PIERRE LACLEDE HONORS COLLEGE

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Summer 2011 Courses

We are pleased to announce that we are trying a new approach in some of our summer classes to hopefully meet the needs of our students and maintain our commitment to seminar-style teaching with a writing emphasis. Just for the summer session, we are offering three hybrid style, blended classes that will meet a little less frequently but will incorporate more online work including discussion boards, online journals, etc. Each of our full-time faculty who are “trying” this new blended approach will have a little different way of handling the classes. Please note that each class meeting times and dates are listed at the beginning of the course description.

We will also offer our summer favorite, the Urban Ecology class, which has a lab that you must sign up for. It will count for General Education Science requirement.

If you have any questions about the course descriptions, dates, etc., please contact the instructor. Students express interest in summer offerings, so we hope you will take advantage of what we are offering this summer. They have been developed with YOU in mind.

AHG=fulfills American History & Government requirement; CD=fulfills Cultural Diversity requirement; H=fulfills Humanities requirement; MS=fulfills Math/Science requirement; NS=fulfills Natural Science requirement; SS=fulfills Social Science requirement; WC=fulfills Writing Certificate

HONORS 1230 -001 #11980 (SS, AHG)
American Traditions: Social & Behavioral Sciences
Hankinson, C. C307
The blended class will run in Summer Session 1 (May 16 – June 11) and the class meetings will be held from 5:30–8:10.
Class meeting dates will be May 16, 23, and 30 and June 6.

Honors American Politics: Whether we want to believe it or not, politics is a part of our lives and we need to understand it. Whether your future is taking you into business, or law, into education, or the arts or the natural sciences, politics will touch your lives in many ways.

The purpose of this course is to introduce the fundamentals of American government and politics, particularly the major institutions and processes. Further, it aims to develop skills and abilities in analyzing and evaluating issues and public policies in American politics. On the one hand, this course wants to stimulate interest in American politics and impart tools that can be of use to all life-long students of politics. On the other hand, this course hopes to develop critical (that is, analytical) citizens, so that each of us will have examined reasons for the choices we make.

This course is a “hybrid” course, so the class will combine on-line participation with limited class meeting times. On-line participation will include discussion board posting, blogging, and podcast viewing.

**While this class is not cross-listed, it will count as Political Science 1100 for SOME majors. Contact your advisor to inquire about this.**

HONORS 2050 -X01 #11479 (NS)
Honors Inquiries in the Natural Sciences
TR 2:00-4:30 Granger, C. Seton
Fish, J. & Fruend, J.
Dates: May 16 – July 9 (Session #4)

Urban Ecology—Communities and Habitats: An ecological age is dawning and in the next 50 years we must grapple with re-creating just and livable cities and mitigating environmental degradation. Developing ecological thinking tools – environmental literacy, science literacy, and human community literacy - will become vitally important in a green society. Urban Ecology – Communities and Habitats
incorporates both seminar and field work and is a hands-on, outdoor environmental studies course which the Honors College offers as part of CHERP® (The Campus Honors Environmental Research Program). Students will explore the woods and fields of South Campus and neighboring St. Vincent Park to study ecological relatedness between organisms and environments. Students will contribute to an ongoing natural history of the sites and will also work in small ecological inquiry teams to generate data and make recommendations for managing healthy park and campus ecosystems. **Students registered for Urban Ecology must also register for the one-hour lab/field work course, Honors 2051, “Inquiries in Science: Laboratory and Field Work.”**

**Honors 2051 -X01 #11593  (NS—lab)**
Inquiries in the Natural Sciences Lab
TR 4:40-5:45
Granger, C.
Seton
Fish, J. & Freund, J.
Dates: May 16 – July 9 (Session #4)

Laboratory and Field Work (one credit hour): This is a companion field work course to Urban Ecology and must be taken simultaneously with Urban Ecology. Students will work in small field work teams to collect data, conduct experiments, and make recommendations for managing healthy park and campus ecosystems. Field work will be primarily conducted outside on Honors College grounds with some lab work.

**HONORS 3100 -001 #10599  (WC)**
Honors Advanced Composition: Jr. Level Writing Req.
Friedline, G.
Villa 155
Dates: June 13 – August 6 (Session #5)
The blended class will run in Summer Session 5 (June 13 – August 6) and the class meetings will be held from 9:30–12:00 noon. Class meeting dates will be June 14, 16, 23, and 30; July 7, 14, 21, and 28; Aug. 2, and 4.

**Writing the City:** As a Blended course, this course combines face-to-face seminar discussions and workshops with online discussion and collaboration. Course work enhances critical thinking, research, discussion, and writing skills. Issues such as depth and development of content, voice, style, tone, correct expression, and research techniques are among the topics emphasized. By focusing on the city of St. Louis and on the specific fields of study of those enrolled in the course, Writing the City provides an interesting and relevant forum where experienced writers can further develop the skills and sophistication needed for upper-division writing.

Students maintain an individual online journal and produce a portfolio of drafts and creative nonfiction writings; they also submit a minimum of four formal papers.

For students enrolled in the four-year Honors Program, Honors 3100 satisfies the campus requirement for a junior-level writing course and will count as an honors seminar. For those enrolled in the two-year Honors Program, Honors 3100 is a required course unless a major (for example, English) dictates another junior-level course or a major (for example Science) offers an equivalent course.

Prerequisites: Consent of the Dean of the Honors College

**HONORS 4100 -001 #10600**
Independent Portfolio Writing
ARR
Gleason, N., Gerth, D.
Dates: May 16 – August 6 (Session #6)

Independent Portfolio Writing: Students taking Honors 4100, the one-hour Portfolio Writing Class, will complete several options, including master resumes, career resumes, CV’s, personal statements and a writing journal assignment. Initial contact for this independent study course will begin by email from your instructor, and the instructor and student will design the assignments for the course based on a student’s interest and future plans. Meetings are one-on-one, and by email, as well.

**INDEPENDENT STUDY SESSIONS**

**HONORS 4900 -001 #10601**
Independent Study in Honors
ARR
Bliss, B.
Dates: May 16 – August 6 (Session #6)

**HONORS 4900 -002 #10602**
Independent Study in Honors
ARR
Gleason, N.
Dates: May 16 – August 6 (Session #6)

**HONORS 4900 -003 #10603**
Independent Study in Honors
ARR
Gerth, D.
Dates: May 16 – August 6 (Session #6)

**HONORS 4910 -001 #10604**
Independent Study: Internship
ARR
Gleason, N.
Dates: May 16 – August 6 (Session #6)

**HONORS 4910 -002 #11313**
Independent Study: Internship
ARR
Bliss, R.
Dates: May 16 – August 6 (Session #6)

**HONORS 4915 -001 #10605**
Independent Study: Off-campus Internship
ARR
Gleason, N.
Dates: May 16 – August 6 (Session #6)

**HONORS 4915 -002 #11314**
Independent Study: Off-campus Internship
ARR
Bliss, R.
Dates: May 16 – August 6 (Session #6)

**Honors 4900/4910/4915 may be taken for 1.0-6.0 hours, as agreed upon between the student and instructor at the time of registration**