

General Studies

The University offers a number of courses which are not part of a regular departmental curriculum. They provide students with opportunities for achieving academic credit through interdisciplinary and nontraditional coursework.

General Courses (GEN S)

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

GEN S 100. University Seminar (1) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Open only to freshmen.

Provides opportunities to interact with faculty in a small group setting. Students acquire study and interpersonal skills for academic and personal success. Special sessions are offered featuring campus resources including library, advising, career, health and wellness services.

- A. University Seminar
- B. Integrated Curriculum
- C. Living Learning Center

GEN S 130. Child and Adolescent Development from a Cultural Perspective (3)

Theories of human development using a cultural/ecological framework applied to case studies and direct observations. Open only to liberal studies majors.

GEN S 200. Professional Experience and Community Service (1-3) Cr/NC

Prerequisites: Twelve units of college credit, minimum grade point average of 2.0, concurrent participation in professional or community service activity, and approval of course contract.

Academic work designed with faculty approval to complement concurrent paid or unpaid professional or community service experience. Information and course contract forms available in Division of Undergraduate Studies, AD-201. Applications must be submitted to the Division prior to the end of the first week of classes. May be used to satisfy major or minor requirements only upon written approval of department chair. No combination of General Studies 200 and 400 in excess of six units may be counted for credit toward a bachelor's degree.

GEN S 275. Honors Special Study (1)

For further information contact the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

Prerequisite: Admission to the University Honors Program.

Special study associated with a lower division course offered as an honors section, and serving as an extension of the course.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

GEN S 321. Gay and Lesbian Identities in the Modern World (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Interdisciplinary field of lesbian and gay studies with attention to social and political institutions and development of personal identity. Topics include discrimination, internalized homophobia, political activism, and diversity within lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgendered community.

GEN S 322. Gay and Lesbian History and Culture (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Interdisciplinary field of lesbian and gay studies with attention to history and artistic expression. Topics include varying attitudes toward homosexuality in history, as well as literary, artistic, theatrical, and musical contributions of the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgendered community.

GEN S 330. Plagues Through the Ages (3) I, II

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Political, economic, religious, and cultural effects of disease. Significant role epidemics and disease have played in development of civilizations from beginning of recorded history to present.

GEN S 340. Confronting AIDS (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.A. Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning, II.B. Social and Behavioral Sciences, and II.C. Humanities.

Examines the AIDS epidemic from historical, epidemiological, biological, medical, psychological, political, legal, and ethical perspectives.

GEN S 400. Professional Experience and Community Service (1-3) Cr/NC

Prerequisites: Upper division standing, minimum grade point average of 2.0, concurrent participation in professional or community service activity and approval of course contract. Completion of prerequisites required.

Academic work designed with faculty approval to complement concurrent paid or unpaid professional or community service experience. Information and course forms available in Division of Undergraduate Studies, AD-201. Applications must be submitted to the Division prior to the end of the first week of classes. May be used to satisfy major or minor requirements only upon written approval of department chair. No combination of General Studies 200 and 400 in excess of six units may be counted for credit toward a bachelor's degree.

GEN S 410. Civilization Through Travel-Study (2-3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Civilization through faculty-supervised foreign travel-study. Requires lecture attendance, excursions and site visits, examinations and written reports.

GEN S 413. Multicultural Aspects of Social Institutions (3) I, II

Prerequisites: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Honors Program curriculum (excluding Honors Thesis).

Discussion of various social institutions from multicultural and interdisciplinary perspectives. (Formerly numbered General Studies 350 entitled "Honors: Social Institutions.")

GEN S 420. Disability and Society (3) I, II

Prerequisites: Psychology 101, Sociology 101, or Anthropology 101, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Range of human experience of individuals with disabilities: attitudes toward individuals and interrelationship between societal institutions and needs of people with disabilities; historical response to these needs and contemporary issues with particular emphasis on normalization, integration, and community living.

GEN S 450. Life and Culture Semester Abroad (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.

Life and culture of a foreign country through an approved "semester abroad" program approved by the Division of Undergraduate Studies. Requires lecture attendance, excursions and site visits, examinations and written reports. See Class Schedule for geographic location.

Interdisciplinary Courses (GEN S)

General Studies courses (250 or 350) are interdisciplinary selected topics courses.

Students interested in enrolling in General Studies 250 or 350 should contact the faculty adviser of the department(s) offering the course for further details. May be repeated with new content. Maximum credit four units.

GEN S 250. Interdisciplinary Topics (1-4)

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