Spring 2015 Liberal Studies
Courses
Sonoma State University

At the Vallejo Center:

AMCS 350 Ethics, Values and Multiculturalism  Wednesdays 1/21 – 5/13/15  4 units
Mary Churchill 6:00-9:40 PM

*Satisfies Arts/Humanities Major Core; upper-division GE Area C2, and Ethnic Studies requirement.*

This course examines theories and discourses of race, ethnicity, and multiculturalism and their impact on American thought and practice. Students will explore questions of ethics and values that shape the U.S. as a multicultural society and learn about conceptual tools they can apply in thinking critically about these issues in the various contexts they live in. Satisfies GE Area C2, and the Ethnic Studies requirement.

COMS 320 Movies as Mirrors: What Films Say  Tuesdays 1/20 – 5/12/15  4 units
Ed Beebout 6:00—9:40 PM

*Satisfies Arts/Humanities Major Core*

The main goal of this course is for students to develop a foundational understanding of the role popular films play in both reflecting and shaping societal attitudes and values. We will examine nine films created over the past century and examine what they say about a wide range of topics, including historical interpretation, social injustice, women’s rights and race relations. Students will also learn the importance of examining each film within the context of the time period in which it was created.

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**Independent Study:**

SSCI 499 Internship 1—3 units Hours by arrangement

Sandra Feldman

*Up to 6 units of Internship may be counted as Electives in Major.*

Under the guidance of a faculty sponsor and a site supervisor, students receive hands-on experience in an organization and have the opportunity to explore career options. See Internship forms at [www.sonoma.edu/exed/napa-solano/advising-forms](http://www.sonoma.edu/exed/napa-solano/advising-forms) for description.
At Napa Valley College:

**BIOL 318  Biology of Aging**  4 Saturdays + online  3 units
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 5/2

*Satisfies Natural Science Major Core and upper-division GE Area E.*

This course examines the biological processes occurring in a cumulative fashion in the course of human senescence, including the medical and social consequences. Satisfies GE Area E. **Prerequisite:** General Education Area B2 biological science course.

**PSY 335  Memoir and Autobiography**  Thursdays  1/22 – 5/14  4 units
Jurgen Kremer
6:00 – 9:40

*Satisfies Behavioral Science Major Core.*

Storytelling and the storied nature of human experience, in research, counseling, therapy, and history. Uses methodology from psychology, literature, and other branches of the social sciences and humanities. Includes biography and autobiography, interview, and students’ own oral and written narratives as it applies to people of diverse backgrounds.

**SSCI 400  Intro to Portfolio**  4 Saturdays + online  1 unit
Sandra Feldman
10:30 – 12:30  1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 5/2

An overview of how to organize and articulate learning experiences into a portfolio format that is useful for educational and career planning. Students will meet several times a semester while working independently to begin assembling a portfolio of their work. This course is a prerequisite for the three-unit SSCI 400 *Portfolio Assessment* course.