence to answer such questions.
- Engage in lively, meaningful conversation about the nature of historical inquiry and conflicting understandings of the past. Work cooperatively with others to develop positions that reflect deliberation and differing perspectives.
- Write effective and logical prose that describes and analyzes the past, and consider a range of media best suited to communicating a particular argument, narrative, or set of ideas.
- Develop a disciplined, inquiring stance and outlook on the world that demands evidence and sophisticated use of information. Apply historical knowledge and historical thinking to contemporary issues.

Faculty
This area of study is administered by the Department of History:
Jeremy King, Professor of History, Teaching Spring Only

Mary Renda, Emily Dickinson Professor of History

Desmond Fitz-Gibbon, Associate Professor of History, On Leave 2025-2026

Lan Wu, Associate Professor of History

Ishmael Annang, Assistant Professor of History

Patricia Dawson, Assistant Professor of History

Abhilash Medhi, Assistant Professor of History

Darius Smith, Assistant Professor of History

Erin Freedman, Visiting Instructor in History

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
36 credits in History, comprising a course of study that meets all of the following requirements.		
The major must include:		
One course each from three of the following different regions: Africa, Asia (including the Middle East), Europe, Latin America, and North America.		
One course with substantial content in a period prior to 1750.		
A minimum of three 300-level courses, to include:		
At least one 300-level research seminar, taken in the department (any course numbered between 302–394), and		
Two additional 300-level history courses, of which only one may be HIST-395.		
Four courses that comprise a topical, chronological, or geographical concentration within the major. ^{1,2}		
No more than half the 36 credits may be at the 100-level.		
Total Credits		36

¹ One concentration course may be from a field other than history, if the student otherwise meets the requirement of 36 credits for history

² The advisor must approve a statement of this concentration during the second semester of the student's junior year.

Additional Specifications

- The department encourages students to pursue independent work at the 300 level during the senior year. Students who intend to pursue independent work in the senior year should plan to complete their research seminar during the junior year. Students interested in senior independent work, who also plan junior years at institutions other than Mount Holyoke College, will need to take special care to meet this requirement.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One research seminar, taken in the department (any course numbered between 302–394)		4
Four other courses above the 100 level		16
Total Credits		20

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of history can combine their course work in history with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of history, please consult your advisor or the chair of the history department. Further information about minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog.

Students interested in pursuing teacher licensure should set up an initial advising session with Sarah Frenette, Five College Director of Undergraduate Teacher Licensure Programs, by the middle of the sophomore year in order to identify course work in the major and in the arts and sciences necessary for licensure.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Offerings

First-Year Seminars

First-Year Seminars taught by History faculty introduce history as a method of inquiry, analysis, and interpretation concerned with understanding the variety of past human experience and with communicating that understanding clearly. The limited enrollment of these course permits a concentration on the close reading and analysis of secondary and primary texts, and on the process of writing and revision. The substantial concentration on writing qualifies such seminars as writing-intensive courses. All first-year seminars are listed together under First Year Seminars (p. 203).

100-Level Regional Surveys

The department's 100-level survey courses are designed both for students seeking an introduction to a particular geographic area new to them and, equally, for students wishing to pursue intermediate or advanced work in a particular field. Students interested in pursuing American or European history, for example, are advised to take the pertinent survey as preparation for more advanced work, just as those interested in Africa, Asia, or Latin America should take the survey in their chosen area of interest.

HIST-124 History of Modern South Asia, 1700 to the Present

Fall. Credits: 4

This course will explore the history of South Asia between the eighteenth century and the present. Using a combined chronological and thematic approach and against a historical canvas that engages such diverse issues as gender, political economy, conquest, resistance, state formation, economic exploitation, national liberation, and identity politics, the aim of this course is to interrogate the impact of British colonialism and South Asian nationalisms on the state, society, and people of the subcontinent. Using primary and secondary sources, we will address both the most significant historical moments of modern South Asian history and the historiographical debates that surround them.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

HIST-137 Modern East Asia, 1600-2000

Fall. Credits: 4

A comparative history of China, Japan, and Korea from the early seventeenth century to the present, with strong focus on regional interaction. After an introduction to early modern histories and cultures, we will examine the struggles of these countries to preserve or regain their independence and establish their national identities in a rapidly changing, often violent modern world order. While each of these countries has its own distinctive identity, their overlapping histories (and dilemmas) give the region a coherent shape. We will also look at how individuals respond to and are shaped by larger historical movements.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Notes: Required for East Asian Studies majors. All readings are in English.

Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.

HIST-141 Introduction to Modern African History

Spring. Credits: 4

This course provides an introduction to African history over the past three centuries. Venturing beyond the stereotypes, we will explore the complex histories that constitute a diverse continent. Special attention is given to spotlighting the voices of African people through a range of primary and secondary sources, including memoirs, film, music, cartoons, speeches and photography. Students will gain knowledge of African geographies and histories, develop the skill of primary source analysis, and be able to connect events in – and narratives of – present-day Africa to a deeper historical past.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

HIST-142 Introduction to Pre Colonial African History*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course surveys the social, political and economic history of Africa from earliest times to 1750. We will consider developments in early significant units of the continent such as Ethiopia, Kush, Zimbabwe, and Egypt. We will focus on themes such as human origins, agriculture, migration, Islam, gender, slavery and the transatlantic slave trade. By the end of the course, students will have a sound understanding of key developments in African history from ancient times to the eve of European expansion in Africa.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.***HIST-151 Europe in the Modern World***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Surveys the major movements and developments in Europe during the era of European expansion and dominance – from the devastations of the Thirty Years War to the Second World War – and up to the current era of European Union. Topics include: the French Revolution and the birth of nationalism; the scientific and industrial revolutions; the modern history of international relations; imperialism, fascism, the Holocaust, the two World Wars, and the present and potential roles of Europe at the dawn of the twenty-first century.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***HIST-161 British Empire and Commonwealth***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course is an introduction to the expansion, consolidation, and eventual disintegration of the British Empire in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. We will examine this history with an eye to understanding the causes and legacies of empire. We will discuss British attitudes and policies toward empire and the imperial foundations of the British economy. Cutting an arc of territory from the Caribbean to Africa and from South Asia to the Pacific rim, we will consider the role of culture and gender in informing anticolonial resistance. We will interrogate how legacies of colonialism manifest in the contemporary period by shaping post-colonial identities and perceptions of the world.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***HIST-170 The American Peoples to 1865***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course surveys the history of Indigenous worlds, colonial projects, enslavement, and the contested transformation of lives and communities in North America through the U.S. Civil War. How did settler political and economic strategies shape the land and life upon it? How did Native people and people of African descent claim sovereignty, create new bonds, and partake in the creation of new nations in landscapes of violence and subjugation? Topics include cross-cultural encounters; competing religious and social visions; the formation of the United States and the evolution of its political system; gender and sexuality; the development of racial capitalism; and the coming of the Civil War.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.***HIST-171 The American Peoples Since 1865***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course introduces the history of Native North America and the United States from the latter half of the 19th century to the present. Themes include the consolidation of the U.S. nation and of the reservation system; struggles over land, settlement, and citizenship; the transformations of the federal government and of capitalism; the evolution of racial, gendered, and class hierarchies; and changing forms of domestic life, work, politics, social protest, and cultural expression from Reconstruction to the present. How have ideas about democracy, heritage, blackness, immigration, and criminality shaped the possibilities of national existence and self-determination?

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***HIST-174 Introduction to the History of Science***Fall. Credits: 4*

What are the origins of modern science and the scientific method? How have the ways of gaining and securing knowledge of the world among different cultures and societies changed over time? How has scientific knowledge been related to the enterprises of art, commerce, and empire? We will ask these questions and more through a broad survey of many crucial moments in the development of science from the Middle Ages to the present. Topics and figures will include Ibn Sina, Galileo, Chinese natural history encyclopedias, imperial botany and Linnean classification, Darwin's reception outside the west, the anti-racist science of W.E.B. Du Bois, eugenics, biotechnology, and the human genome project.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive***HIST-180 Introduction to Latin American Cultures***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course examines the histories and cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean from the sixteenth century to the present, using an interdisciplinary approach. Students explore confrontations and transformations among Indigenous, African, and European cultures. The course provides insight into contemporary political, economic, social, cultural, and artistic realities. By analyzing cultural products, we address colonization, nation formation, geography, the environment, immigration, migration, race, ethnicity, and gender in these societies.

*Crosslisted as: LATAM-180**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive***200-Level Courses: Themes and Periods**

The department's 200-level courses offer focused and intensive studies of particular times and places. They include a variety of courses, ranging from large survey courses to small, limited enrollment reading courses or seminars.

HIST-207 Feminist and Intersectional Science Studies*Fall. Credits: 4*

Gender and race are social categories, yet science had often treated them as natural kinds. This course joins the history and anthropology of science with studies of sex, sexuality, gender, and race to examine how Western science has constructed, sustained, and critiqued these categories over time. Moving chronologically, the course will introduce students to central texts, theories, and research methods in feminist and intersectional science studies, asking: What is the genealogy of such categories as sex, gender, sexuality, and race? How have such classifications shaped scientific ideas of "life," "nature," and "reason"? How have these categories been used to mark sameness and difference, and how have subjects impacted by those differences shaped the field of feminist science studies?

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-206FM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive***HIST-208 The Consumer Revolution: A History of Shopping***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This seminar surveys the history of shopping from the seventeenth to early-twentieth century. From its origin as a term for wastefulness, consumption is now understood as an essential feature of prosperity in modern society. How did shopping change over this period to occupy such an important place in our world? Using primary, secondary and material sources, students will examine the commodities, shopping habits, business strategies, consumer politics, marketplaces, and identities that shaped and sustained the rise of retail. Set primarily in a European context, the course will also emphasize the global and imperial dimensions of consumption and the systems of power that enabled it.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***HIST-213 History of Turtle Island: Introduction to Native North America***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course surveys the history of Turtle Island, or Native North America, from origins to the present day. It provides an introduction to the many hundreds of diverse Nations across the continent through the use of specific case studies, as well as Indigenous methodologies and interdisciplinary methods such as oral history, art and material culture, literature, film, and more. This course covers themes such as land, sovereignty, survivance, gender, kinship, race, identity, diplomacy, and colonialism.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.***HIST-226 Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome***Spring. Credits: 4*

Bread and circuses (*panem et circenses*) was a catchphrase in the Roman empire that described the political strategy of controlling an unruly populace through free bread and public entertainment. Against a backdrop of Roman social and political institutions, this course focuses on the imperial ideology, aristocratic ethos, and cultural practices that underpinned this catchphrase, as well as questions concerning the careers of entertainers—gladiators, charioteers, and actors—who were at once celebrities and social outcasts; the rules of spectatorship at the games; the use of these games as a form of social control; and the logistics of feeding the city population.

*Crosslisted as: CLAS-226**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.***HIST-227 Ancient Greece***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will trace the emergence and expansion of Greek civilization in the Mediterranean between the Bronze Age and Alexander the Great. Among themes to be explored are political structures, trade, slavery, gender relations, and religion, as well as the contributions of ancient Greeks to literary genres (drama, rhetoric, historiography, philosophy) and to the visual arts. Throughout we will consider how the history of the ancient Greeks can speak to modern concerns. Sources will include works of ancient Greek literature and history (e.g., Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristophanes, Plutarch) as well as archaeological and epigraphic evidence.

*Crosslisted as: CLAS-227**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.***HIST-228 Ancient Rome***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Ancient Rome and its empire can be viewed both as a measure of human achievement and a cautionary tale of the corrupting effects of unbridled power. This course covers the history of Ancient Rome from its mythologized beginnings (753 BCE) to the rise and spread of Christianity under the Emperor Constantine (312 CE). Topics include the creation and development of Rome's republican form of government as well as its eventual transition to monarchy, the causes and consequences of the acquisition of empire, the role of the army in administering the provinces and defending the frontiers, the image of emperor, the economy, and religion.

*Crosslisted as: CLAS-216**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.***HIST-230 History and Law***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

An introduction to the study of history through law, using a comparative approach to group rights. Case studies, rooted in landmark court decisions and legislation, concern racial segregation in America before the civil rights era ('separate but equal') and in Europe during the Nazi era (the Nuremberg Laws, German 'national groups' in the East), as well as affirmative action in America and attempts at promoting equality among national groups in Austria before the First World War.

*Crosslisted as: GRMST-231HR**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***HIST-236 Turtle Island Stories and Thought***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Using interdisciplinary and Indigenous methodologies, this course explores Native American (hi)stories, philosophies, and thought. This course explores the benefits of using Indigenous stories to gain a better understanding of the histories and futures of Turtle Island. We will use specific case studies to take a close look at various stories, historical methodologies, and wisdom found in a variety of Nations and communities across Turtle Island (Native North America).

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

HIST-239 Topics in Asian History**HIST-239CD Topics in Asian History: 'Chinese Diasporic Communities in the World: Race, Empire, and Transnationalism'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course examines the experiences of Chinese diasporic communities in Southeast Asia, the United States, and the Caribbean within the historical context of empire building, colonization, war, transnationalism, and globalization. The period covered spans from the 1600s to the present, and focus will be given to how dominant groups attempt to localize and discipline Chinese diasporic subjects and how the latter negotiate, manipulate, and challenge such efforts. Themes include racism, transnationalism, ethnicity, gender, class, empire, and nationalism.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive***HIST-239HH Topics in Asian History: 'History of Humans and Other Living Beings'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course investigates the relationships that humans have developed with other living beings in history. Course materials explore how humans have interacted with wild animals, domesticated some, imagined them in literary works, exploited animal labor, used them in scientific research, trained animals to perform, and co-lived with some as pets. These topics will help us think about how humans have developed ideas about animals and humans ourselves. The course will introduce histories worldwide with a specific focus on East Asia. Students who take this course must do research projects on East Asian topics, though comparative themes are welcome.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Notes: All readings are in English. Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.***HIST-239MC Topics in Asian History: 'Borderlands and Ethnicity in Modern China'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This seminar investigates the processes through which borderlands were imagined and ethnicities were made in twentieth-century China. Drawing from texts and films about and by the people living on the borderlands, students in the seminar are to explore the intersecting relation between the two pressing issues and how Chinese states dealt with them. Furthermore, how did all these concerns originate? To that end, the seminar begins by examining how the central state in early modern China formed a multicultural empire in the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Notes: All readings are in English.***HIST-239ME Topics in Asian History: 'Cities in Modern East Asia'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course asks: what are cities in the history of modern East Asia? Cities were cosmopolitan, centers of commerce, and sites of social movements in late imperial China, Tokugawa Japan, and late Chosŏn Korea. How did the roles of cities change in the nineteenth century when East Asia became more integrated into the global system? How was urban life affected in the first half of the twentieth century when the central states dealt with domestic turmoil and external pressures? How did the state work to redefine cities and urban culture in the postwar era? To answer these questions, this seminar encourages students to position cities historically and comparatively.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive***HIST-239TB Topics in Asian History: 'Travels and Tibet in the Modern Era' Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4**

The seminar focuses on the global history centered on the Tibetan Plateau. Often referred to as "the Roof of the World," the plateau has been a magnet for missionaries, pilgrims, merchants, botanists, and military powers for centuries. Students will read travelogues of those who journeyed to Tibet since the early modern era from the 1600s. These travelers not only documented their expeditions but also brought back objects they believed represented Tibet. These materials will complement the textual sources, and the textual and material representations tell a history of Tibet that reflects both the travelers and Tibet itself, despite the potential distortions and incompleteness in these materials. To that end, students will also explore materials by Tibetans and about their world to provide a well-rounded perspective.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.***HIST-240 The Holocaust in History***Spring. Credits: 4*

An attempt at understanding the Nazi-led assault on Europe's Jews. Course units include an exploration of origins, both German and European; an analysis of the evolving mechanics of genocide (mobile killing squads, death camps, etc.); comparisons (Germany proper vs. Poland, the Holocaust vs. other instances of state-sponsored mass murder); legal dimensions; and an introduction to the politics of Holocaust remembrance since 1945.

*Crosslisted as: JWST-240, GRMST-231HT**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***HIST-244 European Public Policy, West and East***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In 1968, the USSR commenced a strategy of consumerist depoliticization in its European satellites. Around the same time, states on the other side of the Iron Curtain saw the postwar era of rapid economic growth and social consensus close. This course, reaching across the revolutionary break of 1989 up to the present, raises questions of convergence and continuity in European public policy, West and East. Paired case studies from a variety of countries in fields such as energy, the environment, minority rights, and housing serve to clarify rules and patterns to the politics of policy, from Cold War to European Union and beyond.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***HIST-245 Topics in African History****HIST-245EU Topics in African History: 'European Expansion in Africa'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Between the 1870s and 1910s, Africa was conquered by and divided among European powers. Why were European powers interested in informal and formal control of Africa? Why were they in competition with one another? How did Africans respond to European conquest and rule? What were the impacts of colonial rule in Africa? This course answers these and many other questions. The course is divided into two phases. The first focuses on the activities of the European powers in the late nineteenth century. The second examines the post-conquest period and examines African responses to the European conquests and rules in the early twentieth century.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 4 credits in History.*

HIST-245EV Topics in African History: 'Society and Environment in Africa' Spring. Credits: 4

This course is an introduction to the environmental history of Africa. It examines how Africans adapted to diverse environmental changes in areas including climate variability, agriculture, landscape, and spiritual ecology from early times (ca. 6 million years ago) through the recent past (ca. 1900). We will practice being historians by thinking and writing with nonconventional sources/methods such as oral traditions, archeology, and historical climatology. Ultimately, students will be challenged to place contemporary conversations about climate change in Africa into the context of the continent's long environmental history in order to shape more informed perspectives.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

HIST-245MW Topics in African History: 'Modern West Africa, 1800 to the Present'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course examines historical developments in the West African sub-region from 1800 through colonial period to the formation of the Economic Community of West African States. The course focuses on themes such as the abolition of the slave trade, legitimate trade, European expansion, and colonial rule, and examines the social, political, economic, and cultural changes in West Africa during the period. This course will place Africans at the center of historical development. By studying these important themes, students will have a sound understanding of key developments that shaped Modern West Africa and appreciate the problems and potentials of West Africa.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

HIST-247 Mountains and Modernity

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

From the Himalayas in South Asia to Mexico's Chiapas and from North Carolina's Grandfather Mountain to the Uluru in Australia's Northern Territory, mountains represent more than just a geographical feature. They have been long viewed as transcendental spaces, served as a canvas for epic struggles between humans and nature, shaped cultural attitudes and been at the heart of political struggles. This course traces the history of various political and cultural meanings attached to mountains. Using examples from around the globe, it seeks to argue that rather than a metaphor for remoteness and primitivism, mountains are constitutive to our understanding of modernity.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

HIST-252 History of Money

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

What is money? Is it the same in all times and places? If money could speak, what stories would it tell of the past? This course is about the history of money and money as an object of history. Using primary and secondary sources, students will learn about the social, political and cultural meaning of money at different times in the history of the western world. In addition, students will interpret the history of money using a variety of coins and money-related objects held in the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum. This is a course on the history of money, not the economics of money, but it will be of interest to anyone curious to learn more about the meaning of money in the past and today.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

HIST-255 Ideas and Society in Europe

HIST-255DE Ideas and Society in Europe: 'Decentering Europe: An Introduction to Critical European Studies'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Europe embodies crossroads of multiple cultures, memories, migrations, and political demarcations. What remains of the ancient and modern regimes? How have global movements, historical upheavals, and shifting boundaries within and adjacent to European borders, from early empires to contemporary global networks, affected the transformation of lives? How do ideological projects such as democracy, pluralism and fascism interact within Europe and the global scale? Taking a critical view of conventional paradigms of European nation states and "master" narratives, this course studies shifting European cultures and identities through multiple perspectives across time and space.

Crosslisted as: GRMST-205

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

HIST-259 Mary Lyon's World and the History of Mount Holyoke

Spring. Credits: 4

What world gave rise to Mary Lyon's vision for Mount Holyoke and enabled her to carry her plans to success? Has her vision persisted or been overturned? We will examine the conditions, assumptions, and exclusions that formed Mount Holyoke and the arrangements of power and struggles for justice that shaped it during and after Lyon's lifetime. Topics include settler colonialism and missionary projects; northern racism and abolitionism; industrial capitalism and the evolution of social classes; debates over women's education, gender, and body politics; religious diversity; and efforts to achieve a just and inclusive campus. Includes research based on primary sources.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-206MA

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: Either 8 credits in History or 4 credits in History and 4 credits in either Gender Studies or Critical Race Political Economy. All other interested students may apply with an email to the instructor.

Notes: Available for 300-level credit.

HIST-260 Topics in the Recent History of Europe

HIST-260HH Topics in the Recent History of Europe: 'The Habsburgs, Hitler, and the Law'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course explores the complex, often comic, and ultimately tragic history of Bohemia, a territory located today in the Czech Republic, but previously a part of the Habsburg Monarchy, then of Czechoslovakia, and then of Hitler's Third Reich. Students will complement historical studies with autobiographical material and contemporary fiction, beginning with the Revolution of 1848, progressing through the achievements and worrisome trends of Emperor Francis Joseph's 68-year reign, and concluding with the world wars. Emphasis on the interplay among Czechs, Germans, Jews, and other pivotal players: the House of Habsburg and its supporters, and the political elites of neighboring countries.

Crosslisted as: JWST-225HH, GRMST-231HH

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

HIST-262 Stalinism in Central Europe*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the use of revolutionary terror by the state. More specifically, it examines policies of terror pursued by Communist dictatorships in Hungary and Czechoslovakia during the early years of the Cold War. Who did what to whom, and why? What insights do secret police work and public propaganda, knitted together in macabre show trials, allow us into Stalinist rule, European politics, and maybe ourselves? How did memories of terror shape politics after Stalin's death? Students should deepen their understanding for the discipline of History, improve their reading and writing, and develop a working knowledge of Central European politics at the middle of the twentieth century.

*Crosslisted as: JWST-225ST**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***HIST-267 The Country and the City***Fall. Credits: 4*

During the Cold War, as tensions raged between the U.S. and Soviet Union, policymakers of both ideological persuasions oversaw rural development projects across the Third World. Their actions were premised on knowledge that villages were underdeveloped places. Mainly a colonial idea, this thought also had curious antecedents such as the Indian anti-colonialist Gandhi who saw villages as reservoirs of tradition and bulwarks against modernity. This course questions the received wisdom of this dichotomy. Drawing on classic works and case studies from Asia, Africa, and Latin America, it asks how the city and countryside became symbols for understanding social and economic development.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive***HIST-275 Topics in Native American and Indigenous Studies****HIST-275CH Topics in Native American and Indigenous Studies: 'Duyukdv: Cherokee Studies'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course explores in-depth the history, culture, philosophies, and strong futures of one Indigenous community, the Cherokees, from origin stories to the present day. Today, there are three federally recognized Cherokee nations: the Cherokee Nation, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. We will look at oral (hi)stories, the Cherokee tradition of duyukdv (the right way, the right path), art and material culture, literature, traditional ecological knowledge, and Cherokee memory of various major historical events such as the Trail of Tears, allotment, the invention of the Cherokee syllabary, and much more.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***HIST-276 U.S. Women's History Since 1890***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course considers the historical evolution of women's private lives, public presence, and political engagement within and beyond the borders of the United States, from the 1890s to the present. How have U.S. racism, consumer capitalism, immigration, and changing forms of state power shaped women's experiences and possibilities? How have regimes of gender, sexuality, bodily comportment, and reproduction evolved in relation to national and global changes? Emphasis will be placed on the experiences and perspectives of working-class women, women of color, and Indigenous women.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-206US**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***HIST-277 History of Energy***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

We live in an age of energy crises, in which the future of energy is questioned in countless headlines and Twitter feeds. These concerns often include other assumptions about energy's past, in particular the idea that social change invariably follows the discovery of new energy technologies. From food to fuel cells, this colloquium charts a more complicated and interesting history, a history in which people have continually shaped and made meaningful the energies that fuel the modern world.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 4 credits in History.**Advisory: This course will be of particular interest to students in History and Environmental Studies and to those interested in the social study of science and technology.***HIST-279 Modern Civil Rights Movement***Spring. Credits: 4*

Sit-ins, marches, strikes, Supreme Court decisions, and the passing of landmark legislative acts filled the news headlines across the country during the 1950s and 1960s. This introductory-level survey course will examine the diverse strategies and philosophies of political, social and cultural figures that led to and fueled the modern civil rights movement in America. By drawing on a range of primary sources such as films, organizational records, and memoirs, this course will explore the origins of the movement, well-known and lesser-known protests and activists to reveal how anti-war efforts, gay and lesbian liberation, neighborhood rights, ethnic nationalism and even grassroots conservatism laid claim to the rhetoric and tactics of the civil rights movement.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive***HIST-281 African American History, Precolonial to Emancipation***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will examine the cultural, social, political, and economic history of African Americans through the Civil War. Topics covered include the African background to the African American experience, the Atlantic slave trade, introduction and development of slavery, master-slave relationships, the establishment of black communities, slave revolts, the political economy of slavery, women in slavery, the experiences of free blacks, the crisis of the nineteenth century, and the effect of the Civil War.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.***HIST-282 African American History from Emancipation to the Present***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will examine the social, cultural, political, and economic history of African Americans from emancipation and Reconstruction through the present. Emphasis will fall on postwar southern social and economic developments, the rise of segregation, northern migrations, black class stratification, nationalism, the twentieth-century civil rights movement, and current trends in African American political, social, and economic life.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

HIST-296 Topics: Women in History

HIST-296NT Women in History: 'Histories of Native American Women' *Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores the histories of Native American women, from origins to the present day. This course also introduces students to Indigenous methodologies. We will look at topics such as origin stories, Indigenous feminism, the fur trade, Removal, reservations, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. Major themes include kinship, community, gender, race, material culture, sovereignty, reproduction, matrilineal societies, survivance, and diplomacy.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-206NT

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.

300-Level Colloquia

A colloquium is a 300-level class concentrating on advanced readings in secondary sources and on the analysis and construction of an historical argument. A colloquium may be centered on a broad historical theme, issue, or problem that is likely to affect the world into which current students will graduate. Regardless of topic, they share the common course number HIST-301. Please note that admission to some 300-level history courses is by written application and permission of the instructor. Students may apply online (https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/history/300-level_application).

HIST-301 Colloquia

HIST-301CS Colloquium: 'Capitalism in South Asia'

Spring. Credits: 4

The recession of 2008 has drawn scholars to the subject of long-term capitalist transformation around the globe. Examining the phenomenon that is 'global capitalism,' they have studied its effects on markets, structures of government, and increasingly, the environment. A global approach, however, is inadequate for understanding the particular lifeworlds shaped by capitalism at the local and regional levels. This colloquium uses examples from South Asia to emphasize how capitalist transition in the region was entangled with developments elsewhere, yet asserted a quite distinctive influence in areas of trade, agriculture, property norms, law, labor relations, migration, and consumption.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: 4 credits in History.

HIST-301MT Colloquium: 'Materials and Their Sciences'

Spring. Credits: 4

Materials matter for scientific inquiry. From the physical objects scientists investigate, the concrete models they build to explain abstract phenomena, to the instruments they use for observation and measurement, materials are the medium through which scientific knowledge is sought. This course will examine how the sensory properties of various materials – crystals, yeast, soap bubbles, fossils, textiles fibers, among others – have critically shaped the questions, theories, and practices of those sciences that have historically engaged them.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: 8 credits in History, or 4 credits in History and 4 credits in STEM.

Notes: Students will be graded on one research paper that they will pursue throughout the semester, aided by readings, site visits, and smaller assignments.

Research Seminars

A 300-level class requiring students to engage in primary and secondary source research in the history of particular times and places, resulting in a substantial piece of historical writing. The research seminars are the History courses numbered between 302–394. Please note that admission to some 300-level history courses is by written application and permission of the instructor. Students may apply online (https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/history/300-level_application).

HIST-320 Bad Roman Emperors

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Caligula was a god (or so he thought); Nero fiddled while Rome burned; Commodus dressed as a gladiator and fought man and beast in the arena. The historical tradition of Rome is replete with stories about eccentric and insane emperors whose scandalous reigns raise questions about the nature of the emperor's power and his role in administering the empire. A close study of Roman imperial biography and historiography—the source of so many of these stories of bad emperors—weighed against documentary evidence and material remains reveals the dynamic between the emperor, his court, and his subjects that was fundamental to the political culture of imperial Rome.

Crosslisted as: CLAS-320

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors; Course is limited to ANCST, CLAS, CLASS, GREEK LATIN maj and min only.

Prereq: 8 credits in Classics, Latin, Greek, Classical Studies, or History.

Notes: This course will open to History majors and minors in the second week of preregistration.

HIST-331 Topics in Asian History**HIST-332 Environmental History of China**

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course offers a sweeping history of how the people in China have interacted with the natural world. Students will investigate historically specific social, economic, and political forces that have shaped environmental transformations in China. The course is organized thematically within a chronological framework. The course concludes with a closer look at the development of environmental practice in the modern era.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in History.

Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement. All readings are in English.

HIST-333 Research Seminar in American Women's History**HIST-333WP Research Seminar in American Women's History: 'Women, Politics, and Activism in United States History'**

Fall. Credits: 4

From the Revolution to the Nineteenth Amendment, the denial of women's right to vote shaped their activism across a wide range of movements and initiatives. Patterns of mobilization and leadership that emerged in that era left powerful legacies. We will consider forces that have driven women to polarized political views and efforts that have united them across differences, from the 1770s to the present. How have the actions of Indigenous, African American, and immigrant women shaped the nation's political landscape? How have race, class, gender, sexuality, immigration, and empire informed women's activism? Student efforts will culminate in the production of a substantial research paper.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-333WP

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in History or 4 credits in History and 4 credits in Gender Studies.

HIST-341 Topics in African History**HIST-357 History of British Capitalism**

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This is a research seminar, designed to introduce students to classic and recent debates on the "history of capitalism" and to support original research on a broad array of topics related to the social and cultural history of economic life. Rather than take British capitalism as exemplary of modernization we will situate that which was particular about the British case against the pluralities of capitalism that have evolved over the past three centuries. Topics include revolutions in agriculture, finance, commerce and manufacturing; the political economy of empire; the relationship between economic ideas, institutions and practice; and, the shaping of economic life by gender, class and race.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereqs: 4 credits in History.

HIST-358 Oral History Seminar

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course introduces students to oral history. We will discuss oral history from a variety of perspectives and think about ethics, memory, community histories, and the lives of stories. We will include oral history approaches from diverse communities across Turtle Island/North America. Students will conduct oral history interviews and write a research paper.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive, Community-Based Learning

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in History.

HIST-372 Material Cultures of Turtle Island/North America

Spring. Credits: 4

This course explores the histories of material culture on Turtle Island/North America from origins to the present day. We will explore the stories that live inside objects and the relationships people have with material culture. We will explore case studies from a variety of cultures, including Indigenous, Euro-American, and African-American perspectives, but with a heavy emphasis on Indigenous material cultures. Students will be exposed to a variety of research methodologies for studying material culture. This course will culminate in the production of a substantial research paper.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereqs: 8 credits in History.

Notes: Meets History department's pre-1750 requirement.

HIST-381 Topics in Recent American History**HIST-381BE Recent American History: 'Black Labor Since Emancipation'**

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This research seminar will attempt to accomplish two goals; to examine some of the significant issues in the history of African American workers since Emancipation and to introduce you to some of the most recent scholarship addressing those issues. We will begin with general studies of the history of capitalism in the U.S. and Black workers then proceed to a study of: 1) The role of Black labor in several industries, 2) Black women as workers, 3) Black labor and the Black power movement and 4) Herbert Hill's critiques of organized labor and the labor history establishment.

As a key part of this course, students will prepare a significant primary-source research paper.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in History.

HIST-383 Research Seminar in North American History: From Unsettlement to Reconstruction

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

From the sixteenth to the nineteenth century, how was America both settled and unsettled? How did Indigenous peoples and newcomers build and rebuild lives, communities, and possibilities for the future? We will consider themes of settlement, unsettlement, creation, violence, and rebuilding as we examine early contact between Indigenous and European peoples, trans-oceanic relationships, migration, slavery, the state, war, post-Civil War Reconstruction, and other topics students select. We will focus on research practices that produce insight into the ways people lived in their bodies, on the land, and with one another. Students' efforts will culminate in the production of a substantial research paper.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in History.

Independent Study

HIST-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

HIST-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

International Relations

Overview and Contact Information

The program in International Relations (IR) focuses on the myriad and complex interactions of human beings across state boundaries. It aims to provide students a global perspective on the origins of the current international system, the salient concerns in international relations today, and the emerging challenges humanity will face in the years ahead. These goals can best be achieved through an interdisciplinary approach, drawing upon the theoretical insights and empirical knowledge of several disciplines, including economics, geography, history, and political science. International relations majors are expected to complete a course of study that includes introductory core courses in each of these fields, a course in research methods, as well as advanced courses in a number of more focused tracks. They are expected to attain a level of proficiency in a foreign language that will allow them to do basic research in it. They are also encouraged to study abroad during their junior year. The department strives to educate informed citizens and thoughtful leaders for our emerging global society.

The Five College Certificate in International Relations serves as the minor in International Relations.

Study Abroad

Students are encouraged to spend at least one semester studying abroad during their junior year. A suitable program and course of study should be chosen with the help of the student's advisor.

Honors Work

The department reserves its honors for majors who successfully complete a thesis in their senior year. Seniors writing a thesis must enroll in IR-395 Independent Study for two semesters.

See Also

- Economics (p. 151)
- Geography (p. 229)
- History (p. 246)
- Politics (p. 325)
- Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights (p. 275)

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Learning Goals

By majoring in International Relations, students should gain an understanding of:

- Understand the historical development of empires and nation-states and develop an appreciation for the political, economic, social, and ideological forces that shape states, impact their relations with other states, and structure their organization in an international order.
- Learn and apply theoretical approaches in the political science subfield of international relations to understand the evolution of the international system and such contemporary issues as conflict and conflict resolution, international political economy, human rights, and environmental protection.
- Understand and apply key concepts and theories analyzing economic interrelations among countries and economic and social outcomes in developing economies.
- Learn and apply key concepts and theories of human geography to develop a spatial, multi-scalar, place-based, and interdependent understanding of contemporary global issues.
- Acquire more detailed and multidisciplinary understanding of the historical background and current concerns in key international issue areas, such as international security, international political economy, international law and organizations, and protection of the environment.
- Learn how to design and implement a research project in history and the social sciences using both qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Attain foreign language proficiency at the intermediate level or above.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Program in International Relations:

Sarah Adelman, Professor of Economics

Catherine Corson, Miller Worley Professor of Environmental Studies, On Leave 2025-2026

Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alum Foundation and Professor of Politics

Kavita Khory, Ruth Lawson Professor of Politics

Jeremy King, Professor of History, Teaching Spring Only

Katherine Lande, Professor of Economics

Andy Reiter, Professor of Politics and International Relations, On Leave 2025-2026

Nieves Romero-Díaz, Professor of Spanish on the Alum Foundation

Desmond Fitz-Gibbon, Associate Professor of History, On Leave 2025-2026

Serin Houston, Associate Professor of Geography and International Relations

Christopher Mitchell, Associate Professor of International Relations and Politics

Dylan Shepardson, Robert L. Rooke Associate Professor of Mathematics

Abhilash Medhi, Assistant Professor of History

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
ECON-213	Economic Development	4
or ECON-218	International Economics	
GEOG-105	World Regional Geography ^{1,3}	4
or GEOG-206	Political Geography	
HIST-151	Europe in the Modern World ¹	4
or HIST-161	British Empire and Commonwealth	
POLIT-116	World Politics ¹	4
POLIT-200	Research Methods ¹	4
At least 12 credits at the 300 level in two different disciplines (see Focus below)		12
8 additional credits in international relations		8
Total Credits		40

¹ These introductory courses provide the foundation for more advanced course work in the IR major. Therefore, they should all be completed within the first five semesters at Mount Holyoke. POLIT-200 is intended for IR majors in their sophomore year.

² Please note that the Department of Economics requires ECON-110 Introductory Economics as a prerequisite for ECON-213 and ECON-218.

³ Students with high school preparation in geography should take GEOG-206.

Other Requirements

- Focus. Each student’s major must have a focus, consisting of at least 12 credits in two different disciplines, only 4 credits of which may be independent study. Students may elect one of the following five foci: global commons, international institutions, international peace and security, international political economy, or international ethics. They may also design a focus, with the approval of their advisor and the chair.

- Independent study. Only 4 credits of independent work can count toward the requirement for courses at the 300 level.
- Foreign language. Each student is expected to possess or acquire intermediate-level or higher proficiency in a foreign language (usually four semesters).

Additional Specifications

- Soon after declaring their major, students should plan individual programs of study in consultation with one or more members of the faculty committee, one of whom will be designated the student’s academic advisor.
- Exceptions to the requirements above will be made only in rare cases and require the approval of the chair.
- The Department of International Relations does not cross-list courses in other departments that satisfy the major’s requirements. Generally, all courses taught by members of the IR Committee count toward the major. For courses offered by other faculty, the policy of the department is to accept any course in any department that is directly pertinent to the student’s focus in the major. Thus, for example, a student whose focus is global commons could conceivably count courses offered by the geology or biological sciences departments. Or a student focusing on international ethics could use certain courses in the religion or philosophy departments to satisfy the requirements of the major. Any questions concerning the appropriateness of a particular course can be answered by the advisor or the department chair. It is important for the student to verify that the course in question will count toward the major before enrolling.
- The IR major focuses on global issues and institutions, and relationships across regions and nations. This does not preclude students from developing expertise in a particular region or nation; indeed, part of the study of international relations is how global issues find local expressions. But students whose primary interest is in a particular area of the world should elect a more appropriate major, such as Latin American or Asian studies.
- Students who declare an international relations major automatically fulfill the College’s “outside the major” requirement.

Certificate Overview

The Five College International Relations Certificate Program offers students an opportunity to pursue an interest in international affairs as a complement to their majors. It prepares students to make interdisciplinary connections between their field of study and the complexities of global challenges such as globalization, regional and ethnic conflict, environmental degradation, resource scarcity, demographic stress, global climate change, wide disparities in global economic development, and challenges to global public health.

The Five College Certificate in International Relations serves as the minor in International Relations.

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of seven courses:

Code	Title	Credits
One course on introductory world politics		1
One course on global institutions or problems		1
One course on the international financial and commercial system		1

One course on the historical development of the international system since 1789	1
One course on contemporary American foreign policy	1
Two courses on the politics, economy, and/or society of foreign areas, of which one must involve the study of a third-world country or region outside of the United States and Europe	2
Proficiency in a contemporary foreign language through the completion of two years of the language at the college level or its equivalent	0-4
Total Courses	7-11

Additional Specifications

- A complete list of the Five College courses for each of the seven areas of study is available from the IR certificate advisors and the program's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/international-relations#courses>).
- No more than four of these courses in any one discipline can be counted toward the certificate.
- No single course can satisfy more than one requirement.
- Students must complete the required courses (with the exception of the foreign language courses) with letter grades of B or better (no satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades).
- For further information consult with one of the Mount Holyoke College advisors. Additional information also can be found at the program's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/international-relations>).

Course Offerings

IR-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

IR-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Courses Approved for International Relations Focus Fields

Global Commons

Code	Title	Credits
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-206	Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change	4
ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
ENVST-346	Global Environmental Politics Governance	4
ENVST-347	Environmental Geopolitics and Security	4
Geography		
GEOG-105	World Regional Geography	4
GEOG-202	Cities in a Global Context	4
GEOG-208	Global Movements: Migrations, Refugees and Diasporas	4
GEOG-261MG	Collaborative Research Experience: 'Human Migration'	4

History

HIST-247	Mountains and Modernity	4
HIST-277	History of Energy	4

Politics

POLIT-232	Introduction to International Political Economy	4
POLIT-366	Global Migration	4
POLIT-380	Nationalism and Ethnic Politics	4

Spanish

SPAN-330SL	Advanced Studies in Identities and Intersections: 'Spain and Islam'	4

International Institutions

Code	Title	Credits
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-346	Global Environmental Politics Governance	4
History		
HIST-124	History of Modern South Asia, 1700 to the Present	4
HIST-244	European Public Policy, West and East	4
HIST-252	History of Money	4
HIST-260HH	Topics in the Recent History of Europe: 'The Habsburgs, Hitler, and the Law'	4
HIST-357	History of British Capitalism	4
Politics		
POLIT-208	Chinese Politics	4
POLIT-247	International Law and Organization	4
POLIT-267	The Politics of Finance and Financial Crises	4
POLIT-341	Political Islam	4
POLIT-363	Political Economy of the European Union	4
Spanish		
SPAN-230GV	Identities & Intersections: An Introduction: 'Gendered Violence from Medieval to Contemporary Spain'	4
SPAN-330SL	Advanced Studies in Identities and Intersections: 'Spain and Islam'	4

International Peace and Security

Code	Title	Credits
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-347	Environmental Geopolitics and Security	4
Geography		
GEOG-261MG	Collaborative Research Experience: 'Human Migration'	4
History		
HIST-240	The Holocaust in History	4
HIST-262	Stalinism in Central Europe	4
Politics		
POLIT-209	Contemporary Russian Politics	4
POLIT-216	Middle East Politics	4
POLIT-224	The United States and Iran	4
POLIT-226	The United States, Israel, and the Arabs	4
POLIT-270	American Foreign Policy	4
POLIT-319	War: What Is It Good For?	4
POLIT-366	Global Migration	4
POLIT-380	Nationalism and Ethnic Politics	4

POLIT-384	Ending War and Securing the Peace: Conflict Mediation and Resolution in the 21st Century	4
POLIT-385	Global Security	4

International Political Economy

Code	Title	Credits
Economics		
ECON-213	Economic Development	4
ECON-215	Economics of Corporate Finance	4
ECON-314	Globalization and Development	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-346	Global Environmental Politics Governance	4
History		
HIST-208	The Consumer Revolution: A History of Shopping	4
HIST-252	History of Money	4
HIST-277	History of Energy	4
HIST-301CS	Colloquium: 'Capitalism in South Asia'	4
HIST-357	History of British Capitalism	4
Politics		
POLIT-232	Introduction to International Political Economy	4
POLIT-267	The Politics of Finance and Financial Crises	4
POLIT-272	Trade and American Foreign Policy	4
POLIT-363	Political Economy of the European Union	4

International Ethics

Code	Title	Credits
Economics		
ECON-314	Globalization and Development	4
History		
HIST-230	History and Law	4
Politics		
POLIT-247	International Law and Organization	4
POLIT-272	Trade and American Foreign Policy	4
POLIT-319	War: What Is It Good For?	4
POLIT-341	Political Islam	4
POLIT-342	Islamic Political Thought	4
POLIT-365	Ethics and International Relations	4

Italian

Overview and Contact Information

The major in Italian seeks to foster linguistic fluency and appreciation of the multifaceted culture of the Italian people. In addition to acquiring advanced oral and written proficiency in the Italian language, majors and minors will have the opportunity to access Italy's rich literary and cultural heritage through cinema, literature, music, art, the Web. Besides selecting courses offered at Mount Holyoke and in the more extended Five College community, students are encouraged to investigate the many study abroad options available to them in such culturally diverse cities as Bologna, Florence, and Padova. A major in Italian language and culture can lead to a variety of national and international careers, from foreign service to fashion marketing, from international banking and trade to film, from a career in nonprofits to teaching.

The weekly Italian table provides a welcoming environment for spontaneous expression and cultural exchange, and the ongoing extracurricular activities of the Italian club, lectures, and films round out the multifaceted learning experience at MHC.

See Also

- Romance Languages and Cultures (p. 359)

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Learning Goals

In connection with the College's learning goals, the major in Italian at Mount Holyoke prepares students to develop a comprehensive knowledge of Italian language and culture. It is the department's mission to inspire and motivate students to learn about Italian culture in all of its multifaceted aspects through:

- in-depth study of the Italian language in all of its components (speaking, writing, reading and listening), in order to achieve near-native proficiency. Through a communicative approach, students learn to express feelings, engage in discussion about any topic, develop complex ideas, and read and critically analyze original texts and films in Italian.
- in-depth study of Italian culture and literature to develop a rich, diverse and layered knowledge of Italian thought, history, cultural habits, geography, culinary tradition, gender issues and politics.
- in-depth study of the role of Italy and Italian culture in Mediterranean and world history through millennia of people's shifts, diasporas and migrations.

The department aims for students to become global citizens, through study abroad programs in Italy and internships in Italy. Dedicated faculty members believe in creating a relaxed and positive atmosphere that is conducive to learning, beyond the traditional classroom experience. Classes take frequent advantage of campus resources (museums, libraries, residence halls, and the Italian Living-Learning Community) to organize events to continue teaching beyond the classroom in a consistent and constructive effort at community building.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Classics and Italian. Italian faculty include:
Ombretta Frau, Dorothy Rooke McCulloch Professor of Italian

Morena Svaldi, Director of the Language Assistant Program, Senior Lecturer in Italian

Mattia Boccuti, Visiting Assistant Professor in Italian

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
ITAL-201	Preparation for Advanced Studies in Italian Language and Culture	4
ITAL-209	Italian Media and Culture	4
ITAL-221	Advanced Studies in Italian Culture and Literature	4
ITAL-215	Conversation in Italian ¹	4
Three 300-level courses in Italian literature and culture to be approved by the department ²		12
4 additional credits in Italian		4
Total Credits		32

¹ ITAL-215 is a 2-credit course to be taken twice for a total of 4 credits in conversation.

² At least one 300-level course must be taken in the senior year.

Additional Specifications

- Courses lower than ITAL-201 cannot be counted toward the major.
- Independent Study (ITAL-395) may not be used as part of the minimum major requirements.
- Students thinking about a major in Italian or studying abroad should contact Professor Frau or Senior Lecturer Svaldi.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 18 credits

Code	Title	Credits
ITAL-201	Preparation for Advanced Studies in Italian Language and Culture	4
ITAL-209	Italian Media and Culture	4
ITAL-221	Advanced Studies in Italian Culture and Literature	4
ITAL-215	Conversation in Italian	2
At least one course in Italian literature and culture at the 300 level		4
Total Credits		18

Additional Specifications

- Courses lower than ITAL-201 cannot be counted toward the minor.
- Independent Study (ITAL-395) may not be used as part of the minimum minor requirements.
- Students thinking about a minor in Italian or studying abroad should contact Professor Frau or Senior Lecturer Svaldi.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of Italian can combine their course work in Italian with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of Italian, please consult your advisor or the chair of the Department of Classics and Italian. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, or consult Sarah Frenette in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test

objectives for the MTEL are available in the Department of Classics and Italian and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice

Guidelines for New Students

All courses satisfy distribution requirements unless otherwise indicated.

Students with no previous training in Italian should elect ITAL-101 –ITAL-102.

Students with two years of high school study should elect ITAL-201. Students whose proficiency in the Italian language is superior and who wish to study literature should elect ITAL-221 in the fall semester. Students who are unsure about their level should contact Professor Frau for a proficiency test.

Students contemplating a junior year in Italy should elect an Italian course in the first semester of their first year.

Course Offerings

ITAL-101 Introduction to Italian Language and Culture I

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

A foundational course tailored for beginners, focusing on the study of vocabulary and grammar within the context of contemporary Italian culture. The curriculum features interactive class activities and discussions, enriched by daily speaking exercises, online activities and projects. By the end of the semester, students will achieve a novice-to-high level of proficiency in understanding, speaking, and writing the Italian language and culture through active engagement.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Notes: Successful completion of both ITAL-101 and ITAL-102 will give students a full grammatical knowledge of basic Italian and it is highly recommended.

ITAL-102 Introduction to Italian Language and Culture II

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

A course tailored for beginners who are familiar with ITAL-101 materials, focusing on deepening their knowledge of vocabulary and grammar within the context of contemporary Italian culture. The course curriculum features interactive class activities and discussions, enriched by daily speaking exercises, online activities and projects. By the end of the semester, students will achieve a novice-high level of proficiency in understanding, speaking, and writing the Italian language and culture through active engagement.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: ITAL-101.

ITAL-115 Conversation in Italian I

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

This 2-credit course will improve your conversational skills and your confidence and will help you communicate more effectively in Italian. The course will cover a range of topics, from college life, to culture, fashion, social media, the home, and family. Materials include podcasts, short readings, and videos.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Prereq: ITAL-101 or ITAL-102.

Notes: Taught in Italian.

ITAL-201 Preparation for Advanced Studies in Italian Language and Culture*Fall. Credits: 4*

Preparation for Advanced Studies in Italian Language and Culture is designed to improve communicative proficiency in both the Italian language and culture. The course focuses on five skills progressing from intermediate low to intermediate high: speaking, listening, reading, writing, and cultural understanding and comparison. Through non-stereotypical cultural topics, interactive teaching methods, multimedia resources, and engaging projects students will consolidate their linguistic and cultural knowledge to progress for advanced studies in Italian.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ITAL-102.***ITAL-209 Italian Media and Culture***Spring. Credits: 4*

Italian Media and Culture is a course tailored for intermediate students. In this course, we focus on deepening our knowledge of contemporary Italian culture through original readings, media (podcasts and pop music), and current news. By the end of the semester students will have a high-intermediate/advanced knowledge of Italian.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: ITAL-201.***ITAL-215 Conversation in Italian***Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

This two-credit course will improve students' conversational skills and confidence and will help students communicate more effectively at an intermediate level in Italian. The course will cover a range of topics, from politics, to the professional world, to the environment, to college life, social media, and the arts. Materials include podcasts, short readings, and videos.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: ITAL-101 or above.**Notes: Taught in Italian. Repeatable.***ITAL-221 Advanced Studies in Italian Culture and Literature****ITAL-221DM Advanced Studies in Italian Culture and Literature: 'Dante's Inferno Between Myth and History'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* is one of world literature's foundational works. In his 700-hundred years old masterpiece, Dante poses and confronts universal questions that are still at the core of our daily existence: God, love, ethics, gender relationships, politics, social harmony, literature, the afterlife, and the relations between human and nonhuman forms of life. In this course, we will read, analyze, discuss, and enjoy Dante's great poem by focusing on the first of its three parts, the *Inferno*. In particular, we will be covering Dante's take on mythology and history.

*Crosslisted as: CLAS-250DM, RELIG-225DM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***ITAL-221FC Advanced Studies in Italian Culture and Literature: 'Italian Food Culture'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores food culture in Italian family and society. Food is essential for Italian culture, and the food industry is an important part of the Italian economy. We are going to explore and analyze the strong relationship between food, culture and business in modern Italian society, with examples ranging from Carlo Petrini's Slow Food movement, Eataly, food in ancient Roman times, food as autobiography, food in art, and the coffee revolution. We will read and discuss literary and historical texts, films, and cookbooks.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive*

Notes: This course is primarily taught in English. Students who are interested in taking the course in Italian will have a weekly separate meeting. Please reach out to ofrau@mtholyoke.edu with any questions.

ITAL-295 Independent Study*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

*Instructor permission required.***ITAL-306 All in the Family***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Starting with Ancient Rome, familial ties always played a strong role in Italian society. This course examines the concept of family through the centuries and through cultural, literary and historical changes. We will cover the Roman family, the idea of family in the Risorgimento, the Fascist family, the modern and post-modern family, Michela Murgia's idea of queer family, and more. Authors and directors include Murgia, Boccaccio, Goldoni, Manzoni, De Filippo, Franchi, Sfinge, Saraceno, Visconti, Scola.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: Take ITAL-201 or intermediate knowledge of Italian.**Notes: Taught in Italian.***ITAL-311 Advanced Topics in Italian****ITAL-311FA Advanced Topics in Italian: 'Fascism'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores aspects of twentieth and twenty-first century culture in relation to Benito Mussolini's Fascist dictatorship. From Italian Futurism and imperialism, to Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's historic political victory, we will follow the development of fascism and neo-fascism and discuss literary trends, architecture, activism and visual arts with some of the authors who lived through it.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 8 credits from Italian, Architectural Studies, Art Studio, Art History, Classical Studies, Classics, History, Music, Film Media Theater, Politics, International Relations, or Religion.

Notes: This course is primarily taught in English. Professor Frau organizes separate meetings with students who are interested in obtaining Italian credit. Please reach out to ofrau@mtholyoke.edu with any questions.

ITAL-311MC Advanced Topics in Italian: 'Material Culture'*Spring. Credits: 4*

In this course we examine female and male spaces in the Italian home through modern works of literature and art. We will analyze how objects can define a personality, a space, a life. Spaces examined include intellectual/writing spaces, working spaces, eating/cooking spaces, clothing, decor. Authors include Gabriele D'Annunzio, Guido Gozzano, Oscar Wilde, Jolanda, Aldo Palazzeschi, Marchesa Colombi, Matilde Serao, Virginia Woolf, and more. This course includes an active collaboration with the Art Museum.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 8 credits in Italian or 8 credits in humanities.**Notes: Taught in English.***ITAL-341 Italian Topics Taught in English****ITAL-341ST Italian Topics Taught in English: 'The Italian Stage: Commedia dell'Arte, Social Mobility, Politics'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores Italian theatre from the Commedia dell'Arte to Pirandello with particular attention to social mobility, politics, and class conflict. Authors include classics such as Isabella Andreini, Carlo Goldoni and Luigi Pirandello.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330ST**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 8 credits in Italian.**Notes: Taught in English. Italian students can elect to add ITAL-215 to this course.***ITAL-361 Seminar in Romance Languages and Cultures**

This interdisciplinary seminar will focus on a comparative study of Romance languages or literatures. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Seminar discussions will be conducted in English, but students wishing to obtain language credit are expected to read works in at least one original language. Papers will be written in either English or the Romance language of the student's choice.

ITAL-361AV Seminar in Romance Languages and Cultures: 'About Vanguard and Revolutionary Ideas'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course addresses cultural relations between Latin America and Romance languages and cultures through the concept of vanguard: the Latin American poetic vanguardias of the early twentieth century and controversies with the Italian and Spanish vanguardias; the influence of the Négritude anti-colonial movement in Latin American decolonial thinking and the political avant-garde movements and guerrillas of the '60s and '70s; the intersections between French surrealism and Latin American magic realism; and the emergence of the Cinema Novo and New/Third Cinema (the vanguard of political cinema in Latin America) in the context of Italian neo-realism and the French nouvelle vague.

*Crosslisted as: ROMLG-375AV, FREN-321AV, SPAN-360AV**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 credits at the 200 level in language or literature.**Notes: Taught in English. Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.***ITAL-361LT Seminar in Romance Languages and Cultures: 'Romance Languages Translate'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This seminar explores Romance languages, literatures and cultures through the prism of translation. By comparing translations from Spanish, Catalan, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Romanian between each other and into English, we will map out the boundaries, intersections and middle grounds of this language family. Students will engage with the different traditions of translation studies in these languages and critically analyze translators' paratexts. Selecting an individual translation project in a Romance language of their choice, through a process of revision and collaboration, each student will produce both a polished translation and a commentary explaining challenges and choices.

*Crosslisted as: ROMLG-375LT, FREN-321LT, SPAN-360LT**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Advisory: Two courses in culture and literature at the 200 level.**Notes: Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.***ITAL-361MT Seminar in Romance Languages and Cultures: 'The Mind of the Traveler: Journeys, Expeditions, Tours'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Travel literature has always been a precious source for the study of culture, politics, arts, and last but not least, people. From Tacitus to Marco Polo, from Stendhal to Camilo Jose Cela, we will read and discuss authors who traveled for political, personal, and recreational reasons. We will also pay special attention to tales of emigration and immigration in the third millennium.

*Crosslisted as: SPAN-360MT, FREN-321MT, ROMLG-375MT**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Advisory: For language majors; two courses in culture and literature at the 200 level.**Notes: Note: Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.***ITAL-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Japanese

Overview and Contact Information

The Japanese program offers three levels of instruction. Students will build their language skills and cultural knowledge with various activities such as visiting Wa-Shin-An (the Japanese tea room at Mount Holyoke), reading short stories, writing blogs, and interviewing students from Japan. Students can study abroad in Japan through fall, spring, or year-long programs. The McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives maintains a current list of study abroad programs offered. Students who study Japanese may choose to complete the minor in Japanese listed here or the major in East Asian Studies for which language study is a principal component.

See Also

- East Asian Studies (p. 149)
- Asian Studies (p. 75)

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Abhilash Medhi, Assistant Professor of History

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Kyae-Sung Park, Five College Senior Lecturer in Korean

Lisha Xu, Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies

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Nari Matsushima, Visiting Instructor in Asian Studies

Requirements for the Minor

At least 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
As prerequisites, if needed: ASIAN-120, ASIAN-121		
	Two Japanese language courses at the 200 level or higher	8
	An additional two 300-level courses in Japanese language	8
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

- Independent Studies (ASIAN-295 or ASIAN-395) do not count toward the minor.
- Language courses that are not taken at Mount Holyoke must be approved by the head of the Japanese program at Mount Holyoke College to count toward the minor.
- Courses taught in English do not count toward the minor.

The 100-level courses in Japanese (ASIAN-120 and ASIAN-121) are prerequisites to the intermediate and advanced courses below.

Course Offerings

ASIAN-222 Second Year Japanese I

Fall. Credits: 4

ASIAN-222 is the third-semester course in Japanese for those who have taken ASIAN-121 or have equivalent preparation in Japanese. Includes approximately 250 kanji. Students in this course learn to listen and comprehend conversations about more sophisticated topics they would encounter in daily life in Japan, such as conducting conversations in a hospital, expressing their plans and intentions, asking a favor, asking for and listening to navigation directions, and giving and receiving gifts. They learn how to interact with Japanese people in such situations with appropriate cultural manners in preparation for any potential stay in Japan such as for study abroad or an internship.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: ASIAN-121 or equivalent.

Advisory: ASIAN-121 or equivalent. Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

ASIAN-223 Second Year Japanese II

Spring. Credits: 4

ASIAN-223 is the fourth semester course in Japanese for those who have taken ASIAN-222 or have equivalent preparation in Japanese. Students in this course are taught to be able to explain procedures, ask and express opinions, understand and express complaints and apologies, while learning grammatical constructions such as passive, causative, causative-passive and different levels of politeness.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: ASIAN-222 or equivalent.

Advisory: Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

ASIAN-324 Third Year Japanese I

Fall. Credits: 4

This course helps students attain a higher level of proficiency in modern Japanese through the extended use of the language in practical contexts. The class will be conducted mostly in Japanese.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: ASIAN-223 or equivalent.

Advisory: ASIAN-223 or equivalent. Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

ASIAN-326 Third Year Japanese II*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course continues ASIAN-324, Third Year Japanese I. It emphasizes attaining a higher level of proficiency in modern Japanese through the extended use of the language in practical contexts. The class will be conducted mostly in Japanese.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: ASIAN-324 or equivalent.

Advisory: ASIAN-324 or equivalent. Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

Jewish Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The curriculum in Jewish studies provides course offerings in a range of fields and disciplines, including English, German, history, international relations, politics, and religion. Courses represent a variety of methodological approaches and are intended to introduce students to the broad and rich diversity of Jewish culture and experience.

See Also

- Religion (p. 353)

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Learning Goals

Jewish Studies is an interdisciplinary field that critically examines the global diversity and historical varieties of Jewish experience. A minor in Jewish Studies is an organic component of a liberal arts education and provides a lens through which to understand the human experience. Students who minor in Jewish studies at Mount Holyoke College are expected to:

1. Critically examine the varieties of Jewish cultural, religious, and literary expression from ancient Israel to contemporary times.
2. Incorporate subject matter and modes of inquiry from across the college, including religious studies, literature, history, anthropology, and politics, in order to understand the global Jewish diaspora and its contact with other civilizations.
3. Study one of the languages in which Jews have expressed themselves throughout the centuries, especially Hebrew and/or Yiddish.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Jewish Studies Committee:

Mara Benjamin, Irene Kaplan Leiwant Professor of Jewish Studies

Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alumnae Foundation and Professor of Politics

Jeremy King, Professor of History

Madeleine Cohen, Visiting Assistant Professor in Jewish Studies

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
12 credits in Jewish Studies at the 200 or 300 level		12
At least 4 credits in Jewish Studies at the 300 level		4
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

- Those choosing a minor in Jewish studies should consult as early as possible with the program chair in order to devise a course of study in consultation with the chair and other members of the program.
- Students should consider taking Hebrew language as part of the Jewish studies minor and, in addition to the approved Jewish Studies courses at Mount Holyoke, are encouraged to consider Jewish studies offerings at the other Five Colleges.
- Elementary Hebrew is offered regularly at Smith College. The course will be conducted in person at Smith and through a simultaneous video connection for students at Mount Holyoke. Mount Holyoke students can register for this Smith class (JUD-101) through regular Five College interchange procedures, and then will have the option to participate in the class directly from Mount Holyoke via simulcast without regularly having to travel to Smith for class meetings.
- Other courses in Jewish studies are offered regularly on campus. Consult with the program chair for a list of current courses in other departments that may be taken for credit toward a Jewish Studies minor. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the Jewish studies course offerings at Smith College (<https://www.smith.edu/academics/jewish-studies>), the University of Massachusetts (<http://www.umass.edu/jne/courses-judaic-studies>), Hampshire College (<https://www.hampshire.edu/jewish-studies/jewish-studies-at-hampshire>), and Amherst College (<https://www.amherst.edu/>).

Related Courses in Other Departments

For a list of current courses that may be taken for credit toward a Jewish studies minor, consult with the chair of the program.

Course Offerings

JWST-112 Introduction to Judaism

Spring. Credits: 4

Judaism is a 3,500-year-old tradition that has developed over time as Jewish communities all over the world creatively interacted with the different cultural and historical milieus in which they lived. This course explores the ways in which Judaism has sought to transform ordinary life into sacred life. What are the ways in which Judaism conceives of God, and what is the meaning of life? What roles do study, prayer, ethics, sex, marriage, family, rituals of the life cycle, and community play in Judaism? These and other questions will be taken up through study of diverse types of religious literature and historical evidence.

Crosslisted as: RELIG-112

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

JWST-203 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the many different kinds of texts within the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) including stories, legal codes, prophecies, proverbs, and poetry. We'll situate these texts in the context of the historical periods in which they were written and uncover the religious and political worldviews they articulate. Students trace the processes through which this diverse collection of ancient literature was gradually gathered together into something called a "Bible" and will reflect on how and why these texts have come to be interpreted in so many different ways over the course of the last two millennia.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-203**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***JWST-213 The Gender of Yiddish***Fall. Credits: 4*

Yiddish and questions of gender have a long history. The language was called "mame-loshn" (mother tongue); it was associated with home and family. Jewish women were the primary intended readers of Yiddish, beginning with religious literature for those who could not read Hebrew and developing into a modern, secular, often moralizing literature. Despite the strong connections between Yiddish and women, women writers have been marginalized and underestimated. This course will explore the gendered history of Yiddish, including through the lens of queer theory. We will also read English translations of literature by modern Yiddish women writers who are being rediscovered today through new translations and scholarly attention.

*Crosslisted as: GRMST-213, GNDST-210YD**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***JWST-218 Yiddish Nation: Language as Homeland***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

For roughly 1000 years Ashkenazi Jewish culture has existed in exile. Since these stateless people were living in diaspora, without a sovereign territory, the Yiddish language itself became a symbolic homeland. This course will explore how some Yiddish-speaking Jews embraced their stateless existence not as a historic tragedy but as a revolutionary form of identity called diaspora nationalism. We will explore Yiddish cultural identity through literature, music, film, and politics. We will read works of history and cultural theory and seek points of intersection with other migrant, refugee, stateless, and diasporic cultures.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: All readings will be in English, prior knowledge of Yiddish is not required.***JWST-219 Translation Theory and Practice in Jewish Literature***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines translation as a mode of cultural transmission, creativity, and theoretical inquiry for Jewish literature and thought. Topics include: translation as a means of mediating access to the sacred; women's roles as readers and creators of translations; enduring debates about what may be "lost" in translation; and whether translation into "Global English" helps or hurts the survival of literatures in Yiddish, Ladino, and other minoritized languages. Students put theory into practice by reading translations of Jewish literature critically and comparatively and by producing their own translations.

*Crosslisted as: GRMST-231TR, ENGL-217TJ**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Advisory: Knowledge of any language other than English is helpful but not required.***JWST-225 Topics in Judaism****JWST-225EC Topics in Judaism: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Environmental crises like global warming, deforestation, and pollution are pushing ecosystems to the brink of collapse and endangering populations around the globe. Our present, though challenging to an unprecedented degree, is not the first time humans have faced crises related to climate, depletion of natural resources, and mass migration. In this course, we'll delve into the culture and mythologies of ancient Mesopotamian, Egyptian, and Levantine societies to see how they understood their relationships with their indigenous ecosystems, how they interpreted natural disasters and anthropogenic environmental destruction, and how they imagined starting over again after the end of the world.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-225EC, CLAS-250EC**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***JWST-225HH Topics in Judaism: 'The Habsburgs, Hitler, and the Law'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the complex, often comic, and ultimately tragic history of Bohemia, a territory located today in the Czech Republic, but previously a part of the Habsburg Monarchy, then of Czechoslovakia, and then of Hitler's Third Reich. Students will complement historical studies with autobiographical material and contemporary fiction, beginning with the Revolution of 1848, progressing through the achievements and worrisome trends of Emperor Francis Joseph's 68-year reign, and concluding with the world wars. Emphasis on the interplay among Czechs, Germans, Jews, and other pivotal players: the House of Habsburg and its supporters, and the political elites of neighboring countries.

*Crosslisted as: HIST-260HH, GRMST-231HH**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***JWST-225ST Topics in Judaism: 'Stalinism in Central Europe'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the use of revolutionary terror by the state. More specifically, it examines policies of terror pursued by Communist dictatorships in Hungary and Czechoslovakia during the early years of the Cold War. Who did what to whom, and why? What insights do secret police work and public propaganda, knitted together in macabre show trials, allow us into Stalinist rule, European politics, and maybe ourselves? How did memories of terror shape politics after Stalin's death? Students should deepen their understanding for the discipline of History, improve their reading and writing, and develop a working knowledge of Central European politics at the middle of the twentieth century.

*Crosslisted as: HIST-262**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***JWST-234 Women and Gender in Judaism***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course examines gender as a key category in Jewish religious thought and practice. Students examine different theories of gender and intersectional feminisms, concepts of gender in a range of Jewish sources, and feminist Jewish responses to those sources. Students work with the Judaica collection at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum and consider material culture as a source for women's and gender studies. Topics may include: how Jewish practice and law regulate sexuality and desire; feminist, queer and trans methods of engaging patriarchal texts; methods of studying women and gender in Jewish cultures; racialization.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-234, GNDST-210JD**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives*

JWST-240 The Holocaust in History*Spring. Credits: 4*

An attempt at understanding the Nazi-led assault on Europe's Jews. Course units include an exploration of origins, both German and European; an analysis of the evolving mechanics of genocide (mobile killing squads, death camps, etc.); comparisons (Germany proper vs. Poland, the Holocaust vs. other instances of state-sponsored mass murder); legal dimensions; and an introduction to the politics of Holocaust remembrance since 1945.

*Crosslisted as: HIST-240, GRMST-231HT**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***JWST-257 OMG: God and Her Critics, from the Bible to Ecological Crisis**
Fall. Credits: 4

For a being often said to be immutable, God has been imagined in myriad, often contradictory, ways over the centuries – even within a single religious tradition. Using Jewish studies as a springboard, this course examines the idea of God through the writings of philosophers and poets, mystics and rationalists from ancient to contemporary times. Topics include: body/spirit dualism and feminist and ecological critique thereof; cross-cultural encounter, diaspora and cultural mixing as generative forces; superstition and other kinds of heterodoxy; and ritual performance.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-257**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Students who wish to take this course as a 300-level class in Jewish Studies may do so with permission of with the instructor.***JWST-269 Citizens and Subjects: Jews in the Modern World***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines key themes in Jewish intellectual, religious, and political life from the late 17th century to the present. We examine: the effect of civil emancipation and the Enlightenment on Jewish philosophy and theology; Jews as both architects of modern thought and the paradigmatic Other in European liberal nation-states; the transformation of traditional Jewish religious rituals and belief systems in response to dramatic social and political life; new patterns of gender and family organization; the effect of antisemitism, Zionism, and imperialism on Jewish politics; and contemporary Jewish intellectual innovation, including feminist and queer thought.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-269**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***JWST-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***JWST-343 Against Productivity: Sabbath as Countercultural Practice***Spring. Credits: 4*

The practice of a weekly day of rest dates back millennia. Today, the Sabbath beckons as an antidote to the relentless demand to be productive. This seminar explores the ideas, actions, and communal dimensions of the sacred day that anchors the seven-day calendar, focusing on Jewish texts and practices. Key themes include sacred time, cultural identity, and the transformation of religious life over time. Students explore the development of the Sabbath using narrative, folk, and legal primary sources and in experiential learning. Students will pursue an extended research project.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-343**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***JWST-350 Special Topics in Jewish Studies****JWST-350HB Special Topics in Jewish Studies: 'The Human Body in Jewish Thought'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How have ancient and modern Jewish thinkers imagined the body, its purposes, and the diversity of embodied forms and experiences? In this course, students explore these themes through a range of textual case studies related to creation, ability and disability, appearance, gender and sexuality, aging, death, birth, and love. Through texts drawn from the full range of Jewish religious literature, we will also get to know some of the major Jewish textual corpora and the cultural contexts in which they developed. Throughout the course, we explore critiques of, engagements with, and renewals of these discourses from the perspective of contemporary feminist, Queer, and Disabled scholars.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-331HB**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in humanities.***JWST-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse

Overview and Contact Information

Many departments, including English, history, sociology, and politics, offer hands-on and theory-based courses in journalism and public media. Students learn to examine the world with an educated, critical eye; to collect material from a wide range of sources; and to analyze and communicate information clearly and concisely. MHC's approach reflects the reality of the job market: employers in journalism and media want students who are knowledgeable and articulate across a wide array of subjects in the liberal arts, who are creative, flexible thinkers with superior writing and analytical capabilities. The Nexus in Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse encourages students to explore journalism and media through many venues. In the classroom, students can fact-check a news story, examine the history of *The New York Times*, or analyze the role of media in contemporary society.

Contact Information

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chairs:

Eleanor Townsley, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Sociology; Director of Nexus

Hannah Goodwin, Associate Professor of Film and Media Studies

Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus or selected with approval of the track chair		
At least one course at the 300 level		
At least one course at the 200 level or above		
One course at the 100 level or above ¹		
A substantive summer internship ²		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
A presentation at LEAP Symposium		
Total Credits		18

¹ Only one course at the 100 level is permitted to count toward the Nexus.

² The summer internship must meet College requirements for a substantial educational experience: At least 200 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization’s stated mission and complements the student’s area of focus.

Additional Specifications

- Students will schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete an online Plan of Study form to be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
- COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Courses other than those listed below may count toward the Nexus. Students are invited to consult the Nexus track chair for consideration of courses not on the list.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-221	Anthropology of Media	4
ANTHR-230	Language in Culture and Society	4
ANTHR-352	Digital Cultures	4
Art History		
ARTH-242	History of Photography: The First Hundred Years	4
Asian Studies		
ASIAN-215	Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women’s Theater	4
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-228	Visualizing Immigrant Narratives: Migration in Film	4

CRPE-240LF	Intermediate Topics: ‘Latinas in Film’	4
English		
ENGL-219BC	Topics in Creative Writing: ‘Building Literary Community’	4
ENGL-219CH	Topics in Creative Writing: ‘Climate Changes Everything: Telling Stories at the End of the World As We Know It’	4
ENGL-325	Victorian Literature and Visual Culture	4
ENGL-361TR	Advanced Creative Writing Topics: ‘Introduction to Literary Translation’	4
Film Media Theater		
FMT-102	Introduction to Film Studies	4
FMT-104	Introduction to Media Studies	4
FMT-230AM	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: ‘Anthropology of Media’	4
FMT-230CH	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: ‘Contemporary Chinese Media Culture’	4
FMT-230CW	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: ‘Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women’s Theater’	4
FMT-230NC	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: ‘Social Media: Networked Cultures’	4
FMT-230TV	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: ‘History of U.S. Television’	4
FMT-240AD	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: ‘Audio Storytelling’	4
FMT-240VE	Intermediate Courses in Production and Practice: ‘Video Editing’	4
FMT-330CA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: ‘Cases in Media Law’	4
FMT-330EA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: ‘Envisioning Apocalypse’	4
FMT-340DC	Advanced Courses in Production and Practice: ‘Documentary Production’	4
French		
FREN-225	Intermediate Level Courses in Culture and Literature: Introduction to Contemporary Culture and Media of France and the French-Speaking World	4
FREN-331LF	Courses on Social and Political Issues and Critical Approaches: ‘Publishing ‘la Francophonie’: The Distribution and Reception of Texts from the Antilles, Africa, and Beyond’	4
FREN-331LM	Courses on Social and Political Issues and Critical Approaches: ‘Reading “Le Monde”	4
First-Year Seminars		
FYSEM-110PE	Performing the Self	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-204CW	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: ‘Androgyny and Gender Negotiation in Contemporary Chinese Women’s Theater’	4
Politics		
POLIT-248DA	Topics in Politics: ‘Defense Against the Dark Arts’	4
Sociology		
SOCI-240	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	4

SOCI-316PS	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Digital Media and the Public Sphere'	4
Spanish		
SPAN-240CN	Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Latin American Cinema'	4

Latin

Overview and Contact Information

Latin is alive and well in the many English words that have Latin roots and as the matriarch of the modern Romance languages—Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Romanian. More important, it lives on in the influence it exerted on countless later writers and thinkers and, of course, in Latin works that modern audiences continue to find relevant. Among the most familiar names in Latin literature are those from its apex in the first century BCE and first century CE. Authors such as Cicero, Caesar, Catullus, Vergil, Horace, Livy, Ovid, and Tacitus mastered the genres of epic, lyric, and elegiac poetry, satire, oratory, and historiography.

The department offers courses in Latin at all levels, with those at the intermediate and advanced levels focusing on many of the authors mentioned above. Students will also find a wide array of courses (in English) approaching the culture and history of Roman antiquity from a variety of perspectives.

While the study of Latin is a foundation stone of the discipline of classics, the Latin major or minor is also excellent preparation for advanced study in English, religion, philosophy, and history. There are also many opportunities for teaching Latin at the middle and high school levels (see below on Teaching Licensure).

The Latin major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106). Students who entered before fall 2024 and who will graduate in May 2025 or later are eligible to choose either Latin or Classical Studies after consulting with the chair of the Classical Studies department.

Study Abroad

The department encourages study abroad. In recent years a number of students in the department have spent part of their junior years at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies (ICCS) in Rome. Some have pursued their studies at Oxford, Saint Andrews, and other institutions in Great Britain. Students who anticipate taking an advanced degree in archaeology, ancient art history, ancient history, or classics can also apply to summer sessions of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

See Also

- Ancient Studies (p. 52)
- Classical Studies (p. 106)
- Classics (p. 104)
- Greek (p. 241)

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

Learning goals for students of classics and ancient studies are:

- To analyze critically ancient Greek and Roman texts, in their original languages and in translation, within their literary, philosophical, and historical contexts.
- To understand major monuments and artifacts within their historical and cultural settings; to develop a visual literacy of ancient art and sharpen the ability to see and express what one sees.
- To imagine fully and creatively ancient cultural communities when relying on limited written and material remains.
- To deepen the understanding of current problems by studying the responses of ancient Greeks and Romans to questions about the human condition, including, how to live well, and how to govern.
- To write and speak more confidently and effectively, and to develop well-reasoned arguments using primary evidence and/or secondary material, including print and digital resources.
- To expand intellectual breadth through studying the ancient Greek and Roman worlds through different disciplines and modes of inquiry.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Classics and Italian. Advisors for Latin:

Geoffrey Sumi, Professor of Classics on the Alum Foundation

Bruce Arnold, Associate Professor of Classics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
At least 12 credits at the 300 level in the language of concentration		12
20 additional credits in approved courses at the 200 or 300 level. These may be courses in Latin or Greek and/or a variety of courses in art history, classics (in English), history, philosophy, politics or religion. ¹		20
Total Credits		32

¹ These courses should be selected after consulting with the student's advisor.

Additional Specifications

- The Latin major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106).

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
12 credits above the 100 level in the Latin language		12
At least 4 credits in the Latin language at the 300 level		4
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

The Latin major and minor are available only to students who entered the College before fall 2024. Students entering fall 2024 or later should instead refer to Classical Studies (p. 106).

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the fields of Latin and classics can combine their course work in Latin and classics with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the majors of Latin and classics, please consult your advisor or the chair of the classics department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, or consult Sarah Frenette in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the classics department and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Offerings

Classical Studies courses below include courses in Latin language, literature, and history.

CLAS-101 Elementary Latin I

Fall. Credits: 4

Offers study and practice in the grammar and syntax of classical Latin.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years, sophomores, and juniors

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-102 Elementary Latin II

Spring. Credits: 4

Offers study and practice in the grammar and syntax of classical Latin.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-101 or CLAS-101.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-111 Elementary Greek: Homer's *Iliad*

Spring. Credits: 4

This course introduces the ancient Greek language and epic meter through the study of the *Iliad*. The grammar of the *Iliad*, originally an oral poem, is relatively uncomplicated, so that by the middle of the first semester students will begin to read the poem in Greek. By the end of the year they will have read a portion of *Iliad*, Book I.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Notes: Taught in Greek.

CLAS-112 Elementary Greek: Homer's *Iliad*

Fall. Credits: 4

This course is an continuation of CLAS-111, introducing the ancient Greek language and epic meter through the study of the *Iliad*. By the end of the year students will have read a portion of *Iliad*, Book I.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: GREEK-101 or CLAS-111.

Notes: Taught in Greek.

CLAS-201 Intermediate Latin I

Fall. Credits: 4

This course combines a thorough review of Latin grammar and syntax with an introduction to the life and literature of ancient Rome, based on the reading of selected passages of Roman prose and poetry.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-102 or CLAS-102.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202 Intermediate Latin II

CLAS-202CE Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The career of the Roman orator and statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero spanned the last generation of the Roman Republic, a period of political instability and civil war. As the leading orator of his day, Cicero often used his rhetorical skills to thwart those who he believed were bent on the destruction of the Roman Republic. In this course, we will examine the role of public oratory in the political process in this period with a close reading of Cicero's speeches and letters concerning one of his political enemies (Catiline, Clodius, or Mark Antony).

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-201 or CLAS-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202RC Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Could Romans be funny? Perhaps surprisingly, in a culture where seriousness (*gravitas*) and sternness (*severitas*) were praiseworthy attributes, Romans enjoyed theatrical productions adapted from Greek comedies – from raucous and ribald farces to more subtle comedies of manners. They also believed that satire, poetry that poked fun at the vices and foibles of human nature, was a truly Roman genre. Moreover, both comic and satirical elements appear in a wide range of Roman literature. Authors may include Plautus, Terence, Horace, Ovid, Martial, Juvenal, and others.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202RN Intermediate Latin II: 'Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel'

Spring. Credits: 4

Petronius' *Satyricon* is one of the few surviving novels from the ancient world. Formed from a pastiche of other literary genres, including epic, comedy, and satire, it is a vivid account of the adventures of three men as they travel throughout Italy. Though fiction, and only partially extant, its realistic portrayal of Roman life offers a glimpse into the social mores in the early empire. Petronius himself was a member of Nero's court and the *Satyricon* a product of Nero's promotion of the arts. By giving rise to the picaresque genre the *Satyricon's* influence continued to be felt far beyond its own day.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: 200-level Latin.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202VA Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Vergil: Aeneid'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A study of the *Aeneid* with attention both to its presentation of the classic conflict between Greek and Roman value systems and to its controversial portrayal of empire in the Augustan age.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-201 or CLAS-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-202WR Intermediate Latin II Topics: 'Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Livy and Sallust, the best known historians of the Roman Republic, viewed history writing as a moral enterprise, presenting events from the past as exemplary tales to inform and enlighten the lives of their readers. Their narratives thus are highly rhetorical, combining myth, memory, and history to reconstruct the past. Close reading of selections from Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* and/or Sallust's monographs – the *Bellum Catilinae* and *Bellum Jugurthinum* – will lead to discussions about how Romans viewed their past and how they wrote about it.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: LATIN-201 or CLAS-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-216 Ancient Rome

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Ancient Rome and its empire can be viewed both as a measure of human achievement and a cautionary tale of the corrupting effects of unbridled power. This course covers the history of Ancient Rome from its mythologized beginnings (753 BCE) to the rise and spread of Christianity under the Emperor Constantine (312 CE). Topics include the creation and development of Rome's republican form of government as well as its eventual transition to monarchy, the causes and consequences of the acquisition of empire, the role of the army in administering the provinces and defending the frontiers, the image of emperor, the economy, and religion.

Crosslisted as: HIST-228

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-218 Gods and Mortals: Classical Mythology

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The wrath of Achilles. The travels of Odysseus. The blinding of Oedipus. The myths of Greece and Rome continue to exert a hold on our collective imagination. But for the ancient Greeks and Romans who produced these stories about gods and demigods, myth was more than a source of entertainment, it offered insight into matters of more pressing concern, from political strife, to mental health, to the nature of humankind and its place in the cosmos. In this course, we will come to understand the social significance of myth through a survey of some foundational works of classical literature, including Homeric epic, Hesiod, Greek tragedy, Plato and Vergil. In the process, we will learn about modern approaches to the interpretation of myth, and conversely, how the study of mythology has affected other disciplines, from psychoanalysis to anthropology. We will adopt a transcultural perspective, studying how and why the mythologies of Greece – already indebted to those of the Hittites and Mesopotamians – were reconfigured as they passed into Roman literature and ultimately into our own popular media.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-226 Bread and Circuses: The Politics of Public Entertainment in Ancient Rome

Spring. Credits: 4

Bread and circuses (*panem et circenses*) was a catchphrase in the Roman empire that described the political strategy of controlling an unruly populace through free bread and public entertainment. Against a backdrop of Roman social and political institutions, this course focuses on the imperial ideology, aristocratic ethos, and cultural practices that underpinned this catchphrase, as well as questions concerning the careers of entertainers – gladiators, charioteers, and actors – who were at once celebrities and social outcasts; the rules of spectatorship at the games; the use of these games as a form of social control; and the logistics of feeding the city population.

Crosslisted as: HIST-226

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-227 Ancient Greece

Fall. Credits: 4

This course will trace the emergence and expansion of Greek civilization in the Mediterranean between the Bronze Age and Alexander the Great. Among themes to be explored are political structures, trade, slavery, gender relations, and religion, as well as the contributions of ancient Greeks to literary genres (drama, rhetoric, historiography, philosophy) and to the visual arts. Throughout we will consider how the history of the ancient Greeks can speak to modern concerns. Sources will include works of ancient Greek literature and history (e.g., Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristophanes, Plutarch) as well as archaeological and epigraphic evidence.

Crosslisted as: HIST-227

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-231 Greek Tragedy, American Drama, and Film*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The Greeks, beginning with Homer, saw the world from an essentially tragic perspective. The searing question of why human societies and the human psyche repeatedly break down in tragic ruin and loss, particularly in the conflicts of war and in the betrayal of personal bonds of love and friendship, fascinated them as it still does us. The most consistent themes that emerged from such examination are the tragedy of self-knowledge and illusion, the tragedy of desire, the tragedy of crime and guilt, and tragedy as a protest against social injustice. This course examines the critical influence of the three most important Athenian dramatists, Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, on the works of Nobel winner Eugene O'Neill, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller and important filmmakers, who have tried to recreate the powerful atmosphere and impact of the Greek tragic theater or reworked the tragic themes of classical myth for their own purposes in the modern age.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-242 Kingdoms Human and Divine***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How political authority is wielded is a theme of some of the greatest works in the Greco-Roman philosophical tradition: Plato's *Republic*, Aristotle's *Politics*, and Augustine's *City of God*. Authority exercised well gives rise to good order and human flourishing, but abusive authority results in the opposite: injustice, conflict, and ultimately destructive violence. In this course we will compare how these philosophers addressed the problem of political authority in the human realm with the theme of the kingdom of God in the Bible, especially as found in *The Gospel of Matthew* and *The Book of Revelation*.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-225KH**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-247 Knowing God***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the following key texts from the ancient world that treat significantly the problem of knowing God and the mystery enveloping such knowledge: Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*, Plato's *Phaedo*, Cicero's *Concerning the Nature of the Gods*, Job, Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*, and others. Attention is also given to the different ways of thinking about the divine and human natures in these works, which are broadly reflective of Graeco-Roman and Judaeo-Christian value systems.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-225KG**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-250 Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies****CLAS-250AR Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Art and Experience in Ancient Rome'***Fall. Credits: 4*

To see and be seen – it could be argued that this was the very definition of Roman culture. In this course, lectures on the art and architecture of ancient Rome (ca. 300 BCE - 400 CE) will provide the backdrop for an investigation of the central role that visual culture played in the lives of different social groups, including bondspeople and the formerly enslaved, women and children. Special topics will include the funeral as performance, the house as a site of memory, the dissemination of images on coins, the spectacle of agriculture and dining, art and audience in the racetrack and public baths, representations of work by non-elites, and the Roman street as a place for making art.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-290AR**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***CLAS-250AW Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'The Garden in the Ancient World'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Drawing on the literature, art, and archaeology of gardens, this course investigates the nature and experience of gardens and gardening, from antiquity to the present day. How have humans conceived of the garden as paradise; a site for philosophy and religion; a space for solace, inspiration, and desire; and a setting for labor, conquest, and resistance? Grounded in readings from antiquity – ranging from the Sumerian *Hymn to Ninurta*, Homer, Sappho, Vergil, Horace, Columella, and Augustine (all in translation) – and complemented by later historical perspectives, from Jane Austen to Jamaica Kincaid, this course analyzes multiple conceptions and expressions of beauty, power, and love-in the garden.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-290AN**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***CLAS-250DM Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Dante's Inferno Between Myth and History'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* is one of world literature's foundational works. In his 700 years old masterpiece, Dante poses and confronts universal questions that are still at the core of our daily existence: God, love, ethics, gender relationships, politics, social harmony, literature, the afterlife, and the relations between human and nonhuman forms of life. In this course, we will read, analyze, discuss, and enjoy Dante's great poem by focusing on the first of its three parts, the *Inferno*. In particular, we will be covering Dante's take on mythology and history.

*Crosslisted as: ITAL-221DM, RELIG-225DM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.*

CLAS-250EC Intermediate Topics in Classical Studies: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Environmental crises like global warming, deforestation, and pollution are pushing ecosystems to the brink of collapse and endangering populations around the globe. Our present, though challenging to an unprecedented degree, is not the first time humans have faced crises related to climate, depletion of natural resources, and mass migration. In this course, we'll delve into the culture and mythologies of ancient Mesopotamian, Egyptian, and Levantine societies to see how they understood their relationships with their indigenous ecosystems, how they interpreted natural disasters and anthropogenic environmental destruction, and how they imagined starting over again after the end of the world.

Crosslisted as: JWST-225EC, RELIG-225EC

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

CLAS-302 Cicero and the Enemies of the Roman Republic

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The career of the Roman orator and statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero spanned the last generation of the Roman Republic, a period of political instability and civil war. As the leading orator of his day, Cicero often used his rhetorical skills to thwart those who he believed were bent on the destruction of the Roman Republic. In this course, we will examine the role of public oratory in the political process in this period with a close reading of Cicero's speeches and letters concerning one of his political enemies (Catiline, Clodius, or Mark Antony).

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-307 The Slender Muse

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A study of the highly romantic poetry that launched a revolution in Latin literature, including such works as Catullus's epyllion on Peleus and Thetis and Vergil's *Eclogues* and *Georgics*, with attention to the new understanding of poetry shown in these poems and to their commentary on the social turmoil of the last phase of the Republic.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Any Latin course above LATIN-201/CLAS-201.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-308 Classical Epic: Homer, Vergil, and Ovid

Spring. Credits: 4

Classical epic embraced a tragic view of the world. People of that era were compelled to confront their own mortality and frailties by the harsh conditions of war, famine, disease, political instability, and the dangers of childbearing, much more directly than moderns do. As a result, epic poets, such as Homer, Vergil, and Ovid, offered conflicting visions of hope blended with pessimism for how to meet the challenges posed by such precarious conditions. This course provides an opportunity to evaluate the tragic nature of the modern world by comparison with the cultures that created much of our own basic framework for thinking about politics and the human condition in that pessimistic light.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Notes: Taught in English.

CLAS-309 Vergil: Aeneid

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A study of the Aeneid with attention both to its presentation of the classic conflict between Greek and Roman value systems and to its controversial portrayal of empire in the Augustan age.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-312 Roma Ludens: Comedy and Satire in Ancient Rome

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Could Romans be funny? Perhaps surprisingly, in a culture where seriousness (*gravitas*) and sternness (*severitas*) were praiseworthy attributes, Romans enjoyed theatrical productions adapted from Greek comedies – from raucous and ribald farces to more subtle comedies of manners. They also believed that satire, poetry that poked fun at the vices and foibles of human nature, was a truly Roman genre. Moreover, both comic and satirical elements appear in a wide range of Roman literature. Authors may include Plautus, Terence, Horace, Ovid, Martial, Juvenal, and others.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-313 Myth, Memory, and History: Writing the Past in the Roman Republic

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Livy and Sallust, the best known historians of the Roman Republic, viewed history writing as a moral enterprise, presenting events from the past as exemplary tales to inform and enlighten the lives of their readers. Their narratives thus are highly rhetorical, combining myth, memory, and history to reconstruct the past. Close reading of selections from Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* and/or Sallust's monographs—the *Bellum Catilinae* and *Bellum Jugurthinum*—will lead to discussions about how Romans viewed their past and how they wrote about it.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-316 Ovid: Metamorphoses

Fall. Credits: 4

A study of Ovid's ambitious epic celebrating change and transformative forces, with attention to the challenges it poses to traditional Roman values and to conventional Roman notions of the work appropriate to a poet. In particular, consideration will be given to the way Ovid's poem subversively responds to Vergil's work.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Latin at the 200-level or any 300-level Latin course.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-318 Petronius' Satyricon and the Roman Novel

Spring. Credits: 4

Petronius' *Satyricon* is one of the few surviving novels from the ancient world. Formed from a pastiche of other literary genres, including epic, comedy, and satire, it is a vivid account of the adventures of three men as they travel throughout Italy. Though fiction, and only partially extant, its realistic portrayal of Roman life offers a glimpse into the social mores in the early empire. Petronius himself was a member of Nero's court and the *Satyricon* a product of Nero's promotion of the arts. By giving rise to the picaresque genre the *Satyricon*'s influence continued to be felt far beyond its own day.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: 200-level Latin.

Notes: Taught in Latin.

CLAS-320 Bad Roman Emperors*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Caligula was a god (or so he thought); Nero fiddled while Rome burned; Commodus dressed as a gladiator and fought man and beast in the arena. The historical tradition of Rome is replete with stories about eccentric and insane emperors whose scandalous reigns raise questions about the nature of the emperor's power and his role in administering the empire. A close study of Roman imperial biography and historiography – the source of so many of these stories of bad emperors – weighed against documentary evidence and material remains reveals the dynamic between the emperor, his court, and his subjects that was fundamental to the political culture of imperial Rome.

*Crosslisted as: HIST-320**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors; Course is limited to ANGST, CLAS, CLASS, GREEK LATIN maj and min only.**Prereq: 8 credits in Classics, Latin, Greek, Classical Studies, or History.**Notes: This course will open to History majors and minors in the second week of preregistration.***CLAS-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Latin American Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The Department of Spanish, Latina/o, and Latin American Studies engages in the multidisciplinary study of the past, current state, and emerging realities of societies and cultures of Latin America, Spain, the Caribbean, and the Latino/a heritage populations within the United States and their relations with each other and with the wider world. To that end, our courses adopt a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches, including literary studies, film and media studies, social history, and politics.

The Department of Spanish, Latina/o, and Latin American Studies also collaborates closely with a number of other departments and programs on campus, frequently cross-listing courses with film studies, gender studies, history, and Romance languages and cultures. Regular co-curricular activities organized by the department (film series, lectures, etc.) also engage the larger college community in the interests of our students and faculty. In addition to providing opportunities for learning on campus, the department also strongly recommends that students study off campus in a Spanish-speaking context in order to enhance their language skills and to forge their own connections to place through language.

The interdisciplinary minor in Latin American studies emphasizes critical approaches to the culture, history, society, and political economy of the region. As societies long defined by and in opposition to external powers, Latin America and the Caribbean have in modern times developed distinctive national and cultural identities celebrated on a world stage in art, music, and literature. The minor studies the region in its enormous geographic diversity—from plantation to highland Americas, from Mexico to Argentina; and linguistic variety—four European, several Creole, and numerous indigenous languages. Students pursue course work in several thematic and geographic areas.

See Also

- Critical Race and Political Economy (p. 120)
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (p. 274)

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Learning Goals

The three areas of the Spanish, Latina/o/x and Latin American Studies department share the following common learning goals:

- Recognize, examine, and interrogate the past, current state, and emerging realities and histories of the societies and cultures of Latin America, Spain, the Caribbean, and the US Latina/o/x population.
- Describe and interpret the character of their relations with each other and with the wider world.
- Distinguish among and employ multi/interdisciplinary, transnational, and cross-border perspectives.
- Analyze critically and articulate with logical arguments the diverse configurations and varying experiences of (classic, post, and neo) colonialism and diaspora in and among the regions, nations, and populations of our concern.
- Develop the ability to write, read, speak, and conduct research in the primary languages of our area(s) of coverage, particularly English and Spanish.
- Creatively contribute to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge through different modalities individually and collectively.
- Engage with and maintain a sustained contact with the local Latina/o/x communities.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Spanish, Latina/o, and Latin American Studies:

Justin Crumbaugh, Professor of Spanish, Latina/o and Latin American Studies

Nieves Romero-Díaz, Professor of Spanish on the Alum Foundation

Marco Aviles, Assistant Professor of Spanish

Adriana Pitetta, Assistant Professor of Spanish

Esther Castro, Senior Lecturer in Spanish; Spanish Language Program Director

Megan Saltzman, Senior Lecturer in Spanish, On Leave 2025-2026

Flávia Cunha, Lecturer in Spanish

Elena García Frazier, Lecturer in Spanish

Antonio Illescas, Lecturer in Spanish

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
LATAM-180	Introduction to Latin American Cultures	4
One 200-level or 300-level Latin American studies course		4
At least one course at the 300 level		4
2 additional approved courses		8
Total Credits		20

Additional Specifications

- Courses in the student's major field may not be used to fulfill the requirements of the minimum minor. For example, a student majoring in Spanish may not use any Spanish course to count towards the both the Spanish major and the Latin American Studies minor.

Course Offerings

LATAM-180 Introduction to Latin American Cultures

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course examines the histories and cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean from the sixteenth century to the present, using an interdisciplinary approach. Students explore confrontations and transformations among Indigenous, African, and European cultures. The course provides insight into contemporary political, economic, social, cultural, and artistic realities. By analyzing cultural products, we address colonization, nation formation, geography, the environment, immigration, migration, race, ethnicity, and gender in these societies.

Crosslisted as: HIST-180

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

LATAM-287 Topics in Latin American Studies

This course studies significant problems relating to Latin America in greater depth from the perspectives of appropriate disciplines. Some topics may be cross-listed with other departments.

LATAM-287DE Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Decolonizing Development'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

When and how did the notion of "development" emerge and spread? Why does nearly every country now aspire to it? What stigmas, hierarchies, and colonial logics does the term – along with "underdeveloped," "developing," and "behind" – mobilize? In the context of Latin America, the conceptual framework of development encounters significant complications not only with respect to material reality but also as a way of understanding place, time, and selfhood. In this course, students question conventional wisdom about development through the study of creative works by Latin American essayists, fiction authors, filmmakers, and painters.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

LATAM-287FM Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Frames of Mind: Tracking Power/Knowledge'

Spring. Credits: 4

A frame of mind typically refers to a disposition or perspective, but the term also suggests a shaping of perception and thought. Something has already "framed" our minds, delimiting the scope of the conceivable. But what? This course radically interrogates the frameworks that structure and constrain our minds. Students trace the history of commonplace understandings-in academia and the "real" world-of mental health, diversity, gender and sexuality, and economic development in order to upend and defamiliarize operative assumptions. Works by Wendy Brown, Michel Foucault, Coco Fusco, Byung-Chul Han, bell hooks, Paul Preciado, Boots Riley and others.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Advisory: The course is geared toward both first-year students with minimal experience with Philosophy and other students who have an interest in critical theory.

LATAM-387 Special Topics in Latin American Studies

This course studies significant problems relating to Latin America in greater depth from the perspectives of appropriate disciplines. Some topics may be cross-listed with other departments.

Courses in Other Departments Counting toward the Minor in Latin American Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-261	Cultures of Power in Mexico	4
ANTHR-316LA	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Race and Religion in Latin America'	4
Art History		
ARTH-301DG	Topics in Art History: 'Indigenous Futures'	4
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-180	Introduction to Latinx Studies: Structural Inequalities	4
CRPE-228	Visualizing Immigrant Narratives: Migration in Film	4
CRPE-239	Latinx Urbanism	4
CRPE-240AC	Topics in Critical Social Thought: 'Aliens, Anti-Citizens, and Identities'	4
CRPE-240BR	Intermediate Topics: 'Borderlands Film and Literature'	4
CRPE-240EF	Intermediate Topics: 'Ethnographic Food Documentary'	4
CRPE-240FD	Intermediate Topics: 'U.S. Latinx Foodways'	4
CRPE-240LC	Intermediate Topics: 'La Cultura Cura: Healing Through Language and Culture'	4
CRPE-240LF	Intermediate Topics: 'Latinas in Film'	4
CRPE-244	The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas	4
CRPE-254	Nueva York	4
CRPE-261	Race, Racism, and Power	4
CRPE-323	Latina Feminism(s)	4
CRPE-366	Disposable People: A History of Deportation	4
CRPE-374	Latinx Immigration	4
English		

ENGL-217LX	Topics in English: 'Latinx Literature in the U.S. and Beyond'	4
ENGL-361LP	Advanced Creative Writing Topics: 'Writing as Performance: Latinx and Latin American Poetry and Narrative'	4

Environmental Studies

ENVST-339	Indigenous and Decolonial Ecologies	4

Film Media Theater

FMT-230CN	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Latin American Cinema'	4
FMT-230DQ	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Drama Queens: Love, Heartache and Making a Scene'	4
FMT-230LA	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Latin American Film History'	4
FMT-230LX	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Latinx Media'	4
FMT-230RE	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Representations of Labor in Latin American Cinema'	4
FMT-330LP	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Writing as Performance: Latinx and Latin American Poetry and Narrative'	4

French

FREN-321AV	Genre Courses: 'About Vanguards and Revolutionary Ideas'	4

Gender Studies

GNDST-204RE	Women and Gender in the Study of Culture: 'Representations of Labor in Latin American Cinema'	4
GNDST-206BF	Women and Gender in History: 'The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas'	4
GNDST-333BW	Advanced Seminar: 'De Brujas and Other "Bad Women" in the Spanish Atlantic'	4
GNDST-333FM	Advanced Seminar: 'Latina Feminism(s)'	4
GNDST-333QH	Advanced Seminar: 'Queering the Horror: Collective Memory, Political Violence, and Dissident Sexualities in Latin American Narratives'	4
GNDST-333WE	Advanced Seminar: 'Weird Feelings: Unsettling Latin American Short Fiction'	4

History

HIST-180	Introduction to Latin American Cultures	4

Latin American Studies

LATAM-180	Introduction to Latin American Cultures	4
LATAM-287DE	Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Decolonizing Development'	4
LATAM-287FM	Topics in Latin American Studies: 'Frames of Mind: Tracking Power/Knowledge'	4

Politics

POLIT-243	Introduction to Latin American Politics	4
POLIT-255PA	Gender and Power in Global Contexts: 'The Politics of Abortion in the Americas'	4
POLIT-267	The Politics of Finance and Financial Crises	4
POLIT-387FA	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'Feminisms in Latin America'	4

Religion		
RELIG-181	Introduction to African Diaspora Religions	4
RELIG-331LA	Advanced Topics in Religion: 'Race and Religion in Latin America'	4

Romance Lang. & Literature

ROMLG-375AV	Seminar in Romance Languages and Cultures: 'About Vanguards and Revolutionary Ideas'	4

Spanish

SPAN-230AN	Identities & Intersections: An Introduction: 'Animal Stories'	4
SPAN-240AR	Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Occupying the Arts: Activism, Crisis and Arts in Latin America'	4
SPAN-240CN	Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Latin American Cinema'	4
SPAN-240DQ	Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Drama Queens: Love, Heartache and Making a Scene'	4
SPAN-240RE	Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Representations of Labor in Latin American Cinema'	4
SPAN-260BL	Studies in Language and Society: An Introduction: 'Being Bilingual'	4
SPAN-260CN	Studies in Language and Society: An Introduction: 'Spanish Across the Continents'	4
SPAN-330BW	Advanced Studies in Identities and Intersections: 'De Brujas and Other "Bad Women" in the Spanish Atlantic'	4
SPAN-330WE	Advanced Studies in Identities and Intersections: 'Weird Feelings: Unsettling Latin American Short Fiction'	4
SPAN-340AR	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Occupying the Arts: Activism, Crisis and Arts in Latin America'	4
SPAN-340DG	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Indigenous Futures'	4
SPAN-340RR	Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'	4
SPAN-350QH	Advanced Studies in Concepts and Practices of Power: 'Queering the Horror: Collective Memory, Political Violence, and Dissident Sexualities in Latin American Narratives'	4
SPAN-360AV	Advanced Studies in Language and Society: 'About Vanguards and Revolutionary Ideas'	4
SPAN-360SJ	Advanced Studies in Language and Society: '(Trans)Languaging Social Justice'	4

Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The Five College Certificate in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies allows students the opportunity to specialize in Latin American studies in addition to or as a complement to their majors. Under the guidance of the appointed faculty adviser for the program at Mount Holyoke, students design a sequential, coordinated and comprehensive course of study drawing on the faculty specialists and course offerings at the five campuses. The program is designed to enhance students' understanding of the complex region that comprises contemporary Latin America.

See Also

- Latin American Studies (p. 272)

Contact Information

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Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of eight courses:

Code	Title	Credits
One broadly based introductory course on the social and political history of Latin America or U.S. Latinos such as:		
LATAM-180	Introduction to Latin American Cultures (at Mount Holyoke)	1
One course in the humanities that focuses substantially on Latin America or U.S. Latinos – including courses in art, art history, dance, folklore, literature, music, philosophy, religion, or theatre, etc.		
One course in the social sciences that focuses substantially on Latin America or U.S. Latinos – including courses in anthropology, economics, geography, politics or political science, and sociology		
Four other courses which should be more advanced and more specific in focus		
One upper-level seminar in Latin America and/or U.S. Latinos		
Proficiency through second-year college level in an official (other than English) or indigenous language of Latin America		
Total Courses		8-12

Additional Specifications

- At least one of the courses must be in Latino Studies, and at least one must be in Latin American or Caribbean Studies.
- All courses must be approved in advance by the student's Mount Holyoke advisor for the certificate program. A list of current candidate courses is available on the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/latin-american-caribbean-and-latinoa-studies#courses>).
- At least one course must be taken outside of Mount Holyoke at one of the other institutions in the Five College consortium.
- Students must complete all required courses with a grade of B or better.

Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights Overview and Contact Information

The goal of the Nexus in Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights is to provide students with the tools necessary to form a deep understanding of how complex relationships between local and national political processes both create public policies and shape legislation and its interpretation. This Nexus provides students with both an academic and experiential lens. Students will choose courses from several departments including politics, economics, history, and sociology in order to examine how both law and public policies are imbedded in much larger social, historical, and economic realities.

See Also

- Politics (p. 325)
- International Relations (p. 255)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chair:

Elif Babül, Professor of Anthropology

Serin Houston, Associate Professor of Geography and International Relations

Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus or selected with approval of the track chair		
At least one course at the 300 level		
At least one course at the 200 level or above		
One course at the 100 level or above ¹		
A substantive summer internship ²		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
A presentation at LEAP Symposium		
Total Credits		18

¹ Only one course at the 100 level is permitted to count toward the Nexus.

² The summer internship must meet College requirements for a substantial educational experience: At least 200 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization's stated mission and complements the student's area of focus.

Additional Specifications

- Students will schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete an online Plan of Study form to be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
- COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Courses other than those listed below may count toward the Nexus. Students should consult the Nexus track chair for consideration of courses not on the list.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-216GH	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Case Studies in Global Health'	4
ANTHR-216HP	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Feminist Health Politics'	4
ANTHR-216HR	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Anthropology and Human Rights'	4
ANTHR-216MH	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Migration and Human Rights'	4
ANTHR-316LW	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Ethnographies of Law'	4
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
Critical Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-208	Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory	4
CRPE-244	The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas	4
CRPE-374	Latinx Immigration	4
Economics		
ECON-213	Economic Development	4
ECON-220	Introduction to Econometrics	4
ECON-320	Econometrics	4
English		
ENGL-226	Black Before the Law	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-347	Environmental Geopolitics and Security	4
Entrepreneurship, Orgs & Soc		
EOS-299ND	Topic: 'Individuals and Organizations'	4
Film Media Theater		
FMT-330CA	Advanced Courses in History and Theory: 'Cases in Media Law'	4
French		
FREN-331FE	Courses on Social and Political Issues and Critical Approaches: 'Fabulous Feasts: French Cuisine and Food Culture'	4
Geography		
GEOG-206	Political Geography	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-206BF	Women and Gender in History: 'The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas'	4
GNDST-241HP	Women and Gender in Science: 'Feminist Health Politics'	4
History		
HIST-230	History and Law	4
Philosophy		
PHIL-225	Symbolic Logic	4

Politics		
POLIT-235	Constitutional Law: The Federal System	4
POLIT-236	Civil Liberties	4
POLIT-247	International Law and Organization	4
POLIT-248TE	Topics in Politics: 'Science, Technology and Public Policy'	4
POLIT-273	Public Policy	4
POLIT-277	Dislocation: Class and Politics in the U.S.	4
POLIT-334	Black American Political Thought	4
POLIT-366	Global Migration	4
POLIT-384	Ending War and Securing the Peace: Conflict Mediation and Resolution in the 21st Century	4
POLIT-385	Global Security	4
Psychology		
PSYCH-201	Statistics	4
PSYCH-219DH	Topics in Social Psychology: 'Social Determinants of Health'	4
Religion		
RELIG-209	Disability and Religion	4
RELIG-267	Buddhist Ethics	4
Sociology		
SOCI-225	Social Science Research and Data Analysis	4

Logic Overview and Contact Information

“How critical is logic? I will tell you: in every corner of the known universe, you will find either the presence of logical arguments or, more significantly, the absence.” —V. K. Samadar

Logic is a part of every discipline. There is reasoning in every field of inquiry. There are rules behind every work of art, behind every natural language. There is inference in every intelligence, human and inhuman. Every issue of law and public policy bends to the power of logic.

The study of logic itself is thus of the greatest importance. The Logic Certificate Program brings together aspects of logic from different regions of the curriculum: philosophy, mathematics, computer science, and linguistics. The program is designed to acquaint students with the uses of logic and initiate them in the profound mysteries and discoveries of modern logic.

- See Also
- Philosophy (p. 306)
 - Mathematics (p. 277)

Contact Information
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Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of six courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Six courses from the list of approved Five College logic courses as published online or as approved by a Logic program campus advisor.		

No more than four courses can be counted toward the certificate from any single discipline (philosophy, linguistics, mathematics, computer science)

At least two courses must be taken at an advanced level²

At least one course should expose students to the basic metatheory of first order logic, including incompleteness. Courses satisfying this requirement include PHIL-327 at Mount Holyoke, Philosophy 220 at Smith, Math-385 at Amherst, and Philosophy 513 or 514 at the University of Massachusetts.

Total Courses

6

¹ Regularly offered Logic courses at the Five Colleges (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/logic-program#courses>)

² 500 or above at University of Massachusetts; 300 or above at Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke or Smith.

Additional Specifications

- Students must receive a grade of B or better in each course counting toward the certificate.

Mathematics

Overview and Contact Information

Math majors do everything and anything. Each year some students enter graduate programs in the mathematical sciences or in allied fields (engineering, business, economics, physics, operations research). Some go on to medical school, law school, and other professional schools. Others begin careers in schools, banks, and other financial institutions, software companies, insurance companies, and research laboratories.

See Also

- Bio-Mathematical Sciences (p. 88)
- Engineering (p. 160)
- Dual-Degree in Engineering (p. 13)

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Learning Goals

We welcome all students into the Mathematics major, and we aim to create an inclusive, supportive environment for everyone. Mathematics majors will be able to:

- Clearly communicate mathematical ideas, using language and visual tools appropriate to the audience.

- Use theoretical and computational skills from both the continuous and discrete domains to understand pure and applied mathematical problems.
- Ask questions about new methods and applications, learn new techniques, and make new discoveries.
- Incorporate “big picture” reasoning, including ethics, practicality, and creativity, into mathematical practice.
- Develop the independence to approach new problems, and the ability to collaborate effectively.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics:

Jennifer Paulhus, Professor of Mathematics

Timothy Chumley, Associate Professor of Mathematics on the John Stewart Kennedy Foundation

Alanna Hoyer-Leitzel, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Dylan Shepardson, Robert L. Rooke Associate Professor of Mathematics

Laura Tupper, Associate Professor of Statistics

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Arie Shaus, Visiting Assistant Professor in Data Science

Denae Ventura Arredondo, Visiting Assistant Professor in Mathematics

Ishfaaq Mohammed Imtiyas, Visiting Instructor in Statistics

Elvin Shrestha, Visiting Instructor in Mathematics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits

Code	Title	Credits
MATH-203	Calculus III	4
MATH-211	Linear Algebra	4
MATH-232	Discrete Mathematics	4
or MATH-206	Introduction to Proofs Through Analysis	
MATH-301	Real Analysis	4
MATH-312GT	Abstract Algebra: 'Groups'	4

or MATH-312RTAbstract Algebra: 'Rings'	
4 additional credits in mathematics or statistics at the 300 level	4
12 additional credits in mathematics or statistics at the 200 level or above ^{1,2}	12
Total Credits	36

- ¹ We strongly encourage students to explore topics in applied mathematics and statistics and urge students to begin this before their junior year.
- ² With prior approval, a 300-level course that contains substantial mathematical or statistical content in another discipline may be used to fulfill at most 4 of these credits toward the major.

Students considering developing a special major in mathematics and economics should consult the Special Major (p. 377) chapter.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
At least one 200-level course in mathematics		4
At least one 300-level course in mathematics		4
Two additional courses in mathematics or statistics at the 200 level or above		8
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

- Students planning a minor in mathematics should consult a member of the department.
- With departmental permission, students who have already completed one 100-level exploration course may elect to enroll in a second exploration course at the 200-level so that it may be counted toward the minor.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of mathematics can combine their course work in mathematics with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of mathematics, please consult your advisor or the chair of the mathematics department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, or consult Ms. Lawrence in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application, as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the mathematics department and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice
Beginning the Study of Mathematics

There are many ways to begin the study of the mathematical sciences at Mount Holyoke College. Students can begin with precalculus, calculus, an introduction to statistics or data analysis, an "explorations" course, or computer science.

If your interests lie in science, economics, or social sciences, calculus is important because it is the language these disciplines use. Students who are planning to take Precalculus or Calculus I are required to complete a brief online self-assessment. More information is on the department's website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/mathematics-and-statistics>).

Toward the Study of Calculus

If the online self-assessment or your own mathematics background suggests, you should complete a year-long sequence of MATH-100, followed by MATH-101. Mount Holyoke's MATH-100 course (including all of its variants like MATH-100QR) awards 4 credits and fulfills the Math/ Science distribution requirement. Precalculus courses taken outside the Mount Holyoke College MATH-100/MATH-101 sequence will not be granted credit nor be approved to satisfy any distribution requirement.

Beginning with Calculus

If you wish to begin with a calculus course, you can take any of the following:

Code	Title	Credits
MATH-101	Calculus I	4
MATH-102	Calculus II	4
MATH-203	Calculus III	4

Students who have not studied calculus and who have the necessary precalculus background belong in Calculus I.

Most students who have taken calculus in high school begin with Calculus II. In particular, if you have studied the derivative and its applications and have been introduced to the definite integral, you should take the Calculus Assessment to determine if you are ready to move to Calculus II. More information is on the department's website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/mathematics-and-statistics>).

If you have a good knowledge of applications of integration and of transcendental functions, and if you enjoy mathematics, we encourage you to begin your college-level study of calculus with Calculus III (MATH-203). (The study of series is neither required for nor included in Calculus III. Physics and mathematics students will encounter this topic in later courses.)

Beginning the study of calculus beyond Calculus I does not require the advanced placement examination, although the score on this examination is a useful guide. A student with an advanced placement AB score of 3 or less should begin with MATH-101; an advanced placement AB score of 4 or 5 or a BC score of 3 indicates readiness for MATH-102; a grade of 4 or 5 on the BC examination indicates readiness for MATH-203. More information about placement based on other high school examinations can be found on the department's website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/mathematics-and-statistics>).

Other Beginnings

"Explorations" courses in areas like number theory and geometry (for example MATH-139) offer another way to begin your study of mathematics. They emphasize mathematics as an art and as a way of seeing and understanding. The exploration courses do not presuppose demonstrated ability for or prior strong interest in mathematics. They intend to awaken interest by demonstrating either the remarkable pervasiveness of mathematics in nature and its power as a tool that transcends disciplines, or its qualities as an art that can fascinate and offer aesthetic pleasure to the participant. Any explorations course can serve as an entry to the further study of mathematics, and even to a minor or a major. Students who wish to go on may follow up with the Laboratory in Mathematical Experimentation (MATH-251) or Discrete Mathematics (MATH-232), among various other possibilities, all of which can be discussed with any member of the department.

A few students begin their study of mathematics with Linear Algebra (MATH-211), Intro to Proofs thru Analysis (Introduction to Proofs Through Analysis (MATH-206)), Discrete Mathematics (MATH-232), or the Laboratory in Mathematical Experimentation (MATH-251). Linear Algebra is a good choice for students who have a very solid background in high school mathematics and who enjoy abstraction. If you have taken some calculus, and if you enjoy new topics in mathematics, then you might consider Discrete Mathematics (MATH-232), Intro to Proofs thru Analysis (Introduction to Proofs Through Analysis (MATH-206)), or the Laboratory in Mathematical Experimentation (MATH-251).

Finally, some students begin their study of mathematical sciences with statistics or computer science. For more information see the sections on statistics (p. 377) and computer science (p. 114) in this catalog.

Advice to Students with Special Interests

Actuarial science

Students interested in this area should plan to cover the material that is included in the first two actuarial exams as part of their undergraduate program. This material is included in:

Code	Title	Credits
MATH-101	Calculus I	4
MATH-102	Calculus II	4
MATH-203	Calculus III	4
MATH-342	Probability	4
STAT-343	Mathematical Statistics	4
ECON-211	Macroeconomic Theory	4
ECON-212	Microeconomic Theory	4
ECON-215	Economics of Corporate Finance	4

Students are also encouraged to obtain experience through an internship.

Biostatistics, public health, or natural resources

Students interested in these areas should include substantial work in biology, chemistry, geology, and/or environmental studies in their programs.

Economics or business

Many students with these interests design a special major (p. 377) in mathematics and economics or a special major (p. 377) in statistics and economics.

Engineering

Students interested in engineering often double major in mathematics and physics and/or participate in one of the College's five-year, dual-

degree programs with Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering, the California Institute of Technology, or the University of Massachusetts (see the Other Degree and Certificate Programs chapter (p. 13)).

Graduate school

Students preparing for graduate school in mathematics or statistics often participate in an undergraduate research program in the summer after the junior year and continue with an honors thesis in the senior year. For students considering graduate work in mathematics, more than the minimum number of courses for the mathematics major is advisable.

Course Offerings

MATH-100 Precalculus

MATH-100QR Precalculus: 'Problem Solving and Quantitative Reasoning'
Fall. Credits: 4

This course is intended for students who, based on the results of their mathematics assessment and the agreement of the instructor, need to strengthen their quantitative and algebraic skills in order to be ready to progress to further mathematics, science, and economics courses. In this class students learn to translate real problems into mathematics, to solve complex multi-step problems, and to gain confidence in using logarithms, exponents, and trigonometry in different contexts.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Permission of instructor. Send score from math online self-assessment and background information to Professor Day, tday@mtholyoke.edu.

MATH-101 Calculus I

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course is for students who have not studied calculus and who have the necessary precalculus background. It presents rates of change and their applications, integrals, the fundamental theorem, and modeling of phenomena in the natural and social sciences. All students are required to complete the online self assessment of precalculus skills before the course begins.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

MATH-102 Calculus II

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Topics include techniques of integration, applications of integration, differential equations, sequences, series, and Taylor series.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Advisory: Intended for students who have passed MATH-101, or passed AP Calculus AB with a score of 4 or 5, or have placed into MATH-102 through the department's placement test.

MATH-139 Cryptography: The Mathematics of Sending Secret Messages
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Cryptography is the study of secret communication between different groups of people. From 4,000 years ago in ancient Egypt when secret hieroglyphs were used to communicate the messages of royalty to today when credit card numbers are encrypted to be transmitted over the internet, cryptography has been a necessary part of human life. In this class we will discuss classical cryptography and some historical ciphers along with the mathematical concepts of the modern field. We will study public key cryptography, prime numbers, the discrete logarithm problem, the Diffie-Hellman key exchange, and RSA encryption. If time permits we will also discuss elliptic curve encryption. In particular, we will use the Python programming language and Jupyter notebooks to implement the encryption schemes that we study.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Notes: Students who have taken a 100-level Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science course can take this at the 200-level with permission of the professor.

MATH-203 Calculus III

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Topics include differential and integral calculus of functions of several variables.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-102 or its equivalent.

MATH-206 Introduction to Proofs Through Analysis

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

An introduction to abstract reasoning in the context of real analysis. Topics will be drawn from the real numbers, mathematical induction, functions, sequences, and continuity. The emphasis is on formal mathematical reasoning and writing through proofs.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-102 or above.

Advisory: Students may not take this course after completing MATH-301.

Students may not take this course concurrently with MATH-232 or MATH-301.

MATH-211 Linear Algebra

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Topics include elements of the theory of matrices and vector spaces.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-102 or above.

MATH-232 Discrete Mathematics

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Studies some aspects of discrete mathematics. Topics include sets, functions, elementary probability, induction proofs, and recurrence relations.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-102 or above or COMSC-150/COMSC-151.

Advisory: Students may not register for MATH-232 and MATH-206 concurrently.

MATH-241 Dynamical Systems

Spring. Credits: 4

Dynamical systems are mathematical models that evolve with time – for example, the population of a species in an ecosystem or the price of a financial asset. This course will focus on discrete-time models where one iterates a single variable function and follows the evolution of points in its domain. Our aim will be to study the qualitative, long-term behavior of these models by developing mathematical theory and doing simulation. Topics will include periodicity, bifurcations, chaos, fractals, and computation.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-102.

MATH-251 Mathematical Experimentation: An Introduction to Research in the Mathematical Sciences

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

A selection of projects with a goal of discovery of properties and patterns in mathematical structures. The choice of projects varies from year to year and is drawn from algebra, analysis, discrete mathematics, geometry, applied mathematics, and statistics.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: MATH-102 (or the equivalent).

Advisory: First years and seniors should contact the professor for permission.

MATH-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: The permission of The department is required for independent work to count towards the major or minor.

MATH-301 Real Analysis

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Topics include the real number system, convergence of sequences and series, power series, uniform convergence, compactness and connectedness, continuity, abstract treatment of differential and integral calculus, metric spaces, and point-set topology.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-102, and MATH-211, and either MATH-206 or MATH-232.

Advisory: Students may not register for MATH-206 and MATH-301 concurrently.

MATH-302 Complex Analysis

Fall. Credits: 4

Topics include differentiation and integration of functions of a complex variable, the Cauchy integral formula, residues, conformal mapping, and applications to physical science and number theory.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-211 and either MATH-206 or MATH-232.

Notes: Offered alternate years at Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges.

MATH-311 Advanced Linear Algebra*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Linear algebra is one of the foundational areas of mathematics. Research from facial recognition and compressed sensing in applied math to deep results in pure math require advanced linear algebra. In addition, computer graphics, large language models, and linear models in statistics rely heavily on linear algebra techniques. Students in this course will learn the abstract mathematical ideas behind these applications, as well as gain experience with computational techniques in the field. Likely topics include abstract vector spaces, inner product spaces, singular value decompositions and other matrix factorizations, numerical techniques, and symmetric matrices.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-211 and either MATH-206 or MATH-232.***MATH-312 Abstract Algebra****MATH-312GT Abstract Algebra: 'Groups'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Abstract algebra is the study of the common principles that govern computations with seemingly disparate objects. One way to begin is by studying groups, which are sets with a single operation under which each non-identity element is invertible. Examples include the integers with addition, invertible matrices of size n , permutations of a fixed set, and the symmetries of an object. Our goal is to study a definition of groups that unifies all of the important examples above and more.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-211 and either MATH-206 or MATH-232.**Advisory: Students who have taken MATH-312GT Rings may only take MATH-311 Abstract Algebra: Groups and Rings with instructor permission.***MATH-312RT Abstract Algebra: 'Rings'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Abstract algebra is the study of the common principles that govern computations with seemingly disparate objects. One way to begin is by studying rings, which are sets with two operations, typically addition and multiplication. Examples include the integers, the integers modulo n , and polynomials in n variables. Our goal is to study a definition of rings that unifies all of the important examples above and more.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-211 and either MATH-206 or MATH-232.**Advisory: Students who have taken MATH-312RT Rings may only take MATH-311 Abstract Algebra: Groups and Rings with instructor permission.***MATH-319 Topics in Algebra****MATH-319GR Topics in Algebra: 'Graph Theory'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Graph theory gives us both an easy way to pictorially represent many major mathematical results and insights into the deep theories behind them. Graphs seem simple – they're just collections of dots connected by curves – but are very rich structures that arise naturally in applications ranging from social networks to electric power grids. We will examine properties such as isomorphism, connectivity, planarity, and coloring using classic examples such as paths, cycles, trees, complete graphs, and polyhedral graphs. More advanced topics will be determined by student interest and course trajectory.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-232.***MATH-319NT Topics in Algebra: 'Number Theory'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will begin with an introduction to number theory, covering material on congruences, prime numbers, arithmetic functions, primitive roots, quadratic residues, and quadratic fields. We will then continue our study of number theory by picking special topics which might include some of the following: Finite Fields, Prime Factorization of Ideals, Fermat's Last Theorem, Elliptic curves, Dirichlet's Theorem on Arithmetic Progressions, the Prime Number Theorem, or the Riemann Zeta function.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: MATH-232, or MATH-206 with instructor permission.***MATH-329 Topics in Geometry****MATH-329TP Topics in Geometry and Topology: 'Topology'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course is an introduction to point-set topology, which is a fundamental language for much of modern mathematics. One of the goals of topology is to understand what it means for a function to be continuous, first in Euclidean space, and then to generalize the notion of continuity to other spaces. The core topics to be studied include: basic set theory, various interesting topologies, continuous functions, connectedness and compactness. Topics from algebraic topology will be covered if time permits.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-232 and any 300-level Math class.***MATH-333 Differential Equations***Fall. Credits: 4*

This is an introduction to differential equations for students in the mathematical or other sciences. Topics include first-order equations, second-order linear equations, and qualitative study of dynamical systems

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-211.***MATH-339 Topics in Applied Mathematics****MATH-339PD Topics in Applied Mathematics: 'Partial Differential Equations'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Partial differential equations (PDEs) are often used to describe natural phenomena arising in a wide variety of contexts including physics, biology, and economics. Our focus will be on basic yet representative linear partial differential equations such as the heat and wave equations.

We will explore the motivation behind each model we study and emphasize methods of finding solutions and analyzing their behavior.

Techniques will include transform methods, separation of variables, energy methods, and numerical computations.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-203 and MATH-211, or PHYS-205.***MATH-339PT Topics in Applied Mathematics: 'Optimization'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Mathematical optimization involves finding the best solution to a problem from a set of feasible solutions defined by mathematical constraints.

It has an elegant theory and applications in fields like management, economics, engineering, and computer science that require decision making under constraints on time or other resources. We will begin by studying linear optimization, including duality, the simplex algorithm, and the geometry of linear programming. Other topics will include discrete optimization, network optimization, and nonlinear optimization.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-211.*

MATH-339SP Topics in Applied Mathematics: 'Stochastic Processes'*Fall. Credits: 4*

Stochastic processes are mathematical models that evolve with time and include an element of randomness. They involve a collection of states—for example, the weather in a geographical location, the size of a population, or the length of a queue—and a description of how the system evolves from one state to the next. This course is devoted to the study of a class of stochastic processes called Markov chains, and we attempt to study their behavior using tools from probability theory and linear algebra in beautiful, interconnected ways. Topics will include Markov chains in discrete and continuous time, branching processes, queuing theory, and Markov chain Monte Carlo.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-211 and MATH-342.***MATH-342 Probability***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course develops the ideas of probability simultaneously from experimental and theoretical perspectives. The laboratory provides a range of experiences that enhance and sharpen the theoretical approach and, moreover, allows us to observe regularities in complex phenomena and to conjecture theorems. Topics include: introductory experiments; axiomatic probability; random variables, expectation, and variance; discrete distributions; continuous distributions; stochastic processes; functions of random variables; estimation and hypothesis testing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: MATH-203.***MATH-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: The permission of The department is required for independent work to count towards the major or minor.

Middle Eastern Studies

Overview and Contact Information

One of three interdisciplinary majors within the Asian Studies program, the major in Middle Eastern studies allows students to specialize in the history, languages, cultures, and politics of the Middle East. The Five College Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies allows students to complement any disciplinary major with multidisciplinary studies and linguistic attainments.

Complementing course work at Mount Holyoke are extracurricular activities and study abroad programs that broaden and deepen students' understanding of this region.

Language study is the core component of the major. Our students are expected to incorporate the humanities and the social sciences fully into their studies with classes at Mount Holyoke and the other colleges in the Five College Consortium.

On campus, our students experience regional culture at many levels, including language tables and clubs, guest lectures, performing and visual arts, film, festivals, and regional cuisine. These activities are often initiated by and benefit greatly from the diverse student population of Mount Holyoke.

Most of our students spend a semester or a summer in study abroad programs. Students may participate in one of the many Mount Holyoke College-approved Middle Eastern study abroad programs.

Middle Eastern studies majors graduate to pursue graduate studies and careers in fields as varied as education, business, NGOs, journalism, the arts, and government service.

See Also

- Arabic Minor (p. 60)
- Asian Studies (p. 75)

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Learning Goals

By majoring in Middle Eastern Studies, students should:

- Develop proficiency in Arabic, Hebrew, or another language widely spoken in the Middle East. By "proficiency" we mean:
 - Ability to read newspapers, magazines, and popular literature.
 - Ability to converse with a native speaker on non-technical subjects.
 - Ability to write coherent paragraphs on non-technical subjects.
- Develop knowledge of the history of the premodern and modern Middle East.
- Develop knowledge of the arts, literature, religions, and philosophies of the Middle East.
- Develop knowledge of the geography, politics, economics, and societies of the Middle East.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Asian Studies Committee:

Elif Babul, Professor of Anthropology

Calvin Chen, Carol Hoffmann Collins '63 Professor of International Studies and Professor of Politics

Satyananda Gabriel, Professor of Economics

Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alum Foundation and Professor of Politics

Kavita Khory, Ruth Lawson Professor of Politics

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Amina Steinfelds, Associate Professor of Religion

Lan Wu, Associate Professor of History

Abhilash Medhi, Assistant Professor of History

Jinhwa Chang, Senior Lecturer in Japanese, On Leave 2025-2026

Kyae-Sung Park, Five College Senior Lecturer in Korean

Lisha Xu, Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies

Shin-Yi Kao, Lecturer in Asian Studies

Lingjia Xu, Visiting Assistant Professor in Asian Studies

Nari Matsushima, Visiting Instructor in Asian Studies

Alice Kao, Instructor of Chinese

The Five College certificate in Middle Eastern Studies is administered by the Five College Committee for Middle Eastern Studies, which includes the program advisor from Mount Holyoke:

Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alum Foundation and Professor of Politics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses (16 credits), equivalent to two years of college-level study of a Middle Eastern language, such as Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, Persian, and Armenian ¹		16
Two introductory courses (8 credits) providing an overview of Middle Eastern history: ²		8
One course (4 credits) must be in the premodern period (pre-1500 CE). The following course(s) fulfill the premodern history requirement:		
RELIG-102	Introduction to Islam	
One course (4 credits) must be in the modern period (1500–present).		
Four elective courses (16 credits): ²		16
Two (8 credits) must be from Group One: Humanities (language, literature, the arts, history, philosophy, and religion and interdisciplinary courses in these areas) ³		
Two (8 credits) must be from Group Two: Social Science (anthropology, economics, geography, international relations, linguistics, politics, sociology, and interdisciplinary courses in these areas)		
At least three courses (12 credits) must be at the 300 level. One of the three 300-level courses must be a non-language and non-independent study course. ⁴		
Total Credits		40

¹ Classes in Arabic and Modern Hebrew are currently taught in the Five Colleges. Additional courses in Arabic and in other languages are offered through the Five College Mentored Language Program. Students may count up to 4 credits toward the major for studying a Middle Eastern language through the Five College Mentored Language Program.

² A full list of the approved courses (p. 284) for the major appears at the end of the Middle Eastern Studies Courses section.

³ In order to count toward the major, studio art or performance courses must be supplemented with analytical written work.

⁴ A course that is taught outside of Mount Holyoke College must be approved by the chair of the Asian Studies program to count as a 300-level course.

Additional Specifications

- Any course that devotes 50 percent or more of its substance to Middle Eastern countries, peoples, or issues may be counted toward the major. One course on Middle Eastern diasporas may count toward the major.
- A maximum of 16 lower-level language credits and a total of 24 language credits can be counted toward the major.
- Students who declare a Middle Eastern studies major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Requirements for the Certificate

Because of the wide range of courses available through the Five Colleges, students must design a program that will meet their intellectual, academic, and prospective professional needs in conjunction with a Middle Eastern Studies advisor from Mount Holyoke. Students are encouraged to declare intentions and begin work with an advisor during the sophomore year.

A minimum of seven courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Knowledge equivalent to at least two years of college-level study of a Middle Eastern language, such as Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, Persian, and Armenian ¹		0-4
Two introductory courses providing an overview of Middle Eastern history:		2
One course must be in the pre-modern period (600-1500 CE)		
One course must be in the modern period (1500-present)		
Five courses from the following groups, including at least one course in each of the following three groups:		5
Group one: Religion and Philosophy		
Group two: Literature, Art, and Language study beyond what is required to satisfy the language requirement above		
Group three: History and Social Sciences		
Total Courses		7

¹ Classes in Arabic and Modern Hebrew are currently taught in the Five Colleges. Additional courses in Arabic and in other languages are offered through the Five College Mentored Language Program. This requirement may be fulfilled through course completion or by examination.

Additional Specifications

- Students are also encouraged to spend time in the Middle East, learning Arabic and other languages and immersing themselves in the culture of the area. Plans for study abroad should be designed in consultation with the student's advisor.
- Courses offered at the Five Colleges in the upcoming semester that qualify for the Certificate are listed on the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/middle-eastern-studies#courses>), as is the application students must submit when

all requirements have been completed. Courses not listed, whether taken at one of the Five Colleges or elsewhere, must be approved by the committee on the recommendation of the campus advisor.

- Students must receive a grade of B or better in every course counted toward the certificate.
- Contact information: Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations; Amina Steinfelds, Associate Professor of Religion; <https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/middle-eastern-studies>.

Most Middle Eastern studies courses at Mount Holyoke are listed below, but students should also consult the catalogue entries or websites of other departments, including art history, history, international relations, politics, and religion.

Middle Eastern Studies majors should also plan to use the rich resources of the Five College Consortium in selecting their courses (listings are available through the Five College Class Schedule (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/courses>) or individual college websites).

Please consult the chair of the Asian studies program for guidelines regarding Asian languages not taught in the Five Colleges.

Courses Counting toward the Major in Middle Eastern Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-316ME	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Political Anthropology of the Middle East'	4
Asian Studies		
ASIAN-130	First Year Arabic I	4
ASIAN-131	First Year Arabic II	4
ASIAN-362	Political Anthropology of the Middle East	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-210SL	Women and Gender in Philosophy and Religion: 'Women and Gender in Islam'	4
Politics		
POLIT-216	Middle East Politics	4
POLIT-224	The United States and Iran	4
POLIT-226	The United States, Israel, and the Arabs	4
POLIT-341	Political Islam	4
POLIT-342	Islamic Political Thought	4
Religion		
RELIG-102	Introduction to Islam	4
RELIG-207	Women and Gender in Islam	4
RELIG-311	Love, Madness, Discipline: The Sufi Path in Islam	4
RELIG-343	Against Productivity: Sabbath as Countercultural Practice	4

Courses Counting toward the Five College Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies

A list of currently offered courses approved towards the Five College certificate is maintained on the certificate's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/middle-eastern-studies#courses>).

Music

Overview and Contact Information

The Department of Music regards the study of music as an artistic discipline that has an essential role in liberal arts education. Through courses in music history, theory, ethnomusicology, performance, composition, and music technology, the department cultivates growth of the individual by fostering creative, intellectual, and critical abilities.

The department offers a major and a minor in music. Students interested in studying music from a multi-disciplinary perspective to build bridges across departmental boundaries in a rigorous and structured manner may be interested in completing the Five College certificate in ethnomusicology (p. 187). The certificate may be completed as a complement to any major or minor, even in overlapping fields.

See Also

- Ethnomusicology (p. 187)

Contact Information

Adeline Mueller, Chair
Jacob Burnstein, Academic Department Coordinator

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413-538-2306
<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/music>

Learning Goals

The Department of Music developed discipline-specific learning objectives based on the Mount Holyoke College learning goals. These objectives comprise the following:

- Synthesize information obtained through the study of music theory, ethnomusicology, music history, composition, music technology, and performance, and achieve fluency with musical language in a range of styles and cultural contexts.
- Perform works of all periods with attention to performance practices of appropriate periods.
- Address the structure of a musical work with tools appropriate to its historical context.
- Understand the evolution of musical style and the changing roles of composers, performers, patrons and audience from the Middle Ages to the present.
- Increase familiarity with and facility in the use of primary materials for musicological and/or theoretical research, as well as in the critical evaluation of published scholarship.
- Comprehend the prominent stylistic trends and compositional techniques of the 20th and 21st centuries, including an understanding of the relationships of such genres as popular music and jazz to the social contexts that helped produce and shape them.
- Realize the power of music to enhance or alter the content and structure of text or motion picture.
- Achieve musical awareness and critical perception through the integration of thinking about and performing music.
- Broaden musical interests to include non-Western repertoires in their respective cultural contexts.

- Encounter non-Western music through alternative methodologies and performance experiences which, in turn, inform the more traditional study of music.
- Use classical training to go beyond the printed page into folk traditions, learning to employ less familiar techniques that are traditional in the vast array of world musics.
- Discover the ways in which a Mount Holyoke music major might be important after graduation.
- Gain sufficient experience in music theory, history, composition, music technology, and performance to qualify for graduate study.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Music:

Thomas Ciufo, Professor of Music; Director of the Arts and Technology Labs

Adrienne Greenbaum, Professor of Music

Tian Hui Ng, Orchestra Director; Professor of Music

Olabode Omojola, Hammond-Douglass Five College Professor of Music

David Sanford, Elizabeth T. Kennan Professor of Music

Adeline Mueller, Associate Professor of Music

Colin Britt, Lecturer in Music; Director of Choral Activities

Benjamin Geyer, Lecturer in Music

Allison Monroe, Lecturer in Music and Director of the Five College Early Music Program

Sherezade Panthaki, Lecturer in Music

Nona Monahin, Visiting Assistant Professor in Music

Margaret Pash, Visiting Assistant Professor in Music

Daniel Langa, Visiting Assistant Professor in Music

Faith Conant, Visiting Instructor in Music; Director of the Five College West African Music Ensemble

Faith Conant, Visiting Instructor in Music and Director of Five College West African Music Ensemble

Mark Gionfriddo, Director of Jazz Ensembles, Coordinator of Piano Instruction, Instructor of Music

Performance Instructors: Alterman, Brignolo, Callinan, Conant, de Fremery, Dennis, Dethloff, Dredge, Fizznogli, Gionfriddo, Greenbaum, Hale, Huang, Klement, Knieriem, Kostare, Lach, Lovell, Miller, Panthaki, Pash, Pemrick, Picchi, Pousont, Robbins, Shotwell, Spiridopoulos

Requirements for the Major

The music major is designed for students with a wide range of interests, backgrounds, and career goals. It is intended to provide a broad and varied acquaintance with theory, historical and cultural contexts, and literature of music as well as to develop skills in performance, analysis, and synthesis. The integration of creating, performing, and thinking about music fosters musical awareness and critical perception.

In order to declare a major, students must have already completed one classroom course in the department.

A minimum of 38 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
MUSIC-100	Rudiments of Music (or passing the music theory placement test) ¹	2
One music theory course:		4
MUSIC-231	Theorizing Classical Music	4
or MUSIC-236	Pop Song / Jazz Tune	
One of the following four music history courses:		4
MUSIC-281	History of Western Music I: Music to 1700	4
MUSIC-282	History of Western Music II: Music from 1700 to 1850	
MUSIC-283	History of Western Music III: Music from 1850 to 1950	
MUSIC-284	History of Western Music IV: Music Since 1950	4
One ethnomusicology course		4
One music technology course		4
Four credits of additional music electives at any level		4
Eight credits of additional music electives at the 300 level		8
Performance Requirements:		
At least 4 credits of individual performance study		4
At least 2 credits of ensembles		2
2 additional credits in either individual performance study or ensembles		2
Total Credits		38

¹ For information on the theory placement test, please contact the Department of Music.

Additional Specifications

- The electives, as well as additional courses above the 38 credits required, should be chosen carefully in consultation with the student's advisor and will be customized to meet the individual student's particular interests and goals.
- Once the performance requirements have been met, up to 2 credits of individual performance study or ensemble credits can be applied as any-level electives. If students complete 300-level individual performance study, up to 4 credits can be counted toward 300-level elective credit.
- Independent study (MUSIC-295, MUSIC-395) is encouraged but does not count toward the major. A student wishing to pursue independent study that may lead to honors is encouraged to begin in the second semester of the junior year.

Requirements for the Minor

In order to declare a minor, students must have already completed one classroom course in the department.

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
MUSIC-100	Rudiments of Music (or passing the music theory placement test) ¹	2
Elective credits in music:		

2 credits in music at any level	2
12 additional credits in music at the 200 or 300 level	12
At least 4 additional credits in music at the 300 level	4
Total Credits	20

¹ For information on the theory placement test, please contact the Department of Music.

Additional Specifications

- A maximum of 4 credits of lessons or ensembles can be applied as elective credits.
- Independent study (MUSIC-295, MUSIC-395) is encouraged but does not count toward the minor.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of music can combine their course work in music with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. Students wishing to pursue teacher licensure should consult the music department before the first semester. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, or consult Ms. Lawrence in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the music department and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice

First-Year Students

Introductory classes in fundamentals, music history and literature, composition, and music technology are offered for students with little or no experience; those with more experience may be able to exempt prerequisites and enter directly into the music theory or music history course sequence.

First-year students interested in a music major or minor should take MUSIC-100 or the music theory placement exam to qualify for additional coursework in the department, since MUSIC-100 or qualifying for exemption through the placement exam is a prerequisite for several other courses and for continuing with individual performance studies. First-year students may also take MUSIC-102; MUSIC-103; individual performance study through the appropriate section of MUSIC-151; ensembles; MUSIC-226, MUSIC-229, or a first-year seminar taught by Music faculty.

Music Theory Placement Exam

Students who demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the rudiments of music will be exempted from MUSIC-100, which is a prerequisite for certain courses and a requirement for individual performance studies

(please see below). For information on the theory placement exam, please contact the department.

Course Offerings

100-level Courses

MUSIC-100 Rudiments of Music

Fall and Spring. Credits: 2

In this half-semester course students will become familiar with the elements of music notation (staves, clefs, pitch names, note and rest values) and with some of the basic skills necessary for college-level music instruction (e.g., construction and identification of scales, intervals, triads, and basic diatonic functions).

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Notes: Half-semester course. Offered twice per semester.

MUSIC-102 Music and Technology

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

It is now possible to create electronic music with a variety of powerful and flexible computer-based tools. Through reading, discussion, demonstration, listening sessions, technical tutorials and hands-on projects, we will explore the techniques, practices and aesthetics surrounding creative applications of current and emerging music technologies, including sound recording and editing, mixing, synthesis and electronic music composition.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.

Advisory: Basic computer literacy (such as comfort with user interface navigation, file management, and editing commands) is required. Juniors and seniors who have declared a Music major can write to the instructor for permission to enroll.

Notes: Not open to juniors or senior non-Music majors in the first week of pre-registration.

MUSIC-103 History of Jazz

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will follow the origins and evolution of jazz from the late nineteenth century to the present, with emphases on prominent stylistic trends and significant individuals. Along with some analysis of the musical language jazz employs, the music will be examined in its relation to the social contexts that helped produce and shape it. The ability to read music is not a requirement for this course.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

MUSIC-117 Foundations of Voice

Fall. Credits: 2

This course will introduce singers to the physiology of human voice and healthy vocal technique through readings and visual sources on vocal anatomy. Students will examine vocal repertoire spanning approximately 500 years, explore various Western/international singing styles in English, Italian, French, German, etc., as well as receiving an introduction to diction, the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), and its application to various languages. Music of composers from historically marginalized backgrounds will be highlighted. Theoretical knowledge will culminate in practical demonstrations via presentations and performances in class.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Advisory: Open to all singers at any level.

MUSIC-134 Girl Groups from Medieval to Motown*Spring. Credits: 4*

The term "girl groups" typically refers to the close-harmony all-women pop groups of the 1950s and 1960s. Yet groups like the Andrews Sisters, the Shirelles, and, most famously, the Supremes, represent only one manifestation of a centuries-long musical practice in which groups of young women have sung together, from enslaved women of the medieval Islamic world to the concerto delle donne of Renaissance Italy to Vivaldi's young pupils at the Ospedale della Pietà. For centuries, these groups have enthralled listeners and inspired composers. This course looks at the history of this musical phenomenon, with critical attention to its spaces, reception, and relationships and what they tell us about gender and musicking over time.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***MUSIC-136 Adventures in Music***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course delves into the intricate world of auditory perception, exploring how humans interpret, experience, and make sense of sound. Students will journey through the art of hearing, discuss the sensations of hearing, how sound colors our perception of the world, and how the sound worlds we live in are increasingly curated and constructed. The course will cover a range of topics, including historical definitions of pitch, time, and sound forms, and the influence of cultural and environmental factors on how we perceive sound. We will also investigate the role of hearing in communication, music, and soundscapes, and consider how technological advancements are transforming the way we interact with sound. Through hands-on experiments, critical listening sessions, and interdisciplinary readings, students will gain a holistic understanding of sound perception, learning to appreciate its profound impact on human experience. By the end of the course, participants will have developed an enhanced awareness of the role sound plays in shaping our environment and our lives.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Advisory: This course has been conceived in a way that will be accessible to students with limited musical training.***MUSIC-139 Music of the 1970s***Spring. Credits: 4*

Remembered primarily for being the decade when popular music demanded a reality check, the 1970s will be the framework for a critical and analytical survey of some of the more fertile developments and influential ideas that originated, flourished, and/or declined in that era. Topics will include minimalism, jazz-rock fusion, reggae, disco, punk, and the accompanying multiculturalism that informed social/political/economic conditions that bred these styles.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***200-Level Courses****MUSIC-202 Electronic and Computer Music***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will explore a range of approaches and techniques involved in the creation of electronic and computer music, including aspects of form and development, analog and digital synthesis and signal processing, basic computer music programming, and audio recording and production techniques. The focus of this seminar will be a series of exercises and creative projects that develop aesthetic and technical abilities. This creative work will be supported and enriched by selected reading and listening examples, as well as ongoing technical labs and demonstrations.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: MUSIC-102.***MUSIC-203 Acoustic Ecology and Sonic Art***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The field of acoustic ecology is particularly concerned with how we create, interpret and interact with the sounds around us and how imbalances in the soundscape may affect human health and the natural world. Through reading, discussion, listening sessions, independent research, and hands-on projects, we will examine the broad interdisciplinary fields of acoustic ecology and sonic art. We will engage historical, conceptual, and aesthetic aspects of sound as a cultural, environmental, and artistic medium, with an emphasis on listening, psychoacoustics, soundscape studies, field recording and soundscape composition. We will question predominant ideas regarding the relationships between location, environment, sound, silence, music, and noise, and test these ideas through individual and group research as well as hands-on sonic art projects.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***MUSIC-215 Intermediate Composition***Spring. Credits: 4*

Students will explore a number of musical styles and approaches in the process of creating their own extended works, with the possibility of performances at the end of the semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.***MUSIC-217 Foundations of Voice II***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

This course is designed as a follow-up to MUSIC-117, Foundations of Voice I, with a primary focus on in-class study, singing, and accompanying of Western Art songs and International Folk songs (Mexican, French, Arabic, Czech, German, American). Course study will include an overall examination of composers, performance practice, musical styles, poetry, structural form, and nationalistic characteristics. All students will participate in regular in-class performances of music by well-known as well as historically marginalized composers. Music by Purcell, Mozart, Fanny Mendelssohn, Schubert, L. Boulanger, Dvorák, Crawford Seeger, Fauré, Price, Ravel, Beach and more.

*Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.**Advisory: MUSIC-117 not required. Vocal students: 2 semesters of voice lessons. Intermediate and advanced level pianists welcome.***MUSIC-220 Music and Film***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course is for all who stay to the end of the credits, purchase soundtracks, and argue over who should have won the Oscar for Best Score, along with anyone else interested in the undervalued importance of music to the general effect of a motion picture. We will explore and discuss the myriad ways in which these two media interact. The course will focus on classic scores by Herrmann, Morricone, and Williams, as well as the uses of pre-existing music in films of Kubrick and Tarantino.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-230MU**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: MUSIC-100, MUSIC-131, MUSIC-102 or MUSIC-103, or one Film Media Theater course.*

MUSIC-226 World Music*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course is a survey of selected musical traditions from different parts of the world, including Africa, Indonesia, Indian, the Caribbean, and the United States. The course adopts an ethnomusicological approach that explains music as a cultural phenomenon, and explores the social and aesthetic significance of musical traditions within their respective historical and cultural contexts. It examines how musical traditions change over time, and how such changes reflect and relate to social and political changes within a given society. Weekly reading and listening assignments provide the basis for class discussions.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

MUSIC-231 Theorizing Classical Music*Fall. Credits: 4*

Studies diatonic harmony (part-writing, inversions, harmonization, figured bass and non-harmonic tones) and begins the exploration of chromaticism. Includes analysis, aural skills, and keyboard harmony.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: MUSIC-100, MUSIC-131, or Music Theory Placement Test.

MUSIC-234 Early Music Performance Practice: Sing Like Dido; Play like Orpheus*Spring. Credits: 4*

How do we know how the art music of Europe was performed 400 years ago? What does it mean to sing and play in a historically informed manner in the modern era? How do we improvise and ornament? How do we shape this music, expressing its style and drama? This course introduces a practical application of early music performance practice, and examines the historical, editorial, and theatrical aspects of masterworks such as Monteverdi's *Orfeo*, Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, Jacquet de la Guerre's *Judith*, and more. The course will include regular in-class performances or presentations, opera screenings, and a field trip to a major early music performance in Boston.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-231 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

Advisory: Singers: 2 semesters of voice lessons, or by permission of instructor. Modern and period instrumentalists/keyboardists welcome by permission of instructor.

MUSIC-236 Pop Song / Jazz Tune*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

Pop and jazz involve different types of musical texts. From open mic nights to top-40 hits, pop performances are enactments of carefully crafted song structures. In contrast, jazz musicians treat tunes more flexibly-as frameworks to guide improvisation. In separate units for the pop song and the jazz tune, this course examines how harmony, melody, rhythm, lyrics, and form unite to inspire great performances in both traditions. Each unit will include nuts-and-bolts assignments to build analytical and compositional skills, which will be applied in a composition project at the end of each unit.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

MUSIC-238 The Power of Black Music*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The course focuses on the musics of Africa and the African diaspora through the lens of ethnomusicology. Concentrating on countries like Brazil, Cuba, Nigeria, South Africa, and the United States, it examines the musical performance of gender, race, ethnicity, and nationality and the role of music in social and political movements. The course explores the global dimensions and resonances of Africanist musical cosmopolitanism as enabled historically and sustained through ongoing transatlantic exchanges between Africa and the African diasporas. Other topics covered include the global rise of Afrobeats, and the issues of representation in iconic works like *Black Is King* and *Lemonade* by Beyoncé.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

MUSIC-242 Conducting I*Spring. Credits: 4*

Fundamentals of conducting: gestures, rehearsal techniques, study of representative short scores, and practice leading primarily choral ensembles. Videotaping, class recital.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Prereq: one of the following: MUSIC-231, MUSIC-281, MUSIC-282, MUSIC-283, MUSIC-284.

Advisory: Ensemble experience.

MUSIC-249 Topics in Music**MUSIC-249MU Topics in Music: 'Language, Music and the Mind'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores the interplay between language, music and cognitive skills. For centuries, questions about the relationship between language and music have been asked by philosophers, artists, and scientists. Is music a language and is language a music? What is the evolutionary value of language and music? What are the formal characteristics that are shared between the two? What happens in the human mind when language or music breaks down? How can we design interdisciplinary studies to look into language and music? While no prior music education is required, the course will provide a comprehensive overview that bridges gaps between linguistics, music theory, and cognitive science.

Crosslisted as: PSYCH-249MU

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.

MUSIC-281 History of Western Music I: Music to 1700*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The first in a four-semester survey of Western music history, MUSIC-281 examines the cultures of art music in Europe and Americas to 1700, focusing on evolution of style and the changing roles of composers, performers, patrons, and audience.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

MUSIC-282 History of Western Music II: Music from 1700 to 1850*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The second in a four-semester survey of Western music history, MUSIC-282 examines the cultures of art music in Europe and the Americas from 1700-1850, focusing on the evolution of styles and genres and the changing roles of composers, performers, and audiences.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

MUSIC-283 History of Western Music III: Music from 1850 to 1950*Fall. Credits: 4*

The third in a four-semester survey of Western music history, MUSIC-283 examines the cultures of art music in Europe and the Americas from 1850 to 1950, focusing on the evolution of styles and genres and the changing roles of composers, performers, and audiences.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.***MUSIC-284 History of Western Music IV: Music Since 1950***Spring. Credits: 4*

The fourth in a four-semester survey of European and Eurocentric classical music, covering the period since 1950 and changes in how composers interacted with performers, audiences, critics, institutions, and society at large. We trace these changes through a fast-paced survey of representative works, including music by women composers, composers of color, and LGBTQ+ composers. We build skills in score reading, understanding musical forms and genres, interpreting primary sources, and writing music history. Course theme: Music and the Machine. How have new technologies of notation, recording, broadcast, and digital media affected music since 1950, and the ways it is performed and understood?

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.***MUSIC-299 Creative Career Strategies and Music Entrepreneurship***Spring. Credits: 2*

This combined lecture series/seminar will expose students to a wide range of career options available in music and music-related fields. Guest speakers will present broad and varied approaches to creating a meaningful career in music, as well as sharing specific strategies, resources, and advice. This seminar will also include course readings and discussion, as well as skill building in entrepreneurial thinking and professional aspects of career development.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement***300-Level Courses****MUSIC-302 Projects in Sound and Media Arts***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This innovative arts and technology course will explore emerging creative/technical practices that transcend any single medium or discipline. While sound will be a primary focus of the course, students will design, realize, and collaborate on projects that may also include still or moving images, text, graphics, installation, computation, interactivity, performance, etc. Class meetings will combine seminar-style discussions with listening, viewing and hands-on lab sessions, brainstorming, project development and feedback. Guest artists' visits and collaborations with other MHC arts and tech classes will enhance your exposure to sound and media arts practitioners.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-102 plus one additional arts and technology class and permission of instructor.**Advisory: Email professor for permission during advising week.***MUSIC-315 Advanced Composition***Spring. Credits: 4*

Students will explore a number of musical styles and approaches in the process of creating their own extended works, with the possibility of performances at the end of the semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: MUSIC-202, MUSIC-215, MUSIC-231, or MUSIC-302.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-321 Advanced Interdisciplinary Topics****MUSIC-321AM Advanced Interdisciplinary Topics: 'Art, Music and the Brain'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Art and music are a part of all human cultures. Is there something about the human brain that drives us to paint and sing? We will examine how the brain simultaneously processes different aspects of visual and auditory stimuli, ask how this processing may affect the way we do art and music, and explore where these phenomena may occur in the brain. As we engage in discussion and hands-on activities, we will discover the commonalities between the arts and the sciences including practice, experimentation, exploration, innovation, and creativity.

*Crosslisted as: PSYCH-349AM**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is limited to seniors.**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: At least 8 credits at the 200 level in Psychology, Neuroscience and Behavior, Art History, or Music.***MUSIC-334 Music Analysis****MUSIC-334MA Music Analysis***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The course begins with an overview of the ways music analysis informs, and is informed by, other disciplines of musical inquiry: history, criticism, etc. The course culminates in an application of various analytic approaches to a small group of related works within the Western art music tradition.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: one of the following: MUSIC-231, MUSIC-281, MUSIC-282, MUSIC-283, MUSIC-284.***MUSIC-334MF Music Analysis: 'Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro'***Fall. Credits: 4*

In conjunction with the Five College Opera's Spring 2026 production of Mozart's 1786 opera *Le Nozze di Figaro*, this course will give students a thorough grounding in the adaptation of plays into operas, and the analysis of opera. We will undertake a close reading of Beaumarchais' play (in translation), da Ponte's libretto, Mozart's settings, and a number of historic and contemporary productions, in order to explore how operas work with and against their source texts, and also how opera analysis and dramaturgy can inform creative choices about music and staging. By the end of the course, students will be equipped to decode text and music in opera, to critically engage with the analyses of other scholars, and to comprehend some of the challenges and drawbacks of opera analysis.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: one of the following: MUSIC-231, MUSIC-281, MUSIC-282, MUSIC-283, MUSIC-284.*

MUSIC-347 Topics in Music: 'Music Theory and Difference'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course asks what it means to create, consume, and analyze music across lines of cultural difference. In what ways do a repertoire's features become associated with – or bound to – the people who create it? As we listen and analyze across cultural lines, what aspects might be translated or lost; what might be gained? What distinguishes modes of interaction such as influence, hybridity, and appropriation? How do systems of power and oppression impact our thinking on these questions? In this course we explore these and other questions through reading, musical analysis, formal and informal writing, engagement with guest speakers, and discussion of case studies, centering musicians that have been marginalized by the academic discipline of music theory.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive*

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test, and an additional 4 credits in classroom Music courses at the 200 level or above.

MUSIC-371 Topics in Music

This seminar is designed to increase familiarity with and facility in the use of primary materials for musicological/ethnomusicological and/or theoretical research, as well as in the critical evaluation of published scholarship. Engagement with a shared topic at the outset of the semester provides the context from which each student fashions an independent project. Oral presentations and active discussion are integral to the course.

MUSIC-371HM Topics in Music: 'History of Music Education'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This seminar explores the history of formalized, institutional music education in Europe and North America, focusing on the Middle Ages to the present. Topics include monastic and cathedral schools; conservatories and their roots in orphanages and vocational schools; music programs in pre-school, K-12, and higher ed (including Mount Holyoke); approaches to music within disability education; formal training in jazz, popular, traditional, and experimental musics; and the politics of degrees and accreditation. Through critical reading of primary sources, we trace the political and cultural work of music education, and how it reinforces aesthetic ideologies and systems of power and access.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive*

Prereq: 8 credits in classroom Music courses including at least 4 credits at the 200 level or above.

MUSIC-371MA Topics in Music: 'Music and Animation'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

An in-depth exploration of music and animation from the silent era to the digital age. We will draw on film-music theoretical and critical approaches to analyzing the interaction of music and image in shorts and feature films by studios like Warner Brothers, Disney, Pixar, and Ghibli, television shows, video games, music videos, and experimental animation. Our focus will be on audio-visual media that thematizes music and music-making, from Visual Music and Silly Symphonies to Mamoru Hosoda's *Belle* and the video game *Guitar Hero*. Final projects can range from critical-analytical papers and video essays to original audio-visual creative work.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330MA**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive*

Prereq: 8 credits in classroom Music or Film Media Theater courses including at least 4 credits at the 200 level or above.

Advisory: This course should not be taken by students who took MUSIC-222/ FMT-230MA previously.

MUSIC-371MD Topics in Music: 'Music and Disability'*Spring. Credits: 4*

In this seminar, we encounter foundational texts, methodologies, and case studies in the field of Disability Studies in Music. Grounded in a music-historical approach (but incorporating other music studies methods), we trace how musicking across a range of time periods and traditions both represents and constructs the cultures, policies, and tropes of bodymind difference and normativity. We center music, performance, and scholarship by disabled individuals and collectives, and emphasize the intersectional nature of disability justice, while also interrogating ableism in the music industry and the academy, as well as our own embodied positionalities as music makers, scholars, and consumers.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive*

Prereq: 8 credits in classroom Music courses including at least 4 credits at the 200 level or above.

MUSIC-374 Advanced Seminar in Ethnomusicology*Spring. Credits: 4*

Designed for music and non-music majors, this advanced seminar examines core theoretical and methodological issues in ethnomusicology and the debates that have shaped its practice since its origins in the early twentieth century as comparative musicology. Drawing on musical traditions from different parts of the world and supplemented by workshops conducted by visiting professional musicians, the course explores the interdisciplinary approaches that inform how ethnomusicologists study the significance of music "in" and "as" culture. Topics covered will include ethnographic methods, the intersection of musicological and anthropological perspectives, the political significance of musical hybridity, applied ethnomusicology, and sound studies.

*Crosslisted as: ANTHR-316ET**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors*

Prereq: 8 credits in classroom courses in Social Sciences or Humanities at the 200 level or above.

Performance Studies

Official registration for all performance courses may only be done after successful completion of the audition process; at the audition students should be prepared to demonstrate their level of vocal or instrumental

proficiency. All performance study is for academic credit. (See MUSIC-100 requirement below.)

The Department of Music offers private instruction in performance studies at three levels for areas listed. Students studying privately are encouraged to elect the 50-minute lesson but may, at their own option or when advised by the instructor, enroll for the 30-minute (1 credit) lesson.

Students will be placed according to the following order of priority: declared music majors and minors; first-, second-, and third-year students who demonstrate proficiency on their instrument at or above an upper elementary level, with order of placement determined by extent of experience and quality of performance; first-, second-, and third-year students who wish to begin their study of an instrument or voice; fourth-year students, with order of placement determined by extent of experience and quality of performance.

Students enroll with Mount Holyoke performance faculty if the instrument they wish to study is offered by the department. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability, and permission of the instructor is required. Please consult the department for audition dates and times.

Music 100 Requirement

Because the Department of Music believes students enrolled in individual performance studies should have a thorough knowledge of the rudiments of music, continued enrollment beyond the first semester of lessons will be contingent on exemption from or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100 regardless of whether a student is enrolled at Mount Holyoke or another Five College institution. The music theory placement exam is in two parts. In order to pass the exam, students must achieve scores of at least 75 percent on both the written and aural portions.

100 Level Performance Study

Successful completion of, or exemption from, MUSIC-100 allows up to 8 academic credits of individual performance study on one instrument at the 100 level.

200 Level Performance Study

Following successful completion of 8 credits of performance study at the 100 level on one instrument, the student automatically advances to study at the 200 level, for which there are no credit limitations. Students enrolled in study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester. Earlier entry into the 200 level is with permission of instructor.

300 Level Performance Study

Usually taken only in the senior year. Students may advance to the 300 level of performance studies upon the recommendation of the instructor. Four credits are granted for each semester of performance study at the 300 level. Students enrolled in one semester of study at the 300 level will be required to prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent. ("Equivalent": two half-recitals, or one-half recital plus other significant public performance.) More detailed information on performance study at the 300 level is available from the Department of Music office.

MUSIC-151A Individual Performance Study: 'Piano'

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2

Performance study - individual instruction.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.

MUSIC-151B Individual Performance Study: 'Voice'

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2

Performance study - individual instruction.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.

MUSIC-151C Individual Performance Study: 'Flute'

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2

Performance study - individual instruction.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.

MUSIC-151D Individual Performance Study: 'Oboe'

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2

Performance study - individual instruction.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.

MUSIC-151E Individual Performance Study: 'Clarinet'

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2

Performance study - individual instruction.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.

MUSIC-151F Individual Performance Study: 'Saxophone'

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2

Performance study - individual instruction.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.

Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.

MUSIC-151T Individual Performance Study: 'Cello'*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.**Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.***MUSIC-151U Individual Performance Study: 'Bass'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.**Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.***MUSIC-151V Individual performance Study: 'Recorders/Early Winds'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.**Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.***MUSIC-151W Individual Performance Study: 'Loud Winds'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.**Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.***MUSIC-151X Individual Performance Study: 'Lute'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.**Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.***MUSIC-151Y Individual Performance Study: 'Early Strings'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.**Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.***MUSIC-151Z Individual Performance Study: 'Music Technology'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 1 - 2*

Private study - individual instruction in the use of current and emerging technologies for the creation and performance of electronic music and sonic art.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-100 or MUSIC-131 or passing Music Theory Placement Test.**Advisory: Passing Music Theory Placement Test, or concurrent enrollment in MUSIC-100, required after one semester of study.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability.***MUSIC-251A Individual Performance Instruction: 'Piano'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251B Individual Performance Instruction: 'Voice'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251C Individual Performance Instruction: 'Flute'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251D Individual Performance Instruction: 'Oboe'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.*

MUSIC-251R Individual Performance Instruction: 'Violin'*Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251S Individual Performance Instruction: 'Viola'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251T Individual Performance Instruction: 'Cello'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251U Individual Performance Instruction: 'String Bass'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251V Individual Performance Instruction: 'Recorders/Early Winds'***Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251W Ind. Perform. Study: Loud Winds***Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251X Ind. Perform. Study: Lute***Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251Y Ind. Perform. Study: Early Strings***Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 8 credits of 100-level lessons or one semester of 200-level lessons.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-251Z Individual Performance Study: 'Music Technology'***Spring. Credits: 2*

Private study - individual instruction in the use of current and emerging technologies for the creation and performance of electronic music and sonic art.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-102 or similar course work.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrollment is limited according to teacher availability. Students enrolled in Individual Performance Study at the 200 level must participate in at least one public performance per semester, usually a 5-10 minute piece in a Shared Student Recital.***MUSIC-351 Advanced Performance Study****MUSIC-351A Individual Performance Study: 'Piano'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.***MUSIC-351B Individual Performance Study: 'Voice'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.*

MUSIC-351M Individual Performance Study: 'Percussion'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.*

Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.

MUSIC-351N Individual Performance Study: 'Harpsichord'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.*

Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.

MUSIC-351O Individual Performance Study: 'Organ'

Fall. Credits: 4

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.*

Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.

MUSIC-351P Individual Performance Study: 'Harp'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.*

Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.

MUSIC-351Q Individual Performance Study: 'Guitar'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.*

Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.

MUSIC-351R Individual Performance Study: 'Violin'

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.*

Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.

MUSIC-351S Adv. Perform. Study: Viola

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.*

Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.

MUSIC-351T Individual Performance Study: 'Cello'

Fall. Credits: 4

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.*

Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.

MUSIC-351U Individual Performance Study: 'String Bass'*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Performance study - individual instruction.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.***MUSIC-351V Individual Performance Study: 'Recorders/Early Winds'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4**Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Permission of instructor and department chair, MUSIC-232, one 200-level history course, demonstration of prior public performance.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.***MUSIC-351Z Individual Performance Study: 'Music Technology'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Private study - individual instruction in the use of current and emerging technologies for the creation and performance of electronic music and sonic art.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: One 200-level music technology course.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Continuation of studies at the 300 level depends on evaluation by the instructor and is not automatic. Students enrolled in one semester of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare a half-recital or its equivalent. Students enrolled in a full year of Individual Performance Study at the 300 level must prepare one full recital program or its equivalent.***Ensemble Performance Studies: Instrumental Ensembles**

Enrollment in any large or small ensemble is by audition only. Enrollment in instrumental ensembles may be limited according to teacher availability. Permission of instructor is required.

MUSIC-143 Chamber Music**MUSIC-143A Chamber Music: 'Wind Ensembles'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Chamber Music for wind instruments

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-143B Chamber Music: 'String Ensembles'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Chamber Music for string instruments

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-143C Chamber Music: 'Piano Ensembles'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Chamber Music for piano instruments

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-143D Chamber Music: 'Mixed Ensembles'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Chamber music for mixed ensembles.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-143E Chamber Music: 'Brass Ensembles'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Chamber Music for brass instruments

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-143F Chamber Music: 'Klezmer Ensemble'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

This ensemble, composed of all instruments – including piano, strings, brass, and woodwinds – performs dance music of Eastern Europe. Students at all levels of experience will use their classical training to go beyond the printed page into the folk tradition, learning to play different modes of the tunes and employing 'untraditional' techniques that are traditional in this unique folk music.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Students should contact Adrienne Greenbaum (agreenba@mtholyoke.edu) for further information.***MUSIC-143G Chamber Music: 'Flute Choir'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Study and perform music for flute ensembles.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. 1 rehearsal (2 hours)*

MUSIC-143H Chamber Music: 'Early Music Chamber Ensemble'*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

This course offers opportunities to play and sing chamber music from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque eras, collaborating with musicians from the Five Colleges and with the support of a specialist coach. Ensemble members will draw on historical context and performance practice as they refine performance technique and ensemble skills. Singers and instrumentalists will be sorted into ensembles based on level- from beginner to advanced- and areas of interest. Chamber ensembles also offer an opportunity to develop skills for more advanced projects such as those of the Five College Collegium (see MUSIC-147A). The Early Music Program has a large collection of historical instruments to loan.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-143I Chamber Music: 'Percussion Ensembles'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Chamber Music for percussion instruments.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-155A Jazz Ensemble: 'Big Band'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

A mixed instrumental group for beginning, intermediate, and advanced musicians. Students study a variety of classic and contemporary swing, Latin, jazz, and pop standards. There are several performance opportunities each semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-161 Beginning West African Drumming Ensemble***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

This course will focus on learning by ear and playing polyrhythmic music from southern Ghana, Togo and Benin, including sections of Gahu, Adjogbo and Agbekor. All students will learn drum, rattle and bell parts, some songs and some dance steps as well. Non musicians are welcome, but practicing between classes is required. The group will perform at the end of the semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-191 Mount Holyoke Symphony Orchestra***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Studies and presents a variety of orchestra repertoire on and off campus. Multiple opportunities to perform each semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Enrollment is by audition only.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-255A Chamber Jazz Ensemble: 'Chamber Jazz'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

A select instrumental combo open to more advanced jazz musicians with emphasis on complex forms such as Dixieland, bop, and fusion. Students also learn exercises and techniques that will aid them in solo improvisation. There are several performance opportunities each semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: Enrollment in Big Band or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-261 Intermediate West African Drumming Ensemble***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

This course will focus on learning by ear and playing polyrhythmic music from southern Ghana, Togo and Benin, including sections of Adjogbo and Agbekor. All students will learn drum, rattle and bell parts, some songs, and some dance steps. Non-musicians are welcome; practice between classes is required. The group will perform at the end of the semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: MUSIC-161.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***Ensemble Performance Studies: Choral Ensembles**

Enrollment in any large or small ensemble is by audition only.

MUSIC-155B Jazz Ensemble: 'Vocal Jazz'*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

A select vocal ensemble that studies classic and contemporary jazz, Broadway and pop standards. Members are encouraged to audition for solos with the Big Band and Chamber Jazz Ensembles. There are several performance opportunities each semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Enrollment is by audition only.**Notes: Repeatable for credit. Limited enrollment.***MUSIC-193 Chorale***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Beginning ensemble. Well-suited to beginning to intermediate singers. Sight-reading and music theory are incorporated throughout the course. Emphasis is placed on developing techniques for healthy and beautiful vocal production, learning critical listening skills, singing with expression and understanding, and ultimately demonstrating growth as choral musicians. The ensemble explores music from a variety of languages, styles, and cultures.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Advisory: Previous ensemble experience is helpful, though not a prerequisite.*

Notes: Repeatable for credit. Enrolled students will receive a list of required performances when the class begins and should address any schedule conflicts with their instructors early in the semester.

MUSIC-293 Glee Club*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Advanced ensemble with a varied classical, contemporary, and folk-derived repertoire. Sight-reading and music theory are incorporated throughout the course. Emphasis is placed on developing techniques for healthy and beautiful vocal production, learning critical listening skills, singing with expression and understanding, and ultimately demonstrating growth as choral musicians.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Advisory: Previous ensemble experience and strong musicianship – including the ability to sightread – are prerequisites.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-297 Chamber Singers***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Highly select chamber choir of 12-18 voices drawn from Glee Club and Chorale with an emphasis on musical independence. Members possess excellent music reading skills and are one of just a few voices on a part. Specializes in challenging classical and contemporary repertoire for treble voices.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***Independent Study****MUSIC-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***MUSIC-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***The Five-College Early Music Program**

The Five College Early Music Program provides practical experience in medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque music. A faculty of distinguished performers and scholars provides applied, historical, and theoretical experience in performance. A collection of early music instruments is available. Students are encouraged to participate in one or more of the performing groups that meet regularly with a coach; ensembles are organized at all levels of ability, from beginning to advanced, to accommodate progress throughout a four-year academic program. For more information on the Five College Early Music Program, please visit their page on the Five College website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/early-music-program>).or

MUSIC-147 Early Music Ensembles**MUSIC-147A Early Music: 'Five College Collegium'***Spring. Credits: 1*

The Five College Collegium is the flagship ensemble of the Five College Early Music Program. The ensemble is made up of experienced singers and instrumentalists from the Five College Consortium, and prepares two large-scale projects in the course of the academic year for public performance. The Collegium rotates its rehearsal residency among the schools in the Five College system, and focuses on repertoire from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque periods. Whenever possible, the Collegium invites professional musicians as guests to work with the ensemble on material that is relevant to the current project.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: Enrollment is by audition only or previous participation in the ensemble.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-147D Early Music Ensembles: 'Renaissance and Baroque Dance I'***Fall. Credits: 1*

Sixteenth- through eighteenth-century European social dance, contemporary with the eras of Elizabeth I and Shakespeare in England, the Medicis in Italy, Louis XIV in France, and colonial America. The focus will be on learning the dances, supplemented by historical and social background, discussion of the original dance sources, and reconstruction techniques.

*Crosslisted as: DANCE-127**Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***MUSIC-147F Early Music Ensembles: 'Renaissance and Baroque Dance II'***Spring. Credits: 1*

Continuation of Renaissance and Baroque Dance I. Sixteenth- through eighteenth-century European social dance, contemporary with the eras of Elizabeth I and Shakespeare in England, the Medicis in Italy, Louis XIV in France, and colonial America. The focus will be on learning the dances, supplemented by historical and social background, discussion of the original dance sources, and reconstruction techniques.

*Crosslisted as: DANCE-128**Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Prereq: MUSIC-147D or DANCE-127.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.*

Native American and Indigenous Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The Five College Certificate in Native American and Indigenous Studies provides students with the opportunity to acquire a knowledge and understanding of the development, growth, and interactions of the Indigenous peoples and nations of the world. The program emphasizes the many long histories of Indigenous peoples as well as their contemporary lives and situations. A holistic and comparative interdisciplinary approach underlies the program's requirements, enabling students to become familiar with the diversity of Indigenous lifeways, including cultural forms, politics and institutions, political economies, and modes of self-expression and self-determination.

Contact Information

Mary Renda, Emily Dickinson Professor of History

<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/natam>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of seven courses:

Code	Title	Credits
A foundation course ¹		
Six additional courses, with no more than three of the seven courses from any single discipline ²		
Total Courses		7

- ¹ Offered at various levels, foundation courses provide an opportunity to hear and learn about Native and Indigenous perspectives and are taught from a philosophical perspective that reflects theories, pedagogies, and methodologies of Native American and Indigenous studies.
- ² These courses must be selected from the courses currently approved by the Five College NAIS Committee as counting toward the certificate. That list is available at available on the program website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/natam>). Courses not on this list may be approved for inclusion by campus program advisors in consultation with the committee.

Additional Specifications

- A student's program must be approved by the NAIS program advisor from Mount Holyoke.
- Students must receive a grade of B or higher in all seven courses to receive the certificate.

Native American and Indigenous Studies Nexus

Overview and Contact Information

This Nexus departs from traditional approaches to career tracks, offering instead a decolonial approach to career opportunities informed by Indigenous perspectives on knowledge, work, and community. It allows students to gain experience with collaborative endeavors, informed by the insights of Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS), in preparation for work in STEM fields, the arts, education, public administration, social service, law, food systems, health care, media, and more. It can prepare students for future work with organizations and initiatives addressing, among other things, Indigenous rights, governance and sovereignty, cultural and language revitalization, entrepreneurship, environmental stewardship, and epidemics of violence, on Turtle Island and in global Indigenous contexts. And it will prepare students to approach their work as collaborative members of a community with a strong foundation in Indigenous ethics.

Contact Information

Eleanor Townsley, Nexus director
Katie Walker, coordinator

108 Daniel L. Jones Building
413-538-3010
<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/enhance-your-learning/nexus-program>

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chairs:

Sabra Thorner, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Sylvia Cifuentes, Assistant Professor of Environmental and Social Equity and Justice, On Leave 2025-2026

Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus 16 or selected with approval of the track chair		
At least one course at the 300 level		
At least one course at the 200 level or above		
One course at the 100 level or above ¹		
A substantive summer internship ²		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
A presentation at LEAP Symposium		
Total Credits		18

- ¹ Only one course at the 100 level is permitted to count toward the Nexus.
- ² The summer internship must meet College requirements for a substantial educational experience: At least 200 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization's stated mission and complements the student's area of focus.

Additional Specifications

- Nexus students will develop a brief proposal outlining their specific area of focus including a course outline. Students will schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete an online Plan of Study form to be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
- COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

This is a list of courses with a concentration on collections or archives. Depending upon students' individual interests, they can select other courses than those listed below in consultation with the Nexus track chair.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-316DM	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Decolonizing Museums'	4
Art History		
ARTH-301DG	Topics in Art History: 'Indigenous Futures'	4

History

HIST-171	The American Peoples Since 1865	4
HIST-213	History of Turtle Island: Introduction to Native North America	4
HIST-275CH	Topics in Native American and Indigenous Studies: 'Duyukdv: Cherokee Studies'	4

Neuroscience and Behavior
Overview and Contact Information

The program in neuroscience and behavior is intended for students with strong, integrative interests in both biological sciences and psychology and in the biological bases of behavior.

See Also

- Cognitive Neuroscience (p. 113)

Contact Information

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Jill Pietrantonio, Academic Department Coordinator

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Learning Goals

1. Components of the Nervous System

Learn the underlying developmental, physiological, anatomical, and functional components of the nervous system, including an understanding of their evolutionary origins, and link the electrochemical behavior of nerve cells and synapses, sensorimotor processes, and circuit-level processes to cognitive and behavioral outcomes.

2. Biological and Chemical Foundations

Understand the fundamental molecular, chemical, genetic, and cellular components of the natural world and practice basic biology and chemistry laboratory techniques for measuring these phenomena.

3. Research Design and Data Analysis

Develop experimental design, quantitative reasoning, and technical skills to ethically design, implement, analyze, and communicate original research questions in the natural and behavioral sciences.

4. Experimentation and Evaluation of Primary Literature

Analyze and critique primary literature leading to the construction of novel hypotheses, and design relevant laboratory-based and field experiments using various neuroscience-specific techniques.

5. Becoming a Citizen Scientist

Develop communication and collaboration skills aimed at becoming an ethically responsible and inclusive member of the scientific community. This includes cultivating effective communication skills in oral, written, and visual formats, in addition to working to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in group settings.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Neuroscience and Behavior Program:

Katherine Binder, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Psychology

Mara Breen, Professor of Psychology and Education

Jared Schwartzter, Professor of Psychology and Education

Kenneth Colodner, Associate Professor of Neuroscience and Behavior, Teaching Spring Only

Kathryn McMenimen, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Marta Sabariego, Associate Professor of Neuroscience and Behavior

André White, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Teaching Spring Only

Travis Hodges, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Teaching Spring Only

Rebecca Acabchuk, Visiting Assistant Professor in Neuroscience and Behavior

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 48 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Curriculum		
NEURO-100	Introduction to Neuroscience and Behavior	4
CHEM-150	General Chemistry: Foundations	4
or CHEM-160	Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry	
CHEM-202	Organic Chemistry I	4
NEURO-221	Research Techniques in Neuroscience	4
PSYCH-204	Research Methods in Psychology	4
NEURO-246	Cognitive Neuroscience	4
or NEURO-254	Psychopharmacology	
or NEURO-256	Hormones and Behavior	
BIOL-200	Introductory Biology II: How Organisms Develop with Laboratory	4
BIOL-210	Molecular Genetics with Laboratory	4
or BIOL-220	Cell Biology with Laboratory	
An appropriate prerequisite to qualify for the quantitative inference course		
A course in quantitative inference:		4
PSYCH-201	Statistics	
or STAT-242	Intermediate Statistics	
Two of the following laboratory-based courses at the 300 level:		8
BIOCH-312	Chemistry of Biomolecules (with BIOCH-318 lab)	
or CHEM-312	Chemistry of Biomolecules	
BIOL-307	Vertebrate Anatomy with Laboratory	
BIOL-321AD		
BIOL-321BE		
BIOL-328	Human Physiology with Laboratory	
BIOL-333		
COMSC-334	Artificial Intelligence	
COMSC-341NL	Topics: 'Natural Language Processing'	

NEURO-309ND	Topics in Neuroscience and Behavior: 'Analysis of Neural Data'
NEURO-324	Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience
NEURO-336	Systems Neuroscience
NEURO-342	Mapping the Brain: A Hands-on Introduction to Connectomics
NEURO-395	Independent Study (4 credits)
PSYCH-350BN	Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Laboratory in Behavioral Neuroscience'
PSYCH-350ET	Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Ethology'
PSYCH-340CL	Laboratory in Perception and Cognition: 'Cognition and Literacy'
PSYCH-340SP	Laboratory in Perception and Cognition: 'Speech'
A third 300-level course from the preceding list, or from the following:	
BIOL-321EU	Conference Course: 'The Neuron'
CHEM-312	Chemistry of Biomolecules
or BIOCH-312	Chemistry of Biomolecules
NEURO-309	Topics in Neuroscience and Behavior
NEURO-331	Glial Cells in Health and Disease
NEURO-338	Mobilizing the Hippocampus
PSYCH-339AQ	Seminar in Developmental Psychology: 'Language Acquisition and Disorders in Childhood'
PSYCH-349AD	Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'Adult Literacy'
PSYCH-349AM	Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'Art, Music, and the Brain'
PSYCH-349LT	Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'Language and Thought'
PSYCH-359CN	
PSYCH-359MD	Seminar: Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Symptoms and Mechanisms of Major Depressive Disorder'

Total Credits**48**

Other Requirements

- The three required courses at the 300 level must span at least two departments or programs.

Additional Specifications

- Students who declare a neuroscience and behavior major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.
- There are sometimes opportunities for Neuroscience and Behavior students to work on an individual basis with a Neuroscience and Behavior faculty member. Students are encouraged to discuss this option with any member of the department.

Course Offerings

NEURO-100 Introduction to Neuroscience and Behavior

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This comprehensive survey course explores the brain and the biological basis of behavior. We will examine the anatomy of the nervous system and the unique properties of the cells that make up the brain. We will discuss the mechanisms by which individual brain cells communicate with each other, and how networks of cells underlie more complex processes such as perception, learning, memory, and behavior.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.

Coreq: NEURO-100L.

NEURO-221 Research Techniques in Neuroscience

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course will introduce students to modern techniques utilized in neuroscience research. Students will learn the underlying principles of an array of techniques spanning the fields of cellular/molecular, behavioral, and cognitive neuroscience. In lab, students will perform experiments that demonstrate these skills firsthand. Emphasis will be placed on the tools necessary to implement these studies, proper experimental design, and the critical interpretation of generated data.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Restrictions: This course is offered to neuroscience majors only.; Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Prereq: NEURO-100. Coreq: NEURO-221L.

NEURO-246 Cognitive Neuroscience

Fall. Credits: 4

Cognitive psychologists investigate the features and functions of the human mind through behavioral techniques; neuroscientists explore the physiology of the human brain. Cognitive Neuroscience lies at the intersection of these disciplines, and asks questions like: How are memories represented in the brain? Is our brain pre-prepared to learn language and if so, how? How does the average human brain still outperform most face recognition software? This course explores the cognitive and neural processes that support vision, attention, language, memory, and music. It introduces basic neuroanatomy, functional imaging techniques, and behavioral measures of cognition.

Crosslisted as: PSYCH-246

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: PSYCH-100, NEURO-100, or AP Psychology.

Notes: This course counts in the cognitive or biological bases area of the Psychology major.

NEURO-254 Psychopharmacology

Fall. Credits: 4

Psychopharmacology focuses on the impact that drugs (both illicit and prescription) have on the brain, neurocircuitry, and behavior. Students will explore the underlying neurotransmitter systems of the brain and discover how substances influence nervous system function including the experience of pain, sleep, emotional states, motivation, addiction, and mental health. The course will bridge concepts in chemistry, biology, psychology, and neuroscience by highlighting major drug classes and their underlying mechanisms of action. Additional discussions will focus on the economic, social, and political aspects of the drug market, as well as ethics and legalities of the drug industry.

Crosslisted as: PSYCH-254

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: PSYCH-100, NEURO-100, or AP Psychology.

NEURO-256 Hormones and Behavior*Spring. Credits: 4*

Does the idea of Finals Week stress you out? Have you ever felt hungry or thirsty? Is our biology to blame when people cheat on their partners? From mental health and hunger to sexual motivation and aggression, our hormones dictate many of our basic choices and ultimately control how we interact with our world. This course will explore how hormones communicate with our brain to influence behaviors such as sexual attraction and reproduction, parental care, and social behavior. Special emphasis will be placed on the underlying biology and role of the nervous system in regulating hormone levels.

*Crosslisted as: PSYCH-256**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-100, NEURO-100, or AP Psychology.***NEURO-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

*Instructor permission required.***NEURO-309 Topics in Neuroscience and Behavior****NEURO-309ND Topics in Neuroscience and Behavior: 'Analysis of Neural Data'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Neuroscience addresses big questions about the mind by studying the structure and function of the brain – questions like: How do we remember, learn, and make decisions? Why do we feel emotions and experience consciousness? What causes mental illness? This increasingly means analyzing datasets that are large, complex, high dimensional, and time varying. Neural data analysis employs a unique set of concepts and approaches drawing on statistics, mathematics, physics, and computer science. In this course, we will apply these techniques to real neural datasets through hands-on activities and a final independent project. Possible topics include statistical modeling of neuronal spiking data; analysis of high-dimensional data with spatial structure (e.g., EEG, fMRI); and techniques in time series analysis (e.g., autoregressive modeling, time-frequency decomposition, network connectivity, causality).

*Crosslisted as: STAT-344ND**Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: STAT-242.*

Advisory: Students who have completed courses in allied fields on research methods (e.g., PSYCH-204 and NEURO-221) or computational and mathematical techniques (e.g., COMSC-335 and PHYS-205) may also be qualified. Contact the instructor to discuss.

NEURO-309NE Topics in Neuroscience and Behavior: 'Neuroethics'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Neuroethics draws on the tools of philosophical analysis to investigate the role of neuroscience in our personal, social, and ethical lives. This class will look at the ethics of neuroscientific interventions such as cognitive enhancement, mind reading, and lie detection. We will examine how the neurosciences might inform philosophical discussions about human nature, personality, and ethics. In addition, we will look at the evidential role of neuroscientific evidence and how neuroscience technologies such as fMRI have influenced our thinking about the mind/brain and person.

*Crosslisted as: PHIL-334NE, PSYCH-359NE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities*

Prereq: 8 credits from the Philosophy department, or 4 credits from Philosophy and 4 credits from Neuroscience and Behavior.

NEURO-309SE Topics in Neuroscience and Behavior: 'Philosophy and Science of Emotion'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course is an interdisciplinary investigation of the nature of emotions and their influences on our thoughts and actions. While we will draw from a variety of disciplines, the nature and motivations of the inquiry are philosophical. We will consider: what are emotions? Are they bodily responses? Thoughts? Feelings? What roles do cultures play in shaping our emotions? What functions do emotions serve? We will examine evidence and arguments offered by philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, anthropology and evolutionary theory, and consider how these perspectives do or don't inform each other, as well as how they can help us understand the nature of emotions.

*Crosslisted as: PHIL-350SE, PSYCH-359SE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive*

Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy or Neuroscience and Behavior, or 4 credits in each.

NEURO-324 Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will explore cellular and molecular mechanisms of nervous system development and function through lectures, laboratory exercises, and the critical analysis of primary literature. Topics include synapse formation and synaptic transmission, neuronal-glial interactions, the molecular basis of behavior, and applied genetic engineering techniques.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: NEURO-221 or BIOL-230.*

Notes: This course meets the 300-level laboratory-based course requirement for the Neuroscience and Behavior major.

NEURO-331 Glial Cells in Health and Disease*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will explore the "other" cells in your brain, the glial cells. While neuronal cells receive most of the attention, glial cells are now recognized as essential players in normal brain physiology. Through the critical analysis of primary literature, we will highlight recent advances in glial cell biology and discuss how the various glial cell subtypes (astrocytes, microglia, myelinating cells, etc.) contribute to the healthy and diseased brain. We will examine the glial contribution to a variety of disorders (e.g. multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury, neurodegenerative diseases, etc.) as we cultivate a better understanding of these often overlooked brain cells.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Restrictions: This course is offered to neuroscience majors only.**Prereq: NEURO-221.***NEURO-336 Systems Neuroscience***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will cover the functioning of neural circuits in the brain and how they give rise to cognition and behavior. Using primary literature and activities, students will delve into current topics in systems neuroscience. Labs will provide exposure and training in common neuroscience techniques, practice in thinking like a scientist, and an appreciation for how basic research can lead to major advances in the treatment of disease.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is offered to neuroscience majors only.**Prereq: NEURO-100 and NEURO-221. Coreq: NEURO-336L.*

Notes: Open to Neuroscience majors only for the first week of pre-registration; open to Psychology and Biology majors after the first week.

NEURO-338 Mobilizing the Hippocampus

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will provide a research site to investigate the functions of the hippocampal brain region to then embody that learning through choreographic structures. In particular, students will use dance expression to aid the understanding of complex neuroscience topics, and apply neuroscience knowledge to deepen creative expression. "Mobilizing the hippocampus" will help to bridge a gap between science and art, serving as a tool to stimulate a heightened understanding of both disciplines.

Crosslisted as: DANCE-338

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors; This course is limited to Dance and Neuroscience majors.

NEURO-342 Mapping the Brain: A Hands-on Introduction to Connectomics

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Connectomics is an emerging neuroscience subfield that aims to make detailed synaptic connectivity maps of the entire brain. This course will provide a comprehensive overview of this growing field, and allow students to actively engage with actual volumetric connectomic datasets. Students will be guided through active learning exercises that explore these datasets using cutting edge software and tools. We will engage with brain volumes from several species, and we will highlight the similarities and differences between synaptic connectivity across organisms. We will also explore current successes and limitations facing the field, as students gain a better understanding of how ultrastructural studies inform neuroscientists about how the brain works.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: NEURO-221.

NEURO-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Courses Approved to Count for the Neuroscience and Behavior Major

Code	Title	Credits
Biochemistry		
BIOCH-312	Chemistry of Biomolecules	4
BIOCH-318	Laboratory Techniques in Protein Biochemistry	1
Biological Sciences		
BIOL-200	Introductory Biology II: How Organisms Develop with Laboratory	4
BIOL-210	Molecular Genetics with Laboratory	4
BIOL-220	Cell Biology with Laboratory	4
BIOL-307	Vertebrate Anatomy with Laboratory	4
BIOL-321EU	Conference Course: 'The Neuron'	4
BIOL-328	Human Physiology with Laboratory	4
BIOL-343	Substance Use Disorder: Addiction and Drug Memory Formation with Laboratory	4
BIOL-350DB	Topics in Biological Sciences: 'Developmental Biology with Laboratory'	4
Chemistry		
CHEM-150	General Chemistry: Foundations	4
CHEM-160	Integrated Introduction to Biology and Chemistry	4

CHEM-202	Organic Chemistry I	4
CHEM-312	Chemistry of Biomolecules	4
Computer Science		
COMSC-334	Artificial Intelligence	4
COMSC-341NL	Topics: 'Natural Language Processing'	4
Dance		
DANCE-338	Mobilizing the Hippocampus	4
Music		
MUSIC-321AM	Advanced Interdisciplinary Topics: 'Art, Music and the Brain'	4
Neuroscience & Behavior		
NEURO-100	Introduction to Neuroscience and Behavior	4
NEURO-221	Research Techniques in Neuroscience	4
NEURO-246	Cognitive Neuroscience	4
NEURO-254	Psychopharmacology	4
NEURO-256	Hormones and Behavior	4
NEURO-309ND	Topics in Neuroscience and Behavior: 'Analysis of Neural Data'	4
NEURO-309NE	Topics in Neuroscience and Behavior: 'Neuroethics'	4
NEURO-309SE	Topics in Neuroscience and Behavior: 'Philosophy and Science of Emotion'	4
NEURO-324	Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience	4
NEURO-331	Glial Cells in Health and Disease	4
NEURO-336	Systems Neuroscience	4
NEURO-338	Mobilizing the Hippocampus	4
NEURO-342	Mapping the Brain: A Hands-on Introduction to Connectomics	4
NEURO-395	Independent Study	1-8
Philosophy		
PHIL-350SE	Topics in Philosophy: 'Philosophy and Science of Emotion'	4
Psychology		
PSYCH-201	Statistics	4
PSYCH-204	Research Methods in Psychology	4
PSYCH-246	Cognitive Neuroscience	4
PSYCH-254	Psychopharmacology	4
PSYCH-256	Hormones and Behavior	4
PSYCH-339AQ	Seminar in Developmental Psychology: 'Language Acquisition and Disorders in Childhood'	4
PSYCH-339CG	Seminar in Developmental Psychology: 'Social Cognitive Development'	4
PSYCH-340CL	Laboratory in Perception and Cognition: 'Cognition and Literacy'	4
PSYCH-340SP	Laboratory in Perception and Cognition: 'Speech'	4
PSYCH-349AD	Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'Adult Literacy'	4
PSYCH-349AM	Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'Art, Music, and the Brain'	4
PSYCH-349LT	Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'Language and Thought'	4
PSYCH-350BN	Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Laboratory in Behavioral Neuroscience'	4
PSYCH-350ET	Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Ethology'	4

PSYCH-359AW	Seminar: Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Animal Welfare in the Psychological Sciences'	4
PSYCH-359MD	Seminar: Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Symptoms and Mechanisms of Major Depressive Disorder'	4
PSYCH-359SE	Seminar: Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Philosophy and Science of Emotion'	4
Statistics		
STAT-242	Intermediate Statistics	4
STAT-344ND	Seminar in Statistics and Scientific Research: 'Analysis of Neural Data'	4

Laboratory-Based Courses at the 300 Level Approved to Count for the Neuroscience and Behavior Major

Code	Title	Credits
Biochemistry		
BIOCH-318	Laboratory Techniques in Protein Biochemistry	1
Biological Sciences		
BIOL-307	Vertebrate Anatomy with Laboratory	4
BIOL-328	Human Physiology with Laboratory	4
BIOL-343	Substance Use Disorder: Addiction and Drug Memory Formation with Laboratory	4
BIOL-350DB	Topics in Biological Sciences: 'Developmental Biology with Laboratory'	4
Computer Science		
COMSC-334	Artificial Intelligence	4
COMSC-341NL	Topics: 'Natural Language Processing'	4
Neuroscience & Behavior		
NEURO-324	Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience	4
NEURO-336	Systems Neuroscience	4
NEURO-342	Mapping the Brain: A Hands-on Introduction to Connectomics	4
NEURO-395	Independent Study	1-8
Psychology		
PSYCH-340CL	Laboratory in Perception and Cognition: 'Cognition and Literacy'	4
PSYCH-340SP	Laboratory in Perception and Cognition: 'Speech'	4
PSYCH-350BN	Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Laboratory in Behavioral Neuroscience'	4
PSYCH-350ET	Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Ethology'	4

Philosophy

Overview and Contact Information

We take many things for granted — that things exist besides ourselves; that time moves from the past towards the future, some art is good, some art is bad, and some “art” is not really art at all; that other people feel pain, have emotions, dreams, and desires; that there are right ways to behave, and wrong ways too. However, even casual reflection reveals that these assumptions are just that — things we take for granted without much thought. In order to illuminate our lives and appreciate our existence, we ought to investigate these assumptions.

Philosophy is a discipline that encourages the examination of life in its myriad dimensions. Our fundamental assumptions about right and wrong,

beauty, truth, the mind, language, and meaning are exposed to careful scrutiny in philosophy classes. We encourage students of philosophy not only to strive to understand what philosophers have written, but also to be a philosopher — to think with depth and clarity about issues that are fundamental to our condition as human beings. Whether taking a course on epistemology, ethics, feminist philosophy, logic, or philosophy of time, students of philosophy will leave the course seeing the world anew.

A major in philosophy will provide a broad understanding of the background of both historical and contemporary philosophical thought, with the tools for critical reasoning necessary for philosophical inquiry, with a good understanding of some important philosophical themes, and with the enthusiasm for inquiry necessary for the productive pursuit of one's own philosophical speculations. The critical approach learned will be valuable for whatever students choose to do after graduation.

See Also

- Logic (p. 276)

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Learning Goals

Mount Holyoke College's undergraduate learning goals (p. 9) emphasize skills that promote good citizenship and lifelong learning. At its heart, philosophy is the practice of critical thinking about foundational questions, including moral and political questions about what is a good life and how to be a good citizen. Philosophy is, thus, crucial to realizing Mount Holyoke's educational mission. This is especially clear with respect to Mount Holyoke's first learning goal, which says that students should learn to “think analytically and critically by questioning assumptions, evaluating evidence, and formulating well-reasoned arguments.” This is precisely what we learn to do when we learn to do philosophy. The ability to carefully and fairly evaluate arguments is a skill that has value in any situation. As global citizens, over a lifetime of different careers and paths, philosophy equips students with the ability to see the difference between arguments that work and ones that mislead, between sense and nonsense.

All of the courses in our department, whatever the ostensible topic — Kant's transcendental deduction, modal logics, the ethics of euthanasia, or the hard problem of consciousness — analyze arguments in a distinctly philosophical way. This is most explicit in formal and informal logic, where the structure of arguments is itself the object of study, but it is equally important in other areas of philosophy. In the history of philosophy, for example, the close study of texts facilitates understanding the author's view and evaluating the reasons or arguments offered in its defense. In moral and political philosophy courses, we extract and consider the basic assumptions even of arguments for positions we already accept.

Thus, what we do in philosophy is centered around the understanding and analysis of arguments. We sometimes do this formally, using the tools of logic, and informally, through clear writing and careful discussion. The department also puts a high priority on the exposition and analysis of arguments using clear, simple, and compelling prose. By engaging in this

sort of close study of arguments, students become better thinkers, better writers, better communicators and, thus, better able to handle whatever challenges come their way.

To sum up: clearheaded critical thinking is an invaluable skill in any context. The philosophy department has a precise understanding of what such critical thinking amounts to, and the value it has for students, as scholars as well as citizens. The philosophy department curriculum is thus designed to enable students to:

1. Understand and be able to explain philosophical problems clearly.
2. Closely read and extract arguments from difficult texts.
3. Use the tools of logic to set out and analyze arguments.
4. Express and analyze arguments in clear written prose.
5. Formulate and critique arguments verbally.
6. Constructively participate in philosophical discussion and disagreement.

These learning goals are embodied in the major requirements, the graded work in philosophy courses, and in the department's seminars, theses, and independent work. Realizing these goals endows students with formal analytical skills, written and oral presentation skills, and a dexterity with textual analysis. Together, these skills enable students to extract, understand, and critique ideas—big and small, historical and contemporary. Students who achieve these learning goals are also better placed to formulate their own arguments in clear, rigorous, and persuasive ways. They are able to think better—more clearly and more critically.

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Philosophy:

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Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One course in the History of Philosophy, such as: ¹		4
PHIL-201	Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought: The Greek Period	
PHIL-202	Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought: The Modern Period	
PHIL-212	Philosophical Foundations of Chinese Thought: The Ancient Period	

PHIL-255		
One course in Ethics and Value Theory, such as: ¹		4
PHIL-205	Ethics	
PHIL-242		
PHIL-273	Philosophy of the Arts	
One course in Theoretical Philosophy, such as: ¹		4
PHIL-222	Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics	
PHIL-272	Metaphysics	
One course in Logic, such as: ¹		4
PHIL-170	Logical Thought	
PHIL-225	Symbolic Logic	
PHIL-328	Non-Classical Logic	
At least 12 credits in philosophy at the 300 level		12
4 additional credits in philosophy		4
Total Credits		32

¹ A full list of the approved courses (p. 307) for each required area within the major appears at the end of the Philosophy Courses section.

Additional Specifications

- Students who plan to do graduate work in philosophy will need to complete far more than the above minimum requirements for the major. Such students should complete at least 40 credits, including PHIL-201: The Greek Period; PHIL-202: The Modern Period; PHIL-225: Symbolic Logic; and at least one graduate course (500-level or above) at the University of Massachusetts through the Five College interchange. Students interested in graduate work should consult with their advisor early in their major planning

Requirements for the Minor

Like the major, the minor is intended to provide an understanding of some of the structure and content of current philosophical thinking, with upper-level work in some area of special interest and with enough philosophical breadth to imbue a generous mixture of knowledge and enthusiasm.

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
16 credits in philosophy at the 200 or 300 level		16
4 additional credits in philosophy at the 300 level		4
Total Credits		20

Course Advice

Beginning the Study of Philosophy

Students who are completely new to philosophy can take any 100-level philosophy course, which offer introductions to the subject and the methods of argument analysis.

If you've done some philosophy and enjoyed it or if you want to challenge yourself, we encourage you to take a 200-level course with a number lower than 280, such as PHIL-201 (The Greek Period), PHIL-202 (The Modern Period), PHIL-205 (Ethics), and many others. Courses at this level require no previous knowledge, but offer more useful background for other philosophy courses, and can be used to satisfy major and minor requirements.

We also offer advanced intermediate classes in ethics, epistemology, and metaphysics. These courses are numbered 280-299 and they require previous coursework in philosophy. These courses offer good training for the work required in 300-level seminars.

Logic is of use to mathematicians and computer scientists, as well as an essential tool for philosophy majors.

Our seminar (300-level) courses offer instruction on challenging and exciting problems in philosophy. We go into considerable depth and encourage students to develop their own arguments. We offer a variety of seminars each year on topics such as metaphysics, epistemology, advanced logic, ethics, and the philosophy of art.

Course Offerings

PHIL-101 Introduction to Philosophy

Fall. Credits: 4

What kind of life should a person live? What can we know about the world? What is the nature of the self? What is the value of the arts? The aim of the course is to learn how to do philosophy by engaging with the answers that philosophers from different periods of history and around the globe give to these and similar questions. We will read historical texts from African, Chinese, European, Native American, and South Asian philosophical traditions, as well as contemporary texts by a variety of living philosophers. We will learn how to analyze arguments in texts, how to make and defend our own views, and we will attend to the historical and cultural context of these views.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.

PHIL-112 Introduction to Philosophy Through Science Fiction

Fall. Credits: 4

This course introduces students to philosophical writing, analysis, and argument. We will pair classical and contemporary readings in philosophy with science fiction films and short stories in order to explore philosophical issues such as the nature of reality, free will, personal identity, artificial intelligence and the nature of mind. While science fiction will be used to animate and explore these issues, the emphasis of the class is on philosophical analysis and argument.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

PHIL-161 Science and Human Values

Spring. Credits: 4

Modern science has taught us surprising new things and modern technology has given us extraordinary new abilities. We can now prolong life in extraordinary ways, dramatically enhance our physical and cognitive abilities, collect and process remarkable amounts of data, and radically reshape the natural environment on local and global scales. This course is devoted to the critical study of moral problems that have been raised or affected by this newfound information and these newfound abilities. Potential topics include euthanasia, pharmaceutical enhancement, genetic engineering, the moral status of animals, climate change, and artificial intelligence.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.

PHIL-170 Logical Thought

Fall. Credits: 4

This course cultivates sound reasoning. Students will learn to see the structure of claims and arguments and to use those structures in developing strong arguments and exposing shoddy ones. We will learn to evaluate arguments on the strength of the reasoning rather than on the force of their associations and buzzwords.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

PHIL-181 Medical Ethics

Fall. Credits: 4

Contemporary medicine gives rise to a variety of moral and philosophical questions. What moral duties do we have to those at the beginning of life? How should we approach to euthanasia? Should we be worried about the growth of technology in medicine? Should public health be prioritized over an individual's autonomy regarding their own body? How should limited health care resources be distributed? The goals of this course are to improve our understanding of the best arguments on different sides of these questions. The course will begin with a theory section, where we survey influential ethical theories that will be helpful towards finding reasonable answers to questions within medical ethics.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

PHIL-184 Environmental Ethics

Spring. Credits: 4

What moral obligations – if any – do we have towards non-human entities? Do non-human animals have rights? Do trees and rivers? What about entire ecosystems? What might be the basis for such rights and obligations? We will discuss how traditional ethical theories have approached questions about moral obligations towards non-humans, and see whether these views can be extended to include some or all of the non-human natural entities mentioned above. Students will read and critically analyze philosophical positions and will learn to articulate arguments on several different sides of the issues.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

PHIL-201 Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought: The Greek Period

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

An introduction to ancient Greek philosophy, focusing mainly but not exclusively on the works and ideas of three Athenian philosophers who worked and taught in the period between the Persian Wars and the rule of Alexander the Great, more than 2,300 years ago: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. Topics to be discussed include: What is the nature of the self? What is truth, and how can it be known? What kind of life should we live? We will work to understand each philosopher's responses to these questions, but we will also learn to develop our own answers. We will take care to place these figures and their works in their historical and cultural context.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

PHIL-202 Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought: The Modern Period

Fall. Credits: 4

Philosophy was transformed during the 17th and 18th centuries, in a period known as the Modern period, or the Enlightenment. This period is important for the background of our current views both in Philosophy and in intellectual endeavor generally. In this course, we'll look at the major figures involved in this transformation, and the positions about knowledge and reality that they defended. We'll have selections from the work of Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, and Kant. We might not cover all of these, but will get to most.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Notes: Evaluation is by three essays.

PHIL-205 Ethics*Spring. Credits: 4*

What should we do? How should we live our lives? What do we owe to ourselves and to others? Which actions are right, which are wrong, and how can we tell the difference? What things are good? Can we give principled answers to questions like these, or is it just a matter of opinion? We will think critically about such questions and some key theoretical approaches to answering them. We will also consider vexing contemporary moral issues with an eye to whether these theories can guide our actions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive***PHIL-212 Philosophical Foundations of Chinese Thought: The Ancient Period***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

An introduction to Chinese thought during the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (roughly 770-256 BCE), a time of remarkable philosophical growth and controversy. We read the works of this era's most influential philosophers, including: Kongzi (Confucius), Mozi, Laozi, Mengzi (Mencius), Zhuangzi, Xunzi, and Han Feizi. Topics discussed include: What makes for a just ruler? What kind of life should we live? What is our relationship to nature? We work to understand each philosopher's responses to these questions, but we also learn to develop our own answers. We take care to place these figures and their works in their historical and cultural context.

*Crosslisted as: ASIAN-214**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive***PHIL-222 Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Although quantum mechanics is a remarkably successful scientific theory, it also leads scientists to make extraordinary claims like that cats can be both dead and alive and that the state of a fundamental particle depends on whether someone one is observing it. In this class we will consider the various interpretations of quantum mechanics and the way in which those interpretations influence and are influenced by philosophical issues in science more generally.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Advisory: No previous work in physics is necessary, but students should be prepared to learn some mathematical formalism involving basic algebra and trigonometry.

PHIL-225 Symbolic Logic*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course develops a symbolic system that can be used as the basis for inference in all fields. It will provide syntax and semantics for the language of this system and investigate its adequacy. It provides the basis for all further work in logic or in the philosophical foundations of mathematics. Much of the course has a mathematical flavor, but no knowledge of mathematics is necessary.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***PHIL-226 Philosophy of Religion***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course addresses basic questions in the philosophy of religion. We will focus, in particular, on theistic religions (like Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) that posit the existence of an omnipotent and omnibenevolent creator of the universe. Does God, in this sense, exist? What is the best argument for the existence of such a God? The best argument against? And what if such arguments are inconclusive? Does it make sense to believe anyway? The course will examine classic and contemporary texts from the Western philosophical tradition that address arguments about the existence of God and the rationality of religious belief.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-226**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive, Speaking-Intensive***PHIL-244 Philosophy and Literature***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course examines philosophical questions about and in literature. Can a work of literature also be a work of philosophy? Can literature yield knowledge about the world? Do works of literature have determinate meanings, and if so, how can we know them? Are the author's intentions or identity relevant to how a work is to be interpreted? Can works of literature be immoral? We will study some proposed answers to these questions, critique those proposals, and develop our own arguments. Readings will include both philosophical texts and works of literature. This course teaches philosophical writing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereqs: 4 credits in the Philosophy.***PHIL-250 Topics in Philosophy****PHIL-250CN Topics in Philosophy: 'Consciousness'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Nagel states, "Without consciousness the mind-body problem would be much less interesting. With consciousness it seems hopeless." Chalmers calls consciousness "the hard problem." Explaining consciousness raises significant challenges for philosophers and scientists alike, and understanding the nature of the problem is half the battle. This class will focus on contemporary philosophical approaches to consciousness, and draw in psychology and neuroscience perspectives. Topics will include qualia, bats, and philosophical zombies.

*Crosslisted as: PSYCH-249CN**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive*

Prereq: One course in Philosophy and either a second course in Philosophy or Psychology.

PHIL-250HG Topics in Philosophy: 'Happiness and The Good Life'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Philosophers through the ages have asked about the nature of happiness and its contribution to the 'good life.' Happiness is something we all want, but what is it? And why do we all want it so much? What makes us happy and why? Is a 'good life' also a happy one? This course will examine happiness from several different perspectives. We will look at what both ancient and contemporary philosophers have said about the nature and importance of happiness in our lives. We will also look at some recent work in positive psychology and think about how that empirical work augments, challenges or contrasts with the philosophical accounts. This is a writing-intensive course that focuses on developing skills in philosophical reading, analysis, and writing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive*

PHIL-250PE Topics in Philosophy: 'Personal Identity'*Spring. Credits: 4*

What am I? When did I begin? What will happen to me when I die? Am I the same person I was in the past, or will I be? What is the source of my identity, and is it something I can control? How do I know who I am, or can I even know? Should I know myself, and if so, why? We will examine these questions and explore key theoretical approaches to them. Our discussion will delve into various metaphysical and epistemological issues concerning personal identity and personhood, as well as their practical implications.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive***PHIL-254 Philosophy in the Ancient World***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course is a study of texts and ideas from four of the oldest written philosophical traditions: the Egyptian Middle Kingdom, classical China, ancient Greece, and early India. The course focuses primarily on texts in moral philosophy and epistemology, including such classics as "The Eloquent Peasant," the *Zhuangzi*, Plato's *Apology*, and the *Upanishads*. Students will develop their skills of reading ancient philosophical texts in translation, analyzing arguments, and understanding ideas in historical and cultural context. The principal aim, however, is to take these views and arguments seriously and ask how they might be defended, adopted, or critiqued today.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive***PHIL-260 Topics in Applied Philosophy**

These courses ask questions about the ethical and/or conceptual problems pertaining to a practice, such as law, medicine, or caring for the natural environment. Such courses are suitable for philosophy majors as well as for students who are new to philosophy but who are interested in what the relevant practices are.

PHIL-260AR Topics in Applied Philosophy: 'Ethics and Artificial Intelligence'*Spring. Credits: 4*

Artificially intelligent technologies are prominent features of modern life – as are ethical concerns about their programming and use. In this class we will use the tools of philosophy to explore and critically evaluate ethical issues raised by current and future AI technologies. Topics may include issues of privacy and transparency in online data collection, concerns about social justice in the use of algorithms in areas like hiring and criminal justice, and the goals of developing general versus special purpose AI. We will also look at ethics for AI: the nature of AI 'minds,' the possibility of creating more ethical AI systems, and when and if AIs themselves might deserve moral rights.

*Crosslisted as: DATA-225AR, EOS-299AR**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***PHIL-260EB Topics in Applied Philosophy: 'Ethics in Entrepreneurship and Business'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course uses the traditional approaches of moral philosophy to explore ethical challenges and obligations faced by individuals, businesses, and organizations in an increasingly complex global environment. Through consideration of philosophical theories and particular cases we explore issues such as the social roles and ethical obligations of businesses or organizations; rights and responsibilities of workers, managers, and owners; ethics in sales and marketing; and ethics in a global business environment.

*Crosslisted as: EOS-249**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: This course is strongly recommended for students interested in participating in the International Business Ethics Case Competition.***PHIL-260LW Topics in Applied Philosophy: 'Philosophy of Law'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course surveys important philosophical issues arising in the practice and study of law. We examine fundamental questions in philosophy of law, such as: Is there a duty to obey, and sometimes disobey, the law? What does equality under the law mean? How do we reconcile moral luck with punishment? The course examines broad schools of legal thought in the context of contemporary legal issues like police profiling, affirmative action, and censorship. Readings include selections from legal theory and a variety of court decisions. This course teaches philosophical writing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 4 credits in Philosophy.***PHIL-272 Metaphysics***Fall. Credits: 4*

Metaphysics is the study of what world is like. This course will survey of some major topics in metaphysics, with a particular focus on radical metaphysical arguments – arguments that call into question our most basic beliefs about the world. Examples of questions that we will consider include: Do ordinary objects exist? Is there anything that makes persons distinct from other sorts of objects? Could things have been different than the way they in fact are? In answering these questions, we will investigate the nature of composite objects, the criteria for personal identity, and the metaphysics of causation, laws of nature, and modality. This course teaches philosophical writing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 1 previous course in Philosophy.***PHIL-273 Philosophy of the Arts***Fall. Credits: 4*

The purpose of this course is to explore philosophical problems concerning the arts and aesthetic experience. Some questions to be explored include: What is the difference between beauty and moral goodness? Can artistic taste be objective? What does it mean for a work of music to be 'sad'? Are the intentions of artists relevant to appreciation? What is the purpose of art criticism? How do pictures represent their objects? Readings will be drawn from both historical and contemporary philosophical writings. This course teaches philosophical writing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 4 credits in Philosophy.*

PHIL-289 Advanced Studies in Philosophy

PHIL-289EP Advanced Studies in Philosophy: 'Epistemology'

Spring. Credits: 4

As the study of knowledge and related concepts like justification, rationality, and evidence, epistemology is of central importance, and not just to philosophy. This course provides an introduction to epistemology through a number of epistemological problems or puzzles about skepticism, dogmatism, and humility.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 4 credits in Philosophy.

Advisory: The required credits should be from a course with a substantial writing component. If in doubt, ask instructor.

PHIL-289PM Advanced Studies in Philosophy: 'Philosophy of Mind'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course focuses on the relationship between minds and bodies (the 'mind-body problem'), and the nature of mental phenomena. We will discuss the nature of mental features such as thoughts, sensations, emotions and consciousness, and consider their relationship to the seemingly unthinking, unfeeling, grey matter of the brain. We will read some historical responses to these issues but will focus on insights provided by contemporary philosophy and sciences of the mind. This course teaches philosophical writing.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 4 credits in Philosophy.

Advisory: Students who do not meet the prerequisite but are working towards the Five College Cognitive Neuroscience certificate are encouraged to contact the instructor.

PHIL-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

PHIL-327 Advanced Logic

Spring. Credits: 4

This course uses the predicate calculus to present a careful development of formal elementary number theory, and elementary recursion theory, culminating in a proof of Gödel's incompleteness results. It includes some discussion of the philosophical significance of these results for the foundations of mathematics.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: PHIL-225 or MATH-232.

PHIL-328 Non-Classical Logic

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course looks at the recent flowering of non-classical logics. The most prominent are modal logics concerning necessity and possibility, which have come to dominate work in metaphysics and epistemology. Conditional logics, intuitionist logics, and relevance logics have also become important. These logics are particularly useful in graduate-level classes in philosophy but also are interesting in their own right.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: PHIL-225, MATH-232, or 8 credits in Philosophy.

Advisory: One course in Logic, Mathematics, Computer Science or PHIL-225.

PHIL-334 Topics in Ethics

PHIL-334KR Topics in Ethics: 'Knowing Right from Wrong'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

We know it's wrong to kick puppies for fun – *morally* wrong. But how do we know this? Wait – *do* we know it? This class is about moral knowledge: what it is, if we have it, and how we get it (when we do have it). We'll consider questions in moral epistemology such as: Can we gain moral knowledge from testimony? What are the implications of the prevalence of moral disagreement? Do our evolutionary origins pose a challenge to our moral beliefs? And, more generally, should we be moral skeptics?

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 8 credits from the Philosophy department in writing intensive courses.

PHIL-334MR Topics in Ethics: 'Moral Relativism'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Moral relativism describes a family of views that deny the universality of moral claims. So, for example, some philosophers have claimed that statements like 'Torture is morally wrong' can only be assessed as 'true' or 'false' relative to some social agreement about moral norms. In this course, we will survey some contemporary attempts to develop and defend moral relativism, as well as some criticisms of these relativist approaches. Our goal will be to assess arguments for and against moral relativism. Prior coursework in ethics and logic is recommended.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 8 credits from the Philosophy department.

PHIL-334NE Topics in Ethics: 'Neuroethics'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Neuroethics draws on the tools of philosophical analysis to investigate the role of neuroscience in our personal, social, and ethical lives. This class will look at the ethics of neuroscientific interventions such as cognitive enhancement, mind reading, and lie detection. We will examine how the neurosciences might inform philosophical discussions about human nature, personality, and ethics. In addition, we will look at the evidential role of neuroscientific evidence and how neuroscience technologies such as fMRI have influenced our thinking about the mind/brain and person.

Crosslisted as: NEURO-309NE, PSYCH-359NE

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 8 credits from the Philosophy department, or 4 credits from Philosophy and 4 credits from Neuroscience and Behavior.

PHIL-350 Topics in Philosophy

PHIL-350FR Topics in Philosophy: 'Freedom and Responsibility'

Fall. Credits: 4

Is free will possible if all our actions are causally determined? Might we be justified in blaming, praising, rewarding, or punishing people even if their actions are not free? Abstract metaphysical questions about freedom intersect in important ways with everyday problems in our relationships with others and our attitudes about moral ignorance, addiction, and madness. This course will examine these issues side by side in the hope of improving our understanding of freedom and responsibility.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Prereq: 8 credits from the Philosophy department.

Advisory: The required credits should be from a course with a substantial writing component. If in doubt ask instructor.

PHIL-350MU Topics in Philosophy: 'From Computation to Comprehension: Understanding Large Language Models'
Spring. Credits: 4
The release of ChatGPT and other Large Language Models (LLMs) has sparked conversations about what, if anything, LLMs 'understand' and whether they 'mean what they say'. These discussions recapitulate debates in philosophy and linguistics that go back centuries, about the nature and source of ideas in the mind, the development of language and how linguistic items represent things in the world, and whether true meaning and understanding are possible in non-human entities such as artificial intelligences. We will examine these debates and use them to better understand the linguistic capacities of LLMs and our shifting conceptions of them as tools or sources of meaning and understanding.
Crosslisted as: PSYCH-349MU
Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences
Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors
Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy, Psychology, or Neuroscience and Behavior.

PHIL-350PB Topics in Philosophy: 'Public Philosophy'
Spring. Credits: 4
In this course we will take up the question of what it means to investigate a philosophical question in a way that is accessible to a broad audience. Students will develop their own philosophical project in an academically rigorous way and then find a way to present that project outside the classroom. Along the way we investigate the question of what counts as philosophy and why. Students should have extensive experience writing philosophy papers and be ready and willing to work independently on a philosophical topic of their choosing.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities
Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy.

PHIL-350PR Topics in Philosophy: 'Philosophy of Race'
Fall. Credits: 4
This course investigates the concepts of race and racism. Race has played an immense role in shaping our world historically and currently. But what exactly is a race? What does it mean to be racist? And what is discrimination on the basis of race? We interrogate competing conceptions of race, including biological, constructivist, and political approaches, as well as skeptical views that say race isn't real. We also consider theories of racism, ranging from those that identify racism with a prejudicial attitude to those that focus on social structures. Alongside these discussions, students will learn to engage in debates about sensitive topics in critical, constructive, and inclusive ways.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities
Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy.

PHIL-350SE Topics in Philosophy: 'Philosophy and Science of Emotion'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4
This course is an interdisciplinary investigation of the nature of emotions and their influences on our thoughts and actions. While we will draw from a variety of disciplines, the nature and motivations of the inquiry are philosophical. We will consider: what are emotions? Are they bodily responses? Thoughts? Feelings? What roles do cultures play in shaping our emotions? What functions do emotions serve? We will examine evidence and arguments offered by philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, anthropology and evolutionary theory, and consider how these perspectives do or don't inform each other, as well as how they can help us understand the nature of emotions.
Crosslisted as: NEURO-309SE, PSYCH-359SE
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities
Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive
Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy or Neuroscience and Behavior, or 4 credits in each.

PHIL-350TE Topics in Philosophy: 'Technology, Ethics, and Public Policy'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4
In this course, we study the most pressing ethical concerns relating to emerging technology and envision novel policy solutions to address them. Existing regulatory and policy instruments are often unable to provide sufficient oversight for emerging technology. Can legal anti-discrimination doctrine address biased algorithmic decision-making systems? How does generative artificial intelligence challenge traditional ways of thinking about intellectual property? Do we have rights over the personal data that private firms collect about us? We examine these gaps in the context of contemporary regulatory proposals on national, multinational, and international scales.
Crosslisted as: DATA-350TE
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities
Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive
Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy.

PHIL-350TM Topics in Philosophy: 'Philosophy of Time'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4
Does time flow? What is the difference between the future and the past? Is time travel possible? This course will survey the major topics in the philosophy of time from Augustine's *Confessions* and the Leibniz-Clarke correspondence to relativity theory. Along the way we will take up philosophical issues regarding the relevance of intuition, the nature of causation, determinism, and freedom, and the relationship between science and philosophy.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities
Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive
Prereq: 8 credits from the Philosophy department.

PHIL-351 Systematic Study of One Philosopher
PHIL-351EA Special Topics in Philosophy: 'Intention and Action'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4
What is the difference between dropping a bomb knowing that there will be civilian casualties and doing so in order to kill civilians? This course will examine the psychological concepts underlying our actions. We will ask: When is an action intentional, and when is it not? How do we know what we are doing, if we know it at all? What is practical reasoning, if such reasoning exists? We will explore these questions by reading foundational texts in philosophy of action, including Elizabeth Anscombe's *Intention*, among others.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities
Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive
Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy.

PHIL-395 Independent Study
Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8
Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.
Instructor permission required.

Courses Meeting Philosophy Area Requirements for the Major History of Philosophy

Code	Title	Credits
Philosophy		
PHIL-201	Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought: The Greek Period	4
PHIL-202	Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought: The Modern Period	4

PHIL-212	Philosophical Foundations of Chinese Thought: The Ancient Period	4

Ethics and Value Theory

Code	Title	Credits
Philosophy		
PHIL-181	Medical Ethics	4
PHIL-184	Environmental Ethics	4
PHIL-205	Ethics	4
PHIL-250HG	Topics in Philosophy: 'Happiness and The Good Life'	4
PHIL-260AR	Topics in Applied Philosophy: 'Ethics and Artificial Intelligence'	4
PHIL-260EB	Topics in Applied Philosophy: 'Ethics in Entrepreneurship and Business'	4
PHIL-260LW	Topics in Applied Philosophy: 'Philosophy of Law'	4
PHIL-273	Philosophy of the Arts	4
PHIL-334KR	Topics in Ethics: 'Knowing Right from Wrong'	4
PHIL-334NE	Topics in Ethics: 'Neuroethics'	4
PHIL-350FR	Topics in Philosophy: 'Freedom and Responsibility'	4
PHIL-350TE	Topics in Philosophy: 'Technology, Ethics, and Public Policy'	4
PHIL-351EA	Special Topics in Philosophy: 'Intention and Action'	4

Theoretical Philosophy

Code	Title	Credits
Philosophy		
PHIL-222	Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics	4
PHIL-226	Philosophy of Religion	4
PHIL-250CN	Topics in Philosophy: 'Consciousness'	4
PHIL-250PE	Topics in Philosophy: 'Personal Identity'	4
PHIL-272	Metaphysics	4
PHIL-289EP	Advanced Studies in Philosophy: 'Epistemology'	4
PHIL-289PM	Advanced Studies in Philosophy: 'Philosophy of Mind'	4
PHIL-334KR	Topics in Ethics: 'Knowing Right from Wrong'	4
PHIL-350FR	Topics in Philosophy: 'Freedom and Responsibility'	4
PHIL-350SE	Topics in Philosophy: 'Philosophy and Science of Emotion'	4
PHIL-350TM	Topics in Philosophy: 'Philosophy of Time'	4

Logic

Code	Title	Credits
Philosophy		
PHIL-170	Logical Thought	4
PHIL-225	Symbolic Logic	4
PHIL-327	Advanced Logic	4
PHIL-328	Non-Classical Logic	4

Physical Education and Athletics

Overview and Contact Information

The Department of Physical Education aims to develop in the student an awareness and an intelligent understanding of the need for and effects of

healthy physical activity. The instructional program offers opportunities for the student to acquire lifetime sport and movement skills that will enhance the overall quality of life, both now and in the future.

Four physical education units are required of all students, except transfer students and Frances Perkins Scholars who are required to complete two physical education units. Students who do not feel safe in deep water are encouraged to take a swimming course.

Most physical education courses meet two hours a week for one semester, for two physical education units. Some courses, however, meet for half a semester, for one physical education unit.

Fees are indicated where required.

The physical education department does not offer a physical education major, but a student may propose an 18-credit educational studies minor with a concentration in sport pedagogy and coaching. (See the Educational Studies chapter for further information.)

Courses numbered 100 are at the beginning level; those numbered 200 are intermediate; those numbered 300 are advanced; and those numbered 400 indicate varsity teams and/or special advanced courses.

The second number in each course number indicates a specific area of study as follows: 0, aquatics; 1, dance and individual activities; 2, exercise, fitness, and wellness; 3 and 4, varsity sports; and 5, riding.

Dance

All Department of Dance technique courses satisfy both academic and physical education requirements. There is no "physical education unit only" option for dance department courses. Students must meet the attendance requirement to receive two physical education units. See Dance (p. 139) for course descriptions.

Riding

The Equestrian Center and its instructors are licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Under Massachusetts law, "an Equine Professional is not liable for an injury to, or death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities, pursuant to section 2D of Chapter 128 of the General Laws."

Mount Holyoke College has the option to cancel/combine classes to maintain an enrollment of three or more in a class.

All riders must wear properly fitting headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM/SEI standards with harness secured when mounted. With the exception of beginner classes, all riders must have the following riding attire to participate in riding classes: approved helmet, riding breeches, and correct footwear. Correct footwear includes: paddock boots with half chaps or tall riding boots. Full chaps and paddock boots are allowed during cold weather. No tank tops.

All riders must be prepared to allow approximately one half-hour before and after each class to properly groom, tack, and cool out their horse.

Courses in riding at Mount Holyoke are offered by the Equestrian Program within the Department of Physical Education and Athletics. Students who wish to participate must register for the appropriate riding course with an understanding of the course's level and any prerequisites.

Riding is a sport in which the rider's balance and the horse's balance are integrally connected. When a rider's body weight is significantly high for their height, the rider may struggle enough with their balance to endanger

both their own and their horse's safety, especially when learning to ride and jump. There are also times when the Equestrian Program does not have horses suitable to carry these riders. With these two facts in mind, the Equestrian Program cannot mount persons who fall outside the safe limits of the horse's weight carrying capacity. The Equestrian Program reserves the right to prohibit students' participation in a riding class/practice/lesson or to limit the horses that they ride. The Equestrian Program may also limit the activities in which they participate within their PE class/practice/lesson if the instructor/coach feels that either the student's or horse's safety and well-being are at risk.

The Equestrian Program requires all riders to complete a form at the beginning of each semester that indicates their height and a weight range so that they may be appropriately mounted. Each active member of the MHC school horse herd has a weight limit based on the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) recommendations. The USEF recommends that horses with a cannon bone measurement below a certain diameter not carry riders over a certain weight.

Currently our herd falls into the following measurements:

- Cannon bone circumference of 8 in. - Weight of rider up to 168 lbs.
- Cannon bone circumference of 8.5 in - Weight of rider up to 181 lbs.
- Cannon bone circumference of 9 in - Weight of rider up to 196 lbs.
- Cannon bone circumference 10 in. - Weight of rider up to 210 lbs.

Factors such as the length of the horse's back in relation to its height, how much a horse should carry in respect to the rider's weight as a percent of its own body weight (15-20% maximum), age, and soundness history may impact the horse's weight carrying capacity. Thus, the USEF recommended limit may be reduced based on these factors. The MHC Riding Program centers the health and well-being of the horse herd and makes its decisions accordingly related to riding schedule and competitions.

Students are expected to adhere to the honor code and treat the horses ethically by not riding a horse for whom they may exceed the weight limit: our very limited number of highest weight carrying mounts currently have a limitation of 200-210lbs. If a student's riding cannot be accommodated at Mount Holyoke within the current semester, they are encouraged to pursue any of the unmounted options available to be with horses at MHC. These include, but are not limited to, horsemanship membership in the club teams or working in the stables.

Students with any questions about their riding level should see the Riding Program (http://athletics.mtholyoke.edu/facilities/equestrian_center/riding_program) website or email equestrian@mtholyoke.edu.

Contact Information

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<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/physical-education-and-athletics>

Instructors

Instructors and Coaches in the Department of Physical Education and Athletics:

Andrea Ricketts-Preston, Director of Athletics and Chair of Physical Education

David Allen, Head Swimming and Diving Coach, Senior Lecturer

Rachael Araujo, Diving Coach

Anne O'Byrne, Head Lacrosse Coach, Lecturer

Nicole Cannici, Riding Instructor

Thomas Cardosi, Head Ice Hockey Coach

Iris Carpio, Head Volleyball Coach, Lecturer

Joy Collins, Riding Program Manager

Elizabeth Donaldson, Riding Instructor

Laura Etzel, Riding Instructor

Amanda Golembeski, Riding Instructor

Alexander Gonzalez, Dispatcher

Jennifer Hartshorn, Head Track and Field and Cross Country Coach, Lecturer

Paige Howell, Head Ultimate Frisbee Coach

Alison Ingellis, Dressage Instructor and Event Coordinator

Carol Law, Director of Intercollegiate Coaching

Julie LeGrand, Assistant Rugby Coach

Morgan Lynch, Riding Instructor

Cara Murphy, Head Rowing Coach

Laura Peteros, Physical Education Instructor and IEA Coach

Breana Proctor, Head Soccer Coach, Lecturer

Walker Sorensen, Fencing Club Sport Head Coach

Elizabeth Tascione, Drop-In Class Instructor

William Tyler, Assistant Swimming Coach

Hailey Verelst, Head Rugby Coach

Kelli Wainscott, Western Riding Instructor

Abby Wemhoff, Basketball Coach and Lecturer

Andrea Whitcomb, Head Field Hockey Coach, Senior Lecturer

Course Offerings

Aquatics

PE-101 Beginning Swimming

Fall and Spring.

For the student who has little to no experience in the water. Introduces breath control, bobbing and floating. Stresses safety and comfort in the water and covers basic strokes and water entries.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.

PE-102 Springboard Diving

Not Scheduled for This Year.

An introduction to the techniques of springboard diving. Includes forward, backward, inward, reverse and twisting dives.

Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable.

PE-103 Advanced Beginning Swimming

Fall and Spring.

For students who are comfortable in the water with a few basic swimming skills. Reviews the basic front and back strokes, floating and treading water. Introduces additional strokes and techniques.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.

PE-306 Red Cross Lifeguard Training

Fall.

Includes certifications in Lifeguarding, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and Standard First Aid. Requirements include text and assigned reading and a written and practical final examination.

Advisory: Screening test; for advanced swimmers.

Notes: 3 PE units with certification, 2 PE units without. Some classes for the required CPR training portion will meet between 8:00am and 9:50am. Fee course. Repeatable.

Exercise, Fitness, and Wellness

PE-113 Introduction to Mindfulness

Spring.

This course will introduce the practice of mindfulness to the student. Scientific research has shown that practicing mindfulness can help people manage stress and enhance their quality of life. It can help people cope with anxiety, navigate the tasks they face, and achieve meaningful personal growth. The course will be based on Koru Mindfulness and cover topics such as body scanning, belly breathing, dynamic breathing, eating meditation, walking meditation, Gathas and guided imagery. The course supports the four areas of the Be Well initiative including a healthy mind, body, community, and life.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.

PE-123 Running for Fitness

Spring.

Covers all aspects of running, including gear, training, and running techniques. All levels of runners welcome.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.

PE-125 Weight Training

Fall and Spring.

Covers basic weight-training techniques and theory. Instructs students in the use of weight machines and a variety of other modalities. Allows students to develop individualized weight-training programs.

Notes: 1 PE Unit. Half semester. Repeatable.

PE-127 Be Well: Fitness and Wellness

Fall and Spring.

This course will focus on studying and applying various physical activity and wellness concepts critical to achieving a state of total well-being.

This encompasses the physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual dimensions of the whole person. The course will introduce students to the methods and means of developing and maintaining balanced lifetime habits of wellness. The course will provide a complete and practical source of knowledge that will lead to the development and understanding of healthy lifestyles and attitudes. Students will be able to develop, pursue and participate in individual fitness and wellness programs. All activities can be modified for any level of physical ability.

Notes: 2 PE units.

PE-128 Walking for Fitness

Fall and Spring.

Covers all aspects of walking, focusing on incorporating walking into a lifetime fitness regimen. Emphasis on cardiovascular fitness by use of heart rate monitoring and perceived exertion. Goals will be set for distance and time.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.

PE-129 Recess Games

Fall and Spring.

Recess Games is designed to introduce students to a variety of traditional and modern recreational games that promote physical fitness, teamwork, and social interaction. This course will focus on both structured and unstructured play, offering an opportunity for students to engage in activities that are not only enjoyable but also contribute to building healthy habits. Students will explore how these activities can be used in educational, community, and recreational settings, and learn the principles of incorporating physical activity into everyday life.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.

PE-161 Introduction to HIIT (High-Intensity Interval Training)

Spring.

HIIT (High-Intensity Interval Training) is a method of exercising that combines high-intensity bouts of exercise with periods of rest or lower-intensity exercises in that relatively short period of time. HIIT has become a popular method of exercising because of the associated cardiovascular health benefits that can be achieved in a relatively short period of time. A typical HIIT workout is 10-30 minutes long depending on programming. In this course, students will be introduced to HIIT training in a safe and phased manner while workouts progressively become harder. Each class session will include a proper warm-up, a HIIT workout, and mobility work as a cool down. HIIT workouts may combine anaerobic (e.g. jumping, sprinting), aerobic (e.g. walking, jogging), strength (e.g. push-ups, lunges), and core (e.g. planks, squats) exercises.

Advisory: Although it is highly recommended that students who take this class already be physically active, students who are serious about learning how to exercise are encouraged to take the course.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.

PE-163 Train for a 5K Run*Not Scheduled for This Year.*

This semester-long physical education class is for runners of all levels – from beginners excited to improve to individuals who are ready to step up their training. Each class includes a running workout and running workshop. Students will be introduced to different types of workouts (such as intervals, fartleks, and tempos) and will learn how to adjust these workouts to meet their individual fitness needs. Workshop topics will include form and technique, stretching and foam rolling, strength training, injury prevention, nutrition, and many others. At the end of the course, students have the opportunity to participate in two local 5K races, one at Mount Holyoke and one at UMass.

*Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable.***PE-325 Functional Strength Training***Not Scheduled for This Year.*

Introduces an integrated, functional approach to strength training that incorporates balance, coordination, and agility. Teaches weight training without machines, using dumbbells, medicine balls, stability balls, and primarily utilizing body weight to grow stronger. Mini lectures on a variety of related exercise topics will also be given.

*Advisory: This class is designed for students who have at least a minimal level of fitness.**Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.***Dance and Individual Activities****PE-110 Hiking in the Pioneer Valley***Fall.*

This course will introduce and develop an understanding of the activity of hiking by presenting the basics in the form of lecture and activity. It will cover safety, equipment, and planning trips. Course will consist of local hikes.

*Notes: 2 PE units. Half semester. Repeatable.***PE-111 RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Self Defense***Fall and Spring.*

This course is part of a nationally-recognized program in Rape Aggression Defense (RAD). It will cover "streetwise" self-defense techniques, including stances, blocking, kicking, striking, voice commands and ground defense. It will also impart techniques for risk awareness, risk recognition and risk reduction.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. repeatable; dress comfortably with athletic shoes with non-marking soles.***PE-112 Yoga***Fall and Spring.*

Yoga is an ancient practice from India that develops a balance of physical strength and flexibility and promotes evenness of mind. This class introduces and builds on basic postures, meditation, and breathing techniques with a focus on unifying breath with movement. Revered for its therapeutic benefits, yoga can be practiced by people of all abilities with safe and healthy results.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.***PE-211 RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Keychain Self Defense***Spring.*

This six-week course is a continuation of the RAD Self-Defense course. The Kubotan is a keychain that doubles as a self-defense tool. It is easy to learn to use and carry. The keychain can enable any person, with a minimum of training, to defend oneself, by nullifying any power/strength imbalance between oneself and the attacker.

*Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.**Prereq: PE-111.**Advisory: Completion of a basic RAD self defense class.**Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester; dress comfortably with athletic shoes with non-marking soles. Repeatable. Seats will open to all class years during the second week of pre-registration; additional reserved seats for first-years will open for first-year preregistration.***Sports****PE-131 Beginning Tennis***Fall and Spring.*

This course is an introduction to the game of tennis. It covers the basic skills, rules and strategy of singles and doubles. It is designed for beginning players with little or no tennis experience.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.***PE-132 Soccer***Not Scheduled for This Year.*

Covers basic technique and strategies as well as the rules of the game. Designed for those with little or no previous experience.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.***PE-133 Canoeing***Fall.*

This course will provide basic skills and knowledge necessary for safe enjoyment of recreational flat water canoeing. It will cover basic tandem bow and stern strokes. It will provide students with the awareness of common hazards associated with the sport and develop the safety knowledge to avoid such hazards.

*Advisory: Must be a swimmer; swim test given at first class meeting.**Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.***PE-134 Badminton***Spring.*

This course is an introduction to the game of badminton. Teaches and builds on the skills, rules and strategy of singles and doubles.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.***PE-135 Volleyball***Spring.*

Covers and builds on basic skills and strategies of volleyball.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.***PE-137 Beginner Golf***Fall.*

Beginner Golf is a beginner-level physical education course designed for students who are interested in learning the fundamentals of golf in a supportive and engaging environment. This course will cover the basic skills needed to play the game, including swing mechanics, course etiquette, basic rules, and golf terminology. Students will also gain practical experience by participating in on-course play and will develop an understanding of the mental and strategic aspects of the game. This course will help students build the foundational skills for playing golf confidently and enjoyably.

Notes: 2 PE units. Class will be held at Orchards Golf Club. Transportation is not provided, however equipment is. This class will only be offered in the first 7 weeks of the fall semester. Repeatable.

PE-138 Basketball*Fall and Spring.*

Basketball is a team sport that is played in a five-on-five format with all players playing both offense and defense. This course is designed for people who have limited experience of the game. Students of this class will be given the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills, and techniques of basketball.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable.***PE-140 Indoor Rowing***Fall.*

Rowing is a lifelong activity that provides great cardiovascular conditioning as well as an overall muscular workout. This course will introduce or perfect the participant's rowing stroke in the rowing tank or on the rowing machines (ergometers). Proper stretching and strategies for working out will also be discussed.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.***PE-147 Squash***Spring.*

Squash is a course that reviews all of the basic shots, techniques, and strategies for the game of squash. This course is appropriate for students with or without experience in squash or other racquet sports.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Half semester. Repeatable.***PE-148 Pickleball***Fall and Spring.*

This course is designed for players with little or no experience in pickleball. The students will be introduced to the following: rules and scoring; groundstrokes, volleys, serves, return of serve, dinks, drop shots, lobs, and overhead smash; basic singles and doubles play; sportsmanship guide, pickleball etiquette; safety; and life-long play.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable.***Riding****PE-050 Introduction to Horses***Fall and Spring.*

This class is designed to both introduce students to working with horses and provide guidelines for correct horsemanship with those that have prior experience. It will be unmounted with a focus on interactions with horses from the ground. Topics and activities will provide comfort and familiarity around horses, physical exercise through handling horse and stable tasks, learned movements, mindfulness of one's actions, and contemplation of horse behavior. Students will learn how to engage with horses to hone leadership skills and safe handling.

*Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable with permission only.***PE-051 Beginning Riding: An Introductory Course***Fall and Spring.*

Teaches safety and general procedures in handling, grooming, and tacking the horse. Allows mounted students to learn and practice the basic riding position and communication aids for stopping, going and turning at the walk and trot. Instruction will be multidisciplinary. Special emphasis on horse care and overall stable management, with one meeting per week unmounted. For those with no prior horse experience and/or no formal riding instruction.

*Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years and sophomores.**Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$900.***PE-052 Beginning Riding II***Fall and Spring.*

Continues to teach unmounted safe handling and tacking procedures. Reviews basic riding position and the proper aids for the walk and trot with emphasis on greater control and harmony with the horse. Introduces canter work and the jumping position.

*Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$900.***PE-151 Low-Intermediate Riding***Fall and Spring.*

Teaches students to improve control of the horse on the flat and may introduce low jumps. Focus on the rider includes developing a stable position, strength, and balance. For riders capable of controlling a horse at the walk, trot, and beginning canter.

*Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$900.***PE-155 Novice Western Riding***Fall and Spring.*

For the rider who would like to develop western riding skills including horsemanship, showmanship, trail and pattern work. Riders must be able to walk, jog and lope.

*Advisory: Riders must be able to walk, jog, and lope.**Notes: 2 PE units. Riding fee \$900. Repeatable.***PE-250 Intermediate General Riding***Not Scheduled for This Year.*

For riders with moderate experience who would like to ride on the flat (no jumping). Riders must be capable of walking, trotting and cantering. The instructor will stress finer communication with the horse through use of both modern and classical approaches and exercises. Principles of hunt seat equitation and dressage style riding will be explored as well as tangential topics such as longe-ing, bareback, green horse training and in hand work.

*Notes: 2 PE units. Fee \$900. Repeatable.***PE-251 Intermediate Riding***Fall and Spring.*

Focuses on improving the rider's effective use of the aids to influence the horse and on developing a secure position and balance. For those capable of riding on the flat and over two-foot jumps, while maintaining control of the horse.

*Instructor permission required.**Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$900.***PE-252 Introduction to Dressage***Fall and Spring.*

Teaches riders with a solid mastery of riding at all three gaits and how to begin to put a horse on the bit. Teaches students how to correctly ride the dressage movements required at the lower training levels while focusing on confidence.

*Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Must be able to walk-trot-canter.**Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$900.***PE-351 High-Intermediate Riding***Fall and Spring.*

Emphasizes maintaining proper position and balance at all paces and over more complex courses. Focuses on riding technique to persuasively influence the horse's movements. Riders taking this class should be capable of jumping a three-foot course and riding more athletic horses.

*Instructor permission required.**Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$900.*

PE-352 Intermediate Dressage*Fall and Spring.*

Teaches riding to students who have had an introduction to dressage how to gain more confidence and skill, influencing horses in all three gaits and how to correctly ride the dressage movements required at the upper training levels. Riders must be able to put most horses on the bit.

*Instructor permission required.**Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$900.***PE-451 Advanced Riding***Fall and Spring.*

Develops the art of communication with the horse for improved harmony through effective use of legs, seat, and hands in dressage and when jumping. Riders taking this course should be capable of jumping a 3'3" to 3'6" course.

*Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$900.***PE-452 Advanced Dressage***Fall and Spring.*

For experienced dressage riders to improve understanding of straightness, rhythm, obedience, and suppleness. The goal is to improve application of aids through a balanced and effective seat. Riders at this level must have experience riding First Level movements or above.

*Instructor permission required.**Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$900.***PE-459 Private Riding Instruction****PE-459RA Private Riding Instruction 2x/week***Fall.*

Private instruction available by arrangement and permission of instructor. Until further notice, private lessons are only available for those with their own horses or those with access to privately owned horses.

*Instructor permission required.**Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$1,200, 15 lessons.***PE-459RB Private Riding Instruction 1x/week***Fall.*

Private instruction available by arrangement and permission of instructor. Until further notice, private lessons are only available for those with their own horse or those with access to privately owned horses.

*Instructor permission required.**Notes: 1 PE unit. 8 lessons; riding fee \$640. Repeatable.***PE-461 Semi-Private Riding Instruction**

Semi-private instruction available by arrangement and permission of instructor. Until further notice, semi private lessons are only available for those with their own horse or those with access to privately owned horses.

PE-461RA Semi-Private Riding Instruction 2x/week*Fall and Spring.*

Semi-private instruction available by arrangement and permission of instructor. Until further notice, semi-private lessons are only available for those with their own horses or those with access to privately owned horses.

*Instructor permission required.**Notes: 2 PE units. Repeatable. Fee: \$975, 15 lessons.***PE-461RB Semi-Private Riding Instruction 1x/week***Fall and Spring.*

Semi-private instruction available by arrangement and permission of instructor. Until further notice, private lessons are only available for those with their own horses or those with access to privately owned horses.

*Instructor permission required.**Notes: 1 PE unit. 8 lessons (45-60 minutes); once per week. Riding fee \$520.**Repeatable.***Club Sports****PE-261 Club Fencing***Fall and Spring.*

Club Fencing provides interested students a chance to learn and compete in fencing which may provide continued enjoyment throughout life. The club holds weekly practice sessions, attends USFA tournaments and practices with area clubs.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable. For more information on the club visit Embark (<https://embark.mtholyoke.edu/fencing/home/>). To receive 1 PE unit, a student in the club must register for the class by the add deadline and must sustain club membership throughout the semester. Attendance will be monitored. Retroactive enrollment in the class at any point past the add period will not be allowed.

PE-262 Club Ice Hockey*Fall and Spring.*

Club ice hockey is open to those interested in learning the sport. No previous experience is required.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable. For more information on the club visit the club Google site (<https://tinyurl.com/mhchih>). To receive 1 PE unit, a student in the club must register for the class by the add deadline and must sustain club membership throughout the semester. Attendance will be monitored. Retroactive enrollment in the class at any point past the add period will not be allowed.

PE-263 Club Rugby*Fall and Spring.*

Mount Holyoke College Rugby Football Club is a club Rugby Union team. It practices in the fall and spring and has competition in each semester. It is a member of the NEWCRC (15's conference) and NEC7C (7's conference).

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable. For more information on the club visit the Rugby Club site (<https://mountholyokerugby.wordpress.com/>). To receive 1 PE unit, a student in the club must register for the class by the add deadline and must sustain club membership throughout the semester. Attendance will be monitored. Retroactive enrollment in the class at any point past the add period will not be allowed.

PE-264 Ultimate Frisbee Club*Fall and Spring.*

Ultimate Frisbee Club practices year-round on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, and has team workouts on Sundays. Many weekends in September, October, March, and April are spent at tournaments. Players on the A team should be fully committed to the team and are expected to attend every practice and tournament. B team players are not held to strict attendance guidelines for competition, but need to attend two practices/week for a PE unit.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable. For more information on the club visit the Ultimate site (<https://mhc-ultimate.github.io/mhculminate/about.html>). To receive 1 PE unit, a student in the club must register for the class by the add deadline and must sustain club membership throughout the semester. Attendance will be monitored. Retroactive enrollment in the class at any point past the add period will not be allowed.

PE-266 Dressage Club*Fall and Spring.*

Dressage is a club sport at Mount Holyoke College. The dressage team is a member of the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA), Region B. Our team has won National Champion honors at Nationals five times (2002, 2003, 2004, 2008, and 2013), and has won Reserve National Champion honors three times (2005, 2007, and 2017). Many of our riders have also earned regional and national individual titles.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable. For more information on the club visit the Dressage site (<https://commons.mtholyoke.edu/dressage/>). To receive 1 PE unit, a student in the club must register for the class by the add deadline and must be a mounted rider in the club. Attendance will be monitored. Retroactive enrollment in the class at any point past the add period will not be allowed.

PE-267 Western Club*Fall and Spring.*

The Western Club competes in the IHSA. We also are affiliated with the AQHA and NRHA and compete in western horsemanship and reining during the season.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable. For more information on the club visit the Western site (<https://commons.mtholyoke.edu/mhcwestern/>). To receive 1 PE unit, a student in the club must register for the class by the add deadline and must be a mounted rider in the club. Attendance will be monitored. Retroactive enrollment in the class at any point past the add period will not be allowed.

PE-268 Club Squash*Fall and Spring.*

Squash is a high-energy racquet sport played by two players or four players on a four-walled court. The game is known for its intense rallies, strategic play, and physical and mental endurance. Players take turns hitting a small rubber ball against the front wall, aiming to outmaneuver their opponent and win points by making the ball difficult to return. Mount Holyoke Club Squash is excited to introduce the world of squash to newcomers while helping seasoned players refine their skills. Club Squash offers competitive opportunities. Members participate in tournaments, testing their skills and gaining valuable experience while fostering a spirit of healthy competition and community.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable. To receive 1 PE unit, a student in the club must register for the class by the add deadline and must sustain club membership throughout the semester. Attendance will be monitored. Retroactive enrollment in the class at any point past the add period will not be allowed.

Academic Courses**PHYED-275 Introduction to Sport Pedagogy***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course is designed to introduce students to the many facets of sport pedagogy and coaching. Our focus is the strategies and styles of coaching youth sports. Topics include coaching philosophy, motor learning, anatomy and physiology, biomechanics, sport psychology and risk management/liability. Other topics include the benefits of playing sports, developing age-appropriate instruction and training, goal setting, effective feedback, special issues in coaching children, and coaches as role models for children. In a local school system, we will apply the concepts and theories learned, by developing and implementing lesson plans to introduce various athletic skills and sports.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning**Notes: No PE units awarded.***Athletics****PE-401 Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Team***Spring.*

The intercollegiate swimming and diving teams are comprised of student-athletes with varsity or club experience at the secondary level. Seasons are 18 or 19 weeks. Mandatory practices and/or competitions occur six days per week. If you have not been recruited to participate on a varsity team, contact the head coach for more information.

*Notes: 2 PE units. Team selection by tryouts. Repeatable.***PE-423 Intercollegiate Cross-Country Running Team***Fall.*

Includes five to seven meets. Seven Sisters Invitational Tournament, New England Championships, and NEWMAC Championship.

*Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Team selection by tryouts.**Notes: 2 PE units. 5 meetings. Repeatable.***PE-432 Intercollegiate Soccer Team***Fall.*

Includes fourteen- to eighteen-game schedule. NEWMAC Championship.

*Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Team selection by tryouts.**Notes: 2 PE units. 5 meetings. Repeatable.***PE-435 Intercollegiate Volleyball Team***Fall.*

Includes 18- to 20-match schedule. Volleyball Hall of Fame Invitational, and NEWMAC Championship.

*Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Team selection by tryouts.**Notes: 2 PE units. 5 meetings. Repeatable.***PE-438 Intercollegiate Basketball Team***Spring.*

The intercollegiate basketball team is comprised of student-athletes with varsity or club experience at the secondary level. Seasons are 18 or 19 weeks. Mandatory practices and/or competitions occur six days per week. If you have not been recruited to participate on a varsity team, contact the head coach for more information.

Notes: 2 PE units. Team selection by tryouts; 5 meetings. Repeatable.

PE-441 Intercollegiate Rowing Team*Fall and Spring.*

The intercollegiate rowing team is comprised of student-athletes with varsity or club experience at the secondary level. Seasons are 18 or 19 weeks. Mandatory practices and/or competitions occur six days per week. If you have not been recruited to participate on a varsity team, contact the head coach for more information.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 PE unit for fall participation. 1 PE unit for spring participation. Team selection by tryouts. Repeatable.

PE-443 Intercollegiate Track and Field Team*Spring.*

The intercollegiate track and field team is comprised of student-athletes with varsity or club experience at the secondary level. Seasons are 18 or 19 weeks. Mandatory practices and/or competitions occur six days per week. If you have not been recruited to participate on a varsity team, contact the head coach for more information.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 2 PE units. Team selection by tryout; 5 meetings. Repeatable.

PE-445 Intercollegiate Lacrosse Team*Spring.*

The intercollegiate lacrosse team is comprised of student-athletes with varsity or club experience at the secondary level. Seasons are 18 or 19 weeks. Mandatory practices and/or competitions occur six days per week. If you have not been recruited to participate on a varsity team, contact the head coach for more information.

Notes: 2 PE units. Team selection by tryouts; 5 meetings. Repeatable.

PE-446 Intercollegiate Field Hockey Team*Fall.*

Includes 18-game schedule. Seven Sisters Tournament and NEWMAC Championship.

*Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Team selection by tryouts.*

Notes: 2 PE units. 5 meetings. Repeatable.

PE-458 Intercollegiate Riding Team*Fall and Spring.*

The intercollegiate riding team is comprised of student-athletes with varsity or club experience at the secondary level. Seasons are 18 or 19 weeks. Mandatory practices and/or competitions occur six days per week. If you have not been recruited to participate on a varsity team, contact the head coach for more information.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 PE unit. Repeatable.

Physics

Overview and Contact Information

Consulting with a departmental advisor, the student may design their major curriculum for various purposes. They may take the courses necessary to prepare for graduate study in physics or closely related fields (including engineering), or they may plan a program that, together with courses from other disciplines, prepares them for advanced work in medicine, environmental engineering, or other physical sciences or branches of engineering, as well as for secondary school teaching, technical writing, or technical positions in industry. Students interested in geophysics, astrophysics, materials science, biophysics, physical chemistry, and other similar programs can work out special majors in consultation with faculty in the appropriate departments.

See Also

- Engineering (p. 160)
- Dual-Degree in Engineering (p. 13)

Contact Information

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413-538-2238

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Learning Goals

Graduating physics majors will be prepared for graduate work in the sciences and engineering, or a wide variety of careers in teaching, industry, or public service. Students will practice and learn how to:

- Demonstrate a conceptual understanding of classical mechanics, electromagnetism, quantum mechanics, and thermodynamics.
- Understand and apply mathematical and computational techniques to model physical phenomena, including methods of evaluating results.
- Work cooperatively in groups to solve problems by identifying the relevant physics, articulating questions, forming goals, and listening to diverse perspectives.
- Gather resources on unfamiliar topics, read technical texts closely, and generate productive questions.
- Safely and effectively use scientific instrumentation, including following protocols, troubleshooting, and confidently approaching unfamiliar equipment.
- Understand the scientific process, from problem definition and experimental design, through data collection and analysis.
- Prepare technical papers, posters, or oral presentations in advanced coursework or research.
- Obtain familiarity with contemporary research in physics by attending seminars, conferences, or reading scientific literature.
- Reflect upon the intersection of science with broader society, such as relationships with history, art, or current politics.
- Recognize that skills developed in the pursuit of a physics major are transferable to many disciplines and a wide range of careers.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Physics and Astronomy:

Katherine Aidala, Kennedy-Schelkunoff Professor of Physics; Director of the Fimbel Maker Innovation Lab

Alexi Arango, Associate Professor of Physics

Kerstin Nordstrom, Associate Professor of Physics

Spencer Smith, Associate Professor of Physics

Supraja Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor of Physics

Scott Bassler, Visiting Assistant Professor in Physics

Shaun Marshall, Visiting Assistant Professor in Physics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 37 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
As a prerequisite for PHYS-110:		
MATH-101	Calculus I	
PHYS-110	Force, Motion, and Energy ¹	4
As a prerequisite for PHYS-201:		
MATH-102	Calculus II	
PHYS-201	Electromagnetism ¹	4
PHYS-205	Introduction to Mathematical Methods for Scientists	4
PHYS-210	Waves and Optics	4
PHYS-250	Quantum Mechanical Phenomena	4
PHYS-231	Techniques of Experimental Physics ²	1
Students must also take two of:		8
PHYS-315	Analytical Mechanics	
PHYS-325	Electromagnetic Theory	
PHYS-326	Statistical Mechanics and Thermodynamics	
Laboratory Work:		
PHYS-220	Intermediate Lab in Physics	4
or PHYS-308	Electronics	
And 4 additional credits of laboratory work from:		4
PHYS-295	Independent Study	
PHYS-295P	Independent Study with Practicum	
PHYS-395	Independent Study	
PHYS-395P	Independent Study with Practicum	
PHYS-220 or PHYS-308, if you didn't count it already above		
or laboratory courses offered at other institutions, as arranged on a case-by-case basis. ³		
Total Credits		37

¹ Students who can demonstrate proficiency in one or both introductory courses by taking placement exams administered by the department may begin their physics study at the appropriate level but must still complete 37 credits of college-level physics courses for the major

² PHYS-231 should be taken during the first or second year

³ As arranged on a case-by-case basis

⁴ PHYS-336 (offered in alternate years) is recommended, as is MATH-211.

Additional Specifications

- Course substitutions for the above requirements will be allowed on a case-by-case basis where it makes sense for a student's academic goals.
- Up to 4 credits of PHYS-295P or PHYS-395P may be earned through summer research, following college guidelines for awarding PHYS-295P/PHYS-395P credit. Note that PHYS-295P and PHYS-395P credit must be arranged with the department before the summer research experience begins; typically, a single eight to ten-week summer research program will account for no more than 2 credits of PHYS-295P or PHYS-395P.
- Normally, no more than 12 credits of PHYS-295, PHYS-295P, PHYS-395, or PHYS-395P will count towards the major.
- Physics majors are also encouraged to take CHEM-150.

- MATH-203 (Calculus III – multivariate calculus) and MATH-211 (linear algebra), while not required, are recommended for those students planning to take advanced physics courses or to pursue graduate study. MATH-302 (complex analysis) and MATH-333 (differential equations) are also recommended for students planning to pursue graduate study in physics or engineering.

- Students planning to pursue graduate study in physics are encouraged to take at least one graduate-level course in physics at UMass.

- For advising purposes, several Plans of Study (p. 321) are available in the physics suite showing recommended sequences of course-taking to complete the major.

Sample Plans of Study for the Physics Major

Courses with a footnote are required for the major.

The recommended programs are based on the assumption that the student will undertake an independent project leading to honors in the fourth year. It is important for students to take mathematics courses which teach the specific skills needed for physics. Both integral and differential calculus are necessary for mathematical manipulation of formulas in the introductory physics courses.

Elective courses include:

Code	Title	Credits
PHYS-104	Renewable Energy	4
PHYS-109	Science on Screen	4
PHYS-220	Intermediate Lab in Physics	4
PHYS-295	Independent Study	1-4
PHYS-308	Electronics	4
PHYS-311	Computational Physics Laboratory	4
PHYS-336	Quantum Mechanics	4
PHYS-395	Independent Study	1-8

Or a wide range of Five College options

For students beginning physics in the first semester of the first year:

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-110 ¹	4 PHYS-201 ¹	4
MATH-102 or 101	4 MATH-102 if needed	4
	8	8

Sophomore

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-205 ¹	4 PHYS-250 ¹	4
PHYS-210 ¹	4 PHYS-220	4
	8	8

Junior

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-311	4 PHYS-315	4
PHYS-326	4 PHYS-325	
	8	4

Senior		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-308	4 PHYS-336	4
PHYS-395	1-8 PHYS-395	1-8
5-12		5-12

Total Credits 54-68

¹ Required for the major

For students beginning physics in the second semester of the first year:

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MATH-101	4 MATH-102	4
	PHYS-110 ¹	4
4		8

Sophomore		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-201 ¹	4 PHYS-220	4
PHYS-205 ¹	4 PHYS-315	4
8		8

Junior		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-210 ¹	4 PHYS-250 ¹	4
PHYS-311	4 Physics elective	
8		4

Senior		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-308	4 PHYS-325	4
PHYS-326	4 PHYS-395	1-8
8		5-12

Total Credits 53-60

¹ Required for the major

For students beginning physics in the first sophomore semester:

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MATH-101	4 MATH-102	4
4		4

Sophomore		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-110 ¹	4 PHYS-201 ¹	4
4		4

Junior		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-205 ¹	4 PHYS-220	4
PHYS-210 ¹	4 PHYS-250 ¹	4
8		8

Senior		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS-326	4 PHYS-315	4
PHYS-395 or 308	1-8 PHYS-325	4
5-12		8

Total Credits 45-52

¹ Required for the major

- PHYS-231 should be taken during the junior or senior year
- PHYS-336, offered in alternate years, is recommended, as is MATH-211.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Normally, courses for the minor consist of: ¹		
PHYS-201	Electromagnetism	4
Any three of:		12
PHYS-205	Introduction to Mathematical Methods for Scientists	
PHYS-210	Waves and Optics	
PHYS-250	Quantum Mechanical Phenomena	
PHYS-308	Electronics	

Total Credits 16

¹ Other combinations of courses are also possible with permission of the department chair. Courses must be at or above the 200 level in Physics

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of physics can combine their course work in physics with a minor in education. In some instances, course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of physics, please consult your advisor or the chair of the physics department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, and consult Professor. Lawrence in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application, as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the physics department and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice
Getting Started in Physics

Entering students considering a major in physics are strongly urged to take PHYS-110 in the first year. While it is possible to complete the major by taking PHYS-110 and PHYS-201 as late as the second year, such a

program is not recommended because this delay limits the student's opportunities for advanced electives or honors work.

Introductory Courses and Distribution Requirements

PHYS-100–PHYS-150 is a non-calculus introductory course sequence in physics, appropriate for students in the life sciences and for students with a general, nonprofessional interest in physics. This sequence satisfies the physics requirements of medical school.

PHYS-110–PHYS-201 is a calculus-based introductory course sequence in physics, appropriate for students intending to major in a physical science. To major in physics, a student must complete PHYS-201 by the end of the sophomore year. A student with excellent preparation in physics may take a departmental placement exam to place out of one or both of these introductory courses. Any 200 or 300-level 4-credit physics course will then count for distribution in physics. PHYS-110 and PHYS-201 do not cover the full range of topics on the MCAT syllabus; the PHYS-100 and PHYS-150 sequence has a better coverage of these topics.

Course Offerings

PHYS-100 Foundations of Physics

Fall. Credits: 4

This is an algebra-based first-semester physics course geared towards students intending on careers in health professions, though it is open to all. Topics are drawn from the MCAT syllabus, and include optics, motion, forces, energy, and fluids.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Coreq: PHYS-100L.

PHYS-104 Renewable Energy

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

We will examine the feasibility of converting the entire energy infrastructure of the U.S. from one that is dependent on fossil fuels to one that utilizes mostly renewable sources of energy. We will examine the potential scale of energy production and the associated costs, natural resource requirements and land usage needs for both renewables, such as solar, wind and biofuel, and non-renewables, such as coal, natural gas, petroleum and nuclear. By applying extensive use of basic algebra and an elementary understanding of the physical processes underpinning each energy technology, we will arrive at a number of urgent conclusions about the challenges facing our energy infrastructure.

Crosslisted as: ENVST-104

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

PHYS-107 Dancing with Gravity: Physics and Dance

Spring. Credits: 4

A dancer moving through space embodies a variety of physics concepts. This course investigates the science of movement, including force, energy, momentum and gravity, using both movement exercises and physics techniques. Considering dance traditions from around the globe, we will study ideas relevant to group choreographies, such as entropy, space, and time. We will also explore whether movement can be used to conceptualize abstract topics such as special relativity and quantum mechanics. Students will perform movement exercises both individually and in groups. We will use basic mathematics (algebra, geometry) to engage with the physics topics.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Notes: No prior dance or physics experience required.

PHYS-109 Science on Screen

Spring. Credits: 4

For our entire lives, movies have captured our attention, whether at the theater or on our phones. Filmmaking is a highly technical art, and scientific principles determine what is possible. Filmmakers develop creative solutions within these principles to trick the viewer into believing what they see. Advances in science also advance filmmaking, influencing photography, production design, and so on. Additionally, scientists use these techniques to carry out their research. This course will explore the many intersections of science and filmmaking. Students will use basic mathematics (algebra, geometry) to complete brief weekly homework assignments, and will prepare a final video project.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

PHYS-110 Force, Motion, and Energy

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This is a calculus-based physics course designed for students intending to major in physics, astronomy, or another physical science, though all are welcome. It also fulfills pre-health requirements. Students will learn how to apply fundamental physics concepts such as force, energy, momentum to a variety of mechanical situations, including projectile motion, human movement, fluid motion, and planetary motion.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-101 or equivalent. Coreq: PHYS-110L.

PHYS-132 Engineering for Everyone

In these topics courses, we study how engineered things and systems shape the world we live in, developing a more nuanced understanding of the ways technology and society interact. Students will engage in broad and deep learning via many modes including hands-on experiments, design, and fabrication.

PHYS-132TB Engineering for Everyone: 'Think Big! Design Big!'

Fall. Credits: 4

Engineers design technologies that influence nearly every aspect of our lives. We will study great works of Big Engineering such as bridges, buildings, wind turbines and wave/tidal generators. We will explore the concept of 'design' and learn to appreciate the creativity and opportunity of design within the constraints of engineering practice. Hands-on practical learning experiences with design and fabrication of is included, as are field trips and experiments on wind energy generation. We will consider the ethics of engineering design, and leave with a more nuanced understanding of the ways technology and society interact. What is a "good" technological solution, and for whom is it "good"?

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

PHYS-150 Phenomena of Physics

Spring. Credits: 4

This is an algebra-based second-semester physics course geared towards students intending on careers in health professions, though it is open to all. Topics are drawn from the MCAT syllabus, and include electricity, magnetism, waves (sound and light), and nuclear physics. This is the spring semester continuation of the PHYS-100 course in the fall, but students who have taken PHYS-110 (or any equivalent) are also eligible to join.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: PHYS-100 or PHYS-110. Coreq: PHYS-150L.

PHYS-201 Electromagnetism*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This is a calculus-based physics course designed for students intending to major in physics, astronomy, or another physical science, though all are welcome. It also fulfills pre-health requirements. This is the second semester of the physics introductory sequence, with PHYS-110 as a prerequisite. Students will use concepts learned in 110 such as force and energy, and learn new concepts such as charge, fields, and potentials. Students will apply these concepts to situations involving electromagnetic phenomena, including electric circuits, magnetism, induction, and radiation.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: PHYS-110 and MATH-102. Coreq: PHYS-201L.***PHYS-205 Introduction to Mathematical Methods for Scientists***Fall. Credits: 4*

Topics include Taylor series, complex numbers, partial differentiation, multiple integration, selected topics in linear algebra and vector calculus, ordinary differential equations, and Fourier series. The course includes a weekly computational lab using Python, in addition to a traditional emphasis on analytic solutions.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: PHYS-201 (or concurrent enrollment with permission).***PHYS-210 Waves and Optics***Fall. Credits: 4*

A comprehensive treatment of wave phenomena, particularly light, leading to an introductory study of quantum mechanics. Topics include wave propagation, polarization, interference and interferometry, diffraction, and special relativity.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: Electromagnetism (PHYS-201) and Intro to Math Methods (PHYS-205) or concurrent enrollment in PHYS-205 with permission.***PHYS-220 Intermediate Lab in Physics***Spring. Credits: 4*

This lab-based course is an introduction to modern, investigative, experimental physics. The course is intended as a bridge between the structured introductory lab experience and independent research. In addition to exploring key physical phenomena crucial to modern understandings and gaining familiarity with modern experimental apparatus and techniques, students complete exploratory projects of various sorts and then extended, multi-week experimental projects, participating in experimental design, construction, debugging and implementation. Students will present and interpret their experimental results and develop follow-up questions which they will answer experimentally. This course will introduce students to scientific communications skills and is speaking- and writing-intensive.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PHYS-201.***PHYS-231 Techniques of Experimental Physics***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1*

Provides training in the techniques employed in the construction of scientific equipment.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Advisory: Second-semester first-year students by permission.**Notes: Students schedule weekly 2 hour work sessions. Credit/no credit grading.***PHYS-250 Quantum Mechanical Phenomena***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course provides an introduction to quantum phenomena and quantum mechanics. Topics include relativistic dynamics, blackbody radiation, and wave properties of matter. The Uncertainty Principle, Schrodinger's Equation, simple harmonic oscillators and the hydrogen atom are studied in depth, with emphasis on angular momentum, electron spin and the Pauli Exclusion Principle.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: PHYS-205 and PHYS-210.***PHYS-290 Advanced Laboratory Practicum***Spring. Credits: 1 - 8*

This course is a hands-on practicum, intended to introduce students to the practice of modern physics research. Depending on student interest, topics include external research seminars by practitioners in the field, training in oral and written scientific communication, presentation and interpretation of research results, scientific modeling, and hands-on experimental skills. Research projects are an integral part of this course; credit will be apportioned in relation to the intensity of the project.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Physics.**Advisory: Student must be concurrently enrolled in PHYS-295 or PHYS-395 to register in this course.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***PHYS-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***PHYS-295P Independent Study with Practicum***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***PHYS-308 Electronics***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course is a study of electrical circuits and components with emphasis on the underlying physical principles; solid-state active devices with applications to simple systems such as linear amplifiers; feedback-controlled instrumentation; and analog and digital computing devices.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: PHYS-150 or PHYS-201.**Notes: Meetings combine lecture and hands-on lab.***PHYS-311 Computational Physics Laboratory***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Computers bring a new dimension to the mathematical theories of physics, including new methods of visualization and new ways to explore theory through computer experiments. This laboratory course will combine mathematics, physics, and computation in projects that make essential use of all three together. Topics from various subfields of physics will be packaged into self-contained modules for exploration through the use of high-level computational tools.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: PHYS-201 and 205.*

Advisory: Students who have completed PHYS-110, PHYS-201 (or equivalents), and have taken separate math courses including: i) multivariable calculus, ii) linear algebra, and iii) differential equations may also be qualified. Contact the instructor to discuss.

PHYS-315 Analytical Mechanics*Spring. Credits: 4*

Newton's great innovation was the description of the world by differential equations, the beginning of physics as we know it. This course studies Newtonian mechanics for a point particle in 1, 2, and 3 dimensions, systems of particles, rigid bodies, and the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formulations.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: PHYS-205.***PHYS-325 Electromagnetic Theory***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course presents the development of mathematical descriptions of electric and magnetic fields; study of interactions of fields with matter in static and dynamic situations; mathematical description of waves; and development of Maxwell's equations with a few applications to the reflection and refraction of light and microwave cavities.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: PHYS-205 and PHYS-210.***PHYS-326 Statistical Mechanics and Thermodynamics***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course presents thermodynamic and statistical descriptions of many-particle systems. Topics include classical and quantum ideal gases with applications to paramagnetism; black-body radiation; Bose-Einstein condensation; and the Einstein and Debye solid; the specific heat of solids.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: Quantum Mechanical Phenomena (PHYS-250) and Intro to Math Methods (PHYS-205) or permission from department.***PHYS-328 From Lilliput to Brobdingnag: Bridging the Scales Between Science and Engineering***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The performance of many engineered devices is dependent on macroscopic factors (pressure, temperature, flow, conductivity). As a result, engineers often model devices macroscopically considering atomistic level details only through fixed parameters. These parameters do not always capture the full atomistic level picture. More accurate multi-scale approaches for modeling macroscopic properties use basic atomistic level chemistry at key points in larger scale simulations. This course is an introduction to such approaches focusing on fuel cells as a concrete example. Through project/case studies, basic scientific principles will be developed along side of basic engineering principles.

*Crosslisted as: CHEM-328**Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: MATH-102 and any chemistry or physics course.***PHYS-336 Quantum Mechanics***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course is an introduction to formal quantum theory: the wave function and its interpretation, observables and linear operators, matrix mechanics and the uncertainty principle; solutions of one-dimensional problems; solutions of three-dimensional problems and angular momentum; and perturbative methods.

*Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences**Prereq: PHYS-250.***PHYS-390 Advanced Laboratory Practicum***Spring. Credits: 1 - 8*

This course is a hands-on practicum, intended to introduce students to the practice of modern physics research. Depending on student interest, topics include external research seminars by practitioners in the field, training in oral and written scientific communication, presentation and interpretation of research results, scientific modeling, and hands-on experimental skills. Research projects are an integral part of this course; credit will be apportioned in relation to the intensity of the project.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: 16 credits in Physics.**Advisory: Student must be concurrently enrolled in PHYS-295 or PHYS-395 to register in this course.**Notes: Repeatable for credit.***PHYS-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.***PHYS-395P Independent Study with Practicum***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Politics

Overview and Contact Information

The word "politics" in ordinary conversations may refer to struggles for power or justice among antagonistic individuals or groups; the types of regimes by which people are governed; the ties that bind subjects to rulers or citizens to states; the election of representatives, passage of laws, and voicing of public opinion in democratic societies; and international relations among different polities, whether they be empires, multinational federations, or nation-states. The phrase "international politics" encompasses the waging of war and conducting of peace, the pursuit of national interests in competition with other states, norms of interaction among sovereign states, projects of humanitarian intervention, and collective efforts to enhance state security, global order, and human rights.

The study of such a complex subject has traditionally been divided into four overlapping fields:

- Political theory tackles the contested meanings of freedom, equality, power, justice, community, and individuality, as well as the clashing ideological perspectives by which different people make sense of political life. It also explores the ideas of influential political theorists from Plato to Thomas Hobbes to Hannah Arendt.
- American politics studies the history and current organization of political institutions at the national, state, and local level in the United States. It also examines conflicts in America over private rights and material interests; racial, class, and gender inequality; and public goods, including the good of American citizenship itself.
- Comparative politics covers the spectrum of political histories, systems of government, public policies, political parties, and social movements across the world. It examines, for example, parliamentary systems, ethnic conflict, authoritarian regimes, immigration policy,

and nationalist movements from Asia to Europe to the Americas to Africa and the Middle East.

- International politics investigates U.S. foreign policy, international organizations such as the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, and the International Criminal Court; the politics of population migrations; war, terrorism, and international security; and the political dilemmas sparked by economic globalization and such border-crossing problems as resource depletion and environmental decay.

The Department of Politics at Mount Holyoke College offers students courses within all four fields as well as courses that cross the lines between them.

See Also

- Law, Public Policy & Human Rights (p. 275)
- Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse (p. 265)
- International Relations (p. 255)

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Learning Goals

Students in the Politics major should:

- Understand political systems at the local, national, and international levels, and how they relate to one another.
- Acquire the vocabulary with which to analyze historical and contemporary political thought and developments.
- Demonstrate the ability to investigate political questions using qualitative and quantitative methods and to write and speak cogently about their findings.
- Critically assess texts, speeches, and other forms of political communication, and the academic political science literature.
- Understand what it means to be a thoughtful and active citizen, engaging in debates about justice and power.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Politics:
Calvin Chen, Carol Hoffmann Collins '63 Professor of International Studies and Professor of Politics

Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alum Foundation and Professor of Politics

Kavita Khory, Ruth Lawson Professor of Politics

Elizabeth Markovits, Associate Provost and Associate Dean of Faculty; Professor of Politics on the Ford Foundation

Andy Reiter, Professor of Politics and International Relations, On Leave 2025-2026

Preston Smith II, Class of 1926 Professor of Politics

Ali Aslam, Associate Professor of Politics, Teaching Fall Only

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Adam Hilton, Associate Professor of Politics, Teaching Fall Only

Christopher Mitchell, Associate Professor of International Relations and Politics

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Adolph Reed Jr, Distinguished Visiting Professor in Politics

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Robert Darrow, Visiting Assistant Professor in Politics

Kevin Henderson, Visiting Instructor in Politics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Subfield Requirements		
One course must be taken in each of the four subfields, ordinarily to be selected from the list below: ¹		16
American politics:		
POLIT-104	American Politics	
POLIT-235	Constitutional Law: The Federal System	
POLIT-236	Civil Liberties	
POLIT-246		
Comparative politics:		
POLIT-106	Comparative Politics	
POLIT-208	Chinese Politics	
POLIT-209	Contemporary Russian Politics	
POLIT-228	East Asian Politics	
POLIT-243	Introduction to Latin American Politics	
POLIT-249		
International politics:		
POLIT-116	World Politics	
POLIT-232	Introduction to International Political Economy	
POLIT-247	International Law and Organization	
POLIT-270	American Foreign Policy	
Political theory:		
POLIT-118	Introduction to Political Ideas	
POLIT-233	Introduction to Feminist Theory	
POLIT-246		
300-level Course Work Requirements		
Three courses (12 credits) at the 300 level: ^{2,3}		12
Two of which (8 credits) must be taken at Mount Holyoke College		
The remaining course (4 credits) may be completed at another institution, subject to departmental approval		
4 additional credits in politics at the 200 or 300 level		4
Total Credits		32

¹ With permission from the department chair, certain 300-level courses may substitute for a 200-level field requirement, but no 300-level course

may be counted as satisfying both a field requirement and the three 300-level course requirement in politics.

² No more than 4 credits of POLIT-395 may be counted toward this requirement of three courses at the 300 level.

³ A single course at the 200 level offered at Mount Holyoke can be taken at the 300 level with the instructor's permission, provided the student has already taken 8 credits in politics, and provided the instructor and student agree upon additional work

Additional Specifications

- With the permission of the department chair, a class transferred in from another institution that is less than 4 credits may fulfill one of the subfield requirements. All students, however, need 32 credits overall to complete the major.

Requirements for the Minor

At least 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
12 credits in politics at the 200 level or above		12
At least 4 credits in politics at the 300 level		4
Courses must span at least two of the department's four subfields: ¹		
	American Politics	
	Comparative Politics	
	International Politics	
	Political Theory	
Total Credits		16

¹ See the requirements of the Politics major for a list of which courses are approved choices within each subfield.

Additional Specifications

- Students must obtain the approval of the department chair at the time they register for their next-to-last semester.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of politics can combine their course work in politics with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of politics, please consult your advisor or the chair of the politics department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, and consult Professor Lawrence in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the politics department and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Offerings

POLIT-104 American Politics

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Offers an overview of the American political system and the theories of those who both celebrate and criticize it. Focuses on the institutions of American politics, including the Constitution, the presidency, Congress, the courts, parties, elections, interest groups, and movements seeking political change. Also includes a theoretical focus: a critical examination of the varieties of liberalism, conservatism, pluralism, and democracy that inform the practice of American politics.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

POLIT-106 Comparative Politics

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course provides an introduction to comparative political analysis, one of the four subfields of political science. The primary objective is to help students understand how the 'modern' world, one characterized by the rise of industrialized nation-states, took form and what shape it might take in the post-Cold War era. We will examine how the challenges of economic development, social transformation, and nation-building sparked the emergence of alternatives to 'modernity' characterized by diverse configurations of political institutions and social forces. We will also assess how globalization and the re-emergence of local identities may be redefining our understanding of 'modernity.'

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

POLIT-116 World Politics

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course is a survey of contending approaches to the study of conflict and cooperation in world politics. Examines key concepts – including balance of power, imperialism, collective security, deterrence, and interdependence – with historical examples ranging from the Peloponnesian War to the post-cold war world. Analyzes the emerging world order.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

POLIT-118 Introduction to Political Ideas

Fall. Credits: 4

This course introduces students to the study of political thought, focusing on such concepts as freedom, power, equality, justice, and democracy. Over the course of the semester, students will develop a theoretical vocabulary with which to analyze both the history of political thought and contemporary politics. This course is writing-intensive; students will have the opportunity to rigorously analyze texts and hone their ability to write confidently and effectively.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

POLIT-200 Research Methods

Spring. Credits: 4

Develops students' skills in writing expository essays and introduces basic quantitative and qualitative research methods used in the social sciences and history. The course provides a foundation for writing research papers in advanced courses as well as for any honors thesis.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

POLIT-208 Chinese Politics*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course examines the politics of contemporary China. Beginning with an assessment of the origins of the Chinese Revolution, the course then examines core institutions and events in the People's Republic, including the Great Leap Forward, Cultural Revolution, post-Mao reforms, and the Tiananmen Incident. In addition, the course analyzes the changing nature of state-society relations, the emergence of new social and political identities, and China's role in the international arena.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Advisory: POLIT-106 recommended.***POLIT-209 Contemporary Russian Politics***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Russia was transformed by communist revolution into a global superpower that challenged the dominant ideologies of liberalism and nationalism. It became a powerful alternative to capitalism. In 1991, this imperial state collapsed and underwent an economic, political, and cultural revolution. What explains the Soviet Union's success for 70 years and its demise in 1991? What sort of country is Russia as it enters the twenty-first century? Is it a democracy? How has Russia's transformation affected ordinary people and Russia's relationship to the West?

*Crosslisted as: RES-240**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences***POLIT-211 Classical Political Thought***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course traces the development of western political thought from classical Greece through medieval Europe. We will pay particular attention to the ways major writers characterized the relationship between the individual and community; the roles knowledge, reason, emotion, and rhetoric play in political life; the link between gender and citizenship; and the various forms political community can take.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***POLIT-212 Modern Political Thought***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Through readings authored by canonical thinkers such as Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Nietzsche, Burke, but also more contemporary thinkers reflecting on the emergence and practices of modern state power and discourses, we will trace the development of key political concepts such as sovereignty, the "science" of politics, natural rights, rationality, and tradition, in order to weigh the promise and peril of each idea.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***POLIT-216 Middle East Politics***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Introduction to the peoples and politics of the Middle East. Begins with the historical situation of the region in the early twentieth century and challenges to the Ottoman Empire. Traces how the clash of nationalisms and imperialisms shaped the emergence of independent states before and after World War II, the rise of Pan-Arab and Zionist ideologies, the subsequent Arab-Israeli conflicts, the intra-Arab disputes, and the superpower rivalry and its influence on regional politics.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: POLIT-116.***POLIT-224 The United States and Iran***Spring. Credits: 4*

Explores America's relationship with Iran from the end of World War II to the present. Examines America's close ties to the Shah and the political, social, and economic causes of the Iranian revolution, with emphasis on the role of Shi'ite Islam. Concludes with analysis of politics and society in the Islamic Republic under Khomeini and his successors.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: POLIT-116.***POLIT-226 The United States, Israel, and the Arabs***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Surveys the constants and variables in U.S. foreign policy toward Israel and the Arabs since the end of World War II to the present. Analysis of domestic determinants of U.S. policy, including lobbies, ideology, and the international system. Consideration of U.S. policy in the Arab-Israeli conflict, intra-Arab disputes, and the Gulf War.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: POLIT-116.***POLIT-228 East Asian Politics***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the dramatic rise of East Asia in the post-World War II period in comparative perspective. The focus will be on understanding the process and consequences of rapid development in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and China. Assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the 'East Asian model of development' and explores how different developmental experiences and policies affect state-society relations, social and political identities, and prospects for peace and cooperation throughout the region.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Advisory: POLIT-106 recommended.***POLIT-230 Resistance and Revolution***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the dynamics and causes of protest, rebellion, and revolution. Topics include the three 'great' revolutions – the French, Russian, and Chinese – as well as such social science theories as moral economy, rational choice, resource mobilization, political culture, and relative deprivation. Attention will be devoted to peasant protest and elite responses to resistance movements. The objectives of the class are to familiarize students with alternative explanations of revolutionary change and to provide students with an opportunity to link general theories to specific case studies.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Politics.**Advisory: POLIT-106 recommended.***POLIT-232 Introduction to International Political Economy***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the theory and practice of the politics of international trade and economics, focusing on the spread of global trade, global financial flows, causes and effects of globalization and migration, and the intersection of trade and environmental issues. Major themes include tensions between the developed and developing world, various development strategies, and the impact of a rising China on both the developed North American and European economies and developing economies.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: POLIT-116.*

POLIT-233 Introduction to Feminist Theory*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores the overlapping dualities of the feminine and the masculine, the private and the public, the home and the world. We examine different forms of power over the body; the ways gender and sexual identities reinforce or challenge the established order; and the cultural determinants of 'women's emancipation.' We emphasize the politics of feminism, dealing with themes that include culture, democracy, and the particularly political role of theory and on theoretical attempts to grasp the complex ties and tensions between sex, gender, and power.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***POLIT-235 Constitutional Law: The Federal System***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course examines the impact of U.S. constitutional law on the legitimacy of different assertions of governmental power. Topics include judicial review; congressional control of court jurisdiction; federal regulation of the economy; and the relative powers and authority of the president, Congress, and the courts in national emergencies, foreign relations, war, and covert action, including torture and assassination. Case method.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: POLIT-104.***POLIT-236 Civil Liberties***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course addresses the federal Constitution and civil liberties. Topics include the authority of the courts to read new rights into the Constitution; equal protection of the laws and affirmative action for racial minorities, women, gays, and non-citizens. Also, freedoms of expression, association, and the press. Emphasis on the appropriateness of different methods of interpreting law. Case method.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: POLIT-104.***POLIT-243 Introduction to Latin American Politics***Spring. Credits: 4*

Why has Latin America struggled to achieve democratic stability? Why is it the region of the world with the highest economic inequality? How have the periodic political and economic crises allowed for creative experimentation with policy alternatives to create a more equal and sustainable social order? This course examines the political and economic evolution and transformation of Latin America from the time of the European conquest until these very days, with a particular focus on the 20th century. It will also analyze how these general trends took specific shapes in each of the 7 countries studied: Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Chile, Venezuela and Bolivia.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Advisory: POLIT-106 Comparative Politics is recommended.***POLIT-247 International Law and Organization***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course presents international norms and institutions for regulating conflict, including promoting economic well-being, protecting human rights, exploring and using outer space, and controlling exploitation and pollution of the oceans. The course considers international agreements, problems of lawmaking, interpretation, and compliance; nationality and the status of foreigners and their investments; the principle of self-determination; and interests of postcolonial states as they impinge on the international legal order.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***POLIT-248 Topics in Politics****POLIT-248DA Topics in Politics: 'Defense Against the Dark Arts'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Popular narratives about American politics today are often horror stories or crime stories, set in a realm of dirty tricksters, snake-oil salesmen and swamp creatures. Does entering the political arena mean going over to the dark side? This course separates myths, caricatures and textbook idealizations from the more complicated realities about political operators and their machinations. Participants will study the dark arts of electoral manipulation, propaganda, influence-peddling, and other cynical and subterranean political stratagems, learning how these tricks are performed, with the aims of counteracting their influence and designing more democratic modes of governance.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences***POLIT-248GR Topics in Politics: 'Grassroots Democracy'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The central focus of this course is to explore theory and organizing practices of grassroots democracy. Each week the seminar will move back and forth between historical and theoretical reflection and reflection upon the experience of organizing communities. The course is motivated by citizens acting together to generate responses to the most challenging questions and issues of the present.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences***POLIT-248PM Topics in Politics: 'Parties and Movements in American Politics'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the relationship between political parties and social movements in the United States. Through a historical examination of abolitionist, labor, civil rights, and other movements, we will analyze how formal electoral politics intersects with the more fluid politics of protest and direct action. We will look at how parties have grown out of, allied with, co-opted or eschewed movements for social change. Students will develop a clear analytical sense of the conditions that facilitate successful movement-party dynamics, concluding with critical assessments concerning the impact of the Tea Party, Occupy Wall Street, and Black Lives Matter.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: POLIT-104.***POLIT-248TE Topics in Politics: 'Science, Technology and Public Policy'***Fall. Credits: 4*

As numerous controversies have made clear -- from Galileo's heresy trial to contemporary disputes over vaccination -- the purportedly neutral and objective results of scientific inquiry are in practice hotly contested and profoundly political. Students in this course will critically examine science and technology as social practices, in the hope of becoming more responsible users of these powerful tools. Course topics include how scientific and technical knowledge are produced and disseminated, how scientific and technical experts contribute to the policymaking process, and how research and innovation are governed through legislation, regulation, institutions, social norms and movements.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

POLIT-252 Urban Politics*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course draws on both historical and contemporary sources to address critical issues and problems facing cities. Topics are organized around the following questions: How have cities come to take their shape and character over time? How are economic and social inequalities mapped onto the urban landscape? How are differences of race, class, and gender negotiated through urban institutions and community struggles?

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Advisory: Introductory course in American history or social sciences.***POLIT-255 Gender and Power in Global Contexts****POLIT-255PA Gender and Power in Global Contexts: 'The Politics of Abortion in the Americas'***Fall. Credits: 4*

The Americas have been characterized by the strictness of their laws in the criminalization of abortion. In some countries abortion is criminalized even when the woman's life is at risk. What role have women's movements played in advancing abortion rights? What has mattered most for a movement's success, its internal characteristics or external forces? Has the way the movement framed its demands mattered? How has the political influence of the Catholic and Evangelical churches influenced policies in this area? We will answer these questions by exploring examples from across the region through primary and secondary sources.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives***POLIT-267 The Politics of Finance and Financial Crises***Fall. Credits: 4*

The development and operation of stable and effective banks and financial markets has a tremendous impact on the economy and political stability of rich and poor countries alike. A stable financial system may be a necessity for economic growth and a financial crisis can wipe out decades of growth in weeks. This course will critically examine the debates around regulation of finance and management of financial crises in both the advanced capitalist states and emerging markets. It will examine specifically the Latin American debt crisis, the East Asian financial crisis, the 2007-2009 trans-Atlantic financial crisis, and the European debt crisis.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***POLIT-270 American Foreign Policy***Spring. Credits: 4*

In this examination of American foreign policy since 1898, topics include the emergence of the United States as a global power, its role in World War I and II, its conduct and interests in the cold war, and its possible objectives in a post-cold war world. Particular attention is paid to the relationship between domestic interests and foreign policy, the role of nuclear weapons in determining policy, and the special difficulties in implementing a democratic foreign policy.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: POLIT-116.***POLIT-272 Trade and American Foreign Policy***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Trade policy has been central to American political debates since independence. Whether free trade, fair trade, or protectionism is best for America has been hotly debated for centuries. Decisions to trade or not to trade have also long been linked to other domestic and foreign policy issues including abolitionism and the Civil War, securing allies in the Cold War, building peaceful relations with China, and cementing U.S. global leadership. This course examines the shifting coalitions arguing over U.S. trade policy, the shifting goals they seek to accomplish via U.S. trade policy, and the international effects of U.S. trade.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: POLIT-116.***POLIT-273 Public Policy***Fall. Credits: 4*

Want to change your government for the better? This course is concerned with the practical business of how, focusing on the often invisible and underappreciated public servants who do the hard work of designing, implementing and enforcing the policies and programs on which modern societies depend. Their work is often nonideological, yet modern democracies have long harbored suspicions of the power of unelected bureaucrats. Students in this course will study these debates over the organization and functions of modern state administration, familiarize themselves with policymaking processes, and engage in designing practical solutions to some of the most pressing social issues of the present.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences***POLIT-277 Dislocation: Class and Politics in the U.S.***Spring. Credits: 4*

Dislocation from work and home has been a common experience of the working class in the United States since World War II. Whether caused by factors such as the gentrification of urban neighborhoods and rural towns, deindustrialization, urban renewal, automation, or the precarity of low-wage employment, the working class experience of dislocation continues today. This course will examine the decision making behind the policies and practices that have dislocated many working class Americans, as well as how these people have adjusted, accommodated, resisted, and sometimes fought dislocation from their jobs and homes. In this course, class is viewed as a social position shaped by power relations. While race and gender will be taken into account, our main focus will be understanding and explaining the common experience of the working class majority in the U.S.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: POLIT-104 or POLIT-252, or 8 credits in Politics.*

Notes: This is a community-based learning class. Students will be interviewing working people about their cost of living and how they manage to make ends meet.

POLIT-278 U.S. Elections

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Elections are at the core of both the vitality and fragility of American democracy. Free and responsive government is hard to imagine without elections, yet U.S. elections suffer from relatively low turnout, increasing polarization, invisible money, racial and gender inequality, partisan gerrymandering, and new forms of voter disenfranchisement. This course offers students an overview of American elections by placing the November elections in historical and comparative perspective and following their development in real time. Students will also gain on-the-ground experience working in the local community as voter registrants and get-out-the-vote activists in the run-up to the November elections. By then end of the semester, students will have developed an in-depth understanding of the workings of American electoral institutions and behavior as well as transferrable skills for organizing and mobilizing political action.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: POLIT-104.

POLIT-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

POLIT-309 How to Think About Race and Politics in the U.S.

Spring. Credits: 4

We examine logical implications of the view of "race" as a social construction. Constructionism's core point is that there are no naturally occurring subdivisions between the level of our species, *Homo sapiens sapiens*, and local breeding populations, and therefore that "racism" is at bottom belief that such intermediate groupings exist -- whether or not one embraces assumptions regarding their relation to one another in hierarchies of worth or capacities. We will interrogate conceptual elisions that mark thinking about race among scholars and civic actors -- between categories v. groups, race as category of analysis v. category of practice, relative v. absolute inequality, race v. class -- by tracing them within flash points in American political history from emergence of the modern view of race to the present moment.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

POLIT-319 War: What Is It Good For?

Spring. Credits: 4

A multidisciplinary exploration of the ways humans have understood, represented, experienced, and justified war over time and across cultures. Using art, literature, and film in addition to social scientific research, this course considers the many different meanings war has in human societies. It analyzes possible causes of war, including innate human drives, gender differences, socialization, regimes, and ideological and resource competition in a condition of international anarchy. It probes how war is experienced by soldiers and civilians. Finally, it examines justifications for war from a range of ethical perspectives.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

POLIT-323 Comparative Politics of the Middle East

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course presents the rise (and sometimes collapse) of modern states in the Middle East; the nature of legitimacy, modernization, state-civil society relations, and political culture and economy; and the role of religion with specific reference to Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Turkey.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 8 credits in Politics including POLIT-106 or POLIT-216.

POLIT-334 Black American Political Thought

Fall. Credits: 4

This course has two objectives. On the one hand, we will explore the character and evolution of the main lines of strategic political discourse among black Americans since the end of Reconstruction era. The study of black American thought as an academic field by and large has avoided concerns about the practice of interpretation in the history of political thought or the history of ideologies. Our second objective, therefore, will be to work toward establishing a foundation for a more historically careful scholarly discourse about black American thought. Toward that end, we shall give substantial consideration to interpretive issues -- keeping the integrity of historical contextualization uppermost -- in the early weeks, when we discuss methodological questions directly. Those early discussions should set the stage for, and structure engagement with, subsequent assignments.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 8 credits in Politics or Critical Race Political Economy.

POLIT-341 Political Islam

Fall. Credits: 4

This course covers Islamic responses to European imperialism in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, particularly the emergence of Islamic modernism; the growth of Islamic movements in the Arab world and South Asia and their responses to secular nationalism and socialism; and a survey of the ends to which religion is applied in three types of regimes: patrimonial Saudi Arabia, revolutionary Iran, and military-authoritarian Pakistan.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 8 credits in Politics.

POLIT-342 Islamic Political Thought

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course examines Islamic political thought from the origins of Islam to the present. It considers how Muslim thinkers over the past 14 centuries have understood such fundamental political concepts as the state, leadership, and law. The seminar also includes modern Muslim reflections on political concepts of Western origin, such as democracy, nationalism, and civil society.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: POLIT-116 and 8 credits in Politics.

POLIT-351 The Supreme Court*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will focus on the most important cases decided by the United States Supreme Court since 1803. Each week will focus on a different seminal Supreme Court case and the political context surrounding the case. The cases will focus on topics such as judicial review, reproductive rights, school desegregation, free speech, gay marriage, and affirmative action. As a final project, students will create a presentation on a Supreme Court case that is not covered in the course. Students will also submit reaction papers each week. The learning objectives of the course include: understanding how to read a federal court case, examining the way politics influences Supreme Court decisions, and exploring the way Supreme Court decision making has an impact on American society.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: POLIT-104 or POLIT-235.***POLIT-359 Democratization and Civil Society in East Asia***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course examines the dramatic emergence of democratic institutions and civil society in East Asia. The primary aim of the class is to help students understand and analyze the process of democratic unfolding in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. We will also evaluate China's recent, albeit limited experiments with democratic practices. We will begin by contrasting Western perspectives of democracy with both traditional and more contemporary Asian understandings of democracy. We will then focus on the actual processes of democratic consolidation in each of the cases, especially the developments that precipitated political crisis and ultimately, political change.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***POLIT-363 Political Economy of the European Union***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the political, economic, and cultural forces driving debates around the creation, expansion, and reform of the European Union. It examines the economic and political logic for integration, as well as the cultural and economic challenges pushing against integration, and provides an in-depth look at the specific challenges facing the EU.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Politics/International Relations.***POLIT-365 Ethics and International Relations***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Do ethical considerations matter in international relations? Should they? These questions are examined from the perspective of Western writers on these specific issues: just war, intervention, human rights, weapons of mass destruction, and distributive justice. The course also considers challenges to the international system posed by the critiques and responses of non-Western states and peoples.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits in Politics including POLIT-116.***POLIT-366 Global Migration***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines voluntary and forced migrations from local, regional and global perspectives. It focuses on contemporary population movements and their historical antecedents, paying particular attention to colonial legacies and the immigration policies of European states and the U.S. We will debate the costs and benefits of migration, the ethical and normative implications of asylum policies and the treatment of refugees, and rights and obligations of citizenship. The course concludes with an analysis of the global compact for migration and the institutional and legal frameworks for protecting migrant rights and refugees.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits from Politics***POLIT-372 Earthborn Democracy***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The relationship between ecology and democracy has a complex history and an uncertain future. Ecological crises threaten all forms of life on earth, and democracy too is an endangered species, as popular discontent, elite malfeasance, and unresponsive institutions herald democratic crisis if not collapse. If our present political concepts and institutions are inadequate for meeting the challenges of living in right relation with the more-than-human world, these inadequacies are themselves symptoms of a failing political-cultural story and a lack of concrete practices of ecological renewal. Course readings will excavate political practices and stories illustrating the interdependence necessary to inspire and orient the work of ecological renewal.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Politics.***POLIT-378 Backsliding and Resilience in U.S. Democracy***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

American democracy is in trouble. But when has it not been? Since the election of Donald Trump, observers have increasingly begun to question basic assumptions about the apparent stability of the American constitutional regime. Yet critical observers, activists, and political movements across the past two centuries have persistently called attention to the deficits of U.S. democracy and sought to rectify them. Is America presently at risk of "democratic backsliding"? Or will U.S. democracy prove resilient? This course puts the current distemper of U.S. democracy in historical perspective by examining the complex and contradictory patterns of democratic development from the Founding to the present.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department and POLIT-104.*

POLIT-380 Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines ethnic and nationalist ideologies and movements in contemporary politics. It will focus on major theories and approaches to the study of nationalism, the role of nationalism in state-building and modern warfare, and the mobilization of ethno-nationalist identities by political entrepreneurs and movements including anticolonialism and fascism. Drawing on cross-regional examples from Asia, Europe and the United States, we will analyze the causes of ethnic conflict and political violence, the global resurgence of nationalism, and the rise of populist movements. We will also consider multiculturalism and cosmopolitan alternatives to nationalism.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Politics.***POLIT-384 Ending War and Securing the Peace: Conflict Mediation and Resolution in the 21st Century***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How do we end political violence and achieve peace? This course focuses on the context for negotiation and bargaining strategies, including what types of actors are involved in negotiations, the contours of the mediation environment, the timing of intervention and talks, the use of leverage to get warring parties to the table, and the transformation of processes across multiple stages from initial mediation to implementation to enforcement. The course also examines several peacemaking strategies in depth, including resource sharing, territorial autonomy and partitions, elections and powersharing agreements, refugee crisis management, and demobilization and reintegration programs.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Politics.***POLIT-385 Global Security***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course explores different conceptions of security, its study and practice. Incorporating diverse approaches, particularly from the global south, we will consider sources of global insecurity, ethics of "securitization" and the prospects for equitable and sustainable solutions to issues of common concern. Topics include "hard" security issues, namely, geopolitical competition, interstate conflicts, civil wars, and weapons of mass destruction, as well as security issues defined more broadly, for example: climate change, migration and displacement, pandemics, and hybrid warfare. We conclude by looking at the role of international and regional institutions in global governance.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.***POLIT-387 Advanced Topics in Political Theory****POLIT-387AT Advanced Topics in Politics: 'American Politics in Transition'***Fall. Credits: 4*

American politics is in transition, but transitioning into what? This research seminar sheds light on the tectonic shifts shaking the American political landscape by placing the current moment in historical and comparative perspective. By grounding our analyses in competing theories of social and political change, we will reach beyond the latest headlines to come to terms with the underlying structures, ideas, institutions, and coalitions reshaping our political world. The course will support students as they undertake major independent research projects on themes of their choice related to the causes and consequences of America's current political transformation.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: POLIT-200 and 4 additional credits in the department.***POLIT-387DE Advanced Topics in Politics: 'Democratic Desire'***Fall. Credits: 4*

If democracies trace their origins back to insurrections, whether the American, French, or Haitian Revolutions, to name three, how do we make sense of the near-universal condemnation of January 6th insurrections or those participating in uprisings in Ferguson, Baltimore, Portland, and Seattle, or Athens or Madrid over the last decade, as threats to democracy? This paradox points to an underdeveloped concept of desire across democratic theory that would explain the basis for the people to rule themselves. This course will explore democratic desire as both the desire not to be ruled by others and the desire for collective self-rule. Beginning with feminists writing about erotic power such as Audre Lorde and the varied practices of so-called "pleasure activists," we will understand the role of desire and play in politics, how it can be cultivated, why it can be so unruly, and why it is repressed. Tracing desire's anarchic element, our readings will examine "wild democracy" and the polymorphism of desire, as pathways for cultivating a healthy desire for exercising power and cooperating with others through organizing and movement practices. Readings may include titles by Anne Norton, adrienne marie brown, Lama Rod Owens, Richard Powers, Norman O. Brown, Bonnie Honig, and Saidiya Hartman.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department and POLIT-118.***POLIT-387EC Advanced Topics in Politics: 'U.S. Elections'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Elections are critical moments in the life of modern democracy. They answer three fundamental questions: Who governs? Who gets what? Who are we? As such, they are both vital and deeply contested events. This course offers students a deep dive into the mechanics of United States elections, engaging with the process as both activists and analysts. Outside the classroom, students will help local community organizations register voters ahead of the November elections. Inside the classroom, they will hone their data analysis skills by querying real-world election and polling datasets. By the end of the course, students will have a clearer understanding of U.S. elections, their flaws, and their potential.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.*

POLIT-387EV Advanced Topics in Politics: 'U.S. Environmental Politics and Policy'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Environmental concerns are no longer a niche "special interest" in American politics. Today multiplying and intensifying ecological crises are getting harder to ignore, and the need for action is urgent. Deciding how to respond to and govern a climate-changed world is now one of the defining political challenges of our time. This course examines the history of environmental debates in the United States, the diverse range of actors and organizations participating in these debates, current laws and institutions regulating Americans' relationships with their environments at both the federal and state levels, and the processes for making and implementing public policy for the environment.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Politics.***POLIT-387FA Advanced Topics in Politics: 'Feminisms in Latin America' Fall. Credits: 4**

In the last decade, Latin America has experienced a feminist revolution. Feminist movements have taken over the streets, demanding policies to address a range of topics such as gender-based violence, access to abortion and the protection of natural resources. As a result, governments have responded with policy reforms that have created programs and agencies to address these issues and expand access to women and LGBTQ rights. Many of these policy reforms and legislative initiatives place the region at the vanguard of the protection of women and gender diverse groups. This course provides a discussion of Latin American feminist movements, their history and evolution, as well as the impact they had in policy reform. Through the analysis of diverse materials such as primary and secondary sources, documentaries, podcasts and invited speakers, we will explore the power of Latin American feminists, and the possible contributions the region can make to the advancement of rights for women and gender-diverse populations throughout the world.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***POLIT-387FP Advanced Topics in Politics: 'Feminists in Power'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What happens when feminists enter the halls of power, transforming critiques into law and policy? What occurs when feminists lead in a prosecutor's office or international bodies? This course examines the complexities of feminist governance, focusing on how some feminists shift from opposition to shaping laws, policies, and public opinion. We'll explore the NGO-ization of movements, transnational feminist thought, and debates around incarceration. Topics include sexual violence campaigns, campus rape policy, sex work, and harassment. Through theory and case studies, students will critically examine how feminism shapes and complicates policy outcomes.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.**Advisory: Students are encouraged to complete POLIT-233 Intro to Feminist Theory or similar course before taking this course.***POLIT-387FX Advanced Topics in Politics: 'The Feminist Sex Wars'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In the late 1970s through the 1980s, a series of contentious debates erupted in American feminism over pornography, prostitution, sadomasochism, and other issues related to sex, power, pleasure, desire, erotic community, and violence. This was a time of prolific theorizing and bitter conflict known as the "feminist sex wars." This course tries to make sense of some common contemporary discourses on pornography, sexual representation, sexual conduct, and sexual ethics by exploring their sources in the feminist political and theoretical debates of the sex wars, as well as examining how feminist engagement with these issues was entangled in larger political, cultural, and philosophical contexts. We will also question how the feminist sex wars are remembered and theorized today and what kind of stories about the feminist sex wars are repeatedly told in different institutional contexts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.**Advisory: Strongly recommended that students take POLIT-233 or GNDST-101 before taking this course.***POLIT-387HE Advanced Topics in Politics: 'Health and Inequality'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course is designed to provide students with both an in-depth study of the political and social determinants of health and with queer, feminist, and postcolonial theorizations of health and the body. We will question and theorize what "health" is as well as study how economic and social inequality distribute unequal life chances. We will examine how race, class, gender, sexuality, and citizenship combine to help some survive and even profit from disease and illness while others perish and experience shame, stigma, and financial insecurity. We will study how politicians, scientists, and public health officials have treated different communities and how various marginalized communities have fought back for improved life chances.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.***POLIT-387HP Advanced Topics in Politics: 'HIV/AIDS: Protest, Policy, Politics'***Fall. Credits: 4*

The global HIV/AIDS crisis, ongoing since 1981, has been both devastating and transformative. It galvanized new social movements, catalyzed queer theory, and reshaped legal and medical institutions. Groups like ACT UP played a crucial role in advocating for policy change, access to treatment, and public awareness through direct action and activist art. This course examines the political thought, cultural politics, and activism sparked by HIV/AIDS through film, histories, legal studies, theory, and the arts, tracing how protest shapes policy and politics. We will also explore contemporary HIV/AIDS policy and politics, considering ongoing challenges and evolving responses.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.**Advisory: Students who took the course POLIT-387PP Pandemic Politics are not eligible to take this course for credit.*

POLIT-387ND Advanced Topics in Politics: 'Nationalism and Democratic Erosion'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The academic study of nationalism owes much to Benedict Anderson's conception of *Imagined Communities*. However, scholars should always remember that those social constructs impact the lived experiences of the people within them, especially when multiple conceptions of nationhood compete. This course examines what happens when competing visions of the American nation clash and traditionally dominant perspectives work to exclude traditionally marginalized communities from the political arena. When this happens, democratic norms and principles find themselves in the crosshairs. In this course, we will investigate the origins and spread of nationalism; the theory and practice of national mythologies; the theory and practice of democracy; and how these concepts operate in the United States. Critically, we will investigate how traditionally hegemonic communities leverage their conceptions of nationalism to erode democracy for individuals who do not fit into their idealized, exclusionary American nation.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in the department.

POLIT-387QP Advanced Topics in Politics: 'American LGBTQ+ Politics: Protest Movements, Rights Struggles, and the Current Political Landscape'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course examines the landscape of American LGBTQ+ rights through several different lenses. Through consultation of the historical, legal, social, and movement-based landscapes, we will study the political evolution of communities who, due to sexual and/or gender identity, have traditionally been excluded from mainstream U.S. politics. We will investigate the current standing of these communities in our sociopolitical moment, as well as look critically at diverse perspectives from inside and outside of these communities.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

POLIT-391 Pivotal Political Ideas

POLIT-391RE Pivotal Political Ideas: 'Reparations and the Politics of Repair'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will examine arguments for reparations for slavery with an eye towards understanding what withholding and extending reparations have meant for American democracy and citizenship. We will contextualize arguments for reparations within a larger conversation about repairing democratic norms, institutions, and social conditions within recent democratic theory. Together we will investigate what historical and ongoing injustices and inequalities reparations are meant to repair, how reparations would address those harms, and how arguments for reparations have mobilized social activists on both sides of the question. Our readings will span history, legal studies, politics, literature and the arts and arguments for reparations to be paid by the American state down to institutions such as corporations, universities, and other jurisdictions.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Prereq: 8 credits in Politics.

POLIT-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Courses Meeting Politics Subfield Requirements for the Major

American Politics

Code	Title	Credits
Politics		
POLIT-104	American Politics	4
POLIT-235	Constitutional Law: The Federal System	4
POLIT-236	Civil Liberties	4
POLIT-248DA	Topics in Politics: 'Defense Against the Dark Arts'	4
POLIT-248PM	Topics in Politics: 'Parties and Movements in American Politics'	4
POLIT-248TE	Topics in Politics: 'Science, Technology and Public Policy'	4
POLIT-252	Urban Politics	4
POLIT-277	Dislocation: Class and Politics in the U.S.	4
POLIT-278	U.S. Elections	4
POLIT-309	How to Think About Race and Politics in the U.S.	4
POLIT-351	The Supreme Court	4
POLIT-378	Backsliding and Resilience in U.S. Democracy	4
POLIT-387AT	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'American Politics in Transition'	4
POLIT-387EC	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'U.S. Elections'	4
POLIT-387EV	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'U.S. Environmental Politics and Policy'	4
POLIT-387ND	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'Nationalism and Democratic Erosion'	4
POLIT-387QP	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'American LGBTQ+ Politics: Protest Movements, Rights Struggles, and the Current Political Landscape'	4

Comparative Politics

Code	Title	Credits
Politics		
POLIT-106	Comparative Politics	4
POLIT-208	Chinese Politics	4
POLIT-209	Contemporary Russian Politics	4
POLIT-228	East Asian Politics	4
POLIT-230	Resistance and Revolution	4
POLIT-243	Introduction to Latin American Politics	4
POLIT-255PA	Gender and Power in Global Contexts: 'The Politics of Abortion in the Americas'	4
POLIT-267	The Politics of Finance and Financial Crises	4
POLIT-323	Comparative Politics of the Middle East	4
POLIT-341	Political Islam	4
POLIT-359	Democratization and Civil Society in East Asia	4
POLIT-363	Political Economy of the European Union	4

International Politics

Code	Title	Credits
Politics		
POLIT-116	World Politics	4
POLIT-216	Middle East Politics	4
POLIT-224	The United States and Iran	4
POLIT-226	The United States, Israel, and the Arabs	4
POLIT-232	Introduction to International Political Economy	4
POLIT-247	International Law and Organization	4
POLIT-267	The Politics of Finance and Financial Crises	4
POLIT-270	American Foreign Policy	4
POLIT-272	Trade and American Foreign Policy	4
POLIT-319	War: What Is It Good For?	4
POLIT-363	Political Economy of the European Union	4
POLIT-365	Ethics and International Relations	4
POLIT-366	Global Migration	4
POLIT-380	Nationalism and Ethnic Politics	4
POLIT-384	Ending War and Securing the Peace: Conflict Mediation and Resolution in the 21st Century	4
POLIT-385	Global Security	4

Political Theory

Code	Title	Credits
Gender Studies		
GNDST-221QF	Feminist and Queer Theory: 'Feminist and Queer Theory'	4
Politics		
POLIT-118	Introduction to Political Ideas	4
POLIT-211	Classical Political Thought	4
POLIT-212	Modern Political Thought	4
POLIT-233	Introduction to Feminist Theory	4
POLIT-248GR	Topics in Politics: 'Grassroots Democracy'	4
POLIT-342	Islamic Political Thought	4
POLIT-365	Ethics and International Relations	4
POLIT-372	Earthborn Democracy	4
POLIT-387FP	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'Feminists in Power'	4
POLIT-387HE	Advanced Topics in Politics: 'Health and Inequality'	4
POLIT-391RE	Pivotal Political Ideas: 'Reparations and the Politics of Repair'	4

Psychology

Overview and Contact Information

The major in psychology requires coursework in research methods, statistics, developmental psychology, social psychology, personality and abnormal psychology, perception and cognition, and the study of the biological bases of behavior.

- Developmental psychology includes the study of children, adolescents, and life-span issues.
- Social psychology examines such issues as the psychology of racism, the psychology of women, and the effects of social influence on families and individuals.

- Personality and abnormal psychology deals with theories of personality, concepts of abnormality, psychoanalytic psychology, and the history of psychoanalysis.
- Perception and cognition examines how humans learn, think, remember, see, and hear.
- The study of the biological bases of behavior looks at comparative animal behavior, behavior neuroscience, and sensory psychology.

A hallmark of the curriculum is a series of advanced-level laboratory courses beyond our intermediate-level statistics and research methods courses. Each area of the curriculum has advanced laboratory courses and seminars, providing a very wide range of choice, and requiring hands-on research experience. In addition to our courses, the department emphasizes independent work with faculty, and there is an array of such opportunities, ranging from one-or two-credit experiences for first-year students to honors theses for seniors.

See Also

- Psychology & Education (p. 346)

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Learning Goals

By participating in coursework and experiences constituting a major in Psychology, students will acquire the following knowledge and skills:

- Through introductory courses, students will gain a comprehensive overview of the field of psychology, the intersections among sub-fields, and the connections among theory, research, and practice (including both classic and cutting-edge questions and problems within the field).
- Through core courses such as statistics and research methods, students will learn a variety of research approaches (both quantitative and qualitative), develop technological skills and facility with a variety of software, and become fluent in the ethical issues involved in human and non-human research.
- Through intermediate and advanced courses, students will learn how to read primary sources of psychological and educational research (both contemporary and historical), and learn how to analyze underlying assumptions, apply theoretical frameworks, and evaluate the validity of empirical evidence.
- From the curricular offerings, students will understand how psychological and educational questions and research may reflect gender, race, and social class biases and learn innovative ways of applying theory and research to critical social issues.
- Through our unique focus on research and independent study, students will have opportunities to develop skills as articulate writers and speakers and will gain additional research experience through participation in research projects with distinguished department faculty.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Psychology and Education:

Katherine Binder, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Psychology

Mara Breen, Professor of Psychology and Education

KC Haydon, Professor of Psychology and Education

Becky Packard, Mary E. Woolley Professor of Psychology and Education

Jared Schwartzter, Professor of Psychology and Education

Corey Flanders, Associate Professor of Psychology and Education

John Tawa, Associate Professor of Psychology

Travis Hodges, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Teaching Spring Only

Jackson Matos, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Education

Balbir Singh, Assistant Professor of Psychology

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Kelley O'Carroll, Visiting Assistant Professor in Psychology and Education

Lauren Robinson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology

Megan Stutesman, Visiting Assistant Professor in Psychology

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One 100-level course in psychology		4
PSYCH-201	Statistics	4
PSYCH-204	Research Methods in Psychology	4
At the 200 level, all majors must take courses in at least three of the five areas of the psychology curriculum: ¹		12
A) social psychology		
B) personality and abnormal psychology		
C) developmental and educational psychology		
D) perception, cognition and language		
E) biological bases of behavior		
At least one 300-level laboratory course. Current laboratory courses are:		4
PSYCH-310	Laboratory: Social Psychology	
PSYCH-326	Laboratory in Personality and Abnormal Psychology	
PSYCH-330	Lab in Developmental Psychology	
PSYCH-331	Laboratory in Early Childhood Learning and Development	
PSYCH-340	Laboratory in Perception and Cognition	
PSYCH-350	Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior	
Two additional 300-level courses, which can be fulfilled by any combination of the following:		8
Additional laboratory courses		
Lecture, seminar, practicum courses		

Independent study at the 300 level ²

Total Credits **36**

¹ At least one of these courses must be from areas D or E. PSYCH-295 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement

² Only one PSYCH-395 can be used for this requirement

Additional Specifications

- There are many opportunities for students in psychology to work on an individual basis with faculty on original research (see PSYCH-295, PSYCH-395). Students are encouraged to discuss this option with any member of the department.
- Students who expect to do graduate work in psychology should consult with their advisors or with members of the department regarding their program within the department as well as election of related courses from other departments.
- Declaration of major forms should be signed by the department's academic department coordinator.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
PSYCH-201	Statistics	4
PSYCH-204	Research Methods in Psychology	4
Two other courses at the 200 or the 300 level, of which:		8
one must be from curriculum areas A–C: social psychology; personality and abnormal psychology; and developmental and educational psychology		
one must be from curriculum areas D–E: perception, cognition, and language; and biological bases of behavior		
Total Credits		16

Course Advice

The Psychology and Education department offers a wide array of courses in the following areas:

General Psychology

Social Psychology

The courses in the area of social psychology are concerned with how the social environment affects the behavior of individuals. Among the major topics covered are the ways attitudes develop and change; the conditions under which individuals adhere to or deviate from social norms; the behavior of groups; communication; social interaction and interpersonal relationships; and the differences in behavior across gender identities.

Personality and Abnormal Psychology

The courses in this area cover the fields of personality, abnormal psychology, and psychotherapy. The field of personality, the systematic study of individual differences and similarities, poses questions such as the following: How is each person unique? In what ways are people alike? Abnormal psychology concerns aspects of human behavior that are maladaptive in a person's current context. Students concentrating their study in this area are urged to take additional courses in developmental psychology, social psychology, and biological bases of behavior.

Developmental and Educational Psychology

Developmental psychology is characterized by a distinct point of view rather than a specific content area. It is concerned with the origins and progressive development over time of perception, thought, language, personality, and social behavior. Educational psychology involves the application of psychology to our understanding of learning, motivation, and teaching, and focuses on both the complex experiences of individual learners and the diverse sociocultural contexts of learning.

The courses in developmental and educational psychology reflect this range of topics and also cover the application of developmental theory and findings in education. Students concentrating their study in this area are urged to take courses in as many of the other areas of psychology as possible.

Perception and Cognition

The courses in this area are concerned with how we acquire, use, and recollect information. Major topics include visual and auditory perception, learning and memory, and how individuals understand language. Students concentrating their study in this area, especially those with an interest in cognitive neuroscience, are urged to take additional courses in neuroscience and behavior and developmental psychology.

Biological Bases of Behavior

The courses in this area adopt the perspective that behavior is the product of biological processes. Major topics include the physiological causes of behavior, the evolutionary history and function of behavior, and the role of learning in modifying behavior. Students concentrating their study in this area are urged to take additional course work in cognition, perception, and language, and in biological sciences.

Course Offerings

General Psychology

PSYCH-100 Introduction to Psychology

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

How do we make decisions, form attachments, and learn a language? Can we inherit schizophrenia? Why are we fearful of some situations and not others? What factors influence the way we form attitudes or develop prejudices? This course addresses such questions to provide an overview of current research in psychology.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

PSYCH-201 Statistics

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

Statistical procedures are powerful tools for analyzing and interpreting findings and are necessary for accurate reading and understanding of research findings. This course provides an introduction to the most frequently encountered techniques for describing data and making inferences in psychological research. A variety of computer applications are used.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Prereq: A 100-level course in Psychology, NEURO-100, or AP Psychology.

Coreq: PSYCH-201L.

PSYCH-204 Research Methods in Psychology

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course provides an introduction to the skills necessary for becoming good producers and consumers of psychological research. Students learn to develop research questions, survey related literature, design rigorous and ethically sound studies, and collect, analyze, and interpret quantitative and qualitative data. Students build on their computer skills relevant for psychological research and learn to read and critique original empirical journal articles. The course culminates in an original, collaborative research project, a final paper, and an oral presentation.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: PSYCH-201 or STAT-242. Coreq: PSYCH-204L.

Advisory: Students must take statistics (PSYCH-201 or STAT-240 or STAT-242) before enrolling in this course.

PSYCH-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: CR/NC grading only.

PSYCH-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

PSYCH-398 Honors Thesis Seminar

Fall. Credits: 1

This seminar is for students who are completing an honors thesis. The primary purpose of this course is to provide students with constructive support during all stages of their research. In particular, this class will assist students with organizing the various components of their thesis work and help them meet departmental thesis deadlines.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is limited to PSYCH, PSYED, and NEURO majors only.; This course is limited to seniors.

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Only students doing an honors thesis are permitted to register.

Please email Janelle Gagnon during advising week for permission.

Notes: Must be concurrently enrolled in a 395 independent study.

PSYCH-399 Honors Thesis Seminar

Spring. Credits: 1

This seminar is for students who are completing an honors thesis. The primary purpose of this course is to provide students with constructive support during all stages of their research. In particular, this class will assist students with organizing the various components of their thesis work and help them meet departmental thesis deadlines.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: This course is limited to PSYCH, PSYED, and NEURO majors only.; This course is limited to seniors.

Advisory: Only students doing an honors thesis are permitted to register.

Notes: Must be concurrently enrolled in a 395 independent study.

Social Psychology

PSYCH-210 Social Psychology

Fall. Credits: 4

This course covers a range of information within social psychology, including theory, research, and applied contexts. Areas of interest will include self and social perception, attitudes, stereotypes, prejudice, discrimination, group dynamics, interpersonal attraction and relationships, among others.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: A 100 level psychology course or AP Psychology.

PSYCH-212 Individuals and Organizations

Spring. Credits: 4

This course focuses on individual and small-group behavior in the organizational setting. The class will focus on: (1) understanding human behavior in an organizational context; (2) understanding of oneself as an individual contributor and/or leader within an organization, and ways to contribute to organizational change; (3) intergroup communication and conflict management; and (4) diversity and organizational climate.

Crosslisted as: EOS-299ND

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

PSYCH-213 Psychology of Racism

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

We begin this course by examining how the concept of race was developed to justify human rights atrocities and how it continues to be used to justify racial disparities today. We then examine theories of racism and its persistence at multiple ecological levels: intrapersonally, interpersonally, and institutionally. Although a theory driven course, students will be asked to apply theory to their own personal experiences, deepening an understanding of our own areas of oppression and privilege. Finally we will turn to inter-group relations theory, attending not only to dominant and minority group race-relation dynamics, but also inter-minority group relations (e.g., Black-Asian relations).

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

PSYCH-217 Psychology of Human Sexuality

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course is an introduction to the psychological study of human sexuality. We will take a psychobiosocial perspective in this course, covering topics such as reproductive anatomy and physiology, sexual response, sexually transmitted infections, contraceptive choices, pregnancy and birth, attraction and dating, love, sexual and relational communication, and consent. The goals of the course are to have students develop a strong understanding of human sexual biology, identity, behavior, and health, to understand how each of these areas is impacted by social context, and to engage with current research in the field.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-212HS

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: A 100-level course in Psychology or AP Psychology.

Advisory: Students who have taken FYSEM-110SX Sexuality and Society should not take this course.

PSYCH-219 Topics in Social Psychology

PSYCH-219DA Topics in Social Psychology: 'Psychology of Dance'

Spring. Credits: 4

This course explores humans' ubiquitous and multifaceted engagement in dance, the psychological foundations of dance, and the psychological outcomes of engaging in dance. Dance can make us feel, can elicit memories, can help us form social connections, and is embedded in culture. We will discuss these interdisciplinary connections between dance and areas of psychological study including cognitive, social, developmental, clinical, and cultural psychology. Students will consider areas of study including the influence of dance on learning, cognition, and mental health, dance training and expertise, dance and social bonds, dance and beauty, and psychophysiological responses to dance.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.

PSYCH-219DH Topics in Social Psychology: 'Social Determinants of Health'

Spring. Credits: 4

The World Health Organization defines Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) as "the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, and people's access to power, money and resources." SDoH have a major impact on the health of individuals and communities, and are the source of significant health inequities. This course will provide a foundational understanding of SDoH through analyzing how social factors such as racism, economic inequality, and politics, among others, manufacture and maintain health disparities. The course will also address how a SDoH framework can help identify pathways to increase health equity, framing health as a human right.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.

PSYCH-219GR Topics in Social Psychology: 'Behavior Research in Intergroup Psychology'

Fall. Credits: 4

across social identity groups. Behavioral research is construed widely here to include data that directly assesses behavior in lieu of self-reported perceptions of behavior. This distinction is critical as self-reported behavior is frequently a poor predictor of actual behavior. Increasingly, behavioral methods include the use of technology such as eye-tracking and virtual reality. While largely a content focused course, there will be some hands-on components which will expose students to intermediate level research methods and statistics, particularly as they are relevant to behavioral research.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.

PSYCH-310 Laboratory: Social Psychology

PSYCH-310BD Laboratory in Social Psychology: 'Social Perception and Binary Decision Making'

Fall. Credits: 4

Every day we encounter binary decisions including: did we recognize the person, did we get accepted for a job, did the customer order an appetizer? Each of these decisions have two response options, which makes traditional analyses difficult. In this course, we will use Signal Detection Theory to better understand how these binary decisions can be analyzed and understood. This course will investigate how we perceive the world and how binary decisions can be interpreted. Students will learn how to design a binary decision study, analyze it, and how to communicate their findings.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: PSYCH-204.

PSYCH-310QR Laboratory in Social Psychology: 'Qualitative Research in Psychology'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Qualitative research in psychology includes the process of identifying qualitatively important patterns and units of meaning to provide rich, contextual descriptions of human experience. This lab course is designed to introduce students to a range of qualitative methodologies, including thematic analysis, grounded theory, and interpretive phenomenology, through the design and implementation of collaborative research projects. We will discuss the merits and limitations of qualitative research, the various challenges experienced within conducting this type of research, and the different philosophical perspectives of various qualitative research paradigms.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-310SJ Laboratory in Social Psychology: 'Social Justice and Education'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

As U.S. racial group populations are on the rise, educational institutions need to prepare for racial diversity reflected in classrooms from elementary school to college. In this lab course, students will use qualitative research methods and social justice frameworks to code and analyze three distinct data sets, one collected from Puerto Rican parents in Holyoke; one from a college course on social justice; and one from pre-service teachers in public schools. Students will create posters to display their findings on the presence (or absence) of social justice in education at the end-of-semester event.

*Crosslisted as: EDUST-351SJ**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: PSYCH-204 and EDUC-205 or a multicultural perspectives course that covers race and racism.***PSYCH-319 Seminar in Social Psychology****PSYCH-319GS Seminar in Social Psychology: 'Gender and Sexual Minority Health'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course is a critical overview and investigation of health as it relates to the experiences of gender and sexual minority people. We will begin with exploring theoretical understandings of health and marginalization, and use those as frameworks to examine various domains of health. Areas of interest will include mental health, sexual and reproductive health, substance use, disability, and issues related to body size and image. We will end by looking at other structural issues that affect gender and sexual minority health, such as access to care, health education, and health policy.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333GS**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204 or GNDST-201.***PSYCH-319PR Seminar in Social Psychology: 'Judging a Book By Its Cover: Prejudice, Stereotyping, and Discrimination'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination are common words, but what do social psychologists mean when they use these terms? In this class, we will explore these concepts including questions such as: Why do people categorize others (e.g., race, gender)? Why do people generalize attitudes across members of a category? What is a stereotype? What is the relationship between stereotyping and prejudice? How do stereotyping and prejudice influence behavior? These conceptual questions will be examined through readings, class discussions, and projects. Additionally, we will explore how to reduce stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination in one's own life and potentially to make systematic change.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***Personality and Abnormal Psychology****PSYCH-229 Topics in Personality and Abnormal Psychology****PSYCH-229DE Topics in Personality and Abnormal Psychology: 'Developmental Psychopathology'***Spring. Credits: 4*

In this course, we will explore and discuss mental health and mental health diagnoses using a developmental lens. Using foundational readings and through case studies, we will establish an understanding of the psychology field's approach to evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of diagnoses and disability that are circumscribed to (e.g., reactive attachment) or typically first appear/are first detected in childhood and adolescence (e.g., ADHD, conduct problems, anxiety, developmental disorders, neurodivergence). The primary goal of this course is to establish a foundational understanding of the broad range of mental health diagnoses of childhood and adolescence. Therefore, we will explore and consider biopsychosocial factors that influence the etiology, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of such concerns.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.***PSYCH-229TH Topics in Personality and Abnormal Psychology: 'Psychopathology'***Fall. Credits: 4*

In this course, which focuses largely on adulthood, we will explore and discuss mental health and mental health diagnoses. Using foundational readings and through case studies, we will establish an understanding of the psychology field's approach to evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of diagnoses and disability. The primary goal of this course is to establish a foundational understanding of the broad range of mental health diagnoses of adulthood. Therefore, we will explore and consider biopsychosocial factors that influence the etiology, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of such concerns. This course will focus most heavily on the overview of diagnosis, assessment, and etiology rather than treatment and services.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.*

Advisory: This course will overlap heavily with PSYCH-229DE Developmental Psychopathology and PSYCH-222 Abnormal Psychology, and it is not recommended to take this course if you have taken or plan to take either of the other two.

PSYCH-326 Laboratory in Personality and Abnormal Psychology**PSYCH-326CP Laboratory in Personality and Abnormal Psychology:
'Research in Clinical Psychology'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Students will be exposed to a variety of advanced statistics and methods commonly used in clinical psychological research. Statistics and methods that will be covered include but are not limited to: data cleaning strategies, moderation, mediation, and exploratory and confirmatory factor analyses. Students will complete secondary analyses of pre-existing datasets to answer hypotheses related to advancing our understanding of mental health and well-being.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: PSYCH-204 and either PSYCH-201 or STAT-242.***PSYCH-326HE Laboratory in Personality and Abnormal Psychology:
'Intervention Development for Health Equity'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will be rooted in a biopsychosocial model of health, highlighting how health can be both promoted but also negatively impacted at multiple levels (e.g., internalized, interpersonal, system/institutional, legal/societal) and will focus heavily on stigma. We will review intervention design (e.g., assessment, mixed methods research) at the intersection of psychology and public health. Students will complete individual final research projects in which they will learn to formulate their own research question, apply theory to guide intervention targets, design an intervention, outline the model and targets of the intervention, and produce a report of their findings (e.g., in-class presentation). Content will focus most heavily on health equity promotion around stigma, mental health, and related health behaviors/outcomes, such as substance use, sexual health, cardiovascular disease, and cancer.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-329 Seminar in Personality and Abnormal Psychology****PSYCH-329BT Seminar in Personality and Abnormal Psychology:
'Counseling Practice: Interviewing, Assessment, and Basic Theories'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course is an introduction to the practice of counseling theory and service. The course will begin with basic interviewing and assessment skills to support you in learning how to design, structure, and conduct a psychiatric interview. We will then review several basic theories of clinical practice (e.g., behavior therapy, humanistic, interpersonal, acceptance and commitment therapy), with the emphasis on case conceptualization, interview skills to guide intervention, and initial intervention design.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: PSYCH-204.*

Notes: This course is a speaking-heavy course including role playing, interviews, and interactive assessments that will be assessed via video/audio by the professor and peers in the class.

**PSYCH-329CN Seminar in Personality and Abnormal Psychology:
'Counseling Theory and Practice'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course covers three major theoretical approaches to counseling: short-term psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioral, and solution-focused. Related to each theory we will explore case conceptualization, therapeutic alliance, treatment planning, and mechanisms of change. We will be examining applications to classes of clinical disorders and empirical support for improvement outcomes. Role-playing will be used to illustrate key concepts and approaches to the counseling process. Students will be supported to be reflective and solution focused, evidence-based, process oriented, and to value and facilitate the development of people in the cultural context in which they are embedded.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-204.**Advisory: PSYCH-222 recommended.***PSYCH-329PR Seminar in Personality and Abnormal Psychology: 'From
Pathology to Resilience: Emotion Regulation, Positive Psychology, and
Therapy'***Spring. Credits: 4*

The field of psychology has focused predominantly on defining and treating mental illness, rather than the promotion of mental health and resilience broadly. The latter area has tended to be lumped into the idea of "positive psychology." However, this idea of "positive psychology" is narrower in scope than the field of resilience as a whole. Therefore, the course will heavily explore how pop and media presentations of mental health align with the actual clinical science (or not!). Topics will include therapeutic orientations, mindfulness, positive psychology, stress, and behavior change. We will review media sources, books, and peer-reviewed studies. The course will heavily rely on student-led discussions and presentations as well as weekly reflections, essays, and group projects.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-329SP Seminar in Personality and Abnormal Psychology: 'Sport
Psychology'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course presents a comprehensive introduction to sport and exercise psychology from three perspectives: participation (e.g., positive youth development, mental health challenges and benefit, injury and role transition/loss), coaching/leadership, and clinical interventions such as sport psychology or physical activity interventions. Students will complete a project in each area (i.e., reflection on your life through sport; coaching evaluation; mental skills training program). We will review several therapeutic approaches in greater detail: Motivational Interviewing related to developing health behaviors more broadly, and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy within sport settings.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***Developmental and Educational Psychology****PSYCH-230 Developmental Psychology***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Examines changes in cognitive, social, and emotional functioning, including theory and research that illuminate central issues in characterizing these changes: the relative contributions of nature and nurture, the influence of diverse contexts on development, continuity versus discontinuity in development, and the concept of stage.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: A 100-level Psychology course or AP Psychology.*

PSYCH-233 Educational Psychology*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

What do we learn? How do we learn? Why do we learn? In this course, we will study issues of learning, teaching, and motivation that are central to educational psychology. We will explore the shifting paradigms within educational psychology, multiple subject matter areas, (dis)continuities between classroom and home cultures, students' prior experiences, teachers as learners, ethnic and gender identity in the classroom, and learning in out-of-school settings.

*Crosslisted as: EDUC-233**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: A 100-level Psychology course or AP Psychology.***PSYCH-239 Topics in Developmental and Educational Psychology****PSYCH-239CR Topics in Developmental and Educational Psychology: 'Current and Controversial Issues in Education'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course examines the individual, institutional, and sociocultural challenges within education today. Students will analyze current issues in the context of historical perspectives as they engage in dialogue on contentious topics, including technology in education, teachers and unions, DEI, immigration, educational access and equity, charter schools, and special education.

*Crosslisted as: EDUST-250CR**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Notes: Students can obtain 300-level credit with permission of instructor.***PSYCH-330 Lab in Developmental Psychology****PSYCH-330DV Lab in Developmental Psychology: 'Arts Education and Psychosocial Development'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Arts education is a common experience in childhood and adolescence. This course presents an overview of developmental psychology research methods and research in psychology of the arts. Students will work in teams to analyze multi method longitudinal data on children's K-12 participation in theatre and their development of psychosocial skills. The course will involve methodological considerations including open science practices, data cleaning and management, coding bias, construct validity, reliability, and individual differences, as well as issues surrounding longitudinal studies. Students will design and complete a research project on qualitative and/or quantitative data and analyses.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-330RD Lab in Developmental Psychology: 'Laboratory in Romantic Development: Observational Coding Methodology'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Students will work in teams to code videotaped observations of romantic partners discussing relationship conflicts. Students will learn to code emotion expressions and behavior at the dyadic and individual levels. Course topics include methodological issues such as coding bias, construct validity, and intercoder reliability, as well as empirical research on individual differences in conflict behavior and links between conflict behavior and relationship outcomes. Students will complete individual final research projects to report original quantitative multivariate analyses based on data generated during the course.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is limited to PSYCH and PSYED majors only.; This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: PSYCH-204.**Advisory: Priority given to Psychology or Psychology and Education majors.***PSYCH-331 Laboratory in Early Childhood Learning and Development***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will explore child development in the context of early childhood education. The course will cover topics related to early childhood learning and development including cognition, language and literacy, social-emotional development, and personality development while considering how the early education context supports these developmental processes. Discussion of the early education setting will include the teacher-child relationship, family-school relationships, and curriculum. Through intensive participation in an early education classroom, students will have the opportunity to link course content to practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: PSYCH-204 and PSYCH-230.**Advisory: Enrollment preference given to seniors and then juniors in the early childhood initial teacher licensure program.**Notes: 1 lab (3 hours) required at Gorse Children's Center.***PSYCH-337 Seminar in Educational Psychology****PSYCH-337CH Seminar in Educational Psychology: 'Childhood and Adolescence in the U.S. Today'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will explore conceptualizations of childhood and adolescence in the United States today. Using both academic articles and media resources, the course will address topics such as: early education and school readiness; play and extracurricular involvement; college access and attendance; mental health, self-esteem, and social media; and youth activism. We will use developmental psychology as the lens for most of our readings and discussion, although the course will integrate concepts from sociology, history, and education. We will also examine the roles of relationships (e.g., family, teachers, and peers) and contexts (e.g., policy, schools, and culture) on youth experience.

*Crosslisted as: EDUST-351CH**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-200 or PSYCH-204.**Advisory: PSYCH-230 recommended.***PSYCH-337MV Seminar in Educational Psychology: 'Motivation'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course we will examine multiple theories of motivation and their relevance across a range of organizational settings (including corporations, special programs, and schools or colleges). How do we spark interest in a new subject or inspire people to undertake a challenging project? How do we sustain persistence in ourselves and others? This course is relevant for students interested in motivation, whether for attainment (such as within in human resources, talent development, or management) or for learning (whether for students, teachers, or leaders). Because motivation is closely linked to learning and achievement, in addition to well-being and purpose, we will also consider these topics and more.

*Crosslisted as: EOS-349MV**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Psychology or Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society (EOS).*

PSYCH-339 Seminar in Developmental Psychology

PSYCH-339AQ Seminar in Developmental Psychology: 'Language Acquisition and Disorders in Childhood'

Fall. Credits: 4

Children acquire their native language without explicit instruction. Students explore the stages of language acquisition and the challenges that children face in terms of their socioeconomic environment and their genetics. The course covers language acquisition stages for all linguistic levels with focus on crosslinguistic differences. We present behavioral methods related to studying language development in young children and key theoretical questions linking language and cognition. A significant focus is on language/literacy disorders developing in early childhood. Students gain an in-depth understanding of the causes and types of these disorders, their diagnosis, and their impact on children's academic and emotional development.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: PSYCH-204.

PSYCH-339CG Seminar in Developmental Psychology: 'Social Cognitive Development'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course explores how people come to understand others, navigate relationships, and make sense of the social world. We will explore the multifaceted and intersectional nature of social cognition including topics such as theory of mind, empathy, prosocial behavior, and the influence of culture and context. Topics will be discussed in relation to their development from infancy through late adulthood. We will engage classic and contemporary theory and research in the field with a focus on research design, theoretical debates, and application to real-world contexts such as education, parenting, relationships, and policy.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: PSYCH-204.

PSYCH-339CR Seminar in Developmental Psychology: 'Close Relationships and Health'

Spring. Credits: 4

Drawing on research in developmental, social, clinical, and health psychology, this speaking-intensive course investigates how close relationships "get under the skin" to affect our health and well-being. Topics include relational contexts of physical and mental health, sleep, stress, psychoimmunology, substance use, and behavior change. We will focus on attachment relationships, but other close relationships will be investigated as well. The course will emphasize presentations, debate, and student-led discussions, as well as writing assessments and reflection.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Prereq: PSYCH-204.

Perception and Cognition

PSYCH-241 Cognitive Psychology

Spring. Credits: 4

Cognitive psychology is the study of how we sense and interpret information from the world around us, incorporate this new information with our prior experiences, and determine how to respond to an ever-changing environment. Thus, cognition encompasses a range of phenomena that define our mental lives. This course considers empirical investigations and theoretical accounts of cognitive issues, including learning and memory, creativity and problem solving, decision making, attention, consciousness, and language.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: A 100-level course in psychology or AP Psychology.

PSYCH-246 Cognitive Neuroscience

Fall. Credits: 4

Cognitive psychologists investigate the features and functions of the human mind through behavioral techniques; neuroscientists explore the physiology of the human brain. Cognitive Neuroscience lies at the intersection of these disciplines, and asks questions like: How are memories represented in the brain? Is our brain pre-prepared to learn language and if so, how? How does the average human brain still outperform most face recognition software? This course explores the cognitive and neural processes that support vision, attention, language, memory, and music. It introduces basic neuroanatomy, functional imaging techniques, and behavioral measures of cognition.

Crosslisted as: NEURO-246

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: PSYCH-100, NEURO-100, or AP Psychology.

Notes: This course counts in the cognitive or biological bases area of the Psychology major.

PSYCH-249 Topics in Perception and Cognition

PSYCH-249CN Topics in Perception and Cognition: 'Consciousness'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Nagel states, "Without consciousness the mind-body problem would be much less interesting. With consciousness it seems hopeless." Chalmers calls consciousness "the hard problem." Explaining consciousness raises significant challenges for philosophers and cognitive scientists alike, and understanding the nature of the problem is half the battle. This class will explore contemporary philosophical approaches to consciousness, and draw in psychology and neuroscience perspectives. Topics may also include split-brain problems, the nature of dreaming, and altered states.

Crosslisted as: PHIL-250CN

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: One course in philosophy and either a second course in philosophy or a course in neuroscience.

Notes: Students will learn to read and critically analyze primary research articles in a number of different fields, and are expected to write a series of short papers and complete a final project.

PSYCH-249MU Topics in Perception and Cognition: 'Language, Music and the Mind'*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course explores the interplay between language, music and cognitive skills. For centuries, questions about the relationship between language and music have been asked by philosophers, artists, and scientists. Is music a language and is language a music? What is the evolutionary value of language and music? What are the formal characteristics that are shared between the two? What happens in the human mind when language or music breaks down? How can we design interdisciplinary studies to look into language and music? While no prior music education is required, the course will provide a comprehensive overview that bridges gaps between linguistics, music theory, and cognitive science.

*Crosslisted as: MUSIC-249MU**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.***PSYCH-340 Laboratory in Perception and Cognition****PSYCH-340CL Laboratory in Perception and Cognition: 'Cognition and Literacy'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Adult illiteracy in the U.S. presents an ever-growing challenge. To understand this problem, we will learn various theories of reading. However, since many models of reading are based on data gathered from children, we will also examine how the cognitive abilities of adults are different from those of children. A large component of this class concerns learning the lab techniques associated with assessing reading abilities. In addition, since this is a community-based learning course, each student will become a tutor for an adult enrolled in an area literacy program.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.**Notes: 3 hours per week as a literacy tutor in Springfield is required.***PSYCH-340SP Laboratory in Perception and Cognition: 'Speech'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course presents an overview of laboratory methods in cognitive psychology including research design, methodology, data analysis, and statistical inference. We will explore these issues through the lens of human communication; specifically, speech. Students will design and complete a research project in which they record and analyze speech to explore questions about how meaning is expressed through spoken language.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-349 Seminar in Perception and Cognition****PSYCH-349AD Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'Adult Literacy'***Fall. Credits: 4*

In this seminar, we will explore a number of literacy issues as they relate to the ever-present challenge of adult illiteracy. We will examine the following topics as they relate to adults with low-literacy skills: vocabulary acquisition, reading comprehension, and writing abilities. This is a Community-Based Learning course, and students will spend time each week tutoring adults in local Adult Basic Education centers to gain first-hand insights into these issues.

*Crosslisted as: EDUST-351AD**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-349AM Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'Art, Music, and the Brain'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Art and music are a part of all human cultures. Is there something about the human brain that drives us to paint and sing? We will examine how the brain simultaneously processes different aspects of visual and auditory stimuli, ask how this processing may affect the way we do art and music, and explore where these phenomena may occur in the brain. As we engage in discussion and hands-on activities, we will discover the commonalities between the arts and the sciences including practice, experimentation, exploration, innovation, and creativity.

*Crosslisted as: MUSIC-321AM**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Restrictions: This course is limited to seniors.**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: At least 8 credits at the 200 level in Psychology, Neuroscience and Behavior, Art History, or Music.***PSYCH-349LT Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'Language and Thought'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Languages differ in the way they describe the world. For example, the noun for bridge is feminine in German, but masculine in French. Russian has two words for blue, while English has only one. The Piraha (an Amazonian hunter-gatherer tribe) arguably have no number words. In this course, we will be asking to what extent these cross-linguistic differences are reflected in thought. That is, do German speakers think bridges are more feminine than French speakers do? Can Russian speakers discriminate different shades of blue better than English speakers? Can the Piraha count? In exploring these questions, we hope to discover how tightly linked language and thought are.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-204.**Advisory: A 200-level course in Cognitive Psychology recommended.***PSYCH-349MU Seminar in Perception and Cognition: 'From Computation to Comprehension: Understanding Large Language Models'***Spring. Credits: 4*

The release of ChatGPT and other Large Language Models (LLMs) has sparked conversations about what, if anything, LLMs 'understand' and whether they 'mean what they say'. These discussions recapitulate debates in philosophy and linguistics that go back centuries, about the nature and source of ideas in the mind, the development of language and how linguistic items represent things in the world, and whether true meaning and understanding are possible in non-human entities such as artificial intelligences. We will examine these debates and use them to better understand the linguistic capacities of LLMs and our shifting conceptions of them as tools or sources of meaning and understanding.

*Crosslisted as: PHIL-350MU**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy, Psychology, or Neuroscience and Behavior.***Biological Bases of Behavior****PSYCH-250 Introduction to the Biological Bases of Behavior***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course is an introduction to and survey of the biological bases of behavior, including physiological, biochemical, and neurophysiological determinants of sensation, motor control, sleep, eating and drinking, learning and memory, language, and mental disorders.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-100, NEURO-100, or AP Psychology.*

PSYCH-254 Psychopharmacology*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Psychopharmacology focuses on the impact that drugs (both illicit and prescription) have on the brain, neurocircuitry, and behavior. Students will explore the underlying neurotransmitter systems of the brain and discover how substances influence nervous system function including the experience of pain, sleep, emotional states, motivation, addiction, and mental health. The course will bridge concepts in chemistry, biology, psychology, and neuroscience by highlighting major drug classes and their underlying mechanisms of action. Additional discussions will focus on the economic, social, and political aspects of the drug market, as well as ethics and legalities of the drug industry.

*Crosslisted as: NEURO-254**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-100, NEURO-100, or AP Psychology.***PSYCH-256 Hormones and Behavior***Spring. Credits: 4*

Does the idea of Finals Week stress you out? Have you ever felt hungry or thirsty? Is our biology to blame when people cheat on their partners? From mental health and hunger to sexual motivation and aggression, our hormones dictate many of our basic choices and ultimately control how we interact with our world. This course will explore how hormones communicate with our brain to influence behaviors such as sexual attraction and reproduction, parental care, and social behavior. Special emphasis will be placed on the underlying biology and role of the nervous system in regulating hormone levels.

*Crosslisted as: NEURO-256**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-100, NEURO-100, or AP Psychology.***PSYCH-259 Topics in Biological Bases of Behavior****PSYCH-259AC Topics in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Animal Cognition'***Fall. Credits: 4*

In this class, we will review the psychological and social lives of animals. We will cover animal learning, memory, and communication, among other cognition topics. Students should be prepared to take on the role of an animal cognition researcher and as such, we will focus not only on the foundations and background literature but also heavily on the methods and application of what we learn. Assignments will be based on the usual activities of an animal cognition researcher (e.g., designing experiments, presenting on studies) with a final project where students create and run a simple animal cognition project.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.***PSYCH-259HA Topics in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Human-Animal Interactions'***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

Every day we see two vastly different species – human and dog – successfully interacting, living, and working together. Simultaneously, the wild world is changing and shrinking as humans spread into land that was once dedicated to wild-living animals, humans are forced to interact with different species in new ways. To maintain species diversity, we must understand the relationships that develop and how to create best policies and practices. In this class, we will learn about the human-animal bond, the interaction between human psychology, animal behavior, and the life sciences and the complex and evolving relationship between conservation, policy, and human-animal interactions.

*Crosslisted as: BIOL-236HA**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.***PSYCH-259PA Topics in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Principles of Animal Behavior'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This class will cover the principles of animal behavior science. Students should be prepared to take on the role of an animal behavior researcher and as such, we will focus not only on the principles, evolution, and function of animal behavior but heavily on the methods and application of what we learn. Students will also put into practice some of the ways that scientists observe, record, and measure behavior in the natural world, through observations of local animals. We will review the methods and current challenges in animal behavior work.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-100 or AP Psychology.***PSYCH-350 Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior****PSYCH-350AP Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Animal Personality'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Much like humans, animals differ in how they think, feel, and act, known as their personality. The field of animal personality has seen a massive increase in interest from the scientific community and public in the past 20 years. In this class we will review the ways that animal personality is measured and validated in a variety of animal orders and across different fields (e.g., psychology, ecology, biology). We will then go on to discuss its relationship with other individual differences, like health and cognitive performance. Finally, we will talk about ways that animal personality can be applied to improving the lives of animals and look towards the future of the field.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-350BN Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Laboratory in Behavioral Neuroscience'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This intensive laboratory course will train students to use the technical methods and tools commonly used in behavioral neuroscience research. Skills covered will include animal care and handling, use of behavioral assays, pharmacology, and biomarker analyses. Students will engage in hands-on experiments to study the link between brain function, the immune system, and behavioral responses. These preclinical tools will be used to test research questions related to learning and memory, social-emotional responses, and brain-immune interactions. After completion of this course, students will have a deeper understanding of the design and implementation of behavioral neuroscience research.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-350CC Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Laboratory in Comparative Cognition'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this class, we take a deep dive into comparative cognition: the study of cognition across species. We will review the background literature and learn about hypotheses creation, study design, statistics, and write-ups in this field. Students will present on a topic within comparative cognition and take part in group discussions on the content of peer-reviewed papers. Then, students will take on the role of a comparative cognition researcher and design, perform, and write-up a six-week study on the cognition of domesticated species of animal (species to be determined).

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-204.*

PSYCH-350ET Lab in Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Ethology'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Why do animals behave the way they do? How do animals see their world? In what ways do animals adapt to a changing environment? What is the best way to observe and analyze animal behaviors? Ethology is the study of animal behavior and the key to understanding animal evolution. In this course we will observe animals in their natural habitat and in the laboratory setting. We will read literature and watch videos that will cover key concepts of animal cognition, learning, and other behavior. You will learn the best animal observation practices, how to analyze this data, and what conclusions you can draw from the behavior observed. There will be a focus on non-human animal development and individual differences in animal behavior.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-359 Seminar: Biological Bases of Behavior****PSYCH-359AW Seminar: Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Animal Welfare in the Psychological Sciences'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Animal welfare (i.e., the psychological and physical well-being of an animal) may impact the quality of research on animals but is rarely discussed. In this class we will learn how to assess animal welfare in the common species/settings used in psychology research (e.g., pigeons, rodents, monkeys housed in research facilities, zoos, and sanctuaries). We will look at both current work and historical studies to evaluate: the welfare of the animals used, the laws and ethics protocols of the time, the impact of these studies on current research, and how the studies could be done better with our current knowledge. Students should be mentally prepared to take a critical look at animal research practices.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-359MD Seminar: Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Symptoms and Mechanisms of Major Depressive Disorder'***Spring. Credits: 4*

How much do we currently know about the symptoms of major depressive disorder? This course will take a deep dive into the risk factors, onset, underlying mechanisms, known treatments, and predicted treatments of several symptoms of major depression via a review of the neuroscience literature. We will also examine the roles of age, sex, gender, culture, environment, and species. This course will involve student-led discussions and presentations, as well as written summaries on various symptoms of major depression. Possible avenues for new therapeutics of residual and treatment-resistant symptoms of major depression will also be discussed. This course will serve as a good foundation for students who are interested in learning more about the underpinnings of major depressive disorder.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: PSYCH-204.***PSYCH-359NE Seminar: Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Neuroethics'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Neuroethics draws on the tools of philosophical analysis to investigate the role of neuroscience in our personal, social, and ethical lives. This class will look at the ethics of neuroscientific interventions such as cognitive enhancement, mind reading, and lie detection. We will examine how the neurosciences might inform philosophical discussions about human nature, personality, and ethics. In addition, we will look at the evidential role of neuroscientific evidence and how neuroscience technologies such as fMRI have influenced our thinking about the mind/brain and person.

*Crosslisted as: PHIL-334NE, NEURO-309NE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 8 credits from the Philosophy department, or 4 credits from Philosophy and 4 credits from Neuroscience and Behavior.***PSYCH-359SE Seminar: Biological Bases of Behavior: 'Philosophy and Science of Emotion'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course is an interdisciplinary investigation of the nature of emotions and their influences on our thoughts and actions. While we will draw from a variety of disciplines, the nature and motivations of the inquiry are philosophical. We will consider: What are emotions? Are they bodily responses? Thoughts? Feelings? What roles do cultures play in shaping our emotions? What functions do emotions serve? We will examine evidence and arguments offered by philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, anthropology and evolutionary theory, and consider how these perspectives do or don't inform each other, as well as how they can help us understand the nature of emotions.

*Crosslisted as: PHIL-350SE, NEURO-309SE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Philosophy or Neuroscience and Behavior, or 4 credits in each.*

Psychology and Education

Overview and Contact Information

The Psychology and Education department offers two options within the Psychology and Education major and a minor in Education. Within the major, Option I requires a minimum of 60 credits and leads toward teacher licensure in early childhood education (PreK–2) or elementary education (1–6); Option II requires a minimum of 44 credits and does not lead toward licensure. No major is offered in education alone. The minor in education (with teacher licensure) provides students with another route to completing the course work necessary for applying to Mount Holyoke's teacher licensure programs.

Students considering pursuing teacher licensure while an undergraduate at Mount Holyoke must contact the Five College Teacher Licensure Coordinator for an appointment (preferably by the middle of the sophomore year), to review their options, the licensure requirements, and application procedures for acceptance into the licensure program of their choice. Candidates for all Mount Holyoke's teacher education programs must complete a sequence of courses in the Psychology and Education Department prior to the spring semester of their senior year. The spring semester of the senior year is devoted almost entirely to the practicum, which is a full-time student teaching assignment in an area school.

Several options are available to complete the teacher licensure course sequence in relation to a student's major or minor:

- Students who wish to work towards an early childhood or elementary license have a choice of majors. Students can major in psychology and education or, with careful selection of courses, any liberal arts major which the College offers. The latter often elect to complete the education minor, as the minor in education (with teacher licensure) provides students with the course work necessary for applying to Mount Holyoke's teacher licensure programs.
- Students pursuing a license in middle or secondary school subjects, or certification in the arts typically major in that subject area, with careful selection of courses to meet all licensure requirements.

More information is available within teacher licensure (p. 349). Students are also encouraged to contact the teacher licensure website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>) and the Teacher Licensure Coordinator for further information.

For those who have already completed a bachelor's degree, the Master of Arts in Teaching (p. 384) program, through the Professional and Graduate Education division, offers a route towards licensure.

See Also

- Educational Studies (p. 158)
- Educational Policy and Practice (p. 157)
- Psychology (p. 336)
- For study after completing the bachelor's degree: Master of Arts in Teaching (p. 384)

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Learning Goals

By participating in coursework and experiences constituting a major in Psychology and Education, students will acquire the following knowledge and skills:

- Through introductory courses, students will gain a comprehensive overview of the field of psychology, the intersections among sub-fields, and the connections among theory, research, and practice (including both classic and cutting-edge questions and problems within the field).
- Through core courses such as statistics and research methods, students will learn a variety of research approaches (both quantitative and qualitative), develop technological skills and facility with a variety of software, and become fluent in the ethical issues involved in human and non-human research.
- Through intermediate and advanced courses, students will learn how to read primary sources of psychological and educational research (both contemporary and historical), and learn how to

analyze underlying assumptions, apply theoretical frameworks, and evaluate the validity of empirical evidence.

- From the curricular offerings, students will understand how psychological and educational questions and research may reflect gender, race, and social class biases and learn innovative ways of applying theory and research to critical social issues.
- Through our unique focus on research and independent study, students will have opportunities to develop skills as articulate writers and speakers and will gain additional research experience through participation in research projects with distinguished department faculty.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Psychology and Education:

Becky Packard, Mary E. Woolley Professor of Psychology and Education

Jennifer Jacoby, Associate Professor of Psychology and Education;
 Director of First-Year Seminars; Director of the Teaching and Learning Initiative

Jackson Matos, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Education

Kushya Sugarman, Assistant Professor of Education

Kelley O'Carroll, Visiting Assistant Professor in Psychology and Education

Sarah Frenette, Five College Director of Undergraduate Teacher Licensure Programs

Requirements for the Major in Psychology and Education

Two options are offered within the psychology and education major:

- Option I: (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/psychology-education/#OptionI>) requires a minimum of 60 credits and leads toward teacher licensure in early childhood education (PreK–2) or elementary education (1–6)
- Option II (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/psychology-education/#OptionII>): requires a minimum of 44 credits and does not lead toward licensure

Option I: Leading to Teacher Licensure in Early Childhood or Elementary Education

A minimum of 60 credits (including the student teaching practicum in the senior year):

Code	Title	Credits
A 100-level psychology course		4
PSYCH-201	Statistics	4
PSYCH-204	Research Methods in Psychology	4
PSYCH-230	Developmental Psychology	4
PSYCH-233	Educational Psychology	4
EDUC-205 or EDUC-220	Social Justice in Education	4
EDUC-263	Teaching English Learners	4
One course at the 200 or 300 level in Area D (perception, cognition, and language) or Area E (biological bases of behavior) of the psychology curriculum		4

At least one course at the 200 or 300 level in psychology in Area A (social psychology) or Area B (personality and abnormal psychology) or Areas D or E (whichever area was not selected to complete the Area D or E requirement above)		4
One Psychology laboratory at the 300 level, if not completed in meeting the Area requirements above ^{1,2}		0-4
EDUC-300	The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Literacy in Early Childhood and Elementary Schools	4
EDUC-320	Observing and Assisting in Inclusive Classrooms (junior or senior year)	2
EDUC-325	The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Math/Science/Technology Instruction and Curriculum	4
EDUC-322	Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Early Childhood and Elementary Education	4
EDUC-323	Student Teaching in Early Childhood and Elementary Schools	10
Total Credits		60-64

¹ All lab courses have the word "Lab" or "Laboratory" as the first word of the course title.

² EDUC-395 for lab credit may be substituted for the 300-level Psychology lab. If choosing the EDUC-395 for lab credit option, the project must include analysis of data (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, archival, biographical), using any empirical method (e.g., experiment, case study, interview) and must be presented orally to the department at the end of the semester. This option requires a minimum of 4 credits of EDUC-395.

Other Requirements

- Distribution/General Education Courses. In addition, applicants for the early childhood (PreK-2) and elementary (1-6) licenses should plan their distribution courses so that they will fulfill general education requirements in math, humanities, and social sciences consistent with field of subject matter knowledge requirements designated by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as appropriate for the early childhood and elementary licenses. See the appropriate program director or the teacher licensure coordinator for assistance in selecting this course work.
- Lab in Early Social and Personality Development. Applicants for the early childhood license (PreK-2) must enroll in PSYCH-331. This course can be used to fulfill the requirement for a Psychology lab at the 300 level.

Additional Specifications

- Students who declare a psychology and education major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Option II: Not Leading to Teacher Licensure

A minimum of 44 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
A 100-level psychology course		4
PSYCH-201	Statistics	4
PSYCH-204	Research Methods in Psychology	4
PSYCH-230	Developmental Psychology	4
PSYCH-233	Educational Psychology	4
EDUC-205	Social Justice in Education	4

or EDUC-220		
One additional course at the 200 or 300 level in Area D (perception, cognition, and language) or Area E (biological bases of behavior) of the psychology curriculum		4
At least one course at the 200 or 300 level in psychology in Area A (social psychology) or Area B (personality and abnormal psychology) or Areas D or E (whichever area was not selected to complete the Area D or E requirement above)		4
One Psychology laboratory course at the 300 level ^{1, 2}		4
8 additional credits in psychology above the 100 level. These credits must be at the 300 level, unless 12 other 300-level credits were completed in meeting Area requirements ³		8
Total Credits		44

¹ All lab courses have the word "Lab" or "Laboratory" as the first word of the course title.

² If choosing EDUC-395 for lab credit, the project must include analysis of data (e.g. quantitative, qualitative, biographical), using any empirical method (e.g. experiment, case study, interview) and must be presented orally to the department at the end of the semester. This option requires a minimum of 4 credits of EDUC-395.

³ 300-level courses can be completed outside the psychology and education department if they are in a related field.

Additional Specifications

- Students who declare a psychology and education major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Requirements for the Minor in Education

The minor in education (with teacher licensure) provides students with the course work necessary for applying to Mount Holyoke's teacher licensure programs. Further information about teacher licensure programs and procedures for admittance into one of the programs is found within Teacher Licensure (p. 349).

Students who elect the interdisciplinary major in psychology and education (Option I) complete the same education course sequence requirements as the education minor, but through completion of the psychology and education major (p.).

Requirements for the Education Minor Specific to the Early Childhood and Elementary Teaching License With a Major in Any Discipline *Other than Psychology and Education*

For students pursuing early childhood or elementary licensure with a major in any discipline other than psychology and education the requirements are:

A minimum of 44 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
PSYCH-230	Developmental Psychology	4
PSYCH-233	Educational Psychology	4
EDUC-205	Social Justice in Education	4
or EDUC-220		
EDUC-263	Teaching English Learners	4
EDUC-300	The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Literacy in Early Childhood and Elementary Schools	4

EDUC-320	Observing and Assisting in Inclusive Classrooms	2
EDUC-325	The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Math/Science/Technology Instruction and Curriculum	4
EDUC-322	Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Early Childhood and Elementary Education	4
EDUC-323	Student Teaching in Early Childhood and Elementary Schools	10
An additional course as required for your level: PSYCH-331 for early childhood (PreK–2) applicants		4
Total Credits		44

Required Courses for the Education Minor Specific to Teaching Licenses in Middle or Secondary Education, Foreign Language, Dance, Music, Theater, or Visual Art

Students pursuing middle or secondary (as well as foreign language, dance, music, theater, or visual art) licensure must take a minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
PSYCH-230	Developmental Psychology	4
PSYCH-233	Educational Psychology	4
EDUC-205	Social Justice in Education	4
or EDUC-220		
EDUC-263	Teaching English Learners	4
EDUC-320	Observing and Assisting in Inclusive Classrooms	2
EDUC-330	The Process of Teaching and Learning in Secondary and Middle Schools	4
EDUC-331	Student Teaching in Secondary and Middle Schools	10
EDUC-333	Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Middle and Secondary Education	4
A subject-specific methods of teaching course at one of the Five Colleges		4
Total Credits		40

Teacher Licensure Programs

Information about the teacher licensure programs at the baccalaureate level, procedures for admittance into one of the programs, and the requirements for course work follow.

Currently, Mount Holyoke College is approved "with distinction" by the state of Massachusetts to offer "initial" licensure programs at the baccalaureate level in the following areas:

Code	Title	Credits
Early childhood education (PreK–2)		
Elementary education (1–6)		
Biology (8-12)		
Chemistry (8-12)		
Earth and space science (8-12)		
English (5-12)		
History and social science (5-12)		
Mathematics (5-8 and 8-12)		
Physics (8-12)		
World language (5-12) in Spanish and French		

Latin & classical humanities (5-12)

Dance (all levels)

Music (all levels)

Theater (all levels)

Visual arts (PreK-8 and 5-12)

At the graduate level, the College also admits qualified students who have completed their bachelor of arts degrees, to study for the degree of Master of Arts in Teaching (p. 384). The Master of Arts in Teaching program is offered through the division of Professional and Graduate Education.

Procedures and Policies for Teacher Licensure

Procedures

Students who wish to pursue teacher licensure at Mount Holyoke must complete the following:

1. attend an initial advising session with Sarah Frenette, Five College Director of Undergraduate Teacher Licensure, ideally by the middle of the sophomore year in order to identify course work in the major and in the arts and sciences necessary for licensure,
2. enroll in a sequence of courses in the psychology and education department constituting the education minor (p. 348) or built into Option I within the psychology and education major (p. 347),
3. attend follow-up advising sessions with Sarah Frenette as well as advisors in the major to assist with course selection necessary for teacher licensure, and,
4. complete the application process for the practicum year.

Part of the application process includes passing all components of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL) before the spring practicum.

Relationship of the Licensure Course Sequence to the Student's Major

Students pursuing a license in middle or secondary school subjects, or certification in the arts typically major in that subject area, with careful selection of courses to meet all licensure requirements.

Students who wish to work towards an early childhood or elementary license have a choice of majors. Students can major in psychology and education (p. 347) or, with careful selection of courses, any liberal arts major which the College offers. The latter often elect to complete the education minor (p. 348), as the minor in education (with teacher licensure) provides students with the course work necessary for applying to Mount Holyoke's teacher licensure programs.

Specific advice to students pursuing licensure in specific areas of study can be found with other information about that area of study (p. 46).

Application to the Practicum Semester

Candidates for teacher licensure at all levels must apply to participate in the practicum semester (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>) between December 1 and January 7 of their junior year. In addition to completing an application form and having an interview with the practicum committee, students must submit a resume, unofficial transcript, a copy of their current degree audit, evidence of passing the appropriate components of the MTEL for the license sought (<https://www.mtel.nesinc.com>), two faculty

recommendations, and a written essay. The transcript must reflect a cumulative GPA of 2.85 or higher. Following completion of prerequisite courses offered in their chosen major and in the Department of Psychology and Education and acceptance into the practicum semester, students are eligible to enroll in a student teaching practicum offered in the spring semester of their senior year.

Teacher Incentive Semester (TIS)

The Teacher Incentive Semester provides an opportunity for those students who wish to pursue a teaching license but were unable to complete their final teacher licensure program requirements within the usual number of semesters expected for the bachelor's degree. The Teacher Incentive Semester is offered in the spring semester only and consists of the practicum course and the practicum seminar. To be eligible for TIS, the student must both, before the TIS semester:

1. have completed all graduation requirements including those of the major, minor, College distributions, and 128 credits;
2. have exceeded the funding limitation standards of the College (i.e., at least eight semesters for first-year fall entrants or seven semesters for first-year spring entrants. Transfer and Frances Perkins students should consult with Student Financial Services to determine the applicable limitation standard.).

Those who have completed all graduation requirements at mid-year and who meet all other eligibility requirements for TIS, must have their AB awarded in the College's March conferral, while completing the TIS for the spring semester.

Courses of study as well as procedures for application to a specific teacher licensure program and practicum are the same as those for students who complete the practicum without TIS eligibility. (See "Application to the Practicum Semester" above.) Students accepted into a teacher licensure program and TIS will be charged one credit for the TIS semester.

There is no housing or financial aid eligibility during the TIS semester. International students are advised that OPT cannot be used for the practicum semester, so international students must complete the practicum before they graduate instead of as a TIS.

Obtaining a Teaching License from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

To become eligible for licensure in the state of Massachusetts through Mount Holyoke's curriculum, graduates must:

1. successfully complete the requirements of a Mount Holyoke teacher licensure program,
2. pass all the appropriate components of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL), and,
3. submit licensure application materials and fees to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement, candidates who become licensed in Massachusetts are eligible for licensure in most other states, some U.S. territories, and parts of Canada. More detailed information can be found at <https://www.nasdtc.net/page/InterstateAgreements>.

Course Offerings

EDUC-205 Social Justice in Education

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

When do we bring up issues of identity (i.e., race, class, gender, etc) in a classroom? What do teachers need to interrupt racism and other types of oppression? How do societal issues affect schools and communities? This course examines the historical, social, and legal underpinnings of social constructions and how perspectives on racism and other types of oppression have influenced lives within school communities. Topics include white privilege, white supremacy, and accountability, achievement and opportunity gaps, gender oppression, classism, and the impact of anti-oppressive pedagogies on multiple levels. Intersectionality of race and other identities will also be addressed. Essays, response papers, and final project are required.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors

EDUC-233 Educational Psychology

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

What do we learn? How do we learn? Why do we learn? In this course, we will study issues of learning, teaching, and motivation that are central to educational psychology. We will explore the shifting paradigms within educational psychology, multiple subject matter areas, (dis)continuities between classroom and home cultures, students' prior experiences, teachers as learners, ethnic and gender identity in the classroom, and learning in out-of-school settings.

Crosslisted as: PSYCH-233

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: A 100-level psychology course or AP Psychology.

EDUC-263 Teaching English Learners

Fall. Credits: 4

This course addresses core competencies outlined in the Massachusetts Department of Education's Sheltered English Immersion endorsement requirement. Readings in language acquisition theory, language learning and teaching, effective lesson design and assessment, Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol, and knowledge of linguistically and culturally diverse learners are covered. Students will have experience developing and adapting lessons and curriculum to address the needs of students. All participants will have opportunities to connect theory and practice through a pre-practicum teaching placement in a local school district.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

Restrictions: This course is limited to seniors.

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Open to all seniors who are accepted into the teacher licensure program with permission.

Notes: There is a required field experience.

EDUC-267 Children's Literature for Educators*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course introduces various genres of children's literature, including literature for adolescents; explores equity and social justice issues; and examines approaches to using literature in the PreK-8 curriculum with an emphasis on social-emotional learning and making literature accessible to all learners. Students will read a variety of texts across genres and discuss ways to integrate literature into curriculum and learning as they expand their knowledge and appreciation of children's literature. Literature will be examined from multiple perspectives.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Preference given to juniors and seniors in the teacher licensure program.

EDUC-295 Independent Study*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

EDUC-300 The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Literacy in Early Childhood and Elementary Schools*Spring. Credits: 4*

Through a balanced and integrated approach students will learn to develop literacy in early childhood/elementary schools. Class members will learn about emergent literacy, diagnosing language needs, integrating phonics skills in a literature-based program, the teaching of process writing, children's fiction and nonfiction literature, and the use of portfolios for assessment. Course required for spring semester practicum students. Course evaluation is based on written and oral work done individually and in groups. Requires a prepracticum.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning
Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Preference given to EC/ELEM/English (5-12) licensure students in the junior year.

EDUC-320 Observing and Assisting in Inclusive Classrooms*Fall and Spring. Credits: 2*

Students are expected to complete a supervised field experience full-time every day during January Intersession in an inclusive classroom in a school setting. Placements can be located within or outside of the Five College area. In addition to the field experience component, students attend three course meetings (detailed below). Reading and writing assignments focus on a survey of learning disabilities, descriptions of special education programs, understanding Individuals with Disabilities Education Act policies and placement options, interpreting Individualized Education Program plans, and planning curriculum for inclusive classrooms.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Instructor permission required.

Prereq: One of the following: PSYCH-230, PSYCH-233, EDUC-205.

Advisory: This course is limited to seniors that have been accepted into the teacher licensure program. Permission to participate in prepracticum experience for credit is contingent upon attendance at the meetings in November. Consult Ms. Frenette in October for exact dates.

Notes: This course is required of all students pursuing teacher licensure. Graded on a credit/no credit basis. Three mandatory meetings (2 hours each): one in November, one in December, and one in February. Prepracticum: five days a week for three weeks in January.

EDUC-322 Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Early Childhood and Elementary Education*Spring. Credits: 4*

This weekly seminar provides students with opportunities to examine curriculum development models, develop an integrated curriculum unit utilizing state and national content area standards, review researched based models of classroom management, and engage in dialogue with practicing teachers regarding numerous aspects of teaching and student learning. Additional topics covered include the arts in education, physical education, legal obligations of teachers, and home-school communication. As is the case in all pre-licensure programs, there is continued emphasis on addressing the needs of students with disabilities and English Language Learners.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive
Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Limited to students accepted into the practicum year program.

EDUC-323 Student Teaching in Early Childhood and Elementary Schools*Spring. Credits: 10*

Students participate in full-time student teaching in early childhood and elementary classrooms for 12 weeks. During this semester-long field-based placement, students hone classroom management skills, implement an extended integrated curriculum unit, deliver lessons in all content areas, and develop a wide range of assessment skills. The practicum culminates in two weeks of Lead Teaching, during which the student is responsible for managing all aspects of the classroom program. Students work with classroom teachers and college supervisors to address Professional Teaching Standards as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Candidate Assessment of Performance.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive
Restrictions: This course is limited to seniors.

Instructor permission required.

Prereq: EDUC-300, EDUC-320, and EDUC-325.

Notes: Credit/no credit grading. 5 days a week for 12 weeks full-time student teaching in school site (includes Mount Holyoke College's spring break); limited to students accepted to the practicum year program.

EDUC-324 Observing and Assisting in Early Childhood and Elementary Settings*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2*

Discussions and fieldwork provide the student with an opportunity to understand the classroom as a learning community. The tutorial includes several meetings focusing on the student's participant observations and assigned readings. Fieldwork includes a minimum of 20 hours on site, individually scheduled in early childhood (pre K-2) or elementary (1-6) settings. Assessment includes in-progress reports and a final project related to fieldwork. Course graded on a credit/no credit basis.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning
Instructor permission required.

Notes: 1 credit (20 hours of prepracticum); 2 credits (40 hours or more of prepracticum). Participants are required to meet with the course instructor a semester in advance to identify learning goals, secure a field placement and complete required background checks and minor safety training. Credit/no credit grading.

EDUC-325 The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Math/Science/Technology Instruction and Curriculum*Fall. Credits: 4*

Students will learn about inquiry-based science/math curriculum and use of technology in PreK-6 classrooms. They will construct more extensive understandings of science/math instruction by developing lessons that implement the Massachusetts Frameworks incorporating the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. Emphasis will be on learning diverse management and instructional practices, such as the use of manipulatives, problem solving, cooperative learning, and project-based learning. Students will also become more adept at developing effective approaches to using assessment to guide instruction. All participants will have opportunities to connect theory and practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Preference given to students accepted in the practicum year program.***EDUC-330 The Process of Teaching and Learning in Secondary and Middle Schools***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course addresses the question: what does teaching for understanding look like, and how can we plan for it? Informed by current research and effective teaching practice, students learn to plan and implement curricular units and lessons that engage adolescents, strengthen their literacy skills, and further their understanding of content. Topics include establishing a supportive classroom environment, designing equitable learning situations for students from diverse racial, ethnic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds as well as students with special needs, using digital media to enhance learning, and examining the connections between pedagogy and classroom management. All participants will have opportunities to connect theory and practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning, Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Instructor permission required.**Advisory: Students wishing to gain experience for Teach for America (and other teacher residency programs), the Fulbright Scholars program, Science Buddies, etc. may enroll with permission of instructor. Required for all teacher candidates accepted into the middle and secondary licensure program.***EDUC-331 Student Teaching in Secondary and Middle Schools***Spring. Credits: 10*

Students participate in full-time student teaching in middle or secondary classrooms for 12 weeks. During this semester-long field-based placement, students hone classroom management skills, design and implement curriculum, and develop a wide range of assessment skills. Students work with classroom teachers and college supervisors to address Professional Teaching Standards as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Candidate Assessment of Performance.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to seniors.**Instructor permission required.**Prereq: EDUC-320 and EDUC-330.**Notes: Credit/no credit grading. 5 days a week for 12 weeks; full-time student teaching in school sites (includes Mount Holyoke College's/Amherst College's spring break); students must apply for and be accepted into the practicum semester a year prior to the practicum.***EDUC-332 Observing and Assisting in Secondary and Middle School Educational Programs***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 2*

This is a fieldwork-based independent study course. During the fall and spring semesters it involves 20 to 40 hours of individually scheduled fieldwork in a secondary or middle-school classroom or educational program. Students keep a reflective journal, read relevant articles and essays, meet regularly with the instructor, and write a final report.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning**Instructor permission required.**Notes: Participants are required to meet with the course instructor a semester in advance to identify learning goals, secure a field placement and complete required background checks and minor safety training. This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.***EDUC-333 Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Middle and Secondary Education***Spring. Credits: 4*

This weekly seminar provides students with opportunities to design and discuss case studies involving adolescents in middle and secondary school settings, review researched-based models of instruction, and classroom management, and engage in dialogue with professionals regarding numerous aspects of teaching and student learning. Additional topics covered include reviewing the legal obligations of teachers, addressing the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and developing effective communication between home and school.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive, Community-Based Learning**Instructor permission required.**Notes: Limited to seniors who have been accepted into the practicum year program. Section 02 is limited to Amherst College students who have been accepted into the practicum year program.***EDUC-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Queer, Trans, and Sexuality Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The Five College Certificate in Queer, Trans, and Sexuality Studies provides a course of study that examines critically the relationship between queer sexual and gender identities, experiences, cultures, and communities in a wide range of historical and political contexts. The certificate also leads students to investigate how non-normative and normative genders and sexualities intersect with other social categories such as race, ethnicity, gender, class, and nationality.

See Also

- Gender Studies (p. 217)

Contact Information

Ren-yo Hwang, Associate Professor of Gender Studies and Critical Race and Political Economy

<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/queerstudies>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of seven courses:

Code	Title	Credits
One introductory course, such as the following:		1
GNDST-101	Introduction to Gender Studies (at Mount Holyoke)	
At least one critical race and transnational studies course		1
Five other courses, including:		5
At least two courses in the arts/humanities		
Two courses in the social/natural sciences		
At least one of these five courses must be an upper-level (300 or above) course		
Total Courses		7

Additional Specifications

- All courses must be approved by the program to count towards certificate requirements. A list of current courses typically approved for the certificate is available on the certificate program's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/queer-trans-and-sexuality-studies#courses>).

Religion

Overview and Contact Information

To major in religion is to ask questions about the many ways people have sought to make sense of their lives. Examining religious traditions—their notable leaders, their valued texts, and the social behaviors designed to embody their visions—is a central way to study the profound questions that direct so many areas of human endeavor. The study of religion is an excellent way of organizing a liberal arts education so that diverse cultures, artistic expressions, political forces, and gender assignments can be questioned and set in historical and changing contexts.

Our courses focus on sacred texts and interpretive traditions; religious thought; and religion in history and society. The study of religion is inherently comparative, international, and interdisciplinary in approach, embracing a range of methodologies from the humanities and social sciences.

See Also

- Jewish Studies (p. 263)

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Learning Goals

The Religion major is, by its very nature, intercultural and comparative, multi-disciplinary, critical, integrative, creative and constructive. Students are expected to:

- Explore more than one religious tradition and engage the phenomena of religion comparatively across and within cultures.
- Understand and apply a range of methodological and theoretical approaches to religious phenomena.
- Examine and engage religious phenomena, including issues of ethical and social responsibility, from a perspective of critical inquiry and analysis of both the other and the self.
- Apply theoretical knowledge of religious phenomena to lived, practical contexts, both historical and current.
- Employ knowledge of religious phenomena and the skills of religious studies in the solving of complex problems, including those raised in the personal and social engagement of issues of life, death, love, violence, suffering, and meaning.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Religion:

Mara Benjamin, Irene Kaplan Leiwant Professor of Jewish Studies

Susanne Mrozik, Professor of Religion

Amina Steinfelds, Associate Professor of Religion

Meredith Coleman-Tobias, Assistant Professor of Religion

Madeleine Cohen, Visiting Assistant Professor in Jewish Studies

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
20 credits in religion at any level		20
12 additional credits in religion at the 300 level ¹		12
Majors must ensure their course selections include at least three different religious traditions such as Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, or Judaism. This requirement may be fulfilled by courses at any level and by courses that take a comparative approach.		
Total Credits		32

¹ Only one 395 course will count toward the 300-level requirement

Additional Specifications

- The Religion Major does not have a prescribed sequence of required courses. Students choose their course of study in close consultation with their advisors.
- Independent work is encouraged and, if approved by the advisor, such work may constitute partial fulfillment of the above requirements.
- Courses with a substantial focus on a religious tradition or a religious theme offered by other departments may be counted towards the Religion major with approval of the advisor and department chair. Examples include:

Code	Title	Credits
CLAS-234		4
POLIT-342	Islamic Political Thought	4

- Please note this list is not comprehensive. Additional courses should be identified in consultation with the advisor or department chair.

- One extra-departmental course on relevant methodological or theoretical approaches may be counted towards the major with permission of the advisor. Such a course may be of particular value for students planning to do independent research. Examples include:

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHR-275	Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology	4
SOCI-225	Social Science Research and Data Analysis	4
GNDST-201	Methods and Practices in Feminist Scholarship	4

- Please note that such courses may have prerequisites set by their department or require the permission of the instructor.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Four courses in religion at any level		16
At least one additional course in religion at the 300 level		4
Total Credits		20

Additional Specifications

- At least three of the courses should be taken in the Mount Holyoke Department of Religion.

Course Offerings

RELIG-100 Introduction to Religion

Spring. Credits: 4

This course is an introduction to the study of religion, assessing the nature of religion and methodological approaches through an examination of subject matter drawn from numerous traditions.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years, sophomores, and juniors

RELIG-102 Introduction to Islam

Fall. Credits: 4

This course examines Islamic religious beliefs and practices from the origins of Islam to the present, focusing on such central issues as scripture and tradition, law and theology, sectarianism and mysticism. Attention will be given to the variety of Islamic understandings of monotheism, prophethood, dogma, ritual, and society.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

RELIG-108 Arts of Asia

Fall. Credits: 4

This multicultural course introduces students to the visual arts of Asia from the earliest times to the present. In a writing- and speaking-intensive environment, students will develop skills in visual analysis and art historical interpretation. Illustrated class lectures, group discussions, museum visits, and a variety of writing exercises will allow students to explore architecture, sculpture, painting, and other artifacts in relation to the history and culture of such diverse countries as India, China, Cambodia, Korea, and Japan.

Crosslisted as: ARTH-105

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

RELIG-112 Introduction to Judaism

Spring. Credits: 4

Judaism is a 3,500-year-old tradition that has developed over time as Jewish communities all over the world creatively interacted with the different cultural and historical milieus in which they lived. This course explores the ways in which Judaism has sought to transform ordinary life into sacred life. What are the ways in which Judaism conceives of God, and what is the meaning of life? What roles do study, prayer, ethics, sex, marriage, family, rituals of the life cycle, and community play in Judaism? These and other questions will be taken up through study of diverse types of religious literature and historical evidence.

Crosslisted as: JWST-112

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

RELIG-163 Introduction to Buddhism

Fall. Credits: 4

Some scholars have argued that there is no such thing as 'Buddhism' in the singular, but only 'Buddhisms' in the plural. This course introduces students to select historically and culturally diverse forms of Buddhism, including Sri Lankan Theravada Buddhism, Japanese Zen Buddhism, and Tibetan Buddhism. The course pays particular attention to modern (and modernist) reinterpretations of Buddhism, including contested views of gender.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

RELIG-181 Introduction to African Diaspora Religions

Fall. Credits: 4

Over the last century, religionists have labored to discover the meaning of African dispersal beyond the continent and its accompanying spiritual lineages. What theories of encounter sufficiently adjudicate the synthetic religious cultures of African-descended persons in North America, South America, and the Caribbean? What are the cross-disciplinary methodologies that scholars utilize to understand African religious cultures in the Western hemisphere? Firstly, this course will introduce the field of Africana religious studies. This background will inform the second and primary objective of the course: thematizing and exploring West and Central African religious traditions housed in the Americas.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

RELIG-203 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course examines the many different kinds of texts within the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) including stories, legal codes, prophecies, proverbs, and poetry. We'll situate these texts in the context of the historical periods in which they were written and uncover the religious and political worldviews they articulate. Students trace the processes through which this diverse collection of ancient literature was gradually gathered together into something called a "Bible" and will reflect on how and why these texts have come to be interpreted in so many different ways over the course of the last two millennia.

Crosslisted as: JWST-203

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

RELIG-207 Women and Gender in Islam

Spring. Credits: 4

This course will examine a range of ways in which Islam has constructed women – and women have constructed Islam. We will study concepts of gender as they are reflected in classical Islamic texts, as well as different aspects of the social, economic, political, and ritual lives of women in various Islamic societies.

Crosslisted as: GNDST-210SL

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives

RELIG-208 Religion and Science Fiction*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course examines the representation of religion and religious communities in science fiction. We will read works that speculate on the nature, origin, and function of religious beliefs and practices, and on the place of religion in imagined futures and universes. We will also explore science fiction-based religious movements, the use of science fiction to communicate religious ideas, and Afro-futurism. We will focus on mostly American novels, short stories, film, television, and music. Readings will include works by Ursula K. Le Guin, Octavia Butler, and Joanna Russ.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***RELIG-209 Disability and Religion***Fall. Credits: 4*

What do religions say about disability? How do people with disabilities engage with religious texts, images, practices, and communities? Drawing on different religions and cultures, the course explores the challenges and resources disability offers to religious communities. We study religious narratives that link disability to sin or karma and alternative narratives that reimagine the divine as disabled; access to worship spaces and rituals; ways healthcare professionals can support the religious needs of disabled clients; and the Disability Justice movement, which foregrounds the interlocking oppressions of disability, race, ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***RELIG-225 Topics in Religion****RELIG-225DM Topics in Religion: 'Dante's Inferno Between Myth and History'***Spring. Credits: 4*

Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* is one of world literature's foundational works. In his 700-hundred years old masterpiece, Dante poses and confronts universal questions that are still at the core of our daily existence: God, love, ethics, gender relationships, politics, social harmony, literature, the afterlife, and the relations between human and nonhuman forms of life. In this course, we will read, analyze, discuss, and enjoy Dante's great poem by focusing on the first of its three parts, the *Inferno*. In particular, we will be covering Dante's take on mythology and history.

*Crosslisted as: ITAL-221DM, CLAS-250DM**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Notes: Taught in English.***RELIG-225EB Topics in Religion: 'Eco-Buddhism'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course explores the relationship between Buddhism and the environment, considering how Buddhist beliefs and practices can help us better understand and respond to the climate crisis. We will ask such questions as: Is there room for science and religion in eco-activism? What are the risks of including religious ethics in secular activist movements? Is there such a thing as "Buddhist ethics"? What can meditation and mindfulness actually accomplish? Bringing a range of sources and voices from various Buddhist traditions into conversation with climate scientists and activists, this course considers how Buddhist thought and practice can inform our work towards climate justice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***RELIG-225EC Topics in Religion: 'Ecology, Crisis, and Renewal in Ancient Near Eastern Mythology'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Environmental crises like global warming, deforestation, and pollution are pushing ecosystems to the brink of collapse and endangering populations around the globe. Our present, though challenging to an unprecedented degree, is not the first time humans have faced crises related to climate, depletion of natural resources, and mass migration. In this course, we'll delve into the culture and mythologies of ancient Mesopotamian, Egyptian, and Levantine societies to see how they understood their relationships with their indigenous ecosystems, how they interpreted natural disasters and anthropogenic environmental destruction, and how they imagined starting over again after the end of the world.

*Crosslisted as: JWST-225EC, CLAS-250EC**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***RELIG-225FF Topics in Religion: 'Buddhism in Fiction and Film'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What can stories about Buddhists teach us about Buddhism, and what can they teach us about ourselves and the human condition? This course explores Buddhist thought and practice through the lens of fiction, as it is portrayed and represented in literature and film. Each week we will focus on a single Buddhist theme through two different media (one film and one novel), considering it through a variety of perspectives, voices, and cultural contexts. With a central aim of highlighting Buddhism's internal diversity, we will enter into the worlds of Buddhist characters through the stories they tell about themselves. We will also analyze and interrogate Hollywood's representation of Buddhists.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***RELIG-225KG Topics in Religion: 'Knowing God'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines the following key texts from the ancient world that treat significantly the problem of knowing God and the mystery enveloping such knowledge: Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*, Plato's *Phaedo*, Cicero's *Concerning the Nature of the Gods*, Job, Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*, and others. Attention is also given to the different ways of thinking about the divine and human natures in these works, which are broadly reflective of Graeco-Roman and Judaeo-Christian value systems.

*Crosslisted as: CLAS-247**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***RELIG-225NR Topics in Religion: 'Reimagining American Religious History: Race, Gender, and Alterity'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course invites its participants to place critical race and gender studies perspectives in dialogue with the emergence of new religious movements in the United States. Course participants rely on the presupposition that only through a thorough examination of religious traditions on the 'margin' can we fully understand the textured meaning of American religious history as a sub-discipline. Privileging the founding stories and institutionalization of minoritized American religious groups, the course considers how subaltern voices have shaped and transformed American religious life.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-210NR**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities*

RELIG-225RN Topics in Religion: 'Religion and Inequality'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What is religion and how does religion intersect with inequality? This course explores sociology's foundational understandings of religion – including why people are religious, how religion is expressed in social terms and forms, and how sociologists have studied religion – before interrogating the impact of Western secularization, and how religion and religiosity intersects with modern dimensions of social and material inequality. Readings will include selections from across the global religious landscape, with particular attention to the dominant world religions.

*Crosslisted as: SOCI-216RN**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: SOCI-123.***RELIG-225SP Topics in Religion: 'Medieval Iberia: Art, Society, and Culture'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

During the Middle Ages, the Iberian Peninsula was unique in its diversity: social and political, ethnic and religious, linguistic and cultural. This lecture course examines the art and architecture of Spain and Portugal from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages from the perspective of the interconnections between its various communities. We will explore instances of coexistence and acculturation, periods of persecution and violence, and where these relations found visual expression. Course topics will proceed both chronologically and thematically, taking in subjects such as: religious architectures; court culture; identity, assimilation, and exclusion; and Iberia's connection with the wider European and Mediterranean worlds.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-290SP**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors***RELIG-226 Philosophy of Religion***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course addresses basic questions in the philosophy of religion. We will focus, in particular, on theistic religions (like Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) that posit the existence of an omnipotent and omnibenevolent creator of the universe. Does God, in this sense, exist? What is the best argument for the existence of such a God? The best argument against? And what if such arguments are inconclusive? Does it make sense to believe anyway? The course will examine classic and contemporary texts from the Western philosophical tradition that address arguments about the existence of God and the rationality of religious belief.

*Crosslisted as: PHIL-226**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***RELIG-234 Women and Gender in Judaism***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course examines gender as a key category in Jewish religious thought and practice. Students examine different theories of gender and intersectional feminisms, concepts of gender in a range of Jewish sources, and feminist Jewish responses to those sources. Students work with the Judaica collection at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum and consider material culture as a source for women's and gender studies. Topics may include: how Jewish practice and law regulate sexuality and desire; feminist, queer and trans methods of engaging patriarchal texts; methods of studying women and gender in Jewish cultures; racialization.

*Crosslisted as: JWST-234, GNDST-210JD**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***RELIG-241 Women and Gender in Buddhism***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Can women become Buddhas? Why is the Buddha called a "mother"? Who gets to ordain? Why would anyone choose celibacy? Who engages in religious sexual practices and why? This course examines the centrality of gender to Buddhist texts, practices, and institutions. We pay particular attention to the challenges and opportunities Buddhist traditions have offered women in different historical and cultural contexts. Throughout the course we consider various strategies of empowerment, including feminist, postcolonial, queer, trans*, and womanist.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-210BD**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***RELIG-246 Womanist Religious Thought***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

As a conceptual framework which reconsiders the rituals, scriptures, and allegiances of religious Black women, womanist thought has expanded the interdisciplinary canon of Black and feminist religious studies. This course is a survey of womanist religious scholars from multiple religious traditions: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Yoruba-Ifa – as well as theorists who understand womanism as a "spiritual but not religious" orientation. Course participants will use the interpretive touchstones of cross-culturalism, erotics, earthcare, and health – among others – to examine contemporary womanist religious thought.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-210WR**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***RELIG-248 Islam in America: From Slavery to the "Muslim Ban"***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Is Islam an American religion? Muslims in the United States have often been treated with suspicion and their religion viewed as foreign and incompatible with American values. Yet, Islam was present in North America since at least the 1700s in the lives of enslaved Africans. And it was theoretically included in the religions whose free exercise is protected by the First Amendment. This course traces the fraught and complex history of Islam and Muslims in North America, from the loss and preservation of Islamic practices under the regime of slavery through the reclamation of Islamic symbols and identities in African-American movements of the 20th century (e.g., The Moorish Science Temple, The Nation of Islam, and The Five-Percenters) to the rapid growth of a diverse immigrant Muslim community post-1965. Particular attention will be paid to: the intertwining of race, gender, and religion in the self-construction of Muslim identities and the policing of Muslim persons; the depictions of Islam and Muslims in U.S. society and politics; and the use of Islamic themes and symbols in contemporary popular culture, such as hip-hop.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***RELIG-257 OMG: God and Her Critics, from the Bible to Ecological Crisis***Fall. Credits: 4*

For a being often said to be immutable, God has been imagined in myriad, often contradictory, ways over the centuries – even within a single religious tradition. Using Jewish studies as a springboard, this course examines the idea of God through the writings of philosophers and poets, mystics and rationalists from ancient to contemporary times. Topics include: body/spirit dualism and feminist and ecological critique thereof; cross-cultural encounter, diaspora and cultural mixing as generative forces; superstition and other kinds of heterodoxy; and ritual performance.

*Crosslisted as: JWST-257**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities*

RELIG-267 Buddhist Ethics*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course examines historically and culturally diverse examples of Buddhist ethical thought and practice. We will ask: How do Buddhists in different times and places define morality? What motivates individuals and communities to care for one another? How hard is it to be "good"? Why bother? What kinds of persons embody Buddhism's highest ethical ideals? Throughout the course we will contrast classical and contemporary Buddhist ethical ideals, highlighting the ways in which Buddhists critically and creatively engage with their tradition in order to address contemporary challenges such as violence, climate change, and social injustice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives***RELIG-269 Citizens and Subjects: Jews in the Modern World***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines key themes in Jewish intellectual, religious, and political life from the late 17th century to the present. We examine: the effect of civil emancipation and the Enlightenment on Jewish philosophy and theology; Jews as both architects of modern thought and the paradigmatic Other in European liberal nation-states; the transformation of traditional Jewish religious rituals and belief systems in response to dramatic social and political life; new patterns of gender and family organization; the effect of antisemitism, Zionism, and imperialism on Jewish politics; and contemporary Jewish intellectual innovation, including feminist and queer thought.

*Crosslisted as: JWST-269**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities***RELIG-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

*Instructor permission required.***RELIG-311 Love, Madness, Discipline: The Sufi Path in Islam***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Die before dying." "Set fire to heaven, and douse the fires of hell." "Be consumed by Love, until only the Beloved exists and you don't." "The perceptible world is like a mirage, veiling and disclosing the presence of the imperceptible Real." These are some of the aphorisms of Sufi Muslims who have sought a deeper relationship with the Divine or ultimate Reality. This course explores the contemplative, ascetic, and ecstatic practices through which Sufis pursued this goal and the philosophical, visionary, and poetical writings through which they expressed their devotion and speculation. Attention will be paid to the impact of Sufism on the religious practices, literary and artistic traditions, and social and political institutions of Islamic societies and cultures, from the pre-modern to the contemporary period.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***RELIG-331 Advanced Topics in Religion****RELIG-331AF Advanced Topics in Religion: 'African American Spiritualities of Dissent'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course seeks to understand how protest fuels the creation and sustenance of black religious movements and novel spiritual systems in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We will examine the dissenting qualities of selected African American activists, community workers, scholars, spiritual/religious leaders and creative writers. By the end of this course, students will be able to thoughtfully respond to the questions, "What is spirituality?"; "What is dissent?"; and "Has blackness required resistive spiritual communities?"

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***RELIG-331CA Advanced Topics in Religion: 'Carbon Christianity'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This seminar investigates the multiple connections between modern forms of Christianity and fossil fuels. The course begins with a consideration of recent scholarship that details how workers' everyday experiences in coal mines and oil fields profoundly shaped their religious sensibilities. We then examine how fossil fuel companies funded many of the most significant Christian institutions in the United States—both liberal and conservative—during the twentieth century. Finally, the course will reflect on contemporary Christian responses to climate change, both those that seek to halt the burning of fossil fuels and those that deny it is taking place.

*Crosslisted as: ANTHR-316CA**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology or Religion.***RELIG-331HB Advanced Topics in Religion: 'The Human Body in Jewish Thought'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

How have ancient and modern Jewish thinkers imagined the body, its purposes, and the diversity of embodied forms and experiences? In this course, students explore these themes through a range of textual case studies related to creation, ability and disability, appearance, gender and sexuality, aging, death, birth, and love. Through texts drawn from the full range of Jewish religious literature, we will also get to know some of the major Jewish textual corpora and the cultural contexts in which they developed. Throughout the course, we explore critiques of, engagements with, and renewals of these discourses from the perspective of contemporary feminist, Queer, and Disabled scholars.

*Crosslisted as: JWST-350HB**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: Course limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors**Prereq: 8 credits in humanities.*

RELIG-331LA Advanced Topics in Religion: 'Race and Religion in Latin America'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The course will begin with an investigation of the proto-racial and religious categories through which Europeans in the early modern era understood human difference. From there, we will trace how these notions were re-conceptualized in the centuries following the encounter between Europeans, Africans, and the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas. As we examine this history – including the emergence of slavery, eugenics, *mestizaje*, and Liberation Theology – we will pay particular attention to how interwoven racial and religious hierarchies were both constructed and resisted. The final section of the course will concentrate on the contemporary entanglements of race and religion in the region.

*Crosslisted as: ANTHR-316LA**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology, Religion, or Latin American Studies.***RELIG-331RC Advanced Topics in Religion: 'Ethnographic Research in Religious Communities'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

With a focus on local religious communities, this course puts into practice the research methods, modes of analysis, and writing styles that characterize ethnographic fieldwork. We first consider prominent ethnographies of religious communities in the United States in order to better understand the specific questions, debates, and ethical challenges that this literature addresses. Students then gain hands-on experience with a variety of ethnographic methods through course field trips to local places of worship. Final projects are rooted in extensive independent ethnographic research with a religious community.

*Crosslisted as: ANTHR-316RC**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology or Religion.***RELIG-331SE Advanced Topics in Religion 'Anthropology of Secularism'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What is secularism? For many of us, the answer is obvious: the world without religious belief, or the separation of church and state, or even the "really real" world. In recent years, scholars in number fields have begun to question these common sense notions about secularism. In this course, we will investigate this rapidly expanding literature and the critical lines of inquiry it has opened up: Under what specific cultural and historic conditions did secularism first emerge? Is secularism experienced today in the same way throughout the world? If not, how do they vary? What ways of being and living does secularism encourage or allow to flourish? Which does it stunt, block, or prohibit?

*Crosslisted as: ANTHR-316SE**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 credits in Anthropology or in Religion.***RELIG-331SL Advanced Topics in Religion: 'Spain and Islam'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will explore questions and concerns regarding the "Islamic constant" of Spanish history. We will focus on four major political and cultural contexts: the coexistence and conflicts among Jews, Muslims, and Christians in Medieval Iberia; the "moriscos" (converted Muslims) of Imperial Spain (sixteenth-seventeenth centuries); Spanish orientalism and colonial enterprises in Africa between the end of the nineteenth and the first half of the twentieth centuries; and the question of the Muslim emigrants in contemporary Spain. Readings will include literary texts, political and legal documents, historical accounts, and other cultural material such as architecture, film, and documentaries.

*Crosslisted as: SPAN-330SL**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***RELIG-343 Against Productivity: Sabbath as Countercultural Practice***Spring. Credits: 4*

The practice of a weekly day of rest dates back millennia. Today, the Sabbath beckons as an antidote to the relentless demand to be productive. This seminar explores the ideas, actions, and communal dimensions of the sacred day that anchors the seven-day calendar, focusing on Jewish texts and practices. Key themes include sacred time, cultural identity, and the transformation of religious life over time. Students explore the development of the Sabbath using narrative, folk, and legal primary sources and in experiential learning. Students will pursue an extended research project.

*Crosslisted as: JWST-343**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors***RELIG-352 Body and Gender in Religious Traditions***Spring. Credits: 4*

Do bodies matter in religious traditions? Whose bodies matter? How do they matter? By studying religious body ideals and practices, we examine the possibilities and problems different kinds of bodies have posed in religious traditions. Topics include religious diet, exercise, and dress; monasticism, celibacy, and sexuality; healing rituals, and slavery and violence. We pay special attention to contemporary challenges to problematic body ideals and practices coming from feminist, disability, postcolonial, queer, and trans theorists and activists.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333RT**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities**Prereq: 8 credits in Religion, Gender Studies, or Critical Race Political Economy.***RELIG-361 The Aquatic Life of Black Devotion***Fall. Credits: 4*

Water informs religious and spiritual worldviews the world over; commonplace rituals from baptism to libation underwrite its prescience. The religious cultures of West and Central Africa, along with its multiple diasporas, theorize, encounter, and engage water centrally. Seminar participants will dive deeply into the water-based epistemologies of African and African diaspora religions, probing liturgical language, ritual performance and spiritual entities for aquatic common threads. Seminar participants will analyze the historical realities that have made water such a contested yet indispensable feature of black religious life.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Multicultural Perspectives**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors*

RELIG-395 Independent Study*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice

Overview and Contact Information

Scholarship on reproductive health, rights, and justice examines the impact of reproductive policies not only on individuals, but also on communities, with particular attention to diverse ethnic groups, cultures and nations, especially those which have been marginalized. The study of reproductive health, rights, and justice centers on the social, economic, legal, and political conditions that impact reproduction, including the health care industry, the prison industrial complex, the foster care system, and laws and public policies regulating reproduction. This field also includes the history of social movements for reproductive empowerment, including the movements for women's liberation, disability rights, racial justice, economic justice, LGBTQ rights, and the women's health reproductive freedom and reproductive justice movements.

Contact Information

Jacquelyne Luce, Senior Lecturer, Gender Studies**Cora Fernandez Anderson, Associate Professor of Politics**<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/reproductive-health-rights-justice>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of six courses:

Code	Title	Credits
At least six approved courses including: ¹		
	One foundational course	
	One transnational/global course	
	One upper-level (300 or above) course	
Total Courses		6

¹ These courses must be selected from the courses currently approved to count towards this certificate by its Five-College faculty committee. That list is available at www.fivecolleges.edu/reproductive-health-rights-justice (<http://www.fivecolleges.edu/reproductive-health-rights-justice>) Courses not on this list may be approved for inclusion by campus program advisors in consultation with the committee.

Other Requirements

- Students must also complete a special project on reproductive health, rights, and justice including a 1,500-word reflection essay about their project. This requirement may be completed through an independent study project, thesis, or other course work that engages the student with issues of reproductive health, rights, or justice and meaningfully incorporates the perspectives of community-based groups. Students are encouraged to fulfill the requirement through participation in an appropriate community engaged experience selected in consultation with their academic advisors.

Romance Languages and Cultures

Overview and Contact Information

The major program in Romance languages and cultures is designed to assure fluency in at least two Romance languages, as well as knowledge of the literatures and cultures they represent. The student is encouraged to view language/literature/culture in its interrelatedness and combine linguistic proficiency with cultural and literary expertise. Students majoring in Romance Languages and Cultures will develop skills of communication and the critical tools to explore matters of aesthetics, cultural studies, history of ideas, and gender studies. A major in Romance languages and cultures can lead to a variety of national and international careers from government to fashion, from the culinary arts to banking, and from film to teaching.

See Also

- French (p. 212)
- Italian (p. 258)
- Spanish (p. 370)

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Learning Goals

The main learning goals of the Romance Languages and Cultures program are to:

- Assure (oral and written) fluency in at least two Romance languages, as well as knowledge of the literatures and cultures they represent.
- View language/literature/culture in its interrelatedness.
- Develop skills of communication and the critical tools to explore matters of aesthetics, cultural studies, history of ideas, and gender studies, among other areas of study.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Romance Languages and Cultures Committee:

Justin Crumbaugh, Professor of Spanish, Latina/o and Latin American Studies

Ombretta Frau, Dorothy Rooke McCulloch Professor of Italian

Nieves Romero-Díaz, Professor of Spanish on the Alum Foundation

Adriana Pitetta, Assistant Professor of Spanish

Esther Castro, Senior Lecturer in Spanish; Spanish Language Program Director

Carolyn Shread, Senior Lecturer in French, Teaching Spring Only

Morena Svaldi, Faculty Director of the Language Assistant Program; Senior Lecturer in Italian

Requirements for the Major

The Romance languages and cultures major includes work in two of the following Romance languages: French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish. The student will select two languages, one for primary and one for secondary emphasis. The student is also encouraged to attain intermediate-level competence in a third Romance language or Latin. Students interested in Catalan or Portuguese should consult the chair of the committee for appropriate Five College courses.

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
12 credits in Romance languages and cultures at the 200 or 300 level but always above FREN-203, SPAN-201, and ITAL-201		12
Additional 300-level Courses, divided as follows:		
16 credits at the 300 level dedicated to the language and literature of primary emphasis		16
12 credits at the 300 level dedicated to the language and literature of secondary emphasis		12
Total Credits		40

Additional Specifications

- FREN-203 and below and SPAN-201/ITAL-201 and below do not count toward the 40-credit minimum.
- Advanced courses in the major should be chosen to provide both a varied background and a means of focusing and unifying the major.
- Qualified students are required to elect the Seminar in the Romance Languages (ROMLG-375).
- Normally the student is well advised first to broaden her acquaintance with the two principal cultures in which they are working, then to select a more specific aspect—a topic, theme, period, literary form, or genre, for example—around which to organize her choice of courses. Students desiring to develop an advanced knowledge of languages as their specific focus can consider advanced language courses in French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish that are available through the Five College Consortium.
- No more than 4 credits of independent study (not including thesis credits) may be counted toward the 28 required credits at the 300 level. Independent study credits taken as part of an honors thesis do not count toward the requirements for the major.
- Students should enhance their major by spending an academic year in a country where one of the languages of their major is spoken. Students who plan to take part in a study abroad program must consult both the chair of the Romance languages and culture committee and the chair of the target language. Normally, credits earned while studying abroad satisfy some of the requirements of the major.
- Students are advised to complement their study of Romance languages and cultures with related courses in the fields of humanities and social sciences. These courses should broaden the cultural and linguistic expertise of the student.
- Students who declare a Romance languages and cultures major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Requirements for the Minor

Students are expected to select a Romance language for primary emphasis and another one for secondary emphasis.

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
For the language of primary emphasis:		8
At least 4 credits at the 200 level ¹		
4 credits at the 300 level, with completion of specified prerequisites		
For the language of secondary emphasis:		8
8 credits at the 200 level ¹		
Total Credits		16

¹ To count the courses must be above FREN-203, SPAN-201, and ITAL-201.

Additional Specifications

- FREN-203 and below and SPAN-201/ITAL-201 and below do not count toward the 16-credit minimum.
- More than the minimum 4 credits at the 300 level are encouraged in the primary or secondary language.
- A student majoring in a Romance language may not include that language in a Romance languages and cultures minor.

Course Offerings

ROMLG-295 Independent Study
Fall and Spring. Credits: 2 - 4
Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.
Instructor permission required.
Notes: Independent study credits taken as part of an honors thesis do not count toward the requirements for the major.

ROMLG-375 Seminar in Romance Languages and Cultures
This interdisciplinary seminar will focus on a comparative study of Romance languages or literatures. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Seminar discussions will be conducted in English, but students wishing to obtain language credit are expected to read works in at least one original language. Papers will be written in either English or the Romance language of the student's choice.

ROMLG-375AV Seminar in Romance Languages and Cultures: 'About Vanguards and Revolutionary Ideas'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4
This course addresses cultural relations between Latin America and Romance languages and cultures through the concept of vanguard: the Latin American poetic vanguardias of the early twentieth century and controversies with the Italian and Spanish vanguardias; the influence of the Négritude anti-colonial movement in Latin American decolonial thinking and the political avant-garde movements and guerrillas of the '60s and '70s; the intersections between French surrealism and Latin American magic realism; and the emergence of the Cinema Novo and New/Third Cinema (the vanguard of political cinema in Latin America) in the context of Italian neo-realism and the French nouvelle vague.
Crosslisted as: SPAN-360AV, ITAL-361AV, FREN-321AV
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives
Prereq: 8 credits at the 200 level in language or literature.
Notes: Taught in English. Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.

ROMLG-375LT Seminar in Romance Languages and Cultures: 'Romance Languages Translate'

Spring. Credits: 4

This seminar explores Romance languages, literatures and cultures through the prism of translation. By comparing translations from Spanish, Catalan, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Romanian between each other and into English, we will map out the boundaries, intersections and middle grounds of this language family. Students will engage with the different traditions of translation studies in these languages and critically analyze translators' paratexts. Selecting an individual translation project in a Romance language of their choice, through a process of revision and collaboration, each student will produce both a polished translation and a commentary explaining challenges and choices.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-360LT, ITAL-361LT, FREN-321LT

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Advisory: Two courses in culture and literature at the 200 level.

Notes: Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.

ROMLG-375MT Seminar in Romance Languages and Cultures: 'The Mind of the Traveler: Journeys, Expeditions, Tours'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Travel literature has always been a precious source for the study of culture, politics, arts and, last but not least, people. From Tacitus to Marco Polo, from Stendhal to Camilo Jose Cela, we will read and discuss authors who traveled for political, personal, and recreational reasons. We will also pay special attention to tales of emigration and immigration in the third millennium.

Crosslisted as: SPAN-360MT, ITAL-361MT, FREN-321MT

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

Advisory: For language majors; two courses in culture and literature at the 200 level.

Notes: Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.

ROMLG-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: Independent Study credits taken as part of an honors thesis do not count toward the requirements for the major.

Russian and Eurasian Studies

Overview and Contact Information

Through course work in language, literature, history and politics, Russian and Eurasian Studies students gain a multidimensional understanding of the diverse peoples and cultures that inhabit this region. Students entering the College in Fall 2023 who declare a Russian and Eurasian Studies major or any of the related minors or those from a previous entrance year completing these programs should expect to need some Five College classes to complete the programs. *Students entering Fall 2024 or later will not have the option to declare this major or any of the related minors.*

Study Abroad

Study abroad is highly recommended and may be used toward fulfillment of major requirements. There are numerous summer, semester, and yearlong programs offered for undergraduates. Since admission to many Russian study abroad programs is competitive, students are advised to consult early in their academic careers with members of the department. We have had great success in getting our students into these competitive programs.

Opportunities to study the non-Russian languages of Eurasia are rapidly expanding. Summer immersion programs and summer and academic-year programs abroad offer instruction in Armenian, Georgian, Azeri, Uzbek, Tajik, Polish, Czech, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, Estonian, and others. In some cases, applicants may be expected to have an intermediate-level command of Russian.

See Also

- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (p. 364)

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Learning Goals

On completion of the following levels, students will be able to:

Elementary Russian (Completion of the RES-101 and 102 sequence)

- Make introductions and get acquainted with others.
- Talk about self, family, friends, university studies, and jobs by providing basic information and description.
- Read simple authentic texts, such as announcements, schedules, greeting cards, phone texts, e-mails, personal letters, and short prose and poetry pieces for basic facts and information.
- Acquire basic linguistic and cultural knowledge to engage in the following activities: shopping, ordering food, buying tickets, giving directions, giving advice, issuing invitations, filling out forms with basic biographical information.
- Describe hobbies, interests, personal preferences, and routine activities in some detail.
- Talk about past personal events and plans for the future.
- Compare, contrast, and express opinions and feelings about things and people.
- Ask and answer questions about familiar topics.
- Write multi-paragraph compositions on familiar topics.
- Acquire basic Russian grammar: nominal, pronominal and adjectival declension system (6 cases); past, present and future tenses; some verbs of motion; some verbal aspectual pairs; impersonal constructions.
- Acquire cultural knowledge: some facts and names pertaining to Russian and Soviet "high" culture; sociocultural norms of interpersonal communication; some basic facts about Russian and Soviet literature and history which shape the way Russians

- think about themselves and the others, as well as basics of Russian worldview as coded in the language
- Acquire a working vocabulary of 800-1000 words.

By the end of the academic year, students will communicate at the Intermediate Low to Mid level of proficiency, as defined by ACTFL guidelines (<https://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012/english/speaking>).

Intermediate Russian (Completion of RES-201 and 202 sequence)

- Exchange information on familiar topics (such as family, relationships, housing) using complete sentences and time expressions in the past, present and future.
- Negotiate social interactions in familiar situations (such as daily routine, studies, visit around a city, health issues) in a culturally appropriate way.
- Narrate past events and talk about future plans in a string of connected sentences with some detail.
- Read longer authentic texts in various genres (stories, plays) and extract key information from the texts, as well as ask and answer questions about heroes’ motivations.
- Understand main ideas of simple newspaper articles.
- Talk about reasons for personal preferences and choices.
- Exchange ideas on some abstract topics (Is it better to be an idealist or a pragmatist?).
- Expand knowledge of Russian grammar: construct complex sentences with the help of various conjunctions; prefixed and transitive verbs of motion; verbal aspect; conditional constructions.
- Acquire cultural knowledge through analyzing Russian and Soviet prose and film.
- Broaden active vocabulary to more than 1700 words.

By the end of the academic year, students will communicate at the Intermediate Mid to High level of proficiency, as defined by the ACTFL guidelines (<https://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012/english/speaking>).

Advanced Russian (Completion of RES-251)

- Read authentic Russian texts of various genres and length .
- Exchange ideas about texts’ structure and composition, heroes’ motives, and author’s intent.
- Develop the notion of subtext and the skill of “reading between the lines”.
- Respond to authentic texts by writing multi-paragraph essays.
- Contrast and compare various works of literature .
- Broaden active vocabulary to include specialized words and phrases describing shades of meaning.
- Adhere to Russian-only rule during class times.
- Develop cultural knowledge through analyzing historical and social background as well as people’s behavior in various texts .

By the end of the course, students will communicate at the Intermediate High to Advanced Low level of proficiency, as defined by the ACTFL guidelines (<https://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012/english/speaking>).

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Russian and Eurasian Studies:

- Peter Scotto, Professor Emeritus of Russian
- Daniel Brooks, Five College Visiting Assistant Professor in Russian
- Daniel Brooks, Visiting Lecturer in Russian and Eurasian Studies

Requirements for the Major

Students should note that completion of this major will likely require them to travel to other institutions within the Five Colleges. The major is not available to students entering the college on or after Spring 2025.

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
12 credits of Russian language courses beyond RES-201		12
RES-210		4
RES-211	¹	4
RES-240		4
RES-241		4
12 credits at the 300 level, divided among two or more disciplines		12
Total Credits		40

¹ Any RES-211 offering, for example RES-211MM

Additional Specifications

- Students entering the College in Fall 2023 who declare a Russian and Eurasian Studies major and those from a previous entrance year completing these programs should expect to need some Five College classes to complete the programs. Students entering Fall 2024 or later will not have the option to declare a Russian and Eurasian Studies major.
- Majors are strongly encouraged to take elective courses that reflect their particular focus within the major and to study abroad for at least one semester.
- When students have completed two courses at the 200 level, they may, with the permission of the instructor and in consultation with their advisor, enroll in a 200-level course for 300-level credit.
- Students are encouraged to explore Russian and Eurasian Studies courses offered through the Five Colleges if needed.
- The major in Russian and Eurasian Studies is interdisciplinary. Students who complete this major automatically fulfill the College’s “outside the major” requirement.

Requirements for the Minor in Language

A minimum of 12 credits above the 100 level. This minor is not available to students entering the college on or after Spring 2025.

Code	Title	Credits
RES-201		4
RES-202		4
RES-301		4
Total Credits		12

Additional Specifications

- Students entering the College in Fall 2023 who declare the Russian and Eurasian Studies minor in Language and those from a previous entrance year completing these programs should expect to need some Five College classes to complete the programs. Students entering Fall 2024 or later will not have the option to declare a Russian and Eurasian Studies minor in Language.

Requirements for the Minor in Culture and Literature

A minimum of 20 credits. This minor is not available to students entering the college on or after Spring 2025.

Code	Title	Credits
A one-semester course in Russian history		4
RES-210		4
RES-211	¹	4
Two additional courses to be chosen in consultation with the Russian department, including one at the 300 level		8
Total Credits		20

¹ Any RES-211 offering, for example RES-211MM

Additional Specifications

- Students entering the College in Fall 2023 who declare the Russian and Eurasian Studies minor in Culture and Literature and those from a previous entrance year completing these programs should expect to need some Five College classes to complete the programs. Students entering Fall 2024 or later will not have the option to declare a Russian and Eurasian Studies minor in Culture and Literature.
- The minor in culture and literature is designed for students who have an interest in Russian literature and culture, but have not studied the language. It requires 20 credits and is not recommended for anyone who wishes to focus on Russia at the graduate level.

Requirements for the Minor in Russian and Eurasian Studies

A minimum of 12 credits. This minor is not available to students entering the college on or after Spring 2025.

Code	Title	Credits
RES-201	(or its equivalent)	4
Two courses in Russian studies, including one course at the 300 level		8
Total Credits		12

Additional Specifications

- Students entering the College in Fall 2023 who declare a Russian and Eurasian Studies minor and those from a previous entrance year completing these programs should expect to need some Five College classes to complete the programs. Students entering Fall 2024 or later will not have the option to declare a Russian and Eurasian Studies minor.
- The minor in Russian and Eurasian Studies is designed to encourage an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the former Soviet

Union and its peoples and cultures and to develop intermediate-level proficiency in the Russian language.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of Russian and Eurasian studies can combine their course work in Russian and Eurasian studies with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of Russian and Eurasian studies, please consult your advisor or the chair of the Russian and Eurasian studies department. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, or consult Ms. Lawrence in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the Russian and Eurasian studies department and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice

Getting Started in Russian

A student coming to Mount Holyoke with no background in Russian language should enroll in RES-101 and RES-102, a yearlong introduction to Russian language and culture.

Students who have previously studied Russian and plan to elect Russian language should consult with the department for individual placement.

In addition to the RES-101 and RES-102 sequence, recommended courses for first-year study include:

Code	Title	Credits
RES-210	(Humanities I)	4
RES-211	(Humanities I)	4
RES-240	(Social Sciences III)	4
RES-241	(Social Sciences III)	4

As listed, courses on Russian history or literature and culture may be used to satisfy the Humanities distribution requirement, while courses on Russian and Eurasian Politics satisfy the Social Science distribution requirement.

Course Offerings

Taught in Russian

Taught in English

Independent Study

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Overview and Contact Information

The Five College Certificate in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies offers students the multidisciplinary resources in the Five Colleges on Russia, Eurasia (here understood as the former republics of the Soviet Union), and East (and Central) Europe.

See Also

- Russian and Eurasian Studies (p. 361)

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of six courses:

Code	Title	Credits
A core course, normally taken in the first or second year. The core course will be offered every year on a rotating basis at one of the campuses. HISTORY 315 Imperial Russia, offered at UMass, is an example of a core course.		1
Five additional elective courses, distributed as follows:		5
These electives must be drawn from more than one of the three geographical areas: Russia, Eurasia, and Eastern (and Central) Europe		
At least one of the elective courses must focus on a period before the twentieth century		
At least one course must be taken from each of the following disciplinary categories: history, social sciences, and humanities/arts ¹		
Proficiency in a language of one of the certificate regions, at a level equivalent to four semesters of postsecondary course work ²		0-4
Total Courses		6-10

¹ no single course can fulfill more than one of these disciplinary categories
² this proficiency may be demonstrated by course work or examination

Additional Specifications

- At least four of the six courses, including the core course, must be taken within the Five Colleges
- A language course beyond the intermediate level can be counted as one of the five electives. Elementary and intermediate language courses cannot be counted.
- The list of courses fulfilling particular certificate requirements (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/russian-east-european-and-eurasian-studies-reees#courses>) will be maintained and regularly updated by the Five College Committee for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.
- Credit for one-time courses, special topics courses, independent study, and transfer or study abroad courses requires approval from the student's certificate program advisor at Mount Holyoke.
- Students are encouraged to study abroad in one of the certificate regions.
- Courses applied to this certificate may also be used to fulfill major requirements.

Sociology

Overview and Contact Information

Sociology is the systematic study of society and social relations. Sociology majors develop the critical tools to theoretically and comparatively understand social trends and problems, grasp the intersection of self and society, and analyze empirical data to understand the social world. They read the works of major sociological thinkers, from the classical figures who founded the discipline to contemporary theorists of society. The major requires courses in research methods and sociological theory and offers courses on a range of topics including social inequality, collective behavior and social movements, art, business, media, culture, education, development and globalization.

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

- By participating in coursework and experiences constituting a major in Sociology:
- Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the field of sociology, the intersections among sub-fields, and the connections among theory, research, and practice.
 - Students will gain skills and knowledge about research methods and understand the ethical issues involved in sociological research.
 - Students will learn how to critically analyze texts and develop skills as writers, speakers, and researchers.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Sociology faculty:

- Patricia Banks, Professor of Sociology
- Eleanor Townsley, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Sociology; Director of Nexus
- Kenneth Tucker, Helen P. Bibbero Professor of Sociology, Teaching Spring Only
- Ayca Zayim, Associate Professor of Sociology
- Benjamin Gebre-Medhin, Assistant Professor of Sociology
- Anne Taylor, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI-123	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCI-223	Development of Social Thought ¹	4
Two of the following three methods courses: ¹		8

SOCI-216QD	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Qualitative Research and Data Analysis'	
SOCI-216TX	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Text as Data I: From Qualitative to Quantitative Text Analysis'	
SOCI-225	Social Science Research and Data Analysis	
12 credits at the 300 level, including:		12
SOCI-333	Contemporary Social Theory	
8 additional credits beyond the 100 level		8
Total Credits		36

¹ SOCI-223 and the methods courses should be completed as early as possible but certainly by the end of the junior year.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI-123	Introduction to Sociology	4
4 credits at the 300 level		4
12 additional credits above the 100 level		12
Total Credits		20

Course Offerings

SOCI-123 Introduction to Sociology

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course uses a sociological framework to examine the nature and structure of modern industrial societies. To identify central trends in society and culture, this course covers several basic themes, such as social inequality and social interaction, that have appeared repeatedly in the works of major social thinkers.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Restrictions: This course is limited to first-years, sophomores, and juniors

SOCI-216 Special Topics in Sociology

SOCI-216DR Special Topics in Sociology: 'Dialoguing for Racial Change'

Spring. Credits: 4

A critical analysis of race, racism, and justice in the United States, as set in a socio-historical context defined by power. In addition to traditional modes of teaching-learning, students use intergroup dialogue and collaborative group work to examine how race is constructed, experienced, reproduced, and transformed within social structures. Topics include racial identity development and how individuals internalize and 'live race' in everyday interactions; historical mechanisms for how bodies and spaces have become 'raced' over time; institutional dimensions of racial inequality (e.g., law, education, popular culture); and practices for pursuing racial justice.

Crosslisted as: CRPE-231

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: Application form: <https://tinyurl.com/SP26CRPE231>

SOCI-216DU Special Topics in Sociology: 'Schooling in American Society'

Fall. Credits: 4

At no time in history have schools been as important to society as they are in contemporary America. Young people spend a large proportion of their lives in millions of classrooms across the country where they learn to inhabit social identities, professional categories, and status positions. This course provides an opportunity to evaluate this situation using classical and contemporary sociological perspectives on mass schooling. It highlights issues facing the future of education, the role of schooling in struggles for economic and racial justice, and how the aspirations of individuals and families interact with states to shape and legitimize the American social and economic order.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: SOCI-123.

SOCI-216EC Special Topics in Sociology: 'Sociology of Economic Life'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Money makes the world go round." "Money talks." "Time is money." Money permeates our lives. We engage in economic transactions, relations, and markets on a daily basis, yet, we rarely think about the social bases of economic life. What is money? Are we driven by rationality or morality? How are different markets structured? What explains growing inequality and indebtedness? This course applies the theoretical and empirical tools of sociology to study economic behavior. Using case studies from around the world, we analyze how economic life is shaped by social institutions, networks, culture, and relations of power. Students critically study several topics, ranging from inequality, financial crises, and debt, to finding a job.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Humanities

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive

Prereq: SOCI-123.

SOCI-216PT Special Topics in Sociology: 'Political Sociology'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course focuses on political processes and power – in particular, which groups have the ability to implement their political, social, and economic agendas, which ones do not, and why. We will explore the means by which certain groups affect political outcomes that shape society and social-political reality. In particular, we will concentrate on the interrelationship between the state, the market, and civil society, and investigate how this intersection has informed the politics of our time. By the end of this course, students are expected to have achieved an understanding of the major theoretical perspectives and debates in political sociology, and a sense of the historical and contemporary organizations, parties, classes, and other groups that influence social change. We will focus mostly on western democracies, especially the U.S., but other countries and political arrangements will also be included. Globalization as an on-going social, political, and economic system will be discussed throughout the semester.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: 4 credits in Sociology.

SOCI-216QD Special Topics in Sociology: 'Qualitative Research and Data Analysis'*Fall. Credits: 4*

This course introduces students to qualitative research methods. In the course students will get basic training in the collection and analysis of qualitative research data, develop experience writing and presenting qualitative data, gain exposure to the theoretical assumptions underlying qualitative inquiry, and learn insights about the ethical responsibilities surrounding qualitative social analysis. We will focus on methods such as in-depth interviews, focus groups, and close observations. This course will provide students with the skills and knowledge to pursue qualitative data analysis in future projects such as for an independent study, senior thesis, or internship. In addition, since cases will focus on consumer research, this class is also well-suited for students who want to learn qualitative research techniques that are used in marketing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences***SOCI-216RN Special Topics in Sociology: 'Religion and Inequality'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What is religion and how does religion intersect with inequality? This course explores sociology's foundational understandings of religion – including why people are religious, how religion is expressed in social terms and forms, and how sociologists have studied religion – before interrogating the impact of Western secularization, and how religion and religiosity intersects with modern dimensions of social and material inequality. Readings will include selections from across the global religious landscape, with particular attention to the dominant world religions.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-225RN**Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: SOCI-123.***SOCI-216SA Special Topics in Sociology: 'Social Network Analysis: Analyzing Who You Know and How It Matters'***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course introduces the theory and methods which underpin efforts to study social relations through the influential paradigm of network analysis. It features a hands-on component using Python/R that involves data manipulation, visualization, and modeling. These individual hands-on activities will invite students to think critically about how social theories and phenomena are quantified, measured, and compared. The course will also feature a substantial group component organized around mixed expertise teams (combining students with different interests or majors) that will culminate in an independent original project involving the secondary analysis of social network data.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: SOCI-123 or DATA-113***SOCI-216TX Special Topics in Sociology: 'Text as Data I: From Qualitative to Quantitative Text Analysis'***Fall. Credits: 4*

Characterizing, categorizing, and counting text documents is at the heart of research and knowledge development in the social sciences and humanities. New digital technologies have introduced new methods for analyzing text documents on a massive scale. These computational approaches have also provoked important debates about the role of meaning, context, and reproducibility in social science research. This course considers the affordances of new digital methods for text analysis in relation to established practices of qualitative coding. Students will explore this new frontier in a hands-on manner using Python to count and compare relevant features of text documents in large data sets.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: SOCI-123 or COMSC-151.***SOCI-223 Development of Social Thought***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course examines the origins and development of sociological theory in the nineteenth century. Focusing on the three most important representatives of the classical tradition in sociology – Karl Marx, Max Weber, and Emile Durkheim – we consider in detail the ideas of each, compare their perspectives on emerging industrial society, and assess their contemporary significance.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: SOCI-123 or ANTHR-105.***SOCI-225 Social Science Research and Data Analysis***Spring. Credits: 4*

This course is an introduction to the use of quantitative data in sociology. It focuses on the ways in which data is collected, analyzed, and presented to make sociological arguments. It introduces various tools to describe data for single variables, explore relationships between pairs of variables, and make statistical inferences. Students will learn basic skills to conduct their own social science research and analyze data using statistical software. The aim of the course is to allow students to conduct elementary statistical analyses on their own and become critical readers of statistical evidence.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered to Sociology majors only.***SOCI-239 How Capitalism Works: Social Class, Power, and Ideology***Fall. Credits: 4*

What makes a system capitalist? How does capitalism produce and reproduce inequality? How does economic inequality intersect with other kinds of inequality? This course explores class relations to understand the unequal distribution of wealth and power in contemporary societies. Drawing on theoretical and empirical research, we discuss the sources of capitalist power, the relationship between the state and the capitalist class, and the role of ideology in perpetuating the gap between the rich and the poor. Students will learn the social dynamics underlying pressing issues in contemporary advanced and developing economies, ranging from labor exploitation to unemployment and financial crises.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: SOCI-123.***SOCI-240 Collective Behavior and Social Movements***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course examines instances of organized collective action in social, historical, and empirical contexts, from the labor movement of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to the new social movements of today. We also explore various forms of unstructured protest, such as riots and demonstrations.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: SOCI-123.***SOCI-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

SOCI-316 Special Topics in Sociology

SOCI-316AG Special Topics in Sociology: 'Society of Algorithms'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

We live in a society described by massive data sets, dynamically organized by computer code. New divisions of digital labor align complex data infrastructures while mathematical optimization continues to expand actuarial logics of decision-making. Algorithms also mediate the social communication of networked publics in ways that transform our social selves and social interaction. This research seminar asks: How do we understand the institutional nature of a society of algorithms?

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: 8 Credits in Sociology, including SOCI-223.

SOCI-316CR Special Topics in Sociology: 'Cultural Sociology'

Spring. Credits: 4

Cultural sociology examines the ways in which meaning shapes social life, including the food we eat, what we wear, who we vote for, where we travel, and even wars that are fought. This course focuses on symbols, narratives, performance, aesthetics, and emotion, and traces the interdisciplinary development of cultural sociological thought, from foundational theory to breakthroughs in cultural anthropology, linguistics, and theater studies, all the way up to contemporary cultural sociology. Topics include: ancient and modern religion, food taboos, professional wrestling, political scandal, Barack Obama's first presidential campaign, populist nostalgia in Turkey, and Harry Potter activists.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: 8 credits in Sociology.

SOCI-316DG Special Topics in Sociology: 'Sociology of Development and Globalization'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course investigates economic development and globalization through a sociological lens. What is development? Why and how has the idea of development changed over time? Which development policies has this promoted, and with what consequences on people's lives in developing countries? Based on case studies across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, the course examines economic, political, and institutional factors that inform global development processes from post-WWII to the present. As we discuss challenges to the neoliberal development paradigm, students will gain a critical perspective on contemporary issues such as environmental damage, global inequality, and poverty.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: 8 credits in Sociology.

SOCI-316FN Special Topics in Sociology: 'Finance, Globalization, and Inequality'

Spring. Credits: 4

We live in a financialized world dominated by financial actors, markets and institutions. From the Occupy Wall Street movement to ongoing debates about the power of big banks, finance has been seen as the culprit for the 2008 financial crisis, U.S. income and wealth inequality, and global instability. But what explains the rise of finance and how has finance gone global? How does global finance contribute to inequality within and across nations? We will tackle these questions by covering some of the recent sociological research on finance and financial globalization. Students will examine the political and institutional roots of financialization and its consequences in advanced and developing economies.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: 8 credits in Sociology.

SOCI-316MX Special Topics in Sociology: 'Marxist Theory: Revolution and Critique'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Marxist social theory has been and continues to be a powerful intellectual influence throughout the globe. Yet Marxist social theory is far from unified, as it has proliferated into a bewildering number of perspectives that are sometimes at odds with each other. This course will explore some of these different versions of Marxism. We will begin with brief excerpts from the revolutionary writings of Lenin and Mao, and then examine examples from Black Marxism, Marxist feminism, the Frankfurt School, critiques of capitalist realism, and degrowth communism, among other perspectives. We will also read selections from some of the more sophisticated critics of Marxism, such as Michael Oakeshott and Hannah Arendt.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: 8 credits in Sociology including SOCI-223.

SOCI-316NQ Special Topics in Sociology: 'Organizations and Inequality'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In Organizations and Inequality, we analyze how organizations create, reproduce, and also potentially challenge social inequalities. Drawing on different organizational perspectives, students will engage the challenges of ethical action in a complex world marked by competing rationalities and deep inequalities. Students will also research an organization of which they are a member and develop their own case study.

Crosslisted as: EOS-349NQ

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: 8 credits in the department including SOCI-123.

SOCI-316PS Special Topics in Sociology: 'Digital Media and the Public Sphere'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

How do different kinds of stories unfold in contemporary public spheres? How do we make sense of pressing matters of common concern as members of publics? This research seminar asks: what are the effects of a pervasive cultural distrust in social institutions, the widespread mediatization of everyday life, and the intercultural and intertextual nature of media texts themselves? Drawing from foundational texts about media, the role of intellectuals, and the public sphere, students will be asked to develop an empirical case study to explore these questions and test their ideas.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Prereq: 8 credits in Sociology.

SOCI-316SY Special Topics in Sociology: 'The Business of Culture: Marketing and Selling Symbolic Goods'

Fall. Credits: 4

This course investigates the creative economy through a sociological lens. Through case studies of various creative industries, as well as examination of the creative sector as a whole, we will examine how the cultural economy influences, and is influenced by, social phenomena. We will explore issues such as how value is produced in the field of fashion modeling, how music and other creative industries drive urban economies, how local crafts enter global markets, and how norms and values influence the adoption of e-commerce in the market for fine art.

Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences

Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors

SOCI-316TX Special Topics in Sociology: 'Text as Data II: Computational Text Analysis for the Social Sciences'*Spring. Credits: 4*

How can the social sciences benefit from remarkable advances in hardware and software that have unlocked new approaches to using text-as-data? This course interrogates the use of text-as-data from both social scientific and computational perspectives. Students will consider how meaning and context are theorized and how scale is achieved in the analysis of text by social scientists and computational experts. This new frontier will be explored in a hands-on manner; by the end of the course, students will deploy machine learning models to gain insights from large bodies of text such that we may evaluate the utility of these approaches in our quest for insight into the social world.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: 8 credits in Sociology including SOCI-216TX.***SOCI-316VU Special Topics in Sociology: 'Visual Sociology: What Images Tell Us'***Spring. Credits: 4*

From A.I.-generated art to selfies, images saturate contemporary social life. This course investigates visual imagery through the lens of sociology. In particular, it focuses on how sociologists engage with visual material in the study of society. Students will examine how sociologists use images to build and evaluate theory, create new concepts, and display their findings. Students will also explore methodological approaches sociologists draw on to incorporate images as a source of data.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: 8 credits in the department.***SOCI-317 Topics in Contemporary Social Thought****SOCI-317ST Topics in Contemporary Social Thought: 'Cultural Sociology and Contemporary Theory'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This seminar examines topics in cultural sociology and contemporary social theory. The first part of the class asks: How do we imagine social things? The second part of the class reviews the history of social theory with a focus on the multiple crises of the modernity narrative, and various attempts to resolve these crises. The final third of the class poses the question of how to analyze culture and "do" social theory.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: SOCI-223 and 4 additional credits in Sociology.***SOCI-333 Contemporary Social Theory***Spring. Credits: 4*

In this critical survey of the main theoretical perspectives in contemporary sociology, we focus specifically on structural functionalism, symbolic interactionism, critical theory, feminism, and postmodernism. Besides gaining familiarity with these alternative perspectives, we try to identify the main axes of theoretical dispute in sociology and discuss the problems of evaluating and resolving conflict between theories.

*Applies to requirement(s): Social Sciences**Prereq: SOCI-223, 8 credits in Sociology.***SOCI-362 Facilitating for Racial Change***Fall. Credits: 4*

What factors hinder meaningful dialogues on race with the U.S. context? What facilitation skills promote interracial communication and collaboration across axes of difference? How might these co-created dialogic spaces help promote social transformation and change? This course is designed to prepare students to facilitate dialogues on race and other social-justice related topics by bridging sociological theory on race and racial identity development with engaged praxis using Intergroup Dialogue (IGD) pedagogical techniques.

*Crosslisted as: CRPE-362**Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distrib. Rqmt; Multicultural Perspectives**Instructor permission required.**Prereqs: CRPE-231, SOCI-216, or CUSP-215RR, and additional 8 credits in Critical Race Political Economy or Sociology.**Notes: The application can be found here: <https://forms.gle/2GQXLiC3oadn3KrKA>***SOCI-395 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8**Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.**Instructor permission required.*

South Asian Studies

Overview and Contact Information

One of four interdisciplinary majors offered by the Asian Studies Program, South Asian studies allows students to specialize in the history, languages, cultures, and politics of South Asia. Our students are expected to incorporate the humanities and the social sciences fully into their studies with classes at Mount Holyoke and the other colleges in the Five College Consortium. Complementing course work at Mount Holyoke are extracurricular activities and study abroad programs that broaden and deepen students' understanding of Asia.

On campus, our students experience regional culture at many levels, including language tables and clubs, guest lectures, performing and visual arts, film, festivals, and regional cuisine. These activities are often initiated by and benefit greatly from the diverse student population of Mount Holyoke and particularly the large numbers of students from Asian countries or with an Asian background.

Most of our students spend a semester or a summer in one of the many Mount Holyoke College-approved South Asian study abroad programs.

South Asian studies majors graduate to pursue graduate study and careers in fields as varied as education, business, NGOs, journalism, the arts, and government service.

See Also

- Asian Studies (p. 75)

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

By majoring in South Asian Studies, students should:

- Develop knowledge of the history of premodern and modern South Asia.
- Develop knowledge of the arts, literature, religions, and philosophies of South Asia.
- Develop knowledge of the geography, politics, economics, and societies of South Asia.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Asian Studies Committee:

Elif Babul, Professor of Anthropology

Calvin Chen, Carol Hoffmann Collins '63 Professor of International Studies and Professor of Politics

Satyananda Gabriel, Professor of Economics

Sohail Hashmi, Professor of International Relations on the Alum Foundation and Professor of Politics

Kavita Khory, Ruth Lawson Professor of Politics

Susanne Mrozik, Professor of Religion

Naoko Nemoto, Professor of Asian Studies

Joshua Roth, Professor of Anthropology

Ajay Sinha, Julie '73 and Helene '49 Herzig Professor of Art History

Ying Wang, Felicia Gressitt Bock Professor of Asian Studies

Amina Steinfels, Associate Professor of Religion

Lan Wu, Associate Professor of History

Abhilash Medhi, Assistant Professor of History

Jinhwa Chang, Senior Lecturer in Japanese, On Leave 2025-2026

Kyae-Sung Park, Five College Senior Lecturer in Korean

Lisha Xu, Senior Lecturer in Asian Studies

Shin-Yi Kao, Lecturer in Asian Studies

Lingjia Xu, Visiting Assistant Professor in Asian Studies

Nari Matsushima, Visiting Instructor in Asian Studies

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
One course (4 credits) in modern South Asian history, for example:		
HIST-124	History of Modern South Asia, 1700 to the Present	4
One course (4 credits) on pre-modern and/or early modern South Asia (c. 3000 BCE to 1700 CE)		
8 elective courses (32 credits): ¹		
		32

Two (8 credits) must be from Group One: Humanities (history, religion, philosophy, literature, language, the arts, and interdisciplinary courses in these areas) ²

One (4 credits) must be from Group Two: Social Science (anthropology, economics, geography, international relations, linguistics, politics, sociology, and interdisciplinary courses in these areas)

At least three courses (12 credits) must be at the 300 level. One of the three 300-level courses must be a non-language and non-independent study course. ²³

Total Credits **40**

¹ A full list of the approved courses (p. 369) for the major appears at the end of the South Asian Studies Courses section.

² In order to count toward the major, studio art or performance courses must be supplemented with analytical written work.

³ A course that is taught outside of Mount Holyoke College must be approved by the chair of the Asian Studies program to count as a 300-level course.

Additional Specifications

- Any course that devotes 50 percent or more of its substance to South Asian countries, peoples, or issues may count toward the major.
- Majors are strongly encouraged, but not required, to pursue study of a South Asian classical or modern language through the Five College Mentored Language Program, summer study, or study abroad. Students may count up to 4 credits toward the major for studying a South Asian language through the Five College Mentored Language Program.
- One course (4 credits) on South Asian diasporas may count toward the major.
- Students who declare a South Asian studies major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.

Courses Counting toward the Major

Most South Asian studies courses at Mount Holyoke are listed below, but students should also consult the catalog entries or websites of other departments, including art history, history, international relations, politics, and religion. South Asian Studies majors should also plan to use the rich resources of the Five College Consortium in selecting their courses (listings are available through the Five College Class Schedule (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/courses>) or individual college websites).

Please consult the chair of the Asian studies program for guidelines regarding Asian languages not taught in the Five Colleges.

Code	Title	Credits
Art History		
ARTH-290BC	Issues in Art History: 'Bollywood: A Cinema of Interruptions'	4
Film Media Theater		
FMT-230BC	Intermediate Courses in History and Theory: 'Bollywood: A Cinema of Interruptions'	4
History		
HIST-124	History of Modern South Asia, 1700 to the Present	4
HIST-301CS	Colloquium: 'Capitalism in South Asia'	4
Religion		

RELIG-163	Introduction to Buddhism	4
RELIG-225EB	Topics in Religion: 'Eco-Buddhism'	4
RELIG-225FF	Topics in Religion: 'Buddhism in Fiction and Film'	4
RELIG-241	Women and Gender in Buddhism	4
RELIG-267	Buddhist Ethics	4
RELIG-311	Love, Madness, Discipline: The Sufi Path in Islam	4

Spanish (Hispanophone Studies)

Overview and Contact Information

The Department of Spanish, Latina/o, and Latin American Studies engages in the multidisciplinary study of the past, current state, and emerging realities of societies and cultures of Latin America, Spain, the Caribbean, and the Latina/o heritage populations within the United States and their relations with each other and with the wider world. To that end, our courses adopt a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches, including literary studies, film and media studies, social history, and politics.

The Department of Spanish, Latina/o, and Latin American Studies also collaborates closely with a number of other departments and programs on campus, frequently crosslisting courses with critical race and political economy; film, media, theater; gender studies; history; and Romance languages and cultures. Regular cocurricular activities organized by the department (film series, lectures, etc.) also engage the larger college community in the interests of our students and faculty. In addition to providing opportunities for learning on campus, the department also strongly recommends that students study off campus in a Spanish-speaking context in order to enhance their language skills and to forge their own connections to place through language.

Spanish—the second most spoken language in the United States today and one of the three most spoken languages in the world— has become a crucial part of civic engagement and global citizenship. Facility with the language has been an important component of career success for many Mount Holyoke graduates in fields including government, law, business, international affairs, education, journalism, medicine, and the performing arts.

To this end, the major and minor in Spanish (Hispanophone Studies) include a variety of courses intended to facilitate proficiency in the language and contextualize and analyze issues relevant to Spanish speakers abroad and in the U.S., such as terrorism, migration, and imperialism.

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

- Develop the necessary linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy to interact and communicate (read, write, speak, and listen) in Spanish in diverse settings and for different purposes.

- Build analytical and problem-solving skills through the interpretation of cultural materials (literary, visual, linguistic, historical, etc.)
- Learn about and question the past, current state, and emerging realities and histories of the societies and cultures of Latin America, Spain, and/or US Latinxs, the relationship among them and with other regions around the world.
- Become aware of the representations of our Spanish-speaking global communities and challenge dominant discourses.
- Engage in research across multiple sources and viewpoints and build arguments through evidence.
- Learn to assess their own language learning practices and experiences to become more autonomous learners.
- Create awareness about how language practices and linguistic diversity relate to larger societal power structures.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Spanish, Latina/o, and Latin American Studies:

- Justin Crumbaugh, Professor of Spanish, Latina/o and Latin American Studies
- Nieves Romero-Díaz, Professor of Spanish on the Alum Foundation
- Marco Aviles, Assistant Professor of Spanish
- Adriana Pitetta, Assistant Professor of Spanish
- Esther Castro, Senior Lecturer in Spanish; Spanish Language Program Director
- Megan Saltzman, Senior Lecturer in Spanish, On Leave 2025-2026
- Flávia Cunha, Lecturer in Spanish
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Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 32 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
SPAN-212	Preparation for Advanced Studies	4
A minimum of three 300-level courses: ¹		12
At least one must be taken in the senior year at Mount Holyoke in Spanish		
Four other courses in Spanish at any level, within the following restrictions:		16
Two 200-level introductory courses (above SPAN-212) must be taken prior to enrolling in any 300-level course		
At least one of the courses above SPAN-212 must at least in part concentrate on Spain and/or Latin America before 1800.		
Total Credits		32

¹ Excluding SPAN-395 which may not be counted as one of these three courses.

Additional Specifications

- Courses in Latin American Studies and Latina/o Studies count toward the Spanish major (see next bullet about courses in English).
- If a student spends a semester in a Spanish-speaking place or is a Spanish native speaker, two courses taught in English at Mount Holyoke by department faculty can be counted toward the major. If not, only one course taught in English (if cross-listed or approved by the department) will be allowed.
- For one semester abroad, a student can get up to 8 credits towards the major at the 200 or 300 level, and up to 20 credits for two semesters abroad. For the major in Spanish, the department will accept no more than 8 credits taken abroad at the 300 level.
- Decisions regarding credit transfers from study abroad will be based on academic criteria. Students should save course syllabi, written assignments, and any other relevant materials. Courses on a variety of subjects (literature, history, art, film, but also political science, economics, sociology) may count toward the major, but only if the study abroad advisor approves of the course contents and objectives.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 20 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
SPAN-212	Preparation for Advanced Studies	4
At least one 300-level course ¹		4
Three other courses at the 200 or 300-level. One course below SPAN-212 could be substituted for one of these		12
Total Credits		20

¹ Note: two 200-level introductory courses (above SPAN-212) must be taken prior to enrolling in a 300-level course.

Additional Specifications

- The 300-level required course must be taken in the department.
- No course in English can be counted toward the minor.
- Independent Study (SPAN-295 or SPAN-395) may not be used as part of the minor.
- No more than 8 credits toward the minor can be completed abroad. Spanish minors should take all their courses abroad in Spanish.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in pursuing licensure in the field of Spanish can combine their course work in Spanish with a minor in education. In some instances course work in the major coincides with course work required for licensure; in other cases, it does not. For specific course requirements for licensure within the major of Spanish (Hispanophone Studies), please consult your advisor or the chair of the Department of Spanish, Latina/o, and Latin American Studies. Further information about the minor in education (p. 348) and the Teacher Licensure program (p. 349) is available in other sections of the catalog, or consult Ms. Frenette in the psychology and education department.

Licensure also requires a formal application as well as passing scores on the Massachusetts Test of Educator Licensure (MTEL) in both the literacy component and the subject matter component. Copies of the test objectives for the MTEL are available in the Department of

Spanish, Latina/o, and Latin American Studies and in the Department of Psychology and Education.

Additional information about the Licensure Program, including application materials, can be found on the Teacher Licensure Program website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/teacher-licensure>).

Course Advice

Placement

Students with no prior knowledge of Spanish must take the placement test to enroll in SPAN-101.

Any student with prior course work in Spanish must do the following:

1. take an online placement test (https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/spanish?_ga=2.11033076.1115798967.1659984764-1556106209.1601496778) within two months of registration, and
2. complete a language questionnaire (located in the online First-Year Curriculum Guide).

Upon reviewing both the questionnaire and placement test results, the department may require a level change.

Notes

Students are strongly encouraged to take their language courses in close succession, without lapses between one level and the next.

Students who have previously taken Spanish courses at Mount Holyoke and who wish to continue their study of Spanish must have the prerequisites stipulated for specific courses.

All courses satisfy distribution requirements unless indicated otherwise.

All courses are conducted in Spanish unless indicated otherwise.

Students contemplating study abroad in Spain or Latin America are encouraged to elect a Spanish course in the first semester of their first year.

Course Offerings

SPAN-101 Elementary Spanish

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

An interactive introduction to the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures. This course emphasizes communication through extensive oral practice in class in order to provide students with an immersion experience. Covers basic grammar structures to equip students to communicate about personal information (description of self and family, routine, preferences) and carry out basic tasks (asking for directions, ordering food, making simple purchases). Students will experience different Spanish varieties within and outside of the classroom through films, short movies, documentaries, poetry, literature, and a broad variety of other written and oral texts.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Placement test required even if no previous study of Spanish; score 0-200.

Advisory: SPAN-101 is designed for students with no previous training in Spanish or a maximum of one year of Spanish at the high school level. All students must take the online Spanish placement test to register for the class.

SPAN-199 Preparation for Intermediate Spanish*Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

A communication-based approach to using the Spanish language and learning about Spanish-speaking communities and cultures, this course emphasizes communication through extensive oral practice in class in order to provide students with an immersion experience. Deepens the students' command of Spanish, builds on content learned in SPAN-101 and expands knowledge of the necessary grammar and vocabulary to equip students to communicate in new social situations beyond elementary Spanish. Students will experience different Spanish varieties within and outside of the classroom through films, short movies, documentaries, poetry, literature, and a broad variety of other written and oral texts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: SPAN-101 or by obtaining a qualifying score on placement exam.***SPAN-201 Intermediate Spanish***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

A communication-based approach to using the Spanish language and learning about Spanish-speaking communities and cultures, this course emphasizes communication through extensive oral practice in class in order to provide students with an immersion experience. Strives for mastery of complex grammatical structures and continues working on writing, listening, and reading skills to provide the necessary linguistic and cultural tools to communicate about current social issues. Students will experience different Spanish varieties within and outside of the classroom through films, short movies, documentaries, poetry, literature, and a broad variety of other written and oral texts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Prereq: SPAN-199 or by obtaining a qualifying score on placement exam.**Advisory: Students with AP Spanish Language must register for SPAN-209 or SPAN-212.***SPAN-209 Composition and Culture***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Emphasis on written expression in Spanish through frequent assignments emphasizing difficult grammatical structures or idiomatic usages, sentence and paragraph structure, making smooth transitions, writing the short essay, writing descriptions, engaging in personal or business correspondence, analyzing texts, doing library research, and drafting and completing research papers. Students will comment on each other's work in the classroom and/or via the use of email or Web sites and will practice techniques of self-editing and self-criticism.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-201, AP Spanish Language, or a qualifying score on placement exam.**Advisory: Students with AP Spanish Language must register for SPAN-209 or SPAN-212.***SPAN-212 Preparation for Advanced Studies***Fall and Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will equip students of Spanish with a variety of skills that prepare them for upper-division courses. Specific areas of study will include introduction to literary genres and movements; practice in critical reading and writing; study of figures of speech, rhetoric, and style; presentation of oral reports; use of library resources. In addition, students acquire basic knowledge of the geography, history, and culture of the Hispanic world.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-201, SPAN-209, AP Spanish Language, or a qualifying score on placement exam.**Advisory: Students with AP Spanish Language must register for SPAN-209 or SPAN-212.***SPAN-230 Identities & Intersections: An Introduction**

A broad introduction to issues of identity (gender, sexual, ethnic, cultural, class, national, religious) in the Spanish-speaking world and their intersections with other dimensions of cultural agency and power differentials. The specific course contents and examples examined will vary each semester.

SPAN-230AN Identities & Intersections: An Introduction: 'Animal Stories'*Spring. Credits: 4*

Throughout history, humans have depended on animals not only to survive but to understand the world and to express feelings and ideas. This course explores Latin American cultural landscapes through the study of our relationships with other animals via literary and visual representations. How does our coexistence with domestic and wild animals interact with how we view spirituality, science and technology, environment, economics, migration, and belonging? We will approach this question through different works, with particular focus on indigenous authors. Students will also have a chance to explore their own relationships with other animals.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-230GV Identities & Intersections: An Introduction: 'Gendered Violence from Medieval to Contemporary Spain'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This survey course will review the complex interaction of gender and violence as a personal and institutional issue in Spain from Medieval times to the present. What are the ideological and sociocultural constructs that sustain and perpetuate violence against women? What are the forms of resistance women have put into play? Among the texts, we will study short stories by Lucanor (thirteenth century) and María de Zayas (seventeenth century), song by Bebé and movie by Boyaín (twentieth century), contemporary news (twenty-first century), and laws (from the thirteenth century to the present).

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-204GV**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.*

SPAN-230HY Identities & Intersections: An Introduction: 'Hybrid Identities of the Spanish-Speaking World'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

With a historical and transnational approach, this course will explore bi/multicultural identities and communities in the Spanish-speaking world, primarily of the postcolonial period. Mestizos, Korean-Argentineans, Cuban-Americans, Afro-Peruvians, Moroccans and West Africans in Spanish cities, "gallegos" in Buenos Aires, Chinatowns, Spanglish...Is Catalonia Spain? Through literary, audiovisual, and theoretical texts, we will put situations of ethnic and linguistic hybridity in dialogue with one another and focus on how communities and identities reclaim rights and space, are represented, aspired to, separated, and often slip away when we try to define them.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive

Prereq: SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

SPAN-240 Visual Cultures: An Introduction

A broad introduction to the study of visual representation in Latin American, Spanish, and U.S. Latina/o cultures. Students will examine the articulation of a variety of topics in media such as film, television, fine arts, Internet, and/or video. The specific course contents and examples examined will vary each semester.

SPAN-240AR Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Occupying the Arts: Activism, Crisis and Arts in Latin America'

Spring. Credits: 4

In this course we will situate contemporary Latin American arts in a historical and political context – a moment of rupture that is informed by ongoing histories of racism, colonialism, sexism, authoritarianism, state terrorism, coloniality of power and debt. We will look at non-canonical artists and movements between the sixties and now. What is artistic activism? What is social art? What is the role of creative industries in contexts of political oppression? What happens when art does not simply "talk about politics," but engages in a dialectical practice-moving between action and aesthetics? We will look at visual arts, performance and literature, and paying attention to the consumers.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish. Students can obtain 300-level credit with permission of instructor.

SPAN-240CN Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Latin American Cinema'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course offers a broad introduction to the history, politics and aesthetics of Latin American cinema through some of its most influential films. We address the revolutionary styles of agit-prop, Neo-Realism and Third Cinema, as well as Hollywood-style melodrama. The course also familiarizes students with the basic terminology, concepts and approaches of film studies.

Crosslisted as: FMT-230CN

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Prereq: SPAN-212 or native fluency in Spanish.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

SPAN-240DQ Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Drama Queens: Love, Heartache and Making a Scene'

Fall. Credits: 4

Movies and television in Spanish are known for serving over-the-top drama. From the histrionics of Mexico's sweeping *época de oro* productions to the *telenovelas* of today, melodrama has provided an effective means for understanding not only our own personal affliction but also broader societal issues. Star-crossed lovers, family feuds, a mother's sacrifice, and other common tropes become vehicles for articulating and challenging ideas about socio-economic hierarchies, gender and sexuality norms, racialization, and national identity. This course explores such dynamics in iconic box-office hits, popular television serials, and recent streaming content.

Crosslisted as: FMT-230DQ

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

SPAN-240PN Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Spanish Cinema'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course offers a broad introduction to the history, politics and aesthetics of Spanish cinema through its most iconic films. We address the innovations of surrealism, neo-realism, and postmodernism as well as Hollywood-style commercial genres. The course also familiarizes students with the basic terminology, concepts and approaches of film studies in Spanish. Pedro Almodóvar, Luis Buñuel, Isabel Coixet and other directors included.

Crosslisted as: FMT-230PN

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

SPAN-240RE Visual Cultures, An Introduction: 'Representations of Labor in Latin American Cinema'

Fall. Credits: 4

How do labor relationships and the social construction of what work means affect our lives as well as our communities? How do they contribute to shape our identities? In which ways can our gender, sexual orientation, race, social class or migratory status define our working possibilities? How do the concepts of marginality and informality emerge to identify the precarious Latin American labor conditions? How do labor conditions interact with political and social events? Through Latin American films and short stories, students will problematize the idea of service, worker, industry, classic and non-classic work, sexual and affective work, and child labor, among others.

Crosslisted as: FMT-230RE, GNDST-204RE

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

SPAN-250 Concepts and Practices of Power: An Introduction

A historical approach to the analysis of political discourses and economic relations in Latin America, Spain and Latina/o cultures in the United States. Topics may include, but are not limited to, imperialism, (post/neo)colonialism, (trans)nationalism, migration, globalization, and neoliberalism. The specific course contents and examples examined will vary each semester.

SPAN-250AT Concepts and Practices of Power: 'The Agency of Things: Material Culture of Latin America, Spain, and the U.S. Border'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

What is a thing? What is stuff? Water bottles, bread, trash, relics, photos, dirt, a broken printer, your favorite socks... Where do they come from and where are they going? In this course we'll gain an understanding of the political, historical, spatial, and affective agency of objects. We'll study how artists, writers, collectors, hoarders, migrants, and things of modern-day Latin America, Spain, and U.S.-border areas engage with the inanimate things around us. Our study will be enlightened by theoretical discussions on "Object Oriented Ontology," Environmental Humanities, the Anthropocene, everyday life, and automation. Students will also have a chance to decipher the meaning and trajectories of their own "stuff."

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-260 Studies in Language and Society: An Introduction**

A broad introduction to the study of specific form/meaning relations in the linguistic system of Spanish and the function of language in society. Topics may include, but are not limited to, languages in contact, bilingualism, teaching methodology, translation and interpretation, sociolinguistics, phonetics and phonology, morpho-syntax, semantics and pragmatics. The specific course contents and examples examined will vary each semester.

SPAN-260BL Studies in Language and Society: An Introduction: 'Being Bilingual'*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course will introduce students to key issues and concepts in the study of bilingualism with a focus on communities in which Spanish interacts with other languages in Latin America, Spain, and the United States. One of the main goals of the course is to create awareness about the multidimensional nature of bilingualism as an individual, socio-political, cultural, and a psycholinguistic phenomenon. Topics will include degrees of bilingualism and the notion of "bilingual continua", language acquisition and language processing, relations between language and identity, the linguistic effects of other languages in different Spanish varieties, language maintenance and language loss, language policies and bilingual education.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-209 or SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-260CN Studies in Language and Society: An Introduction: 'Spanish Across the Continents'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course will introduce students to the various varieties of Spanish throughout the world including North and South America, Spain, North Africa and regions where Judeo-Spanish is spoken. Topics will include the historical reasons for the presence and development of Spanish in different regions and the main causes of language variation, such as contact with other languages and social factors. The analysis of oral texts (audio and video recordings) will be a main component of the coursework.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-209 or higher.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-260CW Studies in Language and Society: An Introduction: 'Introduction to Creative Writing in Spanish'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Do you want to discover the creative writer inside of you? Do you want to learn techniques and strategies to play with the Spanish language and write poems or short stories? This course will introduce students to the pleasure of the creative writing process in Spanish. Students will develop the skills for understanding and analyzing the art and craft of writing fiction and poetry by famous writers and to develop the language and confidence to create your own. We will look at literature as writers rather than scholars. Students will learn strategies for experimenting with writing, giving and receiving feedback, and building a literary community.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-260HL Studies in Language and Society: An Introduction: 'Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics'***Spring. Credits: 4*

The main objectives of this course are to consolidate the knowledge of the language, as well as to help both non-native and native speakers understand and explain how Spanish works as a linguistic system for communication. Topics covered in this course will range from a review of general goals and methods in Linguistics, to phonetics and phonology, morphology and syntax, semantics, and language variation within the Spanish speaking world. The coursework will highlight those grammatical aspects that are typically problematic for learners of Spanish as a second language.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-209 or SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-260PB Studies in Language and Society: An Introduction: 'Public Speaking in Spanish'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course aims to help students develop their understanding of public speaking and improve their delivery skills in Spanish in a variety of contexts. A special emphasis will be placed on the concept and practice of ethical communication. Coursework will include planning, presenting, and analyzing oral and written speeches, as well as critical evaluations of famous figures' speeches in Spanish and their particular audience in socio-historical contexts. Assignments will substantially focus on different aspects of the planning process -- such as content research, organization, writing, and the use of visual aids, among others--to create a well-informed, flexible, audience-oriented speech.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-295 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

SPAN-330 Advanced Studies in Identities and Intersections**SPAN-330BW Advanced Studies in Identities and Intersections: 'De Brujas and Other "Bad Women" in the Spanish Atlantic'***Fall. Credits: 4*

During the Spanish Empire (15th-18th centuries), women who violated the social order by failing to uphold the expected sexual morality and gender norms of the "ideal woman" were considered a danger or categorized as "*raras*". They were silenced, criticized, punished, and some burned at the stake as witches. Students will study contradictory discourses of good and evil and beauty and ugliness in relation to gender in the Spanish Atlantic. We will analyze historical and literary texts as well as film versions of so-called "bad" women – such as the Celestina, Elena/o de Céspedes, Antonio/Catalina de Erauso and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333BW**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-330SL Advanced Studies in Identities and Intersections: 'Spain and Islam'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course will explore questions and concerns regarding the "Islamic constant" of Spanish history. We will focus on four major political and cultural contexts: the coexistence and conflicts among Jews, Muslims, and Christians in Medieval Iberia; the "moriscos" (converted Muslims) of Imperial Spain (sixteenth-seventeenth centuries); Spanish orientalism and colonial enterprises in Africa between the end of the nineteenth and the first half of the twentieth centuries; and the question of the Muslim emigrants in contemporary Spain. Readings will include literary texts, political and legal documents, historical accounts, and other cultural material such as architecture, film, and documentaries.

*Crosslisted as: RELIG-331SL**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-330WE Advanced Studies in Identities and Intersections: 'Weird Feelings: Unsettling Latin American Short Fiction'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course we will read and discuss a group of short stories written by contemporary female, queer and trans Latin American authors. These stories deal with (among other weird feelings and states) the uncanny, the unsettling and the horror of daily life as well as processes of becoming, embodiment and disidentification. This course considers the intersections of identity and imagination, race, gender, and class. Special attention is given to the way in which these writings depict oppression and resilience and how they reinvent the Latin American short story writing tradition. Authors may include Ivan Monalisa, Guadalupe Nettel, Mariana Enriquez, Camila Sosa, and Claudia Salazar.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333WE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-340 Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures****SPAN-340AR Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Occupying the Arts: Activism, Crisis and Arts in Latin America'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

In this course we will situate contemporary Latin American arts in a historical and political context – a moment of rupture that is informed by ongoing histories of racism, colonialism, sexism, authoritarianism, state terrorism, coloniality of power and debt. We will look at non canonical artists and movements between the sixties and now. What is artistic activism? What is social art? What is the role of creative industries in contexts of political oppression? What happens when art does not simply "talk about politics", but engages in a dialectical practice-moving between action and aesthetics? We will look at visual arts, performance and literature, also paying attention to the consumers.

*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two courses in Spanish at the 200-level above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-340DG Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Indigenous Futures'***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course examines how contemporary artists from the Andes and the Amazon imagine and represent the future of their communities by putting their experiences, aesthetics and epistemologies in dialogue with global issues, such as the environmental crisis. Through analysis of a diverse corpus of works—from Guamán Poma's 17th century drawings, to Daniela Catrileo's 2023 novel *Chilco*—we will examine how indigenous artists and thinkers have imagined other worlds and realities, and we will explore how these works challenge ideas around race, nation, gender, and class. Students will also have a chance to test their own critical imaginations by producing narratives about the future.

*Crosslisted as: ARTH-301DG**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two courses in Spanish at the 200-level above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-340PA Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Natural's Not in It: Pedro Almodóvar'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course studies the films of Pedro Almodóvar, European cinema's favorite bad boy turned acclaimed auteur. On the one hand, students learn to situate films within the context of contemporary Spanish history (the transition to democracy, the advent of globalization, etc.) in order to consider the local contours of postmodern aesthetics. On the other hand, the films provide a springboard to reflect on larger theoretical and ethical debates related to gender, sexuality, consumer culture, authenticity, and authorship.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333PA, FMT-330PA**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two courses in Spanish at the 200-level above SPAN-212.**Advisory: For Spanish credit: Two courses in Spanish at the 200 level above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.*

SPAN-340RR Advanced Studies in Visual Cultures: 'Anti-Fascism in Film: Reel Revolutions'*Spring. Credits: 4*

This course analyzes the fight against fascism through the lens of Spanish cinema. Students learn about the history of fascism and anti-fascism in general, Spain's pivotal role in the battle between the two opposing ideologies, the stylistic traits adopted by each in cinema, and how films themselves can wage "reel" revolution. Struggles against capitalism, officially dictated national(ist) histories and cis-hetero-normativity, as well as stances in favor of organized anarchism, are also central to anti-fascist art and politics. The course concludes with reflections on anti-fascism in the Americas, particularly in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and the United States.

*Crosslisted as: FMT-330RR**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two courses in Spanish at the 200-level above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-350 Advanced Studies in Concepts and Practices of Power****SPAN-350QH Advanced Studies in Concepts and Practices of Power: 'Queering the Horror: Collective Memory, Political Violence, and Dissident Sexualities in Latin American Narratives'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

The bloody dictatorships that took place in the Southern Cone and the armed conflicts in Colombia, Guatemala and Peru during the 20th century left behind a legacy of political violence and collective trauma. These states themselves became sadistic death machines, where bodies became territories of punishment and discipline as well as of struggle, resistance, and difference. We will analyze how recent cultural production (film, novel, short stories, and theater) along with theoretical texts imagine and represent those "body struggles" through queer and female bodies, and how they replace the masculine icons of the left-wing militants and the state military terrorists.

*Crosslisted as: GNDST-333QH**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-350UE Advanced Studies in Concepts and Practices of Power:****'Public Space and Everyday Life in Globalizing Spanish Cities'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

With a transnational and historical scope, this course will examine everyday life and public space in Spanish cities. We'll approach cities as dynamic global networks shaped by cultures, politics, economies, ideologies, memories, and imaginations. Through literary, visual, and theoretical texts, we'll explore the in/exclusivity of large-scale urban phenomena such as street design, architecture, gentrification, globalization, and mass tourism. From a lesser-known ethnographic angle, we'll also bring into dialogue the power within practices (walking, sitting, remembering, shopping, placemaking) as well as subjects and objects (street vendors, minority identities, urban furniture, buildings).

*Crosslisted as: ARCH-305UE**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Other Attribute(s): Writing-Intensive**Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.**Notes: Taught in Spanish.***SPAN-360 Advanced Studies in Language and Society****SPAN-360AV Advanced Studies in Language and Society: 'About Vanguards and Revolutionary Ideas'***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

This course addresses cultural relations between Latin America and Romance languages and cultures through the concept of vanguard: the Latin American poetic vanguardias of the early twentieth century and controversies with the Italian and Spanish vanguardias; the influence of the Négritude anti-colonial movement in Latin American decolonial thinking and the political avant-garde movements and guerrillas of the '60s and '70s; the intersections between French surrealism and Latin American magic realism; and the emergence of the Cinema Novo and New/Third Cinema (the vanguard of political cinema in Latin America) in the context of Italian neo-realism and the French nouvelle vague.

*Crosslisted as: ROMLG-375AV, FREN-321AV, ITAL-361AV**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives**Prereq: 8 credits at the 200 level in language or literature.**Advisory: Two courses in Spanish at the 200 level, above 212.*

Notes: Taught in English. Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.

SPAN-360LT Advanced Studies in Language and Society: 'Romance Languages Translate'*Spring. Credits: 4*

This seminar explores Romance languages, literatures and cultures through the prism of translation. By comparing translations from Spanish, Catalan, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Romanian between each other and into English, we will map out the boundaries, intersections and middle grounds of this language family. Students will engage with the different traditions of translation studies in these languages and critically analyze translators' paratexts. Selecting an individual translation project in a Romance language of their choice, through a process of revision and collaboration, each student will produce both a polished translation and a commentary explaining challenges and choices.

*Crosslisted as: ROMLG-375LT, ITAL-361LT, FREN-321LT**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors**Advisory: Two courses in Spanish at the 200 level, above 212.*

Notes: Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.

SPAN-360MT Advanced Studies in Language and Society: 'The Mind of the Traveler: Journeys, Expeditions, Tours'*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4*

Travel literature has always been a precious source for the study of culture, politics, arts and, last but not least, people. From Tacitus to Marco Polo, from Stendhal to Camilo Jose Cela, we will read and discuss authors who traveled for political, personal, and recreational reasons. We will also pay special attention to tales of emigration and immigration in the third millennium.

*Crosslisted as: ROMLG-375MT, ITAL-361MT, FREN-321MT**Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language**Restrictions: This course is open to juniors and seniors*

Advisory: For language majors; two courses in culture and literature at the 200 level.

Notes: Students wishing to obtain 300-level credit in French, Italian, or Spanish must read texts and write papers in the Romance language for which they wish to receive credit.

**SPAN-360SJ Advanced Studies in Language and Society:
'(Trans)Languaging Social Justice'**

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

The concept of linguistic justice refers to the right to communicate and engage in the language and variety in which one feels more comfortable and powerful, as the foundation of equitable access to social and political life. Under this framework, this course examines the role of language in promoting or denying social justice. We will explore languaging – language as a social practice related to constructing meaning and knowledge – in areas such as education, law, immigration, health care, artificial intelligence, race and ethnicity ideologies, among others. A main goal of this course is to build our critical language awareness through self-reflection to support rhetorical agency for social change.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language; Multicultural Perspectives

Other Attribute(s): Speaking-Intensive, Writing-Intensive

Prereq: Two 200-level Spanish courses above SPAN-212.

Notes: Taught in Spanish.

SPAN-360TR Advanced Studies in Language and Society: 'Into Translation: Connecting Words and Worlds in English and Spanish'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

This course will explore the different components of the translation process from a multidimensional perspective: translation as a textual activity, translation as communication, and as a cognitive and learning processes. The main objective will be for students to develop their theoretical and practical understanding of the translation process through the analysis of translations, discussions of the main issues in the field, and extensive practice of translation of different types of texts between English and Spanish.

Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language

Prereq: Two courses in Spanish at the 200-level above 212.

SPAN-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Special Major

Overview and Contact Information

Students whose interests cross department lines in an area for which no interdisciplinary major exists may plan a special major incorporating work in two or more departments. Students must work closely with faculty advisors to create a plan that is academically and educationally rigorous, which then must also be approved by the Academic Dean for the Senior Class.

Each year, ten to 20 students graduate with a special major. Recent examples include biomathematics, musical theater, neurochemistry, psycholinguistics, urban studies, and wildlife biology.

Contact Information

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Requirements for a Special Major

A minimum of 40 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
20 credits of coursework in the approved program ¹		20
20 credits of coursework at the 300 level in the approved program, divided between two or more departments ¹		20
Total Credits		40

¹ Per the student's written plan endorsed by faculty and the Academic Dean for the Senior Class.

Other Requirements

- Declaration of special major form (https://my.mtholyoke.edu/ossa/academic_deans/Documents/Declaration%20of%20Special%20Major.pdf) (student or faculty login required)
- A written plan must be submitted to and endorsed by two members of the faculty and approved by the Academic Dean for the Senior Class. The plan must be submitted no later than the end of the eighth week of classes of the second semester of the student's junior year.

Additional Specifications

- Students who declare a special major automatically fulfill the College's "outside the major" requirement.
- Special majors at Mount Holyoke are multi-disciplinary and are not eligible for the STEM OPT visa extension even if the majority of courses are in STEM fields.
- A special major in mathematics and economics is automatically approved upon application if it includes:
 - ECON-211, ECON-212, and at least two 300-level Economics courses (including ECON-307 and/or ECON-320), and
 - MATH-203, MATH-211, MATH-251, and at least two of the following courses: MATH-333, MATH-339, MATH-342.
- A special major in statistics and economics is automatically approved upon application if it includes:
 - ECON-211, ECON-212, ECON-320, and at least one other 300-level Economics course.
 - MATH-203, MATH-211, and at least two of the following courses: STAT-340, MATH-342, STAT-343, STAT-344.

Statistics

Overview and Contact Information

Statistics is used in most professions, in most sectors of the economy, and in a great many academic areas. Each year some students enter graduate programs in statistics, or in allied fields (business, economics, education, or psychology). Many students enter the job market and later pursue advanced degrees.

Contact Information

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Learning Goals

We welcome all students into the Statistics major, and we aim to create an inclusive, supportive environment for everyone. Statistics majors have the following learning goals:

- Communicate statistical concepts and their interpretation, with statistical colleagues and with a wider audience
- Describe key statistical methods and the reasoning behind them
- Use appropriate statistical and computational methods to explore data and draw conclusions
- Ask questions about new methods and applications, learn new techniques, and make new discoveries
- Incorporate “big picture” reasoning, including ethics, practicality, and creativity, into statistical practice
- Develop the independence to approach new problems, and the ability to collaborate effectively.

Faculty

This area of study is administered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics:

- Jennifer Paulhus, Professor of Mathematics
- Timothy Chumley, Associate Professor of Mathematics on the John Stewart Kennedy Foundation
- Alanna Hoyer-Leitzel, Associate Professor of Mathematics
- Dylan Shepardson, Robert L. Rooke Associate Professor of Mathematics
- Laura Tupper, Associate Professor of Statistics
- Isabelle Beaudry, Assistant Professor of Statistics, On Leave 2025-2026
- Chassidy Bozeman, Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Victoria Day, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Laura Lyman, Clare Booth Luce Assistant Professor of Statistics
- Lidia Mrad, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Derek Young, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, On Leave 2025-2026
- Cheng Han Pan, Visiting Assistant Professor in Mathematics.
- Benjamin Pittman-Polletta, Visiting Assistant Professor in Statistics
- Cristian Rodriguez Avila, Visiting Assistant Professor in Mathematics
- Arie Shaus, Visiting Assistant Professor in Data Science
- Denae Ventura Arredondo, Visiting Assistant Professor in Mathematics
- Ishfaaq Mohammed Imtiyas, Visiting Instructor in Statistics
- Elvin Shrestha, Visiting Instructor in Mathematics

Requirements for the Major

A minimum of 36 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
As a prerequisite for MATH-203:		
MATH-101	Calculus I	
MATH-102	Calculus II	
MATH-203	Calculus III	4
MATH-211	Linear Algebra	4
As a prerequisite for STAT-242:		
STAT-140	Introduction to the Ideas and Applications of Statistics	
STAT-242	Intermediate Statistics	4
STAT-340	Applied Regression Methods	4
MATH-342	Probability	4
STAT-343	Mathematical Statistics	4
12 additional credits in mathematics or statistics at the 200-level or above ¹		12
Total Credits		36

¹ A 300-level course that contains substantial mathematical or statistical content in another discipline may be used to fulfill at most 4 credits toward the major with prior departmental approval.

Students considering developing a special major in statistics and economics should consult the Special Major (p. 377) chapter.

Requirements for the Minor

A minimum of 16 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
At least one 200-level course in statistics		4
At least one 300-level course in statistics		4
Two additional courses in mathematics or statistics at the 200 level or above		8
Total Credits		16

Additional Specifications

Substitutions are possible with the permission of the department. Students planning a minor in statistics should consult one of the statistics advisors.

With departmental permission, students who have already completed one 100-level exploration course may elect to enroll in a second exploration course at the 200-level so that it may be counted toward the minor.

Course Advice

Beginning the Study of Statistics

A natural way to begin if you have not studied statistics is with STAT-140, Introduction to the Ideas and Applications of Statistics.

A 200-level course in statistics is a good choice if you have taken an advanced placement statistics course or have taken the equivalent of a 100-level statistics course.

Advice to Students with Special Interests

Actuarial science

Students interested in this area should plan to cover the material that is included in the first two actuarial exams as part of their undergraduate program. This material is included in Calculus I (MATH-101), Calculus

II (MATH-102), Calculus III (MATH-203), Probability (MATH-342), and Mathematical Statistics (STAT-343), along with Macroeconomic Theory (ECON-211), Microeconomic Theory (ECON-212), and Economics of Corporate Finance (ECON-215). Students are also encouraged to obtain experience through an internship.

Biostatistics, public health, or natural resources

Students interested in these areas should include substantial work in biology, chemistry, geology, and/or environmental studies in their programs.

Economics or business

Many students with these interests design a special major (p. 377) in mathematics and economics or a special major (p. 377) in statistics and economics.

Engineering

Students interested in engineering often double-major in mathematics and physics and/or participate in one of the College's five-year, dual-degree programs with Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering, or California Institute of Technology, or the University of Massachusetts (see the Other Degree and Certificate Programs chapter).

Graduate school

Students preparing for graduate school in statistics or mathematics often participate in an undergraduate research program in the summer after the junior year and continue with an honors thesis in the senior year. Students considering graduate work in statistics at the level of a Ph.D. are encouraged to include abstract algebra and especially MATH-301.

Teaching certification

Students interested in pursuing certification for middle school or secondary school should major in mathematics rather than statistics. However, there is increasing emphasis on statistics in secondary school, and any of the applied courses would provide good preparation.

Course Offerings

STAT-107 Foundations of Data and Visualization

Fall. Credits: 4

Pictures, plots, and visualizations can be incredibly effective ways to understand information, tell stories, and make arguments. But how do you know if a picture is telling the truth? How do you make a picture that tells your story? In this course, we'll explore ways to understand, critique, and create different types of data visualizations: things you'll see in the news and generate in your future jobs. We'll also focus on building foundational skills and comfort with data, code, and tools that will prepare you not just for future statistics and data science courses, but also for the ever-growing quantitative component of work in the humanities and social sciences.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Advisory: This course is intended for students with little or no college-level experience in statistics, computing, or mathematics. Students who have taken (or are concurrently taking) STAT-140, DATA-113, or equivalent, or scored 4 or higher on the AP Statistics exam, are typically not eligible, but may consult with the instructor.

STAT-140 Introduction to the Ideas and Applications of Statistics

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course provides an overview of statistical methods, their conceptual underpinnings, and their use in various settings taken from current news, as well as from the physical, biological, and social sciences. Topics will include exploring distributions and relationships, planning for data production, sampling distributions, basic ideas of inference (confidence intervals and hypothesis tests), inference for distributions, and inference for relationships, including chi-square methods for two-way tables and regression.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Advisory: 2 years of high school algebra.

STAT-242 Intermediate Statistics

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

In this course, students will learn how to analyze data arising from a broad array of observational and experimental studies. Topics covered will include exploratory graphics, description techniques, the fitting and assessment of statistical models, hypothesis testing, and communication of results. Specific topics may include multiple regression, ANOVA, and non-linear regression. Statistical software will be used.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: STAT-140 or equivalent.

STAT-244 Intermediate Topics in Statistics

STAT-244MP Intermediate Topics in Statistics: 'Survey Sampling'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

In this course, students will explore statistical techniques for designing and analyzing complex survey designs. Sample surveys are used to obtain data on demography, health, and development; to measure attitudes and beliefs; to estimate natural resources; to evaluate the impact of social programs; along with many other uses. The proper design and analysis of these surveys is crucial to their utility. We will cover topics including survey design, estimation, poststratification, imputation, and survey error. We will also apply these methods by frequently using real (and often messy) survey data through assignments and projects. The analysis of the data will be performed through R programming. Background should include estimation, confidence intervals and hypothesis testing.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: STAT-140.

Notes: No prior knowledge of the statistical software R is required.

STAT-244NF Intermediate Topics in Statistics: 'Infectious Disease Modeling'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Infectious disease has plagued humanity since time immemorial. Statistical models serve a critical role in improving understanding of the progression and proliferation of infection in a population, as well as the impact of interventions in stopping the spread of disease. In this course, we will explore regression and compartmental model-based approaches, which will be motivated by some of the most impactful epidemics and pandemics in recent history, including HIV/AIDS, Ebola, Zika, and COVID-19. R statistical software will be used.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: STAT-140.

STAT-244SC Intermediate Topics in Statistics: 'Computational Statistics'
Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Computation is now an essential component of several modern statistical methods. This course will introduce students to computationally intensive techniques in statistics and explore the role of computation as a tool for discovery. Specifically, it will emphasize simulation-based, rather than calculus-based, approaches in statistical theory. Topics may include sampling algorithms, numerical analysis, and missing data. All data analysis in the course will be performed using R software. Research applications will be emphasized through assignments and student-defined projects.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: STAT-140.

Advisory: Students should have experience with the programming language R.

STAT-295 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: The permission of the department is required for independent work to count toward the major or minor.

STAT-340 Applied Regression Methods

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course includes methods for choosing, fitting, evaluating, and comparing statistical models; introduces statistical inference; and analyzes data sets taken from research projects in the natural, physical, and social sciences.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-211 and STAT-242.

STAT-343 Mathematical Statistics

Spring. Credits: 4

This course is an introduction to the mathematical theory of statistics and to the application of that theory to the real world. Topics include probability, random variables, special distributions, introduction to estimation of parameters, and hypothesis testing.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-102 and MATH-342.

STAT-344 Seminar in Statistics and Scientific Research

STAT-344ND Seminar in Statistics and Scientific Research: 'Analysis of Neural Data'

Spring. Credits: 4

Neuroscience addresses big questions about the mind by studying the structure and function of the brain – questions like: How do we remember, learn, and make decisions? Why do we feel emotions and experience consciousness? What causes mental illness? This increasingly means analyzing datasets that are large, complex, high dimensional, and time varying. Neural data analysis employs a unique set of concepts and approaches drawing on statistics, mathematics, physics, and computer science. In this course, we will apply these techniques to real neural datasets through hands-on activities and a final independent project. Possible topics include statistical modeling of neuronal spiking data; analysis of high-dimensional data with spatial structure (e.g., EEG, fMRI); and techniques in time series analysis (e.g., autoregressive modeling, time-frequency decomposition, network connectivity, causality).

Crosslisted as: NEURO-309ND

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: STAT-242.

Advisory: Students who have completed courses in allied fields on research methods (e.g., PSYCH-204 and NEURO-221) or computational and mathematical techniques (e.g., COMSC-335 and PHYS-205) may also be qualified. Contact the instructor to discuss.

STAT-344TM Seminar in Statistics and Scientific Research: 'Time Series Analysis'

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Time series – data collected across time – show up in a vast range of application areas, from climate to economics to music. But they can have special behaviors, like seasonality, memory, and directionality, that require some special treatment! We'll look at tools for describing, modeling, and predicting time series behavior. Topics include decomposition, ARIMA, exponential smoothing, dynamic regression, and a foray into the frequency domain. We'll apply these concepts using real datasets in R.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: STAT-242 and MATH-211.

Advisory: Previous or concurrent registration in STAT-340 (or other multiple regression experience) is recommended.

STAT-351 Bayesian Statistics

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 4

Bayesian statistics refers to a statistical paradigm that has its roots in Bayes' theorem, where prior belief and data can be combined to update our understanding of a particular problem in what is known as the posterior. In this class, you can expect to combine your knowledge of probability and statistics to develop and apply Bayesian thinking to statistical modeling. Possible topics include conjugate families, posterior simulation, regression and classification, and hierarchical modeling. R statistical software will be used.

Applies to requirement(s): Math Sciences

Prereq: MATH-342 and STAT-242.

Advisory: Students may substitute another 200-level Statistics course for STAT-242 with instructor permission.

STAT-395 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 8

Restrictions: Contact instructor for independent study declaration form and signatures.

Instructor permission required.

Advisory: The permission of the department is required for independent work to count toward the major or minor.

Sustainability Studies

Overview and Contact Information

Sustainability will be essential to the formulation of sound environmental, economic, and social progress in the twenty-first century. The Five College Sustainability Studies Certificate program is designed to engage students in a structured course of study that will draw on courses from across the campuses in a range of disciplines. Students will also complete an internship, independent research project, or advanced course work in sustainability studies. On each participating campus, program advisors will work with students to design a course of study that fulfills program requirements and is tailored to students' interests and faculty strengths at the Five Colleges.

See Also

- Environmental Studies (p. 178)
- Nexus in Development Studies (p. 148)

Contact Information

Timothy Farnham, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies

<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/sustainability-studies-program>

Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of seven courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Three core courses, one from each of the following areas:		3
	Environmental Sustainability	
	Sustainable Economy and Politics	
	Sustainable Society and Culture	
A minimum of three courses in one of the following five concentration areas: ¹		3
	Agriculture and Food Systems	
	Energy Systems, Climate, and Water	
	Green Infrastructure, Design, and Technology	
	Politics and Policy	
	Culture, History, and Representation	
Another one course from a different concentration area		1
Total Courses		7

¹ At least one of the concentration area courses must be at the advanced level. (One of the required courses for the concentration may also be counted toward the core courses requirement.)

Other Requirements

- Program plan. Interested students must submit to their campus program advisor a declaration of intent, outlining a potential course of study, by the second semester of their sophomore year. They will complete and submit applications during fall of sophomore year.
- Experiential Component. Students must work with their campus program advisor to identify and complete an internship or independent research project that addresses a contemporary, "real world" problem. This component may be an internship, thesis, independent study, or other suitable activity approved by the student's program advisor. Alternatively, students may work with their

program advisor to identify a suitable advanced course within their concentration area.

- Capstone Symposium. Advanced students must present work fulfilling this requirement at an annual symposium. For these presentations, students will be encouraged to consider the ways in which their projects address the core areas of sustainability and their linkages.

Additional Specifications

- At least five of the required courses must be above the introductory level, and two of those courses must be at the advanced level.
- A list of current courses typically applicable to the certificate is available on the certificate program's website (<https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/sustainability-studies-program#courses>).

PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE EDUCATION

Overview and Contact Information

Professional and Graduate Education (PaGE) at Mount Holyoke College offers engaged learning communities and high-quality academic programs for adult learners. PaGE offerings include a portfolio of Master's degree programs, teacher licensure programs, institutes for educators, and professional development programming. All courses, workshops, seminars and institutes offered through Mount Holyoke's Professional and Graduate Education (PaGE) programs are gender-inclusive.

Mount Holyoke College Student Handbook (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/deanofstudents/student-handbook>)

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PaGE Program Offerings

Graduate Programs

PaGE offers three graduate degrees with a mix of on-campus, online and hybrid courses:

- Master of Arts in Teaching, Teacher Leadership (p. 400)
 - A 32-to-34 credit two-year program
 - With customized options for areas of focus such as independent schools, advocacy and policy, research, differentiated learning, global and intercultural education, or entrepreneurship in education.
- Master of Arts in Teaching, Mathematics (p. 397)
 - A 36-credit two-year program
- Master of Arts in Teaching (p. 384)
 - A program that can be completed in a one- or two-year format
 - With Initial Teacher Licensure in areas including:
 - Biology (8-12)
 - Chemistry (8-12)
 - Dance (All)
 - Early Childhood (PreK-2)
 - Earth and Space Science (8-12)
 - Elementary (1-6)
 - English (5-12)
 - English as a Second Language (ESL)/English Language Learners (ELL) (PreK-6; 5-12)
 - General Science (5-8)
 - History (5-12)
 - Mathematics (5-8; 8-12)
 - Middle school: Humanities (5-8)
 - Middle school: Mathematics/Science (5-8)

- Music: Vocal/Instrumental/General (All)
- Physics (8-12)
- Social Science (5-12)
- Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities (PreK-2; PreK-8; 5-12)
- Theater (All)
- Visual Arts (PreK-8; 5-12)
- World Languages (5-12)

Professional Development: Graduate Institutes and Non-degree Courses

In addition to the degree programs, there is a range of other opportunities to learn through our graduate-level institutes and customized on-site professional development offered through our initial teacher licensure, teacher leadership and mathematics teaching programs:

- Additional Teacher Licensure (p.)
 - English as second language/English language learners (PreK-6, 5-12)
 - Special education/moderate disabilities (PreK-2, PreK-8, 5-12)
 - New level/subject area
- Mathematics Leadership Programs (<http://mathleadership.org/programs/summer-institutes/>)
 - Developing Mathematical Ideas (DMI Institutes) (p.)
 - Math Coaching Institute (p.)
 - DMI Facilitation Institute (p.)
- Teacher Leadership Programs
 - Differentiated Instruction Institute (p.)
 - Equity, Advocacy, and Partnerships Institute (p.)
 - Independent Schools Institute (p.)
 - Nonprofit Leadership and Entrepreneurship for Educators Institute (p.)
 - Research and Data Institute (p.)

Learning Goals for Master of Arts in Teaching Degree Programs

- Master of Arts in Teaching, Teacher Leadership (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/PaGE/programs/MAT-teacher-leadership/#learninggoalstext>)
- Master of Arts in Teaching, Mathematics (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/PaGE/programs/MAT-mathematics-teaching/#learninggoalstext>)
- Master of Arts in Teaching (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/PaGE/programs/MAT/#learninggoalstext>)

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Graduate Areas of Study

Master of Arts in Teaching, Teacher Leadership

The Master of Arts in Teacher Leadership (p. 400) is a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree program that supports educators who want to help build their school's capacity for success, support a climate of professional growth, or serve in leadership roles at the local, state, or national level. It also supports teachers who want to become National Board Certified Teachers

Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics

The Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics (p. 397) is an M.A.T. degree program.

Master of Arts in Teaching

The Master of Arts in Teaching (p. 384) is an M.A.T. degree program with Initial Teacher Licensure in over 25 areas, including:

- Biology (8-12)
- Chemistry (8-12)
- Chinese (5-12)
- Dance (All)
- Early Childhood (PreK-2)
- Earth and Space Science (8-12)
- Elementary (1-6)
- English (5-12)
- English as a Second Language (ESL)/English Language Learners (ELL) (PreK-6; 5-12)
- French (5-12)
- General Science (5-8)
- History (5-12)
- Latin and Classical Humanities (5-12)
- Mathematics (5-8; 8-12)
- Middle school: Humanities (5-8)
- Middle school: Mathematics/Science (5-8)
- Music: Vocal/Instrumental/General (All)
- Physics (8-12)
- Social Science (5-12)
- Spanish (5-2)
- Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities (PreK-2; PreK-8; 5-12)
- Theater (All)
- Visual Arts (PreK-8; 5-12)
- World Languages (5-12)

Professional Development: Graduate Education Institutes and Non-degree Courses

In addition to our degree programs, there is a range of other opportunities to learn through our graduate-level institutes (p. 407) and customized on-site professional development offered through our initial teacher licensure, teacher leadership and mathematics teaching programs.

Master of Arts in Teaching

Overview and Contact Information

The Master of Arts in Teaching program (M.A.T.) is an accelerated gender-inclusive teacher education program for aspiring Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle, Secondary, English Language Learners and Moderate Disabilities teachers. This flexible, one- or two-year M.A.T. – taken fully online – includes an innovative curriculum with a strong commitment to social justice and equity, a unique collaboration with EL Education, personalized advising, and initial teacher licensure in over 25 areas, including:

- Biology (8-12)
- Chemistry (8-12)
- Dance (All)
- Early Childhood (PreK-2)
- Earth and Space Science (8-12)
- Elementary (1-6)
- English (5-12)
- English as a Second Language (ESL)/English Language Learners (ELL) (PreK-6; 5-12)
- General Science (5-8)
- History (5-12)
- Mathematics (5-8; 8-12)
- Middle school: Humanities (5-8)
- Middle school: Mathematics/Science (5-8)
- Music: Vocal/Instrumental/General (All)
- Physics (8-12)
- Social Science (5-12)
- Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities (PreK-2; PreK-8; 5-12)
- Theater (All)
- Visual Arts (PreK-8; 5-12)
- World Languages (5-12)

Through the M.A.T. program, we also offer additional licensure options in:

- New level/subject area
- English as Second Language/English Language Learners (PreK-6, 5-12)
- Special Education/Moderate disabilities (PreK-2, PreK-8, 5-12)

These additional licensure (p. 407) options are specifically designed to provide opportunities for current students pursuing initial licensure or teachers with the appropriate licensure to earn and independently apply for an additional license.

The M.A.T. program offers a 36-credit non-licensure programs of study. Working closely with an advisor, students choose coursework from a

menu of offerings in education, pedagogy, policy, and subject matter knowledge.

Students in the M.A.T. program receive personalized advising to help them reach their academic and career goals. They work closely with a network of professionals including faculty advisors, supervising teachers, and a variety of content area experts.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded the Master of Arts in Teaching degree.

See Also

- Differentiated Instruction Institute (p.)
- Digital Innovation and Media for Educators Institute (p.)
- Equity, Advocacy, and Partnerships Institute (p.)
- Global and Intercultural Education Institute (p.)
- Independent Schools Institute (p.)
- Nonprofit Leadership and Entrepreneurship for Educators Institute (p.)
- Research and Data Institute (p.)
- TESOL Certificate for Educators (p.)

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Learning Goals

Graduates of the Master of Arts in Teaching at Mount Holyoke College will develop the ability to do the following:

- Write and adapt well-developed lesson/unit plans to reach a range of learners in the PK12 classroom.
- Design and administer a variety of student assessments, analyze student performance and growth, and use data to improve instruction and learning.
- Integrate and apply research, theory, and pedagogy to inform instruction and interactions with students.
- Have and apply insights on their teaching and learning, both individually and with colleagues, to improve practice and student learning.

Professional Standards for Teachers

Graduates of the Master of Arts in Teaching at Mount Holyoke College will demonstrate a range of professional skills that respond to a deep understanding and application of the knowledge, skills and dispositions found in the Guidelines for the Professional Standards for Teachers (<https://www.doe.mass.edu/edprep/resources/guidelines-advisories/>):

- Curriculum, Planning and Assessment: Promotes the learning and growth of all students by providing high quality and coherent instruction, designing and administering authentic and meaningful student assessments, analyzing student performance and growth data, using this data to improve instruction, providing students with constructive feedback on an on-going basis and continuously refining learning objectives.

- Teaching All Students: Promotes the learning and growth of all students through instructional practices that establish high expectations, create a safe and effective classroom environment and demonstrate cultural proficiency.
- Family and Community Engagement: Promotes the learning and growth of all students through effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members and organizations.
- Professional Culture standard: Promotes the learning and growth of all students through ethical, culturally proficient, skilled and collaborative practice.

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Curriculum and Requirements

Coursework for the M.A.T. is delivered in four sessions: summer, fall, January, and spring. Students are expected to maintain a B grade in all courses.

While the M.A.T. is designed to be a continuous one year program, part-time students can complete requirements at their own pace over two years, although they will eventually need to complete the program's capstone: a full-time, semester-long teaching practicum. Students will work with an advisor to design an approved plan to complete program requirements.

Standard Course Schedule for MAT Early Childhood/Elementary Teacher Candidates

Code	Title	Credits
Summer		
X.CMPTC-418	Digital Literacy and Computer Science	1
X.EDUC-409	Schools, Schooling, and Society: An Introduction to Education and Social Policy	2
X.SPED-416	Interventions for Behavior and Classroom Management	1
X.SPED-426	The Inclusive Classroom	2
X.EDUC-420	Human Development: 'Child and Adolescent Development'	2
Fall		
X.EDUC-461	The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Literacy in Our Schools	4
X.EDUC-462HS	Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'History/Social Sciences'	2

X.ELL-463	Teaching English Language Learners: Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement Standalone	4
X.SCI-470	The Process of Teaching and Learning: Science/Technology Curriculum Development and Instruction	2
X.MATH-400	Developing Mathematical Ideas: Building a System of Tens	2
X.MATH-401	Developing Mathematical Ideas: Making Meaning for Operations	2
Spring		
X.EDUC-423	Student Teaching in Early Childhood and Elementary Schools	10
X.EDUC-422	Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Early Childhood and Elementary Education	4
Total Credits		38

Additional Specifications

- Fall. In a traditional fall semester, September-December, students complete four to five courses taught by Mount Holyoke faculty and augmented by highly qualified current practitioners. These include content-specific methodology coursework with associated school-based pre-practicum work.
- Spring. Students complete a full-time, semester-long student teaching practicum as well as a weekly seminar in which they reflect on their developing practice. Students also begin to explore the job market, participate in practice interviews, attend job market fairs, and meet with Career Development Center staff. Upon successful completion of the semester, the institution recommends the students for licensure to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Standard Course Schedule for MAT Middle/Secondary Teacher Candidates

Code	Title	Credits
Summer		
X.CMPTC-418	Digital Literacy and Computer Science	1
X.EDUC-409	Schools, Schooling, and Society: An Introduction to Education and Social Policy	2
X.SPED-416	Interventions for Behavior and Classroom Management	1
X.SPED-426	The Inclusive Classroom	2
Fall		
X.EDUC-420	Human Development: 'Child and Adolescent Development'	2
X.EDUC-460	Subject-Specific Methods 1 for Middle and Secondary Teachers	2
X.EDUC-462	Subject-Specific Methods 2	2
X.ELL-463	Teaching English Language Learners: Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement Standalone	4
X.EDUC-430	The Process of Teaching and Learning in Secondary and Middle Schools	4
One content course (i.e., an advanced-level elective in licensure subject area)		4
Spring		
X.EDUC-433	Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Middle and Secondary Education	4

X.EDUC-431	Student Teaching in Secondary and Middle Schools	10
Total Credits		38

Additional Specifications

- Fall. In a traditional fall semester, September-December, students complete four to five courses taught by Mount Holyoke faculty and augmented by highly qualified current practitioners. These include general and content-specific methodology coursework with associated school-based pre-practicum work.
- Spring. Students complete a full-time, semester-long student teaching practicum, as well as a weekly seminar in which they reflect on their developing practice. Students also begin to explore the job market, participate in practice interviews, attend job market fairs, and meet with Career Development Center staff. Upon successful completion of the semester, the institution recommends the students for licensure to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Standard Course Schedule for MAT Special Education/Moderate Disabilities Teacher Candidates (PreK-8 and 5-12)

Code	Title	Credits
Summer		
X.EDUC-409	Schools, Schooling, and Society: An Introduction to Education and Social Policy	2
X.EDUC-420	Human Development: 'Child and Adolescent Development'	2
X.SPED-416	Interventions for Behavior and Classroom Management	1
X.SPED-426	The Inclusive Classroom	2
X.SPED-441	Differentiated Instruction for Diverse Learners	2
X.SPED-481	Special Education Law: Transitions, Collaboration, and Applications	3
Fall		
X.SPED-421	Assistive Technology for Special Education	1
X.SPED-447	Assessment and Instruction for Exceptional Learners	3
X.EDUC-461	The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Literacy in Our Schools	4
X.ELL-463	Teaching English Language Learners: Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement Standalone	4
X.MATH-401	Developing Mathematical Ideas: Making Meaning for Operations	2
X.SCI-470	The Process of Teaching and Learning: Science/Technology Curriculum Development and Instruction	2
Spring		14
For PreK-2; PreK-8:		14
X.SPED-423	Student Teaching in Inclusive and Substantially Separate Classrooms for Students PreK-8 with Moderate Disabilities	
X.SPED-422	Practicum Seminar: Teaching and Learning for Moderate Disabilities Licensure PreK-8	
For grades 5-12:		14

X.SPED-431	Student Teaching in Inclusive and Substantially Separate Classrooms for Students Grades 5-12 with Moderate Disabilities	
X.SPED-433	Practicum Seminar: Teaching and Learning for Moderate Disabilities Licensure 5-12	
Total Credits		42

Additional Specifications

- Fall. In a traditional fall semester, September through December, students complete four to five courses taught by Mount Holyoke faculty and augmented by highly qualified current practitioners.
- Spring. Students complete a full-time, semester-long student teaching semester as well as a weekly seminar in which they reflect on their developing practice. Students also begin to explore the job market, participate in practice interviews, attend job market fairs, and meet with Career Development Center staff. Upon successful completion of the semester, the institution recommends the students for licensure to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Standard Course Schedule for MAT English Language Learners (PreK-6 and 5-12)

Code	Title	Credits
Summer		
X.EDUC-409	Schools, Schooling, and Society: An Introduction to Education and Social Policy	2
X.EDUC-420	Human Development: 'Child and Adolescent Development'	2
X.ELL-403	Research in Teaching English Language Learners	3
X.ELL-418	Second Language Acquisition and Classroom Practice	2
X.SPED-426	The Inclusive Classroom	2
Fall		
X.ELL-421	Linguistics for Teachers	2
X.ELL-426	Methods in Teaching English Language Learners (ELL Methods)	4
X.EDUC-461	The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Literacy in Our Schools	4
X.ELL-463	Teaching English Language Learners: Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement Standalone	4
X.ELL-416	Language Assessment and Classroom Practice	3
January		
X.ELL-451	English Language Development Standards and Assessment Framework	1
Spring		14
For PreK-6:		14
X.ELL-422	Practicum Seminar in Teaching and Learning: Elementary ELL Education	4
X.ELL-423	Student Teaching English Language Learners in Elementary Schools	10
For grades 5-12:		14
X.ELL-433	Practicum Seminar in Teaching and Learning: Secondary ELL Education	4
X.ELL-431	Student Teaching English Language Learners in Secondary Schools	10
Total Credits		42

Additional Specifications

- Fall. In a traditional fall semester, September through December, students complete four to five courses taught by Mount Holyoke faculty and augmented by highly qualified current practitioners. These include content-specific methodology coursework with associated school-based pre-practicum work.
- Spring. Students complete a full-time, semester-long student teaching practicum as well as a weekly seminar in which they reflect on their developing practice. Students also begin to explore the job market, participate in practice interviews, attend job market fairs, and meet with Career Development Center staff. Upon successful completion of the semester, the institution recommends the students for licensure to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Admission

All applicants must have:

- Completed a bachelor's degree prior to beginning the M.A.T. program.
- An undergraduate major—or demonstrated equivalent subject area knowledge—in desired teaching discipline.
- A passing score on the appropriate Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL). Those who have not yet taken the MTEL are still able to apply to the M.A.T program. Further details on the timing of the necessary tests required for the particular license will be provided when the applicant meets with the program advisor.
- An interview with the admissions committee.

Those who apply to this program generally have a 3.0 undergraduate GPA or above.

To apply to the M.A.T. program, prospective students complete the M.A.T. application and upload all supporting materials via the online application (https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/apply/?_ga=2.203493840.1115798967.1659984764-1556106209.1601496778), except official transcripts which need to be mailed in to:

Professional and Graduate Education
Mount Holyoke College
50 College Street
South Hadley, MA 01075

To secure their place in the program, admitted applicants will pay a non-refundable \$125 deposit that will be applied as a credit to their first term's bill.

Financing

Please see Graduate Tuition, Fees, Financing, and Financial Aid (p. 408) for further information.

Course Offerings

This course listing contains all graduate courses with subjects X.EDUC, X.ELL, and X.SPED including those intended for other graduate programs. Courses from other subjects, such as X.MATH, may also apply to your program. Please contact your advisor if you are unsure of courses that are appropriate for your program.

X.EDUC-409 Schools, Schooling, and Society: An Introduction to Education and Social Policy*Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

The course familiarizes students with the historical foundations of public education, current movements in education reforms such as Race to the Top, Common Core Standards, Every Student Succeeds Act, and theories of change. The course examines the social policies and catalysts that have caused transformation in society and public education and includes contemporary events. In keeping with Massachusetts Department of Education mandates for approved licensure programs, the course provides the foundational readings to prepare teachers for work in a diverse society. Topics include knowledge of curriculum; knowledge of learners; knowledge of educational goals, knowledge of social/cultural contexts; and pedagogical content knowledge.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-411 Policy Fluency: Current Issues in Education***Spring. Credits: 3 - 4*

In this learning experience, teacher leaders will deepen their understanding of how to share, spread, and scale their practices and convictions to impact the teaching profession beyond their classroom walls. Participants will engage in simulated project pitches, reflective writing, drafting and revising a blog post, and conversations with guest speakers working to shape policy and practice across the country. This course is intended for teacher leaders in both public and independent school contexts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.*

Notes: Those who want to learn more about current issues in education with a systems lens in order to scale future initiatives should enroll in the 3-credit option. For those ready to apply the course content to a specific project, the 4-credit option includes an action component built around implementing that initiative.

X.EDUC-413 Leading Colleagues Using Research: Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice*Fall. Credits: 2*

Based on Domain 2 of the Teacher Leader Model Standards, this class helps build the skills, knowledge, and dispositions teacher leaders need to support colleagues in using the latest research and data to improve practice and student learning. Topics we will explore include types of research, examining the research process, the skills teacher leaders need to lead colleagues in using research to improve practice, research competencies, action research, data collection and analysis, how research makes instruction intentional and systematic, and how it allows us to make meaning out of numbers.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-420 Human Development: 'Child and Adolescent Development' Spring. Credits: 2**

In this course students will develop a foundational framework of knowledge about physical, cognitive and social/emotional development that can inform their teaching practice in the classroom. Through individualized exploration, students will have opportunities to delve into the study of the age group that they intend to teach, and the class will discuss specific topics particularly relevant to education, such as language development, gender, moral development, the nature of intelligence, and motivation. By the end of this course, students should be conversant in developmental theory and able to use it to support the pedagogical choices they will make as educators.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-422 Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Early Childhood and Elementary Education***Spring. Credits: 4*

The Integrated Methods Seminar focuses on supporting and building on key aspects of the intensive full-time supervised student teaching experience. Teacher candidates learn how to develop integrated curriculum units, address complex behavioral and management issues with increasing sophistication, delve more deeply into theory and practice, develop peer coaching and mentoring skills, develop habits of reflection, and prepare for job interviews. Additionally, there is an emphasis on social studies content and pedagogy. Specifically, students will be studying content of a meaningful elementary and early childhood social studies curriculum and devising lessons and units that address multiple learning needs, planning effective and aligned assessments, infusing best practices, and exploring integration opportunities. Linking critical learning from their work in social justice to issues of instructional equity and practice in the classroom is also part of the Seminar this semester.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only***X.EDUC-423 Student Teaching in Early Childhood and Elementary Schools***Spring. Credits: 10*

Students participate in full-time student teaching in early childhood and elementary classrooms for 15 weeks. During this semester-long field-based placement, students hone classroom management skills, implement an extended integrated curriculum unit, deliver lessons in all content areas, and develop a wide range of assessment skills. The practicum culminates in two weeks of Lead Teaching, during which the student is responsible for managing all aspects of the classroom program. Students work with classroom teachers and program supervisors to address Professional Teaching Standards as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only*

Advisory: Students may only register for X.EDUC-423 if concurrently taking X.EDUC-422.

Notes: 5 days a week for 15 weeks full-time student teaching in school site (includes Mount Holyoke College's spring break). This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.

X.EDUC-424 Internship in Educational Settings*Spring. Credits: 4 - 10*

Graduate students undertake a supervised internship from January through June in an educational setting comprised of up to 600 hours. This would be a supervised, mentored experience, and tailored to the hours of the student, approved by a faculty member within the Professional and Graduate Education department. Evaluation of performance is determined by on-site visits, written assignments, as well as supervisor and mentor evaluations. Successful completion of the course is verified based on satisfactory submission of a final product/portfolio and presentation that demonstrates an integration of knowledge and skills gained through their program of study and internship experience.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Instructor permission required.**Advisory: For graduate students who will not be pursuing licensure.**Notes: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.***X.EDUC-427 Practicum 1: Professional Development and Mentoring***Fall. Credits: 3*

Participants survey best practices in instructional coaching and professional development and implement these practices in their educational contexts. Topics include: cultivating positive mentoring/coaching relationships, observation protocols, developing and facilitating andragogically-sound professional learning, coaching for emotional resilience, and assessing professional learning. Participants actively apply skills in their own settings with specialized coaching from the course instructor and create a professional learning experience and/or approach to instructional coaching that is designed to meet the needs of students and teachers in their unique learning community.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-428 Critical Literacy Through Multicultural Children's Literature: Becoming Critically Literate***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

In this course, we will discuss sociopolitical issues reflected in children's literature (i.e., gender, race, class, sexuality, ability, etc.) and read across genres, themes, and perspectives. Teacher candidates will develop analytical practices to examine books' words and images, ask complex questions about power and language, and consider counternarratives through critical multicultural analytical practices. Teacher candidates will write text reflections, reader responses, and create a text set centered on a social issue of choice. In addition, teacher candidates will reflect on becoming critically literate educators and how a critical orientation to reading and teaching impacts their beliefs and practices.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-429 Using Art for Educational Advancement***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

This course focuses on using arts as a catalyst for change inside and outside of the classroom. It supports educators in deepening their pedagogical techniques using arts, and it supports leaders outside the classroom in exploring how to use art beyond the classroom to influence system change. Participants will engage in discussion around critical issues in education and problem solve for such issues using various forms of art. Techniques to be explored may include, but are not limited to: literature, visual arts, the graphic arts, the decorative arts, and performing arts. By the end of this course, participants will have a portfolio of resources that can be used in their areas of practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Teacher Leadership MAT students only. Instructor permission required.***X.EDUC-430 The Process of Teaching and Learning in Secondary and Middle Schools***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course is intended to help prepare prospective secondary and middle school teachers for effective classroom instruction. The focus of this course is to explore a range of philosophies of education and existing classroom practices. The course uses the current educational landscape in order for teacher candidates to examine culturally relevant teaching and learning practices, teaching in multicultural settings, establishing the classroom climate, choosing instructional approaches, and attending to the needs of a range of learners.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-431 Student Teaching in Secondary and Middle Schools***Spring. Credits: 10*

Students participate in full-time student teaching in middle or secondary classrooms for 15 weeks. During this semester-long field-based placement, students hone classroom management skills, design and implement curriculum, and develop a wide range of assessment skills. Students work with classroom teachers and college supervisors to address Professional Teaching Standards as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only**Advisory: Students may only register for X.EDUC-431 if concurrently taking X.EDUC-433.**Notes: 5 days a week for 15 weeks; full-time student teaching in school sites (includes Mount Holyoke College's spring break). Credit/no credit grading.***X.EDUC-433 Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Middle and Secondary Education***Spring. Credits: 4*

This weekly seminar provides students with opportunities to design and discuss case studies involving adolescents in middle and secondary school settings, review researched-based models of instruction, and classroom management, and engage in dialogue with professionals regarding numerous aspects of teaching and student learning. Additional topics covered include reviewing the legal obligations of teachers, addressing the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and developing effective communication between home and school.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only*

X.EDUC-436 Exceptional Learners Internship I*Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Students pursuing an additional license are expected to complete a supervised field experience of at least 150 hours in an approved public school classroom within the licensure area pursued. Placements may be located within or outside of western Massachusetts. In addition to the field experience component, students attend regular course meetings. Reading and writing assignments are an opportunity to learn more about tracking student development, advocacy, utilizing action research as a tool for professional development and collaboration, and leveraging an additional license on the job market.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Notes: Credit/no credit grading.***X.EDUC-437 Advanced Practicum: Professional Development and Mentoring***Spring. Credits: 2*

This course is the culmination of The Institute for Instructional Coaching. Participants reflect, refine, and expand upon the professional learning sessions they have developed, as well as their instructional coaching practice, while expanding their learning experience to enhance the impact in their context. Topics in this course include: developing systematic professional learning opportunities for new and experienced educators in a given setting, professional collaboration and co-facilitation, enhancing professional leadership through system-wide programming. Participants complete the institute as experts in ongoing, embedded, and personalized professional learning.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-441 Fostering a Collaborative Culture for Learning***Credits: 2*

This course is centered around Domain One of the Teacher Leader Model Standards, with an emphasis on creating cultures in our schools that support educator development and student learning. Modules include defining teacher leadership, exploring formal and informal teacher leadership roles, adult learning theory, facilitation of group learning and discussion, mitigating difficult discussions and building consensus, organizational change and the change process, building trust, and other skills to create inclusive cultures for professional growth (and student learning!).

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-449 Equity and Social Justice: A Teacher's Role***Credits: 2*

In this course, participants will learn to address issues of social justice seamlessly and incorporate social justice into the design of their learning environments. This will be accomplished in three steps: First, participants will be assigned a self-awareness partner to process socialization around social issues. Second, participants will produce narratives about their social justice development. Finally, participants will create action plans that will create learning environments that don't shut down dialogues about difference, but open them up. Participants will then take this new learning and self-awareness and apply it to education systems outside of their classroom.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-450 Social-Emotional Learning and Development: Foundations of Social, Emotional, and Academic Development***Spring. Credits: 2*

In the course, educators will learn the foundational principles of social and emotional learning through an accelerated survey of foundations of SEL strategies in pedagogy, practice, and instructional leadership. They will explore how SEL advances educational equity and personal student growth by establishing affirming learning environments that feature trusting and collaborative relationships, rigorous and meaningful curriculum and instruction, and ongoing evaluation. Educators will examine the clear connection and the roles of the school in students' emotional and academic success. Educators will build a strong foundation in social emotional learning that includes equity-based, culturally responsive, and trauma sensitive practices through the use of case studies examples, personal reflection, and the building of resources for community use.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Advisory: This course is for Prince George's County students only.***X.EDUC-451 Social-Emotional Learning and Development: Pedagogy and Practice***Spring. Credits: 2*

In this course, educators will explore ways to put the foundations of social and emotional learning (SEL) into practice. This exploration includes the examination of available resources, evaluation of ways in which SEL may be built into their current curriculum and instruction, and strategic development of collaboration and connections with educators, families, and other stakeholders on issues related to social and emotional learning. Educators will identify areas of strength and opportunity of the social and emotional well-being of students, reflect on their own social and emotional well-being, and create a plan of action for their own growth and the growth and empowerment of students.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Advisory: This course is for Prince George's County students only.***X.EDUC-452 Topics in Social-Emotional Learning and Development****X.EDUC-452AC Topics in Social-Emotional Learning and Development: 'Advising and Counseling Students Beyond the Classroom'***Fall. Credits: 2*

Educators serve in multiple roles to support students in their academic, extracurricular, and, in some cases, dorm lives. This course will provide an overview of the following: school counseling principles, widely adopted models of comprehensive developmental counseling curricula, social-emotional learning, approaches in multicultural counseling, and mentoring students on academic and professional issues. We will also address identification, prevention, intervention, and crisis management strategies for topics including: relationships, mental health, trauma, and substance use/abuse. Students will explore how to analyze various types of student performance data to inform academic and non-academic programming.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.*

X.EDUC-452NT Topics in Social-Emotional Learning and Development: 'Introduction to Social and Emotional Learning'

Credits: 2

In this course, educators will engage with the principles of social and emotional learning (SEL) with a lens on how they can integrate these concepts into their work as teachers: building classroom community, teaching students to resolve their own conflicts, and helping their students develop compassion for others including those of different identities and backgrounds than their own. In relation to advocacy and teacher leadership, they will also explore some of the opposition and barriers to SEL, as well as effective arguments in support of SEL at a policy and "systems" level. Educators will strengthen their instruction and advocacy in equity-based, culturally responsive, and trauma-sensitive practices explored through case studies, instructional strategies, reflection, and development of a portfolio that applies their new knowledge to their specific teaching context.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Advisory: This course is for Prince George's County students only.

X.EDUC-455 Outreach and Advocacy for Educational Change

Credits: 4

This course integrates Teacher Leader Model Standards for Domains VI and VII: assessing community needs and values, engaging families and colleagues in partnerships, and advocating for students and for the teaching profession. Participants will explore culturally responsive teaching approaches and strategies for collaborating with families to support meaningful and relevant student learning and development. Participants will also learn how to use research, policies, and persuasive communications to help build appropriate programs, interventions, and advocacy efforts that promote positive outcomes for both students and teachers.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-457 Personal and Professional Leadership in Education

Credits: 1

This course is designed to help educators cultivate their skills as reflective practitioners as a means of enhancing personal leadership development. Students will examine personal leadership qualities and the role of storytelling as leadership. Course participants will create individualized learning plans that allow for deeper exploration of personal and professional leadership interests. The menu of options for personalized learning will include further reading in the domains of adult development, professional learning, motivation, leadership and related topics.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-458 Owning Assessments and Data for Student Learning

Credits: 2

Built around Domain 5 of the Teacher Leader Model Standards, this course helps teachers build the skills to do just that, as we explore organizational improvement through assessment design. Learn to facilitate and support colleagues in using assessment tools to inform decisions to improve practice and student learning. One module of this class includes an exploration of Improvement Science, a new methodology brought to education from the health field, where teachers will learn how small ideas can be tested and taken to scale, potentially impacted organizational change. Embedded in practice, focused on your personal and professional growth.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1 for Middle and Secondary Teachers

Fall. Credits: 2

This course is the first of two methods courses. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, it will provide opportunities for participants to explore the links among the theoretical underpinnings of expeditionary learning, experiential learning, and project-based learning through an interdisciplinary approach, with a focus on arts integration. Students will engage with the Understanding by Design (UBD) model of curriculum development, focusing on universal access to content for a full range of learners. Students will connect theory with practice and reflect on their practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: Requires a field-experience in an educational setting.

X.EDUC-461 The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Literacy in Our Schools

Fall. Credits: 4

Through a balanced and integrated approach, students will learn to develop literacy in our schools. Class members will learn about emergent literacy, diagnosing language needs, integrating phonics skills in a literature-based program, the teaching of process writing, children's fiction and nonfiction literature, and a variety of formative and summative ways to assess learning.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: Requires a field-experience in an educational setting.

Notes: Requires a field experience in an educational setting.

X.EDUC-462 Subject-Specific Methods 2

This advanced course builds on the design Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

X.EDUC-462AR Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'The Arts'

Fall. Credits: 2

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.

X.EDUC-462EN Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'English'*Fall. Credits: 2*

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only**Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.***X.EDUC-462FR Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'Foreign Languages'***Fall. Credits: 2*

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only**Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.***X.EDUC-462HS Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'History/Social Sciences'***Fall. Credits: 2*

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only**Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.***X.EDUC-462MA Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'Mathematics'***Fall. Credits: 2*

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only**Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.***X.EDUC-462SC Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'The Sciences'***Fall. Credits: 2*

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only**Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.***X.EDUC-466 Social-Emotional Learning and Development: Instructional Coaching And Mentoring***Spring. Credits: 2*

Having already studied the foundational principles of and pedagogical strategies for implementing social and emotional learning, educators in this course will learn best practices in the coaching and mentoring of other educators toward resource utilization, implementation of practices, and the identification and embodiment of dispositions that promote social and emotional learning. Educators in this course will begin to train other educators to be culturally responsive, trauma-informed, reflective practitioners who attend to the social and emotional well-being of themselves, their students, and the communities they serve. Educators will engage in practical application and evaluation of their budding skills.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Advisory: X.EDUC-451 or courses in social and emotional learning. This course is for Prince George's County students only.***X.EDUC-467 Coaching, Mentoring, and Facilitating Instructional Improvements***Credits: 2*

This course provides opportunities for teachers to design, develop, critique, implement, give, and receive feedback on professional development experiences that align with the Common Core standards and the particular needs of the school/district's participating staff. Modules include staying focused on content while developing collaborative relationships, engaging in reflective dialogue with teachers and administrators, developing leadership skills, professional growth, and technology for collaborative learning. Participants will be able to individualize their learning experience based on an area of choice for personal and professional growth: instructional coaching, mentoring, or peer coaching.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-468 Leadership in Practice for Educators***Spring. Credits: 1*

In this course students will develop their goals as teacher leaders and will engage in discussions, readings, modules, and activities that support professional growth. Critical course concepts will be introduced in a whole group book study format. Additionally, students will explore opportunities for leadership in education through conversations with guest experts in the field. At the culmination of the course students will complete an articulation of practice and professional development plan.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.*

X.EDUC-471 Communications and Networking for Teachers*Credits: 1*

In this course, students will develop their skills of networking, communication, and leadership by organizing special events such as panel discussions, webinars, public forums, and speaker series' on current topics and pressing issues in the field of education. Students will collaborate to identify areas of focus for these events and will then work with the course instructor to recruit speakers, develop promotional campaigns and communications, facilitate sessions, create resource materials, and engage constituents.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Teacher Leadership MAT students only***X.EDUC-476 Independent School: Beyond the Classroom***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

The independent school faculty member wears many "hats" in addition to that of the teacher. Students in this course study the non-teaching aspects of independent school work, improving their ability to serve as stewards of their schools' missions. Guest speakers from independent schools will address these roles and facilitate students' investigation of other topics including school governance and administration, admissions, advancement, athletics, counseling, student and residential life, and more. Coursework will include analyzing case studies, budgets, interviewing various departments and jobs within an independent school, and an in-depth case study of the student's context based on current independent school standards and best practices. Student work will culminate in the creation of a personal inventory and growth plan for successful career development in independent schools.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-481 Internship in Education Administration***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2 - 6*

Graduate students undertake an internship of up to 500 hours in an educational setting under the supervision of an PreK-12 school administrator from January through June. This would be a supervised, mentored experience, that is tailored to the student's needs and interests, and approved by a faculty member within the Professional and Graduate Education department. Evaluation of performance is determined by on-site visits, written assignments, as well as supervisor and mentor evaluations. Successful completion of the course is verified based on satisfactory submission of a final product/portfolio and presentation that demonstrates an integration of knowledge and skills gained through their program of study and internship experience.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Notes: Repeatable to a maximum of 6 credits.***X.EDUC-489 Catapult! Capstone Course***Spring. Credits: 2 - 6*

This course is designed to catapult students' professional and personal leadership journey to the next level. It serves as an idea incubator, helping give teacher leaders the support and direction they need to propel themselves forward in their work and launch teacher-created ideas to improve education for all students. In this class, graduate students will demonstrate and document the impact of their knowledge gained throughout their journey at Mount Holyoke College. Students will choose a domain of the Teacher Leader Model Standards to focus their capstone work, then they will choose one of four pathways for the semester: a research study, a teacher-created project, a teacher leader internship, or National Board candidacy. They will apply their skill and knowledge under a teacher leader coach, who will support them and engage in weekly reflective practice of their teacher leadership work. At the end of the semester, teachers will complete and share a portfolio that demonstrates how their experiential learning experience has enhanced their practice as a leader and a teacher leader.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Teacher Leadership MAT students only***X.EDUC-495 Independent Study***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Instructor permission required.*

Notes: In fall, spring, and full summer terms, this independent study may range from 1 to 4 credits. In January and partial summer terms (Summer 1, Summer 2) this independent study may range from 1 to 2 credits.

X.ELL-403 Research in Teaching English Language Learners*Credits: 3*

This course introduces teacher candidates to the sociocultural context of schooling and examines current research in the field of ELL teaching and learning. The course will support teacher candidates in developing an orientation toward teaching as inquiry, as well as the ability to read and conduct classroom research. Critical qualitative methods (e.g., ethnography, case study, action research) will be considered and teacher research in the ELL classroom will be emphasized. Teacher candidates will develop and complete a qualitative inquiry project that investigates an aspect of language teaching or learning of interest to them.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.ELL-406 Introduction to Teaching English Language Learners***Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2*

This introductory course examines theories and issues related to multilingual education and teaching English language learners in the United States today. Specifically, students will be introduced to approaches and pedagogies that support teaching linguistically and culturally diverse learners in the PK-12 setting and the places where second language acquisition theory and practice intersect. In addition, this course will prepare participants to sit for the Massachusetts ESL Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.*

X.ELL-416 Language Assessment and Classroom Practice*Fall and Spring. Credits: 3*

This course provides an introduction to theory and practice in assessing multilingual students' academic English proficiency and content knowledge. Students will learn about purposes of and types of language and content assessments for multilingual students (e.g., large-scale standardized tests like WIDA ACCESS, alternative assessments like portfolios, formative assessments) and practice designing assessment tasks and using rubrics to evaluate student writing. Students will learn to distinguish between assessing content knowledge and language proficiency and how to apply assessment findings to their teaching practice.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.ELL-418 Second Language Acquisition and Classroom Practice***Credits: 2*

This course will a) introduce students to theories of second language acquisition (cognitive, social, and linguistic influences) and how these inform teaching practices, and b) introduce teaching methods and approaches to teaching ELLs so students can begin to make informed context-sensitive decisions about language teaching methods, techniques, lesson planning, materials, classroom management, etc.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.ELL-421 Linguistics for Teachers***Fall. Credits: 2*

This course provides teacher candidates with an in-depth analysis of the structural and functional components of language: syntax, phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, register, and genre. Teacher candidates will apply concepts to language teaching and learning. The course will also include an in-depth look at functional linguistics and critical genre theory, focusing on how language functions in academic speech and writing.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.ELL-422 Practicum Seminar in Teaching and Learning: Elementary ELL Education***Spring. Credits: 4*

This licensure-level weekly seminar provides teacher candidates with opportunities to examine curriculum development models, develop curricular units utilizing state and national content area standards, review research-based models of classroom management, and engage in dialogue with practicing teachers regarding various aspects of teaching and learning. Additional topics covered will include: implementing translanguaging pedagogy, developing productive partnerships between ELL and content area teachers, legal obligations of teachers, and home-school communication.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only***X.ELL-423 Student Teaching English Language Learners in Elementary Schools***Spring. Credits: 10*

Teacher candidates participate in full-time supervised student teaching of grades PK-6 ELLs from for 15 weeks. Teacher candidates will hone classroom management skills, implement extended curricular units designed to support students' development of disciplinary literacies, deliver lessons to support disciplinary English development in all content areas, and develop a wide range of assessment skills. Evaluation of performance is determined by on-site visits and written assignments. Successful completion of the course is premised based on satisfactory submission of the CAP requirements for licensure preparation.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only**Advisory: Students may only register for X.ELL-423 if concurrently taking X.ELL-422.**Notes: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.***X.ELL-426 Methods in Teaching English Language Learners (ELL Methods)***Fall. Credits: 4*

This course focuses on applying theories, principles, and evidence-based methods of second language acquisition to the development of materials, lessons, and curricula for teaching disciplinary English to K-12 speakers of other languages. Teacher candidates will cultivate skills in the design and delivery of contextualized lesson plans, develop expertise in the selection and evaluation of materials such as textbooks, computer-assisted materials, and realia, and demonstrate their understanding of critical issues in teaching ELLs. Teacher candidates must simultaneously be participating in pre-practicum observations.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Notes: Requires a field experience in an educational setting.***X.ELL-431 Student Teaching English Language Learners in Secondary Schools***Spring. Credits: 10*

Teacher candidates participate in full-time supervised student teaching of grades 5-12 ELLs for 15 weeks. Teacher candidates will hone classroom management skills, implement extended curricular units designed to support students' development of disciplinary literacies, deliver lessons to support disciplinary English development in all content areas, and develop a wide range of assessment skills. Evaluation of performance is determined by on-site visits and written assignments. Successful completion of the course is premised based on satisfactory submission of the CAP requirements for licensure preparation.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only**Advisory: Students may only register for X.ELL-431 if concurrently taking X.ELL-433.**Notes: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.*

X.ELL-433 Practicum Seminar in Teaching and Learning: Secondary ELL Education

Spring. Credits: 4

This licensure-level weekly seminar provides teacher candidates with opportunities to examine curriculum development models, develop curricular units utilizing state and national content area standards, review research-based models of classroom management, and engage in dialogue with practicing teachers regarding various aspects of teaching and learning. Additional topics covered will include: implementing translanguaging pedagogy, developing productive partnerships between ELL and content area teachers, legal obligations of teachers, and home-school communication.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only

X.ELL-436 Exceptional Learners Internship I

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Students pursuing an additional license are expected to complete a supervised field experience of at least 150 hours in an approved public school classroom within the licensure area pursued. Placements may be located within or outside of western Massachusetts. In addition to the field experience component, students attend regular course meetings. Reading and writing assignments are an opportunity to learn more about tracking student development, advocacy, utilizing action research as a tool for professional development and collaboration, and leveraging an additional license on the job market.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Notes: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.

X.ELL-451 English Language Development Standards and Assessment Framework

Credits: 1

This course introduces teacher candidates to the WIDA English language development standards and assessment framework, with a particular focus on understanding the large-scale standardized assessment of English language learners (e.g., WIDA ACCESS 2.0). This course will prepare teacher candidates to understand test design, prepare to participate in administrator training, and interpret score reports in ways that support their ability to use assessment to inform instruction and communicate with students and families about students' English language development needs and progress.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only

X.ELL-463 Teaching English Language Learners: Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement Standalone

Fall and Spring. Credits: 4

This course is offered for teachers seeking SEI endorsement. It serves as the ReTELL course that provides an overview of pragmatic pedagogical strategies for including English Language Learners in content area classroom instruction. Readings in language acquisition theory, language learning and teaching, effective lesson design and assessment, Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol and knowledge of intercultural learners are covered. Students will have experience developing and adapting lessons and curriculum to address the needs of students in their pre-practicum settings.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Advisory: This course is offered for licensed Massachusetts teachers and teacher candidates seeking SEI endorsement.

X.SPED-416 Interventions for Behavior and Classroom Management

Spring. Credits: 1

In this course students will review research, theories, and practices for responding to challenging behavior. Topics will include establishing effective rules and procedures, classroom- and school-wide behavior management systems, and approaches for addressing individual student behavior and developing relationships with children and support professionals to improve behavior across settings.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.SPED-421 Assistive Technology for Special Education

Fall. Credits: 1

This course provides an introduction to teaching with technology and, more specifically, how assistive technologies can be used by individuals with disabilities, PreK-12, to enhance the teaching and learning experience. Students will have the opportunity to explore a range of devices, applications, software, etc. that enhance access to academic and non-academic learning in schools. Course assignments will help students develop an understanding of how to assess student assistive technology needs, employ and monitor interventions, and improve teaching through the use of technology.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.SPED-422 Practicum Seminar: Teaching and Learning for Moderate Disabilities Licensure PreK-8

Spring. Credits: 4

During seminar students will discuss the teaching of children PreK-8 with mild and moderate disabilities in school settings, review research-based models of instruction, and engage in dialogue with professionals regarding numerous aspects of teaching and student learning. Topics covered include: preparing and implementing IEPs, designing and modifying curriculum, use of assistive technology, developing a positive classroom climate and addressing challenging behavior, collaboration with other agencies, and the legal regulations governing special education. In addition, seminars will include discussion of best practices for educating English language learners and for developing effective communication between home and school.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only

X.SPED-423 Student Teaching in Inclusive and Substantially Separate Classrooms for Students PreK-8 with Moderate Disabilities

Spring. Credits: 10

Teacher Candidates (TC) undertake full-time supervised student teaching for 15 weeks in PreK-8 classrooms for students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities. The student teaching comprises over 500 hours of a mentored experience, two-thirds of which will occur in inclusive settings and one-third in a substantially separate setting, to satisfy the state requirements for licensure. Evaluation of performance is determined by on-site visits, written assignments, and successful completion of the course is verified based on satisfactory submission of the CAP requirements for licensure preparation.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only

Advisory: Students may only register for X.SPED-423 if concurrently taking X.SPED-422.

Notes: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.

X.SPED-426 The Inclusive Classroom*Spring. Credits: 2*

This course surveys the etiology, diagnosis, and remediation of learning differences including dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, autism, as well as factors that influence a child's readiness to learn. Students present, discuss, question, and exchange ideas that contribute to an overall understanding of special education in the field. With an emphasis on inclusion in schools, students explore the impact of current policies, assessments, and practices. Students will have the opportunity to examine and practice applying interventions and approaches that support student engagement and prosocial behavior. The focus is on adapting the learning environment, classroom structures, and teaching approach so that all children, regardless of learning strengths and needs are supported to reach their potential and achieve meaningful goals.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only***X.SPED-431 Student Teaching in Inclusive and Substantially Separate Classrooms for Students Grades 5-12 with Moderate Disabilities***Spring. Credits: 10*

Teacher Candidates (TC) undertake full-time supervised student teaching for 15 weeks in Grades 5-12 classrooms for students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities. The student teaching comprises over 500 hours of mentored experience, two-thirds of which will occur in inclusive settings and one-third in a substantially separate setting, to satisfy the state requirements for licensure. Evaluation of performance is determined by on-site visits, written assignments, and successful completion of the course is verified based on satisfactory submission of the CAP requirements for licensure preparation.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only**Advisory: Students may only register for X.SPED-431 if concurrently taking X.SPED-433.**Notes: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.***X.SPED-433 Practicum Seminar: Teaching and Learning for Moderate Disabilities Licensure 5-12***Spring. Credits: 4*

During seminar students will discuss the teaching of children grades 5-12 with mild and moderate disabilities in school settings, review research-based models of instruction, and engage in dialogue with professionals regarding numerous aspects of teaching and student learning. Topics covered include: preparing and implementing IEPs, designing and modifying curriculum, use of assistive technology, developing a positive classroom climate and addressing challenging behavior, collaboration with other agencies, and the legal regulations governing special education. In addition, seminars will include discussion of best practices for educating English language learners and for developing effective communication between home and school.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only***X.SPED-436 Exceptional Learners Internship I***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Students pursuing an additional license are expected to complete a supervised field experience of at least 150 hours in an approved public school classroom within the licensure area pursued. Placements may be located within or outside of western Massachusetts. In addition to the field experience component, students attend regular course meetings. Reading and writing assignments are an opportunity to learn more about tracking student development, advocacy, utilizing action research as a tool for professional development and collaboration, and leveraging an additional license on the job market.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Notes: Credit/no credit grading.***X.SPED-441 Differentiated Instruction for Diverse Learners***Credits: 2*

This course will address the design and modification of curriculum, instructional materials, and general education classroom environments for students with moderate disabilities. Students will learn ways to prepare and maintain students with disabilities to succeed in general education classrooms, to monitor academic and behavioral progress, and to make instructional decisions accordingly. Students will experiment with a variety of technological tools for teaching PreK-12 such as applications and web-based tools for student engagement and progress monitoring. Coverage will include instruction on assistive technology, including AAC, to support students with disabilities to learn in the least restrictive environment.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.SPED-447 Assessment and Instruction for Exceptional Learners***Fall. Credits: 3*

In this class, students will examine legal policies and ethical principles of measurement and assessment related to special education referral, eligibility, and placement for individuals with exceptionalities, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Through course activities students learn to: administer psychoeducational and achievement tests; explore formal and informal assessments that minimize bias; interpret results and use data to guide educational decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; make collaborative, data-based decisions with and about learners; monitor the learning progress of individuals with exceptionalities.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.SPED-481 Special Education Law: Transitions, Collaboration, and Applications***Credits: 3*

This online course will review the state and federal laws and regulations that govern special education and their implications, including preparation and evaluation of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), transition services and services provided by other agencies, strategies for building and maintaining collaborative partnerships with team members, the role of families in advocacy and planning, and cultural variables that influence school culture and accessibility.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Notes: The class will include (hybrid: virtual or in-person) weekly synchronous meetings as well as asynchronous learning modules that students will complete independently.*

X.SPED-495 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Students enrolled in this course collaborate with the instructor to further their learning in teacher leadership through advanced independent research or an academic project on a specific topic that is distinct from existing course offerings within the MATL program of study. Together they outline a series of academic activities and unique work products that the student generates throughout the semester to demonstrate learning. Some examples include: conducting in-depth research, developing programs or curriculum related to instructional leadership, mentoring, and coaching, writing comprehensive papers for presentation and/or publication in education journals.

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: In fall, spring, and full summer terms, this independent study may range from 1 to 4 credits. In January and partial summer terms (Summer 1, Summer 2), this independent study may range from 1 to 2 credits.

Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics

Overview and Contact Information

The Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics program is designed for K-8 teachers, interventionists, and math coaches looking to strengthen their mathematical content and pedagogical knowledge and enhance their skills in mathematics teacher leadership while developing their professional credentials and expertise to make a difference in the field of mathematics education. This 36+ credit program is structured around educators' schedules so they can balance work, family, and life responsibilities while pursuing a graduate degree. Students can attend the week-long summer courses on campus or participate online through our dynamic hybrid learning format. The academic year courses are conducted online.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree.

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Learning Goals

Graduates of the Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics will:

- Investigate and examine how students make sense of mathematical concepts, how these concepts and skills build from kindergarten through eighth grade, and how they apply to state standard for mathematics and the Standards of Mathematical Practice.
- Investigate and implement equitable, student-centered teaching practices to improve current instructional practices and student learning outcomes at the individual, school, or district level.
- Explore and identify different expressions of authentic leadership as an educator (e.g. advocacy, policy work, innovation, curriculum design) and demonstrate an ability to strategize and implement authentic leadership.

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Curriculum and Requirements

This 36+ credit program is built around the latest research and best practices in math education. The core component of the work is the

Developing Mathematical Ideas curriculum. The two year program involves three intensive summer sessions (up to three weeks each summer) and two academic years of online work.

Each summer will consist of up to three weeks of courses, some focused on mathematics, others on educational leadership. The final summer will consist of one week of mathematics and one week of educational leadership. Students will have the option to attend in person on our beautiful campus at Mount Holyoke College or online through our virtual learning environment during the summer sessions.

Each academic year will include up to seven credits of work each semester, all conducted online. The academic year online courses blend asynchronous assignments in mathematics or educational leadership with live virtual learning sessions.

Sample Plan of Study

Code	Title	Credits
Summer		
X.MATH-400	Developing Mathematical Ideas: Building a System of Tens	2
X.MATH-401	Developing Mathematical Ideas: Making Meaning for Operations	2
Fall		
X.MATH-407	Developing Mathematical Ideas: Reasoning Algebraically About Operations	2
X.MATH-460	Connecting Arithmetic to Algebra	4
Spring		
X.MATH-424	Developing Mathematical Reasoning	4
X.MATH-415	Early Numeracy Assessment and Instruction I	2
Summer		
X.MATH-402	Developing Mathematical Ideas: Examining Features of Shape	2
X.MATH-406	Developing Mathematical Ideas: Patterns, Functions, and Change	2
X.MTHED-409	Educational Leadership I: Exploring the Roles of Math Teacher Leadership	2
Fall		
X.MATH-426	Rational Numbers Assessment and Instruction	3
X.MTHED-465	From Theory to Practice: The Learning and Teaching of Mathematics	4
Spring		
X.MTHED-466	Advocacy Through Math Teacher Leadership	4
Summer		
X.MATH-405	Developing Mathematical Ideas: Measuring Space in One, Two, and Three Dimensions	2
X.MTHED-411	Educational Leadership II: Facilitating Adult Learning	2
Total Credits		37

Admission

The M.A.T. in Mathematics is designed for teachers, math coaches, math specialists, and math interventionists in grades K-8 who have at least a bachelor's degree. The program is ideal for educators looking to strengthen their skills and expertise as math teachers and those who wish to enhance their professional credentials in order to become teacher leaders in mathematics education.

To apply to the M.A.T., Mathematics program, prospective students must complete an application and upload all supporting materials via the online application (https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/apply/?_ga=2.203493840.1115798967.1659984764-1556106209.1601496778). Send official transcripts to:

Professional and Graduate Education
Mount Holyoke College
50 College Street
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Financing

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Course Offerings

Mathematics

X.MATH-400 Developing Mathematical Ideas: Building a System of Tens
Fall. Credits: 2

Participants will explore the base-ten structure of the number system, consider how that structure is exploited in multi-digit computational procedures, and examine how basic concepts of whole numbers reappear when working with decimals. They will study the various ways children naturally tend to think about separating and combining numbers and what children must understand in order to work with numbers in these ways.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.MATH-401 Developing Mathematical Ideas: Making Meaning for Operations

Credits: 2

This course provides opportunities for participants to examine the actions and situations modeled by the four basic operations. The course will begin with a view of young children's counting strategies as they encounter word problems, moves to an examination of the four basic operations on whole numbers, and revisits the operations in the context of rational numbers.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.MATH-402 Developing Mathematical Ideas: Examining Features of Shape

Credits: 2

Participants examine aspects of two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes, develop geometric vocabulary, and explore both definitions and properties of geometric objects. The seminar includes a study of angle, similarity, congruence, and the relationships between three-dimensional objects and their two-dimensional representations. Participants examine how students develop these concepts through analyzing print and video cases as well as reading and discussing research articles.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.MATH-405 Developing Mathematical Ideas: Measuring Space in One, Two, and Three Dimensions

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

Participants will examine different aspects of size, develop facility in composing and decomposing shapes, and apply these skills to make sense of formulas for area and volume. They will also explore conceptual issues of length, area, and volume, as well as their complex interrelationships.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.MATH-406 Developing Mathematical Ideas: Patterns, Functions, and Change

Credits: 2

Participants discover how the study of repeating patterns and number sequences can lead to ideas of functions, learn how to read tables and graphs to interpret phenomena of change, and use algebraic notation to write function rules. With a particular emphasis on linear functions, participants also explore quadratic and exponential functions and examine how various features of a function are seen in graphs, tables, or rules. Participants examine how students develop these concepts through analyzing print and video cases as well as reading and discussing research articles.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Advisory: Intended for practicing teachers.

X.MATH-407 Developing Mathematical Ideas: Reasoning Algebraically About Operations

Fall. Credits: 2

Participants examine generalizations at the heart of the study of operations in the elementary grades. They express these generalizations in common language and in algebraic notation, develop arguments based on representations of the operations, study what it means to prove a generalization, and extend their generalizations and arguments when the domain under consideration expands from whole numbers to integers.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.MATH-415 Early Numeracy Assessment and Instruction I

Spring. Credits: 2

This course helps teachers identify and address challenges students are having with K-2 math skills. Interview assessments that help teachers develop strategies to monitor and support progress in number words and numerals, structuring numbers, and addition and subtraction are learned and put into practice. Through assessments, data and teaching tools, teachers will recognize their students' current levels of numeracy and make data-driven instructional decisions. This course supports Pk-2 educators with core instruction, and Pk-8 educators working with students who haven't yet learned the Pk-2 standards. This course provides a certificate of completion from the US Math Recovery Council.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Notes: Materials fee: \$150

X.MATH-417 Data Informed Tiered II Numeracy Instruction

Credits: 1

This course will support participants as they implement math interview assessments and instructional techniques learned in the X.MATH-415 Early Numeracy I course or Add+VantageMR Course 1 Professional Development course. Participants will unpack a learning trajectory that best fits their students' needs. Then, participants will analyze data from interview assessments and receive support as they implement and design strengths-based instruction for their students. Participants will receive, share, and provide feedback to each other as they try new instructional and assessment techniques in their classroom.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Prereq: X.MATH-415.

Advisory: Students who completed Add+VantageMR Course 1 Professional Development can provide a certificate of completion if they haven't taken X.MATH-415.

X.MATH-424 Developing Mathematical Reasoning

Spring. Credits: 4

Developing Mathematical Reasoning (DMR) builds on and extends the work of Connecting Arithmetic to Algebra. Participants will work with a five-phase model for instruction in mathematical argument: Noticing, Articulating, Representing Specific Instances, Creating Mathematical Argument, and Comparing and Contrasting Operations. They will examine and implement a set of lessons designed to engage their own students with generalizations about the operations using these phases of instruction. DMR investigates how this approach to mathematics thinking supports a range of mathematics learners including those who have difficulty with grade-level mathematics and those who need additional challenge.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Advisory: X.MATH-460 Connecting Arithmetic to Algebra.

X.MATH-426 Rational Numbers Assessment and Instruction

Fall. Credits: 3

Rational Numbers Assessment and Instruction focuses on how students working with whole numbers can more meaningfully understand fractions. In this course we explore fractions as relationships between the whole and the parts, as measures, and as unique numbers with meaning. Educators will learn how to observe their students' mathematical thinking through activities, and strategies for engaging students. Throughout the semester educators will be asked to implement strategies with students in a classroom setting, and share and explore what they found together.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Notes: Materials fee: \$150

X.MATH-460 Connecting Arithmetic to Algebra

Fall. Credits: 4

Connecting Arithmetic to Algebra (CAA) is a year-long professional development experience in which teachers consider generalizations that arise from the study of number and operations in grades 1 through 7. They examine cases of students who are engaged in the process of articulating general claims, working to understand those claims, and learning how to prove them. The course also focuses on how this approach to mathematical thinking supports a range of mathematics learners, including those who have difficulty with grade-level mathematics and those who need additional challenge.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Mathematics Education

X.MTHED-408 Professional Development for Coaching Mathematics

Credits: 2

This course is designed for elementary math specialists with responsibilities for supporting teachers in the development of strong mathematics education programs. Participants explore issues related to: learning mathematics while in the context of teaching; facilitating the professional development of colleagues; teachers' and students' ideas about mathematics and learning; and fostering a stance of collaborative investigation. By way of a central theme of mathematics learning, the institute will offer coaches opportunities to explore, through the coaching perspective, ideas of number and geometry in the elementary grades.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.MTHED-409 Educational Leadership I: Exploring the Roles of Math Teacher Leadership

Credits: 2

This course will explore the roles of teacher leadership in math education at the local, state, and national level. Topics will include coaching, mentoring, writing (blogs, journals, op-eds, articles), professional learning communities (virtual and face-to-face), and advocacy. Participants will consider current issues and challenges facing students and teachers with regard to math education and will work to develop action plans to address these issues in the coming school year.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.MTHED-410 Developing Mathematical Ideas: Facilitator Training

Credits: 2

This institute focuses on learning to teach one of the Developmental Mathematical Ideas (DMI) modules. Participants will choose a particular DMI module on which to concentrate their facilitation work. The institute will include examination of the central mathematical ideas of the module, identifying key goals for each session, discussion of the process of interacting with participants both in the institute sessions and through written responses, as well as opportunities for practice facilitation.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Prereq: X.MATH-400 or X.MATH-401.

Advisory: Prior experience with a DMI seminar recommended.

X.MTHED-411 Educational Leadership II: Facilitating Adult Learning

Credits: 2

This course provides opportunities for participants to develop skills and knowledge to enable them to design and implement professional learning opportunities in mathematics for adults. Activities focus on four aspects: the importance of identifying key ideas and goals for professional learning, strategically using both small and whole group formats, an analysis of the range of professional learning opportunities for teachers, and opportunities to practice facilitating professional learning with an audience of teachers.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.MTHED-465 From Theory to Practice: The Learning and Teaching of Mathematics

Fall. Credits: 4

This course focuses on the teaching and learning of mathematics and considers how we move from theory to practice. The course focuses on the pedagogical moves of the teacher and the impact on students' mathematical experiences. Participants in the course will produce written cases of practice based on audio or videotaped classroom discussions and interviews with their own students. They will analyze their own cases and those of their colleagues to examine the learning of students and the impact of teacher moves. Course instructors will provide individual feedback based on the classroom cases.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Notes: Online.

X.MTHED-466 Advocacy Through Math Teacher Leadership

Spring. Credits: 4

The course involves exploring teacher leadership roles in mathematics education and how to advocate for change in the field. Students will create an action plan related to a change initiative in math education, develop a capstone project, and share findings and reflections so the group can provide critical feedback and support. The scalable nature of this work allows each student to define a leadership role and project to fit their interests and professional goals.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Advisory: X.MTHED-465.

Master of Arts in Teacher Leadership Overview and Contact Information

The M.A.T. in Teacher Leadership (MATL) program supports educators who want to help build their school's capacity for success, support professional growth among their peers, or serve in a leadership role at the local, state, or national level. With the option of three pathways – Leadership, Independent School Leadership, and Independent School Pedagogy – all of our courses are specifically designed to equip educators with practical skills that they can apply immediately in their schools and organizations to build stronger education systems.

Designed for full-time educators, MATL students have the option of completing this 32- to 36-credit program fully online or in a hybrid model through dynamic learning that provides students the opportunity to attend class sessions through interactive video conferences. Courses are offered throughout the year, including in the evenings and as a week-long intensives during summer months.

Our innovative curriculum emphasizes equity, advocacy, and collaboration, and course content can be personalized to ensure that you gain skills you can immediately apply in practice. At the culmination of your course of study you will initiate a capstone project, inspired by your personal leadership goals and specifically designed for implementation in your classroom, school, community, or beyond.

Educators can choose modified academic tracks to seek specialization, expertise, and prepare to build their career in the following areas:

- Independent Schools Tracks (p.): These tracks are specially designed for full-time educators working in independent schools who want to enhance their teaching and prepare for leadership roles. There are two tracks to choose from: one for early career teachers and the other for teacher leaders ready for new professional growth.

- Nonprofit Leadership and Entrepreneurship Track (p. 400): This track helps prepare classroom educators to explore other applications of their skills and abilities to new contexts and ventures.
- National Board Certification Track (<https://www.nbpts.org/national-board-certification/>): Prepare for National Board candidacy. The program provides support for candidates working toward National Board certification; elements of the requirements for the National Board portfolio can be done as a part of the program capstone project.

Students can work with their advisor to develop a customized course of study based on areas of interest/need.

Courses can be completed online, with real-time and asynchronous components.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded the Master of Arts in Teaching degree.

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Learning Goals

Graduates of the Master of Arts in Teaching, Teacher Leadership program will:

1. Develop practical action plans founded in an understanding of the decision-making process in education, including how policies are created, implemented, and modified, and how teachers can work to inform broad based changes.
2. Create professional learning plans related to instructional practice, advocacy, professional development and andragogy, educating the whole child, and/or data-driven instruction.
3. Execute a project that integrates knowledge of the field of Teacher Leadership with personal professional goals.

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Curriculum and Requirements

The 32-credit program includes the option for students to take additional coursework to deepen their skills in particular areas of specialty. Below is a sample schedule of the progression of courses a student might take over the course of their two years in the program:

Code	Title	Credits
Summer		
X.EDUC-441	Fostering a Collaborative Culture for Learning	2
X.EDUC-467	Coaching, Mentoring, and Facilitating Instructional Improvements	2
X.EDUC-458	Owning Assessments and Data for Student Learning	2
Fall		
X.EDUC-427	Practicum 1: Professional Development and Mentoring	3
X.EDUC-452AC	Topics in Social-Emotional Learning and Development: 'Advising and Counseling Students Beyond the Classroom'	2
January		
X.EDUC-457	Personal and Professional Leadership in Education	1
Spring		
X.EDUC-411	Policy Fluency: Current Issues in Education	4
X.EDUC-437	Advanced Practicum: Professional Development and Mentoring	2
X.EDUC-468	Leadership in Practice for Educators	1
Summer		
X.EDUC-449	Equity and Social Justice: A Teacher's Role	2
X.EDUC-455	Outreach and Advocacy for Educational Change	4
Fall		
X.EDUC-413	Leading Colleagues Using Research: Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice	2
January		
X.EDUC-471	Communications and Networking for Teachers	1
Spring		
X.EDUC-489	Catapult! Capstone Course	4

See Also

Additionally the program offers a variety of stand alone institutes that support the learning of educators at various phases of their career looking to enhance their practice in a specific area. Institutes include:

- Instructional Coaching Leadership (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/instructional-coaching-leadership-institute>)
- Independent Schools Mentoring (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/independent-schools-mentoring-institute>)
- Social and Emotional Learning (p. 400)
- Social Justice and Equity (p. 400)

Admission

All applicants must have a bachelor's degree, and a history of effective classroom practice and strong passion for student learning. GRE scores are not required.

To apply to the M.A.T. in Teacher Leadership, prospective students must complete an application and upload all supporting materials via the online application (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/apply/>). Send official transcripts to:

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Course Offerings

X.EDUC-409 Schools, Schooling, and Society: An Introduction to Education and Social Policy

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

The course familiarizes students with the historical foundations of public education, current movements in education reforms such as Race to the Top, Common Core Standards, Every Student Succeeds Act, and theories of change. The course examines the social policies and catalysts that have caused transformation in society and public education and includes contemporary events. In keeping with Massachusetts Department of Education mandates for approved licensure programs, the course provides the foundational readings to prepare teachers for work in a diverse society. Topics include knowledge of curriculum; knowledge of learners; knowledge of educational goals, knowledge of social/cultural contexts; and pedagogical content knowledge.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-411 Policy Fluency: Current Issues in Education

Spring. Credits: 3 - 4

In this learning experience, teacher leaders will deepen their understanding of how to share, spread, and scale their practices and convictions to impact the teaching profession beyond their classroom walls. Participants will engage in simulated project pitches, reflective writing, drafting and revising a blog post, and conversations with guest speakers working to shape policy and practice across the country. This course is intended for teacher leaders in both public and independent school contexts.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Notes: Those who want to learn more about current issues in education with a systems lens in order to scale future initiatives should enroll in the 3-credit option. For those ready to apply the course content to a specific project, the 4-credit option includes an action component built around implementing that initiative.

X.EDUC-413 Leading Colleagues Using Research: Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice

Fall. Credits: 2

Based on Domain 2 of the Teacher Leader Model Standards, this class helps build the skills, knowledge, and dispositions teacher leaders need to support colleagues in using the latest research and data to improve practice and student learning. Topics we will explore include types of research, examining the research process, the skills teacher leaders need to lead colleagues in using research to improve practice, research competencies, action research, data collection and analysis, how research makes instruction intentional and systematic, and how it allows us to make meaning out of numbers.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-420 Human Development: 'Child and Adolescent Development'

Spring. Credits: 2

In this course students will develop a foundational framework of knowledge about physical, cognitive and social/emotional development that can inform their teaching practice in the classroom. Through individualized exploration, students will have opportunities to delve into the study of the age group that they intend to teach, and the class will discuss specific topics particularly relevant to education, such as language development, gender, moral development, the nature of intelligence, and motivation. By the end of this course, students should be conversant in developmental theory and able to use it to support the pedagogical choices they will make as educators.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-422 Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Spring. Credits: 4

The Integrated Methods Seminar focuses on supporting and building on key aspects of the intensive full-time supervised student teaching experience. Teacher candidates learn how to develop integrated curriculum units, address complex behavioral and management issues with increasing sophistication, delve more deeply into theory and practice, develop peer coaching and mentoring skills, develop habits of reflection, and prepare for job interviews. Additionally, there is an emphasis on social studies content and pedagogy. Specifically, students will be studying content of a meaningful elementary and early childhood social studies curriculum and devising lessons and units that address multiple learning needs, planning effective and aligned assessments, infusing best practices, and exploring integration opportunities. Linking critical learning from their work in social justice to issues of instructional equity and practice in the classroom is also part of the Seminar this semester.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement
Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only

X.EDUC-423 Student Teaching in Early Childhood and Elementary Schools

Spring. Credits: 10

Students participate in full-time student teaching in early childhood and elementary classrooms for 15 weeks. During this semester-long field-based placement, students hone classroom management skills, implement an extended integrated curriculum unit, deliver lessons in all content areas, and develop a wide range of assessment skills. The practicum culminates in two weeks of Lead Teaching, during which the student is responsible for managing all aspects of the classroom program. Students work with classroom teachers and program supervisors to address Professional Teaching Standards as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only

Advisory: Students may only register for X.EDUC-423 if concurrently taking X.EDUC-422.

Notes: 5 days a week for 15 weeks full-time student teaching in school site (includes Mount Holyoke College's spring break). This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.

X.EDUC-424 Internship in Educational Settings

Spring. Credits: 4 - 10

Graduate students undertake a supervised internship from January through June in an educational setting comprised of up to 600 hours. This would be a supervised, mentored experience, and tailored to the hours of the student, approved by a faculty member within the Professional and Graduate Education department. Evaluation of performance is determined by on-site visits, written assignments, as well as supervisor and mentor evaluations. Successful completion of the course is verified based on satisfactory submission of a final product/portfolio and presentation that demonstrates an integration of knowledge and skills gained through their program of study and internship experience.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only. Instructor permission required.

Advisory: For graduate students who will not be pursuing licensure.

Notes: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.

X.EDUC-427 Practicum 1: Professional Development and Mentoring

Fall. Credits: 3

Participants survey best practices in instructional coaching and professional development and implement these practices in their educational contexts. Topics include: cultivating positive mentoring/coaching relationships, observation protocols, developing and facilitating andragogically-sound professional learning, coaching for emotional resilience, and assessing professional learning. Participants actively apply skills in their own settings with specialized coaching from the course instructor and create a professional learning experience and/or approach to instructional coaching that is designed to meet the needs of students and teachers in their unique learning community.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-428 Critical Literacy Through Multicultural Children's Literature: Becoming Critically Literate

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

In this course, we will discuss sociopolitical issues reflected in children's literature (i.e., gender, race, class, sexuality, ability, etc.) and read across genres, themes, and perspectives. Teacher candidates will develop analytical practices to examine books' words and images, ask complex questions about power and language, and consider counternarratives through critical multicultural analytical practices. Teacher candidates will write text reflections, reader responses, and create a text set centered on a social issue of choice. In addition, teacher candidates will reflect on becoming critically literate educators and how a critical orientation to reading and teaching impacts their beliefs and practices.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-429 Using Art for Educational Advancement

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

This course focuses on using arts as a catalyst for change inside and outside of the classroom. It supports educators in deepening their pedagogical techniques using arts, and it supports leaders outside the classroom in exploring how to use art beyond the classroom to influence system change. Participants will engage in discussion around critical issues in education and problem solve for such issues using various forms of art. Techniques to be explored may include, but are not limited to: literature, visual arts, the graphic arts, the decorative arts, and performing arts. By the end of this course, participants will have a portfolio of resources that can be used in their areas of practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Teacher Leadership MAT students only. Instructor permission required.

X.EDUC-430 The Process of Teaching and Learning in Secondary and Middle Schools

Fall. Credits: 4

This course is intended to help prepare prospective secondary and middle school teachers for effective classroom instruction. The focus of this course is to explore a range of philosophies of education and existing classroom practices. The course uses the current educational landscape in order for teacher candidates to examine culturally relevant teaching and learning practices, teaching in multicultural settings, establishing the classroom climate, choosing instructional approaches, and attending to the needs of a range of learners.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Other Attribute(s): Community-Based Learning

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-431 Student Teaching in Secondary and Middle Schools

Spring. Credits: 10

Students participate in full-time student teaching in middle or secondary classrooms for 15 weeks. During this semester-long field-based placement, students hone classroom management skills, design and implement curriculum, and develop a wide range of assessment skills. Students work with classroom teachers and college supervisors to address Professional Teaching Standards as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only

Advisory: Students may only register for X.EDUC-431 if concurrently taking X.EDUC-433.

Notes: 5 days a week for 15 weeks; full-time student teaching in school sites (includes Mount Holyoke College's spring break). Credit/no credit grading.

X.EDUC-433 Practicum Seminar on Teaching and Learning: Middle and Secondary Education*Spring. Credits: 4*

This weekly seminar provides students with opportunities to design and discuss case studies involving adolescents in middle and secondary school settings, review researched-based models of instruction, and classroom management, and engage in dialogue with professionals regarding numerous aspects of teaching and student learning. Additional topics covered include reviewing the legal obligations of teachers, addressing the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and developing effective communication between home and school.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT students only***X.EDUC-436 Exceptional Learners Internship I***Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4*

Students pursuing an additional license are expected to complete a supervised field experience of at least 150 hours in an approved public school classroom within the licensure area pursued. Placements may be located within or outside of western Massachusetts. In addition to the field experience component, students attend regular course meetings. Reading and writing assignments are an opportunity to learn more about tracking student development, advocacy, utilizing action research as a tool for professional development and collaboration, and leveraging an additional license on the job market.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Notes: Credit/no credit grading.***X.EDUC-437 Advanced Practicum: Professional Development and Mentoring***Spring. Credits: 2*

This course is the culmination of The Institute for Instructional Coaching. Participants reflect, refine, and expand upon the professional learning sessions they have developed, as well as their instructional coaching practice, while expanding their learning experience to enhance the impact in their context. Topics in this course include: developing systematic professional learning opportunities for new and experienced educators in a given setting, professional collaboration and co-facilitation, enhancing professional leadership through system-wide programming. Participants complete the institute as experts in ongoing, embedded, and personalized professional learning.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-441 Fostering a Collaborative Culture for Learning***Credits: 2*

This course is centered around Domain One of the Teacher Leader Model Standards, with an emphasis on creating cultures in our schools that support educator development and student learning. Modules include defining teacher leadership, exploring formal and informal teacher leadership roles, adult learning theory, facilitation of group learning and discussion, mitigating difficult discussions and building consensus, organizational change and the change process, building trust, and other skills to create inclusive cultures for professional growth (and student learning!).

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-449 Equity and Social Justice: A Teacher's Role***Credits: 2*

In this course, participants will learn to address issues of social justice seamlessly and incorporate social justice into the design of their learning environments. This will be accomplished in three steps: First, participants will be assigned a self-awareness partner to process socialization around social issues. Second, participants will produce narratives about their social justice development. Finally, participants will create action plans that will create learning environments that don't shut down dialogues about difference, but open them up. Participants will then take this new learning and self-awareness and apply it to education systems outside of their classroom.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.***X.EDUC-450 Social-Emotional Learning and Development: Foundations of Social, Emotional, and Academic Development***Spring. Credits: 2*

In the course, educators will learn the foundational principles of social and emotional learning through an accelerated survey of foundations of SEL strategies in pedagogy, practice, and instructional leadership. They will explore how SEL advances educational equity and personal student growth by establishing affirming learning environments that feature trusting and collaborative relationships, rigorous and meaningful curriculum and instruction, and ongoing evaluation. Educators will examine the clear connection and the roles of the school in students' emotional and academic success. Educators will build a strong foundation in social emotional learning that includes equity-based, culturally responsive, and trauma sensitive practices through the use of case studies examples, personal reflection, and the building of resources for community use.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Advisory: This course is for Prince George's County students only.***X.EDUC-451 Social-Emotional Learning and Development: Pedagogy and Practice***Spring. Credits: 2*

In this course, educators will explore ways to put the foundations of social and emotional learning (SEL) into practice. This exploration includes the examination of available resources, evaluation of ways in which SEL may be built into their current curriculum and instruction, and strategic development of collaboration and connections with educators, families, and other stakeholders on issues related to social and emotional learning. Educators will identify areas of strength and opportunity of the social and emotional well-being of students, reflect on their own social and emotional well-being, and create a plan of action for their own growth and the growth and empowerment of students.

*Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement**Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.**Advisory: This course is for Prince George's County students only.*

X.EDUC-452 Topics in Social-Emotional Learning and Development

X.EDUC-452AC Topics in Social-Emotional Learning and Development: 'Advising and Counseling Students Beyond the Classroom'

Fall. Credits: 2

Educators serve in multiple roles to support students in their academic, extracurricular, and, in some cases, dorm lives. This course will provide an overview of the following: school counseling principles, widely adopted models of comprehensive developmental counseling curricula, social-emotional learning, approaches in multicultural counseling, and mentoring students on academic and professional issues. We will also address identification, prevention, intervention, and crisis management strategies for topics including: relationships, mental health, trauma, and substance use/abuse. Students will explore how to analyze various types of student performance data to inform academic and non-academic programming.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-452NT Topics in Social-Emotional Learning and Development: 'Introduction to Social and Emotional Learning'

Credits: 2

In this course, educators will engage with the principles of social and emotional learning (SEL) with a lens on how they can integrate these concepts into their work as teachers: building classroom community, teaching students to resolve their own conflicts, and helping their students develop compassion for others including those of different identities and backgrounds than their own. In relation to advocacy and teacher leadership, they will also explore some of the opposition and barriers to SEL, as well as effective arguments in support of SEL at a policy and "systems" level. Educators will strengthen their instruction and advocacy in equity-based, culturally responsive, and trauma-sensitive practices explored through case studies, instructional strategies, reflection, and development of a portfolio that applies their new knowledge to their specific teaching context.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Advisory: This course is for Prince George's County students only.

X.EDUC-455 Outreach and Advocacy for Educational Change

Credits: 4

This course integrates Teacher Leader Model Standards for Domains VI and VII: assessing community needs and values, engaging families and colleagues in partnerships, and advocating for students and for the teaching profession. Participants will explore culturally responsive teaching approaches and strategies for collaborating with families to support meaningful and relevant student learning and development. Participants will also learn how to use research, policies, and persuasive communications to help build appropriate programs, interventions, and advocacy efforts that promote positive outcomes for both students and teachers.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-457 Personal and Professional Leadership in Education

Credits: 1

This course is designed to help educators cultivate their skills as reflective practitioners as a means of enhancing personal leadership development. Students will examine personal leadership qualities and the role of storytelling as leadership. Course participants will create individualized learning plans that allow for deeper exploration of personal and professional leadership interests. The menu of options for personalized learning will include further reading in the domains of adult development, professional learning, motivation, leadership and related topics.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-458 Owning Assessments and Data for Student Learning

Credits: 2

Built around Domain 5 of the Teacher Leader Model Standards, this course helps teachers build the skills to do just that, as we explore organizational improvement through assessment design. Learn to facilitate and support colleagues in using assessment tools to inform decisions to improve practice and student learning. One module of this class includes an exploration of Improvement Science, a new methodology brought to education from the health field, where teachers will learn how small ideas can be tested and taken to scale, potentially impacted organizational change. Embedded in practice, focused on your personal and professional growth.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1 for Middle and Secondary Teachers

Fall. Credits: 2

This course is the first of two methods courses. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, it will provide opportunities for participants to explore the links among the theoretical underpinnings of expeditionary learning, experiential learning, and project-based learning through an interdisciplinary approach, with a focus on arts integration. Students will engage with the Understanding by Design (UBD) model of curriculum development, focusing on universal access to content for a full range of learners. Students will connect theory with practice and reflect on their practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: Requires a field-experience in an educational setting.

X.EDUC-461 The Process of Teaching and Learning: Developing Literacy in Our Schools

Fall. Credits: 4

Through a balanced and integrated approach, students will learn to develop literacy in our schools. Class members will learn about emergent literacy, diagnosing language needs, integrating phonics skills in a literature-based program, the teaching of process writing, children's fiction and nonfiction literature, and a variety of formative and summative ways to assess learning.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: Requires a field-experience in an educational setting.

Notes: Requires a field experience in an educational setting.

X.EDUC-462 Subject-Specific Methods 2

This advanced course builds on the design Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

X.EDUC-462AR Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'The Arts'

Fall. Credits: 2

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.

X.EDUC-462EN Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'English'

Fall. Credits: 2

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.

X.EDUC-462FR Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'Foreign Languages'

Fall. Credits: 2

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.

X.EDUC-462HS Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'History/Social Sciences'

Fall. Credits: 2

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.

X.EDUC-462MA Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'Mathematics'

Fall. Credits: 2

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.

X.EDUC-462SC Subject-Specific Methods 2: 'The Sciences'

Fall. Credits: 2

This advanced course builds on the design principles and interdisciplinary approach of Subject-Specific Methods 1, and focuses on the development of subject specific curriculum units. Firmly embedded within the EL Education Model, links will be made between the theoretical underpinnings of subject specific pedagogy, differentiated learning, sheltered immersion, assessment, and the community/school/classroom/students. Students will connect theory with practice through their work with subject-specific experts from the field and through reflecting on their practice.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Mount Holyoke MAT, MATM, and MATL students only

Advisory: X.EDUC-460 Subject-Specific Methods 1.

X.EDUC-466 Social-Emotional Learning and Development: Instructional Coaching And Mentoring

Spring. Credits: 2

Having already studied the foundational principles of and pedagogical strategies for implementing social and emotional learning, educators in this course will learn best practices in the coaching and mentoring of other educators toward resource utilization, implementation of practices, and the identification and embodiment of dispositions that promote social and emotional learning. Educators in this course will begin to train other educators to be culturally responsive, trauma-informed, reflective practitioners who attend to the social and emotional well-being of themselves, their students, and the communities they serve. Educators will engage in practical application and evaluation of their budding skills.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Advisory: X.EDUC-451 or courses in social and emotional learning. This course is for Prince George's County students only.

X.EDUC-467 Coaching, Mentoring, and Facilitating Instructional Improvements

Credits: 2

This course provides opportunities for teachers to design, develop, critique, implement, give, and receive feedback on professional development experiences that align with the Common Core standards and the particular needs of the school/district's participating staff. Modules include staying focused on content while developing collaborative relationships, engaging in reflective dialogue with teachers and administrators, developing leadership skills, professional growth, and technology for collaborative learning. Participants will be able to individualize their learning experience based on an area of choice for personal and professional growth: instructional coaching, mentoring, or peer coaching.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-468 Leadership in Practice for Educators

Spring. Credits: 1

In this course students will develop their goals as teacher leaders and will engage in discussions, readings, modules, and activities that support professional growth. Critical course concepts will be introduced in a whole group book study format. Additionally, students will explore opportunities for leadership in education through conversations with guest experts in the field. At the culmination of the course students will complete an articulation of practice and professional development plan.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-471 Communications and Networking for Teachers

Credits: 1

In this course, students will develop their skills of networking, communication, and leadership by organizing special events such as panel discussions, webinars, public forums, and speaker series' on current topics and pressing issues in the field of education. Students will collaborate to identify areas of focus for these events and will then work with the course instructor to recruit speakers, develop promotional campaigns and communications, facilitate sessions, create resource materials, and engage constituents.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Teacher Leadership MAT students only

X.EDUC-476 Independent School: Beyond the Classroom

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2

The independent school faculty member wears many "hats" in addition to that of the teacher. Students in this course study the non-teaching aspects of independent school work, improving their ability to serve as stewards of their schools' missions. Guest speakers from independent schools will address these roles and facilitate students' investigation of other topics including school governance and administration, admissions, advancement, athletics, counseling, student and residential life, and more. Coursework will include analyzing case studies, budgets, interviewing various departments and jobs within an independent school, and an in-depth case study of the student's context based on current independent school standards and best practices. Student work will culminate in the creation of a personal inventory and growth plan for successful career development in independent schools.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

X.EDUC-481 Internship in Education Administration

Not Scheduled for This Year. Credits: 2 - 6

Graduate students undertake an internship of up to 500 hours in an educational setting under the supervision of an PreK-12 school administrator from January through June. This would be a supervised, mentored experience, that is tailored to the student's needs and interests, and approved by a faculty member within the Professional and Graduate Education department. Evaluation of performance is determined by on-site visits, written assignments, as well as supervisor and mentor evaluations. Successful completion of the course is verified based on satisfactory submission of a final product/portfolio and presentation that demonstrates an integration of knowledge and skills gained through their program of study and internship experience.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Notes: Repeatable to a maximum of 6 credits.

X.EDUC-489 Catapult! Capstone Course

Spring. Credits: 2 - 6

This course is designed to catapult students' professional and personal leadership journey to the next level. It serves as an idea incubator, helping give teacher leaders the support and direction they need to propel themselves forward in their work and launch teacher-created ideas to improve education for all students. In this class, graduate students will demonstrate and document the impact of their knowledge gained throughout their journey at Mount Holyoke College. Students will choose a domain of the Teacher Leader Model Standards to focus their capstone work, then they will choose one of four pathways for the semester: a research study, a teacher-created project, a teacher leader internship, or National Board candidacy. They will apply their skill and knowledge under a teacher leader coach, who will support them and engage in weekly reflective practice of their teacher leadership work. At the end of the semester, teachers will complete and share a portfolio that demonstrates how their experiential learning experience has enhanced their practice as a leader and a teacher leader.

Applies to requirement(s): Meets No Distribution Requirement

Restrictions: This course is limited to Teacher Leadership MAT students only

X.EDUC-495 Independent Study

Fall and Spring. Credits: 1 - 4

Restrictions: This course is offered for graduate students only.

Instructor permission required.

Notes: In fall, spring, and full summer terms, this independent study may range from 1 to 4 credits. In January and partial summer terms (Summer 1, Summer 2) this independent study may range from 1 to 2 credits.

Graduate Programs Tuition, Billing, Financial Aid, and Refunds

2025-2026 Tuition and Fees

- Graduate tuition (per credit): \$930
- Graduate student fee (assessed once): \$150
- Transcript fee for current students (per copy): \$4
- Transcript fee for former students (per copy): \$10.40
- Non-credit courses: \$895 unless otherwise indicated

Some courses may require fees for laboratory use, materials, etc.

Enrollment Deposit

To secure their place in the program, admitted applicants will pay a non-refundable \$125 deposit that will be applied as a credit on their first bill.

Graduate Student Fee

The Graduate Student Fee is required of all incoming graduate students. This fee supports special events like orientation, community-building events, special guest speakers, and co-curricular opportunities for learning. The Graduate Student Fee is charged during the students' first semester.

Transcript Fee

Current students may order official transcripts through my.mtholyoke. The transcript fee will be charged to an active student's account. Former students must prepay the transcript fee. Both current and former students with no outstanding charges to the College, or who are current in an College-approved payment plan will have transcripts released. Students with past due balances to the College who are not on an approved payment plan, or are delinquent on their payment plan, may have their transcripts withheld pending a review of their student account.

Initial Licensure Field Experience Placement Change

There is a \$350 fee to change your field experience placement.

Billing

No paper bills will be sent. The tuition is billed for the upcoming semester at the following times during the year based on enrollment. Additional monthly bills are created for any changes based on actual enrollment after the add/drop period. Payment for all charges is typically due within 30 days.

Bills are issued as follows:

- Summer Session 1 in early May
- Summer Session 2 in early June
- Fall semester in early August
- January term in December
- Spring semester in December

Billed amounts depend on the number of credits a student is registered for in a given term, and are adjusted for any scholarships, fellowships, and partnership discounts.

An email will be sent to the student's Mount Holyoke College email account when bills have been posted and are ready for viewing. Payment for all charges is typically due within 30 days. Students may view charges and credits on their student account by logging into my.mtholyoke and

choosing "Course Registration and Bill Payment" then "Student Account and Payment" from the Self-Service Menu. Students may authorize others to view their bills and make payments by creating an authorized user account in TouchNet. Authorized users may view students' account information by logging in to TouchNet.

Student account information will not be shared with anyone who is not authorized by the student per federal regulation. Students must authorize other sponsors to view the bill and to receive notification to their Mount Holyoke College email address when the monthly bill is prepared.

Past due balances will incur a late fee of 1% each month on balances over \$100.

No student may register for classes, or receive a degree, diploma, or transcript until the student's bill is paid. In addition, on-campus charging privileges may be suspended for any student with significant past due charges. If you would like to arrange for payment other than on the regularly scheduled due dates, the College offers a semester payment plan and provides information on several types of educational loans. The College cannot make arrangements for payment other than those herein described.

Financial Aid for Graduate Students

Funding education is a concern for many students. Mount Holyoke's Office of Student Financial Services works closely with students to talk about what federal aid resources might be available.

Graduate students are eligible to apply for graduate scholarships and fellowships and to participate in special partnership-based programs such as the Teach Western Mass M.A.T. Fellowship, the Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program, the City Year scholarship, the Holyoke Public Schools Urban Pathways Program, and the Amherst Public Schools Futures Program. Federal loans are also available for graduate students.

For information on Satisfactory Academic Progress standards, see the Graduate Academic Policies (p. 411) information on Academic Standards.

Financing

Please read the information on Resources for Funding Your Education (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/admission/graduate/tuition-fees-aid>) for scholarships, fellowships, and other resources that can help defray the costs of education, such as the following:

Mount Holyoke College Partnerships

Independent Schools Partnership and Fellowship Program (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academics/find-your-program/independent-schools-fellowship-program>)

In collaboration with colleagues from both boarding and day schools we have designed a partnership and fellowship program specifically for independent school teachers. With tracks for faculty who are new to the teaching profession and tracks for mid-careers and veteran teachers who want to reinvigorate their teaching, Professional and Graduate Education provides opportunities for educators at all stages of their careers to take their work to the next level.

Peace Corps Scholarship (<https://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/university-programs/coverdell-fellows/>)

In partnership with the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program, Professional and Graduate Education programs offer a 50% tuition remission to Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

City Year Scholarship

In partnership with City Year, Professional and Graduate Education programs offer 50% tuition remission for City Year alumni who are aspiring school teachers.

Holyoke Public Schools Urban Teacher Pathway

The Urban Teachers Pathways Program is an initiative that allows district educators the opportunity to pursue master's degrees at the College while they continue to work. Program applicants must have a bachelor's degree, be nominated by a supervisor, and have successfully completed the Communications and Literacy Massachusetts Test for Education Licensure examination.

Mount Holyoke College Scholarships

Scholarship applications are available online (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/apply/>). Applications for scholarships are accepted on a rolling basis, on a first-come, first served basis.

Community Scholars Scholarship

This award is open to nondegree seeking students taking a course for credit. Community Scholars Scholarship amounts usually range from \$200-\$500 per course. Several scholarships are awarded each year depending on funds available.

Mount Holyoke Alum Scholarship

This award is open to students who received their bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College who are committed to serving students in order to build a stronger education system. Mount Holyoke Alum Scholarship amounts usually range from \$1,000-\$3,000. Several scholarships are awarded each year depending on funds available.

Promising Teacher Scholarship

This award is open to students who demonstrate a dedication to education and student learning, and aspire to affect change in their school, district, or beyond. Preferred candidates should demonstrate evidence of academic and professional potential and personal commitment to social justice, equity, and/or leadership in education. Promising Teacher Scholarship amounts usually range from \$1,000 - \$4,000. Several scholarships are awarded each year depending on funds available.

Sonia Nieto Diverse Educator Scholarship

This award is open to students who demonstrate a dedication to education, student learning, and aspire to affect change in their school, district, or beyond. The purpose of this scholarship is to create a pathway for preparing teachers who represent the diverse range of children we serve in schools. Preferred candidates will be from underrepresented groups, demonstrate evidence of academic and professional potential, and have a personal commitment to social justice, equity, and/or leadership in education. Sonia Nieto Scholarship amounts usually range from \$3,000-\$5,000, with a maximum of \$10,000. Several scholarships are awarded each year depending on funds available.

Global Educator Scholarship

This award is open to students who have demonstrated behaviors focused on "thinking globally and acting locally" and who demonstrate a commitment to integrating global themes into their work. The themes addressed could include: global languages and culture; intercultural competence, environmental sustainability, or human dignity and rights. Preferred candidates will demonstrate (1) evidence of global experience thought academics, extracurricular participation, community involvement, or work experience, and (2) professional potential and personal commitment to social justice, equity, and/or leadership in

education. Global Educator Scholarship amounts usually range from \$3,000-\$5,000, with a maximum of \$10,000. Several scholarships are awarded each year depending on funds available.

Critical Impact Scholarship

This award is open to students who demonstrate a dedication to working in areas of high need and/or in underserved areas or communities. Current areas of high need include: English as a Second Language, Special Education, and STEM. The purpose of this scholarship is to prepare educators to contribute in the areas of highest need. Preferred candidates will demonstrate evidence of academic and professional potential, and personal commitment to excellence and leadership in education. Critical Impact Scholarship amounts usually range from \$3,000-\$5,000. Several scholarships are awarded each year depending on funds available.

Emerging Leader Scholarship

This award is open to students who show potential and interest in assuming a leadership role in their field. Emerging Leader Scholarships range up to \$5,000. Several scholarships are awarded each year depending on funds available.

Emerging Teacher Scholarship

This award is open to Massachusetts teachers with emergency licenses, teachers on waiver, and paraprofessionals who enroll in the Master of Arts in Teaching initial licensure program. Scholarship amounts awarded are up to \$10,000. Several scholarships are awarded each year depending on funds available.

Distinguished Teacher Leader Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to honor outstanding educators who have received formal acknowledgement of their expertise and leadership in teaching. This selective scholarship is available to those who have been chosen as recipients of one of the awards below. The scholarship amount is \$10,000. Awardees may use the scholarship or nominate one colleague to whom they wish to transfer (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/register/DistinguishedTeacherNomination>) it. (Transfer does not guarantee admittance to the program. The scholarship may only be transferred to someone who is not a current graduate student at Mount Holyoke College.)

Recipients of one of the awards below automatically receive the Distinguished Teacher Leader Scholarship upon acceptance into the program and verification of their award status.

- **Kevin Grover:** State Teachers of the Year or runners up for the State Teacher of the Year
- **Pioneer Valley:** Recipients of a Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award

Global Teacher Leader Fellowship

This award provides tuition remission for students who are seen as leaders in the field who have the potential to support scholarship in the field of education. Graduate student fellows are responsible for contributing to Mount Holyoke College's efforts in research, professional engagement, global initiatives and they work closely with faculty to develop unique projects. Up to two fellowships will be awarded each year. Global Teacher Leader Fellowship amounts usually range from \$6,000-\$8,000 up to a maximum of \$12,000. Two fellowships are awarded each year depending on funds available.

Mount Holyoke College Fellowships

Fellowships provide partial tuition remission for students who have the potential to contribute to the state of knowledge and scholarship in the field. Graduate student fellows develop their capacity become leaders in the field and contribute to Mount Holyoke College's research, professional engagement, and global initiatives. Fellows work closely with faculty to develop fellowship projects and are encouraged to publish and present on their work.

Up to two fellowships will be awarded each year in each category:

- Accessibility and Media
- Global and Intercultural Education
- Entrepreneurship in Education
- Vulnerable Youth and Child Welfare

Fellowship amounts usually range from \$6,000-\$8,000 up to a maximum of \$12,000. Please fill out a Fellowship Application (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/apply/>) to be considered.

Private Scholarships

Professional organizations, community organizations, and fraternal organizations are all places to consider when looking for private scholarships. Additionally, there may be career-specific scholarships, or scholarships based on particular aspects of the students' lives (for women, for veterans, for people living in certain counties, etc.). For instance, many students in the Mathematics Teaching graduate program apply to National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Education Trust (<http://www.nctm.org/met/>) for scholarships and support. Mount Holyoke College undergraduate alums may apply for Alum Fellowships (http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/career/alumnae-fellowships/?utm_source=blast&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fellowships).

Employer Tuition Assistance

Students should explore tuition benefits that may be offered by their employers. Benefits may include tuition reimbursement, scholarships, or waivers. Employers may provide up to \$5,250 in employer education assistance benefits for undergraduate or graduate courses tax-free each year, per section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code. Students do not necessarily need to be seeking a degree to be eligible. Many employers will require that graduates stay at the organization for some time once they've completed the degree.

Veterans Benefits/GI Bill[®]

For veterans who qualify, GI Bill (https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/higher_learning.asp)[®] (https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/higher_learning.asp) benefits (https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/higher_learning.asp) may offer the cost of tuition, fees, books and housing. GI Bill[®] is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Loans and Grants

There are a variety of federal and private types of financial aid available for graduate students, including (more information follows the list):

- Federal TEACH Grant (<https://studentaid.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>)
- Federal Direct Student Loan (<https://studentaid.gov/sa/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>)

- Grad PLUS Loan (<https://studentaid.gov/sa/types/loans/plus>)
- Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority (MEFA) Graduate Student Loan (<https://www.mefa.org/pay/loanproducts/>)
- Private Student Loans (<https://studentaid.gov/sa/types/loans/federal-vs-private>)
- Teacher Loan Forgiveness (<https://studentaid.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher>)
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (<https://studentaid.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>)

Student Financial Services works closely with students to ensure that they are aware of the different financing options available to best suit their individual needs.

TEACH Grant

The Federal TEACH Grant Program (<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>) provides grants to full time graduate students who are completing or plan to complete the coursework needed to become teachers. (A graduate student may receive a total of two scheduled awards provided they are in attendance full-time for two years.) There are a number of conditions and requirements that must be met in order to receive the TEACH grant.

Federal Direct Student Loan

Graduate students are eligible for the Federal Direct Student Loan (FDSL) provided they are enrolled in at least 4 credits per semester. Repayment begins six months after the student is no longer enrolled in at least 4 credits. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete entrance counseling and a promissory note.

Grad PLUS Loan

Grad PLUS loans are available for up to the cost of attendance minus any other awarded financial aid (including loans). Repayment begins two months after the last disbursement for the academic year. Graduate students must be enrolled in at least four credits to be eligible for federal loans. Students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a Grad PLUS application to be considered for a Grad PLUS loan.

MEFA Graduate Student Loan

The Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority (MEFA) is a non-profit state agency that offers financing to U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are studying at least half time at accredited degree-granting non-profit colleges and universities.

Private Student Loans

Student Financial Services strongly suggests that all federal financing options be maximized prior to turning to non-federal financing alternatives. Federal loans offer repayment options based on income and have forbearance and deferral options during times of extreme economic hardship that other loan programs do not offer. Also, some federal loan programs offer loan reductions or forgiveness for public service and teaching in high need areas.

Students interested in private (alternative) student loans may find more information by contacting Student Financial Services (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/student-financial-services>).

Teacher Loan Forgiveness

The Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue in the teaching profession. Under this program, those who teach full-time for five complete and consecutive

academic years in certain elementary and secondary schools and educational service agencies that serve low-income families, and meet other qualifications may be eligible for forgiveness. Those who have PLUS loans only are not eligible for this type of forgiveness. The Federal Student Aid website (<https://studentaid.gov/>) is a good resource for more information.

Private Loans for International Graduate Students

Many of the private lenders who lend to Mount Holyoke undergraduates will also lend to graduate students who have qualified co-signers who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Tax Benefits for Education

There are a variety of Qualified Tuition programs that allow for tax-free college savings plans, including 529 plans, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, and others.

Graduate students may also be eligible for education related tax credits, including the Lifelong Learning Tax Credit (up to \$2,000 annually), qualified educational expense deductions, student loan interest deductions, and business deductions. Please see IRS Publication 970 "Tax Benefits for Education" (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf>) for more information.

Refund Policies

Tuition Refund

The Professional and Graduate Education office must receive written notice of the student's intent to withdraw from a course. The official withdrawal date for a student is determined based on when the request to withdraw was received.

Students will be refunded 100 percent of their previously paid tuition, less the enrollment deposit for new students, if the Professional and Graduate Education office receives written notice of an official withdrawal or leave of absence before the first day of classes. If a student officially withdraws from a course or takes a leave of absence on or after the first day of classes of a particular term, refunds occur on the following schedule:

Fall and Spring Refund Schedule

Weeks	Percentage
Week 1	90% refunded
Weeks 2-3	75% refunded
Weeks 4-5	50% refunded
Weeks 6-7	25% refunded

Summer Session Tuition Refund Schedule

Weeks	Percentage
Weeks 1	75% refunded
Weeks 2	50% refunded
Weeks 3	25% refunded

Summer courses are typically shorter than fall and spring courses. Students requesting refunds before the first day of the Summer session are entitled to a full refund, less the enrollment deposit paid.

January Session Refund

January session is typically only two weeks long. For this reason, refunds are not given to students who withdraw or take a leave of absence during the January session. Students requesting refunds before the first day

of the January session are entitled to a full refund, less the enrollment deposit paid.

Refund of Scholarships and Fellowships

If a student receiving a scholarship or fellowship drops or withdraws from a class, the amount of the credit applied towards the student bill will be proportional to the amount billed per the tuition refund schedule above.

Refund of Federal Student Loan

Federal aid refund policies are different than institutional refund policies. For students receiving federal loans for the fall or spring, "earned" loan funds are prorated based on the time enrolled (percent earned vs. unearned). Grad PLUS loans are returned before the Federal Direct Student Loan when loan funds must be returned.

Refund of Fees

There is no refund of the Graduate Student fee if a student withdraws on or after the first day of classes.

Professional and Graduate Education Academic Policies

Mount Holyoke students are expected to be fully acquainted with the policies affecting their academic and nonacademic lives on campus. Policies are published in this Bulletin, the Student Handbook, and in Faculty Legislation. New policies are published on the College's website.

Academic Integrity

Academic Responsibility

The decision to join this academic community requires acceptance of special rights and responsibilities that are essential for its effective functioning and the realization of its mission.

All members of the community share the responsibility to uphold the highest standards of academic and personal integrity, community engagement, and commitment to principles of equity and inclusion that are central to the mission of the College. Failure to accept and act on this responsibility threatens the rights of the rest of the community by undermining the trust upon which the community is built.

Students, faculty, staff, and administrators assume a commitment to the academic community that supports teaching and learning in an open environment based on mutual trust, respect, and concern. All members of the community have the right to careful and constructive analysis of their work, and they have the responsibility to provide a serious response to the work of others.

Each member of the academic community has the right to benefit from its collective knowledge and resources as well as the responsibility to contribute to them.

Honor Code

Each member of the Mount Holyoke community is expected to adhere to the following honor code and all regulations in the Student Handbook (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/deanofstudents/student-handbook>):

"I will honor myself, my fellow students, and Mount Holyoke College by acting responsibly, honestly, and respectfully in both my words and deeds."

The framework of our honor code assumes adherence to the rules and regulations of the College which are designed to promote intellectual and social pursuits and to ensure personal safety. In addition, the College protects and upholds human rights policies, and is committed to an inclusive and diverse community.

The honor code is the hallmark of life together at Mount Holyoke College. Simply stated, it means that each student is responsible for maintaining their own integrity and, to the best of their ability, the integrity of the Mount Holyoke community. While broad in its applications, it provides a guideline for decision making which holds each student to principles of good conduct toward themselves and others. To ensure the care and preservation of the honor code, standards and procedures have been developed and implemented to provide the structure by which the honor code is administered. Students are expected to comply with the rules and regulations of the College. Beyond minimal compliance, students under an honor code grow to understand, through course work and collaborative learning, that honor is achieved with diligence, commitment, and courage.

The Mount Holyoke College honor system relies on the integrity of each student. The strength of the system derives from the honesty and self-discipline of every student and from the faith of the faculty and the administration in the student body. With integrity as the foundation, the honor system promotes individual freedom tempered by responsibility to the community. Each student demonstrates their respect for individual freedom by conducting themselves with maturity and honor, and by showing due concern for the welfare of other members of the community.

College regulations delineate the expected standard of behavior in academic and social circumstances. Dishonorable academic conduct, such as plagiarism and cheating, discredits the individual student. Behavior which is in conflict with the community standards and regulations of the College is detrimental to the well-being of the Mount Holyoke community.

Please see more information on the honor code on the Student Handbook website (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/student-handbook/honor-code-and-community-responsibility>).

Additional information on the honor code, examples of violations, the process for reporting suspected violations, the procedures through which the Academic Honor Board adjudicates suspected violations, and potential penalties for its violation are available on the Academic Honor Board page (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/academic-honor-board>).

Plagiarism

Academic integrity is highly valued at Mount Holyoke College. Respect for intellectual labor and creativity is vital to academic discourse and enterprise. This principle applies to works of all authors and publishers in all media. It encompasses respect for the right to acknowledgment, right to privacy, and right to determine the form, manner and terms of publication and distribution. Plagiarism or other forms of scholarly misconduct can have no purpose or place in the academic life of the College. Each student is responsible for observing established procedures in the preparation of assignments, the writing of papers and examinations, and for submitting only original work. Violations of authorial integrity, including plagiarism may be grounds for sanctions against members of the academic community.

Please refer to this Library Research Guide (<https://guides.mtholyoke.edu/c.php?g=879988&p=6321509>) on how to cite

sources properly and plagiarism. Please see the Graduate Student Policies Handbook for more information on academic integrity policies and procedures.

Academic Standards

The academic requirements for graduate students include timely completion of all College, graduate program, and individual academic program requirements.

Students are expected to enroll in the courses per their approved program of study and submit any proposed changes to their program plan to their advisors, in advance, for approval.

Students are expected to be enrolled in all terms required by their degree program. The only exception to this requirement occurs when the student is granted an official leave of absence by the Professional and Graduate Education Executive Director, with the concurrence of the director of their program.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students in the graduate programs are required to obtain a B or better in all coursework. Any grades lower than a B- are not acceptable and can not be used towards the completion of a degree. In instances where a student has not met this requirement, the student must meet with the program director/advisor who, in consultation with the Executive Director of Professional and Graduate Education, will determine if the student can proceed in the program.

If the student is approved to proceed, and the Executive Director approves the student to retake the course graded lower than a B-, the Registrar will enroll the student in the course for the second attempt. The student will be charged the full regular tuition and fees for each course retaken. Grades from both attempts at the course will appear on the transcript and factor into the student's GPA, however only the credits from a course graded B- or better can be counted towards the requirements of the graduate degree.

Incomplete grades are awarded at the discretion of the instructor in concurrence with the Executive Director of PaGE. Incompletes that remain unchanged after the end of the authorized extension are converted to F grades.

To maintain full eligibility for federal student aid funds, satisfactory academic progress must be maintained. Graduate students who fail to complete the total number of credits attempted, whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.00 or whose years of enrollment in the program exceed the statute of limitations for the academic program will lose eligibility to receive any future federal student aid funds at Mount Holyoke. Student Financial Services will notify the student of the loss of federal eligibility and the appeal process available to request aid eligibility be reinstated.

Statute of Limitations

For students who start a one-year graduate degree program, requirements must be completed within a three-year period from the semester of admission. For students who start a two-year graduate degree program, requirements must be completed within a four-year period from the semester of admission.

Awarding of Degrees

Each candidate for graduation is personally responsible for obtaining clearance for graduation from their Program Director. Also, all graduating students should be sure to meet all required financial obligations to the

College as prescribed by Student Financial Services, to ensure eligibility to receive their diplomas and continued access to official transcripts.

Mount Holyoke College confers degrees three times per year: on dates in October, March, and during the annual Commencement ceremony in May. Graduate students completing all degree requirements and having their degrees conferred in May, as well as those whose degrees were conferred the preceding October or March, are invited to participate in the May Commencement ceremony – unless they had participated, through exception criteria, in the previous May's ceremony.

The exception criteria allow graduate students to apply to participate fully in Commencement exercises before their actual degree conferral if they have completed at least 28 credits towards the Mount Holyoke degree and have a solid plan, approved by their program, for completing their remaining requirements by the end of the summer. Students interested in participating through this exception route in lieu of participating after they have completed all degree requirements should contact their program director in the winter of their last year to seek permission for early participation. If approved, these early participants will robe, process into the Commencement ceremonies and sit with the graduating students, have their names called and cross the stage individually like the graduating students, though they will neither actually graduate on that date nor receive their diplomas. These students are then ineligible to participate at all in the following year's Commencement and Commencement weekend activities, since they participated the previous year.

No student can participate in the Commencement ceremony or any degree conferral if they are currently suspended or withdrawn from the College. The only students eligible to participate in the May Commencement ceremony are those who have completed the degree requirements in May and are having their degrees conferred that day, those whose degrees were conferred the preceding October or March, and those officially approved for early participation.

Access and Inclusion

Mount Holyoke is committed to creating and maintaining a community in which all its members including students, faculty, staff and visitors can live and work together in an environment free from discrimination. Under federal and state laws, all students are protected from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, gender, (including sexual harassment), age, sexual orientation, marital or veteran status.

The College complies with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other applicable statutes and amendments.

Compliance with the law is the responsibility of all members of the Mount Holyoke community.

Any student who feels that they have been discriminated against based upon any one of these factors must contact the College's Title IX Coordinator. These protections also include retaliation for filing complaints of discrimination. Concerns regarding course offerings, instructor and student attitudes should also be directed to the Title IX Coordinator.

The College's Title IX Coordinator shares oversight of the College's compliance with Title IX with Human Resources and the Dean of Faculty

Office. The Title IX Coordinator oversees the use of grievance procedures as it pertains to the resolution of complaints of violation of Title IX.

The Title IX Coordinator can be contacted at: titleixofficer@mholyoke.edu or 413-538-3569.

For more information, please consult www.mtholyoke.edu/risk/title-ix-compliance-mount-holyoke-college (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/risk/title-ix-compliance-mount-holyoke-college>), www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/office-diversity-equity-and-inclusion (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/office-diversity-equity-and-inclusion>), and www.mtholyoke.edu/student-handbook/discrimination-and-harassment-policies (<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/student-handbook/discrimination-and-harassment-policies>).

Accommodating Learning Differences

Students requiring accommodations should let their advisor know as soon as possible and will be required to register with the Office of Disability Services (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/directory/departments-offices-centers/disability-services>).

Students who are registered with the Office of Disability Services, and are seeking an incomplete as an accommodation based on a disability, should simultaneously make requests through Disability Services and the Executive Director of Professional and Graduate Education.

Registration and Class Attendance

Students register for the next semester following academic advising periods. Courses may be added only during the designated add period, as outlined in the academic calendar (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academic-calendar>).

Students may drop courses only during the designated drop period, as outlined in the academic calendar (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/academic-calendar>). Courses from which the student has dropped will not appear on the student's academic record. After the designated drop period, withdrawals from courses require the approval of the instructor and will appear on the student's record, with the notation "W." After this withdrawal period, students may withdraw from courses only with the approval of the instructor and authorization from the director of health services, the director of the counseling service, or AccessAbility Services when granted as an accommodation. Courses recorded with the notation "W" will not affect a student's grade average.

Regular class attendance is expected of all students unless an individual instructor suspends this expectation.

Religious Observance

In support of our religiously diverse student population and in compliance with Title XXI Chapter 151C Section 2B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, students seeking a religious accommodation because their religious observance will determine they will miss a class or work and who need an extension, rescheduled exam, or make-up materials to complete work due on these dates are advised to contact their professors (or staff employer in relation to campus jobs) well in advance of the holiday or fasting period – preferably at the start of each semester.

Section 2B of Chapter 151C of the General Laws of Massachusetts reads: "Any student in an educational or vocational training institution, other than a religious or denominational educational or vocational training institution, who is unable, because of his religious beliefs, to attend

classes or to participate in any examination, study, or work requirement on a particular day shall be excused from any such examination or study or work requirement, and shall be provided with an opportunity to make up such examination, study, or work requirement which he may have missed because of such absence on any particular day; provided, however, that such makeup examination or work shall not create an unreasonable burden upon such school. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the institution for making available to the said student such opportunity. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student because of his availing himself of the provisions of this section."

Course Evaluation

As the semester draws to a close, students are required to submit an online course evaluation for each of their courses. This requirement is a reflection of the importance the College places on students and faculty supplying each other with timely, thoughtful feedback. Professional and Graduate Education course evaluations are administered by the Office of the Provost and Dean of Faculty.

Grading Policies

The grades of A and B (with "+" and "-") are acceptable for graduate credit. Anything lower than a B- is not acceptable toward the degree.

Grade	=	Points
A	=	4.00
A-	=	3.67
B+	=	3.33
B	=	3.00
B-	=	2.67
C+	=	2.33
C	=	2.00
C-	=	1.67
D+	=	1.33
D	=	1.00
D-	=	0.67
F	=	0

Extensions

Extensions are to be used to address unanticipated emergencies only and are intended to apply to cases where the student has completed at least three-quarters of the work of the semester. During the semester, course instructors have full discretion with regard to the granting of extensions when students need extra time to complete assignments or examinations. Prior to the last class in a given semester, however, students who need any further extension must consult with their instructor and receive approval of the Executive Director of Professional and Graduate Education. In order to be eligible for an extension to complete course work beyond the end of the semester, a student must experience a medical or personal emergency that could not have been anticipated that prevents them from completing the final work in a course.

Per College policy, faculty are not allowed to accept work after the noon deadline on the last day of the examination period unless a student has an authorized extension. Students are strongly advised to plan ahead as much as possible and request an authorized extension.

Students who would like to request a course extension can access the form and additional instructions (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/register/CourseExtension>).

Leaves and Withdrawals

A variety of factors may emerge that require students to disrupt their program of study. If something comes up, students should discuss their options with their advisor or program director.

Official notification must be given by the student in order to drop or withdraw from a course, request a leave of absence, or withdraw from the College. If the effective date of the request is before the first day of classes, that semester's courses will be dropped from the student's transcript. However if the effective date of the request is on or after the first day of classes, the student will be withdrawn from those courses and they will remain on the student's transcript with a grade of "W". Failure to complete the withdrawal procedures may result in failing grades.

Dropping or withdrawing from classes, taking a leave or withdrawing from the college may impact financial aid eligibility or the loan repayment schedule. Please contact Student Financial Services with any questions. A partial tuition refund (p. 411) may be available depending on when a request is received.

Course Drops/Withdrawal

Students who would like to request course drop or withdrawal can access the request form and additional instructions (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/register/CourseWithdrawal>). Withdrawing from a course may have both academic and financial implications. A grade of "W" is recorded for each withdrawn course. That grade will be reflected on the transcript, but not calculated in the grade point average. Once a withdrawal request has been processed for a course, it becomes part of the academic record and it is non-reversible. If the withdrawn course is required for the student's program, the student will need to retake the course and pay any associated tuition, fees, etc. Based on the time of withdrawal, students may qualify for a partial credit of tuition. The official date of withdrawal is based on the date the form is received by the Professional and Graduate Education.

Leaves of Absence

A student in good academic and financial standing may request a leave for one or two semesters. A leave begins at the end of a regular semester. The student is expected to return at the conclusion of the leave or to request an extension of the leave. Students who would like to request a leave of absence can access the request form and additional instructions (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/register/LeaveOfAbsence>). Students who take a leave without a formal request or notifying the College will be withdrawn and must request reinstatement if they wish to return.

Voluntary Withdrawal from College

Students who would like to request a withdrawal from the college can access the request form and additional instructions (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/register/CollegeWithdrawal>). Once a withdrawal request has been processed, it becomes part of the student's academic record and is non-reversible. Students who withdraw from the College must reapply (<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/register/withdrawal-readmission>) if they wish to return.

Privacy of Student Records

Mount Holyoke College policy with respect to confidentiality of student records complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended (PL 93-380, Section 438, the General Education Provisions Act), which gives students certain rights, consistent with the privacy of others, to review their own official records, files, and data, and to challenge the accuracy of the contents of such records. The act also generally prohibits the release of personally identifiable information (other than "directory information" defined below) about students without their written consent other than to teachers and other College officials who have legitimate educational interests; to officials of other institutions in which the student intends to enroll; to certain authorized state and federal officials; to appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to the student; to organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the College; to accrediting organizations; to comply with a judicial order or lawfully ordered subpoena; and to appropriate officials in the case of health and safety emergency.

A school official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research or support staff position (including law enforcement personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the College has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using College employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, IT specialist, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student or appointed volunteer serving on an official committee or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the College.

The regulations of the act make clear that, in the case of students who are dependents of their parents for Internal Revenue Service purposes, information from the education records of the student may be disclosed to parents without the student's prior consent. The College may notify the student's parents in writing of academic probation, required withdrawal, and suspension. In communications with parents concerning other matters, it is normally College policy to respect the privacy of the student and not to disclose information from educational records without the student's prior consent.

Requests for review of specific records must be made in writing. A student who seeks to review only health or career records should file a written request to do so with the director of health services, the director of the counseling service, or the Career Development Center. All other requests should be made at the Office of the Dean of the College.

The Privacy Act gives Mount Holyoke College the right to make public at its discretion, without prior authorization from the individual student, the following personally identifiable directory information: name; class year; home/permanent, off-campus/local, and College addresses; home, local, and residence hall telephone numbers; College electronic mail address; identification photograph; dates of attendance at Mount Holyoke College; enrollment load (e.g., undergraduate or graduate; full- or part-time; on leave); date and place of birth; major(s); degrees, honors, and awards received; participation in officially recognized sports and activities; status as student employee; and previous educational institution most recently attended. An individual student may limit release of the above information for any given year by filing such a request with the registrar by July 1 of that year; requests received after this date will be put into effect as quickly as possible, but directory information already released cannot be recalled.

Transfer of Graduate Course Work

The College will accept transfer of up to two graduate courses, after a review has determined that the courses meet the content requirements of the particular program. However, all students completing the degree must still complete the full number of degree credits for their specific program by selecting among the alternative electives available through Mount Holyoke's Professional and Graduate Education programs.

Course Eligibility Requirements

Grades received for courses requested for transfer must be "B" (3.00) or better. Graduate level courses to be transferred must have been taken no more than three years prior to the student's acceptance into the Master's program and may not have been used previously to fulfill the requirements for any other degree, certificate or diploma program. An official transcript and syllabus of the course(s) to be transferred are required.

No more than two courses, a maximum of eight (8) graduate credits, may be transferred. Eligible courses may be from any one of the following sources:

- Course(s) taken at another regionally accredited college/university within the United States,
- Course(s) taken while enrolled as a non-degree graduate student,
- Course(s) offered through Mount Holyoke's Professional and Graduate Education programs.

The MAT program may recognize courses taken as an undergraduate student, over and above the requirements necessary for the baccalaureate degree towards specific content areas, as appropriate towards licensure.

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Professional and Graduate Education faculty are not included in this list. Instead they are listed with each graduate program.

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