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**Online Study Groups**

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**Everyday Science  4 cr   with Ralph Mitchell**
spaces avail  13
Intro/Liberal   fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req in Natural Sciences - fully

** Online Study Group **

Here is a chance to fulfill your Natural Sciences general education requirement from the comfort of your own home. This study will be conducted entirely online. What is free fall? How do sonograms work? What do compact discs and lasers have in common? How are microwave ovens and chemical bonds related? What is acid rain? How are Earth's motions and ice ages related? What causes earthquakes and tsunamis? You will be able to answer these everyday science questions and others while taking this online participatory study group. This study will provide a general survey of general science including chemistry, physics, astronomy and earth science. Participants in this study group will be able to use this knowledge of science to make informed decisions at work and at home. The group is intended for students whose concentrations are in areas other than science, but who desire a study such as this to support or add to their degree program plans. Some knowledge of first-level college mathematics would be useful, but this is primarily a study of basic science principles. Students will cover a range of topics including the laws of motion, simple machines, solar energy, lasers, the solar system, rocks and minerals, and chemical reactions. Students will read portions of a standard text in science, solve a selection of problems and exercises in each of the chapters covered, and submit their work via email to the instructor for review. Students will interact with other students and with the instructor using a dedicated web site set up by the instructor for discussions and questions on the material being covered. The web site will include course announcements, assignments and requirements, and responses to questions from the instructor and from other student participants. The instructor will contact students by email at the beginning of the term.

** French Kiss: Introduction to French Culture & Language  4 cr   with Linda Hamell**
spaces avail  15
Intro/Liberal   fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req in Foreign Language - fully

** Online Study Group **

This study is an introduction to French culture and language through film and internet media. Students will engage basic French language through various Web-based platforms, and will be introduced to contemporary French culture through film. While we will de-emphasize oral skills, students will still be expected to engage interactive Web-sites to practice their language skills. In addition, students will view a series of French films (with subtitles) that examine contemporary French culture. Students will also use the Web to further explore areas of interest in French language or culture, such as the visual or culinary arts, French music, literature, history, etc. All films can be viewed via the ESC online library. If there's enough interest among students, the instructor will arrange for a group viewing of one or more of the films.
Educational Planning 2 cr  with Renata Kochut  
spaces avail.  15  Intro/Non-Liberal  
Mondays  6pm-8pm  3/17  
Educational Planning is the study in which you and your mentor work through the many steps of designing your degree program at Empire State College (ESC). Students will develop an educational plan by articulating personal, professional and educational goals while here at Empire State and beyond; identifying potential college-level learning developed from life experience; and identifying the studies needed to study in order to reach those goals and complete a degree program. Some say Educational Planning is where it all comes together at ESC. This is where you create a degree program that is uniquely yours. This study is for matriculated students.

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Public Speaking Without Tears 4 cr  with Bill Robins  
spaces avail.  "CLOSED"  Intro/Liberal  fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req i Basic Communications - partially  
Hartsdale  Mondays  6:00pm - 8:00pm  3/10; 3/24; 3/31; 4/21; 4/28; 5/12; 5/19; 6/2; 6/9; 6/16;  
Public speaking -- standing up in front of a group of people to make your case, has been a fundamental means of communication throughout history. If it has not already, the need to be an effective public speaker will almost certainly touch you sometime in your life. When it does, you want to be ready. The goal of this study group is to give the students practice in some of the typical speaking situations they might face in their personal and professional lives. Each student will present: 1) a personal introduction, 2) a dramatic reading, 3) a story about something they treasure, 4) a demonstration, 5) an informative speech using PowerPoint slides, and 6) a persuasive speech. In addition, the study group will discuss how to research topics, organize your ideas, and present yourself in a confident, professional manner. Are you not comfortable about speaking in public? One of the major concerns students have about any speech class is stage fright. In practice, most successful speakers are nervous before making a speech. By preparing and presenting the different speaking situations outlined above, you will have the opportunity to gain confidence and make your nervousness work for you rather than against you. Each speech will be videotaped and detailed feedback provided by the instructor and study mates.
Positive Psychology 4 cr  with Miriam Tatzel  
spaces avail 11  Adv./Liberal  fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req in Social Sciences - fully
Nanuet Unit  Fridays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  3/14, 4/04, 4/25, 5/16, 6/06, 6/27

Positive psychology encompasses the study of happiness, well-being, and quality of life. We will learn about the nature of happiness, the ways in which happy people differ from the less happy, how motivation is related to happiness, ways of increasing happiness, and other topics, including money and happiness and culture and happiness. Along with the readings, we will examine the assumptions behind measures of well-being and values, learn about theories and research on happiness, about money and materialism in relation to happiness, and how the themes of the study apply to our lives.
Newburgh Study Groups

Mondays

Business Law 4 cr with Alfred Ragucci
spaces avail 14 Intro/Non-Liberal

Newburgh Unit  Mondays 6 - 8 p.m. 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21, 5/7, 5/19

The traditional concepts of contract law such as formation of contracts, consideration, competence of the parties, and breach of contract and remedies will be studied. The Statue of Frauds and sections of the Uniform Commercial Code will also be discussed. The course will emphasize the case approach to law. Students will be required to complete case analyses using acceptable case brief form. Time at study group sessions will be spent discussing assigned cases.

Thursdays

Stories of Spiritual Journeys: Reading & Writing the Spiritual Memoir 4 cr with Stacey Gallagher
spaces avail 14 Intro and Adv/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req Humanities -fully

Newburgh Unit  Thursdays 5:30 - 7 p.m. 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/24, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26

For many persons of faith, their religious and spiritual beliefs and practices have served as roadmaps for their lives. In this study, students will have an opportunity to reflect on the significance of their spiritual lives and record significant themes or moments in their life journeys. Students will read a guidebook to writing a spiritual memoir. Students will read autobiographical stories and memoir excerpts by writers of many faith and spiritual traditions. Drawing from the guidebook and readings, students will write about their own spiritual journeys. Additionally, students will select one complete spiritual memoir to read and will present lessons and highlights of the memoir to the study group. Students must attend the first three and last two study sessions. Students may miss one of the study group meetings in the middle of the term.