

Interdisciplinary Studies

Interdisciplinary Studies 490 and 498 are for the student completing an individually planned major (for information on the individually planned major see “Major Study Requirements” in the *Academics* section of this catalog).

100 Special Topics in Health Care and Professions

1-4 credits

Offerings under this designation will include both academic and activity courses for students interested in understanding health care systems and in preparing for future careers in the professions. These courses will be graded on a credit/no credit basis, and cannot be used to satisfy distribution requirements in any area. Any current offerings follow.

100A ST: Introduction to Health Care and its Professions

Spring

K. Mueller

1 credit

This course is designed to introduce students to the broad scope of health care and the academic and personal competencies necessary for the health professions. The history and evolving roles of the professions; professionalism and ethics in health care; and health care access, delivery, costs, and disparities in the US and around the world. Graded credit/no credit.

100B ST: Health Professions I

Fall

K. Mueller

1 credit

Designed for first and second-year students who are pondering a career in a health profession. Students will explore course and major selection across the liberal arts. The role of shadowing, observation, and volunteer work for discerning a career path in the professions will be presented. It includes Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers training and certification, emphasis on universal precautions, air-borne and blood-borne pathogens, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance training, and a criminal background check. Upon successful course completion, students will have met the requirements to participate in shadowing experiences at local Walla Walla clinics and hospital. Activity credit limitation applies. Graded credit/no credit. Open to first and second-year students or consent of instructor. *Fee:* \$98.74

100C ST: Health Professions II

Fall

K. Mueller

1 credit

This course is designed for students preparing for applications to a post baccalaureate program in the health professions. The course will also direct students in the application process, including preparation for admissions testing, writing of personal statements, obtaining letters of evaluation, interviewing, and financing. Activity credit limitation applies. Graded credit/no credit. Open to third and fourth-year students.

150 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies

1-4 credits

Any current offerings follow.

150 ST: Development in Mali: Transnational Issues

Fall

Pamateck, Taft, Tembine

1 credit

Three O'Donnell Visiting Educators, two Malian and one American, will teach from their experience collaborating across borders to support and guide community projects ranging from grain and cotton banks to a women's literacy and leadership program, to an environmental association working towards food security. The workshop will address key issues in development practice from the perspective of the team's intimate experience working on the ground in rural Mali. Questions regarding the practicalities of organizing and supporting community projects; the challenges, successes, and impact of particular initiatives; the meaning of development in the context of rural Mali; the varied experiences of “partnership”

and “participation;” the challenges of transnational collaboration in a small NGO; the effects of development projects on community dynamics; and experiences of the interactions between "traditions" and "modernities" will guide the course. Class meets October 14-24th including Saturday October 19. Graded credit/no credit.

200 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies

1 credit

Offerings under this designation will be short-term classes and/or seminars of an interdisciplinary nature. These courses will be graded on a credit/no credit basis, and cannot be used to satisfy distribution requirements in any area. May be repeated for a maximum of four credits. Any current offerings follow.

200 ST: Global Walla Walla in Digital Story Form

Fall

Cebula

1 credit

Evidence of Walla Walla's global connections is everywhere, from historic sites like Frenchtown and Whitman Mission to historic buildings downtown to the rich collections of the Whitman College and Northwest Archives. This class will show students how to mine these resources to tell the stories of the global context of local history in a digital format. Students will perform original research in local archives to develop compelling stories of local history. Then they will curate those stories on the digital platform, Curatescape. This location-based storytelling platform is currently used by over 50 communities. Students will learn writing for a popular audience, creating digital exhibits, and creating audio and video for online platforms. Course begins Monday Oct. 14th and ends on Wednesday Oct. 30th. The final project for this class will be a Curatescape storytelling platform for Whitman College that can continue to be used and expanded in additional classes at Whitman. Graded credit/no credit.

220 Fire and Ice: Canadian Issues and Identity

Not offered 2019-20

2 credits

This team-taught course will begin by providing a basic understanding of Canadian geography, history, politics and culture. Building on that broad foundation, we will study an array of current issues (across disciplinary boundaries) that help to shape Canadian identity today. These may include environmental issues, such as the tar sands; economic issues, such as Canada's apparent insulation from the 2007-2009 global financial crisis; border issues, such as fishing rights and terrorism; and national issues, such as Quebec sovereignty. This rich survey of a range of sociopolitical issues will end with an in-depth study of one specific issue that is crucial to Canadian identity, cultural plurality. We will explore the angst surrounding Canada's multicultural policy and explore a variety of cultural responses ranging from literature to religion and sports. Two meetings per week. Assignments will include a range of quizzes, short written assignments, and a poster presentation.

230 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies

2 credits

Any current offerings follow.

300 Special Topics in International or Global Studies

1-4 credits

A course which examines a specific topic within the area of international studies. Any current offerings follow.

400 O'Donnell Endowment: Special Topics in Applied International Studies

1 credit

The Ashton and Virginia O'Donnell Endowment exists to bring to campus individuals who are expert practitioners in global affairs. O'Donnell Visiting Educators will have expertise in international business, diplomacy, social movements, environmental regulation, immigration, engineering, medicine, development, the arts or other areas involving international study. Offerings under this designation will be short-term classes and/or seminars led by the

O'Donnell Visiting Educator. Graded credit/no credit. May be repeated for a maximum of four credits. Distribution area: none. Any current offerings follow.

490 Senior Project

Fall, Spring

Staff

1-4 credits

Interdisciplinary project, reading or research undertaken as part of an approved individually planned major or combined major. *Prerequisite:* approved individually planned major, or combined major. Distribution area: none.

498 Honors Thesis

Fall, Spring

Staff

1-4 credits

Designed to further independent research projects leading to the preparation of an undergraduate thesis or a project report in an approved individually planned major or combined major. Required of and limited to senior honors candidates. Distribution area: none.