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Online Study Groups

Abnormal Psychology Online Study Group 4 cr with Dan Nyaronga

spaces avail 2 Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

** Online Study Group **

This study is designed to introduce students to basic concepts and skills in the field of abnormal psychology. The goal of this study is to present the criteria for diagnosis, as well as become familiar with the symptoms which inform each diagnosis as coded in the DSM-IV-TR. Students are encouraged to think critically about the material covered and to gain a better understanding of mental and emotional disorders. Students are also encouraged to think critically about stigmas and labels associated with the mentally ill. Societal and cultural norms can influence what is considered "abnormal;" however, psychologists strive to empirically arrive at diagnostic criteria, etiology, prognosis, and treatments of mental disorders. Issues of the social construction of abnormality will be examined, as well as cross-cultural aspects of psychopathology.

American Cultural History 4 cr with Rhianna Rogers

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

** Online Study Group **

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.

Artifacts & Cultures of the Americas 4 cr with Rhianna Rogers

spaces avail *CLOSED* Intro and Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Other World Civilizations - fully
The Arts - fully

** Online Study Group **

This study examines how objects, artifacts, and other forms of material culture -- from art work and clothing to jewelry and food-- become meaningful in culture across the Americas. Students will have the opportunity to experience the results of material exchange through hands-on practical projects dealing with New World artifacts, folklore, paintings, and historical documents. By the completion of this study, students will develop an understanding about the cultures of the Americas, the results of cultural exchanges, and the importance of material objects and items in this region in the world.

Biological Anthropology 4 cr with Nathan Whitley-Grassi

spaces avail 13 Intro and Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Natural Sciences - fully
Social Sciences - fully

** Online Study Group **

This study examines biological (or physical) anthropology, or the evolution of the human species and the nature of contemporary human variation. To establish a framework for the study of human evolutionary biology, principles of evolutionary theory, inheritance, population biology and genetics will be examined. As humans are classified within the Order Primates, we will also study the evolution, ecology, and behavior of our closest living relatives: prosimians, monkeys and apes. Fossil evidence for human evolution will then be considered through comparisons with non-human primate ecology and evolution to reconstruct prehistoric hominid evolution. Finally, we discuss modern human variation, paying particular attention how adaptation to environmental stressors like climate, nutrition, and disease have shaped our species - and continue to do so.

Case Management Online Study Group 4 cr with Dan Nyaronga

spaces avail 7 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

This study is an introduction to the concept of case management as it is used to provide human services. It will enable students to: define and describe the process of case management as it has evolved in human service delivery. Students are encouraged to think critically about the material covered and demonstrate understanding of the three phases of case management: assessment, planning, and implementation.

Cyber Security 4 cr with TBD,

spaces avail ***CLOSED*** Adv./Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

This study introduces the principles of computer and information security. Information is an important asset to anyone who is using technology on a daily basis. Computers, mobile devices, and computer networks are increasingly being used for storing and retrieving information. Sensitive information being exchanged through networks or stored in the cloud raises a lot of concerns. Consequently, we need to have adequate security measures that can safeguard sensitive information and networks. In this study, we will begin by investigating some of the security measures that can be employed to safeguard information. Cryptographic algorithms used to encrypt and decrypt the information going through the network is one of those security measures. Another security measure is the SSL protocol and how we can setup it for e-commerce websites. We will identify all the possible attacks and countermeasures on wired, wireless and cellular networks. We will also analyze privacy and security issues in mobile devices and cellular networks on application and network layers. During this study we will focus on the information security on both operating systems, Windows and Linux. Hands-on experience as a network administrator on both operating systems will be our goal. A virtual machine is another topic that we will cover during this study.

Digital Photography 4 cr with Kenneth Ferree

spaces avail **15** Adv./Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

In this study, students learn to take artistic digital photos. They will analyze photos they have taken prior to the study and discuss if they fulfill criteria to be seen as art. Several theories of artistic expression will be discussed. Rules of composition, light, exposure, colors, etc. will be reflected on. Students will be able to change the expression of their photos, combine different shots, creating their personal piece of art. As a final product students will create a Digital Portfolio with a minimum of 5 photos including detailed descriptions of their work. Final Project will be shared on your blog. To take this study, it would be best for student to own a Digital SLR camera, though most digital cameras will be acceptable.

Diversity in the Workplace 4 cr with Joel Goldberg

spaces avail **1** Adv./Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

A vibrant workplace is created with diversity of opinions and approaches to performing duties. In this study, students will develop an overall framework for considering the nature of cultural, ethnic and gender and other diversity aspects in the work place. Through online discussions and assignments, students will explore the upsurge in ethnic awareness, the cult of ethnicity, and how these changes are being reflected in the work place.

Economic Policy Seminar 4 cr with Frieda Mendelsohn

spaces avail ***CLOSED*** Adv./Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

Public policy issues can be examined from many perspectives, only one of which is economics. In this seminar, you will apply economic analysis to an issue of your choice (subject to instructor approval). You may wish to discuss options before registering. While I will use my website to share content publically, student interaction and written work will occur in the non-public Moodle learning management system. Prerequisite knowledge: You must have knowledge equivalent to introductory or principles of economics (both micro and macro). This study requires advanced level writing skills.

Educational Planning 4 cr with Lokesh Rastogi

spaces avail **15** Intro and Adv./Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

The study will serve as a guide to develop the Degree Portfolio for assessment. It will include the degree program, general education grid, rationale and documentation for experiential learning. A student will develop the studies in accordance with his/her concentration guidelines. In the process, knowledge of distinguishing between liberal and concentration studies will be acquired through online learning resources. The contracted studies will be drafted into the degree program to complete the process. This study is for matriculated students.

History of the Western Mind-Online AM Study Group 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail 15 Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Western Civilization - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

Prerequisite: World Civilization I or Western Civilization I Advanced-level critical reading and writing skills will be required. One could define the West as a way of thinking about life. At present, Western ideas transcend geographical bounds and have found hospitable abodes in the East as well as in the West. Therefore, it is legitimate to talk about the Westernization of the world. Through this study, the student will examine the development of the Western world view from the time of Moses and Thales to the 18th century Enlightenment. Specifically, the student will consider the contributions made by the Greeks, the Romans, and the Hebrews to the Western mind, and how the tension between humanism and theism have helped shape our thoughts even today. Since this is a reading intensive study, some previous knowledge of Western Civilization is required. Online Study Group: Students will be required to participate in six pre-scheduled study group meetings in real time over the Internet with the instructor and other students in the group. These six real-time online AM study group meeting times are to be determined. Note: this study will use voice-chat activities over the Internet. Students taking this study will need to make sure they have access to a computer that meets the minimum technological requirements which are outlined at the links below. Before enrolling, students should know how to successfully use or have tested the Blackboard/Collaborate web conferencing service on their computer.

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Human Computer Interaction 4 cr with TBD,

spaces avail ***CLOSED*** Adv./Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

Ubiquitous computing and rich sensor filled environments are finding their way out of the laboratory, not just into movies but also into our workplaces and homes. The computer has broken out of its plastic and glass bounds providing us with networked societies where personal computing devices from mobile phones to smart cards fill our pockets and electronic devices surround us at home and work. The web, too, has grown from a largely academic network into the hub of business and everyday lives. As the distinctions between the physical and the digital and between work and leisure start to break down, human-computer interaction is also changing radically.

Human Development Online Study Group 4 cr with Dan Nyaronga

spaces avail 8 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

The student will seek to gain an understanding of the physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth of humans as they develop through 11 stages of the life span. The focus is the emphasis that development results from the interdependence of all these areas at every stage.

Information Security 4 cr with TBD,
spaces avail ***CLOSED*** Adv./Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

This study is an introduction to cryptography and its application to network and operating system security; secret key and public key cryptographic algorithms; hash functions; authentication; email security; web security; IP security; wireless security; firewalls and intrusion detection techniques; security threats and countermeasures; and legal and ethical issues. In this study the student will: Learn fundamentals of cryptography. Understand information security threats and countermeasures. Acquire background for supporting e-commerce, e-government, critical and e-education. Gain hands-on experience with programming techniques for cryptography. Obtain background for research in information security.

Introduction to Archaeology 4 cr with Rhianna Rogers
spaces avail ***CLOSED*** Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

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 Human Services Online Study Group 4 cr with Dan Nyaronga
spaces avail **11** Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

The main objective of this study is to give the student an introduction to the field of Human Services with a complete overview of the helping field and the practical skills that students can use in their career.

Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies 4 cr with Rhianna Rogers
spaces avail ***CLOSED*** Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Humanities - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

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

Introduction to Psychology Online Study Group 4 cr with Dan Nyaronga
spaces avail **3** Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

The main objective of this study is to give the student a complete overview of the history, research methodologies, and current scientific theories in psychology. In addition, the student will be knowledgeable about the science of psychology, the language that supports psychological concepts, and how psychologists do research. The student is encouraged to think critically and gain a better understanding of materials covered, including biology and behavior, body rhythms and mental states, behavior in social and cultural context, theories of personality, development over the lifespan, psychological disorders, and approaches to treatment and therapy.

Mesoamerican Art & History: Aztec & Maya Civilizations 4 cr with Rhianna Rogers
spaces avail ***CLOSED*** Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Other World Civilizations - fully
The Arts - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

This online study focuses on the material exchange(s), both artistic and historical, occurring between the inhabitants of Mesoamerica, pre- and post-European contact. Students will be introduced to the themes surrounding the development of Mesoamerican cultures, specifically the Aztec and Maya civilizations, and the issues related to European contact and settlement. Students will have the opportunity to experience the results of material exchange through hands-on contact with artifacts, artwork, Aztec and Maya folklore, and historical documents dating from this period.

Organizational Behavior 4 cr with Joel Goldberg
spaces avail **1** Adv./Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

This study explores individual and group behavior in organizations and considers how that behavior affects performance. Core concepts will include: perception, learning, attitude formation, motivation, communication, leadership, power, conflict, group process, organizational structure and work design. This study satisfies Business, Management and Economics (BME) guidelines for Understanding People in an Organizational Context.

Personal Finance 4 cr with Frieda Mendelsohn

spaces avail ***CLOSED*** Intro/Non-Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

In this study, we will start by each identifying our financial goals. We will then learn both concepts and strategies for making decisions that might help us reach those goals. Theoretical concepts include time value of money, asset valuation, and risk and return; strategies include decisions regarding credit and debt, insurance, taxes, and retirement and estate planning. This is an online study group. NOTE: This study does not meet any of the Business, Management and Economics (BME) general or concentration guidelines. Prerequisite: facility with high school algebra.

Primate Behavioral Ecology 4 cr with Nathan Whitley-Grassi

spaces avail **11** Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Natural Sciences - fully
Social Sciences - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

This study will present and discuss the social lives of the nonhuman primates. We will begin with an introduction to primate evolution and taxonomy and an introduction to behavioral ecology and sociobiology. We will then examine and discuss select groups of living primates. Thereafter, we will explore several themes in primate behavioral ecology including reproductive strategies, sexual selection, behavioral endocrinology, cooperation and conflict, cultural transmission, primate cognition and conservation will be highlighted as we cover the wide array of factors related to the lives of the nonhuman primates.

Social Media Marketing 4 cr with Kenneth Ferree

spaces avail **9** Adv./Non-Liberal

**** Online Study Group ****

The purpose of the Social Media Marketing study is to build critical analysis skills to decipher and understand the theory behind the use of Social Media for Marketing.

Western Civilization I-Online AM Study Group 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail **15** Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Western Civilization - fully

**** Online Study Group ****

This study will survey the political, economic, social, cultural, and military history of Western Civilization from the Neolithic Age to the Age of Enlightenment. Students will be required to participate in six pre-scheduled study group meetings in real time over the Internet with the instructor and other students in the group. These six real-time AM online study group meeting times are to be determined. Note: this study will use voice-chat activities over the Internet. Students taking this study will need to make sure they have access to a computer that meets the minimum technological requirements which are outlined at the links below. Before enrolling, students should know how to successfully use or have tested the Blackboard/Collaborate web conferencing service on their computer.

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Buffalo Study Groups

Mondays

Child Development 4 cr with Leanna Manna

spaces avail **19** Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

Mondays 6:00-8:00pm 9/21,10/19,11/2,11/23,12/4

The goal of this study is for the student to enhance his/her knowledge of child development from conception through childhood. Students will gain familiarity with the concepts, terminology and theories regarding all aspects of child development. Physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development of the child is examined at each stage throughout the study. Students will learn about developmental norms and factors that can affect child development.

College Composition 4 cr with Darlene Hapka

spaces avail **13** Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Basic Communications - fully

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm 9/14,9/28,10/19,11/2,11/16,11/30,12/14

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.

Computer Applications 4 cr with Judi Bassini

spaces avail **13** Intro/Non-Liberal

Mondays 5:30-6:30pm 9/14,11/2,12/14

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.

Counseling 4 cr with Jim Maurino

spaces avail **7** Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

Mondays 5:00-7:00pm 9/21,10/5,10/19,11/3,11/9,12/7

This study group will focus on counseling theories and application. The purpose is to understand counseling theories and to see how they are applied in various current social issues such as family violence, grief, stress, crisis management and eating disorders, etc. There will also be an emphasis on assessment and treatment planning. Prerequisites: Either Introduction to Psychology or General Psychology AND Abnormal Psychology.

Cultural Diversity Study Group 4 cr with Dan Nyaronga

spaces avail **8** Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

Mondays 5:00-6:30pm 9/21,11/9,12/7

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

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

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm 9/14,9/28,10/13 (Tuesday), 10/26,11/9,11/23,12/7

"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 selections by: Thomas Jefferson, Jacques Derrida, Thomas Paine, 19th c. Native American activists, Henry David Thoreau, Herman Melville, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Richard Wright, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. We will also look at: rap and hip-hop; the LGBT and women's rights movements; and contemporary protest movements. This study meets the SUNY general education requirements for the Humanities OR American History, not both.

Spanish 1A 4 cr with Hilda Ramos

spaces avail 7 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Foreign Language - fully

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm 9/14,9/21,9/28,10/5,10/19,10/26,11/2,11/9,11/16,11/23,11/30,12/7,12/14,12/21

This study will introduce students to Spanish language and culture. Students will gain a basic level of comprehension and speaking ability through vocabulary, speaking and listening activities and discussions of grammatical structures being studied. We will learn about various themes such as greetings, personal information, hobbies, food, travel and more. Students should come to the study group prepared every week with the assignment completed. Every meeting is very important. Additional practice sessions may be required. This study group meets the general education requirement in Foreign Language.

Survey of 19th Century American Literature: Negotiating the Nation in 19th-Century 4 cr with Aimee Woznick

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

Mondays 5:30-7:00pm 9/21,10/5,10/19,11/2,11/16,11/30,12/14

By the 19th century, belief in the "exceptional" quality of the "American experiment" had already begun to fade. Issues such as slavery, the Civil War, women's rights, the rise of the corporation, the vanishing frontier, Reconstruction, and the extension of US imperialism at home and abroad proved both politically and culturally divisive. Writers of this period worked to invent, negotiate, and contest a vision of national identity that could repair and restore what many deemed to be the original promise of America. This study will provide you with the concepts and skills you will need to take on the challenges of literary study. Tentative readings include selections from Nathaniel Hawthorne, Harriet Jacobs, Mark Twain, William Wells Brown, Frank Norris, Kate Chopin, Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Charles Chesnut, Chief Seattle, and Walt Whitman. This study meets the SUNY general education requirements for the Humanities OR American History, not both.

Tuesdays

Academic Writing & Research 4 cr with Darlene Hapka

spaces avail 6 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Basic Communications - fully

Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm 9/15,9/29,10/13,10/27,11/10,11/24,12/8

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.

Applied Computer Applications for Accounting 4 cr with Judi Bassini

spaces avail 15 Intro/Non-Liberal

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm 9/15,11/3,12/15

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.

Drawing Workshop 4 cr with Anne Garner

spaces avail 15 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | The Arts - fully

Tuesdays 5:00-6:30pm 9/15,9/22,9/29,10/13,10/27,11/10,11/17,12/1,12/8,12/15

This study is designed for the beginner in drawing. The focus will be on foundational drawing skills and concepts. We will look at how form and space are created in a drawing and how these elements work together to create visual meaning that is unique to each artist. Through guided exercises, students will learn to draw, experiment with a variety of media, and discuss their drawings conceptually in group critiques. Towards the end of the group, there will be a field trip to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery to discuss and identify drawing concepts in the work of prominent, exhibiting artists. The cost of drawing materials is approximately \$50. This study meets the general education requirements in the Arts.

Introduction to Human Services 4 cr with Dan Nyaronga

spaces avail 2 Intro/Liberal

Tuesdays 5:00-6:30pm 9/15,10/13,11/10

The main objective of this study is to give the student an introduction to the field of Human Services with a complete overview of the helping field and the practical skills that students can use in their career..

Visual Literacy 4 cr with Anne Garner

spaces avail 15 Intro and Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | The Arts - fully

Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm 9/15,9/29,10/13,10/27,11/10,11/17,12/1,12/15

This study will explore the meaning and effect of visual culture in aspects of daily life such as advertising, marketing, landscape, video, architecture and the visual/performing arts. Students will gain an understanding of the historical development of visuality in the 21st century as well as the critical debates that have shaped approaches to this exciting subject. Participants in this group study will develop a visual project and related essay in their area of interest or discipline and present the project to the group study towards the end of the study.

[Wednesdays](#)

Human Development Study Group 4 cr with Dan Nyaronga

spaces avail 12 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

Wednesdays 5:00-6:30pm 9/16,10/14,11/18

The student will seek to gain an understanding of the physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth of humans as they develop through 11 stages of the life span. The focus is the emphasis that development results from the interdependence of all these areas at every stage.

Introduction to Psychology Study Group 4 cr with Dan Nyaronga

spaces avail 11 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Social Sciences - fully

Wednesdays 5:00-6:30pm 9/23,10/21,12/2

The main objective of this study is to give the student a complete overview of the history, research methodologies, and current scientific theories in psychology. In addition, the student will be knowledgeable about the science of psychology, the language that supports psychological concepts, and how psychologists do research. The student is encouraged to think critically and gain a better understanding of materials covered, including biology and behavior, body rhythms and mental states, behavior in social and cultural context, theories of personality, development over the lifespan, psychological disorders, and approaches to treatment and therapy.

Introduction to Sign Language 4 cr with Pam Rohring

spaces avail 11 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Foreign Language - fully

Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm 9/30,10/7,10/14,10/21,10/28,11/4,11/18,12/2,12/9,12/16

Introduction to Sign Language will entail a basic level of comprehension and speaking ability. This is designed for students who have no previous knowledge of Sign Language. The study includes the linguistic features, cultural protocols and core vocabulary for students to function in basic American Sign Language conversations. This includes grammar for asking and answering questions about oneself, exchanging personal information, talking about family and friends, and discussing activities. Cultural and communication issues within the deaf community will also be addressed. Attendance is essential to ensure success in this subject. This study meets the general education requirement for Foreign Language.

Spanish 1B-Continuation of Spanish 1A 4 cr with Hilda Ramos

spaces avail 12 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Foreign Language - fully

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm 9/16,9/23,9/30,10/7,10/14,10/21,10/28,11/4,11/18,11/25,12/2,12/9,12/16,12/23

This study will be a continuation of Spanish 1A. You must have taken Spanish 1A. This study will review Spanish 1 as it introduces the students to reflexive verbs; the present progressive; the preterit tense and the imperfect tense. The skills addressed in this study include listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will gain a stronger basic level of comprehension and speaking ability through vocabulary, speaking and listening activities and discussions of grammatical structures being studied. Topics addressed in this study group include but are not limited to: verb conjugations, asking/answering questions, describing people and things, specific interrogatory sentences; expressing likes and dislikes, and specific vocabulary/phases, all in the above mentioned tenses. Cultural topics will also be introduced throughout the study. There will be regular unit test as well as a final presentation. Students should come to the study group prepared every week with assignments completed. Attendance is mandatory. Additional practice sessions may be required. Prerequisite: Spanish 1A

Statistics 4 cr with Martha Welte

spaces avail 6 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Mathematics - fully

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm 9/16,9/23,10/7,10/14,10/21,10/28,11/4,11/18,12/2,12/9,12/23

This is a standard beginning Statistics study. It includes descriptive statistics, linear regression, probability, binomial and normal distributions, the central limit theorem, confidence intervals and hypothesis tests.

Strategies for Success 4 cr with Darlene Hapka

spaces avail 13 Intro/Non-Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Basic Communications - partially

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm 9/16,10/7,11/4,12/2

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.

Writing for Business, An Introduction 4 cr with Darlene Hapka

spaces avail 15 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Basic Communications - fully

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm 9/23,10/14,11/18,12/16

The purpose of this study is for the student to gain confidence writing for business and to cultivate a professional ethos. The student will develop strategies for planning, researching, drafting, revising, and editing business documents. The student will create several professional writings that consider various audiences, purposes and mediums [such as email, instant messaging, twitter etc]. He/she will practice the delivery of positive and negative messages. The student will identify career goals and create a professional resume and cover letter to meet those goals. He/she will explore use of the internet for job searching and for networking using social media [such as LinkedIn]. Additionally, the student will gain experience in research and reporting, by creating a presentation to inform, persuade and / or demonstrate with a choice to appeal to either an internal or external business audience.

Thursdays

Creative Writing 4 cr with Carole Southwood

spaces avail 14 Intro and Adv./Liberal

Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm 9/17,9/24,10/8,10/22,11/5,11/19,12/3,12/17

This study will be individualized during discussion between the student and the instructor. Opportunities include Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, Autobiography, Poetry, Memoir, etc. The student will write, receive feedback from the instructor, and revise when appropriate. Readings may be required and will be individualized.

Meeting dates/times/locations not yet published

Abnormal Psychology 4 cr with Jim Maurino

spaces avail *CLOSED* Adv./Liberal

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

This study will afford the student an opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding of abnormal psychology/psychopathology by exploring key issues relative to the formation, assessment, and diagnosis of the various psychological disorders. The goal of this study is to present the criteria for diagnosis, as well as become familiar with the symptoms which inform each diagnosis as coded on the Axes of the DSM-IV-TR. Issues of the social construction of abnormality will be examined, as well as cross-cultural aspects of psychopathology. In addition, the student should be able to, with the assistance of the text, identify through case studies the various psychological disorders, etiology, and possible interventions. This is a blended, group study that has an online component as well as 4 in-person meetings. Bi-weekly online discussions will be posted and participation is expected in the form of discussion of the week's topics and responding to the posts of your classmates in a substantive way.

African-American History-From Slavery to Civil Rights 4 cr with Catherine Collins

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

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

This study will investigate the horrors of slavery and the contributions made by those who were enslaved. Therefore, leaders such as Booker T. Washington (who was a member of Mentor Collins' family), Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Jesse Jackson, Fanny Lou Hammer, W.E.B. Dubois, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X will be among assigned readings. We will explore the significance of the civil rights movement in American history and other important African American historical benchmarks. Two 8-page term papers will be required. One term paper will be selected for presentation during the final study group session. This study meets the general education requirement in American History.

American Cultural History 4 cr with Rhianna Rogers

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

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

This 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.

Business Writing (GEICO) 4 cr with Darlene Hapka

spaces avail 15 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Basic Communications - fully

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

The purpose of this study is for the student to practice forms of writing for business and to cultivate a professional ethos. The student will develop strategies for planning, researching, drafting, revising, and editing business documents. The student will create several professional writings that consider various audiences, purposes, and mediums. He/she will practice the delivery of positive and negative messages. Additionally, the student will gain experience in research and reporting, by creating a presentation to inform, persuade, and/or demonstrate with a choice to appeal to either an internal or external business audience. There will be 7 meetings on-site at GEICO. This study meets the general education requirement for Basic Communication.

Contemporary Management-Niagara Falls Culinary Institute 4 cr with David Pritchard

spaces avail 12 Adv./Non-Liberal

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

This advanced study in contemporary management will assist the student in understanding the concepts and learning on how managers of companies large and small have responded to the changes taking place. The strategic perspective provides an understanding of the culinary landscape in which businesses compete. The organizational perspective defines the manner in which a business is aligned and structured to compete in the changing contextual and local landscape. The individual perspective focuses on the role of the leader in building effective teams and processes. Course work includes reading case studies, completing self-reflection questionnaires as well as completing some discussion assignments and management research topics. The students will meet with the instructor on 5 evening sessions during the term at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute. Also, the students will use a learning management system called Moodle, to locate their weekly assignments as well as input their work for instructor review. This will be a blended learning model between 5 meetings and the course work will be imbedded in the online Moodle Learning management system.

Death & Dying 4 cr with Jim Maurino

spaces avail *CLOSED* Adv./Liberal

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

The purpose of this study is to explore both Western and cross-cultural practices and attitudes in regard to death and dying, including rituals and customs, historical notions and practices surrounding death and dying, and current issues such as definitions of death, the use of technology to prolong life, palliative care and hospice services, and euthanasia. The role of culture and religion is essential in both the dying process and after-life beliefs, and will be addressed. In addition, personal beliefs and issues will be discussed. This is a blended, group study that has an online component as well as 4 in-person meetings. Bi-weekly online discussions will be posted and participation is expected in the form of discussion of the week's topics and responding to the posts of your classmates in a substantive way.

Educational Planning Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, Part 1 2 cr with David Pritchard

spaces avail 12 Adv./Liberal

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

While enrolled in Empire State College, Niagara Falls Culinary Institute students are required to successfully complete Educational Planning. The final outcome of your work will be a degree program portfolio which will be submitted to the college for approval. All Culinary students are required to complete Educational Planning during their first term of enrollment. The students will meet with the instructor on 5 Monday nights during the term at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute. This will be a blended learning model between the 5 meetings and the course work, which will be imbedded in the online Moodle learning management system. This study is for matriculated students.

Effective Leadership (Geico) 4 cr with Joel Goldberg

spaces avail *CLOSED* Adv./Liberal

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

For GEICO employees only. Effective Leadership will integrate theories of leadership, culminating with each student demonstrating a leadership field experience. Students will be able to assess their skills as a leader and create a plan for growth and development for future success. Areas of focus include: leadership roles, theories and styles, creating a shared vision, coaching skills, teamwork and group dynamics, cultural communication and influence, and ethical decision making. Study work will include extensive readings, case studies, written reports, small group projects, presentations and reflections. This study builds on the leadership activity with each student participating. Based on this formal review, personal development plans are created and serve as dynamic documentation of individual professional progress. Each student will be required to create a leadership learning agenda and development plan at the beginning of the semester based on their current leadership experience. The learning agenda will identify goals for achievement and strategies for assessing and improving upon their effectiveness as a leader. This study will be taught on-site at GEICO with seven sessions along with online learning through Moodle learning management system. The course will be co-taught with Dr. David Pritchard.

Effective Leadership GEICO 4 cr with David Pritchard

spaces avail *CLOSED* Adv./Liberal

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

Effective Leadership will integrate theories of leadership, culminating with each student demonstrating a leadership field experience. Students will be able to assess their skills as a leader and create a plan for growth and development for future success. Areas of focus include: leadership roles, theories and styles, creating a shared vision, coaching skills, teamwork and group dynamics, cultural communication and influence, and ethical decision making. Study work will include extensive readings, case studies, written reports, small group projects, presentations and reflections. This study builds on the leadership activity with each student participating. Based on this formal review, personal development plans are created and serve as dynamic documentation of individual professional progress. Each student will be required to create a leadership learning agenda and development plan at the beginning of the semester based on their current leadership experience. The learning agenda will identify goals for achievement and strategies for assessing and improving upon their effectiveness as a leader. This study will be taught on-site at GEICO with seven sessions along with online learning through Moodle learning management system. The study will be co-taught with Dr. Joel Goldberg.

Family Violence 4 cr with Catherine Collins

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

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

The study group will investigate all aspects of family violence.

Lifespan/Developmental Psychology 4 cr with Jim Maurino

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

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

This study will examine development as it occurs throughout the life span, along with concurrent issues and challenges. The physical, psychological, emotional, and social realms will be examined, along with current research regarding human development. Main theories and theorists of development will be discussed, and each stage of life look at though the lens of culture, theory, biology, family, and society. This is a blended, group study that has an online component as well as 4 in-person meetings. Bi-weekly online discussions will be posted and participation is expected in the form of discussion of the week's topics and responding to the posts of your classmates in a substantive way.

Women & Crime 4 cr with Catherine Collins

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

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

This study will explore the ever-increasing female inmate population in the American criminal justice system. Readings will include an historical overview of women in corrections, theories of criminality, health conditions among inmates, and the impact of incarceration on the children of prisoners.

Fredonia Study Groups

Tuesdays

History of the Western Mind I, Fredonia Study Group 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail 15 Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Western Civilization - fully

Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm 9/22,10/6,10/20,11/17,12/1

Prerequisite: World Civilization I or Western Civilization I Advanced-level critical reading and writing skills will be required. One could define the West as a way of thinking about life. At present, Western ideas transcend geographical bounds and have found hospitable abodes in the East as well as in the West. Therefore, it is legitimate to talk about the Westernization of the world. Through this study, the student will examine the development of the Western world view from the time of Moses and Thales to the 18th Century Enlightenment. Specifically, the student will consider the contributions made by the Greeks, the Romans, and the Hebrews to the Western mind, and how the tension between humanism and theism have helped shape our thoughts even today. Since this is a reading intensive study, some previous knowledge of Western Civilization is required. Students will be required to participate in all six study group meetings at the NFC Fredonia Unit. These will be held (exact dates TBD) from 3pm - 5pm. This study will be blended, to include: Attendance and participation at all study group meetings for discussion. Submission of written assignments and retrieval of important study information on-line through the Moodle learning environment (accessed by registering for the study and going to the MyESC student portal).

Western Civilization I Study Group, Fredonia 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail 15 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Western Civilization - fully

Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm 9/22,10/6,10/20,11/17,12/1

This study will survey the political, economic, social, cultural, and military history of Western Civilization from the Neolithic Age to the Age of Enlightenment. Students will be required to participate in all six study group meetings at the NFC Fredonia Unit. These six study group meetings will be held (exact dates TBD). This study will be blended, to include: --Attendance and participation at all study group meetings for discussion. --Submission of written assignments and retrieval of important study information ON-LINE through the Moodle learning environment (accessed by registering for the study and going to the MyESC student portal).

Jamestown Study Groups

Wednesdays

Educational Planning-Associates Degree - Study Group 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail 15 Intro/Liberal

Wednesdays 4:30-6:00pm 9/23,10/7,10/21,11/18,12/2

The purpose of this study is to give the student an opportunity to explore his/her personal and career interests and goals, the character of a liberal education; to design a degree plan in harmony with the student's interests and goals; identify any areas where the student might have gained college level knowledge; and write a rationale that clearly explains the components and internal of his/her degree plan. Students will be required to attend 4 study group meetings throughout the term at the NFC Jamestown unit. This is a blended study, which means: Participation in all study group meetings (in person) at the NFC Jamestown Unit. Submission of assignments and retrieval of important study information on-line through the Moodle online learning environment and DP Planner (accessed by registering for the study and going to the MyESC student portal). Students designing an associates degree will be offered introductory credit. This study is for matriculated students.

History of the Western Mind (Jamestown Study Group) 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail 15 Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Western Civilization - fully

Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm 9/23,10/7,10/21,11/18,12/2

One could define the West as a way of thinking about life. At present, Western ideas transcend geographical bounds and have found hospitable abodes in the East as well as in the West. Therefore, it is legitimate to talk about the Westernization of the world. Through this study, the student will examine the development of the Western world view from the time of Moses and Thales to the 18th Century Enlightenment. Specifically, the student will consider the contributions made by the Greeks, the Romans, and the Hebrews to the Western mind, and how the tension between humanism and theism have helped shape our thoughts even today. Since this is a reading intensive study, some previous knowledge of Western Civilization is required. Advanced-level critical reading and writing skills will be required. Prerequisite: World Civilization I or Western Civilization I This study will be blended, to include: Attendance and participation at all study group meetings for discussion. Submission of written assignments and retrieval of important study information on-line through the Moodle learning environment (accessed by registering for the study and going to the MyESC student portal).

Western Civilization I - Jamestown Study Group 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail 15 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Western Civilization - fully

Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm 9/23,10/7,10/21,11/18,12/2

This study will survey the political, economic, social, cultural, and military history of Western Civilization from the Neolithic Age to the Age of Enlightenment. Study Group (face to face) at the NFC Jamestown Unit: Students will be required to participate in all six study group meetings at the NFC Jamestown Unit. These six study group meetings will be held (exact dates TBD) from 3pm - 5pm. This study will be blended, to include: --Attendance and participation at all study group meetings for discussion. --Submission of written assignments and retrieval of important study information ON-LINE through the Moodle learning environment (accessed by registering for the study and going to the MyESC student portal).

Meeting dates/times/locations not yet published

Educational Planning-Bachelor Degree (Study Group) 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail 13 Adv./Liberal

*** Meeting dates/time/location not yet determined ***

The purpose of this study is to give the student an opportunity to explore his/her personal and career interests and goals, the character of a liberal education; to design a degree plan in harmony with the student's interests and goals; identify any areas where the student might have gained college level knowledge; and write a rationale that clearly explains the components and internal of his/her degree plan. Students will be required to attend 4 study group meetings throughout the term at the NFC Jamestown unit. This is a blended study, which means: Participation in all study group meetings (in person) at the NFC Jamestown Unit. Submission of assignments and retrieval of important study information online through the Moodle online learning environment and DP Planner (accessed by registering for the study and going to the MyESC student portal). Advanced credit is offered for those students designing a bachelors degree. This study is for matriculated students.

Olean Study Groups

Thursdays

History of the Western Mind I, Olean Study Group 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail 15 Adv./Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Western Civilization - fully

Thursdays 3:00-4:30pm 9/24,10/8,10/22,11/19,12/3

Prerequisite: World Civilization I or Western Civilization I Advanced-level critical reading and writing skills will be required. One could define the West as a way of thinking about life. At present, Western ideas transcend geographical bounds and have found hospitable abodes in the East as well as in the West. Therefore, it is legitimate to talk about the Westernization of the world. Through this study, the student will examine the development of the Western world view from the time of Moses and Thales to the 18th Century Enlightenment. Specifically, the student will consider the contributions made by the Greeks, the Romans, and the Hebrews to the Western mind, and how the tension between humanism and theism have helped shape our thoughts even today. Since this is a reading intensive study, some previous knowledge of Western Civilization is required. Students will be required to participate in all six study group meetings at the NFC Olean Unit. These will be held (exact dates TBD) from 3pm - 5pm. This study will be blended, to include: Attendance and participation at all study group meetings for discussion. Submission of written assignments and retrieval of important study information on-line through the Moodle learning environment (accessed by registering for the study and going to the MyESC student portal).

Western Civilization I, Olean Study Group 4 cr with Gregory Edwards

spaces avail 15 Intro/Liberal fulfills SUNY gen. ed. req | Western Civilization - fully

Thursdays 3:00-4:30pm 9/24,10/8,10/22,11/19,12/3

This study will survey the political, economic, social, cultural, and military history of Western Civilization from the Neolithic Age to the Age of Enlightenment. Students will be required to participate in all six study group meetings at the NFC Olean Unit. These six study group meetings will be held (exact dates TBD) from 3pm - 5pm. This study will be blended, to include: --Attendance and participation at all study group meetings for discussion. --Submission of written assignments and retrieval of important study information ON-LINE through the Moodle learning environment (accessed by registering for the study and going to the MyESC student portal).