University Courses (UNIV)

These are intended to provide an opportunity to examine problems, programs of research, plans of study, and methods of learning that may not be wholly appropriate in existing departmental curricula. Thus, University Courses are interdisciplinary and cross-departmental in character. Normally University Courses are open as to size, as well as method of instruction, and meeting times.

University Courses may be limited to first-year or upperclass students. Prerequisites for admission may or may not be designated depending upon the objectives of the particular course. The courses may be taught by one or more instructors.

Faculty

Coordinator: Robert M. Midkiff, Jr.

Courses

UNIV 199. Arts Entrepreneurship. 3 Credits.

Offered Both Fall and Spring; Lecture hours:3

This survey course explores the theories, processes and practices involved in entrepreneurship in arts practice and cultural organizations. The course features guest lectures by faculty and staff who are experts in arts entrepreneurship.

UNIV 1NT. Internship Credit. .25 Credits.

Offered Fall, Spring, Summer; Lecture hours: Varies

Partial credit for nonpaid internship experiences. Requires submission of proposal to the UNIV 1NT coordinator and approval of proposal prior to enrollment. May repeat only once for a total of .5 credit. Prerequisite: permission of the coordinator.

UNIV 200. Integrative Perspectives Course. 1 Credit.

Offered Either Fall or Spring; Lecture hours:3

Team-taught interdisciplinary course. Topics vary.

UNIV 201. Creative and Critical Approaches to New Media. .5 Credits.

Offered Fall Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

In conjunction with the Music, Art, Design, and Engineering lectures, this course will examine new media through the disciplinary lenses of music, visual art, design and marketing, and engineering.

UNIV 205. Federal Budget Deficits and Debt. 1 Credit.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:3

A study of the economic and ethical problems of the long-term federal budget deficits and debt, culminating with a proposed solution by the class. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

UNIV 219. Peace Studies. 1 Credit.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:3

Ideologies and institutions of contemporary war-making societies and of the peace movements within them. Non-violence, feminism, and other ideologies as movements, practices, and concrete contributions to peace.

UNIV 221. Bending the Curve. .5-1 Credits.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:2

Students will research problems related to public health and healthcare delivery in rural Pennsylvania. They will participate in a joint Bucknell University-Geisinger conference in November. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

UNIV 222. An Examination of the Daily Press in the US. 1 Credit.

Offered Fall Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

The course examines the history, tradition and current practice of the press in the United States. Students will analyze newspapers and learn the criteria for journalistic excellence.

UNIV 223. Editing for Careers in Publishing. 1 Credit.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:3

Covers the principles of editing and copy editing, reviews the basics of grammar, and studies the "Chicago Manual of Style", as well as other style guides.

UNIV 224. Cultivating Change. 1 Credit.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:15, Other:15

Explores limits to growth and sustainable alternatives. Includes work on an organic farm, and discussions of rhetoric and debates regarding sustainability. Crosslisted as ECON 225.

UNIV 225. Introduction to Public Policy. 1 Credit.

Offered Spring Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

Introduction to the study of public policy, including methods to identify social problems, analysis of the political process, policy analysis, and how individuals and institutions respond to policy using a variety of social science disciplines.

UNIV 228. Legal and Ethical Issues of the Press. 1 Credit.

Offered Fall Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

A course on the press that focuses on more theoretical concerns, for example, First Amendment interpretations, libel, ethical issues, influences on the press and by the press. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

UNIV 229. Introduction to American Studies. 1 Credit.

Offered Fall Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

This course introduces the interdisciplinary field of American studies, emphasizing key texts and methods for understanding American culture, values, peoples, and issues.

UNIV 233. The Philosophy of Peace and Nonviolence. 1 Credit.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:3

A course in Peace Studies that will investigate the arguments and spirit of Pacifism and nonviolent philosophies.

UNIV 235. Transnational Queer. 1 Credit.

Offered Either Fall or Spring; Lecture hours:3

This course examines notions of Queer in France and North America. Topics include the body, sexual politics, citizenship, legal and aesthetic discourses. All readings and discussions in English.

UNIV 236. Israel: Literature, Film, Culture. 1 Credit.

Offered Alternating Spring Semester; Lecture hours:3

Course explores Israeli culture in its historical, ethnic, religious, linguistic, and geographical context through literature, film, political discourse, photography, and other texts. Crosslisted as HEBR 236.

UNIV 239. Working with Writers: Theory and Practice. 1 Credit.

Offered Either Fall or Spring; Lecture hours:3

Theory and Practice. An exploration of the social and intellectual dynamics of the writing and tutoring process. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

UNIV 240. Art of Structural Engineering. 1 Credit.

Offered Spring Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

Study of the development of the forms of buildings and bridges from scientific, social and symbolic perspectives using historical and modern examples. Students will analyze and critique structures through writing exercises, simple calculations (no calculus), and construction of physical models. Crosslisted as ARTH 240.

UNIV 252. Political Economy of Global Resources. 1 Credit.

Offered Either Fall or Spring; Lecture hours:3

A study of environmental and energy economics in the context of global resources and politics. The theme of sustainable development will be linked to the new realities of international relations. Prerequisite: ECON 103. Crosslisted as IREL 252.

UNIV 258. Star Power: Hollywood Films - 1920s - 1950. 1 Credit.

Offered Fall, Spring or Summer; Lecture hours:3, Other:2

The course examines the role of acting in Hollywood cinema during its Golden Age (1920 - 1950). It discusses such issue "film stardom", acting in the film, "genre acting", etc.

UNIV 261. Nazi Culture. 1 Credit.

Offered Fall Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

A study of Nazi attitudes toward the arts, science, education, mass media, work, morality, sex, war, and religion. In English. Crosslisted as GRMN 261.

UNIV 266. Sustainable Building Design. 1 Credit.

Offered Spring Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

Environmental, social and economic perspectives on the impacts of buildings throughout their life-cycle. Introduces fundamental concepts related to materials, energy, water, indoor environmental quality, siting.

UNIV 268. Jewish-American Literature and Film. 1 Credit.

Offered Either Fall or Spring; Lecture hours:3

Examines the literary and cultural production of American Jews through the study of diverse series such as novels, short stories, plays and film. Crosslisted as ENGL 268.

UNIV 269. Mindful Consumption. 1 Credit.

Offered Spring Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

The study and practice of mindful consumption, from Buddhist (Thich Nhat Hahn) and Christian (Saint Benedict) traditions, applied to food, energy, electronics, and education.

UNIV 270. Technical Prospectives: Life, the Universe, and Engineering. 1 Credit.

Offered Either Fall or Spring; Lecture hours:3

Technical and critical evaluation of issues in our society using principles of mass and energy conservation and engineering design methodology. Issues may include: global warming, disposal of hazardous waste, product and advertisements, pharmaceutical development and testing, product manufacturing, successes and failures.

UNIV 282. Orientalizing the Landscape of England. 1 Credit.

Offered Fall Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

This interdisciplinary course will explore the impact of the Orient on British perceptions, from the Middle Ages until the 18th century in all aspects of British culture.

UNIV 2NT. University Non-traditional Study. 1-2 Credits.

Offered Fall, Spring, Summer; Lecture hours: Varies, Other: Varies; Repeatable

Nontraditional study course. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

UNIV 307. Post-biblical Literature. 1 Credit.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:3

A survey of Jewish post-biblical literature and thought which may include one or more of the following: the literature of the Second Temple period and rabbinic literature (Pseudepigrapha, Dead Sea Scrolls, Targum, Josephus, Mishnah-Tosefta, Midrash, Talmud, as well as contemporary phenomena) in their religious, historical, literary, and cultural contexts. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor. Crosslisted as RELI 307.

UNIV 315. Waging War on Wall Street. 1 Credit.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:3

With an emphasis on lively classroom debate and discussion, this course examines the ways in which modern Wall Street has been shaped by wars, including both military engagements (like the World Wars, Vietnam, and the current war on terrorism) as well as ideological conflicts, wars of ideas and wars of words.

UNIV 327. The Male Body in Judaism. 1 Credit.

Offered Spring Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

Investigates the male body from Jewish and comparative perspectives: the body of athletes; Jewish/Black relations; theories of masculinity; the body of soldiers; stereotyping; human and divine bodies. Prerequisites: junior or senior status and permission of the instructor. Crosslisted as RELI 411.

UNIV 335. Practicing Democracy: Active Citizenship, Community Engagement, and Social Change. 1 Credit.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:3, Other:1

An examination of historic and contemporary concepts of democratic citizenship, this interdisciplinary course explores efforts promoting the common good. Students practice civic engagement through public service. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

UNIV 341. Transnational Queer Identities. 1 Credit.

Offered Fall Semester Only; Lecture hours:3

This course examines, critiques and interrogates notions of what is Queer as constructed in, and through, France and North America. Readings and discussions in English. Crosslisted as WMST 341.

UNIV 371. Dance, Culture and Politics. 1 Credit.

Offered Either Fall or Spring; Lecture hours:3

An exploration of dance as cultural and political practice. Topics include: colonialism; the politics of tradition; gender, ethnicity, and nationalism; dance and violence. Prerequisites: not open to first-year students or students who have taken ANTH 271 or WMST 271 Dance and Culture. Crosslisted as WMST 371.

UNIV 375. Should We Start This Company?. 1 Credit.

Offered Occasionally; Lecture hours:3, Other:1

Project centered course in entrepreneurship, generating new business ideas, and product or service design and development through business planning. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor. Crosslisted as CHEG 475 and MIDE 375.

UNIV 380. Impact! Exploring Innovation. 1 Credit.

Offered Either Fall or Spring; Lecture hours:4

The goal of innovation is POSITIVE CHANGE, to make someone or something better. This class will examine innovation from an interdisciplinary and integrative perspective. We will explore both what makes something innovative and how innovation happens. Crosslisted as MIDE 387 and MECH 480. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

UNIV 399. Extreme Creativity. 1 Credit.

Offered Both Fall and Spring; Lecture hours:4.5, Other:4.5; Repeatable

Extreme Creativity generates student engagement with the creative process through theoretical, pragmatic, and interactive explorations of creative writing, film, visual arts, music, drama, theatre, and performance.

UNIV 3NT. University Non-traditional Study. 1 Credit.

Offered Fall, Spring, Summer; Lecture hours:Varies,Other:3 Nontraditional study course.

UNIV 401. Leadership: Theory, History, and Practice. 1 Credit.

Offered Either Fall or Spring; Lecture hours:3

Leadership is a phenomenon studied by numerous social sciences and humanities. Their different perspectives are compared in a search for the determinants of successful leadership. Prerequisite: senior status, or (with permission of the instructor) junior status.

UNIV 4NT. University Non-traditional Study. 2 Credits.

Offered Fall, Spring, Summer; Lecture hours: Varies

University nontraditional study course that serves as a capstone. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.