

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 Area A1 (Written and Oral Analysis). Prerequisites: completion of GE Areas A2 and A3.

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.

Interdisciplinary Studies (ITDS)

ITDS 297 SELECTED TOPICS (1-4)

Exploration of basic human problems. Resource persons from various disciplines will participate. Please see the Schedule of Classes for areas to be emphasized. May be repeated for credit.

ITDS 301 LECTURE SERIES (1-3)

A public lecture series on topics of general interest. Two units requires regular attendance and a final paper. Students who take three units additionally meet once a week in discussion groups and do further reading of selected texts.

ITDS 395 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (1-3)

An experience involving the application of methods and theories to community service work. Requirements: approval of a relevant project, a minimum of thirty (30) hours per unit of credit in the actual working situation, regular consultation with a faculty sponsor, and a paper. Prerequisites: major or minor standing and permission of program director.

ITDS 397 SELECTED TOPICS (1-4)

Exploration of basic human problems. Resource persons from various disciplines will participate. Please see the Schedule of Classes for areas to be emphasized. May be repeated for credit.

ITDS 444 THEORY AND RESEARCH METHODS (4)

Introduction to theory, method, and research strategies associated with regional cultural studies across a range of disciplines. Students engage in fieldwork and institutional projects (preservation, restoration, cultural resource development, collection, analysis and description of cultural artifacts, and historical preservation).

ITDS 495 SPECIAL STUDIES (1-4)

Prerequisite: approved status as a special major or major in interdisciplinary studies.

ITDS 497 SPECIAL TOPICS (1-4)

Exploration of basic human issues. Resource persons from various disciplines will participate. Please see the Schedule of Classes for areas to be emphasized. May be repeated for credit.

ITDS 498 INTERNSHIP (1-4)

An internship is a supervised program of work and study in a governmental, community service, technical, business, or educational setting. ITDS 498 (or 598) is designed for students in the Special Major/Interdisciplinary Studies program or in one of the faculty-initiated special majors. Forty-five hours of on-the-job work are required for each unit of credit. For grade or Cr/NC, as determined by the student's program. May be repeated for credit.

ITDS 499 SENIOR PROJECT (3)

A senior paper or project to be prepared under the supervision of the student's Faculty Committee. The senior paper or project should present the synthesis of the student's interdisciplinary program of study. The paper or project will be graded by the student's Faculty Committee and will be presented orally to the ITDS Committee at the completion of the student's senior year.

ITDS 578 PROJECT CONTINUATION (1-3)

Designed for students working on their thesis or master's project but who have otherwise completed all graduate coursework toward their degree. This course cannot be applied toward the minimum number of units needed for completion of the master's degree. Prerequisite: permission of the graduate coordinator. Cr/NC only.

ITDS 595 SPECIAL STUDIES (1-4)

Prerequisite: approved status as a classified major in Interdisciplinary Studies.

ITDS 598 INTERNSHIP (1-4)

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ITDS 599 MASTER'S PROJECT (6)

For M.A. action for a viable future students only. Design and implementation of culminating project and written component. Prerequisites: completion of individual study plan coursework and consent of student's graduate committee chair.

ITDS 599A THESIS AND ITDS RESEARCH (2-4)**ITDS 599B THESIS AND ITDS RESEARCH (2-4)****Jewish Studies (JWST)**

JWST 200 INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH STUDIES (4)

Introduction to Jewish Studies is an interdisciplinary survey course that introduces students to the culture, literature, history, philosophy, religion, and academic traditions of Jewish people from antiquity to the present. In this course, we will analyze how Jewish people have deployed a wide range of intellectual discourse to gain an understanding of the meaning of their identify as Jews. The course will also provide a historical overview of the Jewish Diaspora, from the Middle East to Africa to Europe to the Americas. The readings and class discussions will divide into three parts covering the ancient, medieval, and modern periods. GE Area C2.

JWST 241 JEWISH HISTORY I-FROM BIBLICAL HISTORY TO DIASPORA JEWS (4)

The course will explore the history of Jewish people from biblical times to the eve of modernity, and identify the key elements of their transformations from "biblical Israelites" to "Jews". It will address Jewish life and history, and readings will consist mostly of historical sources on Jewish culture, politics, economic activities, social and legal status, and the Jews' relations with non-Jews-Christians and Muslims.

JWST 242 JEWISH HISTORY II-FROM THE 16TH CENTURY TO MODERN TIMES (4)

The course will explore the history of Jewish people from late medieval/early modern times to modernity. It will address Jewish life and history, and readings will consist mostly of historical sources on Jewish culture, politics, economic activities, social and legal status, and the Jews' relations with non-Jews-Christians and Muslims. It will explore such issues in Jewish history as the Enlightenment, embourgeoisment, modern anti-Semitism etc. in both east and west. The course will require regular attendance and intensive reading of both primary and secondary sources.

JWST 250 INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM (4)

A survey of Jewish religious traditions from the Bible through the present day. Evolution of major religious ideas through classical texts.

JWST 251 TOPICS IN JEWISH BIBLICAL STUDIES (3-4)

Introduction to the academic study of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) through a variety of scholarly approaches to the Bible, including historical and literary analysis. Emphasis is on developing skills in critical thinking, reading, and writing about the Bible. Students can repeat course for credit; topics will vary per semester.

JWST 255 EVOLUTION OF ANTI-SEMITISM: THROUGH HISTORY, LITERATURE, RELIGION AND ART (4)

This course will introduce the origins and background of anti-Semitism and the Jewish response over the last two-and-a-half millennia. It has been referred to as "the longest hatred." The long history of anti-Semitism can serve as a case study of and cautionary tale for how societies deal with xenophobia, bias and prejudice toward "the other." GE Area C3.

JWST 330 AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE (4)

The United States has been an extraordinarily hospitable place for Jews, and they quickly came to perceive it as a place unlike any other in the Diaspora. This course introduces students to the major events and issues in American Jewish history, exploring the creation and evolution of the American Jewish community through successive waves of immigration and examining the ways in which these immigrants constructed their American Jewish identities and the reactions of others to their entrance into American life.

JWST 331 TOPICS IN JEWISH AMERICAN STUDIES (3-4)

An in-depth study of a particular aspect of the Jewish American experience. Course activities will include lecture, readings, and oral presentations.