Spring 2013 Experimental, Topics and New Courses

BIO 456 A Pharmacology  MWF 09:00AM - 09:50AM /Lab TH 08:45AM-11:35AM
This course introduces students to the study of drugs. Drugs are chemicals that change the way an animal’s body works. The topics of this course include the principles of drug actions, interactions and side effects. This course integrates the knowledge of sciences such as anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, and microbiology by studying effects of drugs in humans. Students practice dosage calculations and safe medication administration skills in the laboratory setting. This course also discusses the potential negative consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) use and/or abuse. Three hours of lecture, one three-hour laboratory per week.

CCOM 330 A Topics: Science Communication  MW 02:00PM - 03:05PM
Effective communication increases the impact of science. Science provides significant job opportunities within corporate communication. This course exposes students to science, health care, medical, environmental and natural resources communication by looking at the popularization of science through media and at core concepts of risk communication.

CJCR 345 A Comparative Law  MW 7:00PM-8:50PM
Comparative law is the study of alternative legal systems and the comparisons with one’s own legal system. Globally, legal traditions can be broken into five families of law including common law, civil law, theocratic law, socialist law, and traditional law. The main focus of the course is to compare and contrast aspects of common law, civil law, and theocratic law. In addressing these families of law, this course reviews the evolution of law in America (a common law system) from the Roman Root. In terms of theocratic law, the course focuses on Islamic law. Finally in review of civil law, the emphasis is an examination of law in Germany and France as well as a comparison of the French system to the civil legal tradition in Louisiana.

FRN 426D A The Contemporary Francophone Novel  TTH 09:45AM - 11:35AM
This course will focus on the contemporary novel of French expression, exploring intertextuality and l’interculture in works by Nobel Laureate J.M.G. Le Clézio, Alain Mabanckou, Tar Ben Jelloun, Dany Laferrière and Ananda Devi. Topics examined include immigration, exile, class struggles, racial discrimination, adolescence, and gender.

GERM 426W A Uncanny Tales  MW 03:15PM - 05:05
In countless narratives from Germany and elsewhere, we can follow the circuitous trail of the Uncanny first traced by Freud in his 1919 essay, "Das Unheimliche." What is the Uncanny, and how does it function? Is the Uncanny merely a category of uncertainty, fear, or unease? Or does its presence—as Freud suggests—mark the re-emergence of something once familiar, but long repressed or forgotten? By reading Freud's essay and a variety of literary and cinematic texts—mostly from Germany and in German—we will attempt to answer these questions. Texts from Hoffmann, Poe, Meyrink, Freud, Kafka, Lynch, and others. In German.

IMS 210 A Management Scholar Seminar: On the Margins of Economics  TH 12:00PM - 12:50PM
This seminar will leave the beaten path of the economics mainstream and explore ideas that are novel, offbeat or radical. Prerequisite: Membership in the Management Scholars program of the IMS.
MATH 153  Mathematics of Games/Gambling  MWF 10:15PM - 11:20PM
The course is designed to serve as an introduction to the mathematics of games and gambling. Course topics will include permutations and combinations, probabilities, expectations, introductory game theory, counting techniques, and the gambler’s ruin. The course will include a variety of hands-on games including casino games, card games, and dice games, but the main focus of the course will be on the understanding and application of the mathematics behind various games. This course counts toward the mathematics distribution requirement. Prerequisite: Credit for or exemption from MATH 100.

PHIL 340W A Topics: Lying & Lawbreaking  MWF 02:00PM - 03:05PM
We will attempt to sort out the rights and wrongs of lying and law-breaking. In other words: Is it ever morally acceptable to lie or to break the law? And if it is, when? And why? Students who have not successfully completed two courses in philosophy may not take this course without the permission of the instructor.

PHED 105 B Scuba Diving  MW 6:30PM - 11:00PM
Explore the mysteries of the underwater world – learn to scuba dive. Accept the challenge: it’s easy and fun. Taught by professional Association of Diver Instructors (P.A.D.I.) certified teachers, this certified Open Water Diver course will provide the students with classroom instruction, pool training in the care and use of diving equipment, as well as water safety. Each class will involve classroom and pool work. Certification is permanent! Students must provide their own personal mask, snorkel, wet suit boots and power fins with adjustable straps. These items may be purchased on the first day of class at a course discount. Dates and times for first meeting and class times to be announced. Cost $370.00

PSCI/IMS 0257 Globalization in the Developing World: A Study of the Dominican Republic  TBA TBA
This course broadly examines the effects of political, economic, and social globalization on the developing world, with specific attention paid to the Dominican Republic. Co-taught by professors from the Political Science and Business Departments, the course is an interdisciplinary look at the controversial effects of global integration. The course will meet once a week during the Spring semester and finish with a required two week trip to the Dominican Republic (trip fee of $2500). The classroom portion of the course is designed to prepare students with the scholarly tools necessary to understand the globalization debate; the travel portion is designed to help students deepen their understanding of the subject through field experience and allow students to insert themselves into the process by taking part in a number of service projects throughout the country. Application (turned into Dr. Payne or Dr. Grassmueck) and $100 Refundable Deposit due by October 15th. Trip Fee of $2500

PSY 353 A Social Cognition  MWF 02:00PM - 03:05PM
Humans are social beings who engage in thinking about other people on a regular basis. Without even realizing, we continuously try to 'read' the intentions, thoughts, and feelings of other people. Whenever you ask yourself a question like: "Why did he talk to my girlfriend at the party? Why did he turn his back on me?" you engage in reasoning about other people's intentions, thoughts, and feelings. This course will examine this phenomenon and the cognitive mechanisms that support its existence.

REL 337W A Biblical Topics: The Gospels of Mark and Thomas  TTH 9:45AM - 11:35PM
This course takes a close look at two important early Christian writings, highlighting their respective theologies, views of Jesus and Judaism, and contributions to the development of early Christianity. In comparing and contrasting these two gospels – one that became part of the New Testament canon and another that eventually was pushed to the margins of an emerging orthodox faith – the course also examines some of the significant differences between narrative gospels and sayings collections, and between texts that consciously place Jesus in the Jewish prophetic tradition over against texts that root his teachings in popular Hellenistic-Roman philosophy. Prerequisite: REL 113 or 114, or consent of instructor.
Humans have eaten meat for millennia, but what are the dietary, environmental and ethical benefits and detriments of producing and consuming meat?”

This course will focus on Spanish and Latin American short stories from the twentieth century, although a few texts from the nineteenth and twenty-first centuries will also be included. These stories afford us great thematic variety, including topics such as gender relations, the struggles of children and adolescents, love and relationships, immigration, poverty, death, and the fantastic.