



## Spring 2010 Honors Courses

### **Anthropology of Human Nature**

**ANTH 2061 (3 Credits)**

Paul Roach 9:30-10:45

**Tue & Thurs, Jan 12-May 13**

This class introduces the broad anthropological study of behavior from a Darwinian perspective. Students explore the evidence concerning the evolution of primate behavior and the past several million years of human evolution with a strong emphasis on the behavior of our ancestors. Initial topics include a detailed introduction to natural selection and a brief survey of human evolution. This is followed by reading and lectures on the evolution of primate and human tool use, meat-eating, cooperation, food-sharing, mate selection, sex, child-rearing, and conflict. Once the students are familiar with evolutionary theory and the evolutionary history of human behavior the focus turns to universal patterns in modern human behavior.

**Prerequisite:** *Assessment score placement in ENGL 1021 or completion of ENGL 0090 with a grade of "C" or higher, and assessment score placement in RDNG 1000 or completion of RDNG 0090 with a grade of "C" or higher.*

MnTC: Goals 05 & 10

### **Biology of Women**

**BIOL 1021-02 (3 credits)**

Erin Carter 2:15-3:30

**Tue & Thurs, Jan 12-May 13**

This course investigates the history of women's treatment by the medical and scientific community, male and female reproductive anatomy and physiology, the basis of scientific inquiry and investigation, sexual and reproductive biology of women and men including contraception, pregnancy, childbirth, and infertility. The biology of cancers, sexually transmitted diseases and infections, and systemic chronic diseases throughout the lifespan is also included. Course is open to both women and men.

**Prerequisite:** *RDNG 0090 with a grade of "C" or higher, or assessment score placement in RDNG 1000.*

**Restriction:** *Closed to students who have already earned credit for Biology 2050.*

**Recommendation:** *High school biology or BIOL 1020 or its equivalent.*

MnTC: Goal 03

## **Mystery**

### **ENGL 2077 (3 Credits)**

Richard Kuss 8:50-9:40

#### **Mon, Wed, & Fri, Jan 11-May 14**

This college literature course intended for all students will explore mystery literature. The mystery story may include works by Poe, Conon Doyle, Sayers, Chandler, and Hillerman.

**Prerequisite:** Assessment score placement in RDNG 1000 or above, or completion of RDNG 0090 with a grade of "C" or higher.

**Recommendation:** Completion of ENGL 1021 with a grade of "C" or higher.

MnTC: Goal 06

## **Human Geography**

### **GEOG 1023 (3 credits)**

David Lyons 11:00-11:50

#### **Mon, Wed, & Fri, Jan 11-May 14**

In this course students study and compare characteristics of human populations and societies. This processes underlying and explaining the geographic patterns of human activities are also examined, as are real world examples from many disciplines and diverse world regions. Study areas include human population dynamics (population growth and distribution, migrations, settlement patterns, urbanization), cultural geography (world languages and religions, folk and popular cultures), political and economic geography (political organization of the world, territorial issues, the global economy, and comparing more and less developed world regions),

**Recommendation:** Assessment score placement in RDNG 1000 or above, or completions of RDNG 0090 with a grade of "C" or higher, or concurrent enrollment in RDNG 0090.

MnTC: Goals 05 & 08

## **World Religions**

### **PHIL 1051 (3 credits)**

Carl Chung 1:10-2:00

#### **Mon, Wed, & Fri, Jan 11-May 14**

This course is an introduction to the major world religions. The course will focus on the historical formation of the religions and those who founded them. It will also focus on their scriptures practices and the ways each religion answers the fundamental questions concerning the nature of reality, purpose in life, ethics and death.

**Recommendation:** An assessment score placement in RDNG 1000, or completion of RDNG 0090 with a grade of "C" or higher; assessment score placement in ENGL 1021, or completion of ENGL 0090 with a grade of "C" or higher.

MnTC: Goals 06 & 08

## **Introduction to Sociology**

### **SOC 1020 (3 credits)**

Debbie Engelen-Eigles **ONLINE**

#### **Fast Track, Jan 11 - March 26**

This course is a survey of sociology's major theoretical perspectives and research methods. Basic concepts include culture, socialization, groups, organizations, deviance, social institutions, change, and inequalities based on class, race, and gender. Students learn how sociological research is conducted using concepts, theories, and methods as well as the significance of a global perspective for understanding social behavior.

**Prerequisite:** Assessment score placement in RDNG 1000 or above, or completion of RDNG 0090 with a grade of "C" or higher.

**Recommendation:** Assessment score placement in ENGL 1021, or completion of ENGL 0090 with a grade of "C" or higher.

MnTC: Goals 05 & 07