Early College Scholars
2019 Fall Online Courses

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Fall Semester Dates: August 26-December 17, 2019

Intro To Anthropology  U69 100 Anthro
Anthropology is a field that seeks to synthesize and integrate all aspects of what it means to be human, including the study of human diversity across time and space. Anthropologists are collectively interested in studying humans from a holistic perspective, including cultural, linguistic and biological anthropology and archaeology. This course aims to introduce students to basic concepts within anthropology, integrating the perspectives and methods of each of the subfields into our approach. We will examine how culture, environment, and biology are intertwined in the variation seen within humans both past and present. Topics addressed will include aspects of human evolution and variation, non-human primates, Paleolithic cultures, subsistence strategies, kinship, political organization, the rise and fall of complex societies, religion, language, globalization, and anthropology in the present and future.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Drawing  U79 101M Art
Online version of the course U79 101. This course for non-art majors teaches basic drawing skills and techniques by drawing from observation. Through sighting and measuring three-dimensional forms and creating the illusion of volume, space, and light on two-dimensional surfaces, students will develop visual language skills. We will work with a variety of black-and-white media to create compositions. Historic references will broaden the students' understanding of drawing as a visual language.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Intro To Environmental Studies  U29 209 Bio
This course examines the physical, chemical, and biological components of the environment. We will focus on the ecological principles that are the basis of environmental science. We will then explore how environmental studies incorporate concepts from politics, social sciences, economics, ethics, and philosophy. A central theme of the course is the effect of human societies on the environment, and how individual human and societal behavior can be modified to minimize the deleterious effects on the environment.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00

Personal Finance  U44 150 Bus
In this course students will learn how to analyze and control their own financial affairs. We will acquire a better understanding of personal finances by developing and managing a financial plan, evaluating financial and investment options, and learning about research tools for financial planning. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to evaluate the risk/return relationship of different investments, determine the correct insurance coverage needed, evaluate when a taxable or tax deferred investment is appropriate, calculate retirement needs, and develop a savings plan and household budgeting system.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Writing For Business Communication  U44 203 Bus
Effective and appropriate written communication skills are a distinct advantage to any employee and an essential requirement for today's manager. In this course we will take a creative and active approach to increasing your knowledge of communications principles and formats as well as your ability to express yourself in a variety of written forms, including memos, proposals, presentations and reports. Communications strategy, and the importance of how the message, medium and an understanding of the audience all relate to communications outcomes, will also be reviewed. Prereq: one college-level course in English composition.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Marketing Concepts  U44 270 Bus
This course explores the decision-making process associated with providing consumers with goods and services. Topics include an introduction to the field of marketing and its environment, market research, consumer behavior, product policy, branding, packaging, distribution, promotion, and pricing. We also study how the Internet has changed each of these areas.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Analytical Writing  U11 111M EComp
Online version of the course U11 111. This course is about reading well and writing deliberately and sees those two acts as intimately related. Students will read as writers, studying the strategies that writers use to write persuasively, and practicing those strategies in their own writing. The course offers a method for close reading (based on finding meaningful patterns); it offers practice linking claims with evidence for those claims and it offers practice organizing papers using such skills as well-written summaries, theses, transitions, topic sentences, and paragraphs.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Western Civilization  U16 101 Hist
This course is an introduction to history as a discipline, and an analysis of Western civilization from its prehistoric origins to the seventeenth century. We will begin with an examination of the three historical cultures from which this civilization was to draw many of its traditions: the Near East, Greece, and Rome. The course will go on to discuss the adoption of these traditions by the Celtic and Germanic peoples; the formation of kingdoms which would prefigure contemporary European nations; and the development of the culture of Latin Christendom. We will examine external interaction between Latin Christendom and its Slavic, Byzantine and Islamic neighbors, the resurgence of interest in classical culture, the effects of famine and pandemic, and challenges to secular and religious authority. Students in these fields will become more aware of how human values, ideas of justice, and methods of interpretation influenced and have been influenced by time, culture and personal perspective.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.
Italian For Travelers: Language And Culture  U40 218 Ital
This fully online course offers a dynamic introduction to Italian language and culture. It is geared to those who plan to travel to Italy for vacation or business, and for those who want to learn the basics of Italian to start communicating with other Italian speakers. On the one hand, the course is devoted to learning vocabulary, grammar, and phrases for both written and oral communication through online practice, videos, and other experiential learning activities. On the other hand, the course invites you to explore specific facets of Italian culture as a way to further develop your intercultural competence. After questioning your preconceived ideas about Italy, you will start the process of discovery and analysis of the cultural nuances of a richly diverse country. How do advertisements, guidebooks, and films portray Italy and how do these portrayals affect travelers' expectations and experiences? What is an agriturismo and what does its popularity say about Italian culture today? These are some of the questions that we will explore throughout the semester, at the end of which you will get to envision and plan your own trip to Italy. The course is intended for students with no - or little - prior knowledge of Italian.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Applied Statistics  U20 205 Math
This is a first course in statistics with examples and applications from a variety of disciplines, and emphasis on the social, behavioral, and natural sciences. Students learn about key topics and statistical methods that may be applied to areas such as economics, mathematics, psychology, business, and health sciences, to name a few. The course provides a foundation in descriptive and inferential statistics, and in probability. Students learn numerical and graphical methods of describing data and study some of the more common distributions. Topics include hypothesis testing, confidence-interval estimation, correlation, regression, analysis of variance, contingency tables, quality control, and nonparametric statistics. This course may be applied to University College majors in economics, managerial economics, mathematics, and political science. This course is entirely Web-based, with all course components online. U20 Math 205 and 305 may not BOTH be taken for credit. Prereq: college algebra.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Biomedical Ethics  U22 233 Phil
A critical examination, in light of contemporary moral disagreements and traditional ethical theories, of some of the moral issues arising out of medical practice and experimentation in our society. May include euthanasia, genetic engineering, organ transplants, medical malpractice, the allocation of medical resources, and the rights of the patient.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Quantitative Reasoning  U74 117M Sci
Online version of the course U74 117. The objective of this course is to help students develop the ability to reason and think quantitatively and critically in order to make informed decisions on issues that they will confront in personal life and life as a citizen. It will provide students with the quantitative skills needed in future college course work and careers. In addition, it will emphasize written and oral communication.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.

Fakebusters: Authentication Of Art And Artifacts  U74 175 Sci
How do scientists determine the authenticity and origin of artifacts and pieces of art when accurate written records are not available? This course will examine the methods scientists use to determine how objects were made, where the materials came from, how they can be "fingerprinted" and how old they are. Examples such as ruby and diamond gemstones; the dinosaur Sue, at the Field Museum; adulterated vintage wines; forged Vermeer paintings; and Piltdown Man will be discussed. This is a course for non-science majors; no prerequisites.
3 units. Tuition: $1,995.00.