

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (INDS)

INDS 500 - THE INTERDISCIPLINARY MIND: LIBERAL ARTS AND THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE

Short Title: THE INTERDISCIPLINARY MIND

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Seminar

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This course will unpack and explore the meaning and history of interdisciplinary studies, as well as the various debates and controversies associated with the concept of liberal education. Along the way, we'll reflect on the role such an education plays in our own intellectual and personal lives while also examining the relationship between this form of education and issues of citizenship, democracy, justice, and the public good. The course will introduce you to the habits of inquiry, analysis, discussion, reflection, and interdisciplinary research that animate graduate-level activity in this program. Ultimately, this work will provide an opportunity for us to wrestle with complex and enduring questions about human life and the search for meaning and happiness while at the same time honing the foundational scholarly skills of writing, reading, and critical thinking. Required for all new students. Department Permission Required.

INDS 534 - HUMAN RIGHTS IN WORLD AFFAIRS

Short Title: HUMAN RIGHTS IN WORLD AFFAIRS

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Seminar

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Liberal Studies. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: Human rights organizations have gained tremendous attention and credibility among people and governments. While universal human rights may seem timeless, they have a long and checkered political and legal history. The main objective of the course is to explore the increasing yet contested role played by human rights and humanitarianism in contemporary world affairs. Students will undertake independent research on an issue, location, and period of their choosing. Students who have earned credit for MLSC 534 cannot earn credit for INDS 534. Department Permission Required.

INDS 580 - EAST ASIAN FOOD HISTORY

Short Title: EAST ASIAN FOOD HISTORY

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Seminar

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This subject introduces students to the traditional dietary cultures of China, Japan, and Korea as seen from perspectives of geography, climate, material and social technologies, religion, philosophy, economics, and politics. We will examine such practices as banquet etiquette, seasonal celebrations, tea ceremony, courtesan/entertainment culture, and traditional processing methods, like fermentation, stir fry, and distillation. Department Permission Required.

INDS 645 - THE PSYCHOLOGY OF EMPLOYEE RESILIENCE

Short Title: RESILIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Seminar

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This course will provide an overview of resilience research and practice. We will discuss theory, empirical findings, and practice-based perspectives. The main goal of this course is to broaden and deepen knowledge about major models and approaches that inform our understanding and practice of resilience. Students who have earned credit for MLSC 645 cannot earn credit for INDS 645. Department Permission Required.

INDS 699 - CAPSTONE SEMINAR

Short Title: CAPSTONE SEMINAR

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Research

Credit Hour: 1

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This seminar course is designed to familiarize students with the academic requirements of the Capstone Project and to assist students with the research, preparation, and defense of the MIS Capstone Proposal. Required for all MIS students planning to register for the capstone in the upcoming academic year, provided they will have completed at least 24 credit hours by the time of enrollment. Students who have earned credit for MLSC 699 cannot earn credit for INDS 699. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

INDS 700 - CAPSTONE I

Short Title: CAPSTONE I

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Research

Credit Hours: 1-9

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Liberal Studies. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: Capstone I is the first semester of a two-term culminating experience in the Master of Interdisciplinary Studies program. It provides students with the time and structure to begin executing their approved capstone proposal under the guidance of a Capstone Advisor and Second Reader. Drawing on the foundations laid in the INDS 699 Capstone Seminar, students engage in independent work toward the development of a substantial final project that reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the MIS degree. Students who have earned credit for MSLC 700 cannot earn credit for INDS 700. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

INDS 701 - CAPSTONE II

Short Title: CAPSTONE II

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Research

Credit Hours: 1-9

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Liberal Studies. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Prerequisite(s): INDS 699

Description: Capstone II is the final course in the culminating experience for the Master of Interdisciplinary Studies program. It serves either as the second semester of a two-term capstone sequence or as a one-semester capstone option for students approved to complete their project in a single term. Students work independently under the guidance of a Capstone Advisor and Second Reader to complete a substantial project that reflects the interdisciplinary and graduate-level rigor of the MIS degree. Students who have earned credit for MLSC 701 cannot earn credit for INDS 701. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

INDS 797 - ADVANCED INDEPENDENT READINGS

Short Title: ADVANCED INDEPENDENT READINGS

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Independent Study

Credit Hours: 1-9

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This independent study course is designed for students in the Diploma in Liberal Studies (DLS) program who wish to pursue a focused area of study not covered by existing coursework. Under the supervision of a faculty advisor, students will engage in deep reading and research related to one or both of their chosen disciplines, with the goal of strengthening their academic foundation in preparation for the Diploma Project. Students who have earned credit for MLSC 797 cannot earn credit for INDS 797. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

INDS 798 - DIPLOMA PROJECT I

Short Title: DIPLOMA PROJECT I

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Research

Credit Hours: 1-9

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This is the first of a two-semester research sequence for students in the Diploma in Liberal Studies (DLS) program. Under the guidance of a three-member faculty committee, students begin work on their interdisciplinary Diploma Project, which culminates in a substantial written thesis and public defense. Students who have earned credit for MLSC 798 cannot earn credit for INDS 798. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

INDS 799 - DIPLOMA PROJECT II

Short Title: DIPLOMA PROJECT II

Department: School of Continuing Studies

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Research

Credit Hours: 1-9

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate

Description: This is the second of a two-semester research sequence for students in the Diploma in Liberal Studies (DLS) program. Under the guidance of a three-member faculty committee, students complete their interdisciplinary Diploma Project, which culminates in a substantial written thesis and public oral defense. Students who have earned credit for MLSC 799 cannot earn credit for INDS 799. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.