

Niagara Frontier Center 2014 Fall 2 (November) Study Group Offerings

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Online Study Groups

American History 4 cr with Rhianna Rogers

spaces avail *CLOSED* Intro and Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. reg | Social Sciences - fully American History - fully

This online study introduces students to the history of the United States (1800's-present) through the anthropological lens of ethnology. Students will compare the experiences of various ethnic, religious, and racial groups, and the results of social and gender relations. The intent of this study is to introduce the concepts, materials, and tools employed by the disciplines of history and ethnology and to help students develop writing and other skills used in both fields.

with Rhianna Rogers Introduction to Anthropology 4 cr

spaces avail *CLOSED* fulfills SUNY gen. ed. reg | Social Sciences - fully Intro/Liberal

This study is designed to introduce students to the field of Anthropology through an examination of its 4 traditional subfields. It exposes students to both academic and practical aspects of the discipline. Students are encouraged to develop critical thinking skills by gathering information, comparing that information with other sources, and analyzing the results. In doing so, students will be challenged to reach their own conclusions/understandings concerning current anthropological issues. The study will lead students through an introduction to physical anthropology (primatology, hominid evolution, variation in modern humans); cultural anthropology (methods of participant observation, comparative data from both Western and non-Western societies, diversity and unity of culture); archaeology (methods, evidences of the evolution and diffusion of culture), and anthropological linguistics.

Introduction to Archaeology 4 cr with Rhianna Rogers

spaces avail *CLOSED* fulfills SUNY gen. ed. reg | Social Sciences - fully Intro/Liberal

This study is designed as an introduction to the field of archaeology, the study of human culture as evidenced by the analysis of material remains. Topics to be covered include the history and practice of archaeology, ways of understanding and interpreting artifacts and sites, and the application of the field in both the Old and New Worlds.

Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies 4 cr with Rhianna Rogers

spaces avail *CLOSED* Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Humanities - fully

designed to introduce students to concepts of interdisciplinary This study is knowledge. It adopts cross-cultural/interdisciplinary approach -- drawing on cultural history, anthropology, gender studies, and political studies -- to explain the development of culture and society.

Quantitative Thinking 4 cr with Ronald Sigeti

spaces avail *CLOSED* Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Mathematics - fully

This study increases the students' mathematical literacy so that they better understand the mathematics used in their daily lives, and can use math effectively to make better decisions every day. Topics covered include: Taking Control of Your Finances; Dividing the Political Pie; Numbers in the Real World; Managing your money; Putting statistics to work; Real population growth; Modeling our world; and Mathematics in the Arts, Politics, and Business. Prerequisites: High School Algebra

^{**} Online Study Group **

Buffalo Study Groups

Mondays_

Academic Writing & Research 4 cr with Darlene Hapka

fulfills SUNY gen. ed. reg | Basic Communications - fully spaces avail 14 Intro/Liberal

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm 11/10,12/1,12/15,1/5,1/26,2/9

This study is designed to assist students in developing drafting, revision, evaluation, and research strategies. Students will become acquainted with appropriate format, style, and content for academic essay assignments, along with learning techniques for locating reputable research sources and incorporating them into their own written arguments. Emphasis will be placed on exploring the rhetorical modes and maintaining a unique voice. This study meets the general education requirement in Basic Communication.

Accounting & Information Systems 4 cr with Judi Bassini

spaces avail 15 Intro/Non-Liberal

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm 11/3,12/15,1/26

Information technology and the Internet have fundamentally changed all aspects of accounting. With the accountant playing an important role in providing the critical information for planning, decision making and control, they must have a thorough understanding of accounting information systems as well as a proficiency in technology. This study will provide an in-depth look into the application of information systems to the accounting environment. Emphasis is upon developing students' abilities to understand the processing of accounting data (with an emphasis on the computer environment) and the controls that are necessary to assure accuracy and reliability of the data processed by the accounting system.

Applied Computer Applications for Accounting 4 cr with Judi Bassini

spaces avail 15 Intro/Non-Liberal

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm 11/3,12/15,1/26

This study follows a practical approach to capturing, processing and communicating accounting data using accounting and spreadsheet software. It will provide students with the necessary computer skills, building on their existing knowledge of Microsoft Excel, emphasizing accounting functions. The second portion of the study teaches the fundamentals of QuickBooks 2009 accounting software. The software is used to record and analyze transactions, and transfer data to and from Microsoft Excel. Other Microsoft programs are used to analyze data and produce reports.

Computer Applications 4 cr with Judi Bassini spaces avail 15 Intro/Non-Liberal

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm 11/3,12/15,1/26

This comprehensive study offers students the opportunity to investigate all aspects of the computer. Topics will include operating systems, word processing, spreadsheets, graphics, database, communications, the internet and related current topics. Students will also have an opportunity to conduct research on the Internet as well as explore the technology tools available through SUNY Empire State College. It is based on Windows Operating System and MS Office Suite.

Tuesdays

Strategies for Success 4 cr with Darlene Hapka

spaces avail 14 Intro/Non-Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Basic Communications - partially

Tuesdays 5:30-7:00pm 11/18,12/6,1/27,2/17

Students at Empire State College must be self-directed learners in order to succeed in their studies. This study is designed to help students discover their personal learning styles and develop strategies to help them conquer their course work and get the most from their educational opportunities in college and beyond. This study aims to help students become more self-aware and informed as they pursue a college degree. One half of the study will focus on life skills that help students to manage time, set goals, and make good decisions. In addition, students will be introduced to a variety of valuable learning resources that are available through Empire State College. The second half of this study focuses on strategies necessary to complete college course work. Students will learn how to read actively and think critically, and workshops on academic writing and research will better prepare students for future studies. To encourage self-reflection, students will keep a journal throughout the study. New students will find this study useful as they make the transition into college and prepare for academic success.

Wednesdays_

Survey of 20th Century American Literature: Borders, Centers & Excluded Middles 4 cr with Aimee Woznick

spaces avail 15 fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Humanities - fully Intro and Adv./Liberal American History - fully

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm 11/5

"The problem of the Twentieth Century is the problem of the color-line." -- W.E.B. Du Bois, 1904 Now that the 20th century has drawn to a close, it is imperative that we reexamine Du Bois' statement. What was the color-line? Have we, as some TV pundits claim, surpassed it? What other lines, borders, or boundaries were drawn, or are currently being drawn, and why? Do we need them? Are we biologically hardwired to draw them? And -- either way -- how do we transcend them? This study provides a survey of the most significant literary genres and styles of the 20th-century U.S., including Harlem Renaissance poetry, modernism, and post-modernism. We will draw on an array of critical paradigms to explore a variety of historical phenomena, including world wars, civil rights movements, and contemporary global diasporas. Novels: F. Scott Fitzgerald, The **Great Gatsby**

Thursdays

College Composition 4 cr with Darlene Hapka

spaces avail 14 fulfills SUNY gen. ed. reg | Basic Communications - fully Intro/Liberal

Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm 10/30,11/13,12/4,12/18,1/8,1/29,2/12

This study is for students who are "rusty" as writers or for students who need to take a writing study to fulfill the general education requirement in basic communication, for students who are weak or uncertain about their academic writing ability, for students who lack confidence as writers. You will write papers in a variety of modes and have the opportunity to receive responses to your work from each other as well as from the mentor. As the study progresses, assignments will most likely be customized to meet the needs of individuals. Students will write a final research paper on a topic of their choosing. Our focus will be on the needs of the group, as we establish them in our initial meeting.

Protest Culture: Resistance in US Media, 1776-Present 4 cr with Aimee Woznick

spaces avail 15 fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Humanities - fully Intro and Adv./Liberal American History - fully

Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm 11/6

"I love America more than any other country in the world, and, exactly for this reason, I insist on the right to criticize her perpetually" - James Baldwin Is the U.S. a nation of rebels? Should it be? Popular dissent has long been cast both as a form of civic betrayal and as a quintessentially "American" activity. In this study, we will explore the origins, rhetoric, production, psychology, and representation of political resistance. We will also examine the ways various protest movements have been appropriated from the margins and integrated into mainstream American culture. Readings will include: Thomas Paine's Common Sense (excerpts)

Meeting dates/times/locations not yet published

Quantitative Thinking 4 cr with Eralda Caushaj

spaces avail *CLOSED* Intro/Liberal

This study is designed for students of 21st century who are facing everyday: Headlines that report increases in gasoline prices, risks of dying from colon cancer, and numbers of refugees from the latest ethnic war. Advertisements that use numbers to compete over costs of cell phone contracts and low-interest car loans. Sociologists that draw inferences from data to understand human behavior. Entrepreneurs that project markets and costs using computer spreadsheets. Biologists that develop computer algorithms to map the human genome. Nurses that use unit conversions to verify accuracy of drug dosages

Niagara Frontier Center - Fredonia

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Fredonia Study Groups

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Accounting & Information Systems 4 cr with Judi Bassini

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Jamestown Study Groups

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Lockport Study Groups

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Olean Study Groups

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