MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

SUMMER A 2024 (2245)
MAY 13 – JUNE 12, 2024

MLS 631-A21 “Social Justice in American Film” #1787

Professor Henry Green
Tues, Wed & Thurs. 6:30-9:35 pm
Online instruction

Human rights viewed through the lens of American film over the last 100 years. The course is limited to 12 students.

SUMMER B 2024 (2245)
JUNE 17 – JULY 17, 2024

MLS 799-B40 “Romanticism-Gothic to Horror” #1789

Professor Jose (Tomas) Lopez
Tues. & Thurs. 5:00-9:55 pm
Online instruction

This seminar looks at Romanticism from the ‘dark side’ of Art: Goya, Turner, Poe, Shelly and Stoker to the present. Topics include the Goya, the gothic novels of Shelly and Stoker and Poe’s short stories.

SUMMER D 2024 (2245)
MAY 13 – JULY 13, 2024

MLS 612-D60 “Contemporary Race Relations” #1788

Professor George Wilson
Monday, 6:30-9:35 pm
TBD

This course examines the dynamics of racial inequality in contemporary America. It examines, specifically, (1) theoretical perspectives that explain racial disparities and inequality across a variety of institutional contexts including the labor market, schools, and residence, (2) the nature of ideologies that justify this inequality, and (3) how theory can inform social policy to rectify inequality.
MLS 696/697  Directed Readings
Professor Daniel Pals
Hours arranged – Summer D only

A Directed Readings course allows you to work independently with a MALS professor, researching a topic of your choice. The student must find a professor in the field that is willing to act as the advisor.

Only students with a 3.0 GPA or higher will be able to enroll in a Directed Readings course. In order to register for the course you will need to submit a 2 page proposal along with a bibliography of 10 academic sources to the IPS office before registering.

The final paper must be a minimum of 15 pages, and be submitted to both the professor and the IPS office by the last day of class.

*Students are allowed two directed readings courses during their studies in the program.*

MLS 815  MALS Project
Professor Daniel Pals
Hours arranged - Summer D only

Before registering for a MALS Project, students must submit a proposal and meet with Dr. Pals to discuss the project. The student working on his/her MALS project enrolls for credit, not to exceed 6, as determined by his/her advisor. Credit is not awarded until the project has been accepted.

MLS 820  Research in Residence
Professor Daniel Pals
Hours arranged - Summer D only

Used to establish research in residence for the thesis for the master's degree after the student has enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in MLS 810 (usually six credits). Credit not granted. May be regarded as full time residence and mandatory fees will apply.
MLS 601 4K  "Aspects of Creative and Reflective Thought"       #5006

Professor Jose (Tomas) Lopez
Wednesdays 6:35 pm - 9:20 pm
Dooley Memorial 209

Selected aspects of creative and reflective thought, based on materials from the arts, the humanities, the sciences, the social sciences and history. The focus will be on themes and issues represented in a variety of cultural traditions.
*This is a MALS required core course

MLS 602 1U  "Perspectives on Human Nature"                 #5002

Professor George Wilson
Tuesdays 6:35 pm - 9:20 pm
Dooley Memorial 119

Basic theories of human nature proposed by the humanities, the sciences, and the social sciences. The course deals with insights, provided by different perspectives into human nature and related issues, such as the nature of the self and its relation to society, the impact of culture on self-perception, and the relation of thought to human action. Special attention will be given to the historical development of theories of human nature and their implications for social and political policy.
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MLS 613-Y3  Studies in the Sciences/Global Climate Change       #3761
Professor Shouraseni Roy
Asynchronous       Online

This interdisciplinary course covers the tools and insights from economic analysis, environmental science, and statistics that inform our understanding of climate change impacts, the design of mitigation and adaptation policies, and the implementation of these policies. Students will be actively engaged in exploring the scientific and economic issues underlying the threat of global climate change and the institutions engaged in negotiating an international response.
FALL 2024 COURSES (2248)  Cont.
Aug. 19 – Dec. 3, 2024

MLS 625-5U “Black Protest Leaders in America" #5009
Professor Marvin Dawkins
Thursdays 6:35-9:20 pm
Dooley Memorial 103

This course examines Black protest leaders in America through the lens of biography and by focusing on the qualities and effectiveness of selected, well-known Black protest leaders from the early 20th century to the present. Such leaders as Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. Dubois, Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., A. Philip Randolph, James Farmer, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ella Baker, Roy Wilkins, Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, Shirley Chisholm, Jesse Jackson, Sr., Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture) and Al Sharpton, among others, will be critically examined. A particular focus will be on the social, political and historical settings and circumstances surrounding their leadership, as well as protest organizations they created or in which they participated. Students will engage in readings and discussion, along with viewing video documentaries, and developing individual projects on Black protest leaders and organizations. The primary aim of this course is to enhance knowledge related to the significant role played by the many Black protest leaders who contributed, positively, to progress achieved by African-descent people in American society.

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