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Binghamton Study Groups

Wednesday

Introduction to Academic Research 3 cr with Barbara Rivera
Spaces avail.: 15 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req in Basic Communications - fully

Binghamton Office  Binghamton Office Conference Room  Wednesdays  5:00 PM  3/13; 3/27; 4/10/2013

Students will be introduced to the fundamental principles and processes associated with conducting academic research. Additionally, students will learn about documentation styles, performing online searches, evaluating information sources, and using the ESC Online Library. This introductory study can also be done as a 2-credit study or a 4-credit study.
British Literature: Selected Topics 4 cr with Maureen Kravec

Spaces avail.: 15 Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req in Humanities - fully

Basic Communications - partially

In this study, the student will read selected works of British literature in the context of its historical development. The primary text will be The Norton Anthology of British Literature, one volume edition; the student will supplement this text with other readings as individual interests develop. Each student will read the introduction to each section of the anthology. As a group, we will read and discuss Beowulf on the ANGEL site; each student will then choose three additional areas of focus from a list, including but not limited to the following: traditional ballads; The Canterbury Tales; Renaissance literature -- selections from Shakespeare's contemporaries; John Milton, Puritans and Cavaliers; Dryden, Pope, and Neoclassicism; the birth of the novel; Romanticism; Victorians and pre-Raphaelites; and Modernism and stream of consciousness: Joyce Woolf, and Eliot. Because of the quantity of material available, and because the goal is to familiarize the student with British literature from a historical perspective, it is likely that the study will focus on pre-Modern works. Topics should be chosen according to interest and to allow the student to explore topics new to him or her. Each student will write critical papers, each approximately 5 pages in length. At least 2 of the papers should incorporate material from sources in addition to the literature. Students will be expected to share their insights through answering questions and journaling in the ANGEL site.
Horticulture is one of the branches of agriculture, with agronomy and forestry being the other two. It is the science and art of cultivating garden plants. This introductory study begins with a focus on the biological principles behind horticultural practices, and then considers the practical applications. The study group includes practical/field activities growing vegetables and herbs in the Student/Community garden located in the rear of the College offices at Carrier Circle. It also includes visits to public gardens that students will carry out independently of the group activities.