HUMANITIES (HUM)

Courses

HUM 212. Medical Ethics. 3 Credits.
This course will address the ethical dilemmas involved in medical decision-making by physicians, healthcare workers, patients, and society. A seminar format will be implemented, where the emphasis will be placed on critical thinking skills. Students will be expected, and required, to do independent research, case study analyses, and to articulate well-honed positions, both orally and in writing. Major topics to be covered are abortion, doctor-assisted suicide (euthanasia), research with living subjects (animal and human), allocation of scarce resources, new reproductive technologies and rights, professional responsibility, mental incompetence, death and dying, and genetic-related issues such as cloning, designer babies, and stem cell research. In addition to the assigned readings, students will be required to participate in class discussions; to maintain a journal for personal reflection and case study analyses; to submit two critiques and two position papers; and to submit and present (PowerPoint) a research paper based on an approved topic. Prerequisite: ENG 101.

HUM 240. Comparative Religion. 3 Credits.
The course will examine, compare, and contrast, in a non-judgmental way, the history and beliefs of the five major world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Attention will also be given to Native American traditions. Prerequisite: ENG 101.

HUM 260. The Art Of Being Human I. 3 Credits.
The course introduces students to the humanities, art, literature, music, theater, philosophy, and religion and the influences people use to determine value in their world. Attention is given to Western and non-Western cultures and to the ways these civilizations are interconnected, with emphasis on how the cultural, religious, and philosophical ideals of a civilization are reflected in its artistic expression. In addition, through critical thinking students will be encouraged to explore the relationship between their belief systems and the society of which they are a part. Prerequisite: ENG 101.

HUM 283. Honors Colloquium: Environmental Ethics. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to examine contemporary issues and concerns in our global world encompassing local, state, national, and worldwide events. The readings, discussions, and assignments will encourage students to arrive at informed thoughts about contemporary public issues, an obligation imposed upon us all by citizenship in a democratic society. The course will sharpen reasoning, reading, writing, and speaking skills to aid student participation in public affairs throughout life. Through research efforts, instructor and student presentations, discussion groups, collaboration, and interaction, students will expand their knowledge of current events. Insight and analysis will be used to design, explore, and conduct research into the issues and concerns of today. Prerequisite: Permission of the Honors Program Coordinator. Spring.