

Humanities (HUM)

HUM 200 WRITTEN AND ORAL ANALYSIS (3)

Students practice the techniques of critical reading and thinking, of expository writing, and of oral expression. They examine the principles of thinking, speaking, and writing, with a view to the multitude of purposes for which these activities are crucial. Satisfies GE, category A1 (Written and Oral Analysis). Prerequisites: completion of GE categories A2 and A3.

HUM 301 WAR AND PEACE LECTURE SERIES (3)

Students attend the public War and Peace Lecture Series and meet in discussion groups weekly to address a broad range of issues relating to the problem of war and prospects for peace. Lecturers represent diverse disciplines ~ e.g., economics, physics, peace studies, political science, sociology ~ and institutions. Discussion sessions synthesize material presented in lectures and outside readings and elicit students' personal responses to the issues raised. Reading and writing assignments required. Satisfies GE, category C3 (Ethics and Values).

HUM 395 LITERATURE, ARTS AND EDUCATION (1-4)

Students will work individually or in teams to present enrichment activities and curriculum to local schools in the Rancho-Cotati School District. Students may do this in conjunction with a current class they are taking or as an independent project.

HUM 460 TEACHING ASSISTANT IN HUMANITIES (1-3)

Provides students experience in assisting an instructor in an Humanities course by doing course related research and tutoring.

HUM 495 SPECIAL STUDIES (1-3)

Independent study designed in consultation with an instructor. Students must complete the standard SSU form. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

Hutchins School of Liberal Studies (LIBS)

LIBS 100 THE CRAFT OF WRITING (2)

A course designed to help students who are experiencing difficulties with writing. While the craft of writing will be emphasized (punctuation, sentence construction, word choice, paragraph and essay organization, etc.), the course will also address how the craft of writing can become the art of persuasion and self-expression.

LIBS 101 THE HUMAN ENIGMA (12)

Drawing on materials about small-scale societies, ancient cultures and contemporary civilizations, this course concentrates, within a comparative framework, on the development of cultural values, the concept of human nature, the growth of self-awareness, and the emergence of ethical and political thought. Prerequisite: A passing score on the EPT.

LIBS 102 IN SEARCH OF SELF (12)

This course focuses on the individual, exploring how personal history, unconscious processes, and political and historical environments shape the concept of the self. This course develops a fuller understanding of these influences through scientific investigation, historical exploration and creative expression, employing materials drawn from biology, psychology, sociology, literature, history, politics and the arts.

LIBS 201 EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN (12)

An investigation of the meaning and limits of knowledge with respect to the nature of the mind and physical reality. These issues are pursued through several different but interrelated fields of study, including literature, art, philosophy, comparative religion and science. The course considers Newtonian and quantum mechanical theories of physical reality, the religions of various cultures, and the functions of myth. The term includes a section focusing on the nature of human creativity.

LIBS 202 CHALLENGE AND RESPONSE IN THE MODERN WORLD (12)

An examination of modern accomplishments and problems that have derived from several sources: the 18th century mechanical models, the Scientific and Industrial Revolutions, and the rise of modern economic theories. Asking how it is possible in the 21st century to live a moral life, the course examines the rise of individualism, the tension between personal and social values, the problems of poverty and the distribution of wealth, and the multiple consequences of modern technology upon the human and natural environments.

LIBS 204 MINORITIES IN AMERICAN CINEMA (4)

This course is designed to examine the fundamental beliefs, assumptions, and "self-evident" truths that serve as the foundation for American culture, and then to consider those truths in light of challenges provided by multicultural perspectives. Our primary focus will be the representations of racial minorities in American cinema from the beginning of the twentieth century up to the present day. Applying an interdisciplinary and multicultural approach, we will investigate the depictions of race, racial identity, and interracial relationships in both mainstream (Hollywood) and alternative cinemas. We will supplement our inquiry through related works of literature and drama, in addition to readings in film theory, film history and critical cultural studies. Thus, even as we consider the historical truths of American culture, these "truths" will be consistently interrogated and reformulated by examining the representations of minority figures and groups in American cinema.

LIBS 302 INTRODUCTION TO LIBERAL STUDIES (3)

An interdisciplinary 'gateway course' examining the meaning of a liberal education, emphasizing seminar skills, oral and written communication, and introducing the Portfolio. It is taken with LIBS 304 or 308 in the first semester of upper-division study. (These are the prerequisites for all upper-division Hutchins courses.) Successful completion of LIBS 302 is required to continue in the Hutchins program. Students must earn a grade of C or higher to continue in Hutchins.

LIBS 304 WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS (3)

The first course in a two-semester sequence, designed to examine fundamental beliefs, assumptions and “self-evident” truths that serve as the foundation for American culture and politics, and then to consider those truths in light of challenges provided by multicultural perspectives.

LIBS 305 HUTCHINS FORUM (1)

There are two main objectives of the Hutchins Forum. One is to serve as a learning community among Track I students (majoring in Liberal Studies, not pre-credential). Every other week the Forum functions as a sort of “headquarters” for advising or “laboratory of ideas” to assist students on elaborating the meaning of a Liberal Studies education. And, if they are so inclined, to facilitate their focus on a project or to define their own career interests or academic concentrations. Secondly, in the intervening weeks, the Hutchins Forum also serves as a learning community for the entire Hutchins School. This is accomplished by inviting faculty, alumni and students to share their insights or research with the Hutchins community.

LIBS 307 LECTURE SERIES (2)

Lecture series. Topics vary.

LIBS 308 THE PRACTICE OF CULTURE (3)

The second course in a two-semester sequence, designed to raise critical questions regarding cultural practices in a variety of settings. Topics may include non-western cultures, cross-cultural issues, popular culture, and global politics.

LIBS 312 SCHOOLS IN AMERICAN SOCIETY (3)

Students will explore basic issues inside the American educational system while fulfilling the state-mandated classroom experience requirement for admission to the credential program.

LIBS 320A ELECTIVE SEMINAR CORE A (3)

Courses under this core area focus on the relationship between the individual human societies. The moral and ethical underpinnings of our patterns of social interaction are investigated with special attention paid to how these affect race, gender, and class relations. Of particular importance to social scientists are questions concerning whether the goals of human dignity, political justice, economic opportunity, and cultural expression are being enhanced or destroyed by specific historical developments, cultural practices, economic arrangements, and political institutions. Examples of seminars in Core A: PostModernism, Quest for Democracy, and Conspiracy Theories. Prerequisite: LIBS 302 prior or concurrently or LIBS 202 prior.

LIBS 320B ELECTIVE SEMINAR CORE B (3)

Included in this core area are courses that deal with science and technology and their relationship to the individual and society. Students build upon their understanding of the sciences and come to grips with some of the crucial issues posed by our culture's applications of science and technology. Students write on topics which address scientific aspects of social issues, the contribution science makes to understanding issues of personal concern, and science as a social endeavor. Examples of seminars in Core B: Health and Healing, Machine as Metaphor, Global Food Web, and the Future of Energy. Prerequisite: LIBS 302 prior or concurrently or LIBS 202 prior.

LIBS 320C ELECTIVE SEMINAR CORE C (3)

Through the arts and humanities we explore what and why humans create. Courses focus on the broad range of experiences in novels, poetry, drama and other literary forms, the visual arts, languages, architecture, music, dance, the writings of philosophers and the thought and literature of the world's religions. Study in the arts and humanities explores the inner world of creativity and individual values as well as the questions about how we arrive at a sense of meaning and purpose, ethical behavior, and a sense of beauty and order in the world. Examples of seminars in Core C: Earth Art, African Art, Memoir, Countercultures, and Minorities in American Cinema. Prerequisite: LIBS 302 prior or concurrently or LIBS 202 prior.

LIBS 320D ELECTIVE SEMINAR CORE D (3)

Courses in this core area deal with such issues as the study of biology as it relates to psychology, consciousness and perceptions of reality, meaning-making as a necessary human achievement, and identity formation as it is understood in the light of developmental psychology. Examples of seminars in Core D: Madness and Civilization, Death and Dying, Personal Geographies, and Empathy. Prerequisite: LIBS 302 prior or concurrently or LIBS 202 prior.

LIBS 321A ELECTIVE COURSE IN CORE A (3)

Courses in this area satisfy seminar requirement.

LIBS 321B ELECTIVE COURSE IN CORE B (3)

Courses in this area satisfy seminar requirement.

LIBS 321C ELECTIVE COURSE IN CORE C (3)

Courses in this area satisfy seminar requirement.

LIBS 321D ELECTIVE COURSE IN CORE D (3)

Courses in this area satisfy seminar requirement.

LIBS 327 LITERACY, LANGUAGE AND PEDAGOGY (3)

This course for pre-credential multiple subject students looks at the importance of literacy and language arts in the contemporary world, including the value of writing and literature in the classroom, as well as the significance of literacy as a broader educational and social issue. Students will develop a pedagogy of grammar, examine the use of literature and the written word in the classroom, and create and teach a classroom grammar lesson.

LIBS 330 THE CHILD IN QUESTION (3)

A close inspection of child development and elementary school pedagogy, emphasizing relevant social and cultural factors as well as major theoretical views of physical, emotional and personality growth. Subjective views of childhood experience will be contrasted with observations. Readings from Erikson, Freud, Hall, Goodall and others.

LIBS 336 SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOPS (1-4)

Topics will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit.

LIBS 337 SPECIAL LITERARY PROJECT (2)

Faculty proposed special projects. For students working on faculty-initiated research projects. May be repeated for credit.

LIBS 338 SPECIAL ART PROJECT (2)

Faculty proposed special projects. For students working on faculty-initiated research projects. May be repeated for credit.

LIBS 339 SPECIAL DRAMA PROJECT (2)

Faculty proposed special projects. For students working on faculty-initiated research projects. May be repeated for credit.

LIBS 340 SPECIAL SCIENCE PROJECT (2)

Faculty proposed special projects. For students working on faculty-initiated research projects. May be repeated for credit.

LIBS 341 ZEPHYR PUBLICATION (1)

In this course we will be putting together a Volume of Zephyr, the Hutchins Literary Journal. Students will create the thematic structure and recruit written and visual work from the entire Hutchins Community (including Lower- and Upper- Division students, faculty, staff, Degree Completion students, Masters students and alumni). Students will also make all decisions regarding selection and editing, as well as organization and layout. The semester will culminate with the publication and distribution of Zephyr and the organization of a public reading for the Hutchins community.

LIBS 342 HUTCHINS COMMUNITY ART SHOW PREPARATION (1)

This course will give students a forum to create a Hutchins Community Art Showing. During class time, students will choose the dates and venue for the art showing, secure the necessary venue, publicize the event, create a call for entries, process the entries, decide which entries will be shown, hang show, plan and conduct reception, take down show.

LIBS 360 SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOPS (1-2)

Topics will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit. Cr/NC only.

LIBS 361 HUTCHINS PEDAGOGY PROJECT (2)

The Hutchins Pedagogy Project workshop will combine project-based learning, Web CT and in-class training to teach Hutchins students (future teachers) how to implement seminars and/or act as tutors in elementary, AVID, and high school classrooms. Hutchins students will use individual and small group work in addition to whole-class seminar discussions to increase critical thinking and collaboration skills of students in local Sonoma County classrooms.

LIBS 370 SEMINAR: CREATIVE PROCESS (2)

A series of exercises designed to give students fuller access to their capacities and to provide practice in putting those capacities to productive use ~ in the arts, in problem solving and in daily life.

LIBS 371 SEMINAR: SELF-AWARENESS (2)

Methods of exploring and expanding self-awareness vary from semester to semester, and may include such techniques as autobiography, intensive journal-keeping, Gestalt exercises, dream analysis and meditation.

LIBS 395 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (1-4)

Students volunteer for unpaid placements within the community approved by the coordinator of the Hutchins Internship/Field Experience Plan. These placements include work in social service, education and the media. Students participate in four meetings per semester focusing on work-related issues; they also prepare a short paper about their placement and keep a time log. Students may take up to 6 units in CIP, a maximum of 4 in any one semester. One unit is equivalent to 30 hours of volunteer work per semester. Units count as electives for graduation. They may not be applied to the Hutchins major requirement. For the university's CIP regulations, please see page 304. Cr/NC only.

LIBS 396 FIELD STUDY (1-4)

Field Study for juniors and seniors is a project conducted outside of the university classroom setting that is taken for credit/no credit. It may include work that is literally outside in the field, or other hands on experience (e.g., a research study). Field Study projects are co-designed by a student and a sponsoring faculty member; or a faculty member may design a project, with student participation solicited. A student consults with a faculty member on the project, develops a plan of study, including number of units, project outcomes, number of meetings with the faculty sponsor and deadline for completion. A Project Contract is submitted to Admissions after the beginning of the semester and before last day to add classes. Consent of instructor. Cr/NC only.

LIBS 397 STUDY AWAY (1-4)

Study Away for both juniors and seniors is an educational experience that occurs away from SSU that is taken for credit/no credit. This might include study in the U.S. or abroad in an exchange program or an independently designed project. Study Away projects are co-designed by a student and a sponsoring faculty member or committee, with the terms of study and the expected outcomes written in contract form. A written report is required for Study Away projects upon completion. It is suggested that you begin the planning process early in the semester before you will undertake Study Away. The student must also follow University policies for leaving campus for Study Away. Required forms and procedures are available in the International Studies office. These forms must accompany the Project Contract and the Project Form to be signed by the sponsoring faculty and the Hutchins Provost. Prerequisite: completion of LIBS 302.

LIBS 399 STUDENT INSTRUCTED COURSE (1-2)

The Hutchins faculty welcome proposals from students in the final stages of the major who, in consultation with a faculty advisor, would like to design and offer an interdisciplinary seminar on a topic of special interest to them. Guidelines for student-instructed courses are available in the Hutchins office. Students may count two student-instructed courses (Cr/NC only) as elective units in the Hutchins major. Cr/NC only. May be repeated once for credit.

LIBS 402 SENIOR SYNTHESIS (4)

A capstone course required for the Hutchins major. Drawing on the papers collected for his or her portfolio, the student prepares a major paper and a Senior Project synthesizing aspects of that individual's own intellectual development. Each student makes an oral presentation of his or her project at the end of the semester. Must be taken in the student's final semester in the major.

LIBS 403 SENIOR SYNTHESIS - STUDY AWAY (4)

A capstone course required for the Hutchins major. Drawing on the papers collected for his or her portfolio, the student prepares a major paper synthesizing aspects of that individual's own intellectual development. This is done in a study away situation. Also available for students choosing a minor in Hutchins.

LIBS 410 INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-4)

Independent Study for seniors is an individualized program of study taken for a letter grade with a Hutchins faculty sponsor who is willing to supervise it. A student consults with a faculty member on a topic, develops a plan of study, including number of units, project outcomes, number of meetings with the faculty and deadline for completion. A Project Contract is submitted to Admissions after the beginning of the semester and before the last day to add classes. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: LIBS 302 and consent of instructor.

LIBS 411A SERVICE LEARNING: YOUTH ISSUES (3)

SSU students taking this course will go to local elementary and secondary schools and conduct seminar discussions that create a learning community.

LIBS 420A ELECTIVE SEMINAR CORE A (3)

Courses under this core area take as their focus the relationship between the individual and all kinds of human groups. The moral and ethical underpinnings of our patterns of social interaction are investigated with special attention paid to how these do and should affect issues such as race, gender, and class. Of particular importance to social scientists are questions concerning whether the goals of human dignity, political justice, economic opportunity, and cultural expression are being enhanced or destroyed by specific historical developments, cultural practices, economic arrangements, or political institutions.

LIBS 420B ELECTIVE SEMINAR CORE B (3)

Included in this core area are courses that deal with science and technology and their relationship to the individual and society. In today's world, any well-educated person should understand, at least at a general level, both the methods of science and important information which has been discovered through their applications. Here students build upon their understanding of the sciences and come to grips with some of the crucial issues posed by our culture's applications of science and technology. Students write on topics which address the idea of the material world: scientific aspects of social issues, the contribution science has made to your understanding of an issue of personal concern, your sense of science as a social endeavor.

LIBS 420C ELECTIVE SEMINAR CORE C (3)

Through the arts and humanities we explore what and why humans create. These fields include the broad range of experiences in literature, epics, poetry, drama and other literary forms, the visual arts, languages, architecture, music, dance, the writings of philosophers and the thought and literature of the world's religions. Study in the arts and humanities explores the inner world of creativity and individual values as well as the questions about how we arrive at a sense of meaning and purpose, ethical behavior, and a sense of beauty and order in the world.

LIBS 420D ELECTIVE SEMINAR CORE D (3)

What one endorses as really "real" is a result of many factors, some of them psychological, some biological, some philosophical, some social, and so forth. Courses in this core area will deal with such issues as the study of biology as it relates to psychology, consciousness as it affects and is affected by perceptions of reality, meaning-making as a necessary human achievement, and identity formation as it is understood in the light of developmental psychology and the nature-nurture controversy. You will have the opportunity to formulate your own thoughts about the status of human consciousness and reality and include that formulation in this section.

LIBS 480 SEMINAR FACILITATION (1-3)

This course provides students with an opportunity to enhance their facilitation skills through serving as a seminar leader in large lecture/discussion courses. Requires consent of course instructor.

LIBS 497 MODERN MEDIA DIALOGUE SERIES (1)

The Modern Media Dialogue Series will provide students the opportunity to learn about the many aspects and consequences of our media age, from journalism and censorship to new forms of communication and information. Students will participate in a weekly dialogue with an invited guest and community members to deepen their understanding of modern media forms and practice.

LIBS 499 INTERNSHIP (1-5)

All students develop an internship working outside the classroom. Students also prepare a portfolio project based upon a larger topic implicit in their internship. They participate with other interns in an internship class once a week to discuss their internship experience and issues related to the larger society. Grade only.

LIBS 595 SPECIAL STUDIES (1-4)

Individualized studies in areas beyond the scope of the established curriculum.