Social Studies elective offerings

2016-17

History and Appreciation of Film

Learn about the History of Movies by watching them. Learn how film critics analyze movies.

UC Approved General Elective
One semester. Open to Juniors and Seniors.

Are you ready for your closeup?

Rebel Without a Cause

EASY RIDER

The Graduate
AP ECONOMICS

Full-Year Economics course for SENIORS
Get college credit for 2 classes at any U of C
(Macroeconomics & Microeconomics)

• Learn about current economic issues
• Analyze economic problems using graphs
• Learn about money, stock market, interest rates, GDP
• Replaces required 1-semester Economics course

Market for Soda

AP European History

• This course is designed to challenge students with college level material and expectations.
• Aimed at students who have a passion for history
• Covers European history from 1450-2001.
• Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Come learn the real history of the Tudors!!
Contemporary Issues

A U.C. approved elective for juniors and seniors
Who will…
• Understand the context
• Recognize the interconnectedness
• Study evidence and data
• Acquire multiple perspectives
• Identify conflicts
• Propose and defend solutions

…with regard to several current issues

Past Topics of Study

Contemporary Issues
Street Law

• U C-Approved
• Know the law…
  – How does a case get to trial?
  – How are juries selected?
  – How has justice in America been undermined?
• Engage: Mock Trial, File Briefs, Re-open cases

This course introduces students to the ideas of classic and modern philosophers. In this course, "doing" philosophy is as important as "learning" it.


Topics: ethics, aesthetics, metaphysics, justice, truth, zen, knowledge, reality, education, violence, technology, friendship, paradox, logic, critical thinking, epistemology, mind and body

Famous cases: Ship of Theseus, Zeno's Paradox, Cartesian Skepticism, Brains in Vats, the Falling Tree, the Gettier Problem, the Singularity Point, Life Raft Dilemma, Beetle in the Box, selected criminal cases, and others

Activities: Ethics Bowl, Socratic discussions, Interactive Notebook, art and music, skills, debates, simulations, web projects, crime solving

Film, Media and Popular Culture Series: Philosophy’s applications to Touching the Void, Rashomon, The Matrix, PBS Frontline Selections, television series, music groups, song lyrics, sports, and others

Work load: challenging, engaging, fun, reasonable, 70% in class, 30% out of class

PHILOSOPHY: A U.C. Approved Semester Elective taught by Ted Brown

Philosophers:

Socrates, Aristotle, Lao Tze, Nietzsche, Sartre, Foote, Wittgenstein, Hume, Nussbaum, Rawls, Kant, Kierkegaard, Aquinas, Spinoza, Thoreau, Appiah etc.

Albert Camus
Ludwig Wittgenstein
Martha Nussbaum
Kwame Appiah
Women’s History
The Particulars

• One semester Social Studies elective
• UC approved
  – (check your course guide not all electives are UC approved)
• Open to both male and female students
• Set your college application apart from the crowd!
• See Ms. Jaime in Room 285 for more details

It’s not just for GIRLS!!

Women’s History
Content and Activities

• This course will cover women’s experiences and attitudes about women from the Colonial America until today
• Among the many topics:
  – Issues facing American women today & in history
  – How women are portrayed in the media
  – Gender dynamics in families and relationships
  – Body image issues & sexuality
  – women in politics (elected and not)

• Film and TV show analysis (which will replace your final exam)
• Discussion
• Current Event Analysis
• Debates & role plays
• Interviews
AP U.S. History

- Study ALL of U.S. history
- Learn how to interpret and use historical documents
- Challenge yourself
- Develop a passion for our collective past and what makes us all Americans.

Psychology
-One Semester Course
-UC Approved

DO YOU ACTUALLY CONTROL YOUR BEHAVIOR?

What type of person would punish another with electric shocks? Professor Milgram says you would.
Why do cultures have different norms?

Do your senses perceive reality?

Truth = all these lines are parallel

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