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Students, faculty, and staff are responsible for all information and deadlines contained in this catalogue and in the current *Student Handbook*. The *Student Handbook* and the *Schedule of Classes* supplement the *College Catalogue* and expand upon college policies and procedures.

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2009/10 Catalogue

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The Casperkill Creek, which runs through the campus and Vassar Farm, is often the subject of student research projects.



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Calendar

2009/10

Vacations, recesses, and holidays are shown in underlined figures.

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Although Vassar College has no religious affiliations, it does respect the observance of religious holy days by members of the college community.

Fall Semester, 2009/10

August	10	Monday	Last day for payment of first semester fees
	25	Tuesday	Residence houses open at 9:00 am for new students only. All new students arrive before 2:00 pm for beginning of orientation week. First board meal is lunch.
	29	Saturday	Residence houses open at 9:00 am for all other students.
	31	Monday	Classes Begin Registration of Special Students
September	2	Wednesday	Fall Convocation at 3:30 pm
	7	Monday	Labor Day - No Classes
	11	Friday	Add period Ends
	26	Saturday-	Freshmen Parents Weekend
	27	Sunday	
October	16	Friday	Drop period ends
	16	Friday-	October Break begins at 5:30 pm
	25	Sunday	October Break ends at midnight
November	9-20	Monday-	Preregistration for Spring 2010
		Friday	
	25	Wednesday -	Thanksgiving recess begins at 5:30 pm
	29	Sunday	Thanksgiving recess ends at midnight
December	9	Wednesday	First semester classes end
	10-13	Thursday -	Study period
		Sunday	
	14-18	Monday -	First semester examinations
		Friday	
	19	Saturday	Residence houses close at 9:00 am. Last board meal is breakfast

Second Semester, 2009/10

January	11	Monday	Last day for payment of second semester fees
	16	Saturday	Residence houses open at 9:00 am. New students arrive. First board meal is lunch.
	20	Wednesday	Second semester classes begin. Registration of special students.
February	2	Tuesday	Add period ends.
March	5	Friday	Drop period ends
	5	Friday	Spring vacation begins at 5:30 pm
	6	Saturday	Residence houses close at 9:00 am. Last board meal is breakfast
	21	Sunday	Spring vacation ends at midnight. Residence houses open at 9:00 am on Saturday (20th). First board meal is lunch on Saturday, March 20th.
April	9-11	Friday -	All Parents Weekend
		Sunday	
	5-16	Monday-	Preregistration for Fall, 2010
		Friday	
	15&18	Thursday &-	Accepted Students Open House
		Sunday	
	28	Wednesday	Spring Convocation at 3:30 pm
May	4	Tuesday	Second semester classes end
	5-11	Wednesday-	Study period
		Tuesday	
	12-18	Wednesday-	Second semester examinations
		Tuesday	
	19	Wednesday	Residence houses close at 9:00 am (except seniors)
	23	Sunday	146th Commencement. Residence houses close at 9:00 am on Monday, May 24 (for seniors)
June	4-6	Friday-	Vassar College Reunions
		Sunday	

Note: Because there are 14 Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and only 12 Thursdays and Fridays in the Fall Term, the following changes are necessary:

Tuesday, December 8 = Thursday
Wednesday, December 9 = Friday

Four-Year Calendar

2008/09-2011/12

First Semester	2009/10	2010/11	2011-2012	2012-13
Classes Begin	8/31 (Mon)	8/30 (Mon)	8/31 (Wed)	9/4 (Tue)
October Break:				
Begins 5:30 pm	10/16(Fri)	10/15(Fri)	10/14 (Fri)	10/12 (Fri)
Ends Midnight	10/25(Sun)	10/24(Sun)	10/23 (Sun)	10/21 (Sun)
Thanksgiving:				
Begins 5:30 pm	11/25(Wed)	11/24(Wed)	11/23 (Wed)	11/21 (Wed)
Ends Midnight	11/29(Sun)	11/28(Sun)	11/27 (Sun)	11/25 (Sun)
Classes End	12/9 (Wed)	12/8 (Wed)	12/9 (Fri)	12/12 (Wed)
Study Period:				
Begin	12/10(Thur)	12/9 (Thur)	12/10 (Sat)	12/13 (Thu)
End	12/13(Sun)	12/12(Sun)	12/13 (Tue)	12/16 (Sun)
Final Exams:				
Begin	12/14(Mon)	12/13(Mon)	12/14 (Wed)	12/17 (Mon)
End	12/18(Fri)	12/17(Fri)	12/20 (Tue)	12/21 (Fri)
Second Semester				
Classes Begin	1/20 (Wed)	1/19 (Wed)	1/18 (Wed)	1/23 (Wed)
Spring Break:				
Begins 5:30 pm	3/5 (Fri)	3/4 (Fri)	3/2 (Fri)	3/8 (Fri)
Ends Midnight	3/21 (Sun)	3/20 (Sun)	3/18 (Sun)	3/24 (Sun)
Classes End	5/4 (Tue)	5/3 (Tue)	5/1 (Tue)	5/7 (Tue)
Study Period:				
Begin	5/5 (Wed)	5/4 (Wed)	5/2 (Wed)	5/8 (Wed)
End	5/11 (Tue)	5/10 (Tue)	5/8 (Tue)	5/14 (Tue)
Final Exams:				
Begin	5/12 (Wed)	5/11 (Wed)	5/9 (Wed)	5/15 (Wed)
End	5/18 (Tue)	5/17 (Tue)	5/15 (Tue)	5/21 (Tue)
Commencement	5/23 (Sun)	5/22 (Sun)	5/20 (Sun)	5/26 (Sun)

General Information

A History of Vassar College

A pioneer for women's education and liberal arts education in the United States, Matthew Vassar founded Vassar College in 1861. Opening its doors to its first class of 353 students paying \$350 for tuition and "residence" on September 26, 1865, the college offered young women a liberal arts education equal to that of the best men's colleges of the day. Coeducational since 1969, Vassar College set the standard for higher education for women for more than 100 years and now sets the standard for true coeducation. Recognized as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country, Vassar has successfully fulfilled its founder's goals.

An English-born brewer and businessman, Matthew Vassar established his college in Poughkeepsie, New York, a small city on the Hudson River, 75 miles north of New York City. Soon after opening its doors, Vassar gained a reputation for intellectual rigor that led to the founding of the first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at a women's college. For the first time, women were offered courses in art history, physical education, geology, astronomy, music, mathematics, and chemistry, taught by the leading scholars of the day.

From the beginning, the Vassar curriculum was characterized by boldness, breadth, and flexibility, and Vassar graduates were recognized as a "breed apart" for their independence of thought and their inclination to "go to the source" in search of answers. The Vassar approach to learning was shaped by faculty members such as noted astronomer Maria Mitchell, the first woman to be elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Frederick Louis Ritter, one of America's first historians of music. In 1869, Maria Mitchell took her students to Iowa to observe an eclipse of the sun, and in the 1880s Lucy Maynard Salmon, professor of history, explored the "seminar method" of teaching through original source materials.

Vassar continues to use original source materials as essential teaching elements in several departments. The rare book collection includes books important in women's history, first editions of English and American literary and historical works, examples of fine printing, courtesy and cookbooks, children's books, and rare maps and atlases. The manuscript collection features holdings ranging from medieval illuminated manuscripts to modern manuscripts of literary and historical importance. There are numerous collections of Vassar College graduates and faculty. The Virginia B. Smith Manuscript Collection includes manuscripts by and about women, which were gathered during President Smith's tenure, such as the papers of Mary McCarthy and Elizabeth Bishop. Also of note are papers of writers Samuel L. Clemens and Edna St. Vincent Millay; early naturalist John Burroughs, historian Lucy Maynard Salmon, feminist and historian Alma Lutz, astronomer Maria Mitchell, anthropologist Ruth Benedict, and physicist Albert Einstein. The Vassar College Archives documents the history of the College from its founding in 1861 to the present, and includes publications, administrative records, architectural drawings, audiovisual collections, and artifacts.

Education at Vassar was also shaped by the study of art. When creating his college, Matthew Vassar stated that art should stand "boldly forth as an educational force." To fulfill this mission, Vassar was the first college in the country to include a museum and teaching collection among its facilities. The college's gallery predates such institutions as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which was founded in 1870, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, established in 1870. The college's Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, with over 16,000 works in its collection, stands as a contemporary acknowledgment of that early commitment.

Today, the Vassar curriculum is broader, richer, and more varied than ever with concentrations ranging from Latin to cognitive science, from biochemistry to religion, from astronomy to Africana studies. Vassar, among the first to offer courses in drama, psychology, and Russian, has experimented with interdepartmental courses since the early 1900s and has long been recognized for curricular innovation.

After declining an invitation to merge with Yale, Vassar decided to open its doors to men in 1969. In keeping with its pioneering spirit, Vassar was the first all-women's college in the country to become coeducational: men now represent 40 percent of the student body of 2,400.

The unique traditions upon which the college was founded continue to be upheld today: a determination to excel, a willingness to experiment, a dedication to the values of the liberal arts and sciences, a commitment to the advancement of equality between the sexes, and the development of leadership. Vassar continues to stand at the forefront of liberal arts institutions and has positioned itself as a leading force in higher education in the twenty-first century.

Presidents of Vassar College

Milo P. Jewett	1861-1864
John H. Raymond	1864-1878
Samuel L. Caldwell	1878-1885
James Monroe Taylor	1886-1914
Henry Noble MacCracken	1915-1946
Sarah Gibson Blanding	1946-1964
Alan Simpson	1964-1977
Virginia B. Smith	1977-1986
Frances D. Fergusson	1986-2006
Catharine B. Hill	2006-

Academic Life

Mission Statement of Vassar College

The primary mission of Vassar College, to furnish “the means of a thorough, well-proportioned, and liberal education,”¹ was articulated in *The First Annual Catalogue* and has remained constant throughout its history. Founded in 1861 to provide young women an education equal to that once available only to young men, the college has since 1969 opened its doors to both women and men on terms of equality. Encouragement of excellence and respect for diversity are hallmarks of Vassar’s character as an institution. The independence of mind and the diverse intellectual interests of students are fostered by providing them a range of ways to meet our curricular expectations. The structure of the residential experience, in which students in all four classes live in the residence halls, obliges students to master the art of living cooperatively in a diverse community. Diversity of perspective is honored as well in the college’s system of shared governance among all the constituencies of the institution.

Vassar’s statement of academic purpose, adopted by faculty and trustees, is a definition of the qualities it seeks to develop in its students:

- Achievement of depth and range of knowledge in a single discipline or in a subject approached through several disciplines. The quality sought is not only the mastery of a body of facts, but the attainment of skill in the conduct of inquiry and the satisfaction of having gained knowledge.
- Recognition of the different kinds of knowledge and their scope and relevance to one another. It is necessary for an educated person to understand the relationships between the past, the present, and the future as well as those between people and their social and physical environment.
- Immediate experience of creative ideas, works of art, and scientific discoveries.
- Development of the powers of reason and imagination through the processes of analysis and synthesis and the use of all our human resources—to speculate, to feel, to inquire boldly, to enjoy, to change, to create, and to communicate effectively.
- Increased knowledge of oneself, a humane concern for society, and a commitment to an examined and evolving set of values.

To achieve these purposes, Vassar offers a curriculum that honors the values of liberal learning as it challenges us to lead energetic and purposeful lives. We aim, therefore, to support a faculty dedicated to teaching, scholarship, and artistic endeavor; to educate—in the humanities, the natural sciences, and the social sciences—distinguished, diverse students motivated toward intellectual risk; to promote clear thinking and articulate expression; to stimulate integrative learning through multidisciplinary studies that communicate across cultural and curricular perspectives; and to commit both students and teachers to coherent and cohesive approaches to learning.

In the largest sense, Vassar seeks to educate the individual imagination to see into the lives of others. As such, its academic mission cannot be separated from its definition as a residential community composed of diverse interests and perspectives. The differences among us are real and challenging. Contemporary life requires more than ever the skills and wisdom that liberal education has always promoted: the exercise of informed opinion and sound critical judgment; a willingness to engage in ethical debate in a spirit of reasonable compromise; the achievement of balance between emotional engagement and intellectual detachment; the actions of personal integrity and respect for others; independent thought and an attendant resistance to irresponsible authority. It is our mission to meet the challenges of a complex world responsibly, actively, and imaginatively.

Goals

1. To develop a well-qualified, diverse student body, which, in the aggregate, reflects cultural pluralism, and to foster in those students a respect for difference and a commitment to common purposes.
2. To educate our students, both broadly and deeply, in the liberal disciplines; to stimulate integrative thinking both within

and across the disciplines; to strengthen and refine the powers of reason, imagination, and expression; through curricular offerings to promote gender and racial equality and a global perspective; and to nurture not only pleasure in learning but also an informed and active concern for the well-being of society.

3. To extend these curricular values into the life of a residential community in which students may develop their skills by means of organized and informal activities, athletics, student government, contact with the surrounding community, and engagement with a concerned faculty.

4. To maintain and support a distinguished and diverse faculty in their commitment to teaching, to scholarship and artistic endeavor, and to other forms of professional development.

5. To renew, improve, and adapt the college’s educational programs and technologies in ways that are commensurate with the most provident use of its resources.

6. To continue to be a significant source of national and international leadership, producing graduates who will be distinguished both in their professional careers and in service to their communities and the world.

7. To inform, involve, and engage the alumnae/i of the college in order to promote lifelong learning and to enlist their energies in the continuing development of the college.

Vassar College is committed to working toward a more just, diverse, egalitarian, and inclusive college community where all members feel valued and are fully empowered to claim a place in—and responsibility for—our shared working, living, and learning. The college affirms the inherent value of a diverse campus and curriculum reflective of our lives as members of multiple local and global communities.

Faculty

Assisting students to realize these goals is a faculty of more than 290 individuals, all of whom hold advanced degrees from major universities in this country and abroad. In their devotion to the teaching of undergraduates and in their concern with the needs and capabilities of the individual student, they carry on Vassar’s strongest and most productive traditions. At the same time, they encourage students to assume responsibility for the direction of their education and to engage in independent study and in field work.

Accreditation

Vassar is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Curriculum

The Vassar curriculum has always been characterized by boldness, breadth, and flexibility, and curricular innovation has been a regular part of the history of the college. Vassar was among the first colleges to offer courses in drama, psychology, and Russian, and it has experimented with interdepartmental courses since the early part of the twentieth century.

Today, the curriculum is broader, richer, and more varied than ever, including concentrations ranging from Latin to cognitive science, from biochemistry to religion, from astronomy to Africana studies. Students at Vassar may choose courses from such diverse fields as Asian art and women’s studies, corporate finance and Chinese, film history and constitutional law, or paleoclimatology and Old English. Field work, integral to the curricula of many departments for decades, is an expected part of students’ work in such fields as anthropology, earth science, education, and geography, and study away programs are available for many students, especially those concentrating in foreign language study.

Curricular requirements are flexible, and both students and faculty have various options in ways of teaching and learning. Students have a choice of four paths to the bachelor’s degree: concentration in a department; interdepartmental programs such as Neuroscience and Behavior; or Medieval and Renaissance Studies, or Victorian Studies; multidisciplinary programs such as Africana Studies, Asian

¹ Taken from remarks by Matthew Vassar to the first meeting of the Board of Trustees, 1861.

Studies, American Culture, Cognitive Science, Environmental Studies, International Studies, Jewish Studies, Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Media Studies, Science, Technology, and Society, Urban Studies; or Women's Studies, or concentration in an individually tailored course of study in the Independent Program.

Informal Education

The formal curriculum is supported and enriched by remarkably abundant resources for informal education outside the classroom. The college provides lectures, in any year, by more than 150 outside scholars and public figures. Vassar's schedule of concerts, lectures, films, dramatic productions, art exhibitions, and conferences generates a campus atmosphere that would do credit to a much larger institution.

Artists from outside the college give concerts and recitals in addition to those given by the college musical organizations and by faculty members and students of the Department of Music. Exhibitions of fine printing, binding, manuscripts, rare editions, and Vassar memorabilia are shown in the main library.

Every year, the Drama Department stages six to eight majors plays directed by faculty and students and presented in one of three venues. The Streeper Studio is equipped to seat 50 and houses experimental workshop productions. The Hallie Flanagan Powerhouse Theater—a versatile space which can be used in a number of different configurations—is generally earmarked for studio productions and seats up to 135 spectators. The Martel Theater in the Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film is a continental proscenium stage used for large-scale productions and seats up to 325 spectators. In addition, the department produces a host of other, smaller student directed events open to the public. Recent productions have included *Pygmalion*, *Quills*, *Into the Woods*, *Oedipus at Colonus*, *Macbeth*, *Cloud Nine*, and *The Glass Menagerie*.

The Third World Festival is an annual event sponsored by the Program in Africana Studies, which focuses on the Afro-American, African, and Afro-Caribbean heritage and tradition, and on the social and political thought of the non-Western world, particularly the African Diaspora.

Physical Resources

Academic Buildings and Facilities

Matthew Vassar, a businessman, was as much concerned with the physical as with the intellectual resources of his college. When Vassar opened, its observatory had one of the three finest telescopes in the nation; its library and “cabinets” of scientific equipment were more than adequate; a major collection of art had been acquired. Today, Vassar's academic buildings, its educational facilities, and its library collections remain exceptional for a college of its size.

Admission

The Carol and James Kautz Admission House is adjacent to the Hallie Flanagan Davis Powerhouse Theater and Ferry House. This handsome Arts and Crafts style building was redesigned in 1995 by architect Linda Yowell, a member of the class of 1973, to accommodate the Office of Admission.

The Libraries

The Vassar College Libraries are extraordinary and rank among the very best of liberal arts collections in the United States, both in number (currently over one million pieces) and their exceptional variety and depth. Located at the center of campus, the Libraries include the original Frederick Ferris Thompson Memorial Library (1905) as well as the Van Ingen Library (1937) that houses three-book stack levels, the Art Library, and the Visual Resources Library. The adjacent Helen D. Lockwood Library was added in 1977 and the Martha Rivers and E. Bronson Ingram library addition was completed in 1999. The George Sherman Dickinson Music Library, one of the finest undergraduate music libraries in the country, is located in Skinner Hall.

Most of Vassar's holdings can be found in the online public access catalog. Materials that are not owned by the libraries are available to students and faculty through interlibrary loan and document delivery. In addition to the broad range of primary materials of particular value to undergraduate instruction, and the manuscripts, rare books, and archives fundamental to scholarship, the libraries also offer electronic resources that employ new technologies in support of class assignments and research. These resources include on-line indexes, databases, many with full text capabilities, and electronic journals. Librarians are available for assistance in utilizing these resources and provide in-depth research consultations.

Instructional programs that teach the most efficient ways to use all library technologies are routinely offered in the libraries' hands-on electronic classroom.

Computing in the library is ubiquitous; provisions have been made throughout for both wired and wireless access to the campus network and the Internet. Multiple computer workstations are available as well as a pool of circulating laptop computers for use within the Frederick Ferris Thompson Library. The Thompson (Main) Library also houses the Media Cloisters, a state-of-the-art space dedicated to collaborative learning and the exploration of high-end technologies.

The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center

The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center opened its doors to the public in November 1993. Designed by architect Cesar Pelli, the art center provides extensive exhibition space. The sculpture garden was designed by landscape architect Diana Balmori. Also included in the art center are a separate prints and drawings gallery and a state-of-the-art computerized collection catalogue/imaging database.

The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center houses one of the oldest college art collections in the country. The collection contains over 17,000 paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, and photographs spanning the history of art from ancient Egypt to contemporary art. It is noted for its collection of twentieth-century art, Greek and Roman sculpture and ceramics, Old Master prints, nineteenth-century British watercolors and drawings, and photographs. Available to the college and surrounding Poughkeepsie communities,

the art center is a cultural resource of high visibility for viewing and learning about art.

Computing and Information Services

Computing and Information Services at Vassar College creates and manages a campus environment that enables each member of the community to use information technologies productively for teaching, learning, research, administration, and outreach.

The campus is connected to the Internet with a 90 Mbps link that allows the Vassar community to draw on resources from around the world. Vassar provides both wired and wireless network access throughout the campus. Although Vassar does not require students to purchase a computer, 98 percent of students choose to have a personal computer in their dorm room. Student dorm rooms have both wired and wireless access to the campus network. Students who do not have their own computers have 24-hour access to the computer clusters housed in each residence hall.

There are public computers available in the Computer Center, the College Center, Media Resources (New England), the library, and in various academic buildings. The students have access to shared software, academic resources, and both black and white and color laser printers located in public spaces. A high-end digital multimedia lab is located in Media Resources, which is open most nights until 10:00 pm. Media Resources also provides color plotting, printing, video editing and duplication, scanning and imaging services, and maintains powerful multimedia workstations for student and faculty use. The library is home to the Media Cloisters, a state-of-the-art space for collaborative learning and the exploration of new technologies. Other specialized facilities include the Scientific Visualization Lab, in Seeley G. Mudd Chemistry Building; the Geographic Information Systems Lab, in Ely Hall; and the Video Editing Lab, in the Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film.

Vassar has been the recipient of generous grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, George Alden Trust, Hewlett Packard, and AT&T in support of ongoing technology initiatives across the curriculum in the classrooms, the library, and research labs.

The Arts and Literatures

There are several places on campus designed for theater productions. Opened in spring 2003, in place of Avery Hall, is the Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film, which houses the Department of Drama and Department of Film and provides a 325-seat auditorium featuring a traditional proscenium stage, a small black box studio, two screening rooms that have surround sound, 35 mm and advanced digital projectors, as well as production spaces and classrooms equipped with advanced technology. Another larger black box theater seating 135 is located in the Hallie Flanagan Davis Powerhouse Theater. With its flexible seating arrangements and advanced lighting and sound equipment it offers an ideal space for both traditional and experimental productions. In the tradition of Hallie Flanagan, the founder of the original Vassar Experimental Theater in the 1930s, the department sees as its main educational mission to balance the study of history, theory, literature, and performance studies, with the practice of theater and performance art. The department produces plays and hosts visits by prominent contemporary artists. Recent visitors include Linda Montano, The Five Lesbian Brothers, Lynn Nottage, Anna Devereaux Smith, Kristin Linklater, Doug Wright, the New York Theater Workshop, and Annie Sprinkle. Student-run projects take place in both formal and less formal spaces: the Susan Stein Shiva Theater provides a fully equipped, flexible space devoted to extracurricular productions; the outdoor amphitheater is often used for readings and performances in good weather; two lecture halls with raked seating and performance space frequently accommodate performances by the various improvisation comedy groups on campus. Film showings take place in the Nora Ann Wallace '73 Auditorium in Blodgett Hall, the Blanche Brumbach Spitzer Auditorium in Sanders Classroom Building, Taylor Hall 203, the Pat and John Rosenwald Film Theater, and the Mary Ana Fox Martel Theater in the Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film.

The Belle Skinner Hall of Music houses a wide range of musical

activities, and includes a concert hall, extensive practice facilities, and one of the nation's finest college music libraries. In 2002, the Mary Anna Fox Martel Recital Hall became the home of a newly built pipe organ designed by master organ builder Paul Fritts of Tacoma, Washington. Vassar owns 65 Steinway pianos, seven pipe organs, six harpsichords, and many musical instruments of historic interest in the Darlington Collection. In addition, there is an electronic music studio. The music library supports the college's diverse curriculum and includes classical and world music, musical theater, and jazz. Over 18,000 books and periodicals, 29,000 printed musical scores, and over 30,000 sound and video recordings make up the collection. Many of these items can be found in the online public catalog and can be checked out of the library by the college community.

The complex of buildings consisting of the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Taylor Hall, and Van Ingen Hall, houses the art gallery, art department, architectural design studio, classrooms, the art library, the slide library, and faculty offices.

The curricula of the modern language programs at Vassar are enhanced by the applied technologies found in the Foreign Language Resource Center (FLRC) in Chicago Hall. The FLRC is a multimedia facility incorporating a networked computer classroom, a 30-seat film and video theater/lecture space, and a video viewing space for individual use. A second video classroom, seating 15, and media production studios are also located in the building. All classrooms in Chicago Hall are equipped with media consoles and projector hardware to support internet-based and multimedia presentations. Direct foreign-language television is available in the building through satellite-based providers.

The Natural and Social Sciences

Each of the physical science departments (biology, chemistry, earth science-geography, physics-astronomy) has its own building with classrooms, offices, and laboratory space and modern equipment for study and research. There are extensive special collections. The earth science department has a collection of minerals, rocks, and fossils in its A. Scott Warthin, Jr., Museum of Geology and Natural History.

The Department of Anthropology has digital media and sound analysis labs and archaeology and physical anthropology labs. The department's Digital Media Lab has analog and digital video playback capabilities and is configured to enable computer-based digital photo manipulation and non-linear video editing. The department's Sound Analysis Lab houses analog, digital, and computer-based means of analyzing and producing sound. Geared to the needs of linguistics, musical, and cognitive science research and teaching, the lab's hardware and software can be configured to extract and store sonic data and waveform analysis in a variety of formats and media, or to provide for the production and synthesis of sound. The Archaeology and Physical Anthropology Labs contain equipment for geoarchaeological and geophysical survey and for the macro and microscopic analysis of osteological, zooarchaeological, palynological and artifactual materials. An extensive collection of fossil hominid and primate casts, zooarchaeological and/or artifact collections from sites in North America, South America, Western Europe, the Middle East, and New York State sites, are available for student research and comparative study.

The chemistry department, located in the Seeley G. Mudd Chemistry Building, maintains a philosophy of close student-faculty collaboration and a commitment to providing hands-on experience with state-of-the-art instrumentation. The department houses an extensive array of analytical instruments used by students and faculty in classes and while conducting original research. Organic structural studies are carried out using nuclear magnetic resonance, infrared spectroscopy, mass spectrometry and polarimetry, using a 300-MHz NMR, GC/MS, FTIR, and polarimeter. These instruments also support the Amber Research Lab. In the biochemistry program, students study protein structure using ultraviolet/visible spectrophotometry, fluorescence spectrophotometry, high performance liquid chromatography, and matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time of flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOFMS). Environmental analyses are carried out using atomic emission spectrophotometry

with inductively-coupled plasma atomization (ICP-AES), X-ray fluorescence (XRF), voltammetry, potentiometry, and gas chromatography with detection by electron capture, flame ionization, and mass spectroscopy (GC/ECD/FID/MS). Students characterize new polymers using thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), near infrared spectrophotometry (NIR), gel permeation chromatography (GPC), and dynamic laser light scattering. The department maintains a laser laboratory containing helium-neon, nitrogen, dye, and IR diode lasers, and an X-ray laboratory with a state-of-the-art Bruker APEXII CCD X-ray diffractometer for structure determination. A detailed listing of the department's offerings is available on the department website.

The Seeley G. Mudd Chemistry Building also houses Vassar's Laboratory for Scientific Visualization, a computer resource for teaching and faculty/student research.

The Department of Computer Science has a dedicated network of workstations running a variety of operating systems, housed in two laboratories located within the department. A laboratory of 14 high-powered hyperthreading computers running a customized version of Linux supports introductory level courses. Students in intermediate and advanced level courses have convenient access to a laboratory of 22 dual-core high-resolution graphics workstations. Students also have access to Linux-based high performance computing cluster supporting multiple parallel and distributed computing paradigms. The department's servers provide students with remote access to departmental equipment over secure authenticated connections. Printing facilities and a computer science library are housed within the department. Faculty and students participate in international research within various fields of computer science.

The Department of Earth Science and Geography is located in Ely Hall, which contains classrooms, teaching and research laboratories, computing facilities, and the A. Scott Warthin Museum of Geology and Natural History. Instrumentation in Ely Hall includes petrographic microscopes for the study of rocks and minerals, an automated powder X-ray diffractometer for the study of crystal structures, computers for geophysical and terrane modeling, a laser particle counter for the analysis of sediments, a coulometer and Chittick apparatus for carbon analyses and a fume hood and biological microscope for pollen analyses. Equipment is housed in four laboratories dedicated to the study of clastic sedimentology, paleoclimatology, geophysics and mineralogy/petrology. Analytical equipment is complemented by the inductively-coupled plasma atomic emission spectrophotometer and x-ray fluorescence spectrophotometer in Mudd Hall. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and remote sensing facilities include a "mobile" lab comprising 20 tablet PCs equipped with both GIS and integrated Global Positioning System (GPS) hardware, a 13-seat computer lab with GIS and numerical modeling software (STELLA, Matlab, Compaq visual fortran), and a three-seat research lab with GIS and multispectral remote sensing software. Ely Hall was one of the first buildings on campus with complete wireless internet access. Of the department's five classrooms, four are "smart" classrooms with new computers, LCD projectors, and DVD/VCR equipment. An extensive collection of geographic, geologic, and tectonic maps of continents and ocean basins complements the department's digital and electronic data resources. The department also maintains specialized field equipment, including sediment samplers and corers, stream gauges and samplers, a foldable rowboat, and a Trimble backpack Global Positioning System (GPS) for geologic, geographic, and environmental investigations. Geophysical equipment includes ground penetrating radar, a cesium vapor magnetometer, an electrical resistivity meter, and a total station surveyor. Faculty in the department also operate a meteorological station at the 500-acre Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve.

The Department of Physics and Astronomy is located in Sanders Physics Building, which contains classrooms (one with a Smart Board), teaching and research laboratories, computing facilities, and a research library. Instrumentation and computing facilities in Sanders Physics support faculty and student research in molecular quantum optics, acoustics, astrophysics, and solid state physics, multi-media curriculum development, and astronomical image processing and analysis. Research and teaching in the field of optics

is supported by the department's laser facilities, which include an ultrafast Ti:Sapphire laser capable of producing sub-picosecond pulses. Additional projects involve work at national laboratories and observatories. Physics teaching labs are equipped with instrumentation for work in various physics fields. Students can major in physics and become certified to teach high school in New York State. Dedicated in 1997 is the Class of 1951 Observatory, a new building on the edge of the campus that houses 32-inch and 20-inch reflecting telescopes and a solar telescope, as well as several small telescopes. Both large telescopes are equipped with electronic CCD cameras and spectroscopes. The 32-inch is used primarily for student and faculty research on supernovae, variable stars and the structure of galaxies. The 20-inch is used for instruction and observing. The department is also a member of the Keck Northeast Astronomy Consortium which supports Vassar students in summer research positions at other institutions, as well as student travel to local and national meetings.

The Olmsted Hall of the Biological Sciences is a modern structure designed to meet the educational and research needs of students and faculty in biology. In addition to comfortable classrooms and well-equipped teaching laboratories, Olmsted Hall has faculty research laboratories, and equipment and preparation rooms supporting research and teaching. The building houses a number of specialized facilities including a confocal microscope, a scanning electron microscope, laboratories for tissue culture and cell and molecular biology, a vivarium, and a large greenhouse complemented by an herbarium and environmental growth chambers.

Students of biology and other natural sciences have access to 500 acres of streams, wetlands, ponds, old-growth forest, and recently reclaimed farmland and meadows on the Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve, located a short distance from campus. The Priscilla Bullitt Collins Field Station, on the preserve, contains a library, classroom, modern laboratory, computers, and a weather station.

The Department of Psychology is located in Blodgett Hall which has numerous facilities for teaching and research in all areas of psychology. There are classrooms and laboratories for physiology, neurochemistry, and experimental learning. Observation rooms and laboratories containing recording equipment for research in developmental, individual differences and social psychology, and a human electrophysiology suite are also located in Blodgett Hall. In addition, the Mildred R. Wimpfheimer Nursery School serves as an on-campus laboratory for students pursuing coursework and research in developmental psychology.

The social sciences are housed in Blodgett Hall, Rockefeller Hall, and Swift Hall. In each of these buildings, besides department lounges and libraries, there are classrooms designed for discussion-based teaching and lecturing, as well as several classrooms equipped with computer projection. Blodgett Hall contains a computer laboratory for economics as well as computer and traditional laboratories for psychology. Kenyon Hall, a state-of-the-art athletic facility when it was built in 1933, has undergone a major interior renovation housing six new "smart" classrooms, as well as rehearsal and performance space for the Vassar Repertory Dance Theater.

Residential and Social Buildings

Ninety-eight percent of the Vassar student population lives on campus in traditional residence halls, apartments, or the cooperative houses. Faculty may apply for residential hall live-in house fellow positions or for college owned housing. Such proximity encourages a close association between faculty and students in and out of the classroom.

Main Building

Main Building, Vassar's oldest and largest building, is the heart of the college community. A handsome and monumental structure designed by James Renwick, Jr., it houses the Office of the President, the College Center, and other educational and administrative offices. The top three floors serve as a residence hall for approximately 313 students. In 1986, Main was one of 12 sites named a National Historic Landmark, along with the Empire State Building and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In 1996, architect Cesar Pelli

redesigned and renovated the lobby of Main.

The Visitors Center, located in the lobby of Main Building, serves as a resource for the community and is a cooperative effort with Campus Activities and the Dutchess County Board of Tourism. Maps, brochures, and a public computer are available for use.

Residence Halls

Main and the remaining eight traditional residence halls house a majority of the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on campus. Accommodating between 169 and 352 students, each house has a separate and unique personality that drives community development. An active in-house leadership team consisting of faculty, administrators, and students largely directs the community, in any given house. The 14 House Fellows are faculty members (and their families) who live within the houses and take part in house programming, leadership, and informal advising. The five House Advisors are live-in professional administrators who all hold master's degrees and oversee the building management, student leadership, and overall educational endeavors for two houses. The student leadership in the residence halls is comprised of many positions that serve the different needs of the students. The House Interns oversee a group of Student Fellows who serve as peer advisers to first-year students. The Community Fellows serve as peer advisers to all upperclass students living in the residence halls. The Transfer/Visiting/Exchange Program encompasses a House Intern and three Student Fellows to specifically meet the needs of students who arrive at Vassar transferring from another institution, a visiting student program, or an institutional exchange program.

Apartment style accommodations are available to mostly junior or senior students who apply and are granted permission. All such units are represented by a set of student officers and or managers. The Terrace Apartments (246 residents), the Town Houses (280 residents), and the South Commons (45 residents) house a majority of the senior class in four or five bedroom apartments. Students who wish to live off campus or to make other special accommodations must obtain approval through the Office of Residential Life.

Student rooms are furnished with basic needs (bed, dresser, and desk). An Ethernet connection is in each student's room, and computer clusters for general use are in all houses. Houses also offer kitchen facilities, multipurpose rooms, television rooms, and other amenities.

Students are expected to care for their own rooms and to follow all guidelines governing on-campus housing. Houses are closed during winter break, spring break, and summer session. Noyes House, however, is designated to accommodate small numbers of students staying during each interim. The apartment style housing is open during winter and spring breaks.

College Center

The College Center, created by renovating part of Main Building and encircling it with a new building, was opened in 1975. The center provides rooms for social, educational, and extracurricular activities and auxiliary services for the college community. It houses the Office of Campus Activities; a post office; the Vassar College Bookstore; a computer store; the WVKR radio station; offices for student government organizations and an express lunch room; a video conferencing room; the community dark room; lounges and meeting rooms; 24-hour public-access computers; a popular snack bar called the Retreat, the Kiosk coffee bar, and Matthew's Mug, the college pub.

The College Center also includes the College Information Center, the James W. Palmer III '90 Gallery, and the multipurpose room. The College Information Center disseminates information concerning local area events and points of interest, including directories, maps, and schedules. All information concerning campus events and programs, as well as ticket sales and reservations, is available at the Information Center. The Palmer Gallery is open year-round with rotating exhibitions. The gallery features the work of faculty and students, in addition to local artists and arts organizations.

Campus Dining

Campus Dining operates dining facilities in four buildings on campus. The All Campus Dining Center is located in the Students' Building and serves the entire community as a central dining facility. Remarkably flexible and efficient, it provides seating for over 1,000 people in pleasant and well-lit dining areas of various sizes.

Breakfast at the dining center offers made-to-order omelets, freshly baked pastries, and a self-operated waffle station. Lunch and dinner feature an exciting array of traditional and vegetarian dishes, made-to-order hot and cold sandwiches, pizza, grilled items, a full salad bar, a self-serve stir fry station, a wide selection of hot and cold beverages, and, on the third floor, the Java City Café featuring cappuccinos and espresso drinks.

The Retreat in the College Center offers fresh baked pastries, made-to-order sandwiches and grill items, pizza, fresh soups, a salad bar, a full range of snacks and convenience items, hot and cold beverages, and lots of daily and weekly specials.

The Kiosk coffee bar, located at the north entrance to the College Center, serves coffee, cappuccino, and espresso, fresh baked pastries and other specialties.

The Vassar Express, on the second floor in the College Center, offers students a quick, bagged lunch alternative during the hectic 11:30-1:45 lunch period, Monday through Thursday. Students choose from an assortment of sandwiches and prepared salads, and round out their selection with chips, fruit, a beverage, and a dessert.

The Atrium Juice Bar, located in the Athletic and Fitness Center, features freshly-prepared smoothies and offers an assortment of hot and cold gourmet specialties.

Campus Dining also offers an extensive catering menu. The catering office can handle requests of all catering needs.

Student Services and Activities

A Community of Special Character

Among the stated purposes of Vassar College (p. 6) are the “increased knowledge of oneself, a humane concern for society, and a commitment to an examined and evolving set of values.” Vassar, therefore, seeks to sustain a community of special character in which people of divergent views and backgrounds come together to study and live.

New students traditionally sign the book of matriculation, thereby agreeing to uphold the letter and spirit of college regulations, to maintain the values of the academy which is Vassar, and to preserve the integrity of the institution.

Respect for others is central to Vassar. The college expects its students to be mindful of their responsibilities to one another and to engage actively in the creation of a community of intellectual freedom, mutually-understood dignity, and civil discourse.

Academic and Nonacademic Advising and Counseling

Students may seek academic advice from the dean of studies, the dean of freshmen, the advisers to sophomores, juniors, or seniors, their pre-major or major adviser, and informal advice from the house fellows or from individual faculty members. The dean of students and the director of residential life provide advice on nonacademic matters, as do the house advisers.

Entering students are assigned to faculty pre-major advisers until they decide on an area of concentration, when they are given departmental or program advisers. Faculty members assist students with registration and the selection of a concentration.

The Learning and Teaching Center offers individual assistance and workshops in writing and quantitative skills, study skills, time management, and test preparation. Academic coaching is also offered to students registered with the Office of Disability and Support Services. The Office of Career Development provides advice and assistance to students and alumnae/i as they investigate career options and apply for employment and internships. The Office for Fellowships and Pre-Health Advising coordinates advising for those students interested in preparing for entry into health profession schools and schools of law and works in concert with a faculty committee to assist students who wish to apply for fellowships.

The Counseling Service, staffed by psychologists and a consulting psychiatrist, provides confidential help for students who have personal concerns. Counseling on special problems is also provided by the physicians at the health service, the director of the office of religious and spiritual life, the director of the office for campus community, and the director of the office for disability and support services.

Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

The Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA) is responsible for the development, coordination, and implementation of Vassar's equal opportunity and affirmative action policies and educational programs. The EOAA office supports Vassar College's commitment to inclusion, access, and excellence by providing assistance in resolving complaints of discrimination, harassment, and sexual harassment as covered by Vassar's Nondiscrimination and Nonharassment Policy and by federal and state equal opportunity and affirmative action statutes and regulations. The EOAA office also provides guidance and support to members of the college community on affirmative action hiring efforts, equal employment opportunity, compliance with Title IX and with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Reporting directly to the president, the director of equal opportunity and the faculty director of affirmative action, carry out the work of the office in consultation with the committee on equal opportunity and affirmative action, senior officers, faculty, administration, and students. The director of equal opportunity

is responsible for overseeing EOAA policies and programs as they relate to students, administrators, and staff. The faculty director of affirmative action is responsible for overseeing EOAA policies and programs as they relate to and involve faculty.

Members of the campus community may contact the EOAA office to inquire about their rights under Vassar's policies, request assistance with grievance or informal resolution procedures, or seek information about the application of the policies to specific situations. Discussing a concern with the faculty director of affirmative action or the director of equal opportunity does not commit one involved in a complaint.

Athletics

The athletics program is an integral component of the total educational experience at Vassar. The offerings not only complement and provide a balance to Vassar's rich and demanding academic life, but also help to promote a sense of community. Opportunities to participate in athletics are provided for everyone through a wide range of intercollegiate varsity, club, intramural, and recreational programs.

The 25-team varsity intercollegiate programs compete in Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The goal of the intercollegiate athletics program is to offer each varsity team member the opportunity and the challenge to achieve his or her maximum potential as an athlete within Vassar's atmosphere of academic excellence. To this end, Vassar has produced All-Americans, national qualifiers, state, regional, and conference champions, as well as many scholar-athlete award winners.

In addition to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, Vassar is a member of the Liberty League and competes in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis and women's volleyball. The Liberty League provides an ideal opportunity to compete within an excellent athletic conference that includes: Clarkson, Hamilton, Hobart/William Smith, Rensselaer, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Skidmore and Union. Vassar is also a member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletics Association (NYSWCAA), and competes in the Seven Sisters Championships.

The club program, which falls under the auspices of the Vassar Student Association, gives the opportunity for intercollegiate competition and student leadership in nonvarsity sports.

The intramural program includes competitive and recreational levels of play in many sports for those who seek competition, fun, exercise, or just a change from the rigors of study without the intense commitment required of varsity participation.

Walker Field House features a tennis/multipurpose playing surface with indirect lighting. The 42,250 square feet of floor space contains five tennis courts and accommodates a variety of sports including volleyball, basketball, fencing, and badminton. The building also houses a six-lane Olympic-sized swimming pool with a four-foot moveable bulkhead and diving well, renovated locker rooms, and a new sports medicine facility. The athletic and fitness center is a 53,000-square foot athletic facility that includes a 1,200 seat basketball gym, an elevated running track, a 5,000-square-foot weight training/cardiovascular facility, a multipurpose room, locker rooms, administrative offices, and a laundry/uniform room.

Kenyon Hall is named in honor of the late Helen Kenyon, class of 1905, the first woman chair of the board of trustees. Kenyon Hall contains six international squash courts, a much improved volleyball court (now with uplighting and a NCAA approved plastic playing surface), a varsity weight room, and a rowing room.

On-campus outdoor facilities include a nine-hole golf course, 13 tennis courts, and numerous playing fields. Prentiss Field has a quarter-mile all-weather track, two soccer fields, field hockey game and practice fields, and a baseball diamond. The J. L. Weinberg Field Sports Pavilion, opened in 2003, includes six locker rooms, a sports medicine facility, and a laundry facility. The Vassar College Farm contains a rugby field and practice grids. The intercollegiate rowing program facilities include a boathouse and a 16-acre parcel of land on the Hudson River.

On the varsity level, women compete in basketball, cross country, fencing, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, squash, swimming and diving, tennis, track, and volleyball. Men compete in baseball, basketball, cross country, fencing, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, squash, swimming and diving, tennis, track, and volleyball. Club teams include badminton, cycling, men's and women's rugby, sailing, skiing, track, ultimate Frisbee, and weight lifting. Intramural sports include badminton, basketball, billiards, bowling, chess, floor hockey, touch football, golf, ping pong, indoor and outdoor soccer, softball, squash, tennis, coed volleyball, and inner tube water polo.

For a full list of coaching staff, see Athletics (p. 368).

Campus Life

The Campus Life Office coordinates programs and services for improving the quality of student and campus life in an inclusive community. Through a variety of campus-wide programs such as the Campus Life Resource Group (CLRG), intergroup dialogues, Conversation Dinners, and resource centers like the African American/Black, Latino, Asian/Asian American, and Native American Cultural Center (ALANA), the LGBTQ Center (for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Communities), and one for women students, we work to build affirming campus environments and encourage student engagement across groups. The Campus Life Office plans the annual All College Day in February which brings students, faculty, administrators, and staff together for a day of discussions and dialogues. The office coordinates the Vassar First Year, a year-long series to assist students in exploring avenues for contributing to the intellectual and community life of the college.

Resource Centers

The *ALANA Center* provides a myriad of resources and programs to enhance the campus life and academic experiences of African-American/Black, Latino, Asian and Native American students. The center offers opportunities for leadership development, intra-cultural and cross-cultural dialogues, lectures, big sister/big brother and alumnae/i mentoring programs. A comfortable and affirming gathering space is also provided for student organizations with similar goals in supporting students of color. As an extension of cultural/social and academic initiatives, resources for interacting with various communities in Poughkeepsie and surrounding areas are provided. Other resources include cultural journals/newsletters, educational videos, career development, scholarship and fellowship information, and a computer lab.

The Campus Life *LGBTQ Center*, staffed by the Assistant Director for Campus Life and interns, fosters a spirit of inquiry as they offer a Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Queer (LBGTQ) viewpoint to the academic discourse. The center hosts discussions, lectures, social events, and provides meeting space for various student organizations. The center also serves as a campus resource for all students interested in enhancing the quality of campus life and is located in College Center 235.

The *Women's Center* is a resource center staffed by student interns who plan film screenings, lectures, and discussions on a range of topics; they collaborate with other student interns and student organizations to promote gender equity. Faculty members from the Women's Studies Program provide support through curricular and co-curricular advising. The center is located in Strong House, Room 114.

Career Development and Student Employment

The objective of the Office of Career Development is to assist students in developing, evaluating, and effectively initiating career plans. The office believes career choices are a reflection of one's interests, values, and skills. Understanding the connections among the three is a catalyst in enabling a person to find meaning in his or her life's work. The options are many for students who pursue a liberal arts curriculum and self-understanding is often the first step.

Services are designed to assist students in all phases of the developmental process. Specifically, services focus on 1) increas-

ing self-awareness, 2) exploring career options, 3) integrating life and work planning, and 4) securing employment and/or further educational opportunities.

Since effective career planning involves life planning as part of a continual process, we offer assistance throughout the college years and after graduation. For detailed information, please access the Office of Career Development home page, or visit our office at Main Building, South Wing.

Student Employees are an integral part of the daily operation of Vassar College and student jobs are found in nearly 100 departments and offices on the campus. Each semester students fill over 1,600 campus jobs. The mission of the Student Employment Office is to offer employment that matches the educational goals set by each student and to offer jobs that help students gain both professional and personal development.

Financial aid students have priority consideration for campus jobs through the placement process and during exclusive priority periods at the beginning of each semester. College policy limits the number of hours that students may work based upon class year: freshmen may work up to eight hours per week, sophomores nine hours per week, and juniors and seniors may work up to ten hours per week. In addition to the part time employment program that operates during academic periods, the Student Employment Office also administers a small full time employment program for students during the winter, spring and summer breaks. Interested students should inquire at the Student Employment Office.

Counseling Service

The Counseling Service provides a variety of services to help students and the campus community handle the problems associated with academics, college life, and personal development. Services include: individual, couple, and group counseling and psychotherapy; crisis intervention; educational programs; consultation; assessment; and referral to off-campus services. Services are free of charge to Vassar College students.

The staff of the counseling service is made up of mental health professionals who welcome all students and embrace a philosophy of diversity. As part of the College community, counselors are committed to the personal and academic development of all Vassar students. The counselors are trained in the disciplines of clinical and counseling psychology and clinical social work, and work with students to explore personal problems and concerns in a secure and private setting. Students come to the Counseling Service for a variety of reasons, for example: relationship problems with parents, peers or partners, depression, anxiety, alcohol and other drug use and abuse, coming out issues, stress, concerns about academic progress or direction, or assistance in planning for the future. The student and the counselor work out the details and the course of counseling jointly.

Counselors often refer students to resources outside of the Vassar community depending on the needs of the student and the limitations of the Counseling Service. Students referred for treatment off campus may use their health insurance to defray the cost. Off-campus services are the responsibility of the student and/or the student's family.

The Counseling Service offers a variety of groups, some with a specific focus such as eating disorders or the concerns of children of alcoholics. Other groups are more general such as process groups on relationships or psychotherapy. Groups are formed at the beginning of each semester and typically meet once a week. A list of groups is advertised at the start of each semester.

Confidentiality, a highest priority at the Counseling Service, is often a concern for students. Strict ethical principles and codes of conduct govern the Counseling Service, ensuring confidentiality within specific legal limits. Counseling records are separate from academic and medical records at the college and are not available to college offices outside of the Counseling Service.

A consulting psychiatrist is affiliated with the Counseling Service. Limited psychiatric services are available at Metcalf by referral from a counselor. If continuing psychiatric services are required, a referral is made to a private psychiatrist.

Disability Support Services

Vassar College is committed to providing equal access and opportunity to qualified students with disabilities in accordance with the ADA/Section 504. The efforts of the Office of Disability and Support Services (DSS) are part of Vassar College's commitment to inclusion, access, and excellence.

A disability may be present before a student enters Vassar, or may develop or be diagnosed while attending college. Disabilities may include, but are not necessarily limited to, mobility impairments, visual and hearing impairments, chronic health conditions, orthopedic impairments, learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, attention deficit disorder, psychiatric disabilities, and substance abuse/recovery.

Students in need of academic or student life accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services must self-identify themselves to DSS and provide appropriate documentation of their disability or disabilities. Disability information, documentation, or record of accommodation is not a part of a student's permanent academic record. Once documentation is received, the office works with each student to ensure that accommodations are effective and appropriate. Students are expected to be actively involved in the accommodation process, request accommodations in a timely manner, assume responsibility for securing accommodations, using support services proactively.

Common academic accommodations coordinated by DSS include extended time allowed for exams, computer access during exams, distraction-reduced testing locations, staggered deadlines classroom note takers, alternative print formats, sign language interpreters, etc. Housing and meal plan accommodations may also be provided to ensure equal access. All accommodations are based on the current nature of the student's disability or disabilities, supporting documentation, and the specific requirements of the course, program, or activity. Personal services, such as prescriptive devices, health-care aids, personal computing equipment or adaptive software, and private tutoring, are the responsibility of the student with the disability. DSS also provides a variety of support services including academic coaching services, information on work-related accommodational equipment, or private tutoring.

Fellowships, Graduate School, and Preprofessional Advising

The Office for Fellowships and Pre-Health Advising works with students and alumnae/i seeking admission to schools in the health professions (medical, dental, etc.), as well as with those who apply for fellowships to fund graduate education, independent study, and research. Students interested in these possibilities are encouraged to meet with the director and to consult the available materials relative to their interests. Students interested in applying to a health-related professional school are encouraged to seek advice from the members of the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee whose activities are coordinated through this office. Information sessions and general mailings provide all students, but especially juniors and seniors, with details of a wide variety of opportunities and application processes. The members of the Faculty Committee on Fellowships, chaired by the dean of studies, assist the director with evaluation, selection, endorsement, and support for fellowship applicants. Early consultation is recommended for students who intend to apply for any professional school, graduate program, or competitive fellowship.

Health Service

The Health Service at Vassar is designed to promote the health of the individual and the student community and to treat medical issues as they emerge.

Centered in Baldwin House, the Health Service medical staff maintains daily clinics on weekdays for routine medical, nursing, and gynecological care. There is a five bed infirmary which is used to monitor acutely ill students and those who are recovering from surgery. In addition to caring for our own infirmary patients, the nursing staff handles acute problems after hours with on-call medical staff backup. Emergencies can be seen at anytime.

A health fee covers the cost of most medical visits on campus. Charges are made for medications, laboratory work, and gynecologic visits. The college requires that each student carry insurance to defray the cost of off-campus consultation, hospitalization, or emergency room use. A customized student health insurance plan is available to all Vassar students.

New students are required to file a medical history and physical examination with the department before coming to college. Proof of immunization against measles, mumps and rubella are mandatory to meet New York State requirements. New York State also requires a Meningitis immunization form. Proof of Polio immunization, recent tetanus immunization, and current TB test are also required, and the Hepatitis B vaccine and Varivax are highly recommended.

The Health Service provides student outreach activities in conjunction with the Office of Health Education and encourages students in the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle.

Health Education

The Office of Health Education is committed to the development of the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. The office provides support, information, and resources to the student body regarding issues of health and well being.

International Services

The Office of International Services offers a full range of resources for our international community of students and scholars, including advice and assistance in visa, immigration, tax, employment, cultural and general matters.

Intercultural competence, the ability to communicate and relate effectively and appropriately with members of another cultural background on their terms, is rapidly becoming a necessary skill among graduates ready to join a global marketplace. Toward this end, we look both to assist internationals in adjusting to and embracing a new culture and also to involve and engage all members of the campus community in events, workshops, and other opportunities to share the wealth of global perspective and experience our campus enjoys.

The office collaborates with the International Studies Program, Office of International Programs, Vassar International Student Association, Office of Career Development, and other offices and organizations in efforts to provide programming that speaks to the college's mission to promote a global perspective among all our students. Support is provided to the college's several fine international summer programs.

Learning and Teaching Center

The Learning and Teaching Center, located in the Library, was established in 2003 to support the intellectual life of students and faculty at Vassar. One of the center's primary missions is to facilitate students' realization of their academic potential and achievement of their personal educational goals; another is to promote dialogue and collaboration on academic issues among faculty, librarians, and administrators. To these ends, the center provides programs designed to support and enhance learning, both in the classroom and throughout the campus.

Learning specialists work with students to develop their reading, writing, critical thinking and quantitative skills, both in general and in the context of particular courses or assignments. They are also available for consultations on time management, prioritization, organization, note taking, and the adjustment to college-level academic work. The center offers practice sessions to prepare for graduate and professional school examinations, and sponsors workshops on strategies for academic success. The learning specialists offer individual conferences either by appointment or on a walk-in basis, subject to availability.

Learning specialist services are also available to address the evolving needs of students with disabilities. Students registered with the Office of Disability and Support Services can receive academic coaching through weekly in-office appointments and through consultation by telephone and e-mail.

Library Instruction Services offer a variety of programs to promote awareness of the breadth and depth of the Library's collections, and to foster students' ability to use research materials effectively. Students may also arrange research consultations with a reference librarian or with the peer library research intern.

The Writing Center, also in the library, is a peer tutoring service providing support for students at any stage of the writing process. Writing consultants are specially trained to work with students across disciplines, as well as to consult with professors and class groups on special or ongoing projects.

The Office of Teaching Development provides support for faculty through a number of workshops, mentoring programs, and teacher-based initiatives. The learning and teaching center director is also available for individual consultation.

Religious and Spiritual Life

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (RSL) helps students integrate lives of passionate commitment, embodied practice, and intellectual critique at Vassar and beyond. Our programs articulate a lively public role for religious imagination and ensure that opportunities for spiritual and democratic formation are part of the demanding and creative education Vassar offers—for the religiously devoted, the spiritually curious, and the radically questioning.

Religious and spiritual life oversees, advises, and supports a wide range of religious and civic communities and initiatives on campus, and plays an important role as a community liaison for the college in the mid-Hudson Valley.

Spirituality and service programs offer the Vassar community opportunities for service-learning. Participants receive training, support, and tools for reflection, drawing on the resources of spiritual and religious traditions to sustain and enrich their work.

Peace and justice programs explore traditions and tools for non-violence in religious and political communities past and present, and bring resources to campus to help students work for peace.

Arts and celebration gives students skills and materials for creating public art—such as giant puppets, murals, luminaries, sculpture, performance—and practice in shaping community rites of passage to help open up opportunities for transformation and reflection.

Religious practice, ritual, and interpretation are recognized components of learning at Vassar and beyond, and offer shared experiences and opportunities for dialogue that engage questions of the sacred in secular culture.

As part of the support religious and spiritual life staff provide to these program areas, staff members are available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Buddhist, Episcopal, Jewish, Protestant, and Roman Catholic advisors and consultants serve the campus community.

Student Government and Extracurricular Activities

The Vassar Student Association (VSA) is comprised of every single student at the college. The VSA government connects the students with administration and faculty and provides the students with representation in college affairs. The VSA governs through the VSA council, made up of elected representatives from all residence areas and classes on campus in addition to the executive board. The council meets weekly, on Sunday nights at 7:00pm in college center room 223. Meetings are open to all students, minutes are public, and any student can bring agenda items.

The VSA leadership represents the student body in college policy-making, which affect both education and personal lives. The VSA leadership works with the faculty, administration, alumni, and trustees. Students are elected to serve on many important committees of the college, such as the Committee on Curricular Policies, the Committee on College Life, and the Master Planning Committee. These student representatives are coordinated through the VSA Council.

The VSA Executive Board is comprised of six officers. These officers act as a team to oversee the day-to-day operations of the VSA. They serve on VSA Council and meet weekly to discuss issues,

agenda items for council meetings, and funding requests. Their office is located in the college center 207, above the Kiosk. They hold weekly office hours that are open to all interested students.

The elected leaders of each dorm are an integral part of the VSA structure. They run the student operations of each dorm. As a group, they are responsible for programming in the dorm. Presidents represent their dorms on the VSA Council, acting as a communication link between the VSA leadership and the dorms.

The VSA also supports over 124 student organizations, representing a broad swath of student interests. Groups include political organizations, social action organizations, a weekly newspaper, an FM radio station, and many more. If there is not a group to fit someone's interest, there is always room for new ideas and organizations. The wide range of organizations and large number of student events are a vital part of the college. For more information visit the VSA website.

Student Performing Groups

Dance: Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre is a performing group of ballet, modern, and jazz dancers; it is a credited course offering dance students the opportunity to present both their own choreography and professional repertory in the studio theater and off campus. In past years the dancers have performed repertory by Humphrey, Sokolow, Duncan, Balanchine, Nijinska, and Fokine.

Drama: Student theater productions take place throughout the academic year in the Susan Stein Shiva Theater. These extracurricular dramatic and musical productions are initiated by individual students or groups of students in the Philaletheis Society, Woodshed Theater Ensemble, Shakespeare Troupe, Unbound, The Limit, Improv, and Happy Ever Laughter.

Music: The Department of Music sponsors six ensembles: Choir, Madrigal Singers, Women's Chorus, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble. The department offers academic credit for year-long participation in any of these ensembles, and membership is open to all members of the Vassar community by audition. The Choir, a large concert ensemble, regularly performs major works with orchestra. The Women's Chorus is a select ensemble that performs both choral-orchestral and unaccompanied works for women's voices. Both ensembles tour periodically in this country and abroad. The Madrigal Singers, a small select chamber ensemble, performs unaccompanied vocal music from the Middle Ages through the present day. The sixty-member Orchestra performs with student and faculty soloists. The Wind and Jazz Ensembles perform in various campus residence halls in addition to their formal presentations. Opera Workshop, also under the sponsorship of the Department of Music, gives an annual spring performance in Skinner Hall.

Informal singing groups (not affiliated with the music department)—such as the Accidentals, Night Owls, Matthew's Minstrels, Measure for Measure, and the Vassar College Gospel Choir—perform regularly at other colleges as well as on campus.

The music department supports two student-run instrumental groups. The Vassar Camerata is devoted to the performance of music from the Renaissance, Baroque, and early Classical periods, while the Vassar Mahagonny Ensemble performs music of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Admission

A demonstrated commitment to academic excellence is the primary consideration in admission to Vassar College, but candidates should illustrate that they will contribute to and benefit from the range of intellectual, leadership, artistic, and athletic opportunities offered by the college community. The Admission Committee is particularly interested in candidates who have made effective use of all opportunities available to them.

Vassar adheres to a need-blind admission policy, which means that admission decisions for all first-year students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents are made without regard to the students' financial situation. Vassar meets 100% of the full demonstrated need of all admitted students for all four years.

Admission to the Freshman Class

Vassar welcomes applications from candidates of varied backgrounds and does not require a specific secondary school program. However, Vassar does expect candidates to have elected the most demanding course work offered by their high schools. Therefore, we recommend that students elect four years of English, mathematics, laboratory science, history or social science, and foreign language. Students should take a substantial portion of their work in enriched, accelerated, or honors courses or in Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate programs when these options are available. Special attention is given to the academic breadth, depth, and rigor of candidates' junior- and senior-year programs.

Early Decision Plan

The Early Decision Plan is intended for candidates who have explored and researched their college options carefully and concluded that Vassar is their clear first choice. Vassar has two early decision deadlines: November 15 and January 1. Candidates who use the first deadline will hear from Vassar in mid-December. Candidates who use the second deadline will hear from us by early February. Candidates will receive one of three decisions: admission, a deferral of our decision until the regular decision period, or denial, which is our final decision. The Office of Financial Aid makes preliminary financial aid awards at or near the same time to admitted candidates who have demonstrated financial need. Successful early decision candidates are expected to return the Candidate's Reply Form within three weeks, pay the required fee deposit, and withdraw any applications submitted to other colleges and universities.

Regular Decision Plan

Candidates who wish to be considered under Vassar's regular decision plan should insure that the application is submitted by the January 1 deadline, and that the nonrefundable \$60 application fee (or a formal request for a fee waiver) has been submitted. Candidates are notified of the Admission Committee's decisions in late March or early April. Regular decision candidates must respond by May 1, the Candidate's Uniform Reply Date. Admission to the freshman class is contingent upon maintenance, throughout the senior year, of the level of academic performance on which admission was based.

Required Credentials

In addition to the completed application forms and the nonrefundable \$60 application fee, candidates must submit the following credentials: a transcript of high school courses and grades, the scores of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test and the scores of any two SAT Subject Tests or the results of the ACT with writing, an evaluation from the high school counselor that addresses the candidate's qualifications for admission, a recommendation from a teacher in an academic subject, and a personal statement or essay.

Admission of International Students

Vassar College welcomes applications from international students. These candidates must take the College Board SAT Reasoning Test and any two SAT Subject Tests or the ACT. In addition, if English is neither your first language nor the primary language of instruction you have used throughout secondary school, you should submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). We generally expect a minimum TOEFL score of 600 on the paper test, (or 250 on the computer-based version), or 100 on the IBT.

Need-based financial aid is available to international freshman applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Applications from noncitizens who apply for financial aid are considered on a need-aware basis. Vassar College also welcomes transfer applications from international students. However, we are unable to offer any financial aid to transfer candidates who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Vassar College will give admission applications submitted by undocumented students the same consideration given to any other applications it might receive. Undocumented students who are admitted to Vassar will be offered financial assistance based on demonstrated need following the same procedures Vassar uses to grant aid to accepted international students.

Campus Visits

Vassar welcomes visits from high school students and their families. Guided tours of the campus led by Vassar students and group information sessions led by an admission officer and/or a Vassar senior are available on a daily basis. Please call the Office of Admission at 845-437-7300 or consult our website for the seasonal schedule. Appointments are not necessary for tours and information sessions.

Interviews

An interview is not required for admission. Most students and their families find that they have a clear understanding of Vassar's academic and extracurricular offerings and admission standards after attending a group information session and going on a campus tour. However, candidates may feel that further dialogue with a Vassar representative would be helpful. Applicants may request a conversation with an alumna or alumnus in their local area when completing the application for admission. While interviews are not offered on campus, admission officers are always available after information sessions to advise students and their families on the admission process and to discuss special circumstances and needs.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate

Every effort is made to insure that students do not find college work to be a repetition of high school work. Appropriate placement is made by departments at the time of registration or within the first two weeks of classes. Students who have taken Advanced Placement examinations will receive one unit of credit, equal to one semester course at Vassar, (or one-half unit for the Physics "C" examination) for each examination in which a score of four or five is earned. Students may then be permitted to elect an intermediate-level course after consultation with an adviser and if given permission by the department chair. A maximum of 4 units of credit is allowed for Advanced Placement examination results.

Vassar welcomes applications from students who have participated in the International Baccalaureate program, and awards credit for scores of five, six, or seven on the Higher Level examinations. No credit will be given for work done in IB Standard Level courses.

The college may also grant credit for sufficiently high marks on certain foreign advanced programs of study, such as the GCE A levels, the German Abitur, the French Baccalaureate, etc. Students possessing such credentials should consult with the Office of the Dean of Studies.

College Work before Admission as a Freshman

Vassar may accept the equivalent of, and not more than, four courses of comparable work taken at a college or university prior to a stu-

dent's admission as a freshman. Transfer credit for work completed prior to admission to Vassar must be applied for within one year of matriculation. The student must list such courses and the colleges at which they were taken on the application for admission. Transfer of this credit will require departmental approval as well as approval of the Committee on Leaves and Privileges.

Credit will be granted only for coursework completed on a college campus and not used to satisfy requirements for the high school diploma. Students involved in college-level work during high school may wish to supplement their request for credit with the result of an Advanced Placement Examination, even if they were not enrolled in an Advanced Placement course.

Deferring Admission

Admitted freshman students may, with the permission of the Office of Admission, defer matriculation for one year. The student should first confirm his or her intent to enroll at Vassar by submitting the Candidate's Reply Form and the required enrollment deposit by May 1. A written request for deferral should also be submitted, preferably along with the enrollment deposit but by no later than June 1. If deferred status is approved, a formal letter stating the conditions under which the deferral has been granted will be sent to the student. However, students who may be offered admission to Vassar from the waiting list after May 1 are not eligible to request a deferral of admission.

Admission of Transfer Students

Students from two- and four-year institutions are typically admitted as transfers into the sophomore or junior classes for either the fall or the spring semester. The college may also admit some highly qualified freshmen transfer candidates for the spring semester. All transfer students must complete a minimum of seventeen Vassar units to be eligible for the Vassar degree. Thus, students with more than four semesters of college-level work are generally not eligible to apply for admission.

To be considered for admission, candidates for transfer are expected to present a strong college record with *at least* a B average in liberal arts courses comparable to those offered at Vassar. Candidates should be enthusiastically recommended by their current dean and college instructors. Those denied admission to the freshman class who want to reapply should complete a minimum of one year of college with an exemplary record before submitting a transfer application. Vassar may also accept transfer applications for the spring semester of the freshman year from new candidates with very strong high school records who have performed well during the first semester in college. Credit toward the Vassar degree for courses of comparable quality taken elsewhere is determined after admission by the Office of the Dean of Studies. No transfer credit will be assigned without an official transcript.

Please note that financial aid is available on a limited basis for transfer students. Students who are considering applying for financial aid should consult the financial aid office for eligibility requirements, policies, and information about application procedures and deadlines. We regret that we cannot offer financial aid to international transfer applicants.

Credentials and Application Deadlines

Transfer candidates are required to submit the application forms, the nonrefundable \$60 application fee, and all required credentials by March 15 for admission to the fall semester and by November 1 for admission to the spring semester. Required credentials include official college transcripts from all schools attended, an official transcript of the secondary school record, recommendations from the college dean and a college professor, standardized test scores, a graded writing sample, and a personal statement or essay. The application fee may be waived upon written request from the dean or advisor substantiating reasonable need for the waiver.

All transfer applicants are required to submit scores from either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT. Along with the SAT Reasoning Test scores, we also require two SAT Subject Tests. However,

the SAT Subject Tests are waived for students who are returning to college after a lengthy hiatus or who will have completed one full year of college. Consult with the transfer coordinator for more information. In addition, the TOEFL exam is required for candidates whose primary language is not English.

Notification

Candidates for transfer admission to the fall semester are normally notified of our decisions on their applications in early May. Candidates for admission to the spring semester are normally notified of our decisions by mid-December. Transfer candidates for both semesters are expected to respond to offers of admission within two weeks. Admission to Vassar is contingent upon the maintenance, for the balance of the term, of the standard of academic performance upon which the admission committee based its decision. Students admitted as transfer students are expected to enroll in the semester for which they have been offered admission. Deferrals of admission to later semesters typically are not granted, except under extraordinary circumstances.

Admission to Exchange Programs

Students attending colleges or universities which have established exchange programs with Vassar who wish to study at Vassar for a semester or a full academic year should make arrangements directly with the exchange coordinator on their own campuses. Vassar has exchange programs with the member colleges of the Twelve College Exchange (Amherst, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Dartmouth, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Trinity, Wellesley, Wesleyan, Wheaton, and Williams), with Brooklyn College, and with York University in England. Exchange students are expected to return to their home institution following their time at Vassar.

Visiting Students

A limited number of places are typically available (depending on space) for full-time visiting students in the spring semester. Visiting students are not admitted for the fall term. To be eligible, a student must be currently enrolled in college and have completed at least one year of full-time work. Students interested in visiting student status at Vassar should contact the Dean of Studies Office for further information and an application. Please note that enrollment at Vassar as a visiting student is typically a one-term option designed to allow an individual to experience a different educational environment and is not viewed as a route to transfer admission. It is also important to understand that on-campus housing may not be available for visiting students each year, depending on enrollment and housing capacity.

Special Students and Part-Time Students

Well-qualified non-traditional students who live within commuting distance of the campus and who wish to study on a part-time basis are encouraged to discuss special-student status and resumption of work with the Adviser to Special Students in the Office of the Dean of Studies.

Student Right-To-Know Act

Under this act, educational institutions are required to disclose to current and prospective students their completion or graduation rate. This rate is defined as the percentage of students who complete their degree program within 150 percent of the normal completion time for that degree. For Vassar College, this means the percentage of entering students who complete their degree within six years. The most recent Vassar class graduation rate is 92 percent. Additional graduation and retention rate information is available from the Office of the Registrar.

Fees

Payment of Fees

Comprehensive fee charges are billed to students at the permanent address in early July for the fall term and in early December for the spring term. Additional bills are generated monthly to reflect all other charges incurred by the students. Payments must be received by the designated due dates to avoid late payment fees and/or the denial of student privileges. Payments should be made by check and mailed to the address indicated on the bill or made in person at the cashier's office. All payments must be in the form of United States dollars. Payments from outside of the United States must be drawn on United States banks.

Vassar College offers an installment payment plan through TuitionPay Monthly Plan. TuitionPay works with Vassar College to set up your Monthly Plan Account, collect your tuition installments and forward them on to our Office of Student and Employee Accounts. To enroll in this plan simply call TuitionPay at (800) 635-0120, or enroll at www.tuitionpay.com. A low, annual enrollment fee is required, which includes Tuition Protection Coverage (life insurance).

Fees are subject to change at the discretion of the college's Board of Trustees and are reviewed on an annual basis.

Application Fee

Application for admission (nonrefundable) \$ 60
An application for admission to the college is not accepted until payment fee is received.

Undergraduate Comprehensive Fee

Tuition - Full time for fall and spring Terms	\$ 41,335
Room - All residential halls	\$ 5,090
Room - Apartments/Townhouses	\$ 5,590
Board - Base plan	\$ 4,280
Student activities fee (nonrefundable)	\$ 285
College health service fee (nonrefundable)	\$ 310

In general, the college requires full-time students to live in college housing. Permission to live off-campus may be granted by the Director of Residential Life in the spring for the following academic year. If a student does not apply for permission by the posted deadline, the student will be liable for full room and board charges. Housing assignments are secured through a room-draw process, which is based on academic seniority. Apartment units are generally not available to freshmen.

Students living in residence halls are required to participate in the college board plan. A portion of the room and board fee is used to establish a declining-dollar account. Students utilize their declining-balance accounts in lieu of cash, when they eat at the various food service locations on campus. A range of meal plans provide different levels of declining dollar amounts. Each alternative plan has a slightly different charge associated with it.

The meal plan is optional for students housed in apartments (Terrace Apartments or Town Houses). A declining-balance account may be established for use in lieu of cash at the college dining facilities.

All declining-balance amounts are expected to be utilized during the semester in which they are established. Any unused declining-balance amounts are transferred from fall to spring term, but unused balances are forfeited at the end of the spring term. Additional declining balance amounts may be charged to the student's bill up to \$50 per semester.

The student activity fee is required for all matriculated students. These funds are transferred to the Vassar Student Association for use by its various organizations.

The college health service fee is required for all matriculated students. The fee covers limited medical services as provided by the

college's infirmary. Additional charges may be incurred during the academic year related to medications or gynecological services. A schedule of fees is on file at the Office of Health Services.

Other Fees and Deposits

Student Sickness and Accident Insurance (nonrefundable) \$ 445*
Arrangements for a group health and accident insurance policy have been made by the college. All full-time students must enroll in the plan, except those students whose parents certify that they have equivalent coverage. The deadline for claiming exemption is August 11, 2009. No exemption will be granted after this date. This plan covers students while on or away from campus for a period of 12 months beginning August 22. Information regarding insurance will be sent to all students.

Transcript of academic record (first semester students only) . . . \$ 60
First time students to the college are required to pay this fee as part of their first term bill. This will entitle the student to an unlimited number of transcripts of academic record in the future.

Late Fee (nonrefundable) \$ 110
A late fee is charged if term bills are not paid by the designated due date.

Graduate Fees

Full-time tuition	\$ 41,335
Part-time tuition per unit	\$ 4,890
General deposit	\$ 250

This deposit will be refunded upon completion of degree requirements or upon earlier withdrawal on the same basis as the undergraduate general deposit.

Part-Time Student Fees

Part-time undergraduate students per unit	\$ 4,890
Non-matriculated special students and full-time high school students taking work at Vassar College per unit . . .	\$ 2,460

The general deposit of \$200 for part-time undergraduate students and \$100 for special and high school students is required. This deposit will be refunded upon completion of degree requirements or upon earlier withdrawal subject to normal provisions.

Music Performance

Instruction in any single branch, including practice	
Each semester, full-time	\$ 550

Use of practice room and instrument, without instruction	
Each semester	\$ 55

Department of Music majors are exempt from three semesters of fees for performance instruction during their junior and senior years. This fee exemption applies to instruction in only one branch per semester. Non-matriculated special students taking individual lessons will be charged one-half of the rate-per-unit fee plus the fee for performance instruction. Individuals from the community may elect, with the approval of the chair of the music department, to take instruction in a musical instrument without receiving academic credit. The charge per semester for such instruction is \$525.

Miscellaneous Fees

Diploma replacement fee	\$ 50
Emergency Medical Training instruction fee	\$ 225
Senior Film Workshop (per semester)	\$ 150
Filmmaking (per semester)	\$ 115
Teacher Certification (fifth year program) (per unit)	\$ 110
Parking fee (per semester)	\$ 50

Student Deposits

General deposit	\$ 250
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The general deposit, payable by all new students with the first term bill, is refundable either upon graduation or upon earlier withdrawal,

*This is the fee in effect for 2008/09 academic year. The fee is subject to change as formal premium quotes are received from insurance carriers later in the year.

subject to its application in whole or in part against any unpaid fees or charges against the student.

Housing Deposit \$ 500
 The housing deposit must be received by the Office of Student Accounts on or before March 15 for returning students, May 1 for new students. This deposit will be applied toward the student's fees for the ensuing year (nonrefundable).

Miscellaneous

Fines may be imposed for violation of college and social regulations. Students may also be fined for failure to meet obligations in the administrative and business offices and the library after due notice has been given. Students accept responsibility for damage done to college property, including laboratory breakage, whether caused by individuals or groups.

A schedule of fees for special services and fines is available in the Office of the Director of Residential Life.

Housing assignments and registration may be canceled for those students who do not meet established deadlines for the payment of fees. Students whose accounts remain unpaid at the end of a semester may have their pre-registration for the following semester canceled. Students who have unpaid financial obligations to the college cannot attend classes and are subject to leave of absence or suspension proceedings by the college.

No student will receive a diploma or transcript until the college account is paid in full.

Other Expenses

Costs of consumable supplies are required in certain courses. The college estimates that a reasonable budget for incidental expenses (books and supplies, recreation, etc.) is \$2,060 per year.

Refunds

Engagements with instructors and other provisions for education and residence are made in advance by the college for the entire academic year. No refunds of any fees will be made because of withdrawal or leave of absence from the college, or for withdrawal from courses, except as hereinafter specified. Refunds will be credited first against financial aid awards, with the balance, if any, remitted to the student.

All notices of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Dean of Studies, and the date that notice is received will be the official date of withdrawal.

Return of Title IV Funds [§484B]*

Students who are receiving Title IV Financial Aid loans and grants (excluding Federal Work Study) who withdraw from classes are subject to the Federal Title IV Refund Formula. A student granted a personal leave of absence will also be subject to the Federal Title IV Refund Formula.

Where the student has withdrawn from classes, the school will first determine the percentage of Title IV assistance the student earned. For withdrawal on or before the first day of classes, 100-percent of Title IV aid must be returned. Up to the 60-percent point in time, the percentage of assistance earned is equal to the percentage of the payment period or period of enrollment for which it was awarded that was completed as of the day of withdrawal.

In calculating the percentage of the payment period or period of enrollment, the federal formula uses calendar days completed divided by total number of calendar days in the period.

If the student withdraws or takes a leave after the 60-percent point then the percentage earned is 100-percent. The earned percentage is applied to the total amount of Title IV grant and loan assistance that was disbursed (and that could have been disbursed) to the student or on the student's behalf for the payment period or period of enrollment for which it was awarded as of the day the student withdrew.

* Examples of the Title IV Refund Policy are available in the Financial Aid Office.

Excess funds to be returned to Title IV programs will be credited in the following order:

- Unsubsidized FFEL Stafford Student Loans
- Subsidized FFEL Stafford Student Loans
- Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Student Loans
- Federal Perkins Loans
- FFEL Parent Plus Loans
- Federal Direct Parent Plus Loans
- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal SEOG (Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grant)

Other Title IV assistance for which a return of funds is required.

Tuition

Upon withdrawal or leave of absence from the college, or upon withdrawal from courses, refund of the applicable tuition will be made at the following rates:

- Prior to the first day of classes in each semester: 100%
 (less the nonrefundable fee deposit)
- During the first week of the semester. 90%
- During the second week of the semester 80%
- During the third week of the semester. 70%
- During the fourth week of the semester. 60%
- During the fifth week of the semester 55%
- During the sixth week of the semester. 50%

No refund will be made after the sixth week of the semester. No refund is made in the event that classes are temporarily canceled. The payment of tuition entitles the student to educational opportunities which are not dependent upon a specific number of classes, hours, or weeks of instruction.

No refund is made in cases of suspension or expulsion. Examples of the refund policy are available upon request in the Office of Financial Aid.

Room and Board

Prior to the first day of classes in each semester, the college will refund 100 percent of the room and board charges.

After classes begin, no refund will be made for room charges, but in the case of a withdrawal or leave of absence from the college, unused declining-balance accounts are fully refundable.

No refunds of room and board charges are made in cases of suspension or expulsion.

Music Performance

If the course is dropped before the day classes begin in each semester, the fee will be canceled. In the case of withdrawal within seven weeks, with the dean of studies' approval, charges will be made at the rate of \$40 per lesson. The minimum charge will be \$80. The balance will be refunded. No part of the fee is refunded after the seventh week.

Credit Balance on Account

Refunds of credit balances will normally not be made until the beginning of the fifth week of classes. If the student is a Title IV financial aid recipient and if Title IV funds exceed allowable charges (tuition/fees/room/board), these funds will be returned to the student/parent within fourteen days of payment unless the student/parent has authorized the school to hold these funds toward payment of other allowable institutional charges.

Title IV Funds

Title IV funds are Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Grants, Federal Perkins Loans, and Federal Stafford

Student Loans, Federal Work Study, Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students.

If tuition and/or room and board liability has been reduced after the student has terminated enrollment at the college, Title IV funds received will be refunded to the programs according to the federal refund formula then in effect.

Financial Aid

Matthew Vassar bequeathed to the college its first scholarship fund. Through the years, generous friends of the college have added permanent scholarship funds and annual gifts to help promising students meet their college costs.

The goal of the Financial Aid Office is to make a Vassar education affordable and accessible to all admitted students. Vassar meets 100% of the full demonstrated need of all admitted students for all four years. As of the 2008/09 academic year, student loans which meet demonstrated need were replaced by additional scholarship grants in the financial aid awards of students whose families have a calculated annual income of \$60,000 or less.

During the academic 2008/09 year, approximately fifty-eight percent of the student body received financial aid totaling more than \$48 million from the college, federal, state, and private sources. Of that amount, over \$35 million was awarded in the form of Vassar Scholarship assistance, all of which was awarded on the basis of financial need as determined by the college.

Students applying for admission will receive a freshman application for financial aid and detailed information about financial aid at Vassar, including expenses, how assistance is awarded, and the application procedures. Applicants and their families must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for assistance from federal financial aid programs. Applicants must also file a supplemental form, the CSS PROFILE form, with the College Scholarship Service. This last form is required by Vassar College prior to the awarding of its own resources. Complete instructions and deadlines for first-year and transfer students are included in the admission application booklet and financial aid brochure available from the Office of Admission.

Instructions and application materials for financial aid for returning students are available from the Office of Financial Aid in late February, with a filing deadline of mid-April.

Eligibility for federal student financial aid is determined by a federally mandated formula. Financial need for a Vassar Scholarship is determined through the use of the assessment principles of the College Scholarship Service and subject to the professional judgment of the student financial aid officers of the college.

Vassar requires all financial aid applicants who are New York residents and United States citizens to apply for TAP. Information about this and other state programs can be obtained from, Vassar's Office of Financial Aid, or the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation websites.

The Committee on Student Records provides the TAP certifying officer and the financial aid officer of the college with a means for detailed analysis of any individual student's status and academic progress to determine continuing eligibility for New York State financial assistance and federal Title IV financial aid programs.

Financial Aid Awards

Financial aid for entering students is awarded on the basis of financial need. The college expects students and parents to assume the primary responsibility for financing college costs. Need is defined as the difference between Vassar's costs and a family's expected contribution. Awards are packaged so that the first portion of the student's need is covered with the offer of a campus job and, if appropriate, a student loan. Any remaining need is met with a scholarship. Recipients of freshman awards can expect continuing financial aid in relation to their need. They must, of course, remain members in good standing of the college community. Demonstrated need is reassessed each academic year and may indeed change if a family's circumstances change.

Applicants for financial aid are expected to investigate all possible sources of assistance for which they may be eligible, such as state scholarships and awards offered by community organizations.

The following scholarships from funds not held by Vassar are available to applicants who meet the qualifications:

The B. Belle Whitney Scholarship, held in trust by J.P.Morgan/Chase Manhattan Bank for students with financial need from the following towns in Connecticut: Bethel, Danbury, Brookfield,

Sherman, New Milford, Newtown, New Fairfield, Redding and Ridgefield.

The L.L. Staton Scholarship, held in trust by Mahlon DeLoatch, Jr., of Taylor and Brinson, Attorneys-at-Law, Tarboro North Carolina for women from Tarboro, Edgecombe County, eastern North Carolina and western North Carolina, in that order.

The Eva March Tappan Scholarship, held in trust by Bank of America, Boston, Massachusetts for residents of Worcester County.

Financial Aid and Athletics

Athletic ability is never a factor in the awarding of financial aid by Vassar College. Vassar College fields teams at the Division III level of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Division III regulations prohibit the awarding of any financial aid based on athletic considerations.

Scholarships in the Performing Arts

A limited number of art-supplies stipends and music-performance scholarships are given on the basis of financial need. Applications may be obtained at the financial aid office in the first week of college for new students, in March for students already enrolled.

Loan Funds

The Federal Stafford Student Loan Program offers federally insured loans at a low rate of interest. You pay no interest or principal while you are in college and have up to 10 years to repay the loan. Deferment and forbearance provisions are available in special circumstances. An origination fee and finance charges are deducted from the loan prior to disbursement by the lender. Applicants for Stafford Loans must demonstrate need under criteria used in determining eligibility for federal student-aid programs administered by the college. Applicants found ineligible for a subsidized Stafford Loan may still receive a Stafford Loan—they will be required to at least make interest payments or capitalize the interest while in school. Application and additional information may be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid or your local lender.

The Federal Perkins Loan program is a federally funded program administered by the college. You may have up to 10 years to repay the loan at 5 percent interest. There are no interest or principal payments while attending college on at least a half-time basis. Deferment and cancellation provisions are available in special circumstances.

International students demonstrating financial need for financial assistance from Vassar College receive a financial aid package that includes a student loan. The loan is processed through either Citibank. More information about loans can be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid.

The Office of Financial Aid determines which loan is most appropriate for a student receiving financial aid.

Other Federal Loan Programs

The Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students is available to the parents of dependent undergraduate students. This loan carries a low variable interest rate. The maximum amount that can be borrowed is the cost of education less financial aid. Availability is also subject to credit review of the borrower(s). Repayment begins shortly after the date of disbursement.

Student Employment

A campus job is part of all financial aid awards and priority for certain jobs is given to financial aid recipients. Students receive an allocation for either Federal Work Study (federally funded) or Institutional Employment. Presently, financial aid allocations are \$1,720 to \$2,150 requiring a student to work eight to ten hours per week. Some positions, which are funded through the Federal Work-Study Program (FWS) are off-campus community service positions. The Student Employment Office assists all students with job placements.

Temporary Loans

The college is fortunate to have modest funds donated to help students needing temporary emergency assistance. These loans are interest free, and are to be repaid in the shortest time possible. Application should be made to the director of financial aid.

Vassar Scholarship for Study Away and Exchange Programs

A limited amount of Vassar scholarship is made available for students to participate in programs of study away from the college. Once the scholarship funds for these programs are exhausted, students will be limited to their eligibility for Federal student financial aid to assist them with their study-away expenses.

Scholarship Funds

All Vassar scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of financial need, as determined by the college. The endowed funds listed below help support the Vassar scholarship program. Students do not apply for specific endowed funds; rather, they apply for financial aid.

For students seeking admission to Vassar College, the financial aid information is available in the admissions packet.

Maxine Goldmark Aaron '24 Fund
 Stella Hamburger Aaron 1899 Fund
 Gorham D. and Rebecca I. Abbot Fund
 Jennie Ackerly Fund
 Florence White Adlem Fund
 Edna C. Albro Fund
 George I. Alden Trust Fund
 Julia Bowles Alexander Fund
 Margaret Middleditch Allardyce Fund
 Mildred Allen Fund
 Adelaide Ames Fund
 Arlene Joy Amron Memorial Fund
 Mary Louise Anderson Fund
 E. Cowles and Miriam Jay Wurts Andrus Fund
 Louise C. Armstrong Fund
 Elizabeth V. Atwater Fund
 Norma K. and Lisa Aufzien Endowed Scholarship Fund
 Chellis A. Austin Fund
 Edwin C. Austin Fund
 Sarah Taylor Avrit Fund
 Sara L. Azrael Fund
 Lydia Richardson Babbott Fund
 Elsie L. Baker Fund
 Katharine Jones Baker Scholarship
 Mary Donahue Baker Fund
 Columbus and Edith E. Langenberg Baldo Music Fund
 Leslie Greenough Barker Fund
 Agnes L. Barnum Fund
 Edward M. Barringer Fund
 Charles and Rosanna Batchelor Fund
 Baxter Scholarship Fund
 Louisa Van Kleek Beach Fund
 Adeline Beadle Fund
 Aymer J. and E. Louise Beecher Fund
 Gabrielle Snyder Beck Endowment Fund
 Julia E. Bell Fund
 Margaret Jones Benton Fund
 Ada Kerr Benz Fund
 The Arnold Bernhard Foundation Fund
 Cecile and Gustav Bernd Sr. Fund
 Alison Bernstein Scholarship
 Frank Stillman Bidwell Fund
 Mary Brown Bidwell Fund
 William Bingham, II Fund
 Sarah Gibson Blanding Fund
 Edith S. Wetmore Blessing Fund
 Avis H. and Lucy H. Blewett Fund
 Margaret S. Block Fund

Rebecca Prentiss Blunt Fund
 Olive Thompson Bond Fund
 Clara Lena Bostwick and Marion Bostwick Mattice Smith Fund
 Annie Nettleton Bourne Fund
 Constance B. Bowditch Fund
 Mabel Maxwell Brace Fund
 Priscilla Braislín Fund
 Nannie Jenckes Brayton Fund
 Louise D. Breidge Fund
 Jane Breckir Memorial Fund
 Brigham Family Scholarship
 Blanche Campbell Brown Fund
 Laura A. Brown Fund
 Mabel Webster Brown Fund
 Virginia Post Brown Fund
 Brownell-Collier Fund
 Florence Wadhams Buchanan Fund
 Catharine Morgan Buckingham Fund
 John Buckmaster Fund
 Louise Burchard Fund
 Bertha Shapley Burke Fund
 Shirley Oakes Butler Fund
 Marian Voorhees '04 and Edgar J. Buttenheim Fund
 Hilda J. Butterfield Fund
 Annie Glyde Wells Caldwell Fund
 Northern California Endowment Fund
 Nellie Heth Canfield Fund
 Eliza Capen Fund
 Henrietta Capen Fund
 Jane Clark Carey Fund
 Dorothy Carl Class of 1930 Scholarship
 Central New York Scholarship Fund
 Cornelia B. Challice Fund
 Emily M. Chapman Fund
 Chemical Bank Fund
 Augusta Choate Fund
 Edward Christman Scholarship Fund
 Althea Ward Clark Fund in the Environmental Sciences
 Carnzu A. Clark Family Fund
 Class of 1896 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1900 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1922 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1923 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1931 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1934 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1936 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1942 Fund for the Environmental Sciences
 Class of 1944 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1945 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1952 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1954 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1972 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1974 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1982 Scholarship Fund
 Class of 1985 (Alden) Fund
 Sally Dayton Clement Scholarship Fund
 Cleveland Vassar Club Endowment Fund
 Annette Perry Coakley Fund
 P. Charles Cole Fund
 College Bowl Scholarship Fund
 Isabella Steenburg Collins Fund
 Colorado Vassar Club Endowment Fund
 Compton Family Scholarship Fund
 Compton Foundation Scholarship Fund
 Dorothy Danforth Compton Fund
 Ruth E. Conklin Fund
 Connecticut Scholarship Fund
 Alison R. Coolidge Fund
 Wildey B. and Ella H. Cooper Fund
 Dr. Susan Covey Memorial Scholarship
 Sarah Frances Hutchinson Cowles &
 Patricia Stewart Phelps Fund
 Susan Copland Crim Fund
 Dr. Emma V.P. Bicknell Culbertson Fund
 Gladys H. Cunningham Fund
 Florence M. Cushing Fund
 Dennis and Marsha Finn Dammerman Scholarship
 Charles L. Dates Fund
 Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Scholarship Fund
 Thomas M. and Mary E. Bennett Davis Fund
 Margarita Victoria Delacorte '53 Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Barbara Rowe de Marneffe and Pamela Rowe Peabody Fund
 George Sherman Dickinson Fund
 Bertha Clark Dillon Fund
 May Cossitt Dodge Fund
 Mario Domandi Fund
 Susan Miller Dorsey Fund
 Caroline B. Dow and Lilla T. Elder Fund
 Durant Drake Fund
 Mary Childs Draper, Vassar 1908, Scholarship
 Drotleff Scholarship Fund
 Kathryn McGrath Dubbs Fund
 Gwendoline Durbridge Fund
 Maude Elizabeth Batcheller Durkee Fund
 Catherine Pelton Durrell '25 Endowed Scholarship Fund
 Jane Dustan Scholarship
 Ruth P. East Fund
 George and Mary Economou Scholarship
 Charles M. Eckert Fund
 Edna H. Edgerton Fund
 Achsah M. Ely Fund
 Linda Beiles Englander '62 Fund
 Elizabeth Y. Evans Fund
 Katherine Evans 1946 Fund for Study Abroad
 Martha Jarnagin Evans Fund
 Margaret Ferguson Fund
 Frances D. Fergusson Scholarship
 Fergusson Presidential Scholars
 Edith Ferry Memorial Fund
 Mary Davis Firestone Memorial Fund
 Julia Amster Fishelson Fund
 Lucy Aldrich Fitch Fund
 Abbie H. Fox Fund
 Anne Frank Memorial Fund
 Ruth Scharps Fuld Fund
 Flora Todd Fuller Fund
 S. Margaret Gallagher Fund
 Roberta Galloway Gardner Fund
 Myra Toby Gargill Scholarship Fund
 Nellie J. Ryder Gates Fund
 Caroline M. Gerrish Fund
 Margaret McKee Gerrity Fund
 Cora Williams Getz Fund
 George R. and Helen M. Gibbons Fund
 Kate Viola Gibson Fund
 Gilan Fund
 Lucille Renneckar Glass Fund
 Louise Miller Glover Fund
 Frances Goldin Scholarship Fund
 Joan Gordon Scholarship Fund
 George Coleman Gow Fund
 The Michael Paul Grace Endowed Scholarship
 Graham Alumnae Fund
 Harriette Westfall Greene Fund
 Robina Knox Gregg Fund
 Emma Catherine Gregory Fund
 Kate Stanton Griffis Fund
 The Lea Trinka Grossi '72 Scholarship
 Gertrude H. Grosvenor Fund
 Helen Morris Hadley Fund

Hager Scholarship Fund
George S. & Esther E. Halstead Fund
Ives Dulles Hannay '42 Endowed Scholarship Fund
Marian Shaler Hanisch Fund
H. Stuart Harrison Fund
Evelina Hartz Fund
Mary Lee and Andrew Hartzell Scholarship Fund
Margaret D. Hayden 1939 Scholarship Fund
Alice Hayes Fund
Elizabeth Debevoise Healy & Harold Harris Healy, Jr. Fund
Edward W. Hearon Memorial Fund
William Randolph Hearst Endowment Fund
Laura McNeely Hedrick Fund
Heffernan Fund
Hazel Bowling Heflin Fund
John P. Herrick Fund
Hersey Association Scholarship Fund
Heloise E. Hersey Fund
Bailey Wright Hickenlooper Fund
Ralph M. Hill and Reba Stutson Hill, Vassar 1908, Scholarship
Meredith Miller Hilson Fund
Malcolm and Anna Robb Hirsh '37 Endowed Scholarship
Adelaide F. and Alexander P. Hixon Endowment for Exploring
Transfer
Dorothy Deyo Munro and Cornelia Deyo Hochstrasser Scholarship
Fund
Robert and Martha Hoffman Fund
Elizabeth Hogsett Fund
Blanche Ferry Hooker Fund
Julie Lien-Ying How Memorial Scholarship
Nancy Phillips Howland Scholarship
Mable Hastings Humpstone Fund
Calvin Huntington Fund
Dorothy D. Hurd Fund
Deborah Dow and Glenn Hutchins Scholarship
Lillia Babbitt Hyde Fund
Helen K. Ikeler Fund
Indiana Vassar Club Endowment Fund
Martha Rivers Ingram '57 Fund
Jane Lilley Ireson Fund
Martha Turley Jack Scholarship
Helen Hunt Jackson Fund
Harriet Morse Jenckes Fund
Bertha Tisdale Jenks Fund
Elizabeth Jenks Fund
Dorothy Jennings Class of 1923 Scholarship Endowment Fund
Beth Johnson Memorial Fund
Colton Johnson Scholarship
Jane T. Johnson Fund
Julia E. Johnson Fund
Helen Lyon Jones Fund
Leila D. Jones Fund
Louise M. Karcher Fund
Carol Miller Kautz '55 and James Kautz Trustee Scholarship
Katharine Margaret Kay Fund
Peggy Bullens Keally Fund
Clara E.B. Kellner Scholars Fund
Charlotte K. Kempner and Phyllis A. Kempner Scholarship Fund
Dorothy W. King Fund
Margaret Allen Knapp Scholarship Fund
Adelaide Knight Fund
Koopman Fund
Bertha M. Kridel Fund
Delphia Hill Lamberson Fund
Lambert-Hall Fund for Studio Art
Ellen Vorzimer Langner Fund
Suzanne S. LaPierre '76 Scholarship
Katharine P. Larrabee Fund
Loula D. Lasker 1909 and Frances Lasker Brody 1937 Scholarship
Otis Lee Fund
Margaret Anita Leet Fund
Margaret Bashford Legardeur Fund
Dorothy I. Levens Fund
Susan J. Life Fund
Elisabeth Locke Fund in Music
Helen D. Lockwood Fund
Julia B. Lockwood Fund
Frances Lehman Loeb '28 Scholarship Fund
Dorothy Hirsch Loeb '48 Scholarship Fund
Louisiana Vassar Club Endowment Fund
Polly Richardson Lukens Memorial Fund
Hannah Willard Lyman Fund
Lyndon Hall Alumnae Association Scholarship Fund
Catherine Hubbard MacCracken Fund
Majorie Dodd MacCracken Fund
Martha H. MacLeish Fund
Susan Zadek Mandel and Beth K. Zadek Fund
Mabel Farnham Mangano Fund
J.P. and L.T. Marangu Family Scholarship
Mary Anna Fox Martel 1890 Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mary Sue Cantrell Massad Fund
Louise Roblee McCarthy Memorial Fund
Emma C. McCauley Fund
Richard H. McDonald Fund
James S. McDonnell Fund
Janet C. McGean Fund
A. Madrigale M. McKeever Fund
Maude McKinnon Fund
Elizabeth L. Geiger McMahan Fund
William C. McVail Scholarship Fund
M. Frances Jewell McVey Fund
J. Warren Merrill Fund
Caroline Henshaw Metcalf Fund
Michigan Vassar Club Endowment Fund
Minnesota-Dakota Vassar Club Endowment Fund
William Mitchell Fund
Mohawk Valley Vassar Club Endowment Fund
Mary E. Monroe Fund
Mary H. Morgan Fund
Eugenia Tuttle Morris Fund
James B. and Emma M. Morrison Fund
Maude Morrison Fund
Christine Morgan Morton Fund
Samuel Munson Fund
Janet Murray 1931 Endowed Scholarship Fund
Sylvia and Harry Nelson Fund
Gretchen Hawkins Nelson and Sylvia
Allen Nelson Fund
Mary Nelson Fund
Virginia Shafroth Newton 1941 Fund
New York Aid Fund
Elizabeth Singer Nicholson Memorial Fund
Nickerson-Elwell Scholarship Fund
Philip Noehlin Memorial Fund
North Carolina Vassar Club Endowment Fund
Jacqueline Nolte '48 Scholarship
Jean Anderson O'Neil Fund
Florence White Olivet Fund
Mary Olmstead Fund
Marian Woodward Ottley Fund
Ouyang Family Scholarship
Lydia Babbott Paddon and Richard Paddon Fund
Mary Cornelia Palmer Fund
Mabel Pearse Fund
Honoro G. Pelton Fund
Michael W. and Catharine Walker
Percopo '46 Fund
Emma M. Perkins Fund
Florence Clinton Perkins Fund
Viva S. Perkins Fund
Matilda C. Perry Fund
Dorothy Persh Scholarship
Philadelphia Vassar Club Endowment Fund
Frances W. Pick Fund

Mary Ellen and Bruce Eben Pindyck Fund
 Poughkeepsie Community Fund
 Sarah Goddard Power Memorial Fund
 Andrew Price III Memorial Scholarship
 Queen Marie Scholarship Fund
 Elizabeth McCandless Rainey Fund
 Sarah Tod Fitz Randolph Fund
 Frances Helen Rawson Fund
 John H. Raymond Fund
 Ellen Roth Reisman Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Emma A. Rice Fund
 Julia A. Richards Fund
 Delia Rosanna Robbins Fund
 Paul C. Roberts Fund
 Steven and Kimberly Roberts Scholarship
 President Franklin D. Roosevelt Fund
 Sandra Priest Rose Fund
 Barbara Hirsch Rosston Scholarship Endowment
 The Lucile Cross Russell Fund
 Alexander and Mary Ellen Saunders Fund
 Harriet Sawyer Fund
 Scholarship Endowment in Support of Need Blind Admissions
 Ann Weinfeld Schulman Memorial Scholarship
 Edna Bryner Schwab Fund
 Alice McAfee Scott Fund
 Miriam Tannhauser McNair Scott Art History Scholarship Fund
 Esther Sears Fund
 Ruth Sedgwick Fund
 Henrietta Buckler Seiberling Music Fund
 Senior Class Gift—Scholarship Fund
 Janet Warren Shaw Fund
 Mary E. Shepard Fund
 Susan Stein Shiva Fund
 Janet Gerdes Short '40 Endowed Scholarship Fund
 Lydia M. Short Fund
 Dorothy Linder Silberberg Fund
 Linda Sipress Scholarship
 James T. and Gertrude M. Skelly Fund
 Anna Margaret and Mary Sloan Fund
 Jane Prouty Smith Fund
 Reba Morehouse Smith Fund
 Blanche Brumback Spitzer Fund
 Kittie M. Spring Fund
 Carol L. Stahl Fund
 Catharine P. Stanton Fund
 Louise J. Starkweather Fund
 Mary Isabella Starr Fund
 Florence Finley Stay Scholarship
 Lucy W. Stedman Fund
 Mary Betty Stevens, M.D. Fund
 Clara Sax Strasburger Fund
 Mary and Harry Streep Scholarship
 Ernest and Elsie Sturm Fund
 Summer Institute of Euthenics Scholarship Fund
 Solon E. Summerfield Fund
 Diana Ward Sumner Fund
 Surdna Foundation Scholarship Fund
 Helen B. Sweeney Fund
 Marian Stanley Sweet Fund
 Texas Scholarship Fund
 Florence White Thomas Fund
 Mary Rogers Thomas Memorial Fund
 Sarah and Elizabeth Thomas Fund
 Adalyn Thompson Fund
 John Thompson and Benson Van Vliet Fund
 C. Mildred Thompson Fund
 James and Theresa Thornbury Fund
 Ada Thurston Fund
 Charlotte F.K. Townsend Fund
 Emily Allison Townsend Fund
 Margaret Pope Trask Endowment Fund
 Jane B. Tripp Fund

Thomas Tsao '86 Memorial Fund
 Cordelia F. Turrell Fund
 Ruth Updegraff Scholarship Fund
 Janet Graham Van Alstyne 1922 Scholarship Fund
 Esther Ruth Van Demark Fund
 Dr. Helen VanAlstine Scholarship Fund
 Yannis Pavlos Vardinoyannis Fund
 Matthew Vassar Auxiliary Fund
 Vassar Club of New York City Scholarship Fund
 Vassar Club of St. Louis Fund
 Vassar College/Maria Mitchell Association Endowment Fund
 Matthew Vassar Jr. Fund
 Valerie Vondermuhll Fund
 Harriett F. Hubbell Vossler Fund
 Annetta O'Brien Walker Fund
 Cornelia Walker Fund
 Washington State Vassar Club Endowment Fund
 Dr. Caroline F. Ware Fund
 Anne Bonner Warren 1950 Memorial Scholarship
 Waterman-Neu Fund
 Watkins-Elting Scholarship Fund
 Elizabeth Wylie Webster Fund
 Mary C. Welborn Fund
 Emma Galpin Welch Fund
 Agnes B. and Elizabeth E. Wellington Fund
 Jill Troy Werner '71 Endowed Scholarship
 Clara Pray West Fund
 Westchester Vassar Club Endowment Fund
 Dorothy Marioneaux Whatley Fund
 Dorothy Whitman Fund
 Martha McChesney Wilkinson & Ruth Chandler Moore Class of
 1918 Fund
 The Lois P. Williams '16 Scholarship Endowment
 Edward and Elizabeth Williamson Fund
 Katharine Mathiot Williston Fund
 Florence Ogden Wilson Fund
 Woodrow Wilson Fund
 Winbrook Scholarship Fund
 Lucy Madeira Wing Fund
 Annie Carpenter Winter Fund
 David, Helen and Marian Woodward Fund and Marian Woodward
 Ottley Fund
 Dr. Gladys Winter Yegen Fund
 Mary Stout Young Fund
 Jacob Ziskind Fund
 Professor Anita Zorzoli Scholarship Endowment
 75th Anniversary Scholarship Fund

Additional scholarship funds were made available by the following Vassar Clubs during the 2008/09 academic year from gifts and endowments:

Chicago	Pioneer Valley, MA
Cleveland	Poughkeepsie Area
Colorado/Wyoming	Rhode Island
Jersey Hills	Rochester
Hartford	Saint Louis
Maryland	Santa Barbara and the
Minnesota and Dakotas	Tri-Counties
Naples, FL	Tucson
New Haven	Vermont and New Hampshire
New York City	Westchester
Palm Beach/Martin Counties	Wisconsin
Philadelphia	

Fellowships

A limited number of fellowships are available for graduate study. The fellowship funds have been established by friends of the college to encourage Vassar graduates to continue their studies in the United States or abroad, either in work toward an advanced degree or in the creative arts. Since the stipends do not cover the

full amount needed for graduate work, applicants are strongly advised to apply simultaneously for outside grants. For information concerning graduate fellowships, students should consult their departmental adviser or the Director of the Office for Fellowships and Pre-Health Advising.

Members of the graduating class and recent graduates of Vassar College are eligible as specified under each fellowship. Applications should be made before February 2009, to the Committee on Fellowships. Application forms for all Vassar fellowships are available on the Office for Fellowships website.

Vassar College Fellowships

Mary Richardson and Lydia Pratt Babbott Fellowship
 Katherine Jones Baker Fellowship—*Biological sciences, medicine, chemistry, or physics*
 Phyllis Hunt Belisle—*Mathematics*
 Eliza Buffington Fellowship—*Research*
 Ann Cornelisen Fellowship for Undergraduate Students—*for study of a current spoken language in any country outside the United States, preferably in conjunction with an interest in sociology, diplomatic service or international law*
 Ann Cornelisen Fund for Post-Graduate Fellowships
 Nancy Skinner Clark Fellowship—*Biology*
 DeGolier Fellowship
 Eloise Ellery Fellowship
 Dorothy A. Evans Fellowship
 The Oppi Handler Fellowship
 Elizabeth Skinner Hubbard Fellowship—*Religion*
 James Ryland and Georgia A. Kendrick Fellowship
 Abby Leach Memorial Fellowship—*Greek history, archaeology, art, literature*
 Maguire Fellowship—*Study in another country in which a student can pursue his or her special interests in the humanities, broadly defined*
 Helen Brown Nicholas and John Spangler Nicholas Fellowship—*Science at Yale University*
 Mary Pemberton Nourse Fellowship—*Medicine, social work, public health*
 Margaret C. Peabody Fellowship—*Inter-national relations*
 Helen Dwight Reid Fellowship—*International relations*
 Mary Langdon Sague Fellowship—*Chemistry*
 Belle Skinner Fellowship—*Study of history in France*
 Adolph Sutro Fellowship
 Elinor Wardle Squier Townsend Fellowship—*Art, preferably abroad*
 The Elsie Van Dyck DeWitt Scholarship Fund
 Louise Hart Van Loon Fellowship
 Margaret Floy Washburn Fund—*Psychology*
 Emilie Louise Wells Fellowship—*Economics*

W. K. Rose Fellowship

This fellowship is made possible by a bequest from the estate of W. K. Rose, a distinguished scholar and teacher who was a member of the Vassar English department from 1953 until his untimely death in the fall of 1968. Its object is to provide a worthy young artist with a chance to be free after college to pursue his/her work as an artist. All Vassar graduating seniors and Vassar alumnae/i under the age of 36 at the time of the deadline who demonstrated a creative talent in their years of undergraduate study, who are not presently employed by the college, and who have not already attained substantial recognition in their field will be considered eligible. Applications are available on the Office for Fellowships website and are due by January 17, 2010.

Academic Internship Funds

The funds listed below help support Vassar's endowment for academic internships in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences. Students do not apply for specific endowed funds; rather, they apply for participation in either the URSI or Ford Scholars academic internship programs.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Barnhart, Jr. Fund for Academic Internships in the Humanities and Social Sciences
 Gabrielle Snyder Beck Fund
 Elise Nichols Bloch 1903 and Margaret Sawyer Bloch 1936 Fellowship
 Class of 1942 Fund for the Environmental Sciences
 Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation Fund
 Terry Gordon Lee '43 Memorial Internship Fund
 The New York Community Trust—The John L. Weinberg Fund for Academic Interns
 The Olmsted Fund
 Bruce Eben and Mary Ellen Pindyck Internship in Art
 Joseph H. and Florence A. Roblee Foundation Fund
 C.V. Starr Foundation Fund

Alumnae and Alumni of Vassar College (AAVC)

Founded in 1871 and governed by an independent board of directors, AAVC's mission is to lead the alumnae/i in advancing the interests of Vassar College. In addition, AAVC strives to be relevant to the alumnae/i and to Vassar College by sustaining a sense of community, maintaining traditions, sharing resources, fostering connections, and encouraging a lifelong desire to know. Once their class graduates, all matriculated students of the college are considered members of AAVC with voting privileges.

AAVC connects the more than 36,000 Vassar alumnae/i worldwide with each other and the college through classes, clubs, and affiliate groups; reunions, mini-reunions, and travel programs; online and print publications; and regional, on-campus, and young alumnae/i events. For example, AAVC organizes 100 nights after graduation parties in multiple cities across the country; sponsors AAVC Distinguished Achievement Award winners to visit classes and lecture on campus; supports affiliate group initiatives, such as the African-American Alumnae/i of Vassar College alumnae/i-student mentoring program; and hosts the Vassar College reunion weekend each June. In addition to these programs, AAVC works closely with the college by co-sponsoring programs such as alumnae/i interviewers (Office of Admission), networking events (Office of Career Development), regional events coordinated around traveling teams (Office of Athletics), and faculty lectures at regional club gatherings (Office of Dean of the Faculty).

The official publication of AAVC, *Vassar, the Alumnae/i Quarterly*, is published in the fall, winter, spring, and summer and is distributed to all alumnae/i, current parents, faculty, and administrators. Each issue is also placed in racks in the College Center, athletic facility, and library for students. The magazine includes articles about alumnae/i, on-campus activities, students, and faculty, as well as Class Notes. In addition, AAVC publishes a monthly electronic newsletter, *This is Vassar*, which highlights recent news items and upcoming events about life on campus.

AAVC manages and operates Alumnae House as a welcoming on-campus home for alumnae/i. The House was given to the college by two alumnae in 1924. Its American Tudor-style architecture and gracious atmosphere make it a pleasant gathering place for alumnae/i, faculty, students, administrators, staff, and the local Hudson Valley community. Members of the Vassar community enjoy the House with overnight stays, meals at the Pub, family celebrations, and business gatherings. Reservations are required. For information, call 845-437-7100 or write Alumnae House, 161 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

The AAVC executive director manages the affairs and staff of the association in accordance with the policies determined by the board. The rotating AAVC Board includes the AAVC president, who is chief officer of AAVC, chair of its board of directors, and a college trustee. In total, six AAVC directors sit on the Vassar College Board of Trustees. The association takes its direction from the more than 36,000-member constituency whose volunteer leadership, perspective, and energy help guide and support the college.

Degrees and Courses of Study

Vassar College offers a balanced course of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. To permit flexibility, it also offers an opportunity for a four-year program leading to a combined Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts or Science degree in a limited number of specified areas. It encourages students to pursue the degree through the development of a coherent program of study that recognizes, as much as possible, individual needs.

Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Units

Each candidate for the bachelor of arts degree is required to complete 34 units of work, equivalent to the standard of 120 semester hours recognized by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The system of units is fourfold:

- a) the single unit, a course for one semester
- b) the half unit, equivalent to one-half of a semester course taken over an entire semester or for a half-semester only
- c) the double unit, consisting of a year sequence of semester courses or the equivalent of two semester courses in one term
- d) the unit and a half earned in one course over one semester

Freshman Writing Seminar, Quantitative Course, and Foreign Language Requirements

All graduates must comply with the Freshman Writing Seminar requirement, the Quantitative Course requirement, and the foreign language proficiency requirement as described on page 45.

Residence

Four years of full-time enrollment is the usual length of time expected for the baccalaureate degree. However, students may be permitted to spend a longer or shorter time. The fact that many students will benefit from a break in the four-year sequence is acknowledged and reflected in the residence requirement. While students are expected to make orderly progress toward the degree, they are encouraged to move at the pace and in the fashion which suits their needs and those of their chosen program. Students who want to accelerate their degree program should consult with the Dean of Studies.

Residence Requirement

1. A student choosing a regular four-year program must spend at least three of those years in residence.
2. Students on a three-year program (accelerating students, those entering with a considerable number of pre-matriculation Advanced Placement credits, those transferring after one year at another college) would normally be expected to spend two and one-half years in residence. If special one-year off-campus programs—e.g., Junior Year Away or academic leave of absence—were deemed essential to their studies, the residence requirement would be reduced to two years in those cases by permission of the Committee on Leaves and Privileges.
3. Students entering Vassar as juniors must spend two years in residence and elect at least 17 units—the minimum amount of Vassar work required of transfer students for a Vassar baccalaureate degree.
4. Any special permissions relating to the residence requirement (academic leaves of absence, acceleration) must be sought individually from the Committee on Leaves and Privileges by February 15 of the previous academic year.
5. All students must be in residence for at least two semesters of their junior and senior years in college.

Attendance at Class

The educational plan of Vassar College depends upon the effective

cooperation of students and teachers. Each student bears full responsibility for class attendance, for completing work on schedule, and for making up work missed because of absence. In cases of extended absence the instructor may, with the approval of the dean of studies, refuse a student the opportunity to make up work or to take the final examination, or may exclude a student from the course.

To protect the integrity of the academic year, students are required to be in residence by midnight of the day before classes begin in each semester. Exception from this rule is by prior permission of the dean of studies.

The Vassar Curriculum

Vassar offers students a choice of four ways to proceed toward a degree which embodies an education that is personally significant. They are: concentration in a department, the Independent Program, and the multidisciplinary and interdepartmental programs.

Freshman Writing Seminar

Each year several introductory courses, designated Freshman Writing Seminars, provide entering students the opportunity to develop particular abilities in a small class setting along with fellow freshmen who are making the transition to college work. Intended as introductions to the collegiate experience, these courses are limited in enrollment to seventeen freshmen and are offered in a variety of disciplines. In general, they serve as introductions to those disciplines. Particular attention is given to the effective expression of ideas in both written and oral work.

All entering freshmen are required to elect at least one Freshman Writing Seminar. The Freshman Writing Seminar offerings are listed every year in the *Freshman Handbook*.

Quantitative Courses

Facility in quantitative reasoning is an important component of liberal education. Quantitative reasoning includes the ability to understand and evaluate arguments framed in quantitative or numerical terms; to analyze subject matter using quantitative techniques; to construct and evaluate quantitative arguments of one's own; and to make reasoned judgments about the kinds of questions that can be effectively addressed through quantitative methods.

Accordingly, all Vassar students are required before their third year to complete at least one full-unit course that shall develop or extend the student's facility in quantitative reasoning. Qualifying courses are designated by the faculty and are noted in the schedule of classes. Exemption from this requirement is limited to students who have completed equivalent coursework at another college or university as certified by the dean of studies.

Foreign Language Proficiency

Recognizing the unique importance in undergraduate education of the study of foreign languages, the Vassar curriculum provides for both study of and concentration in Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish. In addition, students may learn American sign language, Arabic, Hebrew, and Old English and, through the self-instructional language program, Hindi, Irish, Korean, Portuguese, Swahili, and Swedish.

All three- and four-year students whose first language is English are required before graduation to demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by one of the following six ways:

- one year of foreign-language study at Vassar at the introductory level or one semester at the intermediate level or above;
- the passing of a proficiency examination administered by one of the foreign language departments, the self-instructional language program or, for languages not in the Vassar curriculum, by the Office of the Dean of Studies;
- Advanced Placement score of 4 or 5 in a foreign language;
- SAT II achievement test score in a foreign language of at least 600;
- equivalent foreign-language coursework completed at another institution; such courses may involve languages not taught at Vassar; or

- completion of Old English and Beowulf (English 235 and 236); both Old English and Beowulf must be completed to satisfy the requirement.

College Course

The college course program was established to ensure that students can have direct exposure in their years at Vassar to some important expressions of the human spirit in a context that is both multidisciplinary and integrative. The aim of introductory level college course is to study important cultures, themes, or human activities in a manner that gives the student experience in interpreting evidence from the standpoint of different departments. The courses relate this material and these interpretations to other material and interpretations from other departments in order to unite the results of this study into a coherent overall framework. The interpretations are expected to be both appreciative and critical; the artifacts will come from different times, places, and cultures; and the instructors will come from different departments.

Concentration in a Department

A student may choose a curricular program and a major within a field of concentration at any time until the end of the second year of study or the midpoint in the student's college years. The choice must be filed with the registrar.

Minimum requirements for the concentration vary with the department. At least half of a student's minimum requirements in the field of concentration must be taken at Vassar.

Of the 34 units required for the degree, students may not take more than 50 percent or 17 units in a single field of concentration. At least one-fourth of the 34 units, or 8½ units, must be in one or more of the divisions of the curriculum outside the one in which the student is concentrating. This minimum may include interdepartmental courses or courses offered by the multi-disciplinary programs. No more than 2 units of the 34, with the exception of physical education 110, 210, and 390, may be for work in physical education.

It is strongly recommended that students take courses in each of the four divisions at Vassar. Students are also expected to work in more than one department each semester.

These are the curricular divisions:

Arts	Foreign Languages and Literatures	Social Sciences	Natural Sciences
Art	Arabic	Anthropology	Astronomy
Dance	Chinese	Economics	Biology
Drama	French	Education	Chemistry
English	German Studies	Geography	Computer Science
Film	Greek	History	Earth Science
Music	Hebrew	Philosophy	Mathematics
Physical Education	Hispanic Studies	Political Science	Physics
	Italian	Religion	Psychology
	Japanese	Sociology	
	Latin		
	Russian Studies		

Independent Program

The Independent Program is available to any student who wishes to elect a field of concentration that is not provided by one of the regular departments or the interdepartmental or multidisciplinary programs of the college. Consequently, the student's own specially defined field of concentration will be interdisciplinary in nature, and may draw upon various methods of study, on and off campus.

A student may apply for admission to the independent program no earlier than the second semester of the freshman year and normally no later than the end of the sophomore year. The guidelines and requirements of the independent program are described on page 255.

Interdepartmental Programs

Interdepartmental programs are concentrations in which the con-

cerns of two or more academic departments come together, under the supervision of participating faculty members. They differ from the multidisciplinary programs mainly in that their subjects are by their nature joint concerns of the departments involved and are accessible through the methods and approaches appropriate to these disciplines. Through cooperation in curricular planning, scheduling, and advising, interdepartmental programs offer students coherent courses of study within the levels of instruction of the participating departments. At the present time, Vassar offers six interdepartmental programs—biochemistry; earth science and society; geography-anthropology; medieval and renaissance studies; neuroscience and behavior; and Victorian studies. The regulations and requirements of these programs are specified under course listings.

Fulfillment of distribution requirements for students in an interdepartmental concentration is determined in consultation with an adviser in the program.

Multidisciplinary Programs

Each multidisciplinary program concentrates on a single problem or series of problems that cannot be approached by one discipline alone. The integration and coherence of the program are achieved through work of ascending levels of complexity. At the present time, Vassar has twelve fully developed multidisciplinary programs—Africana Studies; American Culture; Asian Studies; Cognitive Science; Environmental Studies; International Studies; Jewish Studies; Latin American and Latino/a Studies; Media Studies; Science, Technology, and Society; Urban Studies; and Women's Studies. The regulations and requirements of these programs are specified under course listings.

Fulfillment of distribution requirements for students in a multidisciplinary concentration is determined in consultation with the adviser in the program.

Double Major

Students wishing to apply to the Committee on Leaves and Privileges for permission to take a double major, in which they fulfill all the requirements of each field of concentration concerned, may do so after obtaining the permission of the appropriate advisers and department chairs. Generally, students seeking a double concentration are expected to have a good academic record. They should present a clear statement to the committee indicating the academic advantages expected from study in the two proposed fields.

Correlate Sequence

In addition to an elected field of concentration, a student may undertake an optional correlate sequence in one of the following areas:

Africana studies, ancient societies, anthropology, art history, Asian studies, astronomy, biology, chemistry, Chinese, classics, computer science, earth science, economics, education studies, English, French, geography, German, Greek, Hispanic studies, history, Italian, Japanese, Jewish studies, Latin, Latin American and Latino/a studies, mathematics, medieval and renaissance studies, music, philosophy, physics, political science, religion, Russian studies, urban studies, Victorian studies, women's studies.

The correlate sequence provides the opportunity to organize studies outside the major field of concentration, progressing from introductory to advanced work under the guidance of an adviser in the relevant department or program. A sequence usually consists of 6 units, selected to acquaint the student with the methodology of the field and to permit achievement of some depth of learning in at least one of its areas of knowledge. The mere amassing of units is not acceptable. Ordinarily, no more than 2 units may be courses taken at another school. Specific requirements for each sequence are noted in the individual department or program section of the catalogue.

Students interested in pursuing a correlate sequence should complete a Declaration of Correlate Sequence form available from the Office of the Registrar.

Part-Time Status

Ordinarily, all matriculated students will be required to register full time (a minimum of 3.5 units) for eight semesters or until they complete the requirements for their degree, whichever comes first. Part time status (fewer than 3.5 units, reduced tuition) is reserved for students who, for documented (e.g. medical) reasons, will need to reduce their course load for several semesters. Students who, for documented reasons, require a reduced course load for a single semester may be eligible for full time under-load status (fewer than 3.5 units, full tuition). All requests for part time status or full time under-load status should be submitted to the Committee on Leaves and Privileges, which will evaluate the academic merits of each request. Students considering part time status who receive financial aid should also consult with the Office of Financial Aid about possible financial implications.

Leaves of Absence

Vassar allows its students two kinds of leaves of absence: academic and nonacademic. Both kinds of leaves are granted upon application through the Office of the Dean of Studies before appropriate deadlines announced annually. Applications for academic leaves, except when of an emergency nature, should be made before February 15 of the academic year before the one for which they are sought.

An academic leave of absence will be granted to a student for a semester or a year within the general framework of sensible and promising academic purpose. It may be granted to a student who wishes to take coursework of a particular kind at another institution or to a student who wishes to gain a different academic perspective. Departmental advisers help students in planning programs which include academic work elsewhere. In certain departments, leaves in the sophomore year may be more desirable than leaves in the junior year, and vice versa. Approved academic leaves may be rescinded if a student's grades fall below the level required for approval.

Any student seeking such an academic leave should consult the appropriate adviser in the Office of the Dean of Studies in sufficient time to allow for conferences with faculty advisers, followed by submission of an application to the Committee on Leaves and Privileges before the February 15 deadline. Non-transfer students may include no more than 10 units of work taken elsewhere in the 34 units presented for the Vassar baccalaureate degree. For transfer students, the maximum is 17 units.

Leaves of a nonacademic nature generally fall into two categories—leaves for medical reasons and leaves for students who want a period of time off to do something quite different from academic work. These may be leaves for employment or merely for personal reorientation. To aid students seeking employment during personal leaves of absence, Vassar has joined in consortium with seven other colleges and universities in the College Venture Program, which develops job placements in public or private organizations, and which maintains a job bank in the Office of Career Development. In any of these cases, the request for leave should be carefully considered by the appropriate adviser and approved by the Dean of Studies. Applications for nonacademic leaves, except when of an emergency nature, should be made before April 1 of the academic year before the one for which they are sought. Students should submit a written, signed request for nonacademic leaves to the dean of studies. In exceptional circumstances, students may apply for retroactive credit, but in general, students will not receive credit for academic work undertaken while on a personal leave of absence.

The college reserves the right to limit leaves, within the framework of residential and academic policies. Ordinarily, non-academic leaves of absence are limited to at most two consecutive semesters.

Foreign Study Study Abroad

Appropriately qualified students may study abroad on approved programs under conditions set by the Committee on Leaves and Privileges. Usually, but not always, foreign study is planned for the junior year.

All students interested in foreign study should discuss the possibilities with their departmental advisers, and then submit an application to the committee through the study away office. Study abroad can be especially valuable for students majoring in foreign languages and literatures, and international studies. It may also complement work in other departments and programs. Students should discuss their program with their academic adviser.

As study abroad generally poses particular challenges for students, the college must require reasonable standards of academic performance of students applying for this privilege. In order to merit consideration by the committee, a student requesting permission to study abroad must have a compelling academic rationale as well as the strong support of the adviser and the department concerned, a good academic record (ordinarily with a recommended Vassar College GPA of 3.0 or better), and the foreign language background specified in junior year away guidelines, usually a minimum of two years of college study.

Information on the policies and procedures (including important deadlines) for petitioning for permission to study abroad is available on the Office of International Programs website. Students wishing to apply for permission to study abroad should familiarize themselves with the Fundamentals of Study Abroad document available online.

Academic Year Programs

Berlin Consortium for German Studies

Based in the city of Berlin and managed by Columbia University, the Berlin Consortium for German Studies (BCGS), of which Vassar College is an Associate Member, offers an intellectually challenging and diverse program of study meeting the highest academic standards common to its member institutions. The BCGS provides students with the opportunity to enroll in courses at the Freie Universität Berlin (FU Berlin) for spring semester or a full academic year. The program begins with a six-week intensive language practicum, which, in conjunction with a month long home-stay, prepares students for study at the FU Berlin. Upon completion of the practicum, students enroll in one course taught by the BCGS directors on a topic such as culture, politics, history, literature, theater, or cinema; and for at least two, possibly more, FU Berlin courses for which they meet the prerequisites. Program tutors are available to assist BCGS students with the transition into the German university system. Cultural activities and field trips support the academic program. Some students also intern during the semester and between the fall and spring semesters.

Vassar-Wellesley-Wesleyan Program in Bologna

Vassar College, Wellesley College, and Wesleyan University offer a study abroad program at the Università di Bologna in Italy. The program is committed to high academic standards and to providing opportunities for students to develop their knowledge of the Italian language and culture in one of the most venerable and prestigious academic environments in Europe.

Undergraduates wishing to study humanities and social sciences may enroll for the fall or spring semesters or for the full academic year. Students who enroll for the full year or for the spring semester and who have at least an intermediate knowledge of Italian complete two regular university courses at the Università di Bologna, as well as take courses in language and Italian studies offered by the program. Since all courses are offered in Italian, participants must have completed the equivalent of second-year Italian. Those interested in applying should consult with their advisers before making a formal application to the dean of studies, study away office, Main N-173.

Vassar-Wesleyan Program in Paris

Qualified students majoring in any discipline may spend a semester or an academic year with the Vassar-Wesleyan Program in Paris. The program offers courses in language, culture, literature, art, the social sciences, as well as an internship. Additionally, many courses are available through the University of Paris. Courses cover France

and the French-speaking world (for course descriptions, see the listing for French). Students normally participate in their junior year, but sophomores and seniors are also eligible. Since all courses are given in French, participants should have completed a 200-level course above French 213 or the equivalent. Those interested in applying should consult with their advisers and with the Department of French before making formal application through the dean of studies, study away office, Main N-173.

Vassar-Wesleyan Program in Spain

Qualified students, regardless of their field of concentration, may spend a semester or an academic year with the Vassar-Wesleyan Program in Spain studying at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. The program offers courses in Spanish language, literature, history, art, politics, and society (for course descriptions, see the listing for Hispanic Studies). Students normally participate in their junior year, but qualified sophomores and seniors are also eligible. Since all courses are given in Spanish, participants must have completed the equivalent of second-year Spanish (Hispanic Studies 205, 206). Those interested in applying should consult with their advisers and with the Department of Hispanic Studies before making formal application through the dean of studies, study away office, Main N-173.

Vassar in St. Petersburg, Russia at European University

Qualified students with an interest in Russian Studies and/or art history may spend the fall semester at European University in St. Petersburg studying art, history and language and culture. The St. Petersburg program is unique in allowing students virtually unlimited access to the Hermitage Museum with its collection of Western art that is rivaled only by such famous sites as the British Museum or the Louvre. Our students are granted equally unrestricted access to the Russian Museum, a treasure-trove of Russian art ranging from medieval icons to Malevich and beyond. Classes are held under the tutelage of Hermitage curators and professors of the city's European University. No previous exposure to Russian language is required, since the three principal courses are offered in English. All students must be enrolled in a Russian language course at their appropriate level. Additional instruction in Russian can be arranged for advanced Russian speakers.

Clifden, Ireland: Internship in Irish Schools

Vassar College, in cooperation with the Clifden Community School, Clifden Ireland, offers a one-semester internship in Irish elementary or secondary education. Students interested in teacher certification, the theoretical study of education, or the study of cross-cultural education are assigned as interns in the elementary or secondary school in Clifden, Ireland. They may also take a "half-tutorial" of study at University College, Galway, in areas such as: history, English, psychology, history of art, physical sciences, geography, or other subjects taught in the general university curriculum. Those interested in applying should consult with their adviser and the Department of Education before making formal application through the dean of studies, study away office, Main N-173.

International Exchange Programs

Vassar has established exchanges that students may choose to participate in with the following six institutions:

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Science Po) Exchange Program

Full year or spring term only. Requires excellent French language skills.

Bilgi University and Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Fall, spring or full year study is available.

Ochanomizu University, Tokyo University (female students only)

Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan

Fall, spring or full year study is available.

University of Exeter, United Kingdom
Full year or spring term only.

*Summer Programs

Vassar Summer Language and Culture Program in China

Vassar College offers a Chinese language and culture summer program at Qingdao University, Qingdao, China. The program is committed to high academic standards and to providing opportunities for students to develop their knowledge of Chinese language and culture in an authentic linguistic environment of total immersion. The program lasts eight weeks, and there will be a one-week cultural excursion in Beijing and an optional two-day stay in Shanghai.

The program is open to all Vassar students. Based on the level of language instruction needed by actual participating students, the program offers introductory, intermediate, advanced, and high-advanced courses. These courses are taught by the faculty members of Qingdao University, who specialize in teaching Chinese as a second language. A student may take one of the four language sequence courses—Chinese 105-106, Chinese 205-206, Chinese 306-306 and Chinese 340-341. Chinese 201 (Special Topics) is offered to complement the cultural aspect of the advanced courses. Additionally, each student may take two mini-courses of Chinese calligraphy and martial arts. Each language sequence course includes daily four hour morning sessions of intensive language instruction, afternoon one-on-one sessions of oral practice with a native Chinese college student, one to two weeks of home stay with a Chinese family, weekend excursions (including Confucius residence, temple and tomb), interactive recreational activities with Chinese faculty members and students, and an adequate amount of time for students' self-study. Upon the successful completion of the entire program, a student will earn three units of Vassar credit, which can be used to fulfill the College's one-year requirement of foreign language and/or count towards the fulfillment of the requirements of the Chinese major or minor, or majors in other multi-disciplinary programs where Chinese language courses can be counted. For course descriptions, see the section under the Chinese and Japanese Department or consult the department.

Vassar Summer Language and Culture Program in Japan

Vassar College offers an eight-week summer language and culture program at Ochanomizu University, starting in early June and continuing through the end of July. This program provides a combination of intensive language training and cultural immersion in Tokyo, Japan's capital.

The program is open to all Vassar students. Different levels of Japanese language courses are offered in a particular year based on the needs of the participants. These courses count towards both the major and correlate sequence in Japanese at Vassar College, or majors in other multi-disciplinary programs where Japanese language courses can be counted. Students can also use these courses to fulfill the college's one-year foreign language requirement. The classes meet three hours a day, Monday through Friday. During the afternoons, the students can participate in the university's cultural activities, such as traditional Japanese dance, tea ceremony, and flower arrangement. On the weekends, the program organizes excursions to nearby cultural sites. The students live in Ochanomizu University's dormitory or in carefully selected private homes, where they have daily interaction with native Japanese people. For more information, consult the Department of Chinese and Japanese.

Vassar German Summer Program in Münster

Vassar College, in conjunction with the College of William and Mary and Sweet Briar College, conducts an intensive summer program with the opportunity to study and travel in Germany during a seven-week period. The program entails a five-day informal trip through Germany, a five-week home-stay with a German host-family, and a six-day excursion to Weimar and Berlin. While in Münster,

* If a student takes more than 2 units the student will be charged the part-time rate.

students take courses in German conversation, literature, and culture. Students who successfully complete the program receive 2 units of graded Vassar credit. Minimum requirements are the completion of German 105 and 106, or the equivalent, and the recommendation of the instructor. For further information consult the Department of German Studies.

Vassar College Spanish Language Summer Program in Mexico (Alternates with Spanish Language Program in Peru)

Vassar College offers an intensive six-week summer program in Oaxaca, Mexico. This program offers a mix of classroom and experiential learning opportunities in the city of Oaxaca, located 250 miles southeast of Mexico City, nestled in a highland valley at an altitude of 5000 feet above sea level. Students have three hours of intensive language instruction and a one-hour conversation class Monday through Friday. Students also participate in a seminar course two afternoons a week taught by a Vassar College professor.

In the afternoons, students have the option of participating in workshops on topics such as Mexican history, cooking, back strap loom weaving, ceramics, music and dance. These two-hour sessions are taught by indigenous instructors of these arts. Students may also participate in the *intercambio* or language exchange program with local university students and professionals who are eager to speak Spanish with institute students in exchange for a chance to practice their English.

On the weekends, the Vassar College Summer Program in Mexico organizes tours and trips that build on the students' course work. Program fees include two extended weekend trips to destinations such as Mexico City, San Cristobal de Las Casas, or Yucatan. On other weekends, students have the opportunity to tour nearby archaeological sites, indigenous markets and artisan villages around the central valley of Oaxaca.

The intermediate-level Spanish language courses offered in this program are taught by qualified instructors at the Institute Cultural Oaxaca and focus on contemporary language and culture. These intermediate-level courses count towards both the Hispanic Studies Major and Correlate Sequence, and fulfill Vassar College language requirement.

During the program students receive room and board in carefully screened, private homes, where they experience Mexican family life and practice their Spanish.

This program is open only to matriculated Vassar students. To be eligible the student must have completed Elementary Spanish Education, Basic Spanish Review, or equivalent (two or three years of high school Spanish).

Vassar Spanish Language Summer Program in Peru (Alternates with Spanish Language Program in Mexico)

Vassar College offers an intensive six-week summer program in Peru. This program offers a mix of classroom and experiential learning opportunities. Students have three hours of intensive language instruction and a one-hour conversation class Monday through Friday. Students also participate in a seminar course two afternoons a week taught by a Vassar College professor.

In the afternoons, students have the option of participating in workshops on topics such as history, cooking, back strap loom weaving, ceramics, music and dance. These two-hour sessions are taught by indigenous instructors of these arts. Students may also participate in the *intercambio* or language exchange program with local university students and professionals who are eager to speak Spanish with institute students in exchange for a chance to practice their English.

On the weekends, the Vassar College Summer Program in Peru organizes tours and trips that build on the students' course work. Program fees include two extended weekend trips. On other weekends, students have the opportunity to tour nearby archaeological sites, indigenous markets and artisan villages.

The intermediate Spanish language courses offered in this

program are taught by qualified instructors and focus on contemporary language and culture. These intermediate level courses count towards both the Hispanic Studies Major and Correlate Sequence, and fulfill the Vassar College language requirement.

During the program students receive room and board in carefully screened, private homes, where they experience Peruvian family life and practice their Spanish.

This program is open only to matriculated Vassar students. To be eligible the student must have completed two terms of Elementary Spanish, Basic Spanish Review, or equivalent (two or three years of high school Spanish).

Vassar Siena Summer Program

Vassar College offers an intensive summer program with the opportunity to study and travel in Italy during a seven-week period. Program participants are matched with a student at the University of Siena with whom they meet regularly. Special lectures supplement the program.

Classes at the third and fourth semester level meet three and one half hours a day, Monday through Friday, and focus on contemporary language and culture. These courses, designated Italian 205 and 206, count towards both the Italian major and the correlate sequence in Italian at Vassar College. The program includes visits to Rome at the beginning and the end of the program. As guests of its owner, a Vassar alumna, there is a visit to the Villa Spannocchia, the seat of the Etruscan Foundation and a center for the study of alternative farming and environmental preservation. There are long weekend trips to Venice and Padua, local field trips to Florence, cradle of the Renaissance, the countryside around Siena (Pienza, Castiglione d'Orcia, the Chianti Region) and some open-air spas. Students also have two free weekends to explore nearby regions: the Italian Riviera, Portofino, and the Cinque Terre, the Tuscan islands (Elba, Giglio, Capraia), the hill-towns of Umbria (Assisi, Spoleto, and Perugia), and the marble quarries and beaches of Versilia.

The program is also open to students in good standing at other institutions who have completed two semesters of elementary Italian, or the equivalent. The program is directed by Vassar College Italian department faculty. Courses are taught by local university faculty with teaching experience in the United States. For further information consult the Department of Italian.

Domestic Study, Off Campus

Venture/Bank Street Urban (NYC) Education Semester

Vassar College, in cooperation with Venture/Bank Street, offers a two-semester program in urban education. Students interested in teacher certification, the theoretical study of education, or the study of cross-cultural education are assigned as interns in New York City public schools. In addition to the 2 unit internship, students also take three additional courses at Bank Street College. Those interested in applying should consult with their adviser and the Department of Education before making formal application through the Office of the Dean of Studies.

Exchange Programs

Vassar students may apply, with the approval of their major department adviser, to study for a year or a semester at Amherst, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Dartmouth (year only), Mount Holyoke, Smith, Trinity, Wellesley, Wesleyan, Wheaton, all member colleges of the Twelve College Exchange Program. Included in the possibilities are a semester at the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theatre Center in Waterford, Connecticut, with academic credit sponsored by Connecticut College, and a semester of studies in maritime history and literature, oceanography, and marine ecology at the Mystic Seaport in Mystic Connecticut, with academic credit sponsored by Williams College. In addition, students may apply to study at one of the following historic black colleges: Howard University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College. Election of specific courses at Bard

College is also possible. For a more complete list of programs within the United States as well as an explanation of the academic leave of absence, students should consult the study away website.

For information about the application process and credit transfer related to exchanges and academic leaves of absences students should consult the Office of the Dean of Studies.

Field Work

Offered by most departments for academic credit, field work enables students to examine the way the theories and the practical experiences of a particular discipline interact. It provides opportunities for observation and participation which are not ordinarily available in classwork. Depending on their academic interests, students undertake internships in a variety of organizations and agencies in the local community and other places. Every field work student is supervised by a faculty member who evaluates the intellectual merit of the proposed field work, determines the amount of credit to be given, and decides upon the academic requirements for the awarding of credit. Generally, field work students have prerequisites or a corequisite in the faculty member's department.

Field work may be done during the academic year or in the summer. Students interested in field work placements should consult the director of field work during preregistration or at the beginning of each semester. Students seeking credit for summer placements must complete their registration before they leave campus. Students may not apply for retroactive field work credit.

During the academic year, some students commute to New York City or Albany one or two days a week to serve as interns in government, nonprofit organizations, or businesses. In cooperation with the career development office, the field work office also maintains an extensive listing of summer internships. The field work committee may approve academic credit for nonresidential placements for a semester away for special programs proposed by students and their advisers in consultation with the director of field work.

Transfer Credit

Students attempting to transfer credit from other institutions are advised that only those courses completed with a grade of "C" or better will receive credit toward the Vassar degree. Beginning with work completed fall of 2002, all post-matriculation transfer credit will be listed on the Vassar transcript along with the grades earned at the home institution. However, only Vassar work will be computed into the Vassar cumulative grade-point average.

Summer Work

Summer Work Taken at Vassar

Students taking summer ungraded work of any kind for Vassar credit are limited to a maximum of 2 units per summer. The deadline for application for summer work is June 1. Students may not apply for retroactive credit. There is no tuition charge for the first 2 units of Vassar summer independent study or field work.

October 1 is the deadline for the completion of summer ungraded work. Students registered for Vassar summer work will be held responsible for completing the work unless they notify the Registrar by registered mail before July 1 of their intention to drop the work. Failure to complete the work by October 1 or to notify the registrar by July 1 of termination of work will result in a mandatory grade of "Unsatisfactory."

Summer Work at Another Institution

Work taken at another institution in the summer may be counted as transfer credit provided a grade of "C" or better is earned. Credit earned by means of distance learning is not transferable. In order to guarantee transfer of credit in advance, students must obtain signed permission from the chair of each department in which they are seeking credit before the end of the second semester. Forms for registration of this work are available in the Office of the Registrar. Nontransfer students may include no more than 10 units of work at another institution in the 34 units presented for the degree. See

section on transfer credit above.

Students may apply for retroactive credit, but the college makes no guarantee of transfer of credit unless summer work has been approved in advance.

Academic Internships at Vassar College

Each summer, Vassar sponsors academic internship programs in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences where students collaborate with faculty mentors on original research projects. All internship participants receive stipends to cover room and board expenses and meet their summer earnings requirement.

URSI

The Undergraduate Research Summer Institute (URSI) began in the summer of 1986 to support collaborative student-faculty research in the sciences at Vassar. Each year, students spend ten weeks during the summer working with faculty members from the Departments of Anthropology, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Cognitive Science, Computer Science, Earth Science, Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology on research projects at Vassar and at other sites. Recent URSI students have measured luminosity changes in the blazars PKS 1510-089, 3C345, BL Lacertae, 4C11.69, and 4C15.76 at the Vassar College Observatory, derived a simple model of motion to predict the oscillatory frequency of a whale's propulsive motion, studied wood rat nests in California to determine if they use plant materials with flea-killing potential to build the sleeping nests, investigated the biological processes involved with sex change in fishes to elucidate the complex relationships between social interactions, stress, and reproduction, determined the molecular structure of gold-chloroquine anti-malarial complexes, studied learning in autonomous robots, and monitored the Casperkill Creek for *E. coli* and other coliform bacteria to study the effects of storm water runoff on an urban stream. Information on the program and a complete listing of last summer's projects is available on the URSI website.

Ford Scholars

Established in 1988, the Ford Scholars Program at Vassar College fosters student and faculty collaboration on research projects in the humanities and social sciences. The program encourages academic mentoring relationships between undergraduate students and expert scholars. Faculty mentors initiate and mentor each project and design them to include significant student participation. Students become junior partners in rigorous scholarship, course preparation and teaching related research. In the summer of 2007, two dozen projects were completed in anthropology, art history, economics, education, English, film, music, media studies, political science, religion, sociology, urban studies and women's studies. The experiences this past summer included a wide range of research and curriculum development projects. For example, President Hill and her Ford Scholar conducted econometric studies of high ability/low-income students in higher education. Professor Lucy Johnson and her student used GIS software to map archeological sites on the Mohonk Preserve. Other topics and experiences included curatorial work at the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, preparation for a performance of sacred choral works by Galuppi and Hasse, and documenting the experiences of incarcerated parents. The Ford Scholars program allows students to test their own interests in pursuing a life in academe. The Ford Scholars Director is Katie Hite and additional information can be obtained on the Ford Scholars website.

General Academic Regulations and Information

Students preregister for each semester's classes toward the end of the previous semester. Additions in registration are permitted during the add period, which extends through the first ten class days of each semester, and courses may be dropped, provided minimal full-time status is maintained, until the midpoint of each semester. No changes may be made without consultation with the student's

adviser.

The average course load in each student's program is 4 or 4½ units per semester. Permission from the Committee on Leaves and Privileges is required if the student wishes to take more than 5 or less than 3½ units, with the exception of first-semester freshmen who may, in special circumstances, drop to 3 units with the approval of the dean of freshmen and their premajor adviser.

All students in residence are expected to enroll in at least 3½ units each semester, and permission to elect fewer units is granted only in exceptional cases, usually for reasons of health.

Every course elected, including independent work, must be completed even though the course may be in excess of the minimum number of units required for graduation. Students may not drop any semester course after the sixth Friday of the term. When for reasons of health or serious emergency the dean withdraws a student from a course after this date, the notation WD signifying a withdrawal without penalty is recorded in lieu of a grade for the course.

Evaluation of Work

The Grading System

A student's standing in college and the requirements for graduation are determined by a dual standard, one of quality and the other of quantity. The quality of the work is measured by the quality points and the grade average, the quantity is measured by the units completed. The semester and cumulative grade averages are based on the ratio of the total number of quality points received to the total number of graded units elected at Vassar.

Letter Grades

A indicates achievement of distinction. It involves conspicuous excellence in several aspects of the work.

B indicates general achievement of a high order. It also involves excellence in some aspects of the work, such as the following:

- Completeness and accuracy of knowledge
- Sustained and effective use of knowledge
- Independence of work
- Originality

C indicates the acceptable standard for graduation from Vassar College. It involves in each course such work as may fairly be expected of any Vassar student of normal ability who gives to the course a reasonable amount of time, effort, and attention. Such acceptable attainment should include the following factors:

- Familiarity with the content of the course
- Familiarity with the methods of study of the course
- Evidence of growth in actual use both of content and method
- Full participation in the work of the class
- Evidence of an open, active, and discriminating mind
- Ability to express oneself in intelligible English

C-, **D+**, and **D** indicate degrees of unsatisfactory work, below standard grade. They signify work which in one or more important respects falls below the minimum acceptable standard for graduation, but which is of sufficient quality and quantity to be counted in the units required for graduation.

Work evaluated as **F** may not be counted toward the degree.

Provisional Grades

A department may offer provisional grades for a-b and a/b courses. For the student electing both terms of such a course, the final grade received at the end of the year automatically becomes the grade that will be recorded on the student's transcript for both the first and the second semester. For the student who elects only the a-term of an a/b course, the first semester grade is final. A student who elects to take a provisionally graded course under the Non-Recorded Option must take both semesters on this basis.

Uncompleted Work

Incomplete indicates a deferred examination or other work not completed, for reasons of health or serious emergency. Grades of

incomplete are granted by the dean of studies, the dean of freshmen, and the class advisers, usually in consultation with the instructor or the college health service. Unless otherwise specified, work must be completed by May 1 of the following year in the case of a first semester mark of *incomplete* and by October 1 of the same year in the case of a second semester mark of *incomplete*, otherwise the grade for the work outstanding automatically becomes a failure. If a class dean or class advisor, in consultation with the appropriate instructor, determines that the overall objectives of a class cannot be achieved by the completion of the outstanding, incomplete work, then the student will be withdrawn from the course without penalty.

Credit Restrictions

A student who chooses to drop the second semester of a hyphenated course after passing the first semester automatically receives a grade of WP and loses credit for the first semester. No course for which credit has been received may be repeated for credit. Records are not kept of audited courses.

Non-Recorded Option

Courses designated by a department or program as available under the Non-Recorded Option are noted in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Most departments limit the option to nonmajors only. In order to elect the NRO in a designated course, a student must file a NRO form, signed by his or her adviser, with the Office of the Registrar indicating the lowest letter grade the student wishes to have recorded on the permanent record. The deadline for electing a course under the NRO is the last day of the sixth full week of classes. After this deadline, a student may neither change the choice of the NRO nor change the minimum grade elected.

A regular letter grade will be assigned at the end of the course by the instructor, who will, before turning in grades to the Registrar, have knowledge of whether the student has elected the NRO, although the instructor will not have knowledge of the minimum grade set by the student. If the grade assigned by the instructor is lower than the student's elected minimum grade, but is still passing (D or better), a grade of PA is entered on the permanent record. (The grade of PA is permanent; it may not be revoked and the letter grade assigned by the instructor may not be disclosed.) If the letter grade assigned by the instructor is an F, an F is recorded and serves as a letter grade on the student's permanent record. The election of a course under the NRO counts in the total NRO Vassar work allowed each student, even if a letter grade is received.

Non-Recorded Option Limit — Students may elect a maximum of 4 units of work under the Non-Recorded Option. For transfer students, this limit is reduced by 1 unit for each year of advanced standing awarded to the student.

Ungraded Work

Ungraded work is open to all students who have the appropriate prerequisites subject to limitations imposed by departments on work done in the field of concentration. This work is graded SA (Satisfactory) and UN (Unsatisfactory).

"Satisfactory" work is defined as work at C level or above

"Unsatisfactory" work will not be credited toward the degree.

Field Work (290), Independent Work (298, 399), and Reading Courses (297) are all considered Ungraded Work. Other courses, including some half-unit courses and many theses/senior projects may be designated as Ungraded as well at the discretion of the department. All Ungraded work is noted in the schedule of classes with an SU grade type.

Special Note; Grades of "DS" - Independent Work and Ungraded Theses/Senior Projects may allow for grades of "DS" (Distinction) in addition to "SA" and "UN", where appropriate and where the department policy indicates.

Ungraded Limit — Students may elect a maximum of 5 units of Ungraded Work. For transfer students, this limit is reduced by 1-unit for each year of advanced standing awarded to the student. This ungraded limit does not apply to any units taken in excess of the 34-unit minimum required for graduation.

Categories of Ungraded Work

Independent work, field work, and reading courses are treated as ungraded work and may not be taken for letter grades. To elect any of these opportunities for ungraded work, a student needs the permission of an instructor.

INDEPENDENT STUDY. Independent study in any field is intended to give students responsibility and freedom in investigating subjects of special interest to them. It may take a variety of forms, such as independent reading programs, creative projects in the arts, research projects, group tutorials, or additional work attached to specific courses. The categories are:

290 **FIELD WORK**—Open to students in all classes who have appropriate qualifications.

297 **READING COURSES**—Reading courses offer an opportunity to pursue a subject through a specified program of unsupervised reading. They make possible intensive investigation of specialized fields in which classroom instruction is not offered, and allow a student to develop the capacity for critical reading. Reading courses are open to all students who have the appropriate requirements as set by departments.

298 **INDEPENDENT WORK**—Open to students of all classes who have as prerequisite one semester of appropriate intermediate work in the field of study proposed.

399 **SENIOR INDEPENDENT WORK**—Open to students in their senior year plus other qualified students who have taken 200 level independent work in the discipline.

The Grade Average

The grade-average ratio is determined on the basis of quality points: each unit given a mark of A counts 4 quality points; A−=3.7; B+=3.3; B=3.0; B−=2.7; C+=2.3; C=2.0; C−=1.7; D+=1.3; D=1.0; F=0. The grade average is arrived at by dividing quality points by graded units.

Work graded PA under the Non-Recorded Option, ungraded work at Vassar, and work done at other institutions but accepted for Vassar credit does not enter into the grade average.

Standards for Continuance at Vassar College and Graduation

Compliance with the standards of scholarship is expected at Vassar College. Instructors are urged to notify the Dean of Studies of students whose work falls below the satisfactory level, and the college reserves the right to require a leave of absence or withdrawal for any student whose academic performance falls below its standards. The status of all students with unsatisfactory records is reviewed at the end of each semester by the Committee on Student Records, and this committee may, at its discretion, allow students to continue at the college or require a leave or withdrawal. Students whose work is below C level are placed on probation if they are allowed to continue. Students on probation may expect academic reports to be made to the deans' offices during the semester of their probation. The committee reviews the records of juniors and seniors with grade averages below C in their areas of concentration and may require changes in concentration, leaves, or withdrawal. A student remains in good academic standing as long as he or she is matriculated at Vassar and is considered by the committee to be making satisfactory progress toward the degree.

The Senior Year Requirements

All students must be registered at Vassar College for their senior year requirements. The nature of the required senior work varies with the several departments or programs. Senior-level work is described under departmental offerings and in the statements on the independent, interdepartmental, and multidisciplinary programs.

Graduation depends upon the student's successful completion of all stated requirements for the degree, including those of the senior year.

Graduation Grade

An average of C for all courses, i.e., a 2.0 grade average, and an average of C in courses in the field of concentration or major program, constitute the minimum grade requirement for graduation.

Written Work and Final Examinations

Normally, in introductory and intermediate courses, some form of written work will be assigned and returned to students by the midpoint of the semester. The instructor may set the due date of final work, excluding final exercises, no later than the last day of the study period. Exceptions to this deadline must be approved by the dean of studies.

Final examinations may be given on both a scheduled and a self-scheduled basis at the option of the instructor. The instructor in each class announces within the first week of the semester what the requirements of the course will be and whether there will be a written examination or another form of evaluating student accomplishment, such as papers or special projects.

If the examination is to be on the regular schedule, it must be taken at the posted time and completed at one sitting. If it is self-scheduled, the student will obtain the examination at the beginning of the period chosen, take it to an assigned room, complete it at one sitting, and return it at the end of the allotted time.

A student fails an examination unless the prescribed procedures are followed or unless the student has been excused from the examination by the appropriate dean. A student who is ill should report to health service which, if it thinks it advisable, will recommend to the dean the need for an *incomplete*. In cases of an emergency, students should be advised by the Office of the Dean of Studies.

Rules governing conduct in examinations and expected standards of academic integrity are cited annually in the *Student Handbook*, and students are responsible for conforming to these expectations.

Academic Honors

Honors at Graduation

There are two categories of honors at graduation: departmental, interdepartmental, multidisciplinary, or independent program honors, which will carry the designation "With Departmental Honors"; and general honors, which will carry the designation "With General Honors." A student may graduate with one or both. In the first category, honors will be awarded to those students designated as meeting predetermined standards and so recommended by the departments concerned, the Committee on the Independent Program, or the faculty of the multidisciplinary programs to the Committee on Student Records, which oversees the continuity of standards. In the second category, honors will be awarded to the top twenty percent of each graduation class.

Phi Beta Kappa

Vassar College was granted a charter by the national honor society of Phi Beta Kappa in 1898. Members from the senior class are elected by the Vassar chapter each spring. The basis for selection is a high level of academic achievement; breadth of study, requiring substantial work in several areas of the liberal arts curriculum; and general evidence of intellectual adventurousness.

Prizes

Vassar College awards prizes each year from certain endowed funds, according to the terms of the gifts. The recipients are selected by the appropriate departments.

Prizes from endowed funds:

- Gabrielle Snyder Beck Prize—for summer study in France
- Catherine Lucretia Blakeley Prize—for a study in international economic relations
- Wendy Rae Breslau Award—for an outstanding contribution of a sophomore to the community
- Beatrice Daw Brown Poetry Prize—for excellence in the writing of poetry

Virginia Swinburne Brownell Prizes—for excellent work in biology, political economy, and history

Sara Catlin Prize—for an outstanding contribution of a senior to the religious life of the community

Man-Sheng Chen Scholarly Award—for excellence in Chinese Studies

E. Elizabeth Dana Prize—for an individual reading project in English

Eleanor H. DeGolier Prize—to the junior with the highest academic average

Jan Slater Edson Prize—for a work of music composition chosen in a college-wide competition

Lucy Kellogg English Prize—for excellence in physics or astronomy, alternately

The Frances Daly Fergusson Prize—to a senior in the art history department for his or her outstanding accomplishments

Helen Kate Furness Prize—for an essay on a Shakespearean or Elizabethan subject

Ida Frank Guttman Prize—for the best thesis in political science

Janet Holdeen-adams Prize—for excellence in computer science

J. Howard Howson Prize—for excellence in the study of religion

Evelyn Olive Hughes Prize in Drama and Film—to an outstanding junior drama major for a summer study of acting abroad

Ruth Gillette Hutchinson—for excellence in a paper on American economic history

Ann E. Imbrie Prize—for Excellence in Fiction Writing

John Iyoya Prize—for creative skills in teaching

Agnes Reynolds Jackson Prize—for excellence in written work in economics

Julia Flitner Lamb Prizes—to a junior major and a senior major for excellence in political science

Helen D. Lockwood Prize—for excellence in the Study of American Culture

David C. Magid Memorial Prize in Cinematography—for the most outstanding combination of achievement in cinematography and excellence in film study

Helen Miringoff Award—for a substantial contribution to an agency or the community through field work

Edith Glicksman Neisser Prize—to a student demonstrating a commitment to child study or child development

Dorothy Persh Prize—for summer study in France

Ethel Hickox Pollard Memorial Physics Award—to the junior physics major with the highest academic average

Leo M. Prince Prize—for the most notable improvement

Gertrude Buttenwieser Prins Prize—for study in the history of art

Betty Richey Memorial Sports Award—to a member of the women's field hockey, lacrosse, or squash team who embodies the qualities of loyalty, initiative, sportswomanship, leadership, and team support

Kate Roberts Prize—for excellence in biology

Marilyn Swartz Seven Playwriting Award—to a junior or senior in any discipline who submits the best dramatic work written for the stage

Erminnie A. Smith Memorial Prize—for excellence in the study of geology

Deanne Beach Stoneham Prize—for the best original poetry

Harriet Gurnee Van Allen Prize—for excellence in biology

The Masha N. Vorobiov Memorial Prize—for summer Russian language study

Frances Walker Prize—for the greatest proficiency in the study of piano

Laura Adelina Ward Prizes—for excellence in English and European history, and English literature

Weitzel Barber Art Travel Prize—to provide a junior or senior in the art department with the opportunity to travel in order to study original works of art

Vernon Venable Prize—for excellence in philosophy

Mary Evelyn Wells and Gertrude Smith Prize—for excellence in mathematics

Jane Dealy and Woodrow Wirsig Memorial Prize—in recognition of accomplishment and promise in the field of journalism

Sophia H. Chen Zen Memorial Prize—for the best thesis in Asian studies

Sophia H. Chen Zen Memorial Prize—for the best thesis in history

Department prizes:

- Frank Bergon Book Prize—to an outstanding senior whose multidisciplinary work best exemplifies the creative accomplishments of Frank Bergon
- The Melanie Campbell Memorial Prize—to a particularly gifted student in areas of “behind the scenes” service to the department
- Jeffrey Chance Memorial Award—for excellence in both classwork and research in chemistry
- Yin-Lien C. Chin Prize—for the best thesis/senior project in the Department of Chinese and Japanese
- June Jackson Christmas Prize—for academic excellence in Africana Studies
- John F. DeGilio Prize—for creative skills in secondary teaching
- The Harvey Flad/Anne Constantinople American Culture Book Prize—for an outstanding academic contribution
- Clyde and Sally Griffen Prize—for excellence in American history
- Betsy Halpern-Amaru Book Prize—for excellence in the study of classical texts of Judaism, Christianity, or Islam
- M. Glen Johnson Prize—for excellence in international studies
- Jesse Kalin Book Prize—for excellence in Japanese language and culture studies
- Molly Thacher Kazan Memorial Prize—for distinction in the theater arts
- Olive M. Lammert Prizes—for excellence in the study of biochemistry and chemistry
- Olive M. Lammert Book Prizes—for excellence in analytical and physical chemistry, organic chemistry, and general chemistry
- The Larkin Prize—for outstanding work in the study of Latin
- The Larkin Prize in Ancient Societies—for outstanding work in the study of Greek and Roman civilization
- Neuroscience and Behavior Senior Prize—for excellence in neuroscience and -behavior.
- Philip Nochlin Prize—for a senior thesis of highest distinction in philosophy
- Harry Ordan Memorial Prize—for excellence in philosophy
- The Reno Prize in Greek—for outstanding work in the study of Greek
- Paul Robeson Prize—for best senior thesis in Africana Studies
- Julie Stomne Roswal Prize—for the most outstanding German student
- Douglas Saunders Memorial Prize—for an excellent senior thesis in history
- Marian Gray Secundy Prize—for meritorious achievement in field research and community service
- Ellen Churchill Semple Prize—for excellence in the study of geography
- Sherman Book Prize—for distinguished accomplishment in Jewish Studies
- Alice M. Snyder Prize—for excellence in English
- Lilo Stern Memorial Prize—for the best paper submitted for an anthropology, geography, or sociology class
- Lilian L. Stroebe Prizes—to the senior German major for the most outstanding work, and the sophomore German major showing the greatest promise
- Florence Donnell White Award—for excellence in French
- Frederic C. Wood, Sr. Book Prize—for excellence in moral and ethical concerns

Prizes awarded through outside gifts:

- Academy of American Poets Prize—for excellence in the writing of poetry
- American Chemical Society Award—for excellence in analytical chemistry
- Chemical Rubber Company Award—to the outstanding freshman in general chemistry
- Elizabeth Coonley Faulkner Prize—to a junior for research on a senior thesis or project in Washington, D.C.
- The Richard Feitler '86 and Margery Kamin Feitler '86 Sister Arts Prize—for poetry based on a work of art in the collection of Vassar's Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center
- Frances Aaron Hess Award—for sustained volunteer activity on behalf

of an off-campus organization

- The Hinerfeld Family Annual Award—for outstanding work in sociology
- Phi Beta Kappa Prize—to the member of Phi Beta Kappa who has the most distinguished academic record of the graduating class
- The Wall Street Journal Prize—to a student with an excellent record in economics

The Advising System

The role of the faculty adviser at Vassar is that of educator rather than overseer. The student is expected to take the initiative in seeking advice from an appropriate adviser. There are three types of advisers: premajor advisers, assigned to freshmen upon arrival, who advise them until a field of concentration is chosen or until they enter the Independent Program or a multidisciplinary or interdepartmental program; departmental advisers, for those concentrating in a discipline; and advisers for students in the Independent Program or in a multidisciplinary or interdepartmental program.

Advising involves multiple functions. It helps the student discover appropriate individual goals and intentions. It also provides the student with information about alternative programs and modes of study and, through special counseling offers appropriate help and guidance. The Office of the Dean of Studies serves to centralize information for advisers as well as students. Students are urged to avail themselves of the services of the Learning and Teaching Center, the Office of Career Development, the Office of Field Work, the house fellows, the Health Service, and Counseling Service, as well as of faculty advisers.

Withdrawal and Readmission

The student facing a personal emergency which jeopardizes continuance at college should consult the dean of studies, the dean of freshmen, or the class advisers. After appropriate consultation and advice, and upon written request, a student may be voluntarily withdrawn.

A student who seeks readmission after having withdrawn in good standing may reapply to the dean of studies, who will bring the request to the Committee on Readmission. To apply for readmission, a student should write a full letter of application before March 15 of the year of intended fall reentrance, or by December 1 for reentrance in the second semester.

A student whose withdrawal has not been voluntary, or about whose readmission there are special questions, should address any questions to the dean of studies.

The college tries to accommodate the student who wishes to resume interrupted study if it is felt that the student is ready to return.

Transfer Students

Every year, Vassar accepts transfer students into the sophomore and junior classes. When the students arrive at the beginning of the semester in which they are to enter the college, they are assigned advisers after consulting with the appropriate person in the Office of the Dean of Studies. Evaluations of the students' previous work are made as they enter the college. Courses taken at other institutions similar to courses at Vassar will be accepted automatically provided a minimum grade of “C” is earned. Credit earned by means of distance learning is not transferable. Occasionally, some of a student's previous work will not be acceptable for Vassar credit. In such cases, the Committee on Leaves and Privileges will act as the final arbiter of credit. Students who have taken unusual courses would do well to inquire before admission about any problems that are foreseeable. It is sometimes difficult to anticipate problems in maintaining sequences and continuity between the programs of study at the previous institution and Vassar's offerings and requirements. Therefore, it is frequently necessary for students to make adjustments of one kind or another after they arrive. All transfer students must take at least one-half of their 34 units, or 17, at Vassar College. Prospective transfer students should particularly notice that at least half of a student's minimum requirements in the field

of concentration must be taken at Vassar.

It may be difficult for junior transfer students to complete the necessary courses for teacher certification in addition to the other degree requirements, especially since practice teaching involves a heavy time commitment in the schoolroom upon placement. Students wishing further information on this subject should consult the chair of the Department of Education.

Graduate Study at Vassar College

A limited program of advanced work leading to the master's degree is available to qualified students who hold baccalaureate degrees. Graduate programs may currently be taken in the Departments of Biology and Chemistry. The minimum requirements for a master's degree are one year of resident graduate study and 8 units of work, of which 6 units must be at Vassar or under Vassar's auspices. Programs must include a minimum of 3 units of graded course work, and may include 300-level courses considered suitable for graduate credit, but must include 2 units of 400-level graded courses designed primarily for graduate students. Departments may require a reading knowledge of one or more relevant foreign languages, a thesis, and written or oral comprehensive examinations, as evidence of the candidate's proficiency. Requirements differ among departments.

Detailed information concerning admission to candidacy and specific requirements for the degree may be obtained from the chair of the department of interest and from departmental statements.

Procedures for Complaint

Complaints concerning classes and other academic matters are normally made to the appropriate department chair or program director. They may also be brought to the Office of the Registrar, Office of the Dean of Studies, or the Office of the Dean of Faculty. Further information may be obtained from these offices.

Preparation for Graduate Study

The undergraduate program at Vassar College affords preparation for graduate work either in the liberal arts or in the professions. Students interested in advanced degrees should consult the several departments as early as possible in their undergraduate careers. Students contemplating graduate work should inquire concerning the language requirements of the subject in which they are interested. Normally a reading knowledge of both French and German is required for the Ph.D. and one language is required for the M.A.

Catalogues of graduate and professional schools are filed in the library, and notices of fellowships and assistantships of many institutions are posted on the bulletin boards of departments and in main building. Such aid is available through many channels, among them Vassar's fellowship program, graduate schools, the Fulbright program, special grants offered by foundations and professional associations, New York State Regents' medical fellowships, and the Marshall and Rhodes fellowships for study in Britain. For information about these programs, students should consult their departments and the Director of the Office for Fellowships, Graduate Studies, and Preprofessional Advising, Office of the Dean of Studies.

Graduate Record Examinations are required or recommended by graduate schools, and sometimes for fellowships. Application blanks and information pamphlets are available at the Office of Career Development or on the GRE website.

Most professional schools advise a student to obtain a sound foundation in the liberal arts as the best preparation for admission. This holds true of architecture, business, law, medicine, social service, and teaching.

Architecture: Students interested in a career in architectural design are well advised to take a liberal arts degree as part of their preparation for admission to programs that offer the master's degree in architecture (M.Arch.). Students may major in any subject in the college and are advised to take courses in architectural design, art studio and architectural history, mathematics, and physics as part of their preparation. Students seeking advice about architecture programs should make known their interest to the art department where they will be assigned to an adviser.

Engineering: For those students interested in a program leading to an engineering degree, Vassar College maintains a cooperative arrangement with the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College. Those students interested in this program should make their interest known to the Department of Physics or to the Office of the Dean of Studies.

Law: Law schools, even more than medical schools, emphasize the importance of a broad liberal arts education. No specific courses or subjects are required for entrance. The qualities desired are independence, discrimination, respect for evidence, critical analysis and constructive synthesis, power of organization, clear expression, and sound judgment. All American Bar Association-approved law schools require the Law School Admission Test. Students seeking prelaw advice should consult the Director of the Office of Career Development.

Medicine: Medical schools differ in their philosophies of education, specific requirements, and systems of training. They are all interested, however, in a broad background in the liberal arts with a strong foundation in the natural sciences. In general, they require a minimum of one year of inorganic chemistry, one year of organic chemistry, one year of physics, one year of biological science, and one year of English. Calculus or mathematics or biochemistry may be required and is often recommended. There is, however, wide variation in the requirements of the different schools, and a student should consult a member of the Premedical Advisory Committee and the *Medical School Admissions Requirements Handbook*, which is available in the Office for Fellowships and Pre-Health Advising. Since a student may fulfill the minimum requirements for entrance by majoring in one of the required subjects or in an unrelated subject, he or she is advised to select the field of greatest interest for the undergraduate program. The Premedical Advisory Committee holds an advising session in the fall for incoming freshmen. Students interested in planning for the medical school application procedure

are encouraged to declare their interest by the end of the sophomore year; students will be placed with a premedical adviser when they are in the application cycle. Members of the committee are always available for individual conferences with students. For information on taking the MCAT and filing applications for medical schools, students should consult the Director of the Office for Fellowships and Pre-Health Advising.

Teaching: See Department of Education.

Other health professional careers: For students interested in careers such as dentistry, optometry, and veterinary medicine, early consultation with the Director of the Office for Fellowships and Pre-Health Advising is recommended.

Instruction 2009/10

The courses of instruction are announced subject to modification. Classes and seminars will meet in accordance with the schedule of classes, printed for each semester. Scheduled courses may be withdrawn owing to underselection, change in faculty, or special emergency.

Schedule of Classes

Classes meet Monday through Friday beginning at 8:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m.; Wednesday afternoon after 3:00 and Wednesday evening are open for field work and study on special projects. Course meetings are scheduled for three 50-minute or two 75-minute periods unless specified to the contrary; longer sessions may be used for seminars and laboratory work.

A limited number of classes are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings; otherwise the evening hours are kept free for rehearsals, meetings, lectures, special programs, and presentations.

Library Hours

Main Library

When college is in session, the main library is open:

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

During college breaks the hours are listed in the Vassar College calendar and on the Library website.

Art Library

When college is in session, the art library is open:

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

During college breaks the hours are listed in the Vassar College calendar and on the Library website.

Music Library

When college is in session, the music library is open:

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.

During college breaks the hours are listed in the Vassar College calendar and on the Library website.

Course Credit

The credit which a course carries is stated in units per semester and shown in parentheses () opposite the course title.

Course Elections

The elections of first-year students are limited to courses marked "Open to all classes," or to courses numbered 100 to 199 unless special prerequisites are stated. Students with Advanced Placement credit may be admitted to other courses. Unless otherwise noted, courses are open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Matriculated students may audit courses with the permission of the instructor. No formal registration is necessary and no extra fee is charged.

Course Numbering System

Undergraduate courses are offered on the levels shown in the following numbering system:

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- 000-099 Noncredit courses.
- 100-199 Introductory courses, without prerequisite of college work.
- 200-299 Intermediate courses, with prerequisite of 1 to 2 units of Introductory work or Advanced Placement or permission.
- 300-399 Advanced courses, with prerequisite of 2 units of Intermediate work or permission.

Courses numbered above 400 are designed for graduate students. The same number is reserved in each department for particular kinds of study:

- 290 Field Work
- 297 Reading Course
- 298 Intermediate Independent Work
- 399 Senior Independent Work

Courses numbered in the 180 and 280 series are newly developed courses which may be offered on a trial basis under this number for one time only. After this initial offering, the course must either be presented for approval as a regular course or dropped completely by the department.

Courses numbered in the 380 series apply to departmental offerings in which small groups of students pursue advanced work on special topics with *special permission*. It is understood that the topics are changed from time to time, with no particular time limit, according to the department's needs, and are listed under the general heading "Special Studies" within the departmental listings. *The term may also apply to experimental courses introduced by departments or introduced interdepartmentally which will normally be offered for one year.*

Course Notations

- [] not offered in 2009/10.
- a Course offered in the first semester
- b Course offered in the second semester
- a or b Semester course which may be offered in either semester or in both
- a and b Course offered in both semesters
- a.1,b.1 Half-unit courses given in the first half of the semester
- a.2,b.2 Half-unit courses given in the second half of the semester
- A hyphen separating course numbers shows courses that must be taken for a year for credit (105a-106b). See credit restrictions, page 53.
- / A slash separating course numbers shows courses in which the first semester may be taken alone for credit but is required for permission to elect the second (105a/106b). A student who fails the first semester of a year-long course (courses with numbers separated by a hyphen or a slash) may not take the second semester except by departmental permission.
- , A comma separating course numbers shows that either semester may be elected without the other (105a, 106b).

Departments and Programs of Instruction

The courses and faculty, listed by departments and programs, are for the year 2009/10. Course descriptions are listed in the following order:

Africana Studies Program
 American Culture Program
 Anthropology Department
 Anthropology-Sociology
 Art Department
 Asian Studies Program
 Biochemistry Program
 Biology Department
 Chemistry Department
 Chinese and Japanese Department
 Classics Department
 Cognitive Science Program
 College Courses
 Computer Science Department
 Dance Department
 Drama and Film Department
 Earth Science and Geography Department
 Economics Department
 Education Department
 English Department
 Environmental Studies Program
 French Department
 Geography-Anthropology Program
 German Studies Department
 Hispanic Studies Department
 History Department
 Independent Program
 Interdepartmental Courses
 International Studies Program
 Italian Department
 Jewish Studies Program
 Latin American and Latino/a Studies Program
 Mathematics Department
 Media Studies Program
 Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program
 Music Department
 Neuroscience and Behavior Program
 Philosophy Department
 Physical Education Department
 Physics and Astronomy Department
 Political Science Department
 Psychology Department
 Religion Department
 Russian Studies Department
 Science, Technology and Society Program
 Self-Instructional Language Program
 Sociology Department
 Urban Studies Program
 Victorian Studies Program
 Women's Studies Program

Africana Studies

Director: Ismail Rashid (History and Africana Studies); **Professors:** Lawrence Mamiya (Africana Studies and Religion), Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies); **Associate Professors:** Joyce Bickerstaff (Africana Studies and Education), Patricia Pia-C  lerier (French), Lisa Collins (Art), Diane Harriford (Sociology), Timothy Longman (Africana Studies and Political Science), Mia Mask (Film), Ismail Rashid (History and Africana Studies); **Assistant Professors:** Eve Dunbar (English), Sarita Gregory (Political Science), Kiese Laymon (English), Candice Lowe (Anthropology), Zachariah Mampilly (Political Science), Quincy Mills (History), Tyrone Simpson (English), Laura Yow (English); **Adjunct Assistant Professor:** Dennis Reid; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Mootacem Mhiri; **Visiting Instructor:** Peggy Piesche (German Studies)

The Africana Studies program is the oldest multidisciplinary program at Vassar College. The program is concerned with the cultural, historical, political, economic, and psychological consequences of the dispersal of Africans from their ancestral continent to the diverse regions of the world. It comprises the focused and critical study of the people, cultures, and institutions of Africa and the African Diaspora through a generous offering of courses both originating in the program and cross-listed or approved from other departments. These courses span a majority of the standard disciplines: literature and the arts; area studies; history; social sciences; psychology.

In addition to a broad array of courses offered on the Vassar campus, the program also participates in several study away programs.

Requirements for concentration: 11 units are required for the major.

Basic requirements: a) At least one course at the 100-level not including foreign language courses; b) Black Intellectual History (Africana Studies 229); c) Africana Studies Research Methodologies (Africana Studies 299); d) at least two units at the 300-level, and e) a senior thesis.

Distribution of unit requirements: Students must also meet two distribution requirements. Apart from clearly specified courses, Africana Studies 229, Africana Studies 299 and senior thesis, the remaining 8 required units must include: (a) one course from each of the two divisions in the program, namely the 1) Arts and Humanities and 2) the Social Sciences, and (b) at least one course from each of the three regions of the African Diaspora, namely 1) Africa, 2) North America, and 3) Europe, the Caribbean, and South America. Note that one course (for example, African Religions) can meet the two distribution requirements (Africa \ Humanities).

Students should normally take Africana Studies 229 and Africana Studies 299 before their junior year. A maximum of two units of language study can be counted toward the major. A maximum of one unit of fieldwork can be counted toward the major. JYA credits normally accepted by the college will count towards the distribution requirements in consultation with the program. NRO work may not be used to satisfy the requirements of the Africana Studies Program.

Advisers: Program director and program faculty.

Correlate Sequences

The Africana Studies Program offers two correlate sequences.

Correlate Sequence in Africana Studies: Students undertaking the correlate sequence must complete 6 units. All students must take Africana Studies 229. In addition, students must have a regional specialization, taking courses from Africana Studies or approved related disciplines focusing on one of the three regions of the African Diaspora (1) Africa, (2) the United States, and (3) the Caribbean. At least 1 unit must be at the 300-level.

Correlate in Arabic Language and Culture: Students need to complete 5 units of Arabic at the introductory, intermediate, and upper levels and on Arabic literature (Africana Studies 203 or 205) or another approved appropriate alternative course.

I. Introductory

102b. Introduction to Third-World Studies: (1) A Comparative Approach to Africa and the African Diaspora

This course acquaints students with the major concepts, themes, and approaches to the study of peoples of African descent. These concepts include history and the African past; slavery, forced migration, and the creation of the Diaspora; colonialism and conquest; race and identity; resistance and religion; and cultural transformation. Integrating the disciplines, the course uses a variety of texts, music and visual culture. Ms. Bickerstaff.

105a. Issues In Africana Studies (1)

Topic for 2009/10a: *Black Is/Black Ain't: Black Identities from Afrocentrism and Beyond*. This is a course about self-creation. From folktales about tricky rabbits to films that highlight the impossible reality of being gay and black at the same time, this course is an exploration into how black people have made/remade themselves through telling the stories of their lives. Using different modes of group identification (such as Afrocentrism, feminism, queerness, hip hop, etc.) we'll explore the mutability of black identity as we attempt to answer questions like: why might one assume an afrocentric identity; how do aesthetics (clothing, music and art) mark one as having a particular relationship to "blackness"; what does "Africa" mean to members of the black diaspora; is it possible to not be black enough; and do non-black people engage black identities? Course may include works by Molefi Asante, Frantz Fanon, Toni Morrison, Danzy Senna, Kara Walker, Richard Wright and others. Ms. Dunbar

Topic for 2009/10a: *The African Diaspora and the Caribbean*. This course offers an overview of the pivotal role played by the forced migration of enslaved Africans on the development of the societies and cultures of the Caribbean region. We examine the economic, political, and social development of the region with a focus on the lasting legacy of slavery and the plantation. Among the topics covered are colonialism, race and class, ethnicity, post-colonialism, migration, transnationalism, popular culture, and religion. Ms. Paravisini-Gebert.

106-107. Elementary Arabic (1)

Fundamentals of the language. Students learn to understand spoken Arabic, to express simple ideas both orally and in writing, and to read Arabic of average difficulty. Mr. Mhiri.

Open to all students.

Three 50-minute periods, plus one drill session per week.

[108a. Introduction to the African Literary Traditions] (1)

Examines the works of a number of African writers, both orally transmitted texts—such as folklore and poetry—and written genres, and their cultural influence and impact upon European concepts about Africans before and during the Renaissance, including the period of the 800 years of Moorish/Muslim rule of Iberia. It also investigates how contemporary African writers have tried to revive a sense of the African cultural continuum in old and new literary works. Writers include: Horus, St. Augustine, Ibn Khaldun, Achebe, Ba, Nguni, Neto, Abrahams, Mazrui, and Salih.

Not offered in 2009/10.

160 a and b. Books, Children, and Culture (1)

(Same as Education 160a and b) This course examines select classical works from the oral tradition and contemporary works of children's fiction and non-fiction. The course addresses juvenile literature as a sociological phenomenon as well as a literary and artistic one (illustrative content). The course traces the socio-historical development of American children's literature from Western and non-Western societies. Social, psychoanalytic, and educational theories provide a conceptual basis and methodological framework for the cultural analysis of fairy tale and modern fantasy in cross-cultural perspective. Socialization issues include: ideals of democracy; moral character; race and class; politicalization; and the human relationship to the natural environment. Ms. Bickerstaff.

183a. Images, Objects, and African Americans

(Same as Art 183a) In this interdisciplinary freshman seminar, we examine images and objects created by African Americans in the United States from the slave past to the present day. Working with an expansive conception of art, we pay close attention to the work of formally trained and non-formally trained creators in relation to their social, cultural, artistic, and historical contexts. Ms. Collins.

Open to freshman. Satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

II. Intermediate**202b. Black Music (1)**

(Same as Music 202b) An analytical exploration of the music of certain African and European cultures and their adaptive influences in North America. The course examines the traditional African and European views of music performance practices while exploring their influences in shaping the music of African Americans from the spiritual to modern times. Mr. Reid.

[205b. Arab American Literature] (1)

(Same as American Culture 205b) This course examines issues related to identity formation, such as ethnicity, gender, religion, and biculturalism among at least four generations of American writers, intellectuals, and journalists of Arab descent. Students also read accounts by Arab travelers in the U.S., autobiographies, novels, short stories, and poetry spanning the twentieth century, as well as articles, and book chapters about the immigration and cultural history of Arab Americans. The authors studied include: Khalil Bigran, Elia Abu Madi, Mikhail Naimy, Joseph Geha, Diana Abu Jaber, Naomi Shihab Nye and Suheir Hammad. Mr. Mhiri.

Not offered in 2009/10.

207a/208b. Intermediate Arabic (1)

Continued study of the Arabic language. Students continue their study of spoken, and written Arabic. Ms. Abdelrahman. Mr. Mhiri

[210b. Comparative Perspectives on African Literature] (1)

African literatures written in English and in French have tended to be considered as separate entities. The purpose of this course is to question that divide by studying specific novels, ranging from 1953-2004, in dialogue with one another. Related films are shown and discussed. Works studied are Chinua Achebe's (Nigeria) *Things Fall Apart* (1958), Ahmadou Kourouma's (Ivory Coast) *The Suns of Independence* (1968, trad. 1981), Camara Laye's (Guinea) *The Dark Child: Autobiography of an African Boy* (1953, trad. 1954), Wole Soyinka's (Nigeria) *Ake: The Years of Childhood* (1981), Mongo Beti's (Cameroon) *Perpetua and the Habit of Unhappiness* (1953, trad. 1978), Ayi Kwei Armah's (Ghana) *The Beautiful One Are Not Yet Born* (1988), Aminata Sow Fall's (Senegal) *The Beggars Strike* (1981), Helon Habila's (Nigeria) *Waiting for an Angel* (2004), Buddhi Emecheta's (Nigeria/England) *The New Tribe* (2000) and Calixthe Beyala's (Cameroon/France) *Loukoum: The Little Prince of Belleville* (1992, trad. 1998). Ms. Célérier.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[211a. Religions of the Oppressed and Third-World Liberation Movements] (1)

(Same as Religion 211) A comparative socio-historical analysis of the dialectical relationship between religion and the conditions of oppressed people. The role of religion in both suppression and liberation is considered. Case studies include the cult of Jonestown (Guyana), the Iranian revolution, South Africa, slave religion, and aspects of feminist theology. Mr. Mamiya.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[212a/b. Arabic Literature and Culture] (1)

This course covers the rise and development of modern literary genres written in verse and prose and studies some of the great figures and texts. It touches on the following focuses on analytical

readings of poetry, stories, novels, articles, and plays. The students gain insights into Arabic culture including religions, customs, media, and music, in addition to the Arabic woman's rights and her role in society.

The course is open to any student who has taken Arabic 207 or 208.

Not offered in 2009/10.

215b. Plays of the Black Diaspora/Performing the Black Diaspora (1)

(Same as Drama 215b) Through comedy, tragedy, and satire, playwrights from Africa, Europe, United Kingdom, and the Caribbean have dramatized the rich heritage and vibrant cultures of the Black Diaspora. The course explores the forms and themes of black theater. It examines the evolution of the black theatre from the African grove, to urban "chitlin" circuits, and contemporary Black theater. It discusses how playwrights of the black Diaspora have dealt with issues like myth, identity, gender, spirituality, love, and ownership. Works studied include plays by Wole Soyinka, August Wilson, Derek Walcott, Susan Lori Parks, Alice Childress, Pearl Cleage, Ed Bulolins, Athol Fugard, Lorraine Hansbury, Lynn Nottage, Diplo Abgoluage and Errol Hill. Mr. Reid.

218a. Literature, Gender, and Sexuality (1)

(Same as English 218a and Women's Studies 218a) The course considers matters of gender and sexuality in literary texts, criticism, and theory. The focus varies from year to year, and may include study of a historical period, literary movement, or genre; constructions of masculinity and femininity; sexual identities; or representations of gender in relation to race and class.

Topic for 2009/10: Black Feminism. This course examines the development and history of black feminism in the United States. Through reading works of fiction, memoir, and theory, we explore the central concerns of the black feminist movement, and consider black feminism's response to Civil Rights, Black Nationalism, and white feminism. Authors may include Anna Julia Cooper, Angela Davis, Bell Hooks, Audre Lorde, Toni Morrison and others. Ms. Dunbar.

227a. The Harlem Renaissance and its Precursors (1)

(Same as English 227a) This course places the Harlem Renaissance in literary historical perspective as it seeks to answer the following questions: In what ways was "The New Negro" new? How did African American writers of the Harlem Renaissance rework earlier literary forms from the sorrow songs to the sermon and the slave narrative? How do the debates that raged during this period over the contours of a black aesthetic trace their origins to the concerns that attended the entry of African Americans into the literary public sphere in the eighteenth century? Ms. Dunbar.

228b. African American Literature: "Vicious Modernism" (1) and Beyond

(Same as English 228b) In the famous phrase of Amiri Baraka, "Harlem is vicious/Modernism." Beginning with the modernist innovations of African American writers after the Harlem Renaissance, this course ranges from the social protest fiction of the 1940s through the Black Arts Movement to the postmodernist experiments of contemporary African American writers. Ms. Dunbar.

229b. Black Intellectual History (1)

(Same as Sociology 229) This course provides an overview of black intellectual thought and an introduction to critical race theory. It offers approaches to the ways in which black thinkers from a variety of nations and periods from the nineteenth century up to black modernity engage their intellectual traditions. How have their perceptions been shaped by a variety of places? How have their traditions, histories and cultures theorized race? Critics may include Aimé Césaire, Anna Julia Cooper, W.E.B. DuBois, Frantz Fanon, Paul Gilroy, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Ida B. Wells, and Patricia Williams. Mr. Simpson.

[230b. Creole Religions of the Caribbean] (1)
 (Same as Religion 230b) The Africa-derived religions of the Caribbean region—Haitian Vodou, Cuban Santería, Jamaican Obeah, Rastafarianism, and others—are foundational elements in the cultural development of the islands of the region. This course examines their histories, systems of belief, liturgical practices, and pantheons of spirits, as well as their impact on the history, literature, and music of the region. Ms. Paravisini-Gebert.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

[232b. African American Cinema] (1)
 (Same as Film 232b) Ms. Mask.
 Not offered 2009/10.

[235a. The Civil Rights Movement in the United States] (1)
 In this interdisciplinary course, we examine the origins, dynamics, and consequences of the modern Civil Rights movement. We explore how the southern based struggles for racial equality and full citizenship in the U.S. worked both to dismantle entrenched systems of discrimination—segregation, disfranchisement, and economic exploitation—and to challenge American society to live up to its professed democratic ideals. Ms. Collins.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

[236. African Cinema: A Continental Survey] (1)
 (Same as Film 236) African national cinemas reflect the rich, complex history of the continent. These films from lands as diverse as Chad, Senegal and South Africa reveal the various ways filmmakers have challenged the representation of Africa and Africans while simultaneously revising conventional cinematic syntax. This survey course examines the internal gaze of African-born auteurs like Ousmane Sembene (*Le Nor de Z, Xala, Mandabi*), Djibril Diop Mambety (*Hyenes*), Desire Ecare (*Faces of Women*), Manthia Diawara (*Conakry Kas*), and Mahmat-Saleh Haroun (*Bye-Bye Africa*). It places these films alongside the external gaze of practitioners Euzan Palcy (*A Dry White Season*), Jean-Jacques Annaud (*Noir et Blancs en Couleur*) and Raoul Peck (*Lumumba*). The films of documentary filmmakers Anne Laure Folly, Ngozi Onwurah and Pratibah Parmaar are also examined. This course utilizes the post-colonial film theory and scholarship of Imruh Bakari, Mbye Cham, Nwachukwu Frank Ukadike and Manthia Diawara. Screenings, readings and papers required. Ms. Mask.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

242b. Brazil, Society, Culture, and Environment in Portuguese America (1)
 (Same as Geography 242b and Latin American and Latino/a Studies 242b) Brazil, long Latin America's largest and most populous country, has become an industrial and agricultural powerhouse with increasing political-economic clout in global affairs. This course examines Brazil's contemporary evolution in light of the country's historical geography, the distinctive cultural and environmental features of Portuguese America, and the political-economic linkages with the outside world. Specific topics for study include: the legacies of colonial Brazil; race relations, Afro-Brazilian culture, and ethnic identities; issues of gender, youth, violence, and poverty; processes of urban-industrial growth; regionalism and national integration; environmental conservation and sustainability; continuing controversies surrounding the occupation of Amazonia; and long-run prospects for democracy and equitable development in Brazil. Mr. Godfrey.

[250a. African Politics] (1)
 (Same as Political Science 250) This course introduces students to the great diversity of peoples, ideas, cultures, and political practices found on the African continent. The course first investigates the causes of the contemporary social, economic, and political challenges facing African states, and then analyzes the ways in which African populations have responded to foreign domination, authoritarian government, unfavorable economic conditions, and social divisions. The course uses case studies of African countries to explore political issues within specific contexts and pays particular attention to

international involvement in Africa. Mr. Longman.
 Not offered in 2008/09.

[251a. Topics in Black Literatures] (1)
 (Same as English 251a) This course considers Black literatures in all their richness and diversity. The focus changes from year to year, and may include study of a historical period, literary movement, or genre. The course may take a comparative, diasporic approach or may examine a single national or regional literature. Laura Yow.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

252b. Writing the Diaspora: Verses/Versus (1)
 (Same as English 252b) Black American cultural expression is anchored in rhetorical battles and verbal jousts that place one character against another. From sorrow songs to blues, black music has always been a primary means of cultural expression for African Americans, particularly during difficult social periods and transition. Black Americans have used music and particularly rhythmic verse to resist, express, and signify. Nowhere is this more evident than in hip hop culture generally and hip hop music specifically.

This semester's Writing the Diaspora class concerns itself with close textual analysis of hip-hop texts. Is Imani Perry right in claiming that Hip Hop is Black American music, or diasporic music? In addition to close textual reading of lyrics, students are asked to create their own hip-hop texts that speak to particular artists/texts and/or issues and styles raised. Mr. Laymon.

Prerequisites: one course in literature or Africana Studies.

253b. The Arts of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (1)
 (Same as Art 253b) This course explores the ways in which sculpture, textiles, painting, drawing, and photography function both historically and currently in relationship to particular themes such as religion, trade, and diaspora (both Atlantic and Indian Ocean), political power and healing. We also consider the visual arts in relationship to issues of improvisation, identity and self-representation, and forms of resistance. Ms. Brielmaier.

Prerequisites: Art 105-106, or one 200-level course in Africana Studies or by permission of the instructor.

254a. The Arts of Western and Northern Africa (1)
 (Same as Art 254a) This course is organized thematically and examines the ways in which sculpture, architecture, painting, and photography function both historically and currently in relationship to broader cultural issues. Within this context, this course explores performance and masquerade in relationship to gender, social, and political power. We also consider the connections between the visual arts and cosmology, Islam, identity, ideas of diaspora, colonialism and post-colonialism, as well as the representation of "Self" and the "Other." Ms. Brielmaier.

Prerequisites: Art 105-106, or one 200-level course in Africana Studies, or by permission of the instructor.

[256. Environment and Culture in the Caribbean] (1)
 (Same as Environmental Studies 256) The ecology of the islands of the Caribbean has undergone profound changes since the arrival of Europeans to the region in 1492. This course traces the history of the relationship between ecology and culture from pre-Columbian civilizations to the economies of tourism. Among the specific topics of discussion are Arawak and Carib notions of nature and conservation of natural resources; the impact of deforestation and changes in climate; the plantation economy as an ecological revolution; the political implications of the tensions between the economy of the plot and that of the plantation; the development of environmental conservation and its impacts on notions of nationhood; the ecological impact of resort tourism; and the development of eco-tourism. These topics are examined through a variety of materials: historical documents, essays, art, literature, music and film. Ms. Paravisini-Gebert.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[259a. Human Rights and Politics] (1)
 (Same as Political Science 259a) This course examines the growing international influence of human rights principles, documents, and organizations on politics. We study how human rights discourse has emerged as a major factor in modern politics and review the documents that serve as a basis drawn from Africa and the United States to explore issues such as universality versus cultural specificity of human rights discourses, civil and political rights versus cultural versus economic, social, and cultural rights, individual versus group rights, the crime of genocide, efforts to expand human rights law to include rights for children, women, gays, and lesbians and others, and the activities of national and international human rights organizations. Mr. Longman.

[263b. Words of Fire: African American Orators and Their Orations] (1)
 Like their African counterparts, African Americans have an urgent concern with the intellectual and emotive force of the word in the appropriate socio-political context. Sound, meaning, and manner of speaking the language undergirds the structure of human relationships in oratory within and outside the African American community, from its African origins through slavery, Reconstruction, the Jim Crow Era, Civil Rights up through the period of Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Congressional Black Caucus. The oral traditions of African Americans is a vernacular art form experienced from the preacher pulpit, the political stump, the legislative halls, the street corner, and the theatrical stage. Ms. Bickerstaff.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

[264b. African American Women's History] (1)
 (Same as Women's Studies 264) In this interdisciplinary course, we explore the roles of black women in the U.S. as thinkers, activists, and creators during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Focusing on the intellectual work, social activism, and cultural expression of a diverse group of African American women, we examine how they have understood their lives, resisted oppression, constructed emancipatory vision, and struggles to change society. Ms. Collins.
 Not offered 2009/10.

265a. African American History to 1865 (1)
 (Same as History 265a) This course provides an introduction to African American history from the Atlantic slave trade through the Civil War. African Americans had a profound effect on the historical development of the nation. The experiences of race and slavery dominate this history and it is the complexities and nuances of slavery that give this course its focus. This course examines key developments and regional differences in the making of race and slavery in North America, resistance movements among slaves and free blacks (such as slave revolts and the abolitionist movement) as they struggled for freedom and citizenship, and the multiple ways race and gender affected the meanings of slavery and freedom. This course is designed to encourage and develop skills in the interpretation of primary and secondary sources. Mr. Mills.

[266b. African American Arts and Artifacts] (1)
 (Same as Art 266) An introduction to the artistic and material production of African Americans in the U.S. from the colonial period to the present day. We examine multiple influences on (African, European, American, diasporic, etc.) and uses for black creative expression. Working with an expansive conception of art, we pay close attention to the work of formally and non-formally trained artists in relation to their social, cultural, aesthetic, and historical contexts. Ms. Collins.
 Prerequisites: Art 105-106 or by permission of the instructor.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

267b. African American History, 1865-Present (1)
 (Same as History 267b) This course examines some of the key issues in African American history from the end of the civil war to the present by explicating selected primary and secondary sources. Major issues and themes include: Reconstruction and the meaning

of freedom, military participation and ideas of citizenship, racial segregation, migration, labor, cultural politics, and black resistance and protest movements. This course is designed to encourage and develop skills in the interpretation of primary sources, such as letters, memoirs, and similar documents. The course format, therefore, consists of close reading and interpretation of selected texts, both assigned readings and handouts. Course readings are supplemented with music and film. Mr. Mills.

[268. Sociology of Black Religion] (1)
 (Same as Religion 268 and Sociology 268) A sociological analysis of a pivotal sector of the Black community, namely the Black churches, sects, and cults. Topics include slave religion, the founding of independent Black churches, the Black musical heritage, Voodoo, the Rastafarians, and the legacies of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Mamiya.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

[271a. Perspectives on the African Past: Africa Before 1800] (1)
 (Same as History 271) A survey of traditional African history with an emphasis on the Nile Valley civilizations, Ethiopia, the Sudan Kingdoms, the advent of Islam, the Swahili city-states of Southeast Africa, and the early society of central and southern Africa prior to 1800. This course examines the dramatic post-World War II issues and trends in the historiography relating to pre-colonial Africa. Mr. Rashid.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

272b. Modern African History (1)
 (Same as History 272b) A study of the major political, economic, social, and intellectual developments in the unfolding of the African experience from the early nineteenth century to the present time. Attention is directed to the broad spectrum of contacts of Africa with the outside world in trade, diplomacy, etc., prior to the nineteenth century. The course focuses on the rise of the Pan-African movement, African nationalism, the decolonization process, the emergence of independent African states, and the dilemmas of post-colonialism: neocolonialism, development issues and post-independence politics. Mr. Rashid.

273b. Development Economics (1)
 (Same as Economics 273b) A survey of central issues in the field of Development Economics, this course examines current conditions in less developed countries using both macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis. Macroeconomic topics include theories of growth and development, development strategies (including export-led growth in Asia), and problems of structural transformation and transition. Household decision-making under uncertainty serves as the primary model for analyzing microeconomic topics such as the adoption of new technology in peasant agriculture, migration and urban unemployment, fertility, and the impact of development on the environment. Examples and case studies from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and transition economies provide the context for these topics. Ms. Jones.
 Prerequisites: Economics 100 and 101.

[275b. Caribbean Discourse] (1)
 (Same as English 275) Study of the work of artists and intellectuals from the Caribbean. Analysis of fiction, non-fiction, and popular cultural forms such as calypso and reggae within their historical contexts. Attention to cultural strategies of resistance to colonial domination and to questions of community formation in the post-colonial era. May include some discussion of post-colonial literary theory and cultural studies. Ms. Yow.
 Not offered 2009/10.

[276. Literature of the Caribbean Diaspora] (1)
 Study of the work of writers of Caribbean origin in the United States and Great Britain, with special attention to their explorations of migration, colonial and post-colonial histories, race, and ethnic identity, and to their reception by readers and critics. Works

studied are drawn from such authors as Julia Alvarez, Michelle Cliff, Edwidge Danticat, Cristina García, Oscar Hijuelos, Andrea Levy, Audre Lorde, Paule Marshall, Claude McKay, V. S. Naipaul, Caryl Phillips, Jean Rhys, and Mary Seacole, among others. Ms. Paravisini-Gebert.

Not offered 2009/10.

277b. Sea-Changes: Caribbean Rewritings of the British Canon (1)

(Same as English 277b) From William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* to James Joyce's *Ulysses*, the classic texts of the British literary canon have served as points of departure for Caribbean writers seeking to establish a dialogue between a colonial literary tradition and post-colonial national literatures. This course addresses the many re-writings of British texts by Caribbean authors from Roberto Fernandez Retamar's *Caliban to Jamaica* Kincaid's *The Autobiography of My Mother*. Among the texts to be discussed are Jean Rhys's *Wide Sargasso Sea*, V.S. Naipaul's *Guerillas*, Micelle Michelle Cliff's *Abeng* and *No Telephone to Heaven*, Maryse Conde's *Windward Heights*, and Riosario Ferre's *Sweet Diamond Dust*. Ms. Yow.

285b. From Homer to Omeros (1)

(Same as Classics 285b) In this postcolonial era, when the study of classics repeatedly comes under fire for being the irrelevant and outdated province of "dead white males," the work of the Caribbean poet Derek Walcott reminds us that it is possible to be engaged in a study of the classical tradition from a critical yet creative perspective. One of the most recent and most exciting poets to seek a direct relationship with the Homeric poems in his work, Walcott has authored both a stage version of the *Odyssey* and a modern epic, *Omeros*. In this course we devote ourselves to a close reading of these works alongside the appropriate sections of Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, with a view towards understanding some of the complexities of Walcott's use of the Homeric models. Ms. Friedman.

286b. At Home on the Road; Tracing the African Diaspora in Germany (1)

(Same as German 286b) Though people of African descent have lived in Germany for more than a century, their existence has largely been overlooked by scholars and the German public alike. Yet their history has much to tell us about the construction of race and racial politics in German identity as well as the vagaries of the African Diaspora in Europe. From Hans-Jurgen Massaquoi's time in the Hitler Youth to black feminist and lesbian organizing in contemporary Berlin, this course examines the efforts by Germans of African descent to document their experiences and articulate a black subjectivity. Special attention is given to the representations of blackness and the Black Diaspora that have circulated in German films, comics, music videos and photography over the past two centuries. Readings are drawn from such authors as May Ayim, Raja Lubinetzki, Ika Hegel-Marshall, Aisha Blackshire-Belay, Maisha Eggers, Fatima El-Tayeb, Tina Campt, Leroy T. Hopkins, Etienne Balibar and Paul Gilroy. Ms. Piesche.

Readings and discussions are in English.

Open to all classes.

287b. Visualizing Islamic North Africa (1)

This course examines the negotiation of cultural space and the formation of Muslim visual identity as exemplified in the religious and secular architecture of North Africa (Egypt, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia), from the formative period of Islam to the recent North African immigration to Europe, which has been on the rise since the 1980's. Developments in North Africa are further contextualized by reference to the preceding and contemporaneous art and architecture of the Middle East, as well as the visual culture of immigrant Muslim communities in Spain. Ms. Bush.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

Individual or group field projects or internships. The department.

Unscheduled. May be selected during the academic year or during the summer.

290a/b. Internship at Green Haven and Otisville Prisons (½)

This course combines field visits to the Green Haven maximum security prison, the Otisville medium security prison, and class meetings on campus. The program at the prison features student-inmate dialogue groups on topics such as: Domestic Violence, Family Issues; Communication Skills; Group Transitional Preparation (issues that prepare men for transition to their communities) in English and Spanish. The on-campus class meetings include group discussion, readings, and films on the prison experience in America. Mr. Mamiya.

Prison visits on Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Class meetings one Sunday per month 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

290a/b. Advanced Internship in The Prison Experience in America (½)

A continued exploration of the criminal justice system and the prison experience in America. Field visits to local prisons and more extensive readings and research. Mr. Mamiya.

Prison visits on Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Class meetings one Sunday per month 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Reading Courses

Note: prerequisites for all sections of 297, permission of instructor.

[297.04b. Psychology of Black Experience in White America] (½)

Not offered 2009/10.

[297.05a. Multi-Ethnic Literature for Young Children: From Aesop to Zemach] (½)

Not offered 2009/10.

[297.08a/b. Caribbean Politics] (½)

Not offered in 2009/10.

[297.09b. African Religions] (½)

Not offered 2009/10.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Individual or group project of reading or research. The department.

Unscheduled. May be selected during the academic year or during the summer.

299a. Research Methods (½)

The course explores different ideas, theories and interdisciplinary approaches within Africana Studies that shape research and interpretation of the African and African diasporic experience. Students learn to engage and critically utilize these ideas, theories and approaches in a coherent fashion in their own research projects. They also learn how to design research projects, collect and analyze different types of data, and write major research papers. Emphasis is placed on collection of data through interviews and surveys as well as archival and new information technologies, using the facilities of Vassar libraries. The course includes some field trips to sites relevant to student projects. Required of majors and correlates, but open to students in all disciplines. Mr. Rashid.

III. Advanced**300a or b. Senior Essay or Project (1)****308b. Upper-Intermediate Arabic (1)**

Advanced intermediate study of Arabic based on reading comprehension of authentic texts from the Arab multi- and print media, and accessible literary masterpieces; in addition to a review of basic grammar and introduction of more complex structures. Strong emphasis is placed on developing students' written and oral expression. Mr. Mhiri.

[310b. Politics and Religion: Tradition and Modernization (1) in the Third World]

(Same as Religion 310) An examination of the central problem facing all Third World and developing countries, the confrontation between the process of modernization and religious tradition and custom. Along with the social, economic, and political aspects, the course focuses on the problems of cultural identity and crises of meaning raised by the modernizing process. Selected case studies are drawn from Africa and Asia. Mr. Mamiya.

Prerequisite: Sociology/Religion 261 or Africana Studies 268, or 2 units in Religion or Africana Studies at the 200-level, or by permission of instructor.

Not offered 2009/10.

313b. Politics in Africa: Case Studies (1)

(Same as African Studies 313b) This advanced intermediate course offers an intensive study of the politics of a selected African country. The course analyzes the political history of the country and its formal state structures before focusing on the most salient contemporary political issues, such as democratization, corruption, and political stability, human rights and transitional justice, gender, race, ethnicity and other aspects of identity politics, and economic development and inequality. The concentrated focus on a single case allows students to explore how the diverse themes and methodologies of comparative politics are applied in a real world setting. The country of focus varies annually. Mr. Longman.

[319b. Race and Its Metaphors] (1)

(Same as English 319b) This course reexamines the canonical literature in order to discover how race is either explicitly addressed or implicitly enabling to the texts. Does racial difference, whether or not overtly expressed, prove a useful literary tool. The focus of this course varies from year to year. Ms. Dunbar.

Not offered in 2009/10.

320a. Up From Slavery: Schooling and Socialization of Blacks in America (1)

(Same as Education 320a) This course is devoted to both theoretical and empirical issues in the schooling of Black America from primary through post-secondary levels—eighteenth century to the present in the rural and urban environment. Students become familiar with major sociological themes in the study of education: socialization and learning; social and cultural determinants of academic performance; relationships between families and schools; inequality; the "culture" of the school and problems of change; institutional racism; and politicalization and social policy. Ms. Bickerstaff.

Prerequisite: 2 units of Education or Africana Studies or by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

[321. Cross-Cultural Studies in Education: Policy, Politics, Power] (1)

(Same as Education 321) A comparative study of education and schooling in selected contemporary societies—United States, Africa, Asia, South America. Through the case-study method, this seminar examines formal educational institutions from preschool to post-secondary education. Educational ideology and practice as reflected in curriculum and school organization are reviewed. Within the United States, the schooling of culturally different populations is studied. Among them are: Appalachian, Native American, black

urban (north and south), and elite white independent schools. Ms. Bickerstaff.

Prerequisite: 2 units of coursework from the social science division, Africana Studies, or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[330. Black Metropolis: Caste and Class in Urban America (1) 1800 to Present]

The migration of African Americans from the rural south to the urban North in late nineteenth and early twentieth-century America was one of the most significant internal mass movements in modern urban history. This seminar traces the historical antecedents of the great migration and examines the social, cultural, economic, and political dynamics and consequences of this extraordinary demographic shift within black communities and the larger society. Using the case study method, selected cities are drawn from urban centers in the south and the north. Themes and locations vary from year to year. Ms. Bickerstaff.

Not offered 2009/10.

[345. African American Migrations: Movement, Creativity, Struggle, and Change] (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 345) In this interdisciplinary seminar, we examine the Great Migration (1916-1930) and the second Great Migration (1940-1970), the twentieth-century search by millions of black southerners for opportunity, safety, and full citizenship in the cities of the Northeast, Midwest, and West. Focusing on the actions, expressions, and thoughts of migrants, we explore how migrants experienced their lives, expressed their desires, and understood society. By analyzing things such as the organizing of factory and domestic workers, the blues sung by black women, the creation of urban legends and lore, and the investigative journalism of African American newspapers and civil rights organizations, we study links between movement, creativity, struggle, and change. Ms. Collins.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[352b. Seminar on Multiculturalism in Comparative Politics] (1)

(Same as Political Science 352b) This seminar explores the political significance of social diversity in comparative perspective. Drawing on a range of cases, the course investigates the sources of identity-based social and political conflicts, focusing in particular on racial, ethnic, and national identities. The course also studies possible means of accommodating diversity and promoting reconciliation through public policies such as affirmative action, economic development, constitutional reform, memorials and commemorations, truth commissions, and trials. After looking at theories of identity politics and accommodation of diversity, the course focuses on country case studies. Countries studied may include the United States, South Africa, Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia, Somalia, Brazil, and India. Mr. Longman.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

Not offered 2009/10.

354a. Seminar in African Art (1)

(Same as Art 354a) Topic for 2009/10: *The Contemporary African Photography and Video*. This seminar explores the development of contemporary photographic and video practices as they relate to Africa. Organized thematically, it focuses on the individual case studies, artists, and exhibitions that comprise the dynamic and international realm of contemporary photo and video by artists living inside and outside of the African continent. Emphasis is placed on the changing significance and role of photography within African and trans-African contexts. As a part of this process, we consider issues of representation; documentation, critiques, and re-framing of socio-political issues and global relations; the visual articulation of racial, ethnic, gendered and religious identities; as well as aesthetic ideas, performance and the role of varied audiences and reception. Ms. Brielmaier.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

[365. Race and the History of Jim Crow Segregation] (1)
(Same as History 365) Mr. Mills.
Not offered 2009/10.

366b. Seminar in African American Art and Cultural History (1)

(Same as Art 366b, Urban Studies 366b, and Women's Studies 366b)
Topic for 2009/10: *Creativity and Politics During the Jazz Age and the Great Depression*. Focusing on the relationships between visual culture and social movements in the U.S., this seminar examines the arts, institutions, and ideas of the Black Arts Movement and the Women's Art Movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Analyzing paintings, photographs, posters, quilts, collages, murals, manifestos, mixed-media works, installations, films, performances, and various systems of creation, collaboration, and display, we explore connections between art, politics, and society. Ms. Collins.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor. One 2-hour period.
One 2-hour period.

[369. Major Third World Author] (1)
Not offered 2009/10.

373a. Slavery and Abolition in Africa (1)

(Same as History 373a) The Trans-Saharan and the Atlantic slave trade transformed African communities, social structures, and cultures. The seminar explores the development, abolition, and impact of slavery in Africa from the earliest times to the twentieth century. The major conceptual and historiographical themes include indigenous servitude, female enslavement, family strategies, slave resistance, abolition, and culture. The seminar uses specific case studies as well as a comparative framework to understand slavery in Africa. Mr. Rashid.

[374b. The African Diaspora and the Making of the Pan-African Movement 1900-2000] (1)

(Same as History 374b) This seminar investigates the social origins, philosophical and cultural ideas, and the political forms of Pan-Africanism from the late nineteenth century to the end of the twentieth century. It explores how disaffection and resistance against slavery, racism and colonial domination in the Americas, Caribbean, Europe, and Africa led to the development of a global movement for the emancipation of peoples of African descent from 1900 onwards. The seminar examines the different ideological, cultural, and organizational manifestations of Pan-Africanism as well as the scholarly debates on development of the movement. Readings include the ideas and works of Edward Blyden, Alexander Crummell, W. E. B. Dubois, Marcus Garvey, Amy Garvey, C.L.R. James, and Kwame Nkmmah. Mr. Rashid.

Special permission.
Not offered 2009/10.

[392b. Diversity in Performance] (½)
(Same as Drama 392) Instructor to be announced.
Not offered in 2009/10.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
Senior independent study program to be worked out in consultation with an instructor. The department.

American Culture

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The multidisciplinary program in American Culture offers students an opportunity to study the civilization of the United States from a variety of perspectives and through the methodologies of different intellectual disciplines. "Culture," as used in this program, means the ways in which Americans understand themselves and interact with each other and their environment. It includes their institutions as well as their literature, their families, their politics and economics, work and machines, habits, rituals, ideas and beliefs, and art and artifacts. Because of the social diversity of Americans, the study of culture in the United States refers to many cultures and must ask how this diversity coexists with national identity.

The program has three main purposes: (1) to familiarize students with the dissimilar ways that various disciplines study culture; (2) to give them a broad knowledge of various facets of American culture; and (3) to develop a more sophisticated understanding of one aspect of American culture.

Because Vassar offers a broad range of courses relevant to the study of American culture, students interested in the concentration should consult with the program's director as early as possible in order to plan a coherent program of study around their interests. Although the emphasis varies with the training and interests of individual students, all students in the program should think of their study of American culture as including some attention to: (a) American expression in the arts; (b) American institutions—political, social, economic; (c) American thought and beliefs; (d) American history; and (e) the American physical environment. Students are admitted to the program by the director, subject to the approval of their statement of focus and program of study by the steering committee. Students interested in pursuing a concentration in ethnic studies within American culture should consult with the director.

Requirements for Concentration: 14 units, including (1) the Seminar in American Culture; (2) at least 2 units of special studies in American Culture (American Culture 280 or 380 courses); (3) 1 unit of advanced (300-level) work in each of two separate disciplines, in the junior or senior year, one of which must be selected from the supplementary list of approved courses; (4) familiarity with a culture other than American (this requirement may be met by a semester's study abroad in the junior year or by 1 unit selected from an approved list of courses); (5) the senior project; (6) the senior colloquium; and (7) Multidisciplinary Research Methods; (8) remaining courses chosen from the supplementary list of approved courses.

After the declaration of the major, no required courses may be elected NRO.

Junior-Year Requirements: 1 unit of special studies in American Culture; and the Seminar in American Culture (250).

Senior-Year Requirements: Senior thesis or project (302/303); Senior Colloquium (301); and Multidisciplinary Research Methods (313).

I. Introductory

105a. Themes in American Culture (1)

Topic for 2009/10: *Introduction to Native American Studies*. This course is a multi-and inter-disciplinary introduction to the basic philosophies, ideologies, and methodologies of the discipline of Native American Studies. It acquaints students with the history, art, literature, sociology, linguistics, politics, and epistemology according to an indigenous perspective while utilizing principles stemming from vast and various Native North American belief systems and cultural frameworks. Through reading assignments, films, and discussions, we learn to objectively examine topics such as orality, sovereignty, stereotypes, humor, language, resistance, spirituality, activism, identity, tribal politics, and environment among others. Overall, we work to problematize historical, ethnographical, and literary representations of Native people as a means to assess and evaluate western discourses of domination; at the same time, we focus on the various ways Native people and nations, both in their traditional homelands and urban areas, have been and are triumphing over 500+ years of colonization through acts of survival and continuance. Ms. McGlennen, Ms. Wallace.

Open to freshmen and sophomores only.

Two 75-minute periods.

179a. Major Author: Thoreau (½)

(Same as English 179a) Mr. Peck.

181b. Writing Lives (1)

This course looks at the problem of representing American experience, one's own or someone else's, in the biographical/autobiographical mode. Biographer Richard Holmes writes, "I conclude that no biography is ever definitive, because that is not the nature of such journeys, nor of the human heart which is their territory." We look at the points of departure for writing American lives, whether investigating a writer's own autobiography, or an author's engagement with someone else's narrative of failure or triumph, departure or arrival. What motivates a person to tell his or her life story, or to investigate someone else's? What claims about the significance of that story are made, or taken up by the story's readers? Like all Freshman Writing Seminars, this course stresses the development of analytical thinking, clarity of expression, and originality. Toward these ends, students write and rewrite several short papers, with the benefit of feedback from the instructor and from their peers. Some of the assignments are autobiographical in nature, some more strictly literary-critical. This course also introduces students to basic library and research skills, as they prepare written and oral presentations on the life of an American figure. Ms. Carter.

Open only to freshmen; satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

II. Intermediate

[205. Arab American Literature] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 205) Mr. Mhiri.

Not offered in 2009/10

212b. The Press in America (1)

This course examines the media's role in our changing world, covering different journalism venues, including the Web. It looks closely at what role ethics play in the news media, other related media, and how those roles are changing quickly with technology. Students research these issues, and report and write different types of stories, such as news, features, and commentary. They also visit the newsroom of a daily newspaper and meet with news professionals about the important transitions that are happening in the news business and how it affects their jobs. Applicants to the course must submit samples of original nonfiction writing and a statement about why they want to take the course. The nature of the writing submissions is specified beforehand in flyers distributed to students

through the program office. Instructor to be announced.

Not open to first-year students.

Deadline for submission of writing samples one week after October break.

Admission by permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

250a. Seminar in American Culture: The Multidisciplinary Approach (1)

The intent of the seminar is to help students converge upon a cultural feature from more than one direction, to recognize some of its inherent complexities, and to assess the peculiar resources for such illumination offered by a multidisciplinary approach.

Topic for 2009/10: *America in the World*. This course focuses on current debates in American Studies about resituating the question of "America" in global terms. We explore the theoretical and political problems involved in such a reorientation of the field as we examine topics such as American militarization and empire, American involvement in global monetary organizations such as the World Trade Organization and the World Bank, the question of a distinctive national and international American culture, foreign perspectives on American and "Americanization," and the global significance of American popular culture including film and music such as hip-hop. Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Varghese.

Required of students concentrating in the program. Generally not open to senior majors. Open to other students by permission of the director and as space permits.

Prerequisite: course work that has dealt with American materials in at least two separate disciplines.

Two 75-minute periods.

[257. Reorienting America: Asians in American History and Society] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 257 and Sociology 257) Ms. Moon.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[260b. Native American Women] (1)

In an effort to subjugate indigenous nations, colonizing and Christianizing enterprises in the Americas included the implicit understanding that subduing Native American women through rape and murder maintained imperial hierarchies of gender and power; this was necessary to eradicate Native people's traditional egalitarian societies and uphold the colonial agenda. Needless to say, Native women's stories and histories have been inaccurately portrayed, often tainted with nostalgia and delivered through a lens of western patriarchy and discourses of domination. Through class readings and writing assignments, discussions and films, this course examines Native women's lives by considering the intersections of sex, class, and race through indigenous frameworks. We expose Native women's various cultural worldviews in order to reveal and assess the importance of indigenous women's voices to national and global issues such as sexual violence, environmentalism, and health.

The class also takes into consideration the shortcomings of western feminisms in relation to the realities of Native women and Native people's sovereignty in general. Areas of particular importance to this course are indigenous women's urban experience, Haudenosaunee influence on early U.S. suffragists, indigenous women in the creative arts, third-gender/two-spiritedness, and Native women's traditional and contemporary roles as cultural carriers. Ms. McGlennen.

Not offered in 2009/10

261b. Native American Urban Experience (1)

Over half of all Native American people living in the United States now live in an urban area. The United States federal policies of the 1950's brought thousands of Indigenous peoples to cities with the promise of jobs and a better life. Like so many compacts made between the United States and Native tribes, these agreements were rarely realized. Despite the cultural, political, and spiritual losses due to Termination and Relocation policies, Native American people have continued to survive and thrive in complex ways. This course examines the experiences of Indigenous peoples living in urban areas since the 1950's. In particular, we look at the

pan-tribal movement, AIM, Red Power, education, powwowing, social and cultural centers, two-spiritedness, religious movements, and the arts. We also study the manner in which different Native urban communities have both adopted western ways and recuperated specific cultural and spiritual traditions in order to build and nurture Native continuance. Ms. McGlennen.

275b. Ethnicity and Race in America: Whiteness (1)

This course examines “white” American identity as a cultural location and a discourse with a history—in Mark Twain’s terms, “a fiction of law and custom.” What are the origins of “Anglo-Saxon” American identity? What are the borders, visible and invisible, against which this identity has leveraged position and power? How have these borders shifted over time, and in social and cultural space? How has whiteness located itself at the center of political, historical, social, and literary discourse, and how has it been displaced? How does whiteness mark itself, or mask itself? What does whiteness look like, sound like, and feel like from the perspective of the racial “other”? What happens when we consider whiteness as a racial or ethnic category? And in what ways do considerations of gender and class complicate these other questions? We read works by artists, journalists, and critics, among them Bill Finnegan, Benjamin DeMott, Lisa Lowe, David Roediger, George Lipsitz, Roland Barthes, Chela Sandoval, Eric Lott, bell hooks, Cherríe Moraga, Ruth Frankenberg, James Baldwin, Homi Bhabha, Louisa May Alcott, Mark Twain, James Weldon Johnson, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, William Faulkner, Nathanael West, Alice Walker, and Don DeLillo. We also explore the way whiteness is deployed, consolidated and critiqued in popular media like film (*Birth of a Nation*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Pleasantville*) television (“reality” shows, *The West Wing*) and the American popular press. Ms. Carter.

Two 75-minute periods.

282b. Malcolm X From the Outside (1)

This course examines the various meanings ascribed to Malcolm X and his legacy outside the U.S. It engages with several political/social movements, scholars and bloggers in different countries that were attentive to, and appreciative of, Malcolm’s linkages between racial oppression, class exploitation, and capitalism. Given the timely relevance of Malcolm’s call for transnational and cross-cultural resistance, we explore its significance for contemporary struggles for dignity and justice. This course uses Malcolm’s teachings and messages in an attempt to challenge the work performed today by the clash-of-civilization proponents, who manufacture new, or resurrect old, enemies and separate the fate of the poor and disenfranchised in the U.S. from that of the oppressed around the globe. Ms. Fritsch-El Alaoui.

285b. Screening South Asian America (1)

This course uses video, film and other media representations as a lens to explore the South Asian community in America. The objectives of this class are to understand the history and experiences of South Asians in the United States, attend to portrayals — both dominant and oppositional — found in mediated sources, and consider how these may contribute to community formation. Particular topics to be explored and mined include the hegemonic storyline of “culture clash” and assimilation, histories of migration, the constitution of raced, gendered and classed South Asian American subjects, and images of home, among others. Through course readings, screenings and discussions, we pay particular attention to the narrative of experience that emerge and how these may condition or constrain how we think of South Asian American history and experience. Ms. Varghese.

288a. American Alienation in Fiction, Film, and Photography (1)

This course traces several peculiarly American forms of cultural alienation and discontent. Questions addressed include whether some degree of estrangement is necessary to artistic vision and motivation, how we can detect when an artist’s alienation is aesthetic or political in origin, whether disaffection is crucial to a comic perspective, when alienation is liberating and when it is

shattering, and under what circumstances artistic isolation tips toward a dangerous psychological state. We read such novels as *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac, *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison, *Catch 22* by Joseph Heller, *Play It as It Lays* by Joan Didion, *Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson, and *Angels* by Denis Johnson; discuss such films as *Vertigo*, *The Big Heat*, *The Night of the Hunter*, *Rebel Without a Cause*, *The Searchers*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Ice Storm*, and *Factotum*; and view the photography of Diane Arbus, Gregory Crewdson, Robert Frank, Nan Goldin, Larry Clark, William Eggleston, Gary Winogrand, Lee Friedlander, and Dan Weiner. Students are invited to present twenty-minute oral reports on alienation fictions, films and photographers of their choice not otherwise covered in the course. Mr. Crawford.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

Permission of the director required.

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)

Permission of the director required.

III. Advanced Courses

301b. Senior Colloquium (1)

A study of particular forms and concepts, versions and visions of American community at the local, national, and international level. The course is designed to enable students through individual and group projects to explore contested issues and methodological problems in American studies.

Topic for 2009/10: To be announced. Ms. Höhn.

Prerequisite: Required of seniors concentrating in the program.

Special Permission.

One 2-hour period.

302a-303b. Senior Thesis or Project (½, ½)

Required of students concentrating in the program.

The senior project is graded Distinction, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory.

313a. Multidisciplinary Research Methods (1)

This course is required for all senior American Culture majors. It considers the practical difficulties of applying multidisciplinary approaches to various kinds of American cultural texts. It is intended as preparation for developing the Senior Thesis or Project. Mr. Hsu.

Prerequisite: permission of director.

One 2-hour period.

[380a. Art, War and Social Change] (1)

(Same as Sociology 380a) Ms. Miringoff.

Not offered in 2009/10

381a. Disturbing the Peace: African Americans in the World (1)

In her 1997 Presidential address to the American Studies Association, Mary Helen Washington stated: “I am not now, nor have I ever been, a member of an American studies faculty.[...] I am now and will always be, primarily an African Americanist.” It’s an odd declaration coming from the President of the most prominent academic association dedicated to the study of American culture, but in Washington’s vexed statement rests a portion of this course’s dilemma: in a world where American hegemony looks increasingly “black” in character, how and why might we continue to delineate the study of American culture from that of African American culture? Is there a difference between the two? How is that difference, if it exists, constituted? Moreover, in light of U.S. imperialism, how have African Americans sought to both distance themselves and embrace the United States at home and abroad? Answering these questions requires our commitment to disturbing the peace, to challenging how we perceive American culture, who creates it and with whom it resides. Centralizing African American experiences, history, and cultural expression, we explore the textual friction produced between Americanness and African Americanness, while also paying attention

to the growing globalization of both. Course materials may include writings from James Baldwin, Saidiya Hartman, Zora Neale Hurston, Barack Obama, Paul Gilroy and others. Ms. Dunbar.

389a. Ideas of History in Contemporary Modern Drama (1)
(Same as Drama 389a.)

Anthropology

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The field of anthropology seeks to promote a holistic understanding of social life by offering complex accounts of human histories, societies and cultures. Anthropologists undertake ethnographic, archival, and archaeological research on the varied aspects of individual and collective experience in all time periods and parts of the world. The Department of Anthropology offers a wide range of options for majors and for nonmajors in recognition of the broad interdisciplinary nature of the field. Nonmajors from all classes may choose courses at any level with permission of the instructor and without introductory anthropology as a prerequisite.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units including Anthropology 140, 201, 301, and two additional 300-level Anthropology seminars. It is required that students take Anthropology 201 by the end of their junior year and highly recommended that they take it in their sophomore year. Anthropology 140 is a prerequisite or corequisite for Anthropology 201. Students are required to take courses in at least three of the four fields of anthropology—archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and linguistics. Students are also required to achieve familiarity with the peoples and cultures of at least two areas of the world. This requirement can be met by taking any two courses in the range from Anthropology 235-244. The remaining courses are to be chosen from among the departmental offerings in consultation with the adviser in order to give the student both a strong focus within anthropology and an overall understanding of the field. With the consent of the adviser, students may petition the department to take up to 2 of the 12 required units in courses outside the department which are related to their focus. Once a course plan has been devised, it must be approved by the department faculty.

NRO: One introductory course taken NRO may count towards the major if a letter grade is received. If a student receives a PA for an introductory course taken under the NRO option, that student must complete 13 courses for an anthropology major. No other required courses for the major may be taken NRO.

Requirements for a Correlate Sequence: 6 units to include 1 unit at the 100-level and 2 units at the 300-level. Courses should be chosen in consultation with an anthropology department adviser in order to a) complement the student's major and b) form a coherent focus within anthropology. Possible concentrations include cultural studies, field work, evolution, archaeology, language. One introductory course taken NRO may count towards the correlate sequence if a letter grade is received. If a student receives a PA for an introductory course taken under the NRO option, that student must complete seven courses for an anthropology correlate sequence. No other required courses for the correlate sequence may be taken NRO.

Recommendations: The field experience is essential to the discipline of anthropology. Therefore, majors are urged to take at least one fieldwork course, to engage in field research during the summer, and/or to undertake independent fieldwork under a study away program.

Anthropological Research Experience: The department also offers students the opportunity for independent fieldwork/research projects through several of its courses and in conjunction with ongoing faculty research projects. Opportunities for laboratory research, which is also critical to anthropological inquiry, are available in our archaeology, biological anthropology, sound analysis, and digital video editing labs.

Advisers: The department.

^{ab} Absent on leave for the year.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

I. Introductory

100a. Archaeology (1)
Archaeologists study the material evidence of past human cultures. In this course students learn how archaeologists dig up physical remains, tools, and houses and use these data to reconstruct and understand past cultures. The methods and theory behind archaeological recovery, problem solving and interpretation are learned through the use of selected site reports, articles from all over the world, and hands on experimentation. The department.

120b. Human Origins (1)
This course introduces current and historical debates in the study of human evolution. Primate studies, genetics, the fossil record and paleoecology are drawn upon to address such issues as the origins and nature of human cognition, sexuality, and population variation. Ms. Pike-Tay.

140a. Cultural Anthropology (1)
An introduction to central concepts, methods, and findings in cultural anthropology, including culture, cultural difference, the interpretation of culture, and participant-observation. The course uses cross-cultural comparison to question scholarly and common-sense understandings of human nature. Topics may include sexuality, kinship, political and economic systems, myth, ritual and cosmology, and culturally varied ways of constructing race, gender, and ethnicity. Students undertake small research projects and explore different styles of ethnographic writing. Ms. Varghese.

150a or b. Linguistics and Anthropology (1)
This course provides the student with a practical introduction to structuralist methods of linguistic analysis. There is a focus on both theoretical discussions about, and practical exercises in, the phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics of natural human languages. Additional topics include: the acquisition of linguistic and communicative competence; the relationship between human language and other animal communication systems; and cultural and social dimensions of language variation (including the study of regional and social dialects, code switching and mixing, speaking styles, registers, and idiolects). The course is intended both as the College's general introduction to formal linguistics and as a foundation for more advanced courses in related areas. Mr. Tavárez, Mr. S. Mercado.

[170a. Topics in Anthropology] (1)
This course provides the student with an introduction to anthropology through a focus on a particular issue or aspect of human experience. Topics vary, but may include Anthropology through Film, American Popular Culture, Extinctions, Peoples of the World. The department.

Open only to freshmen. Satisfies requirement for a Freshmen Writing Seminar.
Not offered 2009/10.

[180b. Ethnography and Detective Fiction] (1)
This course teaches concepts of cultural anthropology through the lens of detective fiction. It studies detective fiction from the development of the nineteenth century classic detective story to its most recent forms, focusing on novels in which indigenous detectives solve mysteries through their knowledge of their cultures. This particular genre of detective fiction can be considered "ethnographic" because of its reliance on local detectives operating as participant observers in their surrounding cultures. Detective novels are paired with relevant readings from the anthropological canon. Ms. Goldstein.

Satisfies the requirement for introductory-level cultural anthropology.
Not offered in 2009/10.

II. Intermediate

201b. Anthropological Theory (1)
In this course we explore the history of intellectual innovations that make anthropology distinctive among the social sciences. We seek to achieve an analytic perspective on the history of the discipline and also to consider the social and political contexts, and consequences, of anthropology's theory. While the course is historical and chronological in organization, we read major theoretical and ethnographic works that form the background to debates and issues in contemporary anthropology. Ms. Kaplan.

Prerequisite or co-requisite: Anthropology 140.

212b. World Musics (1)
(Same as Music 212)

[231a. Topics in Archaeology] (1)
An examination of topics of interest in current archaeological analysis. We examine the anthropological reasons for such analyses, how analysis proceeds, what has been discovered to date through such analyses, and what the future of the topic seems to be. Possible topics include tools and human behavior, lithic technology, the archaeology of death, prehistoric settlement systems, origins of material culture.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Prerequisite: prior coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

232b. Topics in Biological Anthropology (1)
This course covers topics within the broad field of biological (or physical) anthropology ranging from evolutionary theory to the human fossil record to the identification of human skeletal remains from crime scenes and accidents. Bioanthropology conceptualizes cultural behavior as an integral part of our behavior as a species. Topics covered in this course may include human evolution, primate behavior, population genetics, human demography and variation, or forensic anthropology.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Primates*. Since the early part of this century, monkeys and apes have been given special status as natural objects that can show humans our pre-rational and pre-cultural origins. The objective of this course is to introduce students to major theoretical issues and methodological approaches in the anthropological study of nonhuman primates and how these have changed over time. Topics considered include theories of domination and of production and reproduction in primate behavior studies, along with their relevance to "human nature". Ms. Pike-Tay

Prerequisites: Courses in Anthropology, Geology, or Biology or by permission of instructor.

235b. Area Studies in Prehistory (1)
This course is a detailed, intensive investigation of archaeological remains from a particular geographic region of the world. The area investigated varies from year to year and includes such areas as Eurasia, North America, and the native civilizations of Central and South America.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Prerequisites: Prior coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Ethnohistory and Archaeology of The Frozen North*. Characterized by extreme cold, a dearth of plants, and rich fauna on the land and in the seas, the polar and sub-polar regions called forth unique biological and cultural adaptations from their human inhabitants. This course concentrates on peoples of the far north, looking at the myriad adjustments in technology, material culture, social structure, and ideology necessary to survive and thrive in this extreme environment. It also examines the northern people's interactions with the Europeans who invaded the area over the past millennium. Ms. Johnson.

240a or b. Cultural Localities (1)

Detailed study of the cultures of people living in a particular area of the world, including their politics, economy, worldview, religion, expressive practices, and historical transformations. Included is a critical assessment of different approaches to the study of culture. Areas covered vary from year to year and may include Europe, Africa, North America, and India.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Envisioning Europe*. This course engages Europe not as a territorial locality but as a socially, historically, and politically construed concept. Given the impact of the European Union, the resurgence of regionalism, and increasing transnational flows of people, capital, and ideas, how is the concept of Europe being refashioned and re-imagined? What are the consequences of these varied envisionings? Drawing primarily on anthropological texts, the course begins with a survey of classic studies on Europe and Europeans, which serve as a foundation for critical assessments of contemporary thinking about the continent. The course then turns to current topics in the study of Europe including film, art and performance; globalization, transnationalism, and regionalism; citizenship, language and immigration; folklore and festival; and issues surrounding identity, religion, and gender. Mr. Mercado.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Andean Worlds*. (Same as Latin American Latino/a Studies 240a) This course proposes an intensive survey of the culture, history, languages, art, and sociopolitical organization of indigenous societies in the Andes. After a consideration of the various urban and sociopolitical reforms introduced by the Inca state, we focus on indigenous adaptations to Spanish colonial rule, and the persistence of Andean cosmologies and modes of organization. The course then examines the often conflictive relations between indigenous communities and the emerging nation-states of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Chile, and investigates the renegotiation of civil and legal rights, the impact of indigenous movements on national and global politics, and the links among environmental policies, globalization, and Andean culture after the failure of neoliberalism. Mr. Tavárez.

Topic for 2009/10b: *South Asia and Neoliberalism*. This course investigates the policies of privatization, deregulation and free trade that are known as neoliberalism in the South Asian context. In order to adequately examine the process of neoliberalism, students read across a diverse, yet focused, body of literature. This includes grounding works on neoliberalism as well as readings of pre- and post-colonial structures in various South Asian nations. Topic specific readings on neoliberalism and citizenship, the shifting relationship between governments of South Asia and the diaspora since the implementation of neoliberal policies, and national and transnational resistance to neoliberal policies are also included. Ms. Varghese.

[241a. The Caribbean] (1)

An overview of the cultures of the Caribbean, tracing the impact of slavery and colonialism on contemporary experiences and expressions of Caribbean identity. Using ethnographies, historical accounts, literature, music, and film, the course explores the multiple meanings of 'Caribbean,' as described in historical travel accounts and contemporary tourist brochures, as experienced in daily social, political, and economic life, and as expressed through cultural events such as calypso contests and Festival, and cultural-political movements such as Rastafarianism. Although the course deals primarily with the English-speaking Caribbean, it also includes materials on the French and Spanish speaking Caribbean and on diasporic Caribbean communities in the U.S. and U.K. Ms. Cohen.

Prerequisite: Previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Alternate years: Not offered in 2009/10.

[245b. The Ethnographer's Craft] (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 245) This course introduces students to the methods employed in constructing and analyzing ethnographic materials through readings, classroom lectures, and discussions with

regular field exercises. Students gain experience in participant-observation, fieldnote-taking, interviewing, survey sampling, symbolic analysis, the use of archival documents, and the use of contemporary media. Attention is also given to current concerns with interpretation and modes of representation. Throughout the semester, students practice skills they learn in the course as they design, carry out, and write up original ethnographic projects. Ms. Varghese.

Not offered in 2009/10.

247a. Modern Social Theory: Marx, Durkheim, and Weber (1)
(Same as Sociology 247a)**250b. Language, Culture, and Society** (1)

This course draws on a wide range of theoretical perspectives in exploring a particular problem, emphasizing the contribution of linguistics and linguistic anthropology to issues that bear on research in a number of disciplines. At issue in each selected course topic are the complex ways in which cultures, societies, and individuals are interrelated in the act of using language within and across particular speech communities.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 150 or permission of instructor.

Topic for 2009/10: *Language, Mediation, and Governance*. This course investigates how governance and power are not simply a matter of top-down relationships, but also involve complex networks of mediation. Drawing from a broad range of literature from the social sciences and the humanities, we ask how institutions and related organizations employ multi-media in order to influence the everyday life of the constituents they seek to target. Special emphasis is placed on issues surrounding language policy, language politics, discourse analysis, and semiotics. Students develop semester long independent research projects, which explore related issues in multiple media contexts. Mr. Mercado.

Topic for 2009/10: *Plurilingualism*. One of the quintessential empirical objects in linguistic anthropology is the relationship between language contact and the constitution of human social groups. This seminar sheds light on the crosscurrents between multi- and plurilingualism and processes of social cohesion. Students learn how to analyze naturally occurring speech in plurilingual contexts through their own ethnographic participant-observation and transcript analysis. Topics include (but are not limited to): citizenship, ethnonationalism, youth language, codeswitching, sociolinguistic methods, and language policy and politics. Mr. Mercado.

255a. Language and Gender (1)

How do gender identities influence language use, language and power, and ideas about language? This course presents a systematic survey of anthropological and linguistic approaches to this set of questions. The course is organized as a cross-cultural survey of several approaches—from ground-breaking feminist linguistic anthropology to contemporary debates on gender as performance, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual/transgender identities, and gender, class and hegemony—that investigate the multiple rapports among gender identities, socialization, language use in private and public spheres, social norms, and gendered forms of authority. Students have an opportunity to learn about linguistic anthropology methods and design a research project. Mr. Tavárez.

[259a. Soundscapes: Anthropology of Music] (1)

(Same as Music 259) This course investigates a series of questions about the relationship between music and the individuals and societies that perform and listen to it. In other words, music is examined and appreciated as a form of human expression existing within and across specific cultural contexts. The course takes an interdisciplinary approach to the social life of music, addressing historical themes and debates within multiple academic fields via readings, recordings, and films. Mr. Rios.

Prerequisites: prior coursework in Anthropology or Music, or by permission of instructor.

Not Offered in 2009/10.

[260b. Current Themes in Anthropological Theory and Method] (1)

The focus is upon particular cultural sub-systems and their study in cross-cultural perspective. The sub-system selected varies from year to year. Examples include: kinship systems, political organizations, religious beliefs and practices, verbal and nonverbal communication.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Anthropological Approaches to the Study of Food*. Considering the wide array of nutritional possibilities, why do people select certain food sources and reject others? Why is there an abundance of food in some societies and a dearth in others? Food is embedded in symbolic, political and economic systems; it is an index of our histories, geographies, belief systems, social statuses, as well as our national culture and global positioning. In this course, we explore the cultural and political economy of food. We examine its production, preparation, distribution, and consumption, and cover such topics as food taboos, changing tastes, food systems and colonialism, fast and slow foods, and the importance of food in the construction of gender, national and religious distinction. Ms. Lowe.

Topic for 2009/10b: *The Anthropology of Time*. In this course, we examine time as a discourse and organizing practice, and explore how time—in relation to space—is constructed in various cultural contexts. Potential topics we explore are the relationship between time, community building, and political economy. A main objective of the course is also to consider the ways in which discursive conventions around the concept of time become means by which distinctions between western and non-western peoples are created and sustained. This course draws on a range of theoretical perspectives, and ethnographic studies include societies in the Indian Ocean, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. Ms. Lowe.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[261a. Culture, Power, History] (1)

This course examines the turn to historical questions in current anthropology. What are the implications of cultural difference for an understanding of history, and of history for an understanding of culture? Recent works which propose new ways of thinking about western and non-western peoples and the power to make history are read. Theoretical positions include structure and history, world system, hegemony and resistance, globalization theory, and discourse approaches. Historical/ethnographic situations range from New Guinea cargo cults to the English industrial revolution, from the history of sugar as a commodity to the colonizing of Egypt, from debates about the sexuality of women and Hindu gods in Fiji to the role of spirit mediums in the struggle for Zimbabwe. Ms. Kaplan.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Alternate years: Not offered in 2009/10..

262a. Anthropological Approaches to Myth, Ritual and Symbol (1)

What is the place of myth, ritual and symbol in human social life? Do symbols reflect reality, or create it? This course considers answers to these questions in social theory (Marx, Freud and Durkheim) and in major anthropological approaches (functionalism, structuralism, and symbolic anthropology). It then reviews current debates in interpretive anthropology about order and change, power and resistance, and the role of ritual in the making of history. Ethnographic studies include Fiji, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, sixteenth century Italy, the Seneca, and the U.S. Ms. Kaplan.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Alternate years: Offered in 2009/10.

[263b. Anthropology Goes to the Movies: Film, Video, and Ethnography] (1)

This course examines how film and video are used in ethnography as tools for study and as means of ethnographic documentary and representation. Topics covered include history and theory of visual

anthropology, issues of representation and audience, indigenous film, and contemporary ethnographic approaches to popular media. Ms. Cohen.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in Anthropology or Film or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute class periods, plus 3-hour preview lab.

Alternate years: Not offered in 2009/10.

264a. Anthropology of Art (1)

The Anthropology of Art explores the practices of producing and interpreting art. The course moves from classic analyses of the form and function of art in the work of Franz Boas, through ethnoaesthetics, to the developing world market in the art objects traditionally studied by anthropologists. Among the topics explored in the course are connoisseurship and taste, authenticity, "primitive art," and the ethnographic museum. Ms. Goldstein.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

[266b. Indigenous and Oppositional Media] (1)

(Same as Media Studies 266) As audiovisual and digital media technologies proliferate and become more accessible globally, they become important tools for indigenous peoples and activist groups in struggles for recognition and self-determination, for articulating community concerns and for furthering social and political transformations. This course explores the media practices of indigenous peoples and activist groups, and through this exploration achieves a more nuanced and intricate understanding of the relation of the local to the global. In addition to looking at the films, videos, radio and television productions, and Internet interventions of indigenous media makers and activists around the world, the course looks at oppositional practices employed in the consumption and distribution of media. Course readings are augmented by weekly screenings and demonstrations of media studied, and students explore key theoretical concepts through their own interventions, making use of audiovisual and digital technologies. Ms. Cohen.

Alternate years: Not offered in 2009/10.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

Individual or group field projects or internships. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. Open to all students. The department.

297a or b. Reading Course in Archaeological Field Methods (½)

Ms. Johnson.

298a or b. Independent Work (1/2 or 1)

Individual or group project of reading or research. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. The department.

III. Advanced**300a or b. Senior Thesis (1)**

The department.

301a. Senior Seminar (1)

A close examination of current theory in anthropology, oriented around a topic of general interest, such as history and anthropology, the writing of ethnography, or the theory of practice. Students write a substantial paper applying one or more of the theories discussed in class. Readings change from year to year. Ms. Goldstein.

[305a. Topics in Advanced Biological Anthropology] (1)

An examination of such topics as primate structure and behavior, the Plio-Pleistocene hominids, the final evolution of *Homo sapiens sapiens*, forensic anthropology, and human biological diversity.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 232 or by permission of the instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

331a or b. Seminar in Archaeological Method and Theory (1)
The theoretical underpinnings of anthropological archaeology and the use of theory in studying particular bodies of data. The focus ranges from examination of published data covering topics such as architecture and society, the origin of complex society, the relationship between technology and ecology to more laboratory-oriented examination of such topics as archaeometry, archaeozoology, or lithic technology.

Prerequisites: 200-level work in archaeology or by permission of instructor.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Extinctions in Anthropological Perspective*. (Same as Environmental Studies 331a) Mass extinctions have been recognized in the geologic past which can inform our understanding of megafaunal extinction at the end of the Pleistocene and recent global faunal extinctions. This course begins by considering whether the "Big 5" mass extinctions are due to "bad genes" or "bad luck," such as results from sea level changes or asteroid impacts, and how the signatures of the events might differ depending on the cause. The course then examines late Pleistocene megafaunal extinctions to determine whether they were caused by "bad genes," "bad luck," or people. These extinctions coincide directly and indirectly with the arrival of humans to the Americas, Australia, and the Pacific Islands, but are also correlated with the change in climatic conditions towards the end of the Pleistocene. Finally the course explores the historical archaeology of an array of recent extinctions and the probability that humans have been and continue to be behind a sixth mass extinction. Ms. Pike-Tay.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Great Digs! Archaeology and our Understanding of the Past*. Archaeologists excavate things, but they are interested in people. What are the analytical and intellectual tools that allow archaeologists to understand the history of human societies? Sites examined to understand the history of archaeological interpretation might include Olduvai Gorge, Great Zimbabwe, Lascaux, Stonehenge, Catal Huyuk, Jericho, Babylon, Harappa, Mohenjo Daro, Zhokoudian, Kow Swamp, Namu, Clovis, Teotihuacan, Tikal, Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and Koster. Ms. Johnson.

351b. Language and Expressive Culture (1)

This seminar provides the advanced student with an intensive investigation of theoretical and practical problems in specific areas of research that relate language and linguistics to expressive activity. Although emphasizing linguistic modes of analysis and argumentation, the course is situated at the intersection of important intellectual crosscurrents in the arts, humanities, and social sciences that focus on how culture is produced and projected through not only verbal, but also musical, material, kinaesthetic, and dramatic arts. Each topic culminates in independent research projects.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in linguistics or by permission of instructor.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Ideology and Language*. What is the relationship between theories of ideology and language? Our first task is to excavate and articulate key theories of ideology from the history of Western thought in order to better understand ideology as a multifaceted tool employed to make sense of human sociality. Second, we investigate the matrix between ideology and language as an entry into language ideology, a prevalent theoretical paradigm in the linguistic anthropology of recent decades. Mr. Mercado.

360a or b. Problems in Cultural Analysis (1)

Covers a variety of current issues in modern anthropology in terms of ongoing discussion among scholars of diverse opinions rather than a rigid body of fact and theory. The department.

May be repeated for credit if topic has changed.

Prerequisites: Previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Amerindian Religions and Resistance*. (Same as Latin American Latino/a Studies 360) The conquest of the Americas was accompanied by various intellectual and sociopolitical projects devised to translate, implant, or impose Christian beliefs in Amerindian societies. This course examines modes of resistance and

accommodation, among other indigenous responses, to the introduction of Christianity as part of larger colonial projects. Through a succession of case studies from North America, Mesoamerica, the Caribbean, the Andes, and Paraguay, we analyze the impact of Christian colonial and postcolonial evangelization projects on indigenous languages, religious practices, literary genres, social organization and gender roles, and examine contemporary indigenous religious practices. Mr. Tavárez.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Imagining Asia and the Pacific*. (Same as Asian Studies 360) Does "the Orient" exist? Is the Pacific really a Paradise? On the other hand, does "the West" exist? If it does, is it the opposite of Paradise? Asia is often imagined as an ancient, complex challenger and the Pacific is often imagined as a simple, idyllic paradise. This course explores Western scholarly images of Asia (East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia) and of the island Pacific. It also traces the impact of Asian and Pacific ideas and institutions on the West. Each time offered, the seminar has at least three foci, on topics such as: Asia, the Pacific and capitalism; Asia, the Pacific and the concept of culture; Asia, the Pacific and the nation-state; Asia, the Pacific and feminism; Asia, the Pacific and knowledge. Ms. Kaplan.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Protest and Change: Anthropology of Activism, Organizing and Social Movements*. How do people change society? The course examines this question through ethnographic accounts of activism and organizing around the world. Broad topics to be explored include revolutionary movements, nationalist movements, religious millenarianism, labor struggles, and movements addressing gender and sexual rights. Concepts and issues of power, identity, cultural claims, and collective action receive particular attention. Works by both scholars and activists are used. Ms. Varghese.

[361b. Consumer Culture] (1)

An examination of classic and recent work on the culture of consumption. Among the topics we study are gender and consumption, the creation of value, commodity fetishism, the history of the department store, and the effect of Western goods on non-Western societies. Ms. Goldstein.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[362a. Race, Ethnicity, and Gender] (1)

This seminar examines the influence of culture on two categories of difference that are presumed to be natural: race and gender. The course explores the contributions of anthropologists to understandings of race and gender by focusing on related debates, public policies, and medical discourses, as well as how the content and form of these distinctions vary across space and time. Using ethnographies, various theoretical perspectives, historical documents and films, we think critically about how, when, and towards what ends race and gender are deployed, and about the relationship between these constructs. Attention is also given to the related concepts of ethnicity and sexuality. Ms. Lowe.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[363b. Nations, Globalization, and Post-Coloniality] (1)

(Same as International Studies 363) How do conditions of globalization and dilemmas of post-coloniality challenge the nation-state? Do they also reinforce and reinvent it? This course engages three related topics and literatures; recent anthropology of the nation-state; the anthropology of colonial and post-colonial societies; and the anthropology of global institutions and global flows. Ms. Kaplan.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Not Offered in 2009/10.

[364a. Tourism] (1)

Recreational travel to distant places to experience other cultures is becoming big business as tourism achieves the status of one of the leading growth industries worldwide. This course explores this trend, emphasizing the history of tourism, the role played by and the impact of tourism in the process of development, the relationship

between tourism and constructions of national and cultural identities and negotiations for power, and the concept “tourist” as it applies to the experience of recreational travelers and ethnographic study and representation alike. Students use ethnographic case studies, novels, essays, historical travel journals, travel brochures, advertisements, and personal narratives, to prepare in-depth analyses and accounts of tourism. Ms. Cohen.

Prerequisite: previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Individual or group project of reading or research. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. The department.

Anthropology-Geography

For curricular offerings see page 236.

Anthropology-Sociology

Students may elect to do a combined degree program in Anthropology-Sociology.

The Departments of Anthropology and Sociology strongly encourage prospective joint majors to identify related interests within each department’s offerings that can be used in developing a coherent series of classes. Elective coursework in each department can then be used in developing complementary perspectives. Examples include gender, media/cultural representation, and race/ethnicity.

Requirements for Concentration: A total of 16 units in the two fields must be taken, with no more imbalance than 9 in one and 7 in the other.

Anthropology Requirements:

Anthropology 140	Cultural Anthropology	(1)
One additional Anthropology 100-level course		(1)
Anthropology 201	Anthropological Theory	(1)
Anthropology 301	Senior Seminar (1)	
One additional 300-level Anthropology Seminar		(1)

Sociology Requirements:

Sociology 151	Introductory Sociology	(1)
Sociology 247	Modern Social Theory	(1)
Sociology 254	Research Methods	(1)
Sociology 300a-301b	Senior Thesis	(1)
One additional 300-level Sociology course		(1)

The above requirements total 10 units. The remaining 6 units required for the joint major should be chosen in consultation with the student’s adviser.

Advisers: All members of the Departments of Anthropology and Sociology. A joint major should have one adviser in each department.

Art

Professors: Nicholas Adams^b, Eve D'Ambra, Frances D. Fergusson^{ab}, Susan D. Kuretsky, Karen Lucic, Brian Lukacher^a, Molly Nesbit, Harry Roseman (Chair); **Associate Professors:** Peter Charlap, Lisa Collins; **Assistant Professors:** Tobias Armbrorst, Yvonne Elet, Laura Newman, Andrew J. Tallon; **Lecturer:** James Mundy (and Director of the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center); **Adjunct Assistant Professors:** Richard Bosman, Olga Bush, Isolde Brielmaier, Tyler Rowland, Gina Ruggeri; **Adjunct Instructor:** Judith Linn.

Requirements for Concentration in Art History: The major consists of a minimum of 12 units. 10 units, including Art 105-106, must be in graded art history courses taken at Vassar. 2 units may be taken in studio art and/or architectural design, or may be transferred from work completed outside of Vassar, such as courses taken during Junior Year Abroad.

Distribution: 6 units must be divided equally between groups A, B, and C. 1 unit in group D (African or Asian) may be substituted for a unit from any of the other three groups and 1 unit taken Junior Year Away may also be applied to meet this distribution requirement. 3 units must be in 300-level art history courses: two seminars in different art historical groups and 301 (senior project). 300-level seminars are to be selected on the basis of courses in the same area already taken on the 200-level. Majors are also urged to take a 300-level seminar before 301.

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| A) Ancient | C) Nineteenth Century |
| Medieval | Twentieth Century |
| B) Renaissance | American |
| Seventeenth Century | African American |
| | D) Asian |
| | African |

Departmental and interdisciplinary courses that do not conform to the groupings listed above may be applied to the distribution requirements upon approval of the student's major adviser.

Ungraded/NRO work may not be used to satisfy the requirements for the art history concentration.

Senior Year Requirements: Art 301 and 1 additional unit at the 300-level. Majors concentrating in art history are required to write a senior paper, based upon independent research and supervised by a member of the department. Petitions for exemption from this requirement, granted only in special circumstances, must be submitted to the chair in writing by the first day of classes in the A semester.

Recommendations: The selection and sequence of courses for the major should be planned closely with the major adviser. Students are advised to take courses in the history of painting, sculpture, and architecture, and are strongly encouraged to take at least one studio course. Students considering graduate study in art history are advised to take courses in foreign languages: German, and the Romance, Classical, or Asian languages, depending on areas of interest. Students with special interest in architectural design and/or city planning should meet with the departmental adviser to discuss this concentration.

The art department offers a correlate sequence in art history to allow students to develop an area of significant interest outside their major field of concentration. In consultation with a departmental adviser, the student selects a body of courses encompassing introductory through advanced study and covering more than one historical period. The Correlate Sequence in Art History: 6 graded units including Art 105-106, three 200-level courses in at least two art historical period groups, and one 300-level course.

Advisers: the art history faculty.

Requirements for Concentration in Studio Art: 13 units; 4 units must be in graded art history courses, consisting of Art 105-106 and two 200-level courses in different groups (A, B, C, or D) listed above; 9 studio units, 7 of which must be graded units taken at Vassar, including Art 102-103; 4 units in 200-level studio courses, of which 2 must be Art 204-205 and 2 must be in sequential courses in

painting, drawing, printmaking or photography; 3 units in 300-level studio courses including Art 301. By special permission up to 2 units of Art 298 and 399 work can be included in the major.

Senior Year Requirements: Art 301 and 1 additional unit at the 300-level.

Studio Art: Entrance into the studio concentration is determined by evaluation of the student's class work and by a review of the student's portfolio by the studio faculty. The portfolio may be submitted for evaluation at any time, ordinarily between the spring of the sophomore year and the spring of the junior year. Students taking studio courses are charged a fee to cover the cost of some materials, and they may be responsible for the purchase of additional materials. Studio majors are required to attend and participate in the majors' critiques.

Students who wish to concentrate in studio art are advised to take Art 102-103 in their freshman year and at least one additional studio course in the sophomore year in order to have a portfolio of work to be evaluated for admission to the studio art concentration. Those students interested in the studio concentration should consult the studio faculty no later than the end of the sophomore year. NRO work may not be used to satisfy the requirements for the studio concentration. In order to receive credit for courses taken during Junior Year Abroad, students must submit a portfolio of work for review by the studio art faculty.

Advisers: the studio art faculty.

I. Introductory

105a-106b. Introduction to the History of Art (1)

An historical and analytical introduction to architecture, sculpture, and painting. The department.

Open to all classes. Enrollment limited by class.

Three 50-minute periods and one 50-minute conference section.

[120a. Viewing and Reading Race in Today's Visual Culture] (1)

This course draws on individual case studies to explore ideas and representations of race, specifically as they relate to people of African descent in today's global visual culture. Focusing on the twenty-first century, we consider ways of viewing and "reading" race in contemporary visual art, film, video, mass media, fashion, advertising and music. Ms. Brielmaier.

Open to freshmen. Limited enrollment.

Satisfies college requirement for Freshman Writing Seminar.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

183a. Images, Objects, and African Americans (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 183a) Freshman seminar in Art. In this interdisciplinary freshman seminar, we examine images and objects created by African Americans in the United States from the slave past to the present day. Working with an expansive conception of art, we pay close attention to the work of formally trained and non-formally trained creators in relation to their social, cultural, artistic, and historical contexts. Ms. Collins.

Open to freshman. Limited enrollment.

Satisfies college requirement for Freshman Writing Seminar.

Two 75-minute-periods.

184b. A Different Way of Seeing: The Art of Native North America (1)

Drawing on the collections of the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, this course addresses issues regarding the acquisition and exhibition of Native American art. During the first part of the semester, we develop an awareness of these issues through study of key case studies. Investigation of this topic focuses on skills of critical evaluation and verbal/written exposition. In the second half of the semester, the students participate in creating an on-line virtual exhibition of Native art. Ms. Lucic.

Open to freshman. Limited enrollment.

Satisfies college requirement for Freshman Writing Seminar.

^{ab} Absent on leave for the year.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

Two 75-minute-periods.

185a. Behind the Scenes in the Museum (1)

Using the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center and the newly renovated Art Library as our laboratories, we explore the museum, in past and present, as both a functioning actuality and as an idea. Oral and written presentations are based upon study of original works of art in Vassar's collection, the question of who "owns" works of art, and how terms such as value, authenticity, originality, appropriation and forgery have been defined by galleries and museums. Related themes in literature and film are also explored. Ms. Kuretsky.

Open to freshman. Limited enrollment.

Satisfies college requirement for Freshman Writing Seminar.

Two 75-minute periods.

[190a. Images and Ideas: Exploring the Sense of Sight] (1)

An exploration of how various notions of seeing (as perception, as recognition, as revelation) have been treated in the visual arts and in literature. Class meetings take place in the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center so that students may make regular use of Vassar's extensive art collection. Ms. Kuretsky.

Open to freshmen. Limited enrollment.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

II. Intermediate

210b. Greek Art and Architecture (1)

(Same as Classics 210b) Sculpture, vase painting, and architecture from the Archaic and Classical periods, with glances back to the Bronze Age and forward to the Hellenistic kingdoms. Stylistic developments leading to the ideal types of hero, warrior, athlete, maiden, etc. are central to the course, along with the mythological subjects that glorified the city-state and marked religious cults and the rituals of everyday life. Ms. D'Ambra.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106 or Classics 216 or 217, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

211a. Roman Art and Architecture (1)

(Same as Classics 211a) Sculpture, painting, and architecture in the Roman Republic and Empire. Topics include: the appeal of Greek styles, the spread of artistic and architectural forms throughout the vast empire and its provinces, the role of art as political propaganda for state and as status symbols for private patrons. Ms. D'Ambra.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106 or Classics 218 or 219, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

220a. Medieval Architecture. (1)

A survey of the greatest moments in Western, Byzantine and Islamic architecture from the reign of Constantine to the late middle ages and the visual, symbolic and structural language developed by the masters and patrons responsible for them. Particular attention is paid to issues of representation: the challenge of bringing a medieval building into the classroom, that of translating our impressions of these buildings into words and images, and the ways in which other students and scholars have done so. Mr. Tallon.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, coursework in Medieval Studies, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

221b. The Sacred Arts of the Middle Ages (1)

A selective chronological exploration of the art of western Europe from early Christian Rome to the late Gothic North, with excursions into the lands of Byzantium and Islam. Works of differing scale and media, from monumental and devotional sculpture, manuscript illumination, metalwork, to stained glass, painting and mosaic, are considered formally and iconographically, but also in terms of their reception. Students work directly with medieval objects held in the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center and with manuscripts in the Special Collections of the Vassar Library. Mr. Tallon.

Prerequisites: Art 105-106, or coursework in Medieval Studies, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

[230a. Northern Renaissance Painting] (1)

Early Netherlandish and German painting and printmaking from Campin and van Eyck to Bruegel, Holbein, and Dürer. The course examines northern European attitudes toward nature, devotional art and portraiture that developed in the early fifteenth century and their evolution up to and through the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century. Ms. Kuretsky.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

231b. Dutch and Flemish Painting in the Seventeenth Century (1)

An exploration of the new forms of secular and religious art that developed during the Golden Age of the Netherlands in the works of Rubens, Rembrandt, Vermeer and their contemporaries. The course examines the impact of differing religions on Flanders and the Dutch Republic, while exploring how political, economic and scientific factors encouraged the formation of seventeenth century Netherlandish art. Ms. Kuretsky.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

235a. Art In Early Renaissance Italy (1)

A survey of Italian art from c. 1300 - c.1485, focusing on painting, sculpture and decorative arts by artists including Giotto, Fra Angelico, Mantegna, Botticelli, Donatello, and the della Robbia. We consider works in social, political, religious, and cultural contexts, looking at various forms of patronage as we move from the republics of Florence, Siena, and Venice to the courts of Mantua and Urbino, and to papal Rome. Particular attention is given to the original function and settings of works; the Renaissance reception of antiquity; notions of artistic competition and originality; developments in perspective and illusionism; experiments with new media; and the relation of contemporary art theory to artistic practice. Ms. Elet.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of the instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

236b. Art in the Age of Leonardo, Raphael, and Michelangelo (1)

An exploration of the works of these three great masters and their contemporaries in Italy, c. 1485 - c. 1565. The primary focus is on painting and sculpture, but the course also considers drawings, prints, landscape, gardens, and decorative arts, emphasizing artists' increasing tendency to work in multiple media. We trace changing ideas about the role of the artist and the nature of artistic creativity, which are expressed in these works and in theoretical debates about the superiority of painting or sculpture, and the primacy of design or color. Other topics include interactions between artists and patrons; the role of the spectator; ritual and ceremonial; contemporary ideas about sexuality and gender; and historical constructs of genius. Ms. Elet.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

[242a. Seventeenth-Century Painting and Sculpture in Italy and France] (1)

An examination of the dominant trends and figures of the Italian and French baroque period. This course explores the works of major masters including Caravaggio, Bernini, Poussin, and La Tour, as well as such issues as the development of illusionistic ceiling decoration, the theoretical basis of baroque art, the relationship of art to the scientific revolution, and art's subservience to the church and the royal court. Ms. Winston.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[243b. Art and Ideas of the Golden Age in Spain] (1)

This class addresses painting and sculpture in Spain during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. We explore the art of major figures, such as El Greco, Diego Velazquez and Francisco de Zurbarán, as well as those who are less familiar. Artists and ideas are considered in their cultural context: monastic, religious, popular, devotional, court and bourgeois. In addition, we examine the use of art to expand the empire, both politically and religiously, in the New World. Ms. Winston.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[250a. Change and Diversity in American Art, from the Beginnings to 1865] (1)

This course examines the arts of the prehistoric, colonial, early republic, and antebellum periods. Important figures include painters such as Copley, West, Mount, Cole, and Church, and architects such as Jefferson, Bulfinch, Latrobe, Davis, and Downing. In addition, we consider the diverse and often overlooked contributions of women, Native Americans, African Americans, and folk artists. Ms. Lucic.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

251b. The Challenge of Modernity: American Art 1865-1945 (1)

Painting, sculpture, photography, architecture, and design during America's "coming-of-age" as a cultural, economic, and political power. The course examines the work of such figures as Richardson, Sullivan, Wright, Homer, Eakins, Cassatt, Sargent, Whistler, O'Keeffe, Hopper, Stieglitz, Strand, and the artists of the Harlem Renaissance. Ms. Lucic.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

253b. The Arts of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 253b) This course explores the ways in which sculpture, textiles, painting, drawing, and photography function both historically and currently in relationship to particular themes such as religion, trade and diaspora (both Atlantic and Indian Ocean), political power and healing. We also consider the visual arts in relationship to ideas of improvisation, identity and self-representation, and forms of resistance. Ms. Brielmaier.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or one 200-level course in Africana Studies, or by permission of the instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

254a. The Arts of Western and Northern Africa (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 254a) This course is organized thematically and examines the ways in which sculpture, architecture, painting, and photography function both historically and currently in relationship to broader cultural issues. Within this context, this course explores performance and masquerade in relationship to gender, social, and political power. We also consider the connections between the visual arts and cosmology, Islam, identity, ideas of diaspora, colonialism and post-colonialism, as well as the representation of the "Self", and the "Other". Ms. Brielmaier.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or one 200-level course in Africana Studies, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

257b. The Arts of China (1)

A survey of the major developments in Chinese art from the Neolithic period to the present, including archaeological discoveries, bronzes, sculpture, ceramics, architecture, calligraphy, and painting. The course explores factors behind the making of works of art, including social, political and religious meanings, while examining the historical contexts for and aesthetic principles of the arts of China. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

258a. The Arts of Japan (1)

A survey of the major developments in Japanese art from prehistoric times to the present in a wide range of media, including sculpture, ceramics, architecture, calligraphy, painting, garden design, woodblock prints, film, and installations. Among topics covered are: Buddhist art, narrative handscrolls, ink painting and portraiture associated with Zen, ceramics for tea ceremony, Edo and Meiji period woodblock prints, and Western and Chinese influences on Japanese artists. Modern and contemporary filmmakers and artists such as Isamu Noguchi, Akira Kurosawa, Yayoi Kusama, Yasumasa Morimura, and Takashi Murakami are also investigated. The course explores factors behind the making of works of art, including social, political and religious meanings, while examining the historical contexts for and aesthetic principles of the arts of Japan. Students work with Japanese objects from the collection of Vassar's Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center as part of the course. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

[259b. Warriors, Deities and Tea Masters: Japanese Art of the Momoyama Period (1568-1615)] (1)

A survey of the arts during this brief yet pivotal period, when artists and patrons in a newly redefined Japan explored several—often contrasting—aesthetic ideals. The course examines developments in a range of mediums, including painting, architecture, ceramics, and lacquer. Some of the themes treated are the tea ceremony, the first arrival of Europeans, the workshop in Japanese art, and genre. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[262a. Art and Revolution in Europe, 1789-1848] (1)

A survey of major movements and figures in European art, 1789-1848, focusing on such issues as the contemporaneity of antiquity in revolutionary history painting, the eclipse of mythological and religious art by an art of social observation and political commentary, the romantic cult of genius, imagination, and creative self-definition, and the emergence of landscape painting in an industrializing culture. Mr. Lukacher.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered 2009/10.

263b. Painters of Modern Life: Realism, Impressionism, Symbolism (1)

A survey of major movements and figures in European art, 1848-1900, examining the realist, impressionist, and symbolist challenges to the dominant art institutions, aesthetic assumptions, and social values of the period; also addressing how a critique of modernity and a sociology of aesthetics can be seen developing through these phases of artistic experimentation. Mr. Lukacher.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

[264b. The Avant-Gardes, 1889-1929] (1)

(Same as Media Studies 264a) The formation of the European avant-gardes is studied as part of the general modernization of everyday life. Various media are included: painting, sculpture, architecture, photography, the applied arts, and film. Ms. Nesbit.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered 2009/10.

265a. Modern Art and the Mass Media, 1929-1968 (1)

(Same as Media Studies 265a) The history of modernist painting in Europe and America from 1930 to 1975, together with those contemporary developments in film, photography, and the mass media. Special attention is paid to the criticism, theory, and politics

of the image. Ms. Nesbit.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

[266b. African American Arts and Artifacts] (1)
(Same as Africana Studies 266) An introduction to the artistic and material production of African Americans in the U.S. from the colonial period to the present day. We examine multiple influences on (African, European, American, diasporic, etc.) and uses for black creative expression. Working with an expansive conception of art, we pay close attention to the work of formally and non-formally trained artists in relation to their social, cultural, aesthetic, and historical contexts. Ms. Collins.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

268b. The Times, 1968 - now (1)
(Same as Media Studies 268b) This course studies the visual arts of the last thirty years, in America and abroad, together with the often difficult discussion emerging around them. The traditional fine arts as well as the new media, performance, film and architecture are included. Ms. Nesbit.

Prerequisite: Art 264 or 265 or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

[270a. Renaissance Architecture] (1)
European architecture and city building from 1300-1500; focus on Italian architecture and Italian architects; encounters between Italian and other cultures throughout Europe and the Mediterranean. Mr. Adams.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or 170 or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

272a. Architecture after the Industrial Revolution (1)
Architecture was utterly changed by the industrial revolution of the eighteenth century. This course examines the changes in materials (iron and steel), building type (exhibition halls, train stations), and architectural practice (the rise of professional societies). The course terminates with the rise of modernism at the beginning of the twentieth century (Gropius, Le Corbusier), an architecture that fully embodied these industrial changes. Mr. Adams.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or 170 or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

273b. Modern Architecture and Beyond (1)
European and American architecture and city building (1920 to the present); examination of the diffusion of modernism and its reinterpretation by corporate America and Soviet Russia. Discussion of subsequent critiques of modernism (postmodernism, deconstruction, new urbanism) and their limitations. Issues in contemporary architecture. Mr. Adams.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or 170, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

288b. Islamic Art and Architecture, 7th-13th C (1)
The course is designed to familiarize the student with the evolution of Islamic art and architecture in different regions of the Islamic world in the period from the seventh to the thirteenth century. Major emphasis is placed on the establishment of an Islamic tradition, the formation of visual identity in the context of multi-cultural landscapes, exchange and appropriation in the development of regional styles. The issues of function and patronage are explored in the examination of the varied types of architectural structures and of the portable arts, ceramics, metalwork, textiles and books. Ms. Bush.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106.

Two 75-minute periods.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

Projects undertaken in cooperation with approved galleries, archives, collections, or other agencies concerned with the visual arts, including architecture. The department.

May be taken either semester or in the summer.

Open by permission of a supervising instructor. Not included in the minimum requirements for the major.

Prerequisites: Art 105-106 and one 200-level course.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Open by permission of the instructor with the concurrence of the adviser in the field of concentration. Not included in the minimum for the major.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for advanced courses: 3 units of 200-level work or the equivalent. By permission.

300a or b. Senior Paper Preparation (½)

Optional. Regular meetings with a faculty member to prepare an annotated bibliography and thesis statement for the senior paper. Course must be scheduled in the semester prior to the writing of the senior paper. Credit given only upon completion of the senior paper. Ungraded.

Prerequisite: permission of the Chair of the Art Department.

301a or b. Senior Project (1)

Supervised independent research culminating in a written paper.

310b. Seminar in Ancient Art (1)

(Same as Classics 310b) Pompeii: Public and Private Life. A study of the urban development of a Roman town with public buildings and centers of entertainment that gave shape to political life and civic pride. The houses, villas, and gardens of private citizens demonstrate intense social competition, as well as peculiarly Roman attitudes toward privacy, domesticity, and nature. Ms. D'Ambra.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

320b. Chartres Cathedral (1)

The cathedral of Chartres has long been viewed as the Gothic building par excellence, a position secured by the likes of Henry Adams, Otto von Simson, and the legendary guide Malcolm Miller. A focal point for medieval pilgrims and modern tourists alike, Chartres is also at the heart of the story of Gothic as traditionally told in the English language—the moment at which the structural, symbolic and aesthetic challenges of this new and daring architecture were finally resolved. Students are invited to reconsider Chartres not only as a construction of stone and glass but as one of words, to test the validity of its near-mythical status in light of recent scholarship. Mr. Tallon.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

331a. Seminar in Northern Art (1)

Durer and Rembrandt: Master Printmakers. This seminar concentrates on the extensive collection of original engravings and etchings in the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, focusing primarily on Albrecht Durer and Rembrandt van Rijn: the most innovative and influential northern European printmakers of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. At least one field trip to the Morgan Library and Museum in New York is planned. Ms. Kuretsky.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

332b. Seminar in Italian Renaissance Art (1)

Reconsidering Raphael. This great Renaissance master has long been known as “the prince of painters,” but this label ignores the astonishing range of Raphael’s activities and accomplishments.

Not only a brilliant painter, he was also an accomplished architect, landscape designer, draftsman, designer of prints, archeologist, and papal surveyor of antiquities. This seminar reconsiders Raphael's oeuvre, taking a comprehensive view of his varied projects, and how they informed each other. We also examine his writings and his close collaborations with literary figures, including Baldassare Castiglione, addressing the relation of word and image. This synthetic approach allows a fuller appreciation of Raphael's brilliance and originality, and the reasons he was so admired in his own time and in later centuries. Ms. Elet

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

[354a. Seminar in African Art] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 354a) Contemporary African Photography and Video. This seminar explores the development of contemporary photographic and video practices as they relate to Africa. Organized thematically, it focuses on the individual case studies, artists, and exhibitions that comprise the dynamic and international realm of contemporary photo and video by artists living inside and outside of the African continent. Emphasis is placed on the changing significance and role of photography within African and trans-African contexts. As a part of this process, we consider issues of representation; documentation, critiques, and re-framing of socio-political issues and global relations; the visual articulation of racial, ethnic, gendered and religious identities; as well as aesthetic ideas, performance and the role of varied audiences and reception. Ms. Briellemaier.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

358b. Seminar in Asian Art (1)

Chinese Art: *19th Century to Now*. From the last decades of imperial rule through the rise of Communism and ending with China's current presence on the global stage, this seminar investigates the multiple realities that Chinese artists have constructed for themselves. By examining artworks in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, decorative arts, performance art, and installations, the seminar explores relationships between tradition and modernity, confluences between East and West, representations of cultural identity, the role of expatriate artists, and the impact of the international art market. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

[362a. Seminar in Nineteenth-Century Art] (1)

Ruskin, Baudelaire, and Art Criticism in Nineteenth-Century Europe. This seminar examines the art criticism and social opinions of John Ruskin and Charles Baudelaire, whose writings on English and French art and culture converged around the following issues: the instrumentality of nature in an industrial/urban society; the pleasures and tribulations of the commodity, fashion and femininity; the contesting claims of sensuality and morality in esthetic experience; and the nostalgia for the historical past. We explore how Ruskin and Baudelaire developed art criticism as a controversial medium for social and cultural commentary at the nexus of romanticism and modernism. Mr. Lukacher.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

364a. Seminar in Twentieth-Century Art (1)

The World Picture: The Shape of Change. It has been a while since the world appeared as it did to Heidegger—as a picture. What shape, then, does the world take? Or, is it better to turn George Kubler's "Shape of Time" sideways and ask about the shape of change? The seminar studies the global condition of present day culture. That there continues to be no consensus on its definition enables us to explore the active critical problems as steps in a larger trajectory inherited from the utopian experiments of the 1970s and the use they made of materialism. These questions are examined through

the work of various contemporary artists. Ms. Nesbit.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

366b. Seminar in African American Art and Cultural History (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 366b and American Culture 366b) Creativity and Politics During the Jazz Age and the Great Depression. Focusing on the experiences and representations of African Americans in the U.S., this seminar examines the arts, institutions, and ideas of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and New Deal projects of the 1930s and 1940s. Analyzing paintings, sculptures, photographs, novels, folk arts, murals, illustrations, manifestos, films, performances, and various systems of patronage, we explore relationships between art, politics, and society. Ms. Collins.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

370a. Seminar in Architectural History (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 370a) Rome of the Imagination. No city has had a greater influence on the architectural imagination than Rome. Throughout western history the standard for architecture has been measured by Rome. In this seminar we investigate the continuing hold and varied architectural interpretations of Rome and Romanness: the built Rome, the ruined Rome, and the imagined Rome. How has Rome changed its significance for architects over time? Among the architects we consider Andrea Palladio, Giovanni Battista Piranesi, E.L. Boullée, Giuseppe Terragni, Albert Speer, Gunnar Asplund, Louis Kahn and others. We may also consider those such as John Ruskin who reject the Roman stampe, and consider how they manage to do. Mr. Adams. Scandinavian Modernism. Swedish architecture stands apart from the major developments of central European modernism. Architects such as Gunnar Asplund are seduced by the new modern architecture that they discover in central Europe, but they adapt and transform it to local social and environmental conditions. We examine the importance of the Stockholm Exhibition (1930) and its influence on developments in architecture, the role of Cooperative Society movement, housing policies and practices, urban and city planning, as well as the development of social democracy. Our main focus is the work of Gunnar Asplund and his "conversion" from traditionalist to modernist. Along with architecture, we also examine the role of film, music, and literature in the formation of national identity. Mr. Adams.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
One 3-hour period.

378b. Seminar in Museum Studies (1)

What the Art Object Can Tell Us. This seminar focuses only on original works of art from the over 17,000 objects in the permanent and loan collections at the Loeb Art Center. The class explores how history and society affect the creation and reception of art objects. Special attention is paid to patterns of collecting, conservation, and connoisseurship. Mr. Mundy.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

382a. Belle Ribicoff Seminar in the History of Art (½)

Topic and instructor to be announced.
Prerequisite: permission of the chair of the department.
One 2-hour period.
Six-week course.

385a. Seminar in American Art (1)

"The Art of Nature: Painting, Literature, and Landscape Design in the Hudson Valley." This seminar examines the vital concern for picturesque landscape—both actual and imaginary—in the evolution of art and cultural expression in the Hudson River Valley. The course investigates the relationship of important innovators in landscape design, such as Downing, Vaux, and Olmsted, to the literary and artistic works of Cole, Durand, Cooper, Irving, Bryant, and others. It includes a consideration of contemporary artists' engagement

with the environment, such as Eric Lindbloom's photographs, Andy Goldsworthy's wall at Storm King, and the installations of the Minnetta Brook Hudson River Project, such as George Trakas's pier at Beacon. The course has several fieldtrips to study the continuing impact of nineteenth-century landscape theory and traditions in the Hudson River Valley. Ms. Lucic, Mr. Peck.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
Open by permission of the instructor with the concurrence of the department adviser in the field of concentration. Not included in the minimum for the major.

Studio Work in Design, Drawing, Painting, Sculpture

I. Introductory

102a-103b. Basic Drawing (1)
Development of visual ideas through drawing. Line, shape, value, form, space, and texture are investigated through specific problems in a variety of media. Mr. Bosman, Mr. Charlap, Ms. Newman, Ms. Ruggeri.

Open to all classes.
Two 2-hour periods.

[108b. Color] (1)
To develop students' understanding of color as a phenomenon and its role in art. Color theories are discussed and students solve problems to investigate color interactions using collage and paint. Mr. Charlap.

Open to all classes.
Not offered in 2009/10.

II. Intermediate

Prerequisites for intermediate courses: Art 102a-103b or by permission of instructor.

202a-203b. Painting I (1)
Basic painting skills are explored through a sequence of specific problems involving landscape, still life, and the figure. Instruction in the use of various painting media. Mr. Charlap.

Two 2-hour periods.

204a-205b. Sculpture I (1)
Introduction to the language of three-dimensional form through a sequence of specific problems which involve the use of various materials. Mr. Rowland.

Two 2-hour periods.

206a, [207b]. Drawing (1)
The course explores contemporary drawing strategies. Students take an interpretative approach to assignments, and work from a variety of subjects including the human figure, found objects, landscape, and images. Mr. Charlap, Ms. Ruggeri.

Prerequisite: Art 102a or other studio course.
Two 2-hour periods.

208a. Printmaking: Introduction (1)
A variety of printmaking concepts and procedures are explored through a series of assignments in monotype and collagraph. Mr. Bosman.

Corequisite: Art 102a.
Two 2-hour periods.

209b. Printmaking: Intaglio (1)
The intaglio techniques of line etching, aquatint, and dry point, as well as their variations, are applied to making both black and white and color prints. Mr. Bosman.

Prerequisite: Art 102a.
Two 2-hour periods.

Alternate years.

212a. Photography (1)

An investigation of the visual language of black and white photography. The technical and expressive aspects of exposing film, developing negatives, and printing in the darkroom are explored. No previous photographic experience is necessary. Students are required to provide their own camera, film and photographic paper. Ms Linn.

Prerequisites: Art 102-103.
One 4-hour period.

213b. Photography II (1)

This course explores the development of an individual photographic language. Technical aspects of exposure, developing and printing are taught as integral to the formation of a personal visual esthetic. All students are required to supply their own camera, film, and photographic paper. Ms Linn.

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.
One 4-hour period.

214a. Color Digital Photography (1)

This course examines how color in light delineates space and form. The goal of this class is to record this phenomenon as accurately as possible. Scanning traditional silver gelatin film and digital capture systems are utilized. Digital color prints are produced using Photoshop and inkjet printing. Some of the topics covered are the documentary value of color information, the ability of the computer program to idealize our experience of reality, and the demise of the latent image. Ms. Linn.

Prerequisite: Art 212 or 213 and/or permission of the instructor.

Two 2-hour periods.

215a. Video Art (1)

(Same as Film 215a). Video Art has for some time been an important medium for visual artists. It has taken its place along with and often in tandem with all of the major categories of art production. This course is an exploration of the scope and possibilities of this important medium. The students are expected to learn how to speak using Video technology. You will Students learn the technical expertise necessary to be able to produce work in this medium. The student's work are periodically screened and discussed by the class and the teacher, so that relationships between video and how it is implemented to best serve the visual, conceptual and narrative aspects of the student's work. Regular screenings of videos and films will provide students with a context of historical and contemporary practices in which to consider their own production. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: 102-103.
Two 2-hour periods.

[232a. The Hudson River Observed] (1)

Drawing at sites along the Hudson River in Poughkeepsie with attention to the visible evidence of conservation, recreation, transportation and commerce. History, geology, and ecology of the river are also considered. Mr. Charlap.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)

Open by permission of the instructor with the concurrence of the adviser in the field of concentration. Not included in the minimum for the major except by special permission. Mr. Charlap, Mr. Roseman, other instructors to be announced.

III. Advanced

Prerequisites for advanced courses: 2 units of 200-level work and as noted.

301a or b. Senior Project (1)
A supervised independent project in studio art.

302a, 303b. Painting II (1)
This course investigates painting through a series of assigned open-ended projects. Because it is intended to help students develop a context in which to make independent choices, it explores a wide range of conceptual and formal approaches to painting. Ms. Newman.

Prerequisite: Art 202a-203b.
Two 2-hour periods.

304a, 305b. Sculpture II (1)
The first semester is devoted to the study of perception and depiction. This is done through an intensive study of the human figure, still life, landscape, and interior space. Meaning is explored through a dialectic setup between subject and the means by which it is visually explored and presented. Within this discussion relationships between three-dimensional space and varying degrees of compressed space are also explored. In the second semester we concentrate on the realization of conceptual constructs as a way to approach sculpture. The discussions and assignments in both semesters revolve around ways in which sculpture holds ideas and symbolic meanings in the uses of visual language. Mr. Roseman. Mr. Rowland

Prerequisite: Art 204a-205b or by permission of instructor.
Two 2-hour periods.

379b. Computer Animation: Art, Science and Criticism (1)
(Same as Media Studies 379b) An interdisciplinary course in Computer Animation aimed at students with previous experience in Computer Science, Studio Art, or Media Studies. The course introduces students to mathematical and computational principles and techniques for describing the shape, motion and shading of three-dimensional figures in Computer Animation. It introduces students to artistic principles and techniques used in drawing, painting and sculpture, as they are translated into the context of Computer Animation. It also encourages students to critically examine Computer Animation as a medium of communication. Finally, the course exposes students to issues that arise when people from different scholarly cultures attempt to collaborate on a project of mutual interest. The course is structured as a series of animation projects interleaved with screenings and classroom discussions. Mr. Ellman, Mr. Roseman.

Prerequisite: Art 102-103, or by special permission of instructors.
Two 2-hour periods.

399a or b. Senior Independent Study (½ or 1)
Open by permission of the instructor with the concurrence of the department adviser in the field of concentration. Not included in the minimum for the major except by special permission. Mr. Charlap, Mr. Roseman, other instructors to be announced.

Studio Work in Architectural Design

176a. Architectural Design I (1)
A studio-based class introduction to architectural design through a series of short projects. Employing a combination of drawing, modeling and collage techniques (both by hand and using digital technology) students begin to record, analyze and create architectural space and form. Mr. Amrborst.

Prerequisite: Art 102-103, corequisite: one of the following: Art 220, 270, 272 or 273, or by permission of the instructor.
Two 2-hour period.

276b. Architectural Design II (1)
A studio-based course aimed at further developing architectural drawing and design skills. Employing a variety of digital and non-digital techniques students record, analyze and create architectural space and form in a series of design exercises. Mr. Amrborst
Prerequisite: permission of instructor

Two 2-hour periods

[375a. Architectural Design III] (1)
Visual Constructs. An examination of a number of visual constructs, analyzing the ways architects and urbanists have employed maps, models and projections to construct particular, partial views of the physical world. Using a series of mapping, drawing and diagramming exercises, students analyze these constructs and then appropriate, expand upon, or hybridize established visualization techniques. Mr. Amrborst.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
Two 2-hour periods.
Not offered in 2009/10.

Asian Studies

Director: Martha Kaplan (Anthropology: South Asia and the Pacific); **Program Faculty:** Christopher Bjork (Education: Japan, Indonesia), Andrew Davison (Political Science: West Asia, Turkey), Hiromi Tsuchiya Dollase (Language and Literature: Japan), Wenwei Du (Language and Literature: China), Sophia Harvey (Southeast Asia: Film), E. H. Rick Jarow (South Asia: Religion), Haoming Liu (Language and Literature: China), Yuko Matsubara (Language and Literature: Japan), Seungsook Moon (Sociology: East Asia, South Korea), Himadeep Muppidi (Political Science: South Asia), Anne Parries (Language and Literature: China), Anne Pike-Tay (Anthropology), Peipei Qiu (Language and Literature: Japan and China), Hiraku Shimoda (History: East Asia, Japan), Fubing Su (Political Science: East Asia, China), Bryan Van Norden (Philosophy and Literature: China), Michael Walsh (Religion: China and Taiwan), Yu Zhou (Geography: East Asia, China).

The Asian Studies Program offers a multidisciplinary approach to the study of Asia with courses and advising in anthropology, art history, economics, education, film, geography, history, language and literature, philosophy, political science, religion, and sociology. It promotes a global understanding of Asia that recognizes interactions between Asian societies and relationships between Asia and the rest of the world that cross and permeate national boundaries. While majors focus on a particular region of Asia (e.g., East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, West Asia or Middle East) including language study, intermediate and advanced coursework, and a senior thesis in this area, they are also expected to be familiar with some other parts of Asia through the introductory courses and some coursework outside their area of specialty. A correlate sequence in Asian Studies is also offered.

While majors take courses on Asia offered in a wide range of disciplines, they are also expected to choose one or two disciplines in which they develop a theoretical or methodological sophistication that they apply to their study of Asia, particularly in their thesis and senior seminar work. Students interested in developing a concentration in Asian American Studies should consult with the program director.

A student's program of study for the major or correlate is designed in close consultation with the director and an advisor. Students should obtain an application form, which includes a statement of interest, from the program office or the Asian Studies website prior to meeting with the program director. This should be done by the end of the first semester of the sophomore year if the student plans to apply for study abroad. The director and members of the program faculty review the application and make suggestions for modifications. Any changes to a plan of study should be discussed with the advisor in advance; significant changes are reviewed by the director.

Study Abroad: Study abroad in some region of Asia (e.g., East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and West Asia) greatly enhances a student's learning experience and understanding of Asia and is highly recommended for program majors. Advice and literature on different programs are available through the Office of the Dean of Studies (Study Away office), Asian Studies, and the Department of Chinese and Japanese.

Asian Studies Courses: Courses approved for the Asian Studies major and correlate include courses offered by the Asian Studies Program, including cross-listed courses, (see Section I below) and approved courses (courses on Asia offered in other departments, see Section II below). A list of Asian Studies courses approved for majors is prepared and posted on the Asian Studies website before preregistration each semester. Courses not on the list, which may be appropriate to an individual student's plan of study, are considered for approval by the director and steering committee upon special petition by the student major, after consultation with the advisor.

Requirements for the Concentration in Asian Studies: 12 units of which at least 7 are normally taken at Vassar. After declaration of the major, all courses taken towards the major must be graded. Students may request, however, that up to 1 unit of independent study or field work be counted towards the major.

1) **Introductory-Level Study:** Two introductory level courses

either offered by Asian Studies, cross listed, or from the approved course list (excluding language courses)

2) **Language:** Competency in one Asian language through the intermediate college level must be achieved and demonstrated by completion of relevant courses or special examination. Normally, 100-level language work does not count toward the major. A maximum of four units of Asian language study may be counted toward the 12 units for the major. Chinese and Japanese are offered by the Department of Chinese and Japanese. Hindi, Korean, and Turkish may be taken through the Self-Instructional Language Program. The language studied should be directly relevant to the area of emphasis and approved by the director.

3) **Intermediate-Level Study:** A minimum of 3 units of intermediate course work (200-level) of direct relevance to Asia in at least two disciplines, selected from the list of program courses and approved courses below. Recommendation: At least two of these courses should be related to the student's regional focus within Asia and at least one should be outside the area of regional specialty.

4) **Advanced-Level Work:** A minimum of 3 units at the 300-level including the designated Asian Studies "Senior Seminar", 1 unit of thesis work (Asian Studies 300-301 or Asian Studies 302), and at least one additional 300-level seminar from the lists of program courses and approved courses below. The senior seminar and the thesis constitute the Senior Year Requirement.

5) **Discipline-Specific Courses:** Majors are expected to choose one or two disciplines in which they take courses and develop a theoretical or methodological sophistication that they bring to bear on their study of Asia, particularly in their thesis and senior seminar work. Introductory work in each discipline should be taken early to fulfill prerequisites for upper level work in the chosen discipline.

6) **Area-Specific Courses:** Majors should try to include three or four courses (not including language study) that focus on a student's geographical area of specialization within Asia, and two courses that include a geographic area other than the region of focus.

Requirements for the Correlate Sequence in Asian Studies: 6 units of coursework on Asia (program courses, cross-listed courses, or approved courses) including one 100-level course and at least one 300-level seminar. Courses chosen for the correlate should reflect a topical, or area, or methodological focus. Asian language study is recommended but not required. Up to two units can be taken outside the College, through Study Away or other programs. Up to two units of Asian language study may be counted toward the correlate. Up to three 100-level courses may be counted (however, at least one has to be a content course). One course can be double-counted for a major and for the correlate sequence. After declaring a correlate sequence, no NRO courses can be taken to fulfill the requirements. Students may request that up to 1 unit of independent study or fieldwork be counted towards the correlate.

A short "Declaration of Correlate" proposal form is available on line at the Asian Studies Program home page, and in the Asian Studies program office. On this form students prepare a short, one paragraph proposal and a list of the six planned courses, after consulting the course list in the catalog and the online schedule of classes and discussing the sequence with an advisor. Declaration proposals should describe the focus of the coursework and how it complements the student's major. The proposal must be approved by the program director.

I. Program Courses

[101. **Approaching Asia: Challenges in a Globalizing Era**] (1) An introductory course in Asian Studies that is multi-disciplinary and global in approach and/or multicultural in area. May be repeated for credit when a new topic is offered.

This course surveys some major challenges facing Asian countries entering the age of globalization. Major topics include economic development, democratization, security, energy, environment, population, and regional institutionalization. It attempts to highlight convergence as well as divergence in this dynamic region. One major objective of this course is to arouse students' interests in more in-depth examination of Asian politics, economy, and society in advanced courses. Mr. Su.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[101. Approaching Asia: Literary Paradigms of Traditional Asia] (1)

An introductory survey of the classical literary and cultural traditions of East and South Asia. The course focuses on the foundational ideals of Asian cultures as well as their “prevailing paradigms” found in literature, fine arts, and philosophical texts whose influence continues on to this day. Topics include (from India) Vedic Hymns, Epics, the Presence of the Buddha; (from Japan) the *Way of the Warrior*, the “Lover” from the *Tales of Genji*, and the Aesthetics of Emptiness; (from China) the Philosophy of Taoist Way of Zhuangzi, and the *Dream of the Red Chamber*. Mr. Jarow.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[111. Social Change in South Korea Through Film] (1)

Multidisciplinary introductory survey of the dramatic and tumultuous transformation of South Korea, in four decades, from a war-torn agrarian society to a major industrial and post-industrial society with dynamic urban lives. Employing the medium of film and scholarly texts, it examines multifaceted meanings of the Korean War, industrialization, urbanization, and democratization for the lives of ordinary women and men. Ms Moon.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

122b. Encounters in Modern East Asia (1)
(Same as History 122). Mr. Shimoda.

152a and b. Religions of Asia (1)

(Same as Religion 152) This course is an introduction to the religions of Asia (Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Zen, Shinto, etc.) through a study of practices, sites, sensibilities, and doctrines. The focus is comparative as the course explores numerous themes, including creation (cosmology), myth, ritual, action, fate and destiny, human freedom, and ultimate values. Mr. Jarow, Mr. Walsh.

Open to all students.
Two 75-minute periods.

[214. The Tumultuous Century: Twentieth Century Chinese Literature] (1)

(Same as Chinese and Japanese 214) Mr. Liu.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

216b. Food, Culture, and Globalization (1)
(Same as Sociology 216) Ms. Moon.

217a. Japan in the Age of the Samurai (1)

This course explores pre-modern Japan from the late-1100s to the mid-1800s, when it was ruled by a warrior class, or the samurai. Social and cultural developments at the popular as well as elite levels are emphasized, and assigned readings include many primary materials in translation. The most distinctive feature of the course is a weekly screening of classic Japanese feature films dealing with the course themes. This course offers not only an historical introduction to pre-modern Japanese society and culture, but also a graphic impression of how the past is visualized in contemporary Japan. Mr. Shimoda.

One 75-minute period.
One 2-hour film screening.

218a. Global Asia (1)

(Same as Geography 218a) Thematic exploration of the magnitude of Asia's rise in the global economy, politics, culture, and the environment. This course provides an in-depth discussion on some central topics with pan-Asia significance as well as a methodological introduction to multidisciplinary studies. To illuminate interactions among Asian countries and their relationships with the rest of the world, this course focuses on the following themes: positioning Asia in global history, the emergence of Asian nationalisms, the U.S. military empire in Asia in post-1945 era, Asian economies and globalization, and postcolonialities in Asia. This course has a unique format in which Asian Studies faculty members lead the

thematic sections in their areas of specialty with one instructor being responsible for the organization of the course. Ms. Zhou.

Two 75-minute periods.

231a. Hindu Traditions (1)

(Same as Religion 231a). Mr. Jarow.

[233. Buddhist Cultures] (1)

(Same as Religion 233) Mr. Walsh.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

235a. Religion and State in China (1)

(Same as Religion 235) Mr. Walsh.

[236. The Making of Modern East Asia] (1)

(Same as Geography 236) Ms. Zhou.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

237a. Indian National Cinema (1)

(Same as Film 237a) Ms. Harvey.

[238b. China: National Identity and Global Impact] (1)

(Same as Geography 238b) Ms. Zhou.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

252b. History of India (1)

(Same as Asia 252b). Instructor to be announced.

254b. Chinese Politics and Economy (1)

(Same as Political Science 254b) This course offers a historical and thematic survey of Chinese politics, with an emphasis on the patterns and dynamics of political development and reforms since the Communist takeover in 1949. In the historical session, we examine major political events up to the reform era, including China's imperial political system, the collapse of dynasties, civil war, Communist Party's rise to power, land reform, the Great Leap Forward, the Cultural Revolution, and launch of reform. Thematic session deals with some general issues of governance, economic reform, democratization, globalization and China's relations with Hong Kong, Taiwan and the United States. This course is designed to help students gain some perspectives to comprehend political issues in contemporary China. Mr. Su.

Two 75-minute periods.

255a. Subaltern Politics (1)

(Same as Political Science 255a) What does it mean to understand issues of governance and politics from the perspective of non-elite, or subaltern, groups? How do subalterns respond to, participate in, and/or resist the historically powerful forces of modernity, nationalism, religious mobilization, and politico-economic development in postcolonial spaces? What are the theoretical frameworks most appropriate for analyzing politics from the perspective of the subaltern? This course engages such questions by drawing on the flourishing field of subaltern studies in South Asia. While its primary focus is on materials from South Asia, particularly India, it also seeks to relate the findings from this area to broadly comparable issues in Latin America and Africa. Mr. Muppidi.

[257. Reorienting America: Asians in American History and Society] (1)

(Same as Sociology 257 and American Culture 257) Ms. Moon.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[262a. India, China, and the State of Postcoloniality] (1)

(Same as Political Science 262a) Mr. Muppidi.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[267. East Asian Security] (1)

(Same as Political Science 267) Mr. Su.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

272a. Political Modernity in Turkey (1)
(Same as Political Science 272a) Mr. Davison.

274b. The Ideology of the Islamic Revolution in Iran (1)
(Same as Political Science 274b). Mr. Davison.

[275. Comparative Education] (1)
(Same as Education 275, International Studies 275) Mr. Bjork.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

277b. Post-Orientalist Hermeneutics (1)
(Same as Political Science 277b). Mr. Davison.

[290a or b. Field Work] (½ or 1)
Prerequisites: 2 units of Asian Studies Program or approved course-work and permission of the program director.

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)
Prerequisites: 2 units of Asian Studies Program or approved course-work and permission of the program director.

300-301. Senior Thesis (½)
A 1-unit thesis written over two semesters.

302a or b. Senior Thesis (1)
A 1-unit thesis written in the fall or spring semester. Students may elect this option only in exceptional circumstances and by special permission of the program director.

[306b. Women's Movements in Asia] (1)
(Same as Sociology 306b and Women's Studies 306b) Ms. Moon.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[345. Violent Frontiers: Colonialism and Religion in the Nineteenth Century] (1)
(Same as Religion 345) Mr. Walsh.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

360b. Imagining Asia and the Pacific: Asian Studies Senior Seminar (1)
The Senior Seminar addresses topics and questions that engage several areas of Asia and Asian Studies as a discipline. Topic may change yearly. The senior seminar is a required course for Asian Studies senior majors; ordinarily it may be taken by other students as well.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Imagining Asia and the Pacific*. (Same as Anthropology 360b) Does "the Orient" exist? Is the Pacific really a Paradise? On the other hand, does the "West" exist? If it does, is it the opposite of Paradise? Asia is often imagined as an ancient, complex challenger and the Pacific is often imagined as a simple, idyllic paradise. This course explores Western scholarly images of Asia (East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia) and of the island Pacific. It also traces the impact of Asian and Pacific ideas and institutions on the West. Each time offered, the seminar has at least three foci, on topics such as: Asia, the Pacific and capitalism; Asia, the Pacific and the concept of culture; Asia, the Pacific and the nation-state; Asia, the Pacific and feminism; Asia, the Pacific and knowledge. Ms. Kaplan.

[363. Decolonizing International Relations] (1)
(Same as Political Science 363) Mr. Muppidi.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

363b. Transcending the Limit: Literary Theory in the East-West Context (1)
(Same as Chinese 363b) Mr. Liu.

369a. Political Economy of Development Aid (1)
(Same as Economics 369a) Instructor to be announced.

374a. The Origins of the Global Economy (1)
(Same as Economics 374a) Ms. Jones.

385b. Asian Healing Traditions (1)
(Same as Religion 385b). This seminar offers a comprehensive view of the traditional medical systems and healing modalities of India and China and examines the cultural values they participate in and propound. It also includes a "laboratory" in which hands-on disciplines (such as yoga and qi-gong) are practiced and understood within their traditional contexts. From a study of classical Ayur Vedic texts, Daoist alchemical manuals, shamanic processes and their diverse structural systems, the seminar explores the relationship between healing systems, religious teachings, and social realities. It looks at ways in which the value and practices of traditional medical and healing systems continue in Asia and the West. Mr. Jarow.
Prerequisites: Hindu Traditions (Religion 231) or by permission of instructor.

387b. Remembering War in East Asia (1)
(Same as History 387b) More than a half-century after World War II, pitched battles continue to rage throughout Asia—this time on the field of historical memory. Even as the war itself recedes into the distant past for countries such as China, Japan, and Korea, questions about how to remember their shared experiences grow only more complex and politicized. Recent conflicts over war memory have brought down ministers of state, sparked mass protests, and engendered much diplomatic wrangling. How has this devastating tragedy been remembered, forgotten, and contested by all sides involved? This seminar takes a multi-disciplinary approach—historiographical, political, literary, and visual—to examine topics including the Nanjing Massacre, "comfort women," atomic bombs, rehabilitative postwar literature, and cinematic representations of war. Mr. Shimoda.
No prerequisites.
One two-hour period.

[388. The Spiritual Gifts of Modern India] (1)
(Same as Religion 388) Since Swami Vivekananda brought the message of "raja yoga" to the Parliament of World Religions on the shores of Lake Michigan in 1893, a number of spiritual teachers from India have achieved notoriety on the world stage and have had a major impact in the formulation of a world and secular "spirituality" in our time. Through phenomenological and historical studies, as well as through close reading and study of primary texts, this course considers the works of these major figures, including Sri Aurobindo, Ramana Maharshi, Ananda Mayi Ma, and Bhagavan Sri Osho Rajneesh. Mr. Jarow.
Prerequisites: Religion 152 and /or Religion 231 (231 gets priority)
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

399a or b. Senior Independent Study (½ or 1)
Prerequisites: 2 units of Asian Studies Program or approved course-work and permission of the program director.

II. Approved Courses

In addition to the Program courses listed above, there are approved courses given in other departments and programs. These can count towards an Asian Studies major or correlate. Look under the respective departments for course descriptions and semester or year offered. An updated list of approved courses is available in the Asian Studies Program Office and on-line on the Asian Studies Program web site before preregistration. Students are also urged to consult the additional course offerings of Asian Studies Program faculty members listed under their home departments; while these courses may not focus specifically on Asia, they often include case studies, examples, or materials related to regions of Asia.

Anthropology 240	Cultural Localities (when topic is Asian)	(1)
Anthropology 360	Problems in Cultural Analysis (when topic is Asian)	(1)
Anthropology 363	Nations, Globalization, and Post-Coloniality (when topic is Asian)	(1)

Art 257	The Arts of China	(1)
Art 258	The Arts of Japan	(1)
Art 358	Seminar in Asian Art	(1)
Chinese 160	Introduction to Classical Chinese	(1)
Chinese 215	Masterpieces of Traditional Chinese Literature	(1)
Chinese 216	Classics, Canon, and Commentary in China	(1)
Chinese 217	Chinese Film and Contemporary Fiction	(1)
Chinese 360	Classical Chinese	(1)
Chinese and Japanese 120	Introduction to Chinese and Japanese Literature: Traditions, Genres, and Methodology	(1)
Chinese and Japanese 250	Special Topics in Chinese and Japanese	(1)
Chinese and Japanese 350	Seminar in Chinese Philosophy: Comparative Methodology	(1)
Chinese and Japanese 361	Chinese and Japanese Drama and Theatre	(1)
Chinese and Japanese 363	Seminar in Transcending the Limit: Literary Theory in the East-West Context	(1)
English 229	Asian/American Literature, 1946-present	(1)
English 370	India Elsewhere	(1)
Film 280	Contemporary Southeast Asia Cinemas	(1)
Geography 276	Spaces of Global Capitalism	(1)
Geography 340	Advanced Regional Studies (when topic is Asian)	(1)
History 223	Modern Chinese Revolutions	(1)
History 224	Modern Japan, 1868 - Present	(1)
History 255	The British Empire	(1)
History 279	The Vietnam War	(1)
History 381	Love and Death in Tokugawa Japan 1603-1868	(1)
Japanese 222	Narratives of Japan: Fiction and Film	(1)
Japanese 223	The Gothic and Supernatural in Japanese Literature	(1)
Japanese 224	Japanese Popular Culture and Literature	(1)
Japanese 364	The West in Japanese Literature since the Nineteenth Century	(1)
Music 212	Advanced Topics in World Musics	(1)
Philosophy 110	Early Chinese Philosophy	(1)
Philosophy 210	Neo-Confucianism and Chinese Buddhism	(1)
Political Science 150	Comparative Politics (when taught by an Asian Studies faculty member)	(1)
Political Science 160	International Politics (when taught by an Asian Studies faculty member)	(1)
Political Science 268	The Politics of Globalization	(1)
Political Science 272	Political Modernity in Turkey	(1)
Political Science 358	Comparative Political Economy (when taught by an Asian Studies faculty member)	(1)
Political Science 363	Decolonizing International Relations	(1)
Political Science 366	Worlding International Relations	(1)
Religion 250	Across Religious Boundaries: Understanding Differences (when topic is Asian)	(1)
Religion 320	Studies in Sacred Texts (when topic is Asian)	(1)
Religion 350	Comparative Studies in Religion (when topic is Asian)	(1)
Religion 355	The Politics of Sacred Space	(1)

Astronomy

Faculty: See Physics and Astronomy

Requirements for Concentration: 10 units, including 5 units of astronomy, 3 units of physics including Physics 200 and 2 additional units of intermediate or advanced work in either astronomy, physics, geology, computer science, or chemistry to be selected with the approval of the adviser. Only one introductory level astronomy course may count toward the major.

Prospective majors should consult the department as soon as possible. Normally such students should elect physics and mathematics as freshmen. After the declaration of an astronomy major, no astronomy courses or courses counted towards the major may be elected NRO.

Senior-Year Requirement: Astronomy 320 or 340.

Recommendations: Additional work in mathematics, physics, and computer science. In particular, students planning on graduate work in astronomy should complete Physics 310, 320 and 341.

Advisers: Mr. Chromey, Ms. Elmegreen.

Correlate Sequence in Astronomy: Students majoring in other departments or programs may elect a correlate sequence in Astronomy. The requirements for the correlate sequence consist of Physics 113, 114 plus four units in astronomy, two of which must be chosen from the observational sequence (Astronomy 240-340) or the astrophysics sequence (Astronomy 220-320). No more than one of the remaining two units may be chosen from the introductory courses (Astronomy 101, 105, 150), and the other one (or two) may be chosen from Astronomy 220, 222, 230, or 240. Note that additional physics courses (Physics 200, 210, and 240) are highly recommended for those selecting the astrophysics sequence. The NRO option may be used for at most one course to be included in the astronomy correlate sequence.

I. Introductory

Astronomy 101 and 105 are designed for students who do not plan to major in the sciences and who have little or no science background. They are also recommended for prospective majors. All 100-level courses satisfy the Quantitative Analysis requirements.

101a. Solar System Astronomy (1)

A study of the solar system as seen from earth and space: planets, satellites, comets, meteors, and the interplanetary medium; astronautics and space exploration; life on other planets; planets around other stars; planetary system cosmogony. Ms. Sheffield.

Open to all classes.

105b. Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology (1)

This course is designed to acquaint the student with our present understanding of the universe. The course discusses the formation, structure, and evolution of gas clouds, stars, and galaxies, and then places them in the larger content of clusters and superclusters of galaxies. The Big Bang, GUTS, inflation, the early stages of the universe's expansion, and its ultimate fate are explored. Ms. Elmegreen.

Open to all classes.

150b. Life in the Universe (1)

An introduction to the possibility of life beyond Earth is presented from an astronomical point of view. The course reviews stellar and planetary formation and evolution, star properties and planetary atmospheres necessary for a habitable world, possibilities for other life in our Solar system, detection of extrasolar planets, the SETI project, and the Drake equation. Ms. Sheffield.

Prerequisite: High school physics and calculus.

Satisfies requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar. Open to Freshmen only.

II. Intermediate

220a. Stellar Astrophysics (1)

The physical theory of stellar interiors, atmospheres, and energy sources. Stellar evolution. Spectral sequence and its origin. Supernovae, white dwarfs, neutron stars, and black holes. Ms. Elmegreen. Prerequisites: Physics 114, or by permission of instructor.

222b. Galaxies and Galactic Structure (1)

Observations and theories of the formation and evolution of galaxies. Properties of star-forming regions; contents, structure, and kinematics of the Milky Way and spiral, elliptical, and irregular galaxies. Active galaxies, interacting galaxies, clusters, and high redshift galaxies. Ms. Elmegreen.

Prerequisites: Physics 114 and either Astronomy 105 or 220, or by permission of the instructor; not open to freshmen.

[230a. Planetary and Space Science] (1)

Atmospheres, surface features, and interiors of the planets. Interaction of the sun with the other members of the solar system. Planetary formation and evolution. Life on other planets. Space exploration. Ms. Sheffield.

Prerequisites: Physics 114, or by permission of instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.

240a. Observational Astronomy (1)

This course introduces the student to a variety of techniques used in the detection and analysis of electromagnetic radiation from astronomical sources. All areas of the electromagnetic spectrum are discussed, with special emphasis on solid-state arrays as used in optical and infrared astronomy. Topics include measurement uncertainty, signal-to-noise estimates, the use of astronomical databases, telescope design and operation, detector design and operation, practical photometry and spectroscopy and data reduction. Students are required to perform a number of nighttime observations at the college observatory. Mr. Chromey.

Prerequisites: Physics 113 or 114, or by permission of instructor.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced

300a or b. Senior Thesis (1)

301-302. Senior Thesis (½)

320a. Astrophysics of the Interstellar Medium (1)

A study of the observations and theory related to interstellar matter, including masers, protostars, dust, atomic, molecular and ionized gas clouds. Radiative transfer, collapse and expansion processes, shocks and spiral density waves are discussed. Ms. Elmegreen.

Prerequisites: One 200-level physics course or one 200-level astronomy course, Junior or Senior status, or by permission of instructor.

340a. Advanced Observational Astronomy (1)

This course applies in depth the methods introduced in Astronomy 240. Students are expected to pursue individual observational projects in collaboration with the instructor. The amount of time spent in the observatory and how it is scheduled depends on the nature of the project, although 1/2 Unit projects require half the total time of full unit projects. Ms. Sheffield.

Prerequisites: Astronomy 240. Permission of instructor required.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Athletics and Physical Education

Professors: Sharon Beverly (and Director of Athletics and Physical Education,) Kathy Ann Campbell, Roman B. Czula, Andrew M. Jennings; **Associate Professors:** Judy Finerghy, Jonathan E. Penn, Lisl Prater-Lee; **Senior Lecturer:** Anthony Brown, **Lecturers:** Bruce Gillman, Ki Kroll, Jonathan D. Martin, James A. McCowan, Richard Möller, Rodney Mott, Jane Parker, Joseph E. Proud.

I. Introductory

105b. Running for Fitness and Road Racing (½)

This course teaches students healthy habits of running and prepares them for basic recreational running and racing. Fundamental training theory, technique, exercise physiology, injury prevention, running shoe fitting, and nutrition are taught. The course culminates in a 3-mile fun-run race, and opportunities for further road racing are provided. No prior running experience is required. Mr. McCowan.

110a. Introduction to Athletic Injury Care (1)

This lecture and laboratory course exposes students to the techniques necessary both to prevent and also to recognize, treat, and rehabilitate common sports injuries. Anatomy and function of joints, spine, groin, and head and face injuries are studied. Laboratory and hands-on involvement in the field are required. Ms. Finerghy.

111a and b. Weight Training (½)

This course is designed to provide the student with a thorough understanding of strength training and how to develop a lifting program. Students actively participate in the fitness room performing a weight training program based on their individual weight training goals.

115a or b. Triathlon Training (½)

An introduction to the disciplines of swimming, cycling and running in a comprehensive training program which prepares class members to compete in triathlons. Primary topics include strategies for training and designing training programs. Students must have experience in each discipline. Ms. Prater-Lee.

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

120a or b. Hiking and Backpacking (½)

This course is designed to expose the novice hiker/backpacker to the equipment and techniques that are needed for the trail. It culminates in an extended trail experience. Mr. McCowan.

125a and b. Beginning Golf I (½)

The course is intended to introduce the students to a basic playing knowledge of the game. It begins the development of the swing and adapts it to selected clubs. Emphasis is on swing practice and range hitting with limited opportunity for playing the course. Mr. Jennings.

126a and b. Beginning Golf II (½)

Continues the development of the basic stroke with selected clubs. More opportunity for playing the course emphasis continues to be on swing development and club control. Mr. Jennings.

130a or b. Beginning Badminton (½)

Introduction to the basic overhead and underhand strokes and their use in game situations. Singles and doubles strategy and rules of the game. Designed for the student with no previous instruction in badminton.

132a. Introduction to Racket Sports (½)

This course introduces students to the basic strokes, tactics and rules of tennis, badminton, table tennis, and squash. Designed for students with very little or no prior experience in these sports. Ms. Parker.

[135a. Flag Football] (½)

The course is intended to introduce students to the basic concepts, rules, skill, and offensive and defensive strategies of flag football. Skills and strategies are developed and utilized in scrimmage situations.

Not offered in 2009/10.

137b. Fundamentals of Soccer (½)

This course is designed to teach the basic skills necessary to play soccer. Students learn fundamental techniques and strategies of the game. The course is largely practical, but it also provides theoretical discussion in exercise physiology and biomechanics allowing students to learn the science of soccer. Mr. Moller.

[140a. Beginning Basketball] (½)

This course develops individual skills (ball handling, shooting, passing, rebounding, and defense) as well as offensive and defensive strategies. Ms. Finerghy.

Not offered in 2009/10.

142a. Fencing Fundamentals (½)

This course is designed to give students an understanding of the three basic weapons (foil, epee, sabre). Body stance and positions, footwork, bladework, basic fencing strategy and tactics, history of the sport and progression from controlled bouting to open fencing is taught. Equipment is provided. Mr. Gillman.

144b. Intermediate Fencing (½)

This course reviews and builds upon the basics of Epee and Sabre and then moves into the tactics and strategy of all three fencing weapons. Fencing rules and proper referencing are discussed in an effort to provide a greater understanding of competitive fencing at all levels of the sport. Equipment is provided. Mr. Gillman.

Prerequisite: Fencing Fundamentals (142) or permission of the instructor.

145a. Volleyball Fundamentals (½)

This course develops individual skills (passing, setting, spiking, and blocking) as well as offensive and defensive strategies.

147a. Learning the Creator's Game: Introduction to Lacrosse (½)

This class is designed to teach new and novice players the basic skills necessary to play lacrosse. Students learn fundamental stick skills, individual and team concepts and general rules of play. The sport is taught in the non-contact mode and sticks are provided. The strategies are applied to both men's and women's styles of play. Students also learn the historical and cultural elements of lacrosse as a Native American creation to today's present game. Mr. Proud.

150a or b. Beginning Swimming I (½)

The course is intended to develop a physical and mental adjustment to the water in students who have a fear of the water or little or no formal instruction. The course includes the practice of elementary skills applying principles of buoyancy, propulsion, and safety.

151a or b. Beginning Swimming II (½)

The course is designed for students who have the ability to float on front and back and who are comfortable in the water but have limited technical knowledge of strokes.

190a and b. Fundamentals of Conditioning (½)

A course designed to give the student an understanding of fitness, its development and maintenance. Included are units on cardiovascular efficiency, muscle strength, endurance, flexibility, weight control, weight training, and relaxation techniques.

191a and b. Beginning Squash I (½)

An introduction to the basic shots of the game and their use. Introduces the rules and provides basic game situations. Assumes no previous experience or instruction in squash. Ms. Parker.

192a and b. Beginning Squash II (½)
Further development of the basic shots and strategies of the game. Ms. Parker.

193a and b. Beginning Tennis (½)
Introduction of the three basic strokes: forehand, backhand, and serve; rules of the game.

197a and b. Low Intermediate Tennis (½)
Continued work on basic strokes and tactics. Ms. Campbell.

II. Intermediate

210b. Nutrition and Exercise (1)
To provide students with an understanding of the elements that lead to a healthy lifestyle. Nutrition and exercise as a means of disease prevention is discussed. Students learn about the benefits of exercise and how to develop an exercise plan. The digestion, absorption and biochemical breakdown of food is analyzed. Students learn how to read food labels, to create a dietary plan based upon metabolic measures, and to evaluate the quality of current research in the field. Ms. Finerghty.

225b. Intermediate Golf I (½)
Expectation is that there is some technique with woods and irons and experience playing on a course. The student is put through a thorough analysis of basic swings and develops consistency and accuracy with all clubs. The student is expected to master history, rules of the game, etiquette, and all aspects of tournament play.

226b. Intermediate Golf II (½)
A continuing development and refinement of all aspects of the game.

[230b. Intermediate Badminton] (½)
Review and further development of basic strokes and tactics. Instruction in advanced strokes and strategy for singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Designed for the student with previous badminton experience. Ms. Campbell.
Not offered in 2008/09.

[241a or b. Intermediate Basketball] (½)
Students are expected to master higher level individual skills of ball handling, shooting, passing, rebounding, and defense, making it possible to learn more complex team offensive and defensive theories and strategies, and to utilize these skills in game situations.
Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.

245b. Intermediate Volleyball (½)
Students are expected to master higher levels of setting, spiking, serving, blocking, as well as more complex offensive and defensive strategies. Mr. Penn.

250a or b. Intermediate Swimming I (½)
Development of propulsive skill primarily through the use of basic stroke patterns: front and back crawls, side and breast strokes. Ms. Prater-Lee.

251a or b. Intermediate Swimming II (½)
Further development of strokes and techniques. Ms. Prater-Lee.

[255b. Psychology of Sport] (1)
(Same as Psychology 255) Mr. Bean.
Not offered in 2009/10.

270b. Intermediate Squash I (1)
More advanced strokes such as three-wall, rear wall and drop shots are emphasized as is the development of game strategies. Ms. Parker.

271b. Intermediate Squash II (1)
Review and further development of advanced strokes and strategies. Ms. Parker.

272a and b. Intermediate Tennis I (½)
This class is for the intermediate player who wants to improve and build upon basic technique. The course is designed to continue work on groundstrokes, volleys and serves, as well as develops more specialty shots and strategies. These include topspin, slice, approach shots, overheads and lobs, spin serves, and service returns and singles and doubles strategy. .

273a and b. Intermediate Tennis II (½)
Further development of stroke technique, specialty shots and strategies.

298 Independent Work (½ or 1)
Permission granted by the chair of the department for the study of a topic in depth.

III. Advanced

378 a or b. Advanced Swimming and Aquatic Conditioning (½)
This course teaches new, advanced swimming skills and refines previously learned swimming strokes and skills. The course introduces water fitness techniques and training through the activities of water running, water polo and competitive swimming and conditioning. Ms. Prater-Lee.

Prerequisites: satisfactory completion of the Intermediate course, the Red Cross Level V course, or the ability to perform the equivalent swimming skills.

379b. Lifeguard Training (½)
Fulfills the requirements for the Red Cross lifeguard training course. Provides additional instruction in stroke technique. Ms. Prater-Lee.

Prerequisites: proficiency in crawl, sidestroke, and breaststroke; ability to swim 300- yards continuously using 100 yards of front crawl, 100 yards of breaststroke, and 100 -yards of your choice. Additionally, student must be able to surface dive to 8 ft. depth, retrieve 10lb. diving brick, and return swim 25-yards with the brick. 300-yard swim and diving brick retrieval are performed first day of class.

Permission of instructor.

Note: Additional fee is required to complete the Red Cross certification and to receive academic credit.

[390b. Water Safety Instructor's Course] (1)
Fulfills the requirements for the Red Cross instructor rating. Includes skill development, stroke analysis, learning progressions, class organization, and practice teaching. Prepares the student to teach basic and emergency water safety, infant and preschool aquatics, and all levels of swimming. Ms. Prater-Lee.

Prerequisites: Advanced skill in swimming, Red Cross Lifeguard Training certification or Emergency Water Safety certification.

Permission of the instructor.

Note: Additional fee is required to complete the Red Cross certification and to receive academic credit.

Not offered in 2008/09.

393b. Advanced Tennis (½)
Emphasis on advanced strokes, analysis of errors, tactics for singles and doubles.

Prerequisites: good ground strokes, serve, and volley.

Biochemistry

Faculty: See biology and chemistry. **Director:** David K. Jemiolo (Biology).

The interdepartmental program in biochemistry provides in-depth studies in biochemistry and molecular biology built upon a solid foundation in biology and chemistry. Experimental approaches to problems are emphasized throughout the program, with course laboratories, with the Senior Laboratory in Macromolecular Function (Biochemistry 377), and with ample opportunities for students to engage in independent research.

Requirements for Concentration: 18 units; Biology 105, 106, and 238; Chemistry 108/109 or 125, 244, 245, 323, and 350; Biology/Chemistry 272 and 324; Biochemistry 377; Mathematics 121/122 or 125; Physics 113 and 114; and, two additional 200- or 300-level courses in biology or chemistry, one of which must be a lecture course. The second unit may include only one research course. After declaration of the major, no NRO work is permissible in the major.

Senior Year Requirement: Biochemistry 377.

Recommendations: Students are strongly advised to take, in their freshman year, Biology 105 and 106 and Chemistry 108/109 or 125. Mathematics 121/122 or 125 should be taken in either the freshman or sophomore year. Such a program is appropriate for concentration in biology and chemistry in addition to biochemistry.

Major Advisers: Chemistry: Mr. Donhauser^a, Mr. Eberhardt, Ms. Garrett^b, Ms. Kaur, Ms. Rossi, Mr. Smart, Mr. Tanski; **Biology:** Ms. Crespi, Mr. Esteban^b, Mr. Jemiolo, Ms. Kennell, Ms. Pokrywka, Ms. Schwarz, Mr. Straus, Ms. Susman.

Course Offerings

See biology and chemistry.

377. Senior Laboratory in Macromolecule Function (1)

A protein and its gene are characterized by chemical modification and site-directed mutagenesis. Coursework includes student presentations and extensive laboratory work. Mr. Eberhardt.

Prerequisites: Biology/Chemistry 324.

Two four-hour periods.

[384. Structural Chemistry and Biochemistry] (1)

(Same as Chemistry 384)

Not offered in 2009/10.

Biology

Professors: Robert S. Fritz, John H. Long, Jr., Mark Schlessman, Kathleen Susman; **Associate Professors:** David K. Jemiolo, Nancy Pokrywka, A. Marshall Pregnall (Chair), Margaret L. Ronsheim, J. William Straus; **Assistant Professors:** Erica J. Crespi, Jeremy Davis, David Esteban^b, Jennifer Kennell, Jodi Schwarz; **Lecturer and Coordinator of Laboratory Instruction:** Elizabeth Collins.

Requirements for Concentration: 13 or 14 units

Introductory-Level: Biology 106 and either Biology 105, or AP Biology with 4 or 5 AP test score, or IB higher level 5, 6 or 7 test score. IB students must confirm their IB credit with the Dean of Studies office

Intermediate-Level: 4 units of graded work with at least one course from each subject area listed below, not including Biology 255

Advanced-Level: 3 units of graded work.

Chemistry: Either Chemistry 108 and 109 or Chemistry 125 at the introductory level, and Chemistry 244 at the intermediate level.

Additional courses: 2 units to be chosen from among Chemistry 245 or 255; Physics 113, 114; Mathematics 101, 102, 121, 122, 125, or 141; Earth Science 151 or 161; Psychology 200; Neuroscience and Behavior 201; Environmental Studies 124; and other intermediate or advanced science courses subject to departmental approval. One of the two units may also be an additional graded 200-level or 300-level Biology course or ungraded independent research, Biology 298 or 399.

Intermediate-Level Subject Areas and Courses:

Ecology, Evolution and Diversity

Biology 206 Environmental Biology

Biology 208 Plant Structure and Diversity

Biology 226 Animal Structure and Diversity

Biology 241 Ecology

Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology

Biology 205 Introduction to Microbiology

Biology 218 Cellular Structure and Function

Biology 238 Principles of Genetics

Biology 244 Genomics

Biology 272 Biochemistry

Developmental Biology and Physiology

Biology 202 Plant Physiology and Development

Biology 228 Animal Physiology

Biology 232 Developmental Biology

Biology 260 Comparative and Functional Vertebrate Anatomy

Senior Year Requirements: 2 units of graded 300-level biology taken at Vassar College.

Independent Research: The biology department encourages students to engage in independent research with faculty mentors, and offers ungraded courses Biology 178, 298, and 399. The department also offers Biology 303, a graded research experience for senior majors. Students should consult the chair or individual faculty members for guidance in initiating independent research.

Field Work: The department offers field work in biology. Students should consult the field work office and a biology faculty adviser for details.

Teaching Certification: Students who wish to obtain secondary school teaching certification in biology should consult both the biology and education departments for appropriate course requirements.

Early Advising: Those students considering a concentration in biology, particularly those who have already identified an interest in a subdiscipline of biology, should consult a departmental adviser early in their freshman year to discuss appropriate course sequences. After declaration of the major, no NRO work is permissible in the major.

Postgraduate Work: Students considering graduate school or other professional schools should be aware that such schools usually require courses beyond the minimum biology major requirements. In general, students should have at least a full year of organic chemistry,

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

a year of physics, and a year of calculus. Students are urged to begin their chemistry and other correlated sciences coursework as soon as possible, since this will assist them in successful completion of the biology major. Students should consult with the chair of biology or the pre-medical adviser at their earliest opportunity.

Further Information: For additional information on research opportunities, honors requirements, etc., please see the biology department.

Advisers: Several faculty members are assigned to be advisers for each class year. Students who have a preference for a particular faculty adviser may ask that individual whether s/he would be willing to serve as adviser. Students who have no preference should make an appointment to see the chair of the department to be assigned an adviser.

Correlate Sequences in Biology:

The Department of Biology offers four correlate sequences, each with a different emphasis. Students interested in undertaking a correlate in biology should consult with one of the biology advisers (see above). All correlate sequences require Biology 105 or AP Biology with a score of 4 or 5 on the AP exam or IB higher level with a score of 5, 6 or 7 on the IB exam, and Biology 106, and the requirements for each subject area listed below:

Cellular Biology/Molecular Biology (6 or 7 units): Chemistry 108/109 or Chemistry 125, any two of the following: Biology 202, 205, 218, 228, 232, 238, 244, 272; plus one of the following; Biology 316, 323, 324, 325, 370, 386, 388

Animal Physiology (6 units): Biology 228, plus three of the following courses and at least one at the 300-level: Biology 226, 232, 238, 260, 316, 370.

Ecology/Evolution (6 units): Biology 241, 350 and one of the following; Biology 202, 205, 238, plus one of the following; Biology 206, 208, 226, 352, 354, 356, 384.

Behavior/Neurobiology (6 units): Two of the following: Biology 226, 228, 241; one of the following: Biology 232, 238; and one of the following: Biology 316, 340.

I. Introductory

105a and b. Introduction to Biological Processes (1)
Development of critical thought, communication skills, and understanding of central concepts in biology, through exploration of a timely topic. The content of each section varies. The department.

106a and b. Introduction to Biological Investigation (1)
Investigation of biological questions via extended laboratory or field projects. Emphasis is placed on observation skills, development and testing of hypotheses, experimental design, data collection, statistical analysis, and scientific writing and presentation. The department.

One 75-minute period and one four-hour laboratory.

Biology 105 and 106 may be taken in any order, but students who have not taken two years of high school biology are urged to start with Biology 105.

[172a. Microbial Wars] (1)
(Same as Science, Society, and Technology 172) This course examines ways in which some microbes have become a problem due to misuse by humans. The topics include resistance to antibiotics, emerging infections, and bioterrorism. Introductory material stresses the differences between microbes, including bacteria, protozoa, and viruses.

Not offered 2009/10.

178a or b. Special Projects in Biology (½)
Execution and analysis of a laboratory or field study. Project to be arranged with individual instructor. The department.
Open to freshmen and sophomores only.

187a. Plants and Plant Communities of the Mid-Hudson Region (½)

Plants are the most conspicuous components of terrestrial ecosystems. In this course, students learn how to observe and describe variation in plant form so one can recognize locally common plant species and determine their scientific names. Students also learn to recognize the characteristic plant communities of the Mid-Hudson region. The course is structured around weekly field trips to local natural areas. Locations are chosen to illustrate the typical plant species and communities of the region, the ecosystem services provided by plants, environmental concerns, and conservation efforts. This course is appropriate for students interested in biology, environmental science, and environmental studies, and anyone wishing to learn more about our natural environment. Mr. Schlessman

Two 75-minute periods; one 4.5-hour laboratory.

First six weeks of the fall semester.

Enrollment strictly limited to 22.

II. Intermediate

Two units of 100-level biology taken at Vassar College are prerequisites for entry into 200-level courses unless otherwise stated.

202a. Plant Physiology and Development (1)

An examination of the cellular and physiological bases of plant maintenance, growth, development, and reproduction; with emphasis on the values of different plants as experimental systems. Mr. Pregnall.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

205a. Introduction to Microbiology (1)

An introduction to the world of microbes, including bacteria, fungi, and viruses. The study of bacteria is stressed. Studies of the morphology, physiology, and genetics of bacteria are followed by their consideration in ecology, industry, and medicine. Mr. Esteban.

Two 75-minute periods; two 2-hour laboratories.

[206b. Environmental Biology] (1)

A biological exploration of the impacts of contemporary agricultural production, transportation, energy production, natural resource exploitation and climate change on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. The course also examines habitat destruction and restoration, invasive species and emerging human and wildlife diseases. Field and laboratory data collection techniques are introduced, and then used to test hypotheses generated during lecture and discussion.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

Not offered in 2009/10:

208b. Plant Structure and Diversity (1)

A study of the origins and diversification of plants. Problems to be analyzed may include mechanical support, internal transport, mechanical and biochemical defenses, life-histories, reproductive strategies, and modes of speciation. Laboratories include comparative study of the divisions of plants and identification of locally common species and families in the field. Mr. Pregnall, Ms. Ronsheim, or Mr. Schlessman.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

218a. Cellular Structure and Function (1)

An introduction to cell biology, with a focus on subcellular organization in eukaryotes. The regulation and coordination of cellular events, and the specializations associated with a variety of cell types are considered. Topics include organelle function, the cytoskeleton, and mechanisms of cell division. Laboratory work centers on investigations of cell function with an emphasis on biological imaging. Ms. Pokrywka.

Two 75-minute periods, one 4-hour lab.

226b. Animal Structure and Diversity (1)

The structures and functions of animals are compared, analyzed, and interpreted in a phylogenetic context. Emphasis is placed on

the unique innovations and common solutions evolved by different taxonomic groups to solve problems related to feeding, mobility, respiration, and reproduction. Laboratory work centers on the comparative study of the anatomy of species representative of the major animal phyla. Mr. Davis.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

228a. Animal Physiology (1)

A comparative examination of the mechanisms that animals use to move, respire, eat, reproduce, sense, and regulate their internal environments. The physiological principles governing these processes, and their ecological and evolutionary consequences, are developed in lecture and applied in the laboratory. Ms. Crespi, Mr. Long.

Required: Psychology 200 or Mathematics 141.

Recommended: Chemistry 108, 109, and Physics 113.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

232a. Developmental Biology (1)

The study of embryonic development including gametogenesis, fertilization, growth, and differentiation. Molecular concepts of gene regulation and cell interactions are emphasized. The laboratory emphasizes classical embryology and modern experimental techniques. Mr. Straus.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

238b. Principles of Genetics (1)

Principles of genetics and methods of genetic analysis at the molecular, cellular, and organismal levels. Emphasis is placed on classical genetic experiments, as well as modern investigative techniques such as recombinant DNA technology, gene therapy, genetic testing, and the use of transgenic plants and animals. Laboratory work includes experiments on prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Ms. Pokrywka, Ms. Kennell.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

241a. Ecology (1)

Population growth, species interaction, and community patterns and processes of species or groups of species are discussed. The course emphasizes these interactions within the framework of evolutionary theory. Local habitats and organisms are used as examples of how organisms are distributed in space, how populations grow, why species are adapted to their habitats, how species interact, and how communities change. Field laboratories at Vassar Farm and other localities emphasize the formulation of answerable questions and methods to test hypotheses. Mr. Fritz, Ms. Ronsheim.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour field laboratory.

244a. Genomics (1)

Evolution, structure, and function of prokaryotic and eukaryotic genomes, from the perspective of whole-genome sequencing projects. Current applications of genomics for diagnosis and treatment of human disease, ecological and environmental issues, and evolutionary biology. Labs focus on conducting two functional genomics experiments using micro arrays, cDNA libraries, and bioinformatics analysis to profile genes involved in disease processes and responses to environmental stress. Ms. Schwarz.

Prerequisites: Biology 106.

Three 50-minute classes, 4-hour laboratory.

[255a or b. The Science of Forensics] (1)

(Same as Chemistry 255 and Science, Technology, and Society 255)

Not offered in 2009/10.

[260b. Comparative and Functional Vertebrate Anatomy] (1)

This course integrates the classic study of comparative anatomy with the rapidly advancing fields of phylogenetics, paleontology, biomechanics, and physiology. Weekly labs give students the opportunity to investigate the morphological and physiological adaptations associated with skeletal, muscular, respiratory, cardiovascular, reproductive and nervous systems in each vertebrate class. This knowledge of animal form and function is applied to understanding the major

evolutionary events within the vertebrate lineage: origin of bone, jaws and legs, transitions from water to land to air, and the adaptive radiations of dinosaurs, bony fishes, and mammals. Lectures focus on the ideas of adaptation and constraint, the design of simulations and experiments used to test macroevolutionary predictions, and the use of the comparative method to advance biomedical research initiatives. Mr. Long, Ms. Erica Crespi.

Two 3-hour labs.

Recommended; Physics 113

Not offered 2009/10.

272b. Biochemistry (1)

(Same as Chemistry 272) Basic course covering protein structure and synthesis, enzyme action, bio-energetic principles, electron transport and oxidative phosphorylation, selected metabolic pathways in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. Mr. Jemiolo, Mr. Straus, or Mr. Eberhardt (Chemistry).

Prerequisite: Chemistry 244.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

281a. Evolutionary Genetics (1)

What do wolves, bananas, and staph infections have in common? The link is genetics – conservation genetics, the genetics of domestication, and the genetic changes resulting in antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria. In this course we cover the foundations of evolutionary biology, starting with the genetic principles that underlie the process of evolutionary change and how populations and species respond to evolutionary pressures. Building on this understanding of the genetic mechanisms involved in both micro- and macroevolutionary processes, we can then address the potential for evolutionary responses to environmental change. Ms. Ronsheim.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

298 Independent Work (½ or 1)

Execution and analysis of a field, laboratory, or library study. The project, arranged with an individual instructor, is expected to have a substantial paper as its final product.

Permission of instructor is required.

III. Advanced

Two (2) units of 200-level biology are prerequisites for entry into 300-level courses; see each course for specific courses required or exceptions.

303a or b. Senior Research (1)

Critical analysis, usually through observation or experimentation, of a specific research problem in biology. A student electing this course must first gain, by submission of a written research proposal, the support of a member of the biology faculty with whom to work out details of a research protocol. The formal research proposal, a final paper, and presentation of results are required parts of the course. A second faculty member participates both in the planning of the research and in final evaluation.

Permission of instructor is required.

316a. Neurobiology (1)

An examination of nervous system function at the cellular level. The course emphasizes the physical and chemical foundations of intercellular communication, integration and processing of information, and principles of neural development. Laboratory includes demonstrations of biophysical methodology and experimental approaches to the study of nerve cells. Ms. Susman.

Prerequisites: 2 units of 200-level biology or 1 unit of 200-level biology and either Psychology 241 or Biopsychology 201. Recommended: Biology 228, 272.

[323. Advanced Topics in Cell Biology] (1)

Investigations with a biochemical emphasis into the dynamics of the eukaryotic cell. Topics include the cell cycle, membrane trafficking, cytoskeleton, and cell signaling. Ms. Kennell.

Prerequisite: Biology 272.
Not offered in 2009/10.

324a. Molecular Biology (1)
(Same as Chemistry 324) An examination of the macromolecular processes underlying storage, transfer, and expression of genetic information. Topics include the structure, function, and synthesis of DNA; mutation and repair; the chemistry of RNA and protein synthesis; the regulation of gene expression; cancer and oncogenes; the molecular basis of cell differentiation; and genetic engineering. Mr. Jemiolo.

Prerequisites: one of the following: Biology 205, 238, or 272.

340a. Animal Behavior (1)
Examination of the relationship between behavior and the individual animal's survival and reproductive success in its natural environment. Evolutionary, physiological, and developmental aspects of orientation, communication, habitat selection, foraging, reproductive tactics, and social behavior are considered. Methodology and experimental design is considered in lectures, but is given particular emphasis in the laboratory component of the course. Mr. Davis.

Prerequisites: 2 units of 200-level biology or 1 unit each of 200-level biology and psychology.

Recommended: Biology 226, 228, 238, or Psychology 200.

[350b. Evolutionary Biology] (1)
Study of the history of evolutionary thought, mechanisms of evolutionary change, and controversies in the study of organic evolution. Topics include the origin and maintenance of genetic variability, natural selection, adaptation, origin of species, macroevolution, co-evolution, and human evolution. Mr. Long.

Prerequisites: any two of Biology 208, 226, or 241; or permission of the instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

352b. Conservation Biology (1)
(Same as Environmental Studies 352) Conservation Biology is a new science that has developed in response to the biological diversity crisis. The goals of conservation biology are to understand human impacts on biodiversity and to develop practical approaches for mitigating them. This course is designed to provide an up-to-date synthesis of the multiple disciplines of conservation biology, with particular emphasis on applied ecology and evolutionary biology. Topics may include kinds of biological diversity, genetics of small populations, population viability analysis, systematics and endangered species, pests and invasions, habitat fragmentation, reserve design, management plans for ecosystems and species, and restoration ecology. Ms. Ronsheim.

Prerequisites: 2 units of 200-level biology, preferably from Biology 206, 208, 238, or 241; or permission of the instructor.

[353a. Bioinformatics] (1)
(Same as Computer Science 353) DNA is the blueprint of life. Although it's composed of only four nucleotide "letters" (A, C, T, G), the order and arrangement of these letters in a genome gives rise to the diversity of life on earth. thousands of genomes have been partially sequenced, representing billions of nucleotides. How can we reach this vast expanse of sequence data to find patterns that provide answers to ecological, evolutionary, agricultural, and biomedical questions? Bioinformatics applies high-performance computing to discover patterns in large sequence datasets. In this class students from biology and computer science work together to formulate interesting biological questions and to design algorithms and computational experiments to answer them. Ms. Schwarz and Mr. Smith.

To register for this course students must satisfy either the biology or computer science prerequisites, but not both.

Prerequisites: Biology 238, 282, or permission of the instructor.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 203 or permission of the instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

354b. Plant-Animal Interactions (1)

An examination of the predominant interactions between plants and animals that influence their ecology and evolution. The course focuses on the kinds of interactions (herbivory, mutualism, pollination, seed dispersal, etc.), the costs and benefits of interactions, the ecological contexts that favor certain types of species interactions (environmental stability, competition, and predation intensity), and the evolution (natural selection models and co-evolution) of interactions. Primary literature and case histories are regularly discussed and theories that explain the evolution and ecology of interactions are explored. The laboratory includes individual and group independent projects that permit observation and experimentation with plant-animal interactions. Mr. Fritz.

Prerequisite: Biology 241 or permission of instructor.

[356a. Aquatic Ecology] (1)

A consideration of freshwater, estuarine, and marine habitats that examines material and energy fluxes through aquatic systems; physiological aspects of primary production; the biogeochemical cycling of nutrients; adaptations of organisms to physical and chemical aspects of aquatic environments; biological processes that structure selected communities; and the role of aquatic habitat in global change phenomena. Mr. Pregnall.

Not offered in 2009/10.

370b. Immunology (1)

An examination of the immune response at the cellular and molecular levels. Topics include the structure, function, and synthesis of antibodies; transplantation and tumor immunology; immune tolerance; allergic responses; and immune deficiency diseases. Mechanisms for recognition; communication; and cooperation between different classes of lymphocytes in producing these various responses are stressed, as are the genetic basis of immunity and the cellular definition of "self" which makes each individual unique. Mr. Esteban, Ms. Collins.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 244 or permission of instructor; Biology 238, 272 recommended.

382b. The Life Aquatic: Vertebrates (1)

The first vertebrates evolved in water, and those founding fish have left their mark on all of their descendents. One group, tetrapods, evolved limbs and fingers in water and only then did some of their descendents become land-living vertebrates. Many lineages of terrestrial tetrapods, in turn, have re-evolved a partial or complete aquatic lifestyle: witness whales, plesiosaurs, marine turtles, and seals, to name a few taxa. We examine the possible evolutionary circumstances that might have driven these major events: (1) the origin of the first vertebrates, (2) the origin of terrestrial vertebrates, and (3) the origin of secondarily-aquatic vertebrates. To test adaptation hypotheses, we study and employ topics and techniques such as comparative physiology, comparative anatomy, population genetics, phylogenetic analysis, and biomechanical modeling. Mr. Long.

384a. Ecology and Evolution of Sexual Reproduction (1)

Sex: "nothing in life is more important, more interesting—or troublesome." This quote from Dr. Olivia Judson, (a.k.a. Dr. Tatiana) is just one recent example of the long-standing fascination that ecologists and evolutionary biologists have had with sexual reproduction. This course begins with the question: What is sex? We then examine the current status of completing hypotheses for the evolution of sex, and then turn our attention to the myriad ecological and evolutionary consequences of sexual reproduction. We consider such questions as: Why are there only two sexes? Why do males and females look and behave differently? When is it advantageous to produce more sons than daughters (or vice versa)? To address these questions in a biologically rigorous way, we need to draw on a wide range of theoretical work and empirical evidence from cellular and molecular biology, genetics, developmental biology, ecology, and evolutionary biology. Mr. Schlessman.

Prerequisites: Biology 208, 226, 238, or 241, or permission of the instructor.

[385b. Biogeochemistry] (1)

(Same as Earth Science 385b) As the name implies, biogeochemistry focuses on the living world (bio), the geology of the earth (geo) and the interaction of biology and geology on the chemistry of our planet. This course focuses on the biological influences on important geochemical transformations, and how biological systems, underlain by different geologies, affect measurable chemical attributes important to life. The course also covers human influences on biogeochemical cycles. Impacts addressed include the effects of atmospheric deposition (pollution), changes in land use history and how climate change influences biogeochemistry.

Not offered in 2009/10.

Permission of instructor is required.

IV. Graduate**400. Thesis****(1)****[386b. Topics in Cell Biology: Nutrition, Signaling, and Disease] (1)**

This course examines mechanisms by which cells detect and respond to information, nutrients, and pathogens. Topics include receptors and signal transduction systems, environmental regulation of gene expression and cellular behavior, vesicular trafficking, and the mechanisms by which pathogens utilize and corrupt these systems to their own purposes. Laboratory work focuses on use of fluorescence microscopy to assess cellular activities. Mr. Straus.

Prerequisites: Biology 232, 238, 272 or 280

One 75-minute class and one 3-hour class/laboratory

Not offered in 2009/10.

387b. Symbiotic Interactions (1)

From the evolution of eukaryotic cells to the creation of entire ecosystems, endosymbiosis is a driving force in biology. This course provides an integrative perspective on host-symbiont interactions in diverse endosymbioses. We spend the first half of the semester examining the critical roles of symbiosis in ecology, evolution, and human systems. Then, we examine the underlying cellular and molecular processes that lead to an integrated host-symbiont partnership, for example mechanisms of host-symbiont recognition, regulation of nutrient exchange, and genomic interactions. Ms. Schwarz.

Pre-requisites: Biology 205 Microbiology, or Biology 238 Genetics, or Biology 280 Cell Biology, or Biology 282 Genomics.

Two 2-hour classes per week.

388a. Virology (1)

Viruses cause significant diseases in humans, such as AIDS, influenza, and ebola. On the edge between living and non-living things, viruses invade, take over and alter cells in order to reproduce and transmit. Virus structure, replication and pathogenesis, major viral diseases, the immune response to viruses, and vaccination are major topics of discussion. Mr. Esteban.

Prerequisites: 2 units of 200-level biology, including one of Biology 238, 272, 280; or permission from instructor

Two 2-hour classes per week.

[389b. Advanced Developmental Genetics] (1)

An examination of the ways in which genetic tools can be used to investigate mechanisms of development. The course includes critical reading and detailed discussion of genetics-related primary research papers, along with discussion of methods for selectively removing, adding, or altering specific proteins, for identifying and ordering genes in a pathway, for determining tissue and temporal requirements for gene function, and for distinguishing among competing hypotheses to explain biological phenomena. Readings emphasize systems in which cellular, genetic, and molecular approaches have combined to make significant contributions to understanding developmental processes. Ms. Pokrywka.

Prerequisite: Either Biology 238 or 232.

Two 2-hour classes per week.

Not offered in 2009/10.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Execution and analysis of a field, laboratory, or library study. The project, to be arranged with an individual instructor, is expected to have a substantial paper as its final product.

Chemistry

Professor: Miriam Rossi; **Associate Professors:** Marianne H. Be-gemann (and Associate Dean of the Faculty), Stuart L. Belli, Eric S. Eberhardt (Chair), Sarjit Kaur, Christopher J. Smart; **Assistant Professors:** Zachary J. Donhauser^a, Teresa Garrett^b, Alison Keimowitz, Joseph M. Tanski; **Senior Lecturer of Chemistry and Science Facilities Coordinator:** Edith C. Stout; **Senior Lecturer:** David Nellis; **Research Professors:** Christine Hammond; **Adjunct Visiting Professors:** Enrique dePaz, Frank Guglieri, David Weetman.

Requirements for Concentration: A total of 12 units Chemistry 108/109 or 125 or the equivalent as approved by the department; Chemistry 244 and 245 or the equivalent as approved by the department; 8 or 9 units to include Chemistry 300, 350, 352, 362, 372, 373 and 2 units of additional graded 300-level courses, one of which must be taken senior year. Chemistry 198, 298, 365, and 399 do not count toward these 8 units. Mathematics 121/122 or 125 or the equivalent as approved by the department; Physics 113/114 or the equivalent as approved by the department. No courses required for the chemistry major may be elected on an NRO basis.

Recommendations: A reading knowledge of French, German, Russian, or Japanese, and courses in allied sciences. Students who wish to graduate with certification by the American Chemical Society should consult the department. Entering students who plan to concentrate in chemistry are advised to elect both chemistry and mathematics in the freshman year and physics in the freshman or sophomore year.

Teaching Certification: Students who wish to obtain secondary certification in Chemistry should consult both the Chemistry and Education Departments for appropriate course requirements.

Requirements for M.A.: The candidate must satisfy all requirements for the B.A. degree as described above. In addition, 8 units of advanced work are required as follows: 3 to 5 units of 300-level courses; 2 units of 400-level courses; 1 to 3 units will be credited for the thesis, which will be based on a research project normally carried out during the fourth year. Chemistry 326, 342, 357, or 450, must be included among the advanced courses elected to fulfill the requirements. For students selecting thesis research in biochemistry or an interdisciplinary area, advanced courses in biology, biochemistry, mathematics, and physics may, with the permission of the adviser, be substituted for some of the required courses in chemistry. Further information regarding the thesis may be found in the separate publication, "Graduate Study in Chemistry at Vassar College." Consult the chair in the department.

Advisers: Class of 2009, Mr. Tanski; Class of 2010, Mr. Donhauser; Class of 2011, Ms. Garrett; Class of 2012, Mr. Smart; Correlate Sequence, Mr. Eberhardt.

Correlate Sequence in Chemistry: A correlate sequence in chemistry provides students interested in careers ranging from public health to patent law an excellent complement to their major field of study. The chemistry correlate sequence is designed to combine a basic foundation in chemistry with the flexibility to choose upper-level chemistry courses relevant to the student's particular interests. Students considering careers in such areas as art conservation, public policy relating to the sciences, scientific ethics, archeochemistry, the history of science, law or public health may benefit from a course of study in chemistry. This correlate is not intended for students majoring in closely related disciplines, such as biology or biochemistry, and therefore not more than one course can be credited towards both the correlate and the student's major. The correlate consists of 6 1/2 units distributed as follows:

Required Courses:	(Units)
General Chemistry with lab (Chemistry 108/109)	(2)
or	
Chemical Principles with lab (Chemistry 125)	(1)
Organic Chemistry with lab (Chemistry 244/245)	(2)
Minimum of two classes from the following:	(2)
Chemistry 272 Biochemistry or	
Chemistry 255 Science of Forensics	

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

Chemistry 323	Protein Chemistry	
Chemistry 326	Inorganic Chemistry	
Chemistry 342	Organic Chemistry	
Chemistry 350	Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and Chemical Kinetics	
Chemistry 352	Physical Chemistry: Molecular Structure	
Chemistry 357	Chemical Physics	
Chemistry 362	Instrumental Analysis	(1)

One half unit of laboratory work at the advanced level: (½)
(Completion of chemistry 362 from the previous list satisfies this requirement)

Chemistry 298	Independent Research	
Chemistry 365	Spectrometric Identification of Organic Compounds	
Chemistry 370	Advance Laboratory	
Chemistry 372/373	Integrated Laboratory	(2)

I. Introductory

108a/109b. General Chemistry (1)

This course covers fundamental aspects of general chemistry, including descriptive chemistry, chemical reactions, stoichiometry, atomic and molecular structure, states of matter, properties of solutions, thermodynamics, kinetics, equilibria, electrochemistry, and nuclear chemistry. Most of the work is quantitative in nature. Ms. Garrett, Ms. Keimowitz, Ms. Rossi.

Three 50-minute lectures; one 4-hour laboratory.

125a. Chemical Principles (1)

This course is designed to cover the important aspects of general chemistry in one semester. Selected topics are presented at an accelerated rate for students with a strong chemistry background. The material covered includes chemical reactions, stoichiometry, atomic and molecular structure, and general chemical physics, emphasizing the fundamental aspects of and connections between equilibria, electrochemistry, thermodynamics, and kinetics. Mr. Belli, Mr. Eberhardt.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors by permission of instructor.

Three 50-minute lectures; one 4-hour laboratory.

[135b. Introduction to Forensic Chemistry] (1)

Forensic chemistry is the application of chemistry in the study of evidence in criminal or civil cases. This course covers underlying chemistry concepts and scientific methods as applied to the study of the forensic evidence. An introductory level of organic and polymer chemistry relevant to the study of forensic evidence is also included. Students apply modern analytical methods in the study of glass samples, fingerprints, hair and fibers, paints, drugs, trace metals, and arson investigations. The analytical methods include thin layer chromatography (TLC), infrared (IR) spectroscopy, gas chromatography, GCMS, inductively coupled plasma (ICP), and X-ray fluorescence (XRF). The format of the course is based on lectures, laboratory exercises, case study discussions, and several guest speakers on select topics in forensics science. Ms. Kaur.

Not offered 2009/10.

145b. Chemistry Research Techniques (1)

This course provides an introduction to modern research instrumentation and techniques in chemistry through multiple-week laboratory projects. Students get experience with the use of advanced instrumentation, and in interpreting and analyzing the experimental results. Topics may include: structural characterization with X-ray crystallography; materials analysis with scanning probe microscopies; polymer synthesis and characterization; synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials; computational chemistry to perform theoretical ab initio calculations and computer modeling of biomolecules. Mr. Donhauser, Ms. Rossi.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 125

Enrollment by permission of instructors.

One-hour lecture and a four-hour lab period

198a or b. Freshmen Independent Research (½)
Students perform independent chemistry research under the direction of a faculty member of their choosing. Attendance at regularly scheduled department seminars/events is required to satisfactorily complete the course. The department.
Open only to freshmen.

II. Intermediate

244a. Organic Chemistry: Structure and Properties (1)
An introduction to the structure of organic molecules and to their nomenclature. Among the properties of organic compounds, shape, charge distribution, and spectroscopic properties are emphasized. Laboratory work includes isolation, physical transformations and identification of organic compounds including the application of gas chromatography and infrared and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Ms. Kaur, Mr. Smart, Mr. Tanski.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 109 or 125.
Three 50-minute lectures; one 4-hour laboratory.

245b. Organic Chemistry: Reactions and Mechanisms (1)
A study of the reactions of organic compounds from a mechanistic point of view. Laboratory work includes synthesis, qualitative analysis, and quantitative investigation of reaction rates and equilibria which emphasize mechanistic considerations. Ms. Kaur, Mr. Smart, Mr. Tanski.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 244.
Three 50-minute lectures; one 4-hour laboratory.

[255a or b. Science of Forensics] (1)
(Same as Biology 255 and Science, Technology, and Society 255)
Science of forensics is the application of scientific principles and methodology in the study and evaluation of evidence associated with criminal and civil cases. In this course, several science disciplines are explored as applied to forensics science. Topics include crime scene investigation, introduction to law of evidence, finger-printing analysis, analytical methods to characterize organic and inorganic compounds, forensic toxicology, principles of serology and DNA profiling, and introduction to forensic pathology, entomology and anthropology. The format of the course includes lectures, laboratory exercises, case studies, guest speakers from the forensics field, and a visit to a forensics laboratory. Ms. Kaur and instructor to be announced.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 244 or permission of the instructor.
Two 50-minute lectures and one 3.5-hour laboratory.
Not offered in 2009/10.

270b. Computational Methods in the Sciences (½)
(Same as Physics 270)

272b. Biochemistry (1)
(Same as Biology 272)
Prerequisites: Introductory Biology or Chemistry 244.

275b. Computational Methods in Chemistry (½)
This course introduces several molecular modeling methods in computational chemistry (molecular mechanics, semi-empirical and ab-initio methods, and density functional theory) to study geometries, properties, and reactivities of organic compounds; an introductory level of theory is presented to delineate the basis of these molecular modeling methods. The course also includes computational laboratory exercises to supplement concepts covered in lectures, and project-based exercises to explore applications of computational methods in the study of chemical systems.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 245 or permission of instructor.

297. Reading Course (½)

298. Independent Research (½ or 1)
Students perform independent chemistry research under the direction of a faculty member of their choosing. Attendance at regularly scheduled department seminars/events is required to satisfactorily

complete the course. The department.

III. Advanced

300a or b. Senior Thesis (1)

323a. Protein Chemistry (1)
A detailed study of the structure and function of proteins. Structure determination, mechanisms of catalysis and regulation, and the interactions of enzymes in complex systems are treated. Ms. Garrett.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 350 (may be corequisite), or 272.

324 Molecular Biology (1)
(Same as Biology 324)

326a. Inorganic Chemistry (1)
An introduction to structure and reactivity of inorganic, coordination, and organometallic compounds, including the following topics: chemical applications of group theory, atomic and molecular structure, theories of bonding, the solid state, coordination chemistry, inorganic reaction mechanisms, and organometallic chemistry. A laboratory portion of this class includes selected experiments which reinforce these concepts. Ms. Rossi.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 352, or permission of instructor.

342b. Advanced Organic Chemistry (1)
Selected topics in organic chemistry such as stereochemistry, conformational analysis, carbanions, carbocations, radicals, kinetic and thermodynamic control of reactions, mechanisms, synthesis. Ms. Kaur.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 245, 350, or permission of instructor.

350b. Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and Chemical Kinetics (1)

Equations of state for gases; the laws of thermodynamics; solutions and phase equilibria; chemical equilibrium and chemical kinetics. Mr. Donhauser.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 245; Physics 113, 114; Mathematics 121/122 or 125.

352a. Physical Chemistry: Molecular Structure (1)
Introductory wave mechanics and bonding theories; electrical and magnetic properties of molecules; spectroscopy; statistical mechanics. Ms. Keimowitz.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 245; Physics 113, 114; Mathematics 121/122 or 125.

[357. Chemical Physics] (1)

The course includes selected topics which are of interest to chemistry majors as well as biochemistry and physics majors. Possible topics include applications of group theory, interaction of radiation with matter, molecular spectroscopy, reaction kinetics, reaction rate theory, and statistical mechanics. The material covered in any particular semester depends on the mutual interests of the instructor and the students. Ms. Begemann.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 350 and 352 or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

362b. Instrumental Analysis (1)

An introduction to chemical analysis, this course covers the theoretical and practical aspects of spectroscopic, electrochemical, and chromatographic methods, including topics in instrumentation, statistics, and chemometrics. Mr. Belli.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 245 or permission of instructor.
Includes one 4-hour laboratory.

365a and b. Spectrometric Identification of Organic Compounds (½)

This course focuses on the use of modern analytical instrumentation to identify unknown organic compounds. Students get extensive hands-on experience using Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (NMR) (¹H, ¹³C, DEPT, COSY, HETCOR), Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), and Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS). Working with weekly unknowns, students learn to interpret spectra and assemble the data necessary to support both a formula and structure determination.

Mr. Smart, Ms. Stout.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 245.

One 4-hour laboratory.

370a or b. Advanced Laboratory (½)

Advanced laboratory work may be elected in the field of organic, analytical, physical, inorganic, biochemistry, or environmental chemistry. The department.

Prerequisite or corequisite: a 300-level course in the pertinent field.

One 4-hour laboratory.

372a and 373b. Integrated Chemistry Laboratory (1)

This course provides a comprehensive laboratory experience in chemistry. Selected experiments teach advanced chemistry techniques and reinforce principles introduced in 300 level chemistry courses. The course exposes students to chemistry as an integrated subject, tying together the sub-disciplines that are traditionally offered as independent courses. This includes: instrumental analysis, physical chemistry, biochemistry, environmental, organic chemistry and inorganic chemistry. The department.

[382b. Special Topics in Organic Chemistry: Introduction to Polymer Chemistry] (1)

Properties and uses of selected polymers (thermally stable, conducting, and biodegradable). This course includes organic and kinetic aspects of polymerizations, characterization techniques for structure determination, thermal and mechanical properties, and measurement of molecular weight and distribution. Laboratory techniques and experiments leading to synthesis, characterization and physical properties of selected polymers (synthesized or commercially available polymers) are emphasized. Ms. Kaur.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 244/245 or permission of instructor.

Two 50-minute lectures; one 4-hour laboratory.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[384a. Structural Chemistry and Biochemistry] (1)

(Same as Biochemistry 384) In this course, principles and methods regarding the structure of molecules and macromolecules are studied with an emphasis on selected topics in chemistry and biochemistry. Ms. Rossi.

Prerequisite: 350 or permission of instructor

Two 75-minute lectures.

Not offered in 2009/10.

399. Senior Independent Research (½ or 1)

Students perform independent chemistry research under the direction of a faculty member of their choosing. Attendance at regularly scheduled department seminars/events is required to satisfactorily complete the course. The department.

Open only to seniors.

426. Advanced Inorganic Chemistry: Special Topics (1)

440. Advanced Organic Chemistry (1)

441. Environmental Chemistry: Special Topics (1)

450. Physical Chemistry (1)

463. Analytical Chemistry: Special Topics (1)

472. Biochemistry: Special Topics (1)

IV. Graduate

Advanced courses in the following areas are offered at the discretion of the department and according to the needs of graduate students.

Chinese and Japanese

Professor: Bryan Van Norden (Chair); **Associate Professors:** Wenwei Du, Peipei Qiu; **Assistant Professors:** Hiromi Tsuchiya Dollase, Haoming Liu; **Visiting Instructors:** Yuko Matsubara, Anne Parries.

Requirements for Chinese or Japanese Concentration: 13 units (12 units if the student starts language study from the intermediate level or above) chosen from the Chinese-Japanese curriculum, including the required Chinese-Japanese 120, Chinese/Japanese 305-306, and the four additional content courses. At least two of the content courses must be at the 300-level. (Both Chinese/Japanese 350 and 351 can be counted toward the major, but only one can be counted toward the 300-level content course requirement.) Courses on the approved course list can be taken to fulfill the major requirements upon departmental approval. NRO option is not allowed after the declaration of major for courses counted toward the major. Courses that are only offered pass/fail (such as Independent Study and Field Work) cannot count toward the major. Majors are encouraged to take Chinese-Japanese 120 as early as possible. For students seeking to double major in Chinese and Japanese, or double major in Chinese/Japanese and another discipline, no more than two units may be double counted.

Junior Year Abroad and summer courses may substitute for the required courses with department approval. The department strongly encourages students to study abroad in China or Japan and commits to providing the students with supervised study away programs. The courses of Vassar's summer programs in China and Japan are equivalent to their respective on-campus courses.

Honors' Requirements: Students who wish to be considered for departmental honors must complete a thesis or project of sufficient quality. A thesis is normally written in both semesters of the senior year. A senior project may be done either as a one-unit course in one semester, or a half-unit course in each of two semesters.

Requirements for the Correlate Sequence in Chinese or Japanese: 6 units chosen from among Chinese 160/360 and Chinese or Japanese 105, 106, 205, 206, 298, 305, 306, 350, 351, and 399; at least 5 units must be taken above the 100-level and two courses must be taken at the 300-level. Junior Year Abroad and summer courses may be substituted with departmental approval, but at least 4 units must be taken at Vassar. Courses available for letter grades must be taken for letter grades.

Departmental courses are arranged in three groups: 1) courses in Chinese-Japanese literary and cultural studies (CHJA); 2) courses in Chinese language and literary/cultural studies (CHIN); and 3) courses in Japanese language and literary/cultural studies (JAPA).

Chinese-Japanese (CHJA)

120a. Introduction to Chinese and Japanese Literature: Traditions, Genres and Methodology (1)

This course is an introduction to the literary traditions of China and Japan. It focuses on the exploration of the literary principles through the representative works in different genres, including myths, poetry, drama, and classical and vernacular narratives. Thematic comparison between the two traditions is drawn in the discussion; cinematic adaptations of chosen works and contextual materials are viewed during the course. Assignments emphasize the development of basic skills on writing about literary and cultural topics and texts. All readings and discussions are in English. Ms. Qiu.

Open to all students.

120b. Introduction to Chinese and Japanese Literature (1)

This course introduces some of the major works of Chinese and Japanese literature, including philosophical works, novels and films. Thematically, the course is organized around the way that major intellectual trends influence one another in particular texts. We see how Confucian, Daoist, and Buddhist values and concepts resonate

in a variety of literary genres in two rich cultures that have deeply influenced one another. From the Chinese tradition, we examine the love story *Dream of the Red Chamber*, the war novel *Three Kingdoms*, the erotic novel *Carnal Prayer Mat*, and the macabre short stories of Bu Songling. From the Japanese tradition, we read the classic novel *The Tale of Genji* and the haiku poetry of Basho. At the end of the course, we examine the interaction of modernity and classic thought in the films *Hero* by Zhang Yimou and *Rashomon* by Kurosawa, in Yukio Mishima's controversial novella *The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea*, and in the short stories of Lu Xun. Requirements include brief weekly reaction papers and several papers of medium length, emphasizing the development of basic skills on writing about literary and cultural topics and texts. All readings and discussions are in English. Mr. Van Norden.

Open to freshman only; satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

[250. Special Topics in Chinese and Japanese Literature/Culture] (1)

Topics vary each year. Can be repeated for credit when a new topic is offered.

Possible topics include:

- 1) *Chinese and Japanese Linguistics and Culture*.
 - 2) *Experiencing the Other: Representation of Each Other in Chinese and Western Literature since the Eighteenth Century*. Mr. Liu.
 - 3) *Masterpieces of Classical Japanese Literature*. Ms. Qiu.
 - 4) *Introduction to Chinese Literature: Poetry and Fiction*. Mr. Du.
 - 5) *Japanese Poetry*. Ms. Qiu.
- Not offered in 2009/10.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

One-half or one unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the chair. Offered only pass/fail. The department.

Prerequisite: 2 units of Chinese or Japanese.

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)

One-half or one unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the chair. Offered only pass/fail. The department.

Prerequisite: 2 units of Chinese or Japanese.

300a-301b. Senior Thesis (½, ½)

Open only to majors. The department.

Permission required.

302a or b. Senior Project (1)

Open only to majors. One-unit project done in one semester. The department.

Permission required.

303a-304b. Senior Project (½, ½)

Open only to majors. One-unit project done in two semesters. The department.

Permission required.

[350. Seminar in Chinese Philosophy: Comparative Methodology] (1)

(Same as Philosophy 350) An exploration of some of the methodological issues raised by the prospect of one culture understanding and making judgments about another. The course considers essays on ethical and cognitive relativism, incommensurability, and the hermeneutics of suspicion and faith. Although the focus is primarily methodological, recent Western approaches to understanding Chinese philosophy provide test cases for some of the theories examined. Mr. Van Norden.

Prerequisite: a 200-level course in Chinese, Japanese, Asian Studies or Philosophy.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[361. Chinese and Japanese Drama and Theatre] (1)
 (Same as Drama 361) A study of Chinese and Japanese culture and society through well-known dramatic genres—*zaju*, *chuanqi*, *kunqu*, Beijing Opera, modern Spoken Drama, *noh*, *kyogen*, *bunraku*, *kabuki*, and New Drama; a close reading of selected plays in English translation. Scheduled films of performances convey Chinese and Japanese theatrical conventions and aesthetics. Discussions focus on major themes based on research presentations. All readings and discussions are in English. Mr. Du.

Prerequisite: one 200-level course in language, literature, culture, drama or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

[362. Women in Japanese and Chinese Literature] (1)
 (Same as Women's Studies 362) An intercultural examination of the images of women presented in Japanese and Chinese narrative, drama, and poetry from their early emergence to the modern period. While giving critical attention to aesthetic issues and the gendered voices in representative works, the course also provides a comparative view of the dynamic changes in women's roles in Japan and China. All selections are in English translation. Ms. Qiu.

Prerequisite: one 200-level course in language, literature, culture or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.
 Not offered in 2009/10.

363b. Seminar in Transcending the Limit: Literary Theory in the East-West Context (1)

This course examines various traditional and contemporary literary theories with a distinct Asianist—particularly East Asianist—perspective. At least since the eighteenth century, Western theoretical discourse often took into serious consideration East Asian literature, language and civilization in their construction of “universal” theoretical discourses. The comparative approach to literary theory becomes imperative in contemporary theoretical discourse as we move toward ever greater global integration. Selected theoretical texts from the *I Ching*, Hegel, Genette, Barthes, Derrida, Todorov, and Heidegger as well as some primary literary texts are among the required readings. All readings are in English. Mr. Liu.

Prerequisite: one literature course or permission of instructor.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

One-half or one unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the Chair. Offered only pass/fail. Prerequisite: 4 units of Chinese or Japanese. The department.

Chinese (CHIN)

105a-106b. Elementary Chinese (1½)

An introduction to Mandarin Chinese (*putong hua* or *guo yu*). While the approach is aural-lingual, reading and writing skills are introduced early in the program. The two semesters cover about 700 characters. Grammatical analysis, pattern drills, and conversational practices are stressed throughout. Mr. Du.

Open to all students.

Five 50-minute periods.

[160. Introduction to Classical Chinese] (1)

This course is an introduction to Classical Chinese (the Chinese equivalent of Latin) for students with no previous training or background in Chinese. Classical Chinese is the literary language in which almost all of Chinese literature was written prior to the twentieth century. This course introduces students to the rudiments of reading Classical Chinese, with an emphasis on early Chinese philosophical texts. No previous background in Chinese language, history, or culture is required. Among the texts to be studied are passages from the sayings of Confucius and Taoist works. Mr. Van Norden.

Open to all students.

Does not satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement.

Not offered in 2009/10.

205a-206b. Intermediate Chinese (1½)

Further practice in conversation and learned patterns; acquisition of new grammatical structures, vocabulary, and about 700 additional characters. Emphasis on communicative skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing., Ms. Parries.

Prerequisite: Chinese 105-106 or permission of instructor.

Five 50-minute periods.

[214. The Tumultuous Century: Twentieth-Century Chinese Literature] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 214) This is a survey/introduction to the literature of China from the late Qing Dynasty through the present day. Texts are arranged according to trends and schools as well as to their chronological order. Authors include Wu Jianren, Lu Xun, Zhang Ailing, Ding Ling, Mo Yan and Gao Xingjian. All major genres are covered but the focus is on fiction. A few feature films are also included in association with some of the literary works and movements. No knowledge of the Chinese language, Chinese history, or culture is required for taking the course. All readings and class discussions are in English. Mr. Liu.

Prerequisite: one course in language, literature, culture or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[215. Masterpieces of Traditional Chinese Literature] (1)

Selected works of classical Chinese literature from a variety of periods and genres, such as the *Book of Odes* (early lyric poetry), the Tang Dynasty poems of Li Bo and Du Fu, historical narratives, including selections from the *Book of Documents* and the *Zuo Zhuan*, and the classic Chinese novels, such as *Three Kingdoms*, *The Scholars*, and *Dream of the Red Chamber*. We shall discuss and interpret these texts from a variety of perspectives, including historical, structuralist, philosophical, feminist and “hermeneutics of suspicion.” Assignments include brief weekly essays. Mr. Van Norden.

Prerequisite: one course in any humanities discipline, or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[216. Classics, Canon, and Commentary in China] (1)

Studying classic or canonical texts through commentarial traditions is a near universal form of education in pre-modern cultures. This course examines the nature, development and evolution of canons and commentaries, focusing on the immensely influential *Five Classics* and the *Four Books* of the Chinese tradition. We also read and discuss seminal Western discussions of canonicity and hermeneutics, including works by Emerson, Jaroslav Pelikan, and Alasdair MacIntyre. Mr. Van Norden.

Prerequisite: one course in any humanities discipline, or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

217a. Chinese Film and Contemporary Fiction (1)

An introduction to Chinese film through its adaptations of contemporary stories. Focus is on internationally well-known films by the fifth and sixth generation of directors since the late 1980s. Early Chinese films from the 1930s to the 1970s are also included in the screenings. The format of the course is to read a series of stories in English translations and to view their respective cinematic versions. The discussions concentrate on cultural and social aspects as well as on comparison of themes and viewpoints in the two genres. The interrelations between texts and visual images are also explored. Mr. Du.

Prerequisite: one course in language, literature, culture, film, drama, or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.

[218. Chinese Popular Culture] (1)

The course analyzes contemporary Chinese entertainment and popular culture. It provides both historical coverage and grounding in various theoretical and methodological problems. Topics focus on thematic contents and forms of entertainment through television, radio, newspaper, cinema, theatre, music, print and material culture. The course also examines the relations between

the heritage of traditional Chinese entertainment and the influences of Western culture. All readings and class discussions are in English. Mr. Du.

Prerequisite: one course in language, literature, culture, film, drama, or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)
One-half or one unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the chair. Offered only pass/fail. The department.
Prerequisite: 2 units of Chinese.

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)
One-half or one unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the chair. Offered only pass/fail. The department.
Prerequisite: 2 units of Chinese.

300a-301b. Senior Thesis (½, ½)
Open only to majors. The department.
Permission required.

302a or b. Senior Project (1)
Open only to majors. One-unit project done in one semester. The department.
Permission required.

303a-304b. Senior Project (½, ½)
Open only to majors. One-unit project done in two semesters. The department.
Permission required.

305a/306b. Advanced Chinese (1)
Intensive instruction in the reading of Chinese language materials, reflecting aspects of a changing China. Emphasis is on communicative skills. Mr. Liu.
Prerequisite: Chinese 205-206 or permission of instructor

350a. Advanced Readings in Chinese: Genres and Themes (1)
This course is equivalent to a fourth-year Chinese course or beyond, and may be repeated for credit if topic changes. The course aims to further develop the advanced students' speaking, reading and writing proficiency. The course explores different genres of texts from various journalistic and literary writings. Readings are arranged according to thematic topics. Course discussions and lectures are conducted in Chinese. Ms. Parries.
Prerequisite: Chinese 306 or permission of instructor.

351b. Advanced Readings of Original Literary Works (1)
This course is equivalent to a fourth-year Chinese course or beyond, and may be repeated for credit if topic changes. This course involves close reading of a single literary work of an extensive length, shorter texts of a single author, or texts which have a common thematic interest. Emphasis is on *baihua* literature while samples of semi-*wenyan* texts are introduced. Through close reading and classroom discussion of the material, students are trained to approach authentic texts with linguistic confidence and useful methods. Course discussions and lectures are conducted in Chinese. Ms. Parries.
Prerequisite: Chinese 306 or permission of instructor.

[360. Classical Chinese] (1)
This course is for students with at least two years of modern Chinese or the equivalent. It introduces students to the rudiments of reading *Wenyan*, or Classical Chinese (the Chinese equivalent of Latin), with an emphasis on early Chinese philosophical texts. In addition to learning Classical Chinese, students in this course work with and are tested on modern Chinese translations of the classical texts. Mr. Van Norden.
Prerequisite: Chinese 205-206 or equivalent.
Not offered in 2009/10.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
One-half or one unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the chair. Offered only pass/fail. The department.
Prerequisite: 4 units of Chinese.

Japanese (JAPA)

105a-106b. Elementary Japanese (1½)
An introduction to modern Japanese. Students develop communicative skills based on the fundamentals of grammar, vocabulary and conversational expressions. Emphasis is placed on both oral and written proficiency. The course introduces *hiragana* and *katakana* syllabaries as well as approximately 150 *kanji* (Chinese characters). Ms. Qiu, Ms. Dollase.
Open to all students.
Five 50-minute periods.

205a-206b. Intermediate Japanese (1½)
This course puts equal emphasis on the further development of oral-aural proficiency and reading-writing skills with an intense review of basic grammar as well as an introduction of more advanced grammar, new vocabulary, expressions, and another 350 *kanji* (Chinese characters). Ms. Matsubara, Ms. Qiu.
Prerequisite: Japanese 105-106 or permission of instructor.
Five 50-minute periods.

222. Narratives of Japan: Fiction and Film (1)
This course examines the characteristics of Japanese narratives in written and cinematic forms. Through selected novels and films that are based on the literary works or related to them thematically, the course explores the different ways in which Japanese fiction and film tell a story and how each work interacts with the time and culture that produced it. While appreciating the aesthetic pursuit of each author or film director, attention is also given to the interplay of tradition and modernity in the cinematic representation of the literary masterpieces and themes. No previous knowledge of Japanese language is required. Ms. Qiu.
Prerequisite: one course in language, literature, culture, film or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.

[223. The Gothic and the Supernatural in Japanese Literature] (1)
This course introduces students to Japanese supernatural stories. We interpret the hidden psyche of the Japanese people and culture that create such bizarre tales. We see not only to what extent the supernatural creatures — demons, vampires, and mountain witches — in these stories represent the “hysteria” of Japanese commoners resulting from social and cultural oppression, but also to what extent these supernatural motifs have been adopted and modified by writers of various literary periods. This course consists of four parts; female ghosts, master authors of ghost stories, Gothic fantasy and dark urban psyche. Ms. Dollase.
Prerequisite: one course in language, literature, culture or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.

224a. Japanese Popular Culture and Literature (1)
This course examines Japanese popular culture as seen through popular fiction. Works by such writers as Murakami Haruki, Yoshimoto Banana, Murakami Ryu, Yamada Eimi, etc. who emerged in the late 1980s to the early 1990s, are discussed. Literary works are compared with various popular media such as film, music, manga, and animation to see how popular youth culture is constructed and reflects young people's views on social conditions. Theoretical readings are assigned. This course emphasizes discussion and requires research presentations. This course is conducted in English. Ms. Dollase.
Prerequisite: one course in language, literature, culture or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)
One-half or one unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the chair. Offered only pass/fail. The department.

Prerequisite: 2 units of Japanese.

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)

One-half or one unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the chair. Offered only pass/fail.

Prerequisite: 2 units of Japanese. The department.

300a-301b. Senior Thesis (½, ½)

Open only to majors. The department.

Permission required.

302a or b. Senior Project (1)

Open only to majors. One-unit project done in one semester. The department.

Permission required.

303a-304b. Senior Project (½, ½)

Open only to majors. One-unit project done in two semesters. The department.

Permission required.

305a/306b. Advanced Japanese (1)

This course is designed to develop each student's ability to read contemporary Japanese text from newspapers, magazines, and literary works, with a solid grammatical foundation and mastery of kanji, as well as gaining proficiency in writing at an advanced level. Continued training in aural-oral proficiency in spoken Japanese through exercises, classroom interactions and audio-visual materials. Ms. Dollase, Ms. Matsubara.

Prerequisite: Japanese 205-206 or permission of instructor.

324a. Japanese Popular Culture and Literature for Majors (1)

This course examines Japanese popular culture via fiction, *manga* and film. As the popularity of Japanese *manga* and animation has risen and globalized, Japanese popular culture has become the target of academic research. Japanese Pop Culture represents not only Japanese youth culture but also the conditions of society as a whole, often embodying highly political issues. Popular culture is an arena in which the socially subordinate can express their desires: various kinds of power issues are inevitably revealed through its study. The goal of this course is to examine the importance and validity of the academic study of popular culture. We discuss such issues as the difference between high and low culture, and between *Junbungaku* (pure literature) and *Taishu bungaku* (popular literature). We also discuss the reasons for the fascination with Japanese Popular Culture both in Japan and abroad, examining its originality and attraction. This course also introduces students to basic theoretical reading on popular cultural studies. We discuss how theoretical readings are applied to the materials chosen for this course.

JAPA 324 is combined with JAPA 224, but is designed for advanced Japanese students. At the 324 level, students engage in various language related projects (such as translation of original texts, reaction papers in Japanese, etc.) in addition to class participation in English. Each student or a group of a few students are assigned one literary or *manga* work to translate into English. Weekly consultation with the instructor is required. Translation should be done before October break. The complete work is shared in class in the format of image file. Ms. Dollase.

Prerequisite: Japanese 351 or above, or permission of instructor. Not open to students who have previously taken 224.

350a. Advanced Readings in Japanese: Genres and Themes (1)

This course is equivalent to a fourth-year Japanese course or beyond, and may be repeated for credit if topic changes. The aim of this course is to further develop the advanced students' speaking, reading, and writing proficiency. The course explores different genres of texts ranging from contemporary Japanese media sources to literature. Readings are arranged according to thematic topics. Discussions and lectures are conducted entirely in Japanese. Ms. Matsubara.

Prerequisite: Japanese 306 or permission of instructor.

351b. Advanced Readings of Original Literary Works (1)

This course is equivalent to a fourth-year Japanese course or beyond, and may be repeated for credit if topic changes. This course involves close reading of a single literary work of an extensive length, shorter texts of a single author, or texts which have a common thematic interest. Through close reading and classroom discussion of the material, students are trained to approach authentic texts with linguistic confidence and useful methods. Discussions and lectures are conducted entirely in Japanese. Ms. Matsubara.

Prerequisite: Japanese 306 or permission of instructor.

[364. The West in Japanese Literature since the Nineteenth Century] (1)

This course examines the influence of the West on Japanese literature after the nineteenth century and follows the process of the construction of modern Japanese identity. Authors may include: Natsume Sôseki, Akutagawa Ryûnosuke, Tanizaki Junichirô, Kojima Nobuo, Murakami Ryû and Yamada Amy. Translated Japanese literary works are closely read, and various theoretical readings are assigned. This course emphasizes discussion and requires research presentations. This course is conducted in English. Ms. Dollase.

Prerequisite: one 200-level course in language, literature, culture or Asian Studies, or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

One-half or one-unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the chair. Offered only pass/fail. The department.

Prerequisite: 4 units of Japanese.

Summer Program in China

The summer program in Qingdao University, China, is open to all Vassar students. Each session of the program lasts nine weeks from late May to late July. Based on the level of language instruction needed by participating students, the program offers, in a particular year, the possibility of following intensive elementary, intermediate, and advanced courses. For information, please consult the department.

105-106. Elementary Chinese (3)

An introduction to Mandarin Chinese (*putonghua* or *guoyu*). While the approach is aural-lingual, reading and writing skills are introduced early in the course. Grammatical analysis, pattern drills and conversational practice are stressed throughout. This 3-unit intensive course covers content similar to that of the on-campus Chinese 105-106.

Open to all students.

201. Special Topics (1)

When necessary, students may petition for approval to enroll in university course work or special academic internships associated with an advanced language course.

205-206. Intermediate Chinese (3)

Further practice in conversation and learned patterns; acquisition of new grammatical structures, vocabulary, and about 800 additional characters. Emphasis on communicative skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. This 3-unit intensive course covers content similar to that of the on-campus Chinese 205-206.

Prerequisite: Chinese 105-106 or permission of instructor.

305-306. Advanced Chinese (2)

Intensified instruction in the reading of original Chinese language materials, reflecting aspects of a changing China. Emphasis is on communicative skills. This 3-unit intensive course covers content similar to that of the on-campus Chinese 305-306.

Prerequisite: Chinese 205-206 or permission of instructor.

340-341. Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese (2)

This sequence course is equivalent to fourth-year Chinese or beyond. The course aims to further develop the advanced students'

speaking, reading and writing proficiency. Readings include modern and contemporary literary works, journalistic writings, and other nonliterary texts. Readings are arranged according to topics and the course may be repeated if topics are different.

Prerequisite: Chinese 306 or permission of instructor.

Summer Program in Japan

The program is open to all Vassar students. It offers eight weeks of intensive language instruction and cultural immersion opportunities at Ochanomizu University in Tokyo, starting in early June and continuing through the end of July. Different levels of Japanese language courses are offered in a particular year based on the needs of the participants. In the summer of 2010, the following course will be offered:

205-206. Intermediate Japanese (3)

This course puts equal emphasis on the further development of oral-aural proficiency and reading-writing skills with an intense review of basic grammar as well as an introduction of more advanced grammar, new vocabulary, expressions, and another 350 kanji (Chinese characters). This intensive 3-unit course covers content similar to that of the on-campus Japanese 205-206.

Prerequisite: Japanese 105-106 or permission of instructor.

Classics

Professors: Robert D. Brown (and Adviser to Class of 2011), M. Rachel Kitzinger (and Dean of Planning and Academic Affairs); **Associate Professors:** Rachel Friedman, J. Bertrand Lott (Chair); **Assistant Professor:** Barbara Olsen; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Curtis Dozier; **Blegen Research Fellow:** Lora Holland (University of North Carolina at Asheville).

Requirements for Concentration in Classical Studies Greek 11 units consisting of the following courses: 6 units of Greek, including two at the 300-level; 2 units from among Classics 102, 103, 104 or Classics/College Course 101: Civilization in Question; Classics 216; 1 additional unit of 200-level work in Classical Civilization or 1 additional unit of relevant 200-level work from outside the department, with adviser's permission; Greek 305 or Greek 306-307: Senior Project.

Requirement for Concentration in Classical Studies Latin 11 units consisting of the following courses: 6 units of Latin, including two at the 300-level, 2 units from among Classics 102, 103, 104 or Classics/College course 101: Civilization in Question; Classics 217; 1 additional unit of 200-level work in Classical Civilization or 1 additional unit of relevant 200-level work from outside the department, with adviser's permission; Latin 305 or Latin 306-307: Senior Project.

Requirements for Concentration in Classical Studies Ancient Societies 11 units consisting of the following courses: 3 units of Greek or Latin; 2 units from among Classics 102, 103, 104 or Classics/College Course 101: Civilization in Question; either Classics 216 or 217; 2 additional units of 200-level work in Classical Civilization, Latin, or Greek or 1 additional unit of 200-level work in Classical Civilization, Latin, or Greek and 1 additional unit of relevant 200-level work from outside the department, with adviser's permission; two 300-level courses, including 301 and/or 302 and another relevant 300-level course from the college curriculum; Classics 305 or Classics 306-307: Senior Project.

Requirements for Correlate Sequences in Greek or Latin 6 units, to include 5 units of either Greek or Latin, of which at least one must be at the 300-level; 1 unit chosen from the Vassar curriculum in consultation with a departmental adviser. In addition to courses offered by the Department of Classics, possible choices include Art 210, 211, 310, Drama 221, Philosophy 101 and 320.

Requirements for Correlate Sequence in Ancient Societies 6 units, to include 2 units of either Greek or Latin; 1 unit from among Classics 102, 103, 104 or Classics/College Course 101: Civilization in Question; either Classics 216 or 217; two other units from courses taught in translation above the 100-level, one of which must be a 300-level course.

Those interested in completing a correlate sequence should consult as soon as possible with a member of the department to plan their course of studies.

Any course offered by the Department of Classics may be elected (by non-majors only) under the NRO. Courses elected under the NRO before the declaration of the major will be counted toward the major.

Recommendations for graduate study, command of both classical languages is essential; a reading knowledge of French and German is also desirable.

Advisers The department.

Courses in Classical Civilization

I. Introductory

[101a. Civilization in Question] (1)
(Same as College Course 101)
Not offered in 2009/10.

102b. Reading Antiquity (1)
From the great epics of Homer and Virgil to the intimate lyrics of Sappho and Catullus, the literature of Greece and Rome presents a vast array of forms, subject matter, and styles that played a forma-

tive role in the western literary tradition and continue to challenge the imagination. This course tackles the question of how to read classical literature, with an understanding of the cultural conditions and assumptions that went into its making. The topics focus on issues where a twenty-first century perspective may make it difficult for a reader to understand an ancient text. These include the roles of orality, literacy, tradition, and innovation in the composition of ancient literature; polytheism and the relationship of cult, ritual, and myth; ancient concepts of the community and its social constituents; the poet's persona and the literary construction of individuality. Readings in English translation are selected from a representative variety of Greek and Roman texts by such authors as Homer, Hesiod, Sappho, Euripides, Catullus, Virgil, Livy, and Ovid. Mr. Dozier.

[103a. Crosscurrents: History and Culture of the Ancient Mediterranean] (1)

The axiom of Ancient History that navigable water enables communication is nowhere so true as with the Mediterranean Sea, around which there grew up in antiquity the cultures of, e.g., Egypt, Greece, Rome, Asia Minor, Syria, and North Africa. This course provides an introduction to the ancient Mediterranean from the earliest cultures of Mesopotamia and Egypt (c.3000 BCE) to the beginnings of the Christian Middle Ages. Topics such as trade, migration, immigration, conquest, and imperialism are used to illustrate both historical developments and complex cultural interactions. Through primary and secondary readings, students are asked to consider questions like: How do cultures 'interact?' What does it mean for one culture to 'borrow' from another? What 'belongs' to a culture? How do cultures conceive of their debts to, and interactions with, other cultures? Mr. Lott.

Not offered in 2009/10.

104b. Archaeology of Ancient Greece (1)

An introduction to Ancient Greek material culture from an archaeological perspective. This course explains the sites and monuments of the ancient Greek world from the Bronze Age to the Classical period. We introduce archaeological methods, examine the history and development of Greek archaeology from the origins as a field in the 1870s to the present, and trace the chronological development of Greek art and architecture across several major sites including Knossos, Mycenae, Olympia, Delphi, and Athens. Particular emphasis is placed on understanding and interpreting monuments in terms of their political, social, and economic contexts. Ms. Olsen.

184a. The Father of History (1)

Herodotus' *Histories*, an account of a series of wars between the Greeks and the Persians in the 5th c. BCE, is the first western prose narrative history. Our very word 'history' comes from Herodotus' designation of his work as a display of his 'historie,' which is best understood as something like 'research' or 'inquiry.' As early as the 1st c. BCE, though, while Herodotus was granted the title 'Father of History,' he was also called the 'Father of Lies.' Herodotus' sense of the kinds of things that help his audience understand the Persian Wars is expansive, his work includes his account of his travels through the known world and provides an account of the foreign peoples he encounters, their customs and their legends. How can we make sense of this work, a massive compilation of material historical, ethnographical, and fantastical? How do the different elements of the narrative relate to one another? What does a reading of his work tell us about ancient Greek ideas of history, place, and cultural identity? How might it, in its account of this formative conflict between 'East' and 'West' illuminate our understanding of our own world? In this class we turn our attention to these and other questions as we devote ourselves to a reading of the *Histories* in its entirety. We supplement our reading of the *Histories* with a selection of critical essays that highlight the range of possibilities for approaching the text. Ms. Friedman.

Open to Freshmen only, satisfies the college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

II. Intermediate

202a. Myth (1)

This course examines ancient myth from a variety of theoretical perspectives. It compares Greek and Roman myth with other mythic traditions and explores different versions of the same myth within Greek and Roman culture. We also consider transformations of ancient myths into modern versions. Literary, artistic, and archaeological evidence provide ways to understand the function of myth in ancient Greek and Roman society. Mr. Dozier.

[210b. Greek Art and Architecture] (1)

(Same as Art 210) Mr. Abbe.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

211b. Roman Art and Architecture (1)

(Same as Art 211) Ms. D'Ambr.

[216b. History of the Ancient Greeks] (1)

(Same as History 216) This course examines the history and culture of the ancient Greeks from the emergence of the city-state in the eighth century BCE to the conquests of Alexander the Great in 335 BCE. In addition to an outline of the political and social history of the Greeks, the course examines several historical, cultural, and methodological topics in depth, including the emergence of writing, Greek colonialism and imperialism, ancient democracy, polytheism, the social structures of Athenian society, and the relationship between Greeks and other Mediterranean cultures. Students both read primary sources (for example, Sappho, Tyrtaios, Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristophanes, and Plato) and examine sites and artifacts recovered through archaeology; the development of students' critical abilities to evaluate and use these sources for the study of history is a primary goal of the class. Ms. Olsen.

Prerequisite: Classics 101, 102, 103, or 104, or 1 unit in History or special permission.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

217b. History of the Ancient Romans (1)

(Same as History 217) This course examines the history of the ancient Romans from the foundation of their city around the eighth century BCE to the collapse of their Mediterranean Empire in the fifth century CE. The course offers a broad historical outline of Roman history, but focuses on significant topics and moments in Roman history, including the Republican aristocracy, the civil and slave wars of the Late Republic, the foundation of the Empire by Caesar Augustus, urbanism, the place of public entertainments (gladiatorial combats, Roman hunts, chariot races, and theater) in society, the rise of Christianity, the processes of Romanization, and barbarization, and the political decline and fall of the Roman Empire. Students read primary sources such as Plautus, Cicero, Livy, Tacitus, and Suetonius, and secondary accounts dealing with important issues such as slavery, religious persecution and multiculturalism. Students also examine important archaeological sites and artifacts. The development of students' critical abilities to evaluate and use these sources for the study of history is a primary goal of the class. Mr. Lott.

Prerequisite: Classics 101, 102, or 103, or 1 unit in History or special permission.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

285a. From Homer to Omeros (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 285) In this postcolonial era, when the study of classics repeatedly comes under fire for being the irrelevant and outdated province of 'dead white males,' the work of the Caribbean poet Derek Walcott reminds us that it is possible to be engaged in a study of the classical tradition from a critical yet creative perspective. One of the most recent and most exciting poets to seek a direct relationship with the Homeric poems in his work, Walcott has authored both a stage version of the *Odyssey* and a modern epic, *Omeros*. In this course we devote ourselves to a close reading of these works alongside the appropriate sections of Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, with a view towards understanding

some of the complexities of Walcott's use of the Homeric models. Ms. Friedman.

287a. Ancient Warfare (1)

This course examines the phenomenon of war in Greek and Roman antiquity. While not neglecting traditional military topics such as arms and armor, organization, tactics, and strategy, we seek a wider cultural understanding of war by exploring its social ideology, the role of women and other non-combatants, and its depiction in art and literature. Wars for discussion include the fictional Trojan War as well as historical wars such as the Persian Wars, the Peloponnesian War, the Punic Wars, and the Roman Civil War. Readings in English translation are selected from Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides, Caesar, and others. Mr. Brown.

Prerequisite: any 100-level course in Classics, Greek, or Latin, or the instructor's permission.

298a or b. Independent work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced

Classics 301 and 302 are offered every year. Since their topics change annually, they may be taken for credit more than once. The prerequisite for each course is one unit of Classics, Greek, or Latin at the 200-level, or, with special permission, work appropriate to the topic at the 200-level in other disciplines.

301a. Seminar in Classical Civilization (1)

Topic for 2009/10: *How do we reconstruct the past of the Aegean Bronze Age?* How did the Greeks and Romans understand their own antiquity? What can we tell about ourselves through the way we think about the past? This seminar examines the way the modern era has understood the Aegean Bronze Age through archaeological investigation and how ancient myth reveals the Greek and Roman view of the same period, situated in their distant past. The first half of the seminar focuses primarily on the archaeological rediscovery of Greek prehistory via modern excavations and scholarship. This research has allowed us to reconstruct much of political, cultural, religious and domestic life in the Bronze Age, yet it is based on certain assumptions we make about the past, connected to our view of the present. To put these assumptions in perspective, the second half of the class considers the Greek and Roman interpretation in myth of this same period. How did the Greeks and Romans choose to remember, reformulate or reinvent the period in epic, historical accounts, and tragedy? What does that reinvention reveal about the role the past plays in a nation's consciousness? All readings are in English. Ms. Olsen.

302b. The Blegen Seminar (1)

The course is offered by the Blegen Distinguished Visiting Research Professor or the Blegen Research Fellow in Classics, appointed annually to pursue research and lecture on his/her scholarly concerns in classical antiquity. We encourage students to take note of the fact that each Blegen Seminar is uniquely offered and will not be repeated. Since the topic changes every year, the course may be taken for credit more than once.

Topic for 2009/10: *Greek and Roman Religion*. What does it mean to have a pantheon of gods? How do mythology and religion differ? What did the ancient Greeks and Romans believe, since their religions were not revealed, and they produced no doctrinal or liturgical texts? Using a wide range of sources, including literary texts, archaeological evidence, and visual texts, such as coins and paintings, this course addresses the historical, cultural and social significance of both public and private worship in Greece and Rome, with some discussion of Bronze Age Greece, the Etruscans, and the emergence of Christianity during the Roman Empire. Ms. Holland.

306a-307b. Senior Project (½, ½)

310b. Seminar in Ancient Art (1) (Same as Art 310b)

Topic for 2009/10: *Pompeii: Public and Private Life*. Ms. D'Ambra.

[380b. The Plays of Logos] (1)

(Same as College Course 380)
Not offered in 2009/10.

399. Senior Independent Work (1)

Courses in Greek Language and Literature

I. Introductory

105a-106b. Elementary Greek (1)

Introduction to the language. Readings in the New Testament and Plato.

Open to all classes; four 50-minute periods. Ms. Friedman.

II. Intermediate

215a. Fifth- and Fourth-Century Literature (1)

Authors may include Sophokles, Euripides, Xenophon, Lysias, and Plato. In addition to consolidating knowledge of grammar, the selection of passages brings into focus important aspects of Athenian culture. Ms. Holland.

Prerequisite: Greek 105-106 or by permission of the instructor.

230b. Archaic Literature (1)

Authors may include Homer and Homeric Hymns, Hesiod, lyric poets, and Herodotus, as the first prose writer. Selections allow discussion of the interrelationship of poetic form in this period and the growth of prose out of oral poetry. Social, religious, and political issues surrounding the texts are discussed. Ms. Olsen

Prerequisite: Greek 215 or by permission of instructor.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced

Greek 301 is offered every year, 302 and 303 in alternation; the topic of 301 changes annually. Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 2 units in 200 level courses in the language or by permission of instructor.

301b. Topics in Greek Literature (1)

This course involves close reading of texts from a single genre or author or texts which have a common thematic interest. Study of the texts and of secondary material allows us to explore various features of ancient society; for example, the course might take as its topic a genre such as Greek history or comedy, the oeuvre of a single author such as Pindar or Plato, or a theme such as the depiction of foreigners, the Greek sophists, or the tradition of the funeral oration. Since the topic changes every year, the course may be taken for credit more than once.

Topic for 2009/10: *Greeks and Foreigners on the Euripidean Stage*. Questions of ethnicity and nationality consume much of the political, dramatic, and philosophical discourse of 5th century Athenian society. Figures like Medea, Xerxes, and Andromache well embody the varied ways in which Classical Greeks envisioned foreigners—as seductive but dangerous enchantresses, ruthless barbarian invaders, or occasionally sympathetic victims of Greek imperialism. Few genres explore these plentiful—if conflicting—archetypes so richly as the Athenian stage, particularly the plays of Euripides. Through close readings of the Medea, the Trojan Women, and the Helen, this course explores the ways in which Euripides constructs, amplifies, or subverts Greek conceptions of the exotic and the foreign. Ms. Olsen.

[302a. Greek Tragedy] (1)

A reading of a play by Sophokles or Euripides. Careful study of the text helps us to understand the playwright's style. We also consider how the play examines and responds to the historical,

social and political conditions of Athens in the fifth century BCE. Ms. Friedman.

Alternate years; not offered in 2009/10.

303a. Homer (1)

Extensive selections from the Iliad, the Odyssey, and/or Homeric Hymns with attention given to oral theory, thematic structure, and social issues raised by the poems. Ms. Friedman.

305a or b. Senior Project (1)

306a-307b. Senior Project (½, ½)

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Courses in Latin Language and Literature

I. Introductory

105a-106b. Elementary Latin (1)

Introduction to the language. Readings in classical prose and poetry. Mr. Dozier.

Open to all classes; four 50-minute classes.

II. Intermediate

215a. Republican Literature (1)

Selected readings from authors such as Plautus, Cicero, Catullus, Caesar, Sallust, and Virgil. The selection of readings is designed to consolidate knowledge of grammar, provide an introduction to the translation of continuous, unadapted Latin, and highlight interesting features of Roman culture in the last two centuries of the Republic. Successful completion of the course qualifies students for Latin 220. Mr. Lott

220b. Literature of the Empire (1)

Authors may include Horace, Livy, Ovid, Seneca, Petronius, Suetonius, and Virgil. Readings are selected to illustrate the diversity of literary forms that flourished in the early Empire and the interaction of literature with society, politics, and private life. Mr. Brown.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced

Latin 301 and 305a-306b are offered every year, Latin 302-304 in rotation every third year; the topic of Latin 301 changes annually.

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 2 units in 200-level courses in the language or special permission.

301b. Topics in Latin Literature (1)

The course involves close reading of texts from a single genre or author or texts which have a common thematic interest. Study of the texts and of secondary material allows us to explore various features of ancient society. For example, the course might take as its topic a genre such as Roman satire or the Roman novel, the relationship between the diverse works of a single author like Horace or Seneca, or a theme such as the depiction of slaves, the revolution of love poetry, or Roman attitudes toward death. Since the topic changes every year, the course may be taken for credit more than once.

Topic for 2009/10: *Latin Letters*. This course introduces students to the genre of Latin letters. As well as reading from the letters of Cicero and Pliny and the poetic letters of Horace and Ovid (all of whose work survive in collections made in antiquity) we also read personal and public letters written by people of high and low status preserved on papyrus, stone, and wood, and some of the letters from the early Christian epistolary tradition. The primary goals of this course are to solidify students' Latin reading ability and at the same time to introduce them to a significant aspect of Roman culture and a significant (but understudied) genre of Roman literature. Mr. Lott.

[302a. Virgil] (1)

Selections from the *Eclogues*, *Georgics*, or *Aeneid*. Subjects of study include the artistry of the Virgilian hexameter, the relationship of Virgil's works to their Greek models, and general topics such as his conception of destiny, religion, and the human relation to nature.

Not offered in 2009/10.

Offered every third year

[303a. Tacitus] (1)

Close readings from the works of the imperial historian and ethnographer Tacitus. In connection with further developing students' reading skills, the class focuses on particular literary, cultural, or historical issues. Mr. Lott.

Not offered in 2009/10.

Offered every third year

304a. Roman Lyric and Elegy] (1)

Poems of Horace, Tibullus, Propertius, Catullus and Ovid with attention given to poetic form, the influence of poets on each other, and the view they give us of Roman society in the first century BCE. Mr. Dozier.

305a or b. Senior Project (1)

306a-307b. Senior Project (½, ½)

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Cognitive Science

Director: Gwen J. Broude (Psychology); **Faculty:** Jan Andrews (Psychology), Abigail Baird (Psychology), David Bradley (Physics), James Challey (Physics), Carol Christensen^a (Psychology), Jennifer Church (Philosophy), Mark Cleaveland (Psychology), Randolph Cornelius (Psychology), Thomas Eelman (Computer Science), Kevin Holloway (Psychology), Luke Hunsberger (Computer Science), Barry Lam (Philosophy), Kenneth Livingston (Psychology), John Long (Biology), Mia Mask (Film), Carolyn Palmer (Psychology), Michael Pisani (Music), Thomas Porcello (Anthropology), Michele Tugade (Psychology).

We human beings take it for granted that we are possessed of minds. You know that you have a mind and you assume that other people do too. But what, exactly, are we referring to when we talk about the mind? Is a mind just a brain? What endows your mind with the property of being conscious? How does your mind allow you to extract music from sound waves, or relish the taste of chocolate, or daydream, or feel happy and sad, or reach for your cup when you want a sip of coffee? Are minds directly aware of the world out there? Or, when you think that you are perceiving reality, are you just consulting some representation of the world that your mind has built? How similar is your mind to the minds of other people? Do you have to be a human being to have a mind? Could other entities have minds so long as they were built the right way? Does your computer have a mind?

These are the kinds of questions that cognitive scientists want to address. Cognitive Science is a broadly multidisciplinary field in which philosophers, psychologists, anthropologists, linguists, neuroscientists, biologists, mathematicians, and computer scientists, among others, combine their respective theories, technologies, and methodologies in the service of a unified exploration of mind. The hallmark of the field is a genuinely multidisciplinary outlook in which the perspectives and methods of all of the component disciplines are simultaneously brought to bear upon a particular question. In 1982, Vassar College became the first institution in the world to grant an undergraduate degree in Cognitive Science.

The key elements of the Cognitive Science major are (1) a sustained, broad, in-depth exploration of mental phenomena via the multidisciplinary strategy of the field, (2) application of the Cognitive Science strategy to a specific domain of interest to the student, and (3) completion during the senior year of an independent research project on a topic chosen by the student.

The first of these goals is met by completion of the Core Courses. All majors are required to complete all of these courses:

Cognitive Science 100	Introduction to Cognitive Science	(1)
Cognitive Science 211	Perception and Action	(1)
Cognitive Science 213	Language	(1)
Cognitive Science 215	Knowledge and Cognition	(1)
Psychology 200	Statistics and Experimental Design	(1)
Cognitive Science 219	Research Methods in Cognitive Science	(1)
Cognitive Science 311	Seminar in Cognitive Science	(1)

The second goal of the major is met by choosing one of the paths listed below and electing four elective courses from the chosen path. Courses under each path are listed on the Cognitive Science Website and are also available in the Cognitive Science office Blodgett 237, and by request from any faculty member of the Program. The following stipulations apply to path electives: (1) the choice of path and electives within the path are to be made in consultation with the adviser at the time of declaration of the major. (2) At least one of the four electives must be a 300-level seminar. This can include a second Cognitive Science seminar if it is relevant to the path. (3) No more than one of the electives can be a 100-level course. The exception is the Computer Science 101-102 sequence. A student who takes this sequence can have both courses count toward the major. A student may petition his or her advisor to develop a customized path and will be allowed to do so under the direction of the advisor if the rationale is deemed

justified. Independent work in Cognitive Science, for instance the annual Robot Competition, can count toward the major with the approval of the Program. Please consult the Cognitive Science website for the full listing of courses under each path.

Cognitive Science Electives Paths

Cognition and Culture
 Cognition and Language
 Cognition and the Arts
 Cognitive Development and Education
 Embodied Agents
 Evolved Minds
 Formal Analysis of Mind
 Mind and Brain
 Rationality, Value, and Decision-making

The final goal of the major is met by completing a thesis in the senior year. The topic of the thesis is chosen by the student in consultation with one or more members of the program faculty. All majors must sign up for the thesis in the senior year. Students are strongly encouraged to sign up for Cognitive Science 300-301 for 1/2 credit in the a-semester and 1/2 credit in the b-semester, for a total of 1 unit of credit. In cases where this is not possible it is acceptable to sign up for Cognitive Science 302 for a full unit in either the a- or the b-term. Students should consult their adviser before electing the latter option.

After declaration of the major, all courses within the major must be taken for letter grades.

100a and b. Introduction to Cognitive Science (1)

This course serves as an introduction to the multidisciplinary field of cognitive science. The course provides the historical context of the emergence of cognitive science, tracing developments in modern philosophy and linguistics, and the rise of cognitivism and neuroscience in psychology and of artificial intelligence in computer science. The basic substantive issues of cognitive science discussed include the mind-body problem, thought as computation and the computer model of mind, the role of representation in mental activity, and the explanation of mental activity via categories such as language, memory, perception, reasoning, and consciousness. The discussions of these issues illustrate the distinctive methodology of cognitive science, which integrates elements of the methodological approaches of several disciplines. The program faculty.

110a. The Science and Fiction of Mind (1)

(Same as Psychology 110a)

Open only to freshmen; satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

211a. Perception and Action (1)

(Same as Psychology 211) This course is about how systems for perceiving the world come to be coordinated with systems for acting in that world. Topics include how physical energies become perceptual experiences, systems for producing complex actions, and how it is that actions are brought under the control of perceptions. Relevant evidence is drawn from behavioral and neuroscientific studies of other species and from human infants and children, as well as from human adults. Computer models of these processes and the problem of replicating them in robots are considered. Classes include regular laboratory work.

Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100.

213a. Language (1)

(Same as Psychology 213) This course considers the rich and complex phenomenon of human language from a multidisciplinary perspective. The emphasis is on the cognitive representations and processes that enable individual language users to acquire, perceive, comprehend, produce, read, and write language. Consideration is given to the relation of language to thought and consciousness; to neural substrates of language and the effects of brain damage on language ability; to computational models of language; and to lan-

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

guage development. Throughout, language is examined at different levels of analysis, including sound, structure, and meaning.

Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100.

215b. Knowledge and Cognition (1)
(Same as Psychology 215) This course asks how knowledge and cognition contribute to the functioning of biological and synthetic cognitive agents. Along the way it inquires into the origins and nature of knowledge, memory, concepts, goals, and problem-solving strategies. Relevant philosophical issues are examined along with research on the brain, experimental evidence from cognitive psychology, computer models, and evolutionary explanations of mind and behavior. A major goal of the course is to explore how cognitive scientists are coming to understand knowledge and cognition within an embodied agent embedded in a real world. The program faculty.

Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100.

219b. Research Methods in Cognitive Science (1)
(Same as Psychology 219b) In this course, students learn to apply the principal methodologies of cognitive science to a specific problem in the field, such as sentence processing or visual form perception. The methods are drawn from human neurophysiology, experimental cognitive psychology, computer modeling, linguistic and logical analysis, and other appropriate investigative tools, depending on the specific issue chosen for study. A major goal of the course is to give students hands-on experience with the use and coordination of research techniques and strategies characteristic of contemporary cognitive science. The program faculty.

Prerequisite: Psychology 200, and either Cognitive Science 211, 213, or 215

280b. Modeling Cognitive Processes (1)
Within Cognitive Science, models and simulations function as tests of hypotheses, demonstrations of mechanisms, and explanations of complex systems. Moreover, they are central to the effort to build artificial intelligence. This course introduces basic theory of cognitive modeling and simulation, providing a general background in the major modeling approaches in the field, from production systems to neural network architectures. Exercises include work with specific modeling techniques applied to a variety of cognitive phenomena, including especially those that involve dynamic processes that unfold in time. Mr. Livingston.

Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100 or permission of instructor.

281a. Cutting Edge Cognitive Science (1)
The goal of this course is to provide an opportunity for students to explore a selected set of cutting-edge ideas from the field of cognitive science in greater depth than is possible in the core cognitive science curriculum. These include the areas of methodology, the implications of embodiment and situatedness, modularity, cultural differences in cognition, and the cognitive self. The course is book-driven and discussion-intense. Ms. Broude.

Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100 or permission of instructor.

290a and b. Field Work (½ or 1)

298a and b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

300-301. Senior Thesis (1)
A thesis written in two semesters for 1 unit.

302a. and b. Senior Thesis (1)
A thesis written in one semester for 1 unit.

311b. Seminar in Cognitive Science (1)
The topic of the seminar varies regularly, but is always focused on some aspect of thought, language, perception, or action considered from the unique, synthetic perspective of cognitive science. The seminar is team-taught by faculty members in the program. May

be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Topic for 2009/10: *Representations*. How are perceptions, knowledge, and action encoded in biological and artificial agents? What is the relationship between what is being represented and the representation itself? How is the agent able to understand the meaning of its representations? How does an agent represent itself, how does it represent others, and how does it tell the difference? Is it useful to talk about representations in cognitive agents at all? In this seminar, we explore these and other questions about representations through such lenses as classical cognitivism, connectionism, dynamic systems theory, the embodied mind perspective and neuroscience. Ms. Broude and Ms. Christensen.

Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100 and either Cognitive Science 211, 213, or 215.

One 3-hour period.

399a and b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

College Course

The College Course deals with important questions about human nature and culture, and our relation to the natural world, to technology, and to our own work.

In a College Course, students explore significant books, works of art, and other expressions of the human spirit, past and present, Western and non-Western. Because a College Course is interdisciplinary and integrative, it exposes students to different instructors, disciplinary approaches, and major research techniques in order to illuminate a text, a human dilemma, or a major institution from many directions. Students thus enrich their comprehension of the topic, and enhance their ability to think from multiple perspectives. They also develop an awareness of the connections among bodies of knowledge by crossing the borders that separate disciplines, and by examining relations among diverse works and across cultures and centuries.

Because of the foundational concerns of the College Course, students gain a framework of knowledge and questions that can help orient and integrate their other studies at Vassar. Freshmen may find these courses especially valuable because they introduce a variety of disciplines and provide the broad historical and cultural perspectives for later, more specialized courses. Sophomores and juniors may wish to take a College Course involving their major field in order to discover how it relates to other disciplines. Seniors may find the courses useful as a way of integrating their coursework and reflecting on critical issues.

[101a. Civilization in Question] (1)

This course undertakes to question civilization in various ways. First, by looking at texts from ancient, medieval, and renaissance cultures, as well as texts and films from our own, it introduces students to major works of the Western tradition and asks how they bring under scrutiny their own tradition. In particular we examine how identity is constructed in these texts and how political and social roles limit and strengthen people's sense of who they are. Second, because the course is team-taught by faculty from different disciplines, we explore the ways a text is interpreted and how different meanings are found in it because of the different perspectives brought to the class by its faculty. Finally, we reflect on the role questioning plays in the process of a liberal arts education and the different kinds of attitudes and intellectual outlooks we learn to bring to the study of any text, which impels us to consider the ways we allow the past to inform and question the present and the present to inform and question our understanding of the past. Readings for the course include: Homer's *Odyssey*, Hesiod's *Theogony*, Plato's *Symposium*, Genesis, Exodus, Virgil's *Aeneid*, Augustine's *Confessions*, and Nietzsche's *Genealogy of Morals*. Ms. Friedman (Classics), Mr. Miller (Philosophy), Mr. Schreier (History).

Open to all classes.

Two 75-minute lecture periods and one 50-minute discussion section.

Not offered in 2009/10.

110b. Process, Prose, and Pedagogy (1)

(Same as English 110) This course introduces the theoretical and practical underpinnings of writing and teaching writing. Students interrogate writing's place in the academy, discuss writing process from inception to revision, and share their own writing and writing practices. The course offers an occasion to reflect on and strengthen the students' own analytical and imaginative writing and heighten the ability to talk with others about theirs. Students are asked to offer sustained critical attention to issues of where knowledge resides and how it is shared, to interrogate the sources of students' and teachers' authority, to explore their own education as writers, to consider the possibilities of peer-to-peer and collaborative learning, and to give and receive constructive criticism. Texts may include Roland Barthes' *The Death of the Author*, Paulo Freire's *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, and Stephen King's *On Writing*, as well as handbooks on peer consulting.

Students who successfully complete this class are eligible to interview for employment as consultants in the Writing Center.

Ms. Rumbarger (English; Director, Writing Center)

By special permission.

Prerequisite: Freshman Writing Seminar.

[301a. History, Memory, and Legacies of the Holocaust] (1)

After WWII the Holocaust emerged as a universal evil that holds lessons beyond the boundaries of Western civilization. While scholars have been relying on different theoretical models to understand the Holocaust, reflection on this unprecedented genocide itself has shifted theoretical discussion in many disciplines. This course looks at the legacies of the Holocaust from a variety of different disciplines by discussing texts, films, and memorials with German students at the University of Potsdam. The exchange takes place at two different levels in the course of the semester: together with their German partners, students discuss readings and work on research projects in the MOO, our online learning environment at Vassar; and in a second phase, Vassar students travel to Berlin and German students to New York to complete on-site research for their projects. Ms. Höhn, Ms. von der Emde, Ms. Zeifman.

By special permission.

One 3-hour period.

Not offered in 2009/10.

302b. Adaptations (1)

(Same as Media Studies 302) If works of art continue each other, as Virginia Woolf suggested, then cultural history accumulates when generations of artists think and talk together across time. What happens when one of those artists radically changes the terms of the conversation by switching to another language, another genre, another mode or medium? What constitutes a faithful adaptation? In this course we briefly consider the biological model and then explore analogies across a wide range of media. We begin with *Metamorphoses*, Ovid's free adaptations of classical myths, and follow Medea and Orpheus through two thousand years of theater (from Euripides to Anouilh, Williams, and Durang); paintings (Greek vases and Pompeian walls to Dürer, Rubens, Poussin, Denis, and Klee); film and television (Pasolini, von Trier, Cocteau, Camus); dance (Graham, Balanchine, Noguchi, Bausch); music (Cavalli, Charpentier, Milhaud, Barber, Stravinsky, Birtwistle, Glass); narratives and graphic narratives (Woolf, Moraga, Pynchon, Gaiman); verse (Rilke, Auden, Milosz); and computer games (*Mutants and Masterminds*, *Fate/stay night*). We may also analyze narratives and graphic narratives by Clowes, Collins, Ishiguro, Groening, Joyce, Lahiri, Malcolm X, Mann, Millhauser, Nabokov, Pekar, Shakespeare, Spiegelman, Swift, Tanizaki, and Wilde; films by Bharadwaj, Berman/Pucini, Camus, Dangarembga, Ichikawa, Ivory, Kubrick, Kurosawa, Lee, Lyne, Mendes, Nair, Sembene, Visconti, and Zwiggoff-, remixes by DJ Spooky and Danger Mouse; sampling; cover bands, tribute bands; Wikipedia, wikicomedy, wikiality; and of course *Adaptation*, Charlie and Donald Kaufman's screenplay for Spike Jonze's film, based very very loosely on Susan Orlean's *Orchid Thief*. Ms. Mark (English, Media Studies).

By special permission.

One 3-hour period.

[362b. The Thousand and One Nights (1)]

(Same as Media Studies 362 and English 362) "This story has everything a tale should have," A. S. Byatt has written. "Sex, death, treachery, vengeance, magic, humor, warmth, wit, surprise, and a happy ending. Though it appears to be a story against women, it actually marks the creation of one of the strongest and cleverest heroines in world literature." That heroine is Scheherazade, who for a thousand and one nights told death-defying tales that led to tales that are still being told. This course investigates literary, political, cultural, and historical explanations for the tales' undiminished imaginative power. In addition to Husain Haddawy's 1990 English translation, which attempts to rid *The Nights* of Orientalist bias and frippery, we read elaboration, analysis, and homage by Shakespeare, Beckford, Coleridge, De Quincey, Dulac, Wordsworth, Poe, Proust, Said, Mahfouz, Rushdie, El-Amir, Barth, Borges, Calvino, Malti-Douglas, Gaiman, Byatt, and Millhauser. We listen to music by Rimsky-Korsakov and Ravel and watch Fokine's ballet, films by

Méliès and Pasolini, and Hollywood animations that feature stars ranging from Mr. Magoo to Catherine Zeta Jones and Brad Pitt. We also play Scheherazade's video game and poke around in cyberspace dedicated to her legendary feats. Ms. Mark (English).

One 3-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

384a. Transnational Queer: Genders, Sexualities, Identities (1)

(Same as International Studies 384a and Women's Studies 384a) What does it mean to be Queer? This seminar examines, critiques, and interrogates queer identities and constructions in France and North America. In what ways do diverse cultures engage with discourses on gender and sexuality? Can or should our understanding of queerness change depending on cultural contexts? Through guest lectures and discussion seminars, the course examines a broad range of queer cultural production, from fiction to cinema and performance. Topics include such diverse issues as queer bodies, national citizenship, sexual politics, legal discourse, and aesthetic representation. All lectures, readings, and discussions are in English. Mr. Swamy

By special permission.

Prerequisites: Freshman Writing Seminar and one 200 level course.

One 2-hour period

Computer Science

Professor: Nancy Ide^a; **Associate Professors:** Thomas Ellman, Jennifer Walter; **Assistant Professors:** Luke Hunsberger, Marc Smith^{ab}

Requirements for Concentration: Computer Science 101, 102, 145, 203, 224, 240, 241, 245, 331, 334, plus any two other graded 300-level Computer Science courses, and Mathematics 221. No course numbered 200 or higher may be elected NRO and counted toward the requirements for concentration.

Recommendations: Prospective majors are strongly advised to complete Computer Science 101, 102, and 145 by the end of the freshman year. Students who intend to pursue graduate studies in computer science are strongly urged to take Computer Science 342.

Advanced Placement: Students eligible for Advanced Placement may be able to bypass Computer Science 101. Please consult with the department.

Independent Research: The computer science department strongly encourages students to engage in independent research with faculty, and offers ungraded courses Computer Science 298 and 399 for this purpose. The department also offers Computer Science 300-301, a graded research experience for senior majors. Computer Science 300-301 may not be substituted for 300-level elective courses satisfying the requirements for the major. Satisfactory completion of Computer Science 300-301 is required for departmental honors.

Non-Majors: Students majoring in the sciences are advised to complete Computer Science 101, 102, and 145, or to complete a correlate sequence in Computer Science.

Correlate Sequence in Computer Science: Students majoring in other programs may complement their study by electing a correlate sequence in Computer Science. Selection of the appropriate option should be made in consultation with the Computer Science faculty to ensure exposure to the areas of Computer Science most useful to the field of concentration.

Requirements for the Correlate: Computer Science 101, 102 and 145; 240 or 241, plus at least one additional 200-level Computer Science course and one 300-level Computer Science course. Students are advised to consult with the department to determine the courses most appropriate to their interests. No course numbered 200 or higher may be elected NRO and counted toward the requirements for the correlate.

I. Introductory

101a or b. Computer Science I: Problem-Solving and Abstraction (1)

Introduces the design and implementation of algorithms to solve computational problems, using an object-oriented programming language. Topics include procedural abstraction, expression evaluation, flow of control constructs and recursion; data abstraction, classes, inheritance and interfaces; elementary data structures (e.g., arrays, strings, vectors, lists, stacks, queues); input/output and event-driven programming. The course emphasizes principles of program design and data organization. A weekly laboratory period provides guided hands-on experience. The department.

Open to all classes.

102a or b. Computer Science II: Data Structures and Algorithms (1)

Development of data structures and algorithms in an object-oriented programming language. Topics include hierarchic program refinement, preconditions, postconditions and invariants; data encapsulation and fundamental data structures (e.g., priority-queues, sets, maps, heaps, search trees, hash tables and graphs); fundamental algorithms (e.g., searching and sorting) and analysis of algorithm complexity. A weekly laboratory period provides guided hands-on experience. The department.

Open to all classes.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 101.

^{ab} Absent on leave for the year.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

145b. Foundations of Computer Science (1)

This course offers an introduction to the theoretical, structural and algorithmic foundations of computer science. Examples of topics include: recursive data structures and sets, structural induction, proofs of program correctness, the lambda calculus and first-order logic. Concepts are reinforced in programming exercises in the laboratory. The department.

Open to all classes.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 101.

II. Intermediate**203a or b. Computer Science III: Software Design and Implementation (1)**

Develops techniques for design and implementation of complex software systems. Topics include object-oriented modeling, design patterns, component libraries, multiple inheritance, parametric polymorphism, generic algorithms, containers, iterators, function objects and storage management. Development of a software system of significant complexity is required. A weekly laboratory period provides guided hands-on experience.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 102.

224b. Computer Organization (1)

Examines the hierarchical structure of computing systems, from digital logic and microprogramming through machine and assembly languages. Topics include the structure and workings of the central processor, instruction execution, memory and register organization, addressing schemes, input and output channels, and control sequencing. The course includes a weekly hardware/software laboratory where digital logic is explored and assembly language programming projects are implemented.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 102 and 145.

240a. Language Theory and Computation (1)

Study of regular sets, context free grammars and languages, finite and push-down automata, as well as more powerful models of computation, such as Turing machines. Provides theoretical foundations for Computer Science 331, Compiler Design.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 145.

241b. Algorithmics (1)

Introduces the systematic study of algorithms and their analysis with regard to time and space complexity. Topics include divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming, greediness, randomization, upper and lowerbound analysis, and introduction to NP completeness. Emphasis is placed on general design and analysis techniques that underlie algorithmic paradigms. Builds a foundation for advanced work in computer science.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 145.

245b. Declarative Programming Models (1)

Declarative programming languages are important alternatives to the imperative languages used in most software systems. This course covers two kinds of declarative programming: functional programming and logic programming. Topics include the operational and denotational semantics of declarative languages, techniques for programming in declarative languages, and the use of mathematical logic as a tool for reasoning about programs.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 145.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)**295a or b. Special Topics (½ or 1)**

Intermediate-level treatment of specialized topics in computer science,

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

III. Advanced

Two (2) units of 200-level computer science are prerequisite for entry into 300-level courses; see each course for specific courses required or exceptions.

300a-301b. Senior Research and Thesis (½, ½)

Investigation and critical analysis of a topic in experimental or theoretical computer science. Experimental research may include building or experimentation with a nontrivial hardware or software system. A student electing this course must first gain, by submission of a written research proposal, the support of at least one member of the computer science faculty with whom to work out details of a research strategy. The formal research proposal, a written thesis, and oral presentation of results are required for the course. A second faculty member participates in both the planning of the research and final evaluation. The department.

Prerequisite: Minimum 3.5 GPA in 200 and 300-level Computer Science coursework at the end of the junior year, and permission of the department.

[324b. Computer Architecture] (1)

An exploration of current research areas in computer organization including an examination of data-flow, microcode, cache memory, distributed, parallel, and other nonstandard architectures, and related topics.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 224.

325b. Microcomputers and Digital Electronics (1)

Advanced seminar in the architecture and implementation of microprocessors. Topics include digital logic, memory and processor interfaces, interrupt handling, and serial I/O methods. Differences among logic implementations such as TTL, CMOS, and ECL are considered. Students participate in the design and implementation of a microcomputer.

Alternate years: offered in 2009/10.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 224.

331b. Compilers (1)

Studies the theory of automata for language recognition as well as the implementation of actual compilers for programming languages. During the semester students develop modules comprising the front-end of a compiler for a high-level computer. Ms. Ide.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 224, 240, 245, or permission of instructor.

334a. Operating Systems (1)

Deals with the theory and implementation of the software that governs the management of system resources. Topics that are covered include file organization, process scheduling, system services, memory management, security methods, resource contention, and design principles. Operating systems for parallel and distributed processing, real-time processing, virtual machines, and networking are also considered.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 203, 224.

[342b. Topics in Theoretical Computer Science] (1)

Investigation of a selected topic in theoretical computer science. The topic is chosen each year according to the interests of students and faculty. Potential topics include algorithms, complexity, computability, programming language semantics, and formal methods, among others. The department.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 240, 241, 245.

[353a. Bioinformatics] (1)

(Same as Biology 353) DNA is the blueprint of life. Although it's composed of only four nucleotide "letters" (A, C, T, G), the order and arrangement of these letters in a genome gives rise to the diversity of life on earth. Thousands of genomes have been partially sequenced, representing billions of nucleotides. How

can we reach this vast expanse of sequence data to find patterns that provide answers to ecological, evolutionary, agricultural, and biomedical questions? Bioinformatics applies high-performance computing to discover patterns in large sequence datasets. In this class students from biology and computer science work together to formulate interesting biological questions and to design algorithms and computational experiments to answer them.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 203 or permission of the instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[365a. Artificial Intelligence] (1)

An introduction to Artificial Intelligence as a discipline of Computer Science, covering the traditional foundations of the field and a selection of recent advances. Traditional topics include: search, two-player adversarial games, constraint satisfaction, knowledge representation and reasoning, and planning. Additional topics will vary from year to year and will be selected from the following: reasoning about time, probabilistic reasoning, neural networks, philosophical foundations, multi-agent systems, robotics, recent advances in planning. Significant programming assignments and a course project complement the material presented in class.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 203, 245.

366b. Computational Linguistics (1)

Addresses the fundamental question at the intersection of human languages and computer science: how can computers acquire, comprehend and produce natural languages such as English? Introduces computational methods for modeling human language, including morphology, syntax, semantics and discourse; corpus-based and statistical methods for language analysis; and natural language applications such as information extraction and retrieval, summarization, and machine translation. Students gain experience with sophisticated systems for linguistic analysis and machine learning. Ms. Ide.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 240 or permission of the instructor.

375a. Networks and Database Systems (1)

Provides an introduction to the design of network-based applications. Topics include Internet protocols, client/server-based paradigms (including peer-to-peer), security, relational database design, data normalization techniques, and native and remote database access methods. Web-based applications provide an infrastructure and motivation for the intersection of networks and database systems. Programming assignments and projects emphasize key concepts.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 203 or permission of instructor.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[377a. Parallel Programming] (1)

An introduction to parallel computing, with coverage of parallel architectures, programming models, and techniques. Topics include SIMD and MIMD models, shared-memory and message-passing styles of computation, synchronization, deadlock, and parallel language design. Students are exposed to common techniques for solving problems in sorting, searching, numerical methods, and graph theory, and gain practical experience through programming assignments run on a parallel processing system.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 203, 224.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[378a. Graphics] (1)

A survey of computational and mathematical techniques for modeling and rendering realistic images of three-dimensional scenes. Topics include: event-driven user interfaces; geometric transformations and projections; scene graphs; implicit and parametric surfaces; models of color and light; surface shading and texturing; local and global rendering algorithms; and an introduction to computer animation.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 203 and Mathematics 221.

379b. Computer Animation: Art, Science and Criticism (1)

(Same as Media Studies 379 and Art 379) An interdisciplinary course in Computer Animation aimed at students with previous experience in Computer Science, Studio Art, or Media Studies. The course introduces students to mathematical and computational principles and techniques for describing the shape, motion and shading of three-dimensional figures in Computer Animation. It introduces students to artistic principles and techniques used in drawing, painting and sculpture, as they are translated into the context of Computer Animation. It also encourages students to critically examine Computer Animation as a medium of communication. Finally, the course exposes students to issues that arise when people from different scholarly cultures attempt to collaborate on a project of mutual interest. The course is structured as a series of animation projects interleaved with screenings and classroom discussions. A weekly laboratory period provides guided hands-on experience. Mr. Ellman, Mr. Roseman.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

Alternate years: offered in 2009/10.

[395a. Special Topics] (1)

In-depth treatment of specialized topics in Computer Science.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Dance

Professor: Jeanne Periolat Czula (Chair), John Meehan (Director of VRDT), Stephen Rooks (Resident Choreographer); **Lecturers:** Katherine Wildberger* (Assistant Director of VRDT); **Adjunct Instructor:** Abby Saxon*.

Dance is an elective, non-major course of study. The following may be taken for a letter grade: Dance 264, 265, 266, 267, 278, 364, 365, 366, 367, 394, 395, 396, 397. The remaining courses are taken for academic credit, but as ungraded.

A majority of the courses offered are in technique. Ballet, jazz and modern, may be taken at the beginning and intermediate levels, and modern at the advanced. There are also courses in Craft of Choreography 215, Movement Analysis 170, Graham Technique and Repertory 278, and Improvisation 155. Independent Study, 298 and 399, may be done at the intermediate and advanced level. The performance course, Vassar Repertory Dance Theater 364-367, may be taken with the special permission of the instructor(s) and only after a successful audition in the first week of a semester. The audition date is announced each year upon the students arrival.

Requirements for dance courses vary with the instructor and subject matter, but each technique course demands a skill level of achievement, attendance, and a demonstrable improvement at an acceptable level. Several courses involve written testing and/or research papers.

I. Introductory

[155a. Dance Improvisation] (1/2)

This is a non-performance oriented approach to discovering one's movement potential and physical and thought patterns through improvisation. Utilizing contact improvisation, music visualization, and personal expression, this course is designed to develop freedom of thought and movement. The improvisation techniques range from aerobic to meditative. Creative games, spatial awareness, and problem solving are investigated in order to discover the innovative language of the body. Disability is not a limitation. Ms. Wildberger.

Not offered in 2009/10.

160a and b. Beginning Ballet (1/2)

Introduction to the fundamentals of the ballet class; includes the basic exercises for the barre and centre. Ballet faculty.

165a and b. Beginning Ballet II (1/2)

This course is for the student who has had some basic training in ballet; includes the entire barre and centre with some emphasis on Vaganova vs. Cecchetti terminology. Ballet faculty.

166a and b. Low Intermediate Ballet I (1/2)

This is a course for the student who has good beginner training (complete barre and some centre work). The emphasis is on the development of steps for centre work, i.e. adagio, petit allegro, etc. Ms. Periolat Czula.

Prerequisite: Dance 160 and 165 or equivalent.

167a and b. Low Intermediate Ballet II (1/2)

This course is continuation of the development of steps for centre work. Ms. Periolat Czula.

Prerequisite: Dance 165 and 166 or equivalent.

170b. Movement Analysis (1/2)

This course focuses on a study of movement designed to increase body awareness in students of all movement disciplines. Through observation, analysis and exploration, students are introduced to functional anatomy, Laban Movement principles, identification of personal movement habits and the understanding of movement efficiency. Students participate in an eclectic mix of movement experiences that include games, improvisations and exercises. This work is beneficial to the dancer, musician, actor and athlete in us all. Ms. Wildberger.

One 2-hour period.

174a. Beginning Jazz Dance (1/2)

Jazz dance, which can be defined as "popular dance of the times", incorporates many different styles and eras of dance including cakewalk, Charleston, lindy-hop and swing, blues, tap, ballroom, rock and roll and hip-hop as well as use of modern and ballet vocabulary. There is an emphasis on body isolations, pulsing movements, rhythm patterns, weightedness and momentum. The class includes warm-up, traveling sequences and a final combination. Ms. Saxon.

175b. Advanced Beginning Jazz (1/2)

Continued work on the fundamentals taught in 174. More demanding combinations are presented. Ms. Saxon.

194a and b. Beginning Modern Dance (1/2)

This course is an introduction to the basic principles and history of American modern dance. Class work introduces students to technical concepts involved in training the body to be an articulate, expressive instrument. The course includes some outside written work, performance attendance, and video viewing all aimed at giving a background necessary to the appreciation of dance as a creative art form. No prior dance experience is necessary. Modern Dance faculty.

195a and b. Advanced Beginning Modern (1/2)

This class continues to develop on the movement principles introduced in Beginning Modern Dance. Modern dance faculty.

196a and b. Low Intermediate Modern (1/2)

Continued work in the fundamentals of American modern dance movement from advanced beginning. Combinations become more demanding and students are introduced to etudes in various modern styles and techniques. Modern dance faculty.

Prerequisite: Dance 195 or equivalent.

II. Intermediate

215a. Dance Composition and the Craft of Choreography (1/2)

An introduction to the basic elements of dance composition. Body space, stage space, time, form, props, and music are incorporated in the creative process resulting in the student's own dynamic studies. Modern Dance faculty.

264a and b. Intermediate Ballet I (1)

Development of the classical ballet syllabus at the intermediate level. This course includes three 1½-hour sessions per week with an added arranged hour to be used for work in one of the following areas: pointe, terminology, theory, men's class or adagio/partnering. Ms. Periolat Czula and Mr. Meehan.

Permission of instructor.

Three 75-minute periods plus an arranged hour.

265a and b. Intermediate Ballet II (1)

Includes further development of the classical ballet syllabus at the intermediate level. Ms. Periolat Czula and Mr. Meehan.

Permission of instructor.

Three 75-minute periods plus an arranged hour.

266a and b. Intermediate Ballet III (1)

Includes further development of the classical ballet syllabus at the intermediate level. Ms. Periolat Czula and Mr. Meehan.

Permission of instructor.

Three 75-minute periods plus an arranged hour.

267a and b. Intermediate Ballet IV (1)

Includes further development of the classical ballet syllabus at the intermediate level. Ms. Periolat Czula and Mr. Meehan.

Permission of instructor.

Three 75-minute periods plus an arranged hour.

274a. Intermediate Jazz I (1/2)

Continued work in the different styles and eras of jazz dance. Traveling sequences and techniques become more demanding as does

*Part time.

the final dance combination. Ms. Saxon.

Prerequisite: Dance 174 and 175 or equivalent.

[275b. Intermediate Jazz II] (½)

Continued work at the intermediate level of jazz technique including traditional styles such as Luigi and Fosse as well as moving on to more contemporary styles of the later twentieth century. Ms. Saxon.

Prerequisite: Dance 274 or equivalent.

Not offered in 2009/10.

278b. Graham Technique and Repertory (1)

This course is designed for Intermediate/Advanced level dancers who want to explore, in-depth, the codified technique of Martha Graham, a pioneer of American Modern Dance. Students learn excerpts from selected classic works of the Graham Repertory. Supplementary video viewing and a lecture during an arranged lab time are required. Mr. Rooks.

Three 75-minute periods.

290a and b. Field Work (½ or 1)

To be elected in consultation with the adviser and field work office.

294a and b. Intermediate Modern Dance I (½)

Exercises and phrases continue from Physical Education 196. Material builds in complexity and technical demand. Modern Dance faculty.

Prerequisite: Dance 196 or equivalent.

295a and b. Intermediate Modern Dance II (½)

This class continues to develop on the movement concepts and investigations introduced in Low Intermediate Modern Dance. Modern Dance faculty.

Prerequisite: Dance 294 or equivalent.

297a and b. History of the Dance (½)

Independent reading.

298a and b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Permission of the dance faculty sponsor. Study of a topic in depth at the Intermediate level.

III. Advanced

364a and b. Repertory Dance Theatre I (½)

Performance in repertory of master choreographers. Works by students and faculty are also offered. In addition, several workshops in new student choreography are given throughout the year. Auditions for intermediate and advanced students are held the first week in September. Mr. Meehan and dance faculty.

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period plus arranged rehearsals.

365a and b. Repertory Dance Theatre II (½)

Mr. Meehan and dance faculty.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period plus arranged rehearsals.

366a and b. Repertory Dance Theatre III (½)

Mr. Meehan and dance faculty.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period plus arranged rehearsals.

367a and b. Repertory Dance Theatre IV (½)

Mr. Meehan and dance faculty.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period plus arranged rehearsals.

394a and b. Advanced Modern Dance I (½)

Continuation and enlargement of all previously taught material. In addition, advanced work in phrasing and musicality is combined

with the development of a personal 'voice' or style in one's dancing. Modern Dance faculty.

Prerequisite: Dance 294 and 295 or equivalent.

395a and b. Advanced Modern Dance II (½)

Modern Dance faculty.

Prerequisite: Dance 294 and 295 or equivalent.

396a and b. Advanced Modern Dance III (½)

Modern Dance faculty.

Prerequisite: Dance 294 and 295 or equivalent.

397a and b. Advanced Modern Dance IV (½)

Modern Dance faculty.

Prerequisite: Dance 294 and 295 or equivalent.

399a and b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Permission of the dance faculty sponsor. Study of a topic in depth at the Advanced level.

Drama

Professors: Gabrielle H. Cody, Christopher Grabowski (Chair); **Associate Professor:** Denise A. Walen^b; **Assistant Professor:** Shona Tucker; **Senior Lecturer:** Holly Hummel; **Lecturer:** Kathy Wildberger; **CFD Postdoctoral Fellow:** Talaya Delaney.

Requirements for Concentration: 10 ½ units. Drama 102, 103, 221-222, 3 additional units in dramatic literature or theater history from the following courses: Drama 201, 210, 215, 231, 317, 324, 335, 336, 337, of which 2 must be 324, 335, 336, or 337. 2 units from the following production courses: Drama 203, 205, 206, 209, 302, 304, 305, 307, 390; 2 additional elective units at the 200-level or above in drama, film, or dance.

I. Introductory

102a or b. Introduction to Theater-Making: Theory and Practice (1)

An exploration of the collaborative strategies theater artists use to realize dramatic texts on the stage. Through the staging of weekly projects, the class examines the challenge posed by a variety of genres and seeks to develop the skills necessary to communicate clearly to an audience. Ms. Cody, Mr. Grabowski, Ms. Walen, Ms. Wildberger.

Two 75-minute periods.
One 75-minute laboratory.

103a or b. Introduction to Stagecraft (½)

An introduction to the fundamentals of stagecraft, including the processes of flat and platform construction, scene painting, rigging, and theatrical safety. Instructor to be announced.

This is a six-week course.
Two 75-minute periods.
Two 2-hour laboratories.

II. Intermediate

200a or b. The Experimental Theater (½)

This course focuses on putting theory and technique into practice through participation in the performance, design, or technical aspects of drama department productions in the Experimental Theater of Vassar College. Recent productions included *The Secretaries* by the Five Lesbian Brothers, *Spring Awakening* by Frank Wedekind, *As You Like It* using original staging practices, a race specific *Pygmalion*, *Quills* by Doug Wright, *Into the Woods* by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, a new translation of *Oedipus at Colonus*, *Cloud Nine* by Caryl Churchill, and an all-female *Macbeth*, as well as various student written works and collaboratively generated projects. The department.

Prerequisite: Drama 102, 103, and permission of the department.

May be repeated up to four times.
One 3-hour period and production laboratory.

[201b. Text In Performance] (1)

The analysis of performance texts as they are interpreted in contemporary production. Students engage in close readings of play texts and criticism and then examine the ramifications of production choices by viewing a number of professional productions. Ms. Cody, Mr. Grabowski.

Prerequisite: Drama 102, 221-222 or special permission of the instructors.

One 2-hour period and laboratory.
Alternate years: Not offered in 2009/10.

[202b. The Art of Theater Making] (1)

This course is a sequel to Drama 102. Students explore more deeply the complexities of interpreting and realizing texts on the stage. The source materials include poems, short stories, and plays and the course culminates in the conceiving and staging of a non-dramatic text. Ms. Cody and Mr. Grabowski.

Prerequisite: Drama 102, 221-222 or special permission of the

instructors.

One 3-hour period and laboratory.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

203a or b. The Actor's Craft: The Study of Acting Theories From 1915-Present (1)

The development of rehearsal techniques and strategies in preparation for acting on the stage. Ideas are drawn from the work of Constantin Stanislavsky, Michael Chekhov, Tadashi Suzuki, Anne Bogart, Sanford Meisner, and others. Ms. Tucker.

Prerequisite: Drama 102, and permission of the department.
Two 2-hour periods.

205a. The Actor's Voice (1)

Instruction, theory, and practice in the use of the voice for the stage. Ms. Tucker.

Prerequisite: Drama 102 and permission of the department.
One 3-hour period.

206a. Movement for Actors (1)

Training in stage movement for actors. Students learn to understand neutral posture alignment and explore the dynamic and expressive qualities of movement, as well as the methods of developing a rich physicalization of character. Concepts from the Alexander Technique, Laban Movement Analysis, experimental theatre, and post-modern dance are used. Ms. Wildberger.

Prerequisite: Drama 102, and permission of the instructor.
One 3-hour period.

209b. Topics in Production (1)

In-depth study of one or more of the specialized skills used in the creation of the technical aspects of theatrical production. Past topics have included Drafting and Draping, Graphic Communication for Designers, Scene Painting, and Stage Management. May be repeated, but students may study each skill area only once. Ms. Hummel.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.
One 3-hour period.

210a. Introduction to Playwriting (1)

Introduction to playwriting explores the process and possibilities of dramatic writing. Course work includes analysis of several plays over the semester, including work by Friel, Shepard, Kennedy, Murphy, and Chekhov, among others. The bulk of the work, however, is work-shopping of student writing. By the end of the semester, students turn in a portfolio that includes a monologue, a short play, and a one-act play, all of which are expected to be revised. Ms. Delaney.

Prerequisite: Drama 102
Two 75-minute periods.

215b. Plays of the Black Diaspora/Performing the Black Diaspora (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 215b) Through comedy, tragedy, and satire, playwrights from Africa, Europe, the United Kingdom, and the Caribbean have dramatized the rich heritage and vibrant cultures of the Black Diaspora. The course explores the forms and themes of black theater. It examines the evolution of the black theatre from the African Grove, to urban "chitlin" circuits, and contemporary Black theater. It discusses how playwrights of the black Diaspora have dealt with issues like myth, identity, gender, spirituality, love, and ownership. Works include plays by Wole Soyinka, August Wilson, Derek Walcott, Susan Lori Parks, Alice Childress, Pearl Cleage, Ed Bullins, Athol Fugard, Lorraine Hansbury, Lynn Nottage, Diplo Abgoluage and Errol Hill. Mr. Reid.

Prerequisite: Drama 102.
Two 75-minute periods.

221a/222b. Sources of World Drama (2)

An exploration of dramatic literature and performance practices from around the world with a focus on the theories that have affected both the literature and practice of theatre from Aristotle's *The Poetics* to writings by late twentieth-century theorists. The

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

course focuses in depth on a series of critical periods and explores the relationship between the theater and the culture responsible for its creation. Ms. Walen.

Prerequisite: Drama 102.

Two 75-minute periods.

231a. History of Fashion for the Stage (1)

A historical survey of dress from the Egyptian era through the fin de siècle as seen in sculpture, manuscript illumination, painting, and drawing. Cultural background investigated through manners and customs in Western Europe. Ms. Hummel.

Permission of the instructor required.

Two 75-minute periods.

241-242. Shakespeare (1)

(Same as English 241-242) Ms. Dunn.

282a. Dramaturgy: The Art of Dramatic Structure (1)

The aim of this course is to give students the tools with which to engage in serious historical and cultural research on a particular text, and to learn how to most productively offer this material to the practical needs of a production company. Students read theoretical essays, published as well as unpublished plays, and learn how to “cut” scripts, as well as to “adapt” existing material. Weekly presentations in class, and “interning” on a Vassar Experimental Theater production constitutes a core part of the course. Ms. Cody.

Prerequisite: Drama 102

One 2-hour period.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

To be elected in consultation with the adviser and the Office of Field Work.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

To be elected in consultation with the adviser.

III. Advanced

302a or b. Problems in Design (1)

Study of set, costume, lighting or sound design. May be repeated in another area of design. Ms. Hummel and instructors to be announced.

Prerequisite: Drama 102 and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period.

[304a. The Art of Acting] (1)

Advanced study of classical acting comparing Shakespeare, Chekhov or Ibsen. Students examine the challenges of a language-driven acting style. Techniques explored include John Barton, Michael Chekhov, Tadashi Suzuki, Anne Bogart, and Kristin Linklater. Ms. Tucker.

Prerequisite: Drama 203, 205, 1 unit in dance or movement analysis, and permission of the instructor.

Two 2-hour periods.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

305a. The Director's Art (1)

An exploration of the director's work through the study of different genres of dramatic texts. Students work on several projects during in-class exercises, and a final project is developed outside of class. Ms. Cody.

Prerequisite: Drama 202 or 203, 302 or 304, and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period.

One 75-minute laboratory.

[306a or b. The Art of Acting: Comedy] (1)

Advanced study of comic acting styles including clowning, Commedia Dell'arte, Restoration, High Comedy and Absurdism. The work of Lecoq, Suzuki, Wilde, Coward, Ionesco, Beckett and Calow are explored.

Prerequisite: Drama 203, 205, 1 unit in dance or movement

analysis, and permission of the instructor.

Two 2-hour periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

317b. Dramatic Writing (1)

(Same as Film 317b) Studies of dramatic construction, analysis of, and practice in writing stage plays and/or screenplays. Mr. Steerman.

Note: students wishing to be considered for admission must submit a short writing sample (dramatic, narrative, poetic) at least ten days prior to preregistration.

Prerequisite: Drama 102 or Film 210 and permission of the instructor.

Open only to juniors and seniors.

One 2-hour period.

324b. European and American Drama (1)

Historical and critical study of European and American dramatic literature, theory and criticism, playwrights, and/or aesthetic movements.

Topic for 2009/10: *Genet Revisited: Life, Art, and the Production of Self*. This course explores the significance and relevance of Genet's work today. We read Genet's novels, plays, essays, poems, letters, and examine the impact of his activism and politics of representation. Readings also include theoretical essays and the writings of other artists about Genet. Weekly presentations culminate in a final theatrical rendering of one of Genet's texts. Ms. Cody.

Prerequisite: Drama 221/222 or permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

[335a. Seminar in Western Theater and Drama: "Serious Play: Female Authorship as Drama"] (1)

The course focuses on the study of works by Adrienne Kennedy, Irene Fornes, Dacia Maraini, Caryl Churchill, Marguerite Duras, Karen Finley, and Sarah Kane. We explore the performativity of female authorship through the study of plays, critical essays, letters and biographies. Weekly assignments include performative writing, and performance labs. Ms. Cody.

Prerequisite: Drama 102, 221,222 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

336a. Seminar in Performance Studies: Modern and Postmodern Theatrical Practice (1)

Selected topics in Western and non-Western performance traditions and literatures. Weekly assignments include performative writing, and performance labs.

Topic for 2009/10: This course explores Artaud's essays, poems, plays, films, radio texts, drawings and letters, and the ways in which his radical proposals inform performance traditions of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. In particular, we focus on the notions of trauma and terror as central cultural and historical forces shaping the subjectivities of the body in work by Tadeusz Kantor, John Cage, Robert Kaprow, Augusto Boal, Robert Wilson, Carolee Schneeman, Meredith Monk, Tatsumi Hijikata, Min Tanaka, Richard Schechner, Ann Hamilton, and Susanne Lacy. Ms. Cody.

Prerequisite: Drama 221-222 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

337a. Seminar in Para-theater (1)

This course explores the theory of performance through an examination of para-theatrical genres and their relation to performance. What is a performance and who constitutes the performance event? Course readings cover street theatre, demonstrations, stand-up comedy, tourism, dance, performance art, terrorism, mediated and virtual performance, and theories of liveness as well as the performativity of race, class, gender, and sexuality. Students participate in fieldwork investigations and empirical exercises. Ms. Walen.

Prerequisite: Drama 221-222 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

[361. Chinese and Japanese Drama and Theatre] (1)
(Same as Chinese and Japanese 361). Mr. Du.

Prerequisite: one 200-level course in language, literature, culture, drama, or Asian Studies, or permission of the instructor.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[382b. Acting for the Camera] (1)

Techniques of acting and writing for the camera. Special emphasis placed on collective class project. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: Drama 102, 203 and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

390a or b. Senior Project in Drama (1)

Students may propose to undertake a project in one of the following areas: research in dramatic literature, theater history, performance studies, acting, directing, design, or playwriting. Proposals can range from collaborative ensemble projects to solo work, to more conventional endeavors in specific areas such as research, acting, directing, or designing. The nature of this project is to be determined in consultation with the department. The department.

Enrollment limited to senior drama majors.

Prerequisite: senior standing, and permission of the department.

In the case of directing and design projects, students must also have completed Drama 209.

Unscheduled.

391a or b. Senior Production Laboratory (1)

Participation in the performance, design, or technical aspects of department productions. Students undertake a major assignment with significant responsibility focusing on theory, craft and collaboration. The department.

Enrollment limited to senior drama majors.

Prerequisite: senior standing, 1 unit at the 300-level in Drama, and permission of the department.

May not be taken concurrently with Drama 390.

Unscheduled.

399 Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

To be elected in consultation with the adviser.

Earth Science and Geography

Professors: Brian J. Godfrey, Jill S. Schneiderman^{ab}, Jeffrey Walker, Yu Zhou (Chair); **Associate Professors:** Mary Ann Cunningham, Brian McAdoo (Associate Chair), Kirsten Menking^{ab}, Joseph Nevins; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** David P. Gillikin

Earth Science

Faculty: see Earth Science and Geography.

Requirements for Concentration: 11 units including Earth Science 151, 161, and 201, 2 units of graded work at the 300-level, and not more than 1 additional unit at the 100-level. With consent of the student's adviser, students may substitute one 200- or 300-level course in biology, chemistry, mathematics, or physics for 200-level work in earth science. Students may not count toward the major more than 2 courses originating in geography and cross-listed with earth science (even numbered courses at the 200 and 300-level). No more than 1 unit of field work may count toward the major. After declaration of the major, no required courses may be elected NRO.

Senior-Year Requirement: One graded 300-level course.

Independent Research: The earth science program encourages students to engage in ungraded independent research with faculty mentors and offers ungraded courses Earth Science 198, 298, and 399. The department also offers Earth Science 300-301, an ungraded research experience for senior majors. Students who complete 300-301 are eligible for departmental honors upon graduation. Students should consult the chair or individual faculty members for guidance in initiating independent research.

Field Work: Many graduate programs in earth science expect that earth science majors will have attended a geology summer field camp for which students can receive field work credit in the department. Students should consult with the chair of earth science about summer field camps. Additional fieldwork options include working with local environmental consulting companies and non-profit agencies. Students should consult an earth science faculty adviser for details.

Teaching Certification: Students who wish to obtain secondary school teaching certification in earth science should consult both the earth science and education departments for appropriate course requirements.

Early Advising: Knowledge of earth science is useful in a variety of careers. Therefore, we urge potential majors to consult with a faculty member in earth science as soon as possible to determine a course of study that reflects the interests and aspirations of the student. The earth science program also offers courses at the 100-level designed for students who may not intend to pursue earth science at more advanced levels. These courses are appropriate for students curious about the earth and its life, especially those with concerns about environmental degradation and its impact on people living in both urban and rural settings.

Postgraduate Work: Students interested in graduate study in earth or environmental science should be aware that graduate and professional schools usually require courses beyond the earth science concentration requirements. In general, students should have a year of biology, chemistry, physics and/or calculus, depending on the field of interest. Appropriate courses include Biology 105 and 106; Chemistry 108/109 or 125; Physics 113 and 114; and Mathematics 101 and 102 or 121/122. We urge students to begin coursework in other sciences as soon as possible, since this assists them in successful completion of the earth science major.

Advisers: Mr. McAdoo, Ms. Menking, Ms. Schneiderman, Mr. Walker.

Correlate Sequence in Earth Science: The Department of Earth Science and Geography offers a correlate sequence in earth science. The correlate sequence complements the curricula of students majoring in other departmental, interdepartmental, and multidisciplinary programs. Students interested in a correlate sequence in earth science should consult with one of the earth science faculty members. The requirements for the correlate sequence in earth science are five courses in the department including Earth Science

^{ab} Absent on leave for the year.

151, 161, and at least one 300-level course. Students should note the prerequisites required for enrollment in some of the courses within the correlate sequence.

I. Introductory

100b. Earth Resource Challenges (1)
(Same as Earth Science and Society 100b, Environmental Studies 100b, and Geography 100b)
Topic for 2009/10: *Carbon Conflicts*. Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Nevins.

[101b. Geohazards] (½)
Geohazards explores the geological and societal causes of death and destruction by earthquakes, landslides, floods, volcanoes, storms, and avalanches around the world. Students explore basic earth processes and learn how the Earth and its inhabitants interact in dangerous ways because people repeatedly fail to appreciate Earth's power. Ms. Schneiderman.

Two 75-minute periods during the first six weeks of the semester.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[103a. The Earth Around Us] (½)
A series of lectures on topics such as water quality, soil erosion, global climate change, coastal development and environmental justice. A broad introduction to environmental problems and their impact on all living things. Ms. Schneiderman.

Two 75-minute periods during the first six weeks of the semester.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[111a and b. Earth Science and Environmental Justice] (1)
(Same as Geography 111) Exploration of the roles that race, gender, and class play in contemporary environmental issues and the geology that underlies them. Examination of the power of governments, corporations and science to influence the physical and human environment. We critique the traditional environmental movement, study cases of environmental racism, and appreciate how basic geological knowledge can assist communities in creating healthful surroundings. Examples come from urban and rural settings in the United States and abroad and are informed by feminist analysis. Ms. Schneiderman.

Open to freshmen only: satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

Two 75-minute periods; a one-day weekend field trip may be required. A week-long class field trip potentially to the desert southwest, if offered, is highly recommended.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[121b. Oceanography] (1)
The world's oceans make life on Earth possible. By studying the interactions among atmosphere, water, sediment, and the deep inner-workings of the earth, we gain an understanding of where the earth has been, where it is now, and where it is likely to go. Topics include: historical perspectives on the revolutionary discoveries in marine exploration; seafloor and ocean physiochemical structure; air-sea interactions from daily and seasonal weather patterns to climate change and El Niño cycles; earthquakes and tsunamis; waves and coastal processes; and critical biologic communities unique to the marine environment. Mr. McAdoo.

Three 50-minute periods; a one-day weekend field trip is required.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[131. Landscape and History of the Hudson Valley] (1)
Geology controls the landscape, and landscape has a profound influence on history. Through readings drawn from history, literature, science, and contemporary observers, supplemented by writing, discussion, and field trips, this course explores the relationship between geology, landscape, and cultural history in the mid-Hudson Valley region.

Not offered in 2009/10.

151a. Earth, Environment, and Humanity (1)
(Same as Geography 151a) An introductory level course covering basic physical processes of the earth including plate tectonics, atmospheric and oceanic circulation, and biogeochemical cycles, geologic hazards such as earthquakes, floods, and volcanic eruptions, and human impacts on the environment including ozone depletion and acid rain. The department.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory/field session.

161b. The Evolution of Earth and its Life (1)
An examination of the origin of the earth and the evolution of life on this planet particularly in relation to global environmental change today. Topics include systematic paleontology, evolution, the profound depth of geologic time and its ramifications for life on earth, and mass extinctions of dinosaurs and other organisms. The department.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory/field session.

181a. Field Geology of the Hudson Valley (½)
Experience 1.5 billion years of Hudson Valley geologic history from some of the classic vantage points in the region. Field trips to high points such as Breakneck Ridge, Brace Mountain, Bonticou Crag, and Overlook Mountain are supplemented by lectures and readings on the geologic history and the history of geologic studies in the valley. Mr. Walker.

One 75-minute period; one 4-hour field session.

Offered during the first six weeks of the semester.

198a or b. Special Projects in Earth Science (½ or 1)
Execution and analysis of field, laboratory, or library study. Project to be arranged with individual instructor. The department.

Open to first-year students and sophomores only.

II. Intermediate

Earth Science 151 or 161 are prerequisites for entry into 200-level courses unless otherwise stated.

201b. Earth Materials: Minerals and Rocks (1)
The earth is made up of many different materials, including minerals, rocks, soils, and ions in solution, which represent the same atoms recycled continually by geological and biogeochemical cycles. This course takes a holistic view of the earth in terms of the processes leading to the formation of different materials. The class involves study in the field as well as in the laboratory using hand specimen identification along with the optical microscope and X-ray diffractometer. Mr. Walker.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory/field session.

[211a. Sediments, Strata, and the Environment] (1)
The stratigraphic record provides the most comprehensive record of Earth history available. This course explores fundamental concepts of stratigraphy, sedimentation, and paleontology with a focus on reconstructing paleoenvironments and paleoecology. The chemical and physical processes leading to weathering, erosion, transport, deposition, and lithification of sediments are considered, as is fossil identification. The course revolves around detailed field interpretation of local Paleozoic and Holocene sediments to reconstruct Hudson Valley paleoenvironments. The department.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory/field session. An overnight weekend field trip may be required.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[220a. Cartography: Making Maps with GIS] (1)
(Same as Geography 220)
Not offered in 2009/10.

221a. Soils and Sustainable Agriculture (1)
(Same as Geography 221) Soils form an important interface between the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere. As such,

they are critical to understanding agricultural ecosystems. This course studies soil formation, and the physical and chemical properties of soils especially as related to the sustainability of agricultural systems. Field trips and laboratory work focus on the description and interpretation of local agricultural soils. Mr. Walker.

Prerequisite: one introductory course in geology, biology, or chemistry.

Two 75-minute periods; one 2-hour discussion session.

224b. GIS: Spatial Analysis (1)
(Same as Geography 224)

[226a. Remote Sensing] (½)
(Same as Geography 226)

Not offered in 2009/10.

[231b. Geomorphology: Surface Processes and Evolution of Landforms] (1)

(Same as Geography 231) Quantitative study of the geological processes and factors which influence the origin and development of Earth's many landforms. Topics include hillslope and channel processes, sediment transport, physical and chemical weathering and erosion, role of regional and local tectonics in the construction of marine terraces, mountain ranges and basins, and the role of climate in landscape modification. Ms. Menking.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory/field session. An overnight weekend field trip may be required.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[251b. Global Geophysics and Tectonics] (1)

What can physics and simple math tell us about the earth? By utilizing an array of techniques, geophysicists gain an understanding of the processes that shape our planet. Reflection and earthquake seismology give us insight into deep earth structure, plate tectonic mechanisms, mountain building, basin formation, and hazard mitigation. Variations in the earth's gravitational field yield information on density contrasts beneath the surface, from the scale of mountain ranges to buried artifacts. Heat flow variations are useful in determining regional subsurface thermal structure, fluid advection, and climate variation. Laboratories are designed to use the skills required in most geology related fields. They involve the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) software, and construction of simple computer models. Mr. McAdoo.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

Not offered in 2009/10.

254b. Environmental Sciences in the Field (1)
(Same as Environmental Studies 254b)

260a. Conservation of Natural Resources (1)
(Same as Geography 260a)

[261. Race and Class in the Hudson Valley: Geophysical Investigations] (1)

This course integrates earth science, physics, geography, and social history to give students hands-on experience in original research, data analysis, and public presentation. The history of the Hudson Valley is one of immigrants, some voluntary and celebrated like the Dutch, others such as the African slaves, forced and forgotten. Working with local community groups, this project-based field course examines the history of the region's dispossessed populations by uncovering forgotten graveyards. During the course of the semester, the class uses both field geophysics and historical archives to map lost grave sites and to understand the historical and social context. Students gain experience using such tools as Geographic Information Systems (GIS), an electrical resistivity meter, a Cesium vapor magnetometer, and a ground penetrating radar. By the end of the semester, we synthesize the stories for a public presentation and final report. A new site is chosen for each class—field locations may include pre-Columbian or historical archaeological sites such as forgotten slave-era burial grounds and potters fields. Students from across the curriculum are welcome. Mr. McAdoo.

One 5-hour field session and one 75-minute classroom session.

Not offered in 2009/10.

271a. Structural Geology: Deformation of the Earth (1)

The study of the processes and products of crustal deformation and of the plate tectonic paradigm. Topics include the mechanics of deformation, earthquakes, mountain-building, geophysical principles, and neotectonics. The department.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory/field session. An overnight weekend field trip may be required.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Execution and analysis of a field, laboratory or library study. The project, to be arranged with an individual instructor, is expected to have a substantial paper as its final product. The department.

Permission of instructor is required.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite: 2 units of 200-level earth science; see specific additions or exceptions for each course.

300-301. Senior Research and Thesis (½, ½)

Critical analysis, usually through observation or experimentation, of a specific research problem in earth science. A student electing this course must first gain, by submission of a written research proposal, the support of a member of the earth science faculty with whom to work out details of a research protocol. The formal research proposal and a final paper and presentation of results are required parts of the course. A second faculty member participates in the final evaluation. The department.

Permission of instructor is required.

[311b. Continental Margins] (1)

From oil to fisheries to mining operations, the continental shelf and slope environment house most of our offshore resources. Additionally the margins of the continents are hazardous, where earthquakes, landslides, tsunamis, turbidity currents, and storm waves challenge those who work and live there. This class investigates these processes and how they are preserved in the geologic record. Mr. McAdoo.

Prerequisite: Earth Science 251 or 211 or 271 or permission of the instructor.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory/field session.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[321a. Environmental Geology] (1)

This course explores the fundamental geochemical processes that affect the fate and transport of inorganic and organic pollutants in the terrestrial environment. We link the effects of these processes on pollutant bioavailability, remediation, and ecotoxicology. Mr. Walker.

Prerequisite: Earth Science 201, or Chemistry 108/109, or Chemistry 110/111.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory/field session.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[335a. Paleoclimatology: Earth's History of Climate Change] (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 335) This course discusses how Earth's climate system operates and what natural processes have led to climate change in the past. We examine the structure and properties of the oceans and atmosphere and how the general circulation of these systems redistributes heat throughout the globe. In addition, we study how cycles in Earth's orbital parameters, plate tectonics, and the evolution of plants have affected climate. Weekly laboratory projects introduce students to paleoclimatic methods and to real records of climate change. Ms. Menking.

Prerequisite: Earth Science 201, 211, and 231 or permission

of instructor.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory/field session.
Not offered in 2009/10.

340b. Arctic Environmental Change (1)
(Same as Geography 340b)

341b. Oil (1)
(Same as Geography 341b and Environmental Studies 341b) For the hydraulic civilizations of Mesopotamia, it was water. For the Native Americans of the Great Plains, it was buffalo. As we enter the twenty-first century, our society is firmly rooted both culturally and economically in oil. This class looks into almost every aspect of oil. Starting at the source with kerogen generation, we follow the hydrocarbons along migration pathways to a reservoir with a suitable trap. We look at the techniques geologists and geophysicists use to find a field, and how engineers and economists get the product from the field to refineries, paying particular attention to environmental concerns. What is involved in the negotiations between multinational corporations and developing countries over production issues? What are the stages in refining oil from the crude that comes from the ground to the myriad uses seen today, including plastics, pharmaceuticals, and fertilizers, not to mention gasoline? We also discuss the future of this rapidly dwindling, non-renewable resource, and options for an oil-less future. Mr. McAdoo.

Prerequisite: One 200-level Earth Science course or permission of instructor.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory/field session.
By special permission.

[356. Environment and Land Use Planning] (1)
(Same as Geography 356 and Environmental Studies 356)
Not offered in 2009/10.

[361b. Modeling the Earth] (1)
(Same as Environmental Studies 361) Computer models have become powerful tools in helping us to understand complex natural systems. They are in wide use in the Earth and Environmental Sciences with applications in climate change research, prediction of groundwater and contaminant flow paths in sediments, and understanding the role of disturbance in biogeochemical cycling, among other applications. This course introduces students to conceptual modeling with the use of the Stella box-modeling software package. Taking readings from the scientific literature, we create and then perform experiments with simple computer models. Students also learn how to code their conceptual models in the programming language Fortran, one of the most widely used languages in the Earth and Environmental Sciences. Ms. Menking.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory session.
Not offered in 2009/10.

385b. Biogeochemistry (1)
(Same as Biology 385b) As the name implies, biogeochemistry focuses on the living world (bio), the geology of the earth (geo) and the interaction of biology and geology on the chemistry of our planet. This course focuses on the biological influences on important geochemical transformations, and how biological systems, underlain by different geologies, affect measurable chemical attributes important to life. The course also covers human influences on biogeochemical cycles. Impacts addressed include the effects of atmospheric deposition (pollution), changes in land use history and how climate change influences biogeochemistry.

One-75 minute period and one 4-hour laboratory.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
Execution and analysis of a field, laboratory, or library study. The project, to be arranged with an individual instructor, is expected to have a substantial paper as its final product. The department. Permission of instructor is required.

Geography

For curricular offerings, see Geography, page 124.

Earth Science and Society

Faculty: see Earth Science and Geography.

The Department of Earth Science and Geography is unique at Vassar for we combine within the same department the distinctive perspectives of both the natural and social sciences. By exploring the many processes shaping the planet, earth science provides an understanding of the physical limits of human activity. By examining societies in their spatial and regional contexts, geography helps explain the human dimensions of global change. Thus, students interested in studying the interactions between humans and the earth can do so via the interdisciplinary major in Earth Science and Society. The Earth Science and Society major presents an integrated and rigorous focus on the earth as humanity's home. It offers students the opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary inquiry with faculty in one department while learning the theories and methodologies of the two geosciences.

Students majoring in Earth Science and Society take courses in the department in order to satisfy the major requirements. Some of these courses are cross-listed between Earth Science and Geography; others are cross-listed with Environmental Studies, International Studies, and Urban Studies. Interdisciplinary courses outside the department relevant to the study of Earth Science and Society may be substituted in partial fulfillment of the major. Such substitution must be discussed with the faculty adviser and approved by the department. A student interested in the major should consult with the chair of the department as early as possible to plan a coherent course of study.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units to be distributed as follows, with specific courses chosen in consultation with the chair of the department and the student's adviser, and with the approval of the department. (1) Three departmental survey courses that provide a firm grasp of the earth system, its people, and history (Geography 102, Global Geography; Earth Science 151, Earth, Environment, and Humanity; Earth Science 161, The Evolution of Earth and its Life); (2) a methods course selected from among Geography 220, Cartography: Making Maps with GIS; Geography 224, GIS: Spatial analysis; Geography 230, Geographic Research Methods; (3) a sequence of three courses in earth science including at least one at the 300-level; (4) a sequence of three courses in geography including at least one at the 300-level; (5) the senior seminar, Geography 304; (6) an optional interdisciplinary senior thesis (Earth Science and Society 300a.-301b.) or an additional 300-level course in the department during the senior year.

Suggested Course Sequences: As a way to plan the major, the department recommends possible course tracks for the Earth Science and Society major:

1) *Physical Geography sequence:*

Earth Science and Society 100 or Geography 102, Earth Science 121, 131, 151, 161, Geography 220, Earth Science 221, Geography 224, 226, 230, Earth Science 231, Earth Science 260, 281, Geography 304, Earth Science 311, 321, 335, Geography 340, Earth Science 341, Geography 356, Earth Science 361.

2) *Environment and Social Justice sequence:*

Earth Science 100 or Geography 102, Earth Science 111, 151, 161, Geography 224, 230, 242, 248, 250, Earth Science 261, Geography 266, 272, 282, 284, 304, Earth Science 311, Geography 340, 341, 356, Earth Science and Society 380.

3) *Food and Farming sequence:*

Earth Science 100 or Geography 102, Earth Science 161, 201, 211, 221, Geography 224, 230, Earth Science 231, Geography 242, 248, 254, 260, 266, 276, Earth Science 281?, Geography 304, Earth Science 335, Geography 340, 356

Senior-Year Requirements: Geography 300a-301b. or 302 (or another 300-level course), and Geography 304 (the Senior Seminar). Majors must write a senior thesis to be considered for departmental honors.

Field Work: The department sponsors field work in geography and earth science which can count towards the major at the 200-level. Summer geology field camp, an internship, independent study, or selected coursework taken during junior year study away from

Vassar may be credited as field work.

Early Advising: The broad spatial and temporal view afforded by the geosciences is invaluable for a variety of pursuits. The department offers at least two half-unit courses; Earth Science 101, Geohazards, and Earth Science 103, The Earth Around Us, that introduce students unfamiliar with the perspective of the geosciences to the disciplines. We urge potential majors to enroll in these courses, as well as Earth Science and Society 100. Also, potential majors should consult with a faculty member in the department as soon as possible in order to determine a course of study that reflects the interests and aspirations of the student. After declaration of the major, no required courses may be elected NRO.

Advisers: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. McAdoo, Ms. Menking, Mr. Nevins, Ms. Schneiderman, Mr. Walker, Ms. Zhou.

Course Offerings

Also see Earth Science and Geography

100b. Earth Resource Challenges (1)

(Same as Geography 100b, Environmental Studies 100b, and Earth Science 100b) As an introduction to the earth sciences and geography, this course combines the insights of the natural and social sciences. Geographers bring spatial analysis of human environmental change and its implications, while earth scientists contribute their skills and knowledge of the diverse natural processes shaping the earth's surface. Together these distinctive yet complementary fields contribute to comprehensive understandings of the physical limitations and potentials, uses and misuses of the earth's natural resources. Each semester the topic of the course changes to focus on selected resource problems facing societies and environments around the world.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Carbon Conflicts: Coal, Oil, and Diamonds and the Making of the Modern World.* Carbon is a basic building block of life and a critical component of the modern world. This course focuses on the extraction, production, and consumption of three carbon-based commodities: coal, oil, and diamonds. In doing so, the course introduces students to the geological and human geographical factors underlying the discovery, mining, and distribution of these resources and the resulting environmental transformations. These transformations have made highly significant contributions to the making of the global political economy, while facilitating unprecedented levels of socio-economic development and wealth accumulation alongside social devastation and ecological degradation. The course examines these contradictory effects and the uneven distribution of benefits and detriments associated with them, while investigating the ties between the commodification of these resources and wars and conflicts of various sorts (e.g. ecological, labor). Toward the end, students consider the viability of alternatives to these commodified resources given their centrality to the modern world and our collective way of life. Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Nevins.

Two 75-minute periods.

300a-301b. Senior Thesis (½, ½)

An original study, integrating perspectives of geography and earth science. The formal research proposal is first developed in Geography 304, the senior seminar, and then is presented to a faculty member in either geography or earth science, who serves as the principal adviser. A second faculty member from the other respective discipline participates in the final evaluation.

[380a. Gender, Resources and Justice] (1)

(Same as Women's Studies 380) This multidisciplinary course acquaints students with the debates and theoretical approaches involved in understanding resource issues from a gender and justice perspective. It is intended for those in the social and natural sciences who, while familiar with their own disciplinary approaches to resource issues, are not familiar with gendered perspectives on resource issues and the activism that surrounds them. It is also appropriate for students of gender studies unfamiliar with feminist scholarship in this area. Increasing concern for the development of more sustainable production systems has led to consideration of

the ways in which gender, race, and class influence human-earth interactions. The course examines conceptual issues related to gender studies, earth systems, and land-use policies. It interrogates the complex intersections of activists, agencies and institutions in the global arena through a focus on contested power relations. The readings, videos and other materials used in the class are drawn from both the South and the North to familiarize students with the similarities and differences in gendered relationships to the earth, access to resources, and resource justice activism. Ms. Schneiderman.

One 2-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (1)

Economics

Professors: Catharine B. Hill, (and President), Geoffrey A. Jehle^a, Paul A. Johnson, Shirley B. Johnson-Lans, David A. Kennett, Paul A. Ruud; **Associate Professors:** William E. Lunt; **Assistant Professors:** Patricia A. Jones, Sarah Pearlman, Robert P. Rebelein, Nelson S. Sá; **Visiting Instructor:** Mona Ali; **Adjunct Lecturer:** Frederick Van Tassell.

Requirements for Concentration: at least 11 units of graded economics credit normally composed of Economics 100, 101, 200, 201, 209, and 6 other graded units (excluding Economics 120) at least three of which must be at the 300-level. Graded credit is earned only in courses taken for a letter grade. Students may not elect the NRO in any economics course after they have declared their major. Any economics course taken under the NRO before the major was declared may not be counted toward the 11 graded units required for the major although it may be used to satisfy a requirement that a specific course be taken. At least 6 units must be taken at Vassar including 2 at the 300-level. Students also must complete at least 1 unit of college level calculus such as Mathematics 101, 121, or equivalent. Students are strongly encouraged to complete this requirement early in their college careers.

It is strongly recommended that all students intending to spend junior year abroad take Economics 200, 201, and 209 by the end of their sophomore year.

Advisers: The department.

Correlate Sequence: The economics department offers a correlate sequence which designates coherent groups of courses intended to complement the curricula of students majoring in other departmental, interdepartmental, and multidisciplinary programs. Three options are currently available within the correlate sequence in economics:

International Economics coordinated by Mr. Kennett.

Public Policy coordinated by Ms. Johnson-Lans.

Quantitative Economics coordinated by Mr. Johnson.

Courses within each option should be chosen in consultation with the coordinator of that sequence. Students pursuing the correlate sequence in economics are required to complete a minimum of six units in economics, including at least one at the 300-level and Economics 100 and Economics 101. At least four units must be taken at Vassar. Additional requirements for each of the options are detailed in Correlate Sequences in Economics, available in the department office.

I. Introductory

100a and b. Introduction to Macroeconomics (1)

An introduction to economic concepts, emphasizing the broad outlines of national and international economic problems. Students learn the causes and consequences of variations in gross national product, unemployment, interest rates, inflation, the budget deficit, and the trade deficit. The course also covers key government policy-making institutions, such as the Federal Reserve and the Congress, and the controversy surrounding the proper role of government in stabilizing the economy. The department.

101a and b. Introduction to Microeconomics (1)

An introduction to economic concepts emphasizing the behavior of firms, households, and the government. Students learn how to recognize and analyze the different market structures of perfect competition, oligopoly, and monopoly. The course also covers theories of how wages, interest, and profits are determined. Additional topics include the role of government in regulating markets, determinants of income distribution, and the environment. The department.

111b. Economic Crises (1)

This writing intensive course studies economic crises through the prisms of theory and history. We closely examine the global financial crisis and its macroeconomic impact both here and abroad. We study earlier episodes of prolonged economic contraction and instability including the Great Depression and the Asian Financial Crisis. The differential impact of economic crises on diverse populations, in

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

terms of race, class and gender, is also a focus. Ms. Ali

Open to freshmen only.

Satisfies the college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

120a. Principles of Accounting (1)

Accounting theory and practice, including preparation and interpretation of financial statements. Mr. Van Tassell.

Not open to Freshmen.

II. Intermediate

Courses numbered 200 and above are not open to freshmen in their first semester.

200a and b. Macroeconomic Theory (1)

A structured analysis of the behavior of the national and international economies. Alternative theories explaining the determination of the levels of GDP, unemployment, the interest rate, the rate of inflation, exchange rates, and trade and budget deficits are considered. These theories provide the basis for discussion of current economic policy controversies. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 100.

201a and b. Microeconomic Theory (1)

Economics is about choice, and microeconomic theory begins with how consumers and producers make choices. Economic agents interact in markets, so we carefully examine the role markets play in allocating resources. Theories of perfect and imperfect competition are studied, emphasizing the relationship between market structure and market performance. General equilibrium analysis is introduced, and efficiency and optimality of the economic system are examined. Causes and consequences of market failure are also considered. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 101.

204b. Gender Issues in Economics (1)

(Same as Women's Studies 204b) An analysis of gender in education, earnings, employment and the division of labor within the household. Topics include a study of occupational segregation, discrimination, the role of "protective legislation" in the history of labor law, and effects of changes in the labor market of the U.S. We also study the economics of marriage, divorce, and fertility. A comparative study of gender roles in other parts of the world is the final topic in the course. Ms. Johnson-Lans.

Prerequisite: Economics 101.

209a and b. Probability and Statistics (1)

This course is an introduction to statistical analysis and its application in economics. The objective is to provide a solid, practical, and intuitive understanding of statistical analysis with emphasis on estimation, hypothesis testing, and linear regression. Additional topics include descriptive statistics, probability theory, random variables, sampling theory, statistical distributions, and an introduction to violations of the classical assumptions underlying the least-squares model. Students are introduced to the use of computers in statistical analysis. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 100 or 101 or permission of instructor.

210a and b. Econometrics (1)

This course equips students with the skills required for empirical economic research in industry, government, and academia. Topics covered include simple and multiple regression, maximum likelihood estimation, multicollinearity, heteroskedasticity, autocorrelation, distributed lags, simultaneous equations, instrumental variables, and time series analysis. Mr. Johnson.

Prerequisite: Economics 209 or an equivalent statistics course. Recommended: Economics 100, 101.

215b. The Science of Strategy (1)

Strategic behavior occurs in war, in business, in our personal lives, and even in nature. Game theory is the study of strategy, offering rigorous methods to analyze and predict behavior in strategic situations. This course introduces students to game theory and its application in a wide range of situations. Students learn how to model conflict and cooperation as games, and develop skills in the fine art of solving them. Applications are stressed, and these are drawn from many branches of economics, as well as from a variety of other fields. Mr. Jehle.

Prerequisite: 100 or 101.

[218a. Urban Economics] (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 218a) The focus is on the city, in determining its costs and benefits as well as location and land use. We explore policy issues specific to local governments in urban areas, including: zoning, housing and segregation, poverty, homelessness, transportation, education and crime. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 101

Not offered in 2009/10.

220a. The Political Economy of Health Care (1)

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 220a) Topics include the markets for physicians and nurses, hospital services, pharmaceuticals, and health insurance, both public and private; effects of changes in medical technology; and global health problems. A comparative study of several other countries' health care systems and reforms to the U.S. system focuses on problems of financing and providing access to health care in a climate of increasing demand and rising costs. Ms. Johnson-Lans.

Prerequisite: Economics 101. Students who have not taken Economics 101 but have strong quantitative backgrounds may enroll with instructor's permission.

225a and b. Financial Markets and Investments (1)

This course provides an overview of the structure and operation of financial markets, and the instruments traded in those markets. Particular emphasis is placed on portfolio choice, including asset allocation across risky investments and efficient diversification. Theoretical foundations of asset-pricing theories are developed, and empirical tests of these theories are reviewed. The course introduces valuation models for fixed-income securities, equities, and derivative instruments such as futures and options. Throughout the course, students apply investment theories by managing a simulated asset portfolio. Additional topics include financial statement analysis and performance evaluation measures. Ms. Pearlman.

Prerequisite: Economics 100 and 101. Students with strong quantitative backgrounds can enroll with instructor permission.

Recommended: Economics 201 and Economics 209.

230b. The Economics of Innovation (1)

(Same as Science, Technology and Society 230b) This course examines the economics of the innovation process, with particular attention paid to the incentives for innovators. Topics include private appropriation regimes (e.g., patents, trade secrets, copyrights), as well as alternative mechanisms (e.g., public research and development, prizes). Strategic behavior of innovators is examined in the context of patent races, licensing, and litigation. Some time is spent on Big Science, technology transfer, knowledge spillovers, and the knowledge economy. Mr. Sá.

Prerequisite: Economics 101 and 209.

[233a. The Political Economy of Globalization] (1)

(Same as International Studies 233) We examine the consequences of economic globalization from a variety of theoretical perspectives. Topics include: competing theories of globalization's effects; an assessment of the extent of globalization; the effects of economic integration on economic growth and the distribution of income; and the ways in which globalization might alter the balance of power between and among workers, communities, governments, and corporations. The course also considers a number of "applied" topics including the North American Free Trade Agreement, the

International Monetary Fund and debates over “sweatshop labor.” The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 100 or 101.
Not offered in 2009/10.

238a. Law and Economics (1)

This course uses economics to analyze legal rules and institutions. The primary focus is on the classic areas of common law: property, contracts, and torts. Some time is also spent on criminal law and/or constitutional law (e.g., voting, public choice, and administration). Much attention is paid to developing formal models to analyze conflict and bargaining, and applying those models to specific cases. Topics include the allocation of rights, legal remedies, bargaining and transaction costs, regulation versus liability, uncertainty, and the litigation process. Time permitting, the course may also include discussion of gun control, the death penalty, federalism, and competition among jurisdictions. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 101.

240b. The U.S. Economy (1)

The U.S. economy has dominated the world economy for the last 60 years. With only five percent of the world’s population, it consumes roughly 25 percent of the world’s resources and produces approximately 25 percent of the world’s output. However, the U.S. economy faces substantial challenges in the years to come. Increasing international competition for jobs and resources, an aging population, persistent trade and government budget deficits, and rapid growth in entitlement programs present significant challenges to current and future policy makers. This course examines the seriousness of each of these issues as well as potential solutions for each. Mr. Rebelein.

Prerequisite: Economics 100. Not open to students who have completed Economics 342.

248b. International Trade and the World Financial System (1)

A policy-oriented introduction to the theory of international trade and finance. The course introduces basic models of trade adjustment, exchange rate determination and macroeconomics adjustment, assuming a background of introductory economics. These are applied to the principle issues and problems of the international economy. Topics include the changing pattern of trade, fixed and floating exchange rates, protectionism, foreign investment, the Euro-dollar market, the role of the WTO, the IMF and World Bank, the European Community and third-world debt. Mr. Kennett.

Prerequisite: Economics 100 and 101. Not open to students who have completed Economics 345 or 346.

267a. Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (1)

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 267a) This course examines environmental and natural resource issues from an economic perspective. Environmental problems and controversies are introduced and detailed, and then various possible policies and solutions to the problems are analyzed. Economic analyses will determine the effectiveness of potential policies and also determine the people and entities which benefit from (and are hurt by) these policies. The goal is for students to develop a framework for understanding environmental problems and then to learn how to analyze policy actions within that framework. Topics include water pollution, air pollution, species protection, externalities, the energy situation, and natural resource extraction. Mr. Ruud.

Prerequisite: Economics 101 or permission of instructor. Economics 209 recommended

273a and b. Development Economics (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 273) A survey of central issues in the field of Development Economics, this course examines current conditions in less developed countries using both macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis. Macroeconomic topics include theories of growth and development, development strategies (including export-led growth in Asia), and problems of structural transformation and transition. Household decision-making under uncertainty serves as the primary model for analyzing microeconomic topics such as the

adoption of new technology in peasant agriculture, migration and urban unemployment, fertility, and the impact of development on the environment. Examples and case studies from Africa, Asia, Latin America and transition economies provide the context for these topics. Ms. Jones.

Prerequisite: Economics 100 and 101.

275b. Money and Banking (1)

Money and Banking covers the structure of financial institutions, their role in the provision of money and credit, and the overall importance of these institutions in the economy. The course includes discussion of money, interest rates, financial market structure, bank operations and regulation, and the structure of the banking sector. The course also covers central banks, monetary policy, and international exchange as it relates to monetary policy and the banking sector. The ultimate goal is to provide a deeper understanding of the structure of financial markets, the reasons why it is optimal for these markets to be well functioning, and the key barriers to this optimal outcome. Ms. Pearlman.

Prerequisite: Economics 100 and 101

III. Advanced Courses

303a. Advanced Topics in Microeconomics (1)

This course introduces students to modern theoretical methods in microeconomics and their application to advanced topics not typically addressed in Economics 201. Topics vary from year to year, but typically include: modern approaches to consumer and producer theory, economics of uncertainty, general equilibrium theory, and welfare analysis. Mr. Ruud.

Prerequisite: Economics 201 and one year of calculus, or permission of instructor.

304a. Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics (1)

This course examines some recent theoretical and applied work in macroeconomics. Topics vary from year to year but are likely to include consumption, investment, economic growth, and new-Keynesian models of fluctuations. The requisite dynamic optimization methods are developed during the course. Mr. Sá.

Prerequisite: Economics 200, 201, 209, and Mathematics 121 or equivalent, or permission of instructor. Economics 210 recommended.

One 3-hour period.

310b. Advanced Topics in Econometrics (1)

Analysis of the classical linear regression model and the consequences of violating its basic assumptions. Topics include maximum likelihood estimation, asymptotic properties of estimators, simultaneous equations, instrumental variables, limited dependent variables and an introduction to time series models. Applications to economic problems are emphasized throughout the course. Mr. Ruud.

Prerequisite: Economics 210 and one year of calculus. Mathematics 221 recommended.

320b. Labor Economics (1)

An examination of labor markets. Topics include demand and supply for labor, a critical analysis of human capital and signaling theory, the hedonic theory of wages, theories of labor market discrimination, unemployment, and union behavior. Comparative labor markets in the U.S., the U.K., and other E.U. countries and public policy with respect to such things as minimum wages, fringe benefits, unemployment insurance, and welfare reform are also addressed. Ms. Johnson-Lans.

Prerequisite: Economics 201 and 209.

333b. Behavioral Economics (1)

This course surveys the extensive empirical and experimental evidence documenting how human behavior often deviates from the predictions made by models that assume full rationality. This course combines economics, psychology, and experimental methods to explore impulsivity, impatience, overconfidence, reciprocity, fairness, the enforcement of social norms, the effects of status, ad-

diction, the myopia that people exhibit when having to plan for the future, and other behaviors which deviate from what we would expect if people were fully rational. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 200 or 201.

342a. Public Finance (1)

This course considers the effects that government expenditure, taxation, and regulation have on people and the economy. Attention is given to how government policy can correct the many failures of the free market system. Topics include the effect taxes have on consumption and employment decisions, the U.S. income tax system, income redistribution, budget deficits, military spending, environmental policy, health care, education, voting, social security, and the U.S. "safety net." Mr. Rebelein.

Prerequisite: Economics 201 and one year of calculus.

345a. International Trade Theory and Policy (1)

This course examines classical, neoclassical and modern theories of international trade, as well as related empirical evidence. Topics included are: the relationship between economic growth and international trade; the impact of trade on the distribution of income; the theory of tariffs and commercial policy; economic integration, trade and trade policy under imperfect competition.. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 201.

346b. International Monetary Theory and Policy (1)

The course is devoted to the problems of balance of payments and adjustment mechanisms. Topics include: the balance of payments and the foreign ex-change market; causes of disturbances and processes of adjustment in the balance of payments and the foreign exchange market under fixed and flexible exchange rate regimes; issues in maintaining internal and external balance; optimum currency areas; the history of the international monetary system and recent attempts at reform; capital movements and the international capital market. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 200.

355b. Industrial Organization (1)

This course examines the behavior of firms under conditions of imperfect competition. The role of market power is studied, including the strategies it permits, e.g., monopoly pricing, price discrimination, quality choice, and product proliferation. Strategic behavior among firms is central to many of the topics of the course. As such, game theory is introduced to study strategic behavior, and is applied to topics such as oligopoly pricing, entry and deterrence, product differentiation, advertising, and innovation. Time permitting, the course may also include durable goods pricing, network effects, antitrust economics, and vertical integration. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 201, Calculus

367a. Comparative Economics (1)

A study of different economic systems and institutions, beginning with a comparison of industrialized market economies in the U.S., Asia, and Europe. Pre-perestroika USSR is studied as an example of a centrally planned economy and the transition to a market economy is examined, with additional focus on the Czech Republic and Poland. Alternatives to both market and planned systems—such as worker self-management, market socialism, and social democracy—are also explored with emphasis on the experience of Yugoslavia and Sweden. Mr. Kennett.

Prerequisite: at least 2 units of Economics at or above the 200-level.

[369a. Political Economy of Development Aid] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 369) Modern foreign aid reached its high point early in its history with the Marshall Plan. Since that time, foreign aid has frequently failed to live-up to expectations. One important reason for this poor record is that donors actually pursue a number of competing objectives including promoting their own geopolitical and commercial objectives. The situation is further complicated by the domestic political economy of aid allocation

which can lead to time inconsistent policy, and agency problems in bilateral and multilateral aid bureaucracies. This course examines foreign aid using a variety of economic approaches and tools. We consider both humanitarian and economic rationale for aid. Starting with the history and institutions of foreign aid, we delve into current policy and academic debates including agency problems, conditionality, and selectivity. A recurring theme is how political and economic objectives of aid donors and recipients influence the development effectiveness of aid. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 201 and 209.

One 3-hour period.

Not offered in 2009/10.

374b. Origins of the Global Economy (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 374) This course examines the long-run evolution of the global economy. For centuries the world has experienced a dramatic rise in international trade, migration, foreign capital flows and technology, culminating in what is today called "the global economy." How did it happen? Why did it happen to Europe first? In this course, we examine the process of economic development in pre-modern Europe and Asia, the economic determinants of state formation and market integration, the causes and consequences of West European overseas expansion, and the emergence and nature of today's global economy. Ms. Jones.

Prerequisite: Economics 200 and 209.

385b. Advanced Topics in Financial Economics (1)

This course covers both theoretical and institutional aspects of asset markets and price formation. Topics include information impounding, market microstructure, the limits to arbitrage, excess volatility, noise-trader risk, Black Swans, and excess serial correlation. Students use econometrics and perform simulations. Hedging and risk management are analyzed in the context of unknown or unstable diffusion processes. The continual reappearance of market crises related to faulty risk management is analyzed. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: Economics 201, 210, and 225.

387b. Topics in Time Series Econometrics (1)

Much of the data of macroeconomics and finance are time series - random sequences indexed by time. Some of the statistical methods useful in analyzing such data are studied in this course. Topics include representation, estimation and inference for ARMA models, VAR models, GARCH models, integrated processes, ARIMA models, error-correction models, and spectral models. Applications to macroeconomics and finance are emphasized throughout. Mr. Johnson.

Prerequisite: Economics 200, 210 and one year of calculus.

388a. Global Imbalances, Global Consequences (1)

The world today is marked by persistent trade and financial imbalances. Advanced economies such as the U.S. and Europe are running large trade deficits while emerging markets such as China and India are producing huge trade surpluses. In financial terms, there has been a net transfer of capital from developing or capital-scarce countries to advanced or capital-abundant countries. The persistence of these imbalances has contributed to the re-emergence of a 'core-periphery' analysis, a view that has been missing in international macroeconomics since the collapse of the Bretton Woods monetary regime. This course explores the causes and consequences of these global imbalances (financial and trade liberalization, demographic shifts, currency regimes, and export-led growth). We also examine the costs and benefits of these imbalances from the perspective of both the 'core' and the 'periphery'. Topics discussed include the impact of dollar depreciation on the U.S., Europe, and their developing country trade partners; the macroeconomic consequences of developing countries amassing huge (primarily dollar) international reserves; and policy solutions to these global imbalances. Ms. Ali.

Prerequisite: At least two units of Economics at or above the 200-level.

IV. Senior Courses

300a. Senior Thesis Preparation (½)

This course consists of independent work with a faculty advisor and includes preparing a detailed proposal for a senior thesis paper and researching and writing two introductory chapters. These will typically consist of a literature review and a full description of any theoretical model and/or econometric project (including data) that will form the core of the proposed thesis. Students should approach a proposed advisor at the beginning of the semester (or, if possible during the Spring semester of the Junior year or summer preceding the Senior year) to gain permission to undertake this course of study. Students may continue with Economics 301b upon completion of Economics 300a, conditional on approval of the advisor and the department. The department.

Open to senior majors by special permission of the advisor.

301b. Senior Thesis (1)

This course builds on the work completed in Economics 300a. Students are expected to submit the finished paper by spring vacation. They are asked to give a half hour oral presentation of their thesis to the department in the early part of the b semester. This presentation enables thesis writers to benefit from comments received at the presentation in preparing the final thesis drafts. The department.

Open to senior majors who have successfully completed Economics 300a.

V. Other

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

Individual or group field projects or internships. The department. May be elected during the academic year or during the summer. Prerequisite or corequisite: a course in the department. Permission required.

Unscheduled.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Education

Professor: Christopher Roellke (and Dean of the College); **Associate Professors:** Joyce Bickerstaff, Christopher Bjork (Chair); **Assistant Professors:** Colette Cann, Maria Hantzopoulos, Erin McCloskey; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Tracey Holland; **Lecturer:** Julie Riess (Director of Wimpfheimer Nursery School).

The teacher preparation programs in the Department of Education reflect the philosophy that schools can be sites of social change where students are given the opportunity to reach their maximum potential as individuals and community members. Vassar students who are preparing to teach work within a strong interdisciplinary framework of professional methods and a balanced course of study in a select field of concentration leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In addition to a degree in an academic discipline, they may also earn initial New York State certification at the childhood and adolescent levels. The certification is reciprocal in most other states.

Consistent with New York State requirements, the certification programs are based upon demonstration of competency in both academic and field settings. It is advisable that students planning childhood or adolescent certification consult with the department during the first semester of the freshman year.

The Department also offers a variety of courses and the option of earning a correlate in Educational Studies to students interested in education related issues, but not necessarily planning to teach. Students interested in the theoretical or cross-cultural study of education, but not in certification, should consult the department for a list of recommended courses

Transfer Students: Transfer students who wish to be certified for childhood or adolescent school teaching under the Vassar program must take their units in professional preparation at Vassar. They are also required to do their student teaching under Vassar's supervision. Early consultation with the Department of Education is advised.

Special Programs:

Clifden, Ireland: Internship in Irish Primary and Secondary Schools. Vassar College, in cooperation with University College, Galway, and the schools of Clifden, offers a one-semester internship in Irish schools. Students interested in teacher certification, the theoretical study of education, or the study of cross-cultural education are assigned as interns in primary and secondary schools in Clifden. They are expected also to take a "half-tutorial" of study at University College, Galway, in an area such as history, English, psychology, history of art, physical science, geography, or another subject taught in the university. Those interested in applying should consult with their adviser and the Department of Education before submitting a formal application to the Office of International Programs.

Exploring Science at Vassar Farm. The Department of Education offers a one-semester program in science and environmental education at the Collins Field Station on the Vassar Farm property. Vassar students work with faculty to design and implement lessons for local Poughkeepsie elementary students. Children from second and third grade classrooms are invited to spend a morning at the Farm in exploration and discovery. Those interested in participating should contact Ms. Capozzoli, director of the program.

Vassar After School Tutoring (VAST) is an academic enrichment program at Poughkeepsie Middle School. Vassar students serve as tutors and mentors, assisting in homework, subject tutoring, and academic skill building. In addition, Vassar students have the opportunity to work with students in a co-curricular and extra-curricular capacity. VAST is a collaborative effort between the Vassar College Urban Education Initiative and Vassar's Good Neighbors program. Students can earn field work credit for this experience.

New York State Teacher Certification

Childhood Education Certification: A program leading to the New York State Initial Childhood Education Certificate (1-6) is offered. New York State certifies students for the initial certificate

upon recommendation of the teacher certification officer. Such recommendation depends on academic excellence, specified competencies in professional course work, field experiences, and demonstrated fitness for teaching. In addition, students must pass qualifying examinations set by New York State. The program of study must include the following requirements: Psychology 105, 231; Education 235, 250, 290, 350/351, 360, 361, 362.

Recommended Sequence of Courses for Childhood Education Certification:

Freshman year:

Psychology 105
Education 235
Education 290 (Field Work)

Sophomore year:

Psychology 231
Education 350/351

Junior year:

Education 250
Education 361

Senior year:

Education 300
Education 360
Education 362 (Student Teaching)

NRO work may not be used to satisfy state certification requirements.

The student teaching internship is a five-day/week full time classroom experience in selected local schools during the a-semester.

Adolescent Education Certification: Programs leading to the New York State Initial Adolescent Education Certificate (7-12) are offered in the fields of English, foreign languages (Spanish, French, German, Russian), mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, and social studies. Students with a major in the areas of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, urban studies, American culture, and sociology are eligible for social studies certification. New York State certifies students upon the recommendation of the teacher certification officer. Such recommendation depends on academic excellence, specified competencies in professional course work, field experiences, and demonstrated fitness for teaching. In addition, students must pass qualifying examinations set by New York State. The program of study must include the following: Psychology 105; Education 235, 250, 263, 290, 301, 373, 379, 392, plus one additional course in adolescent literacy determined in consultation with the department.

In addition to fulfilling requirements for their major, students may need to complete additional coursework in the subject area in which they plan to teach. These requirements vary slightly for each field; therefore it is important that students planning such a program consult with the appropriate member of the department as soon as the area of concentration has been declared.

Recommended Sequence of Courses for Adolescent Education Certification:

Freshman year:

Education 235
Psychology 105

Sophomore year:

Education 250
Education 263
Education 290 (middle school)

Junior year:

Education 290 (high school)
Education 373
Education 392

Senior year:

Education 301
Education 372

NRO work may not be used to satisfy state certification requirements.

The student teaching internship is a five-day/week full time class-

room experience in selected local schools during the a-semester.

Correlate Sequence in Educational Studies: The correlate is designed to provide students with an interest in education the opportunity to provide intellectual depth and coherence to their studies in this area. Under the supervision of a member of the department, students undertaking the correlate design a sequence of courses that address a central topic or theme related to education. Completing these courses should challenge students to think deeply and critically about the manner in which schools socialize as well as educate citizens, and how the interests of certain stakeholders are privileged or neglected.

Requirements for the Correlate: The Educational Studies correlate is offered to both students who plan to teach and those who are interested in pursuing other pathways related to education. For this reason, the correlate is organized into two distinct streams: 1) Human Development and Learning; 2) Educational Policy and Practice. All students must complete 6 units, although the sequence of courses they follow will be tailored to fit their interests. In collaboration with a member of the department, students must complete a one page proposal that explains their reasons for pursuing the correlate, the issue or topic that will unify their studies, and a list of the courses to be taken.

I. Introductory

160a and b. Books, Children, and Culture (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 160a and b) This course examines select classical works from the oral tradition and contemporary works of children's fiction and non-fiction. The course addresses juvenile literature as a sociological phenomenon as well as a literary and artistic one (illustrative content). The course traces the socio-historical development of American children's literature from Western and non-Western societies. Social, psychoanalytic, and educational theory provide a conceptual basis and methodological framework for the cultural analysis of fairy tale and modern fantasy in cross-cultural perspective. Socialization issues include: ideals of democracy; moral character; race and class; politicalization; and the human relationship to the natural environment. Ms. Bickerstaff.

Two 75-minute periods.

[166a-167b. American Sign Language I and II] (1)

This total immersion course strongly adheres to the philosophy that language acquisition is best achieved when total language is taught by means of hands-on group activities that reflect common everyday interactions of people in the Deaf Community rather than through isolated vocabulary. Sessions introduce both formal and informal registers in American Sign Language. Meaningful and experiential group activities adhere to research findings detailing the importance of incorporating facial grammar, mouth morphemes, and non-manual signals, prosody, and body language in the beginning stages of learning the grammar as visual language. Role-playing serves a vital tool in helping students formulate grammatically correct ideas and concepts from concrete to abstract. The primary focus is to develop receptive skills. Deaf culture is highlighted throughout the course to enrich and complement the study of the language. In American Sign Language II, students continue to engage in meaningful and experiential group activities to enhance their fluency. Focus is on further development of essential receptive skills while guiding the student to effective expressive skills through instructor modeling, and modeling of Deaf individuals from the community and well known videotaped models in the profession.

Completion of Education 166a-167b satisfies the foreign language requirement.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods; one hour of laboratory.

Not offered in 2009/10.

II. Intermediate

235a or b. Issues in Contemporary Education (1)

This course introduces students to debates about the nature and purposes of U.S. education. Examination of these debates encourages students to develop a deeper and more critical understanding

of U.S. schools and the individuals who teach and learn within them. Focusing on current issues in education, we consider the multiple and competing purposes of schooling and the complex ways in which formal and informal education play a part in shaping students as academic and social beings. We also examine issues of power and control at various levels of the U.S. education system. Among the questions we contemplate are: Whose interests should schools serve? What material and values should be taught? How should schools be organized and operated? The department.

Prerequisite: Psychology 105.

Two 75-minute periods.

[237b. Early Childhood Education: Theory and Practice] (1)
(Same as Psychology 237b) What is the connection between a textbook description of preschool development and what teachers do every day in the preschool classroom? This course examines curriculum development based on contemporary theory and research in early childhood. The emphasis is on implementing developmental and educational research to create optimal learning environments for young children. Major theories of cognitive development are considered and specific attention is given to the literatures on memory development; concepts and categories; cognitive strategies; peer teaching; early reading, math, and scientific literacy; and technology in early childhood classrooms. Ms. Riess.

Prerequisite: Psychology 231 and permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period; 4 hours of laboratory participation.

Not offered in 2009/10.

250b. Introduction to Special Education (1)

This course explores the structure of special education from multiple viewpoints, including legislative, instructional, and from the vantage of those who have experience in it as students, teachers, therapists, parents, and other service providers. We tackle conceptual understandings of labeling, difference, and how individuals in schools negotiate the contexts in which "disability" comes in and out of focus. We raise for debate current issues in special education and disability studies such as inclusion, the overrepresentation of certain groups in special education and different instructional approaches.

252b. Race, Representation, and Resistance in U.S. Schools (1)

(Same as Sociology 252b and Urban Studies 252b) This course examines the political and relational constructions of race and their significance in schooling. The examination includes the complicated relationship between identities at the individual level and the representations and discourses of knowledge created by the dominant racialized order at structural and ideological levels. Set within the context of schools, this analysis delves into the meanings of race in the everyday lives of students and teachers and in education policies, practices, and reform. Ms. Cann.

Two 75-minute periods.

262a. The Fairy Tale (1)

The course focuses on European and Asian folk tales, with emphasis on how writers from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries have reinvented the fairy tale while borrowing from traditional sources. Readings may include: Household Tales of the Brothers Grimm, and selections from Hans Christian Andersen, George MacDonald, Lewis Carroll, L. Frank Baum, and Virginia Hamilton. Assignments include critical papers, the writing of an original tale, and the presentation of a traditional tale in class. Ms. Willard.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

263a. The Adolescent in American Society (1)

This course examines the lives of American adolescents and the different ways our society has sought to understand, respond to, and shape them. Particular attention is paid to the relationship between educational policies/practices and adolescent growth and development. Empirical studies are combined with practical case scenarios as a basis for understanding alternative pathways for meeting the needs of middle school and high school learners.

This course is required for secondary school teacher certification. Ms. Holland.

Prerequisite: Education 235.

Two 75-minute periods.

269b. Constructing School Kids and Street Kids (1)
(Same as Sociology 269b) Ms. Rueda.

[271. From Print to Film: The Reading, Writing, and Seeing of Children's Books] (1)

A study of selected children's classics and the films based on them, both of which have attracted an adult audience: *Alice in Wonderland*, *Through the Looking Glass*, *Gulliver's Travels*, *Mulan*, *The Wizard of Oz* and others. Ms. Willard.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

Two 2-hour periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[275b. Comparative Education] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 275b, International Studies 275) This course provides an overview of comparative education theory, practice, and research methodology. We examine educational issues and systems in a variety of cultural contexts. Particular attention is paid to educational practices in Asia and Europe, as compared to the United States. The course focuses on educational concerns that transcend national boundaries. Among the topics explored are international development, democratization, social stratification, the cultural transmission of knowledge, and the place of education in the global economy. These issues are examined from multiple disciplinary vantage points. Mr. Bjork.

Prerequisite: Education 235 or permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

288b. Education and Immigration (1)

The course addresses such questions as: How do children experience schools, teachers, and curriculum in their new country? What are the educational success rates of first, second and generation 1.5 students in US Schools (K-16)? How are their experiences different from those of nonimmigrant children? What kinds of identities do they form in schools and among peers? What are the educational and social policies that have been used to integrate this diverse population, and have they been effective? This course, which is designed for students from various disciplines, including those interested in becoming certified teachers, also provides practical information on second-language acquisition, teaching English Language Learners, cross-cultural communication, and background information relevant to the educational systems in students' native countries. Ms. Holland.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

All candidates for certification must demonstrate competency in an intensive field work experience at the elementary, middle school, or senior high school level prior to student teaching. The department.

297a or b. Independent Reading (½)

Student initiated independent reading projects with Education faculty. A variety of topics are possible, including educational policy, children's literature, early childhood education, the adolescent, history of American education, multicultural education, and comparative education. Subject to prior approval of the department. The department.

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)

Individual or group projects concerned with some aspect of education, subject to prior approval of the department. May be elected during the regular academic year or during the summer. The department.

299. Vassar Science Education Internship Program (1)

The Vassar Science Education Internship Program provides opportunities for science students from Vassar College to intern with

science teachers in area schools for course credit. Students have an opportunity to gain teaching experience, to explore careers in education, and to help strengthen science education in the Poughkeepsie area schools. Each intern works with a science teacher to develop teaching and mentoring skills, to create a laboratory and/or computer based educational exercise for their class, and to acquire laboratory and/or computing resources for sustaining a strong science curriculum. Interns participate in a weekly seminar on science education at Vassar College. Ms. Coller.

Enrollment is limited and by permission. Students wishing to pursue internships should meet the following criteria: four completed units of course work in the natural sciences or mathematics, with at least two units at the 200-level, a minimum GPA of 3.4 in science and math coursework, and 3.0 overall.

III. Advanced

A minimum of ½ unit of field work is required for admittance to all 300-level courses for students seeking teacher certification.

300a. Senior Portfolio: Childhood Education (1)

This senior seminar focuses on analysis of the student teaching experience. Through the development of their teaching portfolio, senior students examine the linkages between theory, current research, and classroom practice. This course should be taken concurrently with the student teaching practicum. Mr. Bjork.

301a. Senior Portfolio: Adolescent Education (1)

Same as Education 300a, but for students earning certification in Adolescent Education.

320a. Up From Slavery: Schooling and Socialization of Blacks in America (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 320a) Ms. Bickerstaff.

321b. Cross-Cultural Studies in Education (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 321b). Ms. Bickerstaff.

[336a. Childhood Development: Observation and Research Application] (1)

(Same as Psychology 336) What differentiates the behavior of one young child from that of another? What characteristics do young children have in common? This course provides students with direct experience in applying contemporary theory and research to the understanding of an individual child. Topics include attachment, temperament, parent, sibling and peer relationships, language and humor development, perspective taking, and the social-emotional connection to learning. Each student selects an individual child in a classroom setting and collects data about the child from multiple sources (direct observation, teacher interviews, parent-teacher conferences, archival records). During class periods, students discuss the primary topic literature, incorporating and comparing observations across children to understand broader developmental trends and individual differences. Synthesis of this information with critical analysis of primary sources in the early childhood and developmental literature culminates in comprehensive written and oral presentations. Ms. Riess.

Prerequisite: Psychology 231 and permission of the instructor. For Psychology Majors: completion of a research methods course.

One 3-hour period.

4 hours of laboratory observation work.

Not offered in 2009/10.

350/351. The Teaching of Reading: Curriculum Development in Childhood Education (1)

The purpose of this course is to examine the nature and process of reading within a theoretical framework and then to examine and implement a variety of approaches and strategies used to promote literacy in language arts and social studies. Special emphasis is placed on material selection, instruction, and assessment to promote conceptual understandings for all students. Observation and

participation in local schools is required.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105, 231.

One 2-hour period; one hour of laboratory.

353a. Pedagogies of Difference: Critical Approaches to Education (1)

The idea of difference has served as the conceptual groundwork for educational theorists of diverse ideological perspectives to work toward actualizing equitable teaching and learning contexts for all individuals and groups within a society or culture. Yet in their desire for securing equitable educational environments and opportunities, different approaches such as multicultural education, feminist pedagogy, critical pedagogy, antiracist education, postcolonial pedagogy, and queer pedagogy diverge with respect to the concept of difference, placing more and less emphasis on particular sociocultural categories (i.e., race, gender, class, sexuality, language, dis/ability). Given these discrepancies, to what extent can the idea of difference help us to redefine or rethink the principle of educational equity and the questions of social justice that it raises both within and outside of the classroom? In this course, we examine the historical and philosophical roots of critical approaches to education as well as diverse theoretical paradigms about teaching, learning and school reform that situate schooling in a larger political and global context. We utilize these theoretical paradigms to analyze educational policies, curriculum, and pedagogical practices that address the relationship between schooling and society in global times. Ms. Cann

Prerequisite: Education 235.

360a. Workshop in Curriculum Development (½)

This course focuses on the current trends, research and theory in the area of curriculum development and their implications for practice in schools. Procedures and criteria for developing and evaluating curricular content, resources and teaching strategies are examined and units of study developed. Offered in the first six weeks. Mr. Bjork.

Prerequisites: open to seniors only or by permission of instructor.

One 3-hour period.

361b. Seminar: Mathematics and Science in the Elementary Curriculum (1)

The purpose of this course is to develop the student's competency to teach mathematics and science to elementary school children. Lectures and hands-on activity sessions are used to explore mathematics and science content, methodology, and resource materials, with an emphasis on conceptual understanding as it relates to the curricular concepts explored. Special emphasis is placed on diagnostic and remedial skills drawn from a broad theoretical base. Students plan, implement, and evaluate original learning activities through field assignments in the local schools. In conjunction with their instruction of instructional methods in science, students also teach lessons for the Exploring Science at Vassar Farm program. Mr. Bjork.

Permission of instructor.

One 3-hour period; weekly laboratory work at the Vassar Farm.

362a. Student Teaching Practicum: Childhood Education (2)

Supervised internship in an elementary classroom, grades 1-6. Examination and analysis of the interrelationships of teachers, children, and curriculum as reflected in the classroom-learning environment. Mr. Bjork.

One or more conference hours per week.

Open to seniors only.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105, 231; Education 235, 250, 290, 350/351; Education 360, 361 may be concurrent. Ungraded only. Permission of instructor.

[367b. Urban Education Reform] (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 367b) This seminar examines American urban education reform from historical and contemporary perspectives. Particular attention is given to the political and economic

aspects of educational change. Specific issues addressed in the course include school governance, standards and accountability, incentive-based reform strategies, and investments in teacher quality.

Prerequisite: Education 235 or permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

Not offered in 2009/10.

372a. Student Teaching (2)

Adolescent Education Supervised internship in teaching in a middle, junior, or senior high school, grades 7-12. Examination of the interrelationships of teachers, children, and curriculum as reflected in the classroom-learning environment.

Open to seniors only.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290, 373; Education 392. (Ungraded only.)

Permission of instructor.

373b. Adolescent Literacy (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 373) This course combines research, theory, and practice in the context of an urban middle school. Concurrently with tutoring a student, we engage in case study research about the literacy's our students accept and resist in the various disciplines. We define literacy broadly and look at how school literacy compares and contrasts to the literacy's valued and in use in contexts outside of school. We explore how literacy training is constructed through methods and curriculum with a special emphasis on the diversities at play in middle and high school classrooms. Conceptual understandings of knowledge, strategies that support attaining that knowledge, and the role of motivation in learning are emphasized. Ms. Holland.

One 2-hour period; one hour of laboratory.

388a. Schooling in America: Preparing Citizens or Producing Workers (1)

(Same as Sociology 388a) Ms. Rueda.

392b. Multidisciplinary Methods in Adolescent Education (1)

Seminar in the methods and materials used in adolescent education, grades 7-12. Examination of current trends in application of learning theories related to specific disciplines. Emphasis placed on expanding of student view of educational problem solving by exploration of instructional alternatives and multidisciplinary methods. Discipline and content specific methods and standards are also emphasized in this course. Ms. Hantzopoulos.

One 2-hour period.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Special permission. The department.

English

Professors: Mark C. Amodio, Beth Darlington, Robert DeMaria, Jr.^{ab}, Donald Foster^b, Michael Joyce^b (Co-Chair), Paul Kane^b, Amitava Kumar, H. Daniel Peck, Paul Russell, Ronald Sharp, Patricia Wallace; **Associate Professors:** Peter Antelyes (Co-Chair), Heesok Chang, Leslie Dunn, Wendy Graham^b, Jean Kane, E. K. Weedon, Jr., Susan Zlotnick; **Assistant Professors:** Eve Dunbar, Hua Hsu, Dorothy Kim, Kiese Laymon^a, Zoltán Márkus^a, Molly McGlennen, Tyrone Simpson, II, Julie Park, Hiram Perez, Laura Yow; **Visiting Associate Professors:** David Means, Karen Robertson; **Visiting Assistant Professors:** Natalie Friedman, Joshua Harmon, Lee Rumbarger; **Adjunct Associate Professors:** Dean Crawford, M Mark, Judith Nichols^{ab}, Ralph Sassone; **Adjunct Assistant Professors:** Joanne Long (and Dean of Freshman), Julia Rose.

Requirements for Concentration: A minimum of twelve units, comprising either eleven graded units and an ungraded senior tutorial, or twelve graded units including a senior seminar in the English 300 range of course offerings. Four units must be elected at the 300-level. At least six units, including either the senior tutorial or the 300-level seminar, must be taken at Vassar.

No AP credit or course taken NRO may be counted toward the requirements for the major.

Distribution Requirements: Majors are required to take two units of work in literature written before 1800 and one unit of work in literature written before 1900. They must also take one course that focuses on issues of race, gender, sexuality, or ethnicity. Students can apply one literature course from one of the other departments or programs toward the major. The courses available for such credit will be listed in the Alphabet Book as "approved courses." While most such courses are likely to be in translation, literature courses in the original language will also be accepted for credit. These courses will not count toward any of the English department's distribution requirements, or toward one of the required 300-level courses for the major.

Recommendations: English 101 and 170 are strongly recommended as foundational courses, and students are also strongly encouraged to work from the 200 to the 300-level in at least one field of study. Acquaintance with a classical language (Latin or Greek) or with one or more of the languages especially useful for an understanding of the history of English (Old English, German, or French) is useful, as are appropriate courses in philosophy, history, and other literatures.

Further information: Applicants for English 209-210 (Narrative Writing), English 211-212 (Verse Writing), and English 305-306 (Senior Composition), must submit samples of their writing before spring break. Details about these deadlines, departmental procedures, and current information on course offerings may be found in the Alphabet Book available in the department office.

Correlate Sequences in English: The department offers six correlates in English: Race and Ethnicity; Literary Theory and Cultural Studies; Poetry and Poetics; British Literary History, American Literary History, and Creative Writing. Further information is available in the Alphabet Book.

I. Introductory Courses

101a or b. The Art of Reading and Writing (1)

Development of critical reading in various forms of literary expression, and regular practice in different kinds of writing. The content of each section varies; see the Freshman Handbook for descriptions. The department.

Open only to freshmen; satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

Although the content of each section varies, this course may not be repeated for credit; see the Freshman Handbook for descriptions.

110b. Process, Prose, and Pedagogy (1)

(Same as College Course 110b)

^{ab} Absent on leave for the year.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

170a or b. Approaches to Literary Studies (1)
Each section explores a central issue, such as “the idea of a literary period,” “canons and the study of literature,” “nationalism and literary form,” or “gender and genre” (contact the department office for 2009/10 descriptions). Assignments focus on the development of skills for research and writing in English, including the use of secondary sources and the critical vocabulary of literary study. The department.

Open to freshmen and sophomores, and to others by permission; does not satisfy college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

172-179. Special Topics (½)
Courses listed under these numbers are designed to offer to a wide audience a variety of literary subjects that are seldom taught in regularly offered courses. The courses are six weeks in length and held during the second half of the semester; the subjects they cover vary from year to year. Enrollment is unlimited and open to all students. Instructors lecture when the classes are too large for the regular seminar format favored in the English department. Does not satisfy Freshman Writing Seminar requirement. These courses are ungraded and do not count toward the major. May be repeated.

177a or b. Special Topic: (½)
The Great White Whale: Herman Melville’s *Moby Dick*, by Herman Melville. In the context of supporting readings that range from the biographical to the ecological, we explore the myriad complexities of this elusive novel, which was hailed in its time as both “extraordinary” and as “trash belonging to the worst school of Bedlam literature.” If you’ve ever wanted the chance to read this magnificent tome and lavish some time and attention on it, this is the course for you. Ms. Friedman.

179a. Special Topic: Henry David Thoreau (½)
(Same as Environmental Studies 179a) Thoreau’s writings have deeply influenced American culture, including artistic, political, and environmental thought of the twentieth- and twenty-first centuries. Works studied include Thoreau’s account, in *Walden*, of his famous “experiment in living”; his influential treatise “Civil Disobedience” and his writings opposing slavery; travel works such as *The Maine Woods* and *Cape Cod*; and his lifelong journal. Areas of consideration include the origins of Thoreau’s thought in Emersonian Transcendentalism; his relation to the new sciences of his day; his role in formulating modern environmental thought; his influence on twentieth-century public figures such as Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.; and his profound and diverse influence on different forms of modern and contemporary American literature. Mr. Peck.

184a. New Voices, Old Stories: New Immigrant Jewish Writers and their Roots (1)
(Same as Jewish Studies 184a) American history is, in some ways, the story of immigrants, and one of the first immigrant groups to publish their stories were Jews, particularly those from Eastern Europe. American Jewish writers established the immigrant literary scene that today has become multifaceted and multicultural. In this class, we read the newest, most popular young writers to emerge from the recent Eastern European Jewish diaspora, and compare them to their classic forerunners. We examine the themes of assimilation, religious awakening, and responses to the Holocaust by members of the Second and Third Generation. New texts include Gary Shteyngart’s *The Russian Debutante’s Handbook*, Jonathan Safran Foer’s *Everything is Illuminated*, and Lara Vapnyar’s *There Are Jews in My House*; older voices include those of Abraham Cahan, Henry Roth, and Anzia Yezierska. Ms. Friedman.

Open to freshmen only. Satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

II. Intermediate

Prerequisite: open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors with one unit of 100-level work or by permission of the associate chair. Stu-

dents applying for permission to elect 200-level work must present samples of their writing to the associate chair. Freshmen with AP credit may elect 200-level work after consultation with the department and with the permission of the instructor. First-year students who have completed English 101 may elect 200-level work with permission of the instructor. Intermediate writing courses are not open to freshmen.

205a or b. Composition (1)
Study and practice of various forms of prose and poetry. Reading and writing assignments may include prose fiction, journals, poetry, drama, and essays. The a-term course is open by special permission to sophomores regardless of major, in order of draw numbers, and to juniors and seniors, in order of draw numbers, with priority given to English majors. The b-term course is open by special permission to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, in order of draw numbers, with priority given to English majors. To gain special permission, students must fill out a form in the English department office during pre-registration.

One 2-hour period and individual conferences with the instructor.

206a or b. Composition (1)
Open to any student who has taken English 205 or an equivalent course.

Special permission is not required.

One 2-hour period and individual conferences with the instructor.

207a or b. Literary Nonfiction (1)
Study and practice of literary nonfiction in various formats. Reading and writing assignments may include personal, informal, and lyric essays, travel and nature writing; and memoirs. Frequent short writing assignments. Mr. Kumar, Ms. Long.

One 2-hour period and individual conferences with the instructor.

208b. Literary Nonfiction (1)
Development of the student’s abilities as a reader and writer of literary nonfiction, with emphasis on longer forms. Mr. Hsu.

Prerequisite: open to students who have taken any of the other 200-level writing courses in English or by permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour course and individual conferences with the instructor.

209-210. Narrative Writing (1)
Development of the student’s abilities as a writer and reader of narrative, with particular emphasis on the short story. Ms. Kane.

Deadline for submission of writing samples is before spring break.

One 2-hour period and individual conferences with the instructor.

211-212. Verse Writing (1)
Development of the student’s abilities as a writer and reader of poetry. Ms. McGlennen.

Deadline for submission of writing samples is before spring break.

One 2-hour period and individual conferences with the instructor.

[213 The English Language] (1)
Study of the history of English from the fifth century to the present, with special attention to the role of literature in effecting as well as reflecting linguistic change. Treatment of peculiarly literary matters, such as poetic diction, and attention to broader linguistic matters, such as phonology, comparative philology, semantics, and the relationship between language and experience.

Not offered in 2009/10.

215b. Pre-modern Drama: Text and Performance before 1800 (1)

Study of selected dramatic texts and their embodiment both on the page and the stage. Authors, critical and theoretical approaches, dramatic genres, historical coverage, and themes may vary from year to year.

Topic for 2009/10: *Pre-Modern Drama: Medieval Drama and the Chester Cycle*. Medieval Drama could be considered one of the earliest forms of community theater, and definitely one of the earliest instances of drama for the regular folk. In this class, we examine all of the *Chester Cycle*, a play cycle of 24 plays produced and acted by various craft guilds of the town of Chester from the fourteenth century into the sixteenth century. Ms. Kim.

216b. Modern Drama: Text and Performance after 1800 (1)

Study of modern dramatic texts and their embodiment both on the page and the stage. Authors, critical and theoretical approaches, dramatic genres, historical coverage, and themes may vary from year to year.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Twentieth-Century American Drama: Dysfunctional Families*. This course explores modern plays that present debacles in the private sphere and its most widely accepted, codified, and institutionalized social manifestation: the family. As a site of incessant conflicts and negotiations between the individual and the other and between the intimate and the public, the family offers an ideal framework and subject matter for commentary on a variety of moral and social issues. Through an overview of twentieth-century American drama, this course pays particular attention to the vestiges of the American Dream in a range of dramatic representations of dysfunctional families. As a survey with a special focus, the course may include plays by Thornton Wilder, Eugene O'Neill, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Lorraine Hansberry, Edward Albee, Sam Shepard, August Wilson, David Mamet, Wendy Wasserstein, David Henry Hwang, Tony Kushner, and Suzan-Lori Park. Mr. Markus.

217b. Literary Theory and Interpretation (1)

A study of various critical theories and practices ranging from antiquity to the present day. Mr. Sharp.

218b. Literature, Gender, and Sexuality (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 218 and Women's Studies 218.) This course considers matters of gender and sexuality in literary texts, criticism, and theory. The focus varies from year to year, and may include study of a historical period, literary movement, or genre; constructions of masculinity and femininity; sexual identities; or representations of gender in relation to race and class. Ms. Dunbar.

Topic for 2009/10: *Black Feminism*.

222, 223. Founding of English Literature (1)

These courses offer an introduction to British literary history through an exploration of texts from the eighth through the seventeenth centuries in their literary and cultural contexts. The fall term begins with Old English literature and continues through the death of Queen Elizabeth I (1603). The spring term begins with the establishment of Great Britain and continues through the British Civil War and Puritan Interregnum to the Restoration. Critical issues may include discourses of difference (race, religion, gender, social class); tribal, ethnic, and national identities; exploration and colonization; textual transmission and the rise of print culture; authorship and authority. Both courses address the formation and evolution of the British literary canon, and its significance for contemporary English studies. Ms. Kim, Mr. Markus.

225a. American Literature, Origins to 1865 (1)

Study of the main developments in American literature from its origins through the Civil War: including Native American traditions, exploration accounts, Puritan writings, captivity and slave narratives, as well as major authors from the eighteenth century (such as Edwards, Franklin, Jefferson, Rowson, and Brown) up to the mid-nineteenth century (Irving, Cooper, Poe, Emerson, Hawthorne, Fuller, Stowe, Thoreau, Douglass, Melville, Whitman, and

Dickinson). Mr. Kane.

226b. American Literature, 1865-1925 (1)

Study of the major developments in American literature and culture from the late nineteenth to the early twentieth century. Literary movements such as realism, naturalism, regionalism, and modernism are examined, as well as literatures of ethnicity, race, and gender. Works studied are drawn from such authors as Twain, Howells, James, Jewett, Chestnutt, Chopin, Crane, London, Harte, DuBois, Gilman, Adams, Wharton, Dreiser, Pound, Eliot, Stein, Yeziarska, Fitzgerald, Hemingway, O'Neill, Frost, H. D., and Toomer. Mr. Peck.

227a. The Harlem Renaissance and its Precursors (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 227a) This course places the Harlem Renaissance in literary historical perspective as it seeks to answer the following questions: In what ways was "The New Negro" new? How did African American writers of the Harlem Renaissance rework earlier literary forms from the sorrow songs to the sermon and the slave narrative? How do the debates that raged during this period over the contours of a black aesthetic trace their origins to the concerns that attended the entry of African Americans into the literary public sphere in the eighteenth century? Ms. Dunbar.

228b. African American Literature, "Vicious Modernism" and Beyond (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 228b) In the famous phrase of Amiri Baraka, "Harlem is vicious/ Modernism." Beginning with the modernist innovations of African American writers after the Harlem Renaissance, this course ranges from the social protest fiction of the 1940s through the Black Arts Movement to the postmodernist experiments of contemporary African American writers. Ms. Dunbar.

229a. Asian-American Literature, 1946-present (1)

This course considers such topics as memory, identity, liminality, community, and cultural and familial inheritance within Asian-American literary traditions. May consider Asian-American literature in relation to other ethnic literatures. Mr. Hsu.

230a. Latina and Latino Literature in the U.S. (1)

(Same as Latin American and Latino/a Studies 230a) This literature engages a history of conflict, resistance, and mestizaje. For some understanding of this embattled context, we examine transnational migration, exile, assimilation, bilingualism, and political and economic oppression as these variously affect the means and modes of the texts under consideration. At the same time, we emphasize the invented and hybrid nature of Latina and Latino literary and cultural traditions, and investigate the place of those inventions in the larger framework of American intellectual and literary traditions, on the one hand, and pan-Latinidad, on the other. Authors studied may include Americo Paredes, Piri Thomas, Cherrie Moraga, Richard Rodriguez, Michelle Serros, Cristina Garcia, Ana Castillo, and Junot Diaz. Mr. Perez.

231b. Native American Literature (1)

Drawing from a wide range of traditions, this course explores the rich heritage of Native American literature. Material for study may comprise oral traditions (myths, legends, place naming and story telling) as well as contemporary fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Authors may include Zitkala Sa, Black Elk, N. Scott Momaday, Leslie Silko, Louise Erdrich, Simon Ortiz, Sherman Alexie, and Joy Harjo. Ms. McGlennen.

235a. Old English (1)

Introduction to Old English language and literature. Mr. Amodio.

236b. Beowulf (1)

Intensive study of the early English epic in the original language. Mr. Amodio.

Prerequisite: English 235 or demonstrated knowledge of Old English, or permission of the instructor.

- 237a. Chaucer** (1)
The major poetry, including *The Canterbury Tales*.
Topic for 2009/10: Chaucer: Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde*.
The class examines Chaucer's largest finished poetic work *Troilus and Criseyde*. We read the sources of the Troilus and Criseyde story, including Benoit de St. Maure's *Roman de Troie*, Boccaccio's *Il Filistrato*, and some of the continuations of the story including Henryson's *Testament of Creseid* and Shakespeare's *Troilus and Cressida*. We also look at some of Chaucer's dream vision poetry and examine the *Kelmscott Chaucer*. Ms. Kim
- 238b. Middle English Literature** (1)
Studies in late medieval literature (1250-1500), drawing on the works of the Gawain-poet, Langland, Chaucer, and others. Genres studied may include lyric, romance, drama, allegory, and vision. Mr. Amodio.
- 240a or b. Shakespeare** (1)
Study of some representative comedies, histories, and tragedies. Mr. Foster, Mr. Weedon.
Not open to students who have taken English 241-242.
- 241-242. Shakespeare** (1)
(Same as Drama 241-242) Study of a substantial number of the plays, roughly in chronological order, to permit a detailed consideration of the range and variety of Shakespeare's dramatic art. Ms. Dunn.
Not open to students who have taken English 240.
- [245a. Pride and Prejudice: British Literature from 1640-1745]** (1)
Study of various authors who were influential in defining the literary culture and the meaning of authorship in the period. Authors may include Aphra Behn, John Dryden, Anne Finch, John Gay, Eliza Haywood, Mary Leapor, Katherine Philips, Alexander Pope, Jonathan Swift, and Lady Mary Wortley Montagu. Ms. Park.
- 246b. Sense and Sensibility: British Literature from 1745-1798** (1)
Study of the writers who represented the culmination of neoclassical literature in Great Britain and those who built on, critiqued, or even defined themselves against it. Authors may include Samuel Johnson, James Boswell, Edmund Burke, William Beckford, William Cowper, Olaudah Equiano, Hester Thrale Piozzi, Mary Wollstonecraft, Ann Radcliffe, Anne Yearsley, and Hannah More. Ms. Park.
- 247b. Eighteenth-Century British Novels** (1)
Readings vary but include works by such novelists as Defoe, Richardson, Fielding, Smollett, Sterne, and Austen. Ms. Park.
- [248a. The Age of Romanticism, 1789-1832]** (1)
Study of British literature in a time of revolution. Authors may include such poets as Blake, Wordsworth, and Keats; essayists such as Burke, Wollstonecraft, Hazlitt, Lamb, and DeQuincey; and novelists such as Edgeworth, Austen, Mary Shelley, and Scott. Mr. Sharp.
Not offered in 2009/10.
- [249. Victorian Literature: Culture and Anarchy]** (1)
Study of Victorian culture through the prose writers of the period. This course explores the strategies of nineteenth-century writers who struggled to find meaning and order in a changing world. It focuses on such issues as industrialization, the woman question, imperialism, aestheticism, and decadence, paying particular attention to the relationship between literary and social discourses. Authors may include nonfiction prose writers such as Carlyle, Ruskin, Arnold, Pater, and Wilde as well as fiction writers such as Disraeli, Gaskell, Dickens, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, George Eliot, and Arthur Conan Doyle.
Not offered 2009/10.
- 250a. Victorian Poets: Eminent, Decadent, and Obscure** (1)
A study of Romantic impulses and Victorian compromises as expressed in the major poems of Tennyson, Browning, Arnold, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and Swinburne. The second half of the course turns from economies of the aesthetic to material conditions of the literary marketplace and to challenges met and posed by women writers such as Felicia Hemans, Letitia Elizabeth Landon, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Emily Brontë, Christina Rossetti, Michael Field (Katherine Bradley and Edith Cooper), and Alice Meynell. Some preliminary study of romantic poetry is strongly recommended. Mr. Kane.
- [251a. Topics in Black Literatures]** (1)
(Same as Africana Studies 251) This course considers Black literatures in all their richness and diversity. The focus changes from year to year, and may include study of a historical period, literary movement, or genre. The course may take a comparative, diasporic approach or may examine a single national or regional literature. Ms. Yow.
Not offered in 2009/10.
- 252b. Writing the Diaspora: Verses/Versus** (1)
(Same as Africana Studies 252b) Black American cultural expression is anchored in rhetorical battles and verbal jousts that place one character against another. From sorrow songs to blues, black music has always been a primary means of cultural expression for African Americans, particularly during difficult social periods and transition. Black Americans have used music and particularly rhythmic verse to resist, express, and signify. Nowhere is this more evident than in hip hop culture generally and hip hop music specifically. Mr. Laymon
This semester's Writing the Diaspora class concerns itself with close textual analysis of hip hop texts. Is Imani Perry right in claiming that Hip Hop is Black American music, or diasporic music? In addition to close textual reading of lyrics, students are asked to create their own hip hop texts that speak to particular artists/texts and/or issues and styles raised.
- 255a. Nineteenth-Century British Novels** (1)
Readings vary but include works by such novelists as Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, the Brontës, Trollope, George Eliot, and Hardy. Ms. Zlotnick.
- [256a. Modern British and Irish Novels]** (1)
Significant twentieth-century novels from Great Britain and Ireland. Mr. Chang.
Not offered in 2009/10.
- [257. The Novel in English after 1945]** (1)
The novel in English as it has developed in Africa, America, Australia, Canada, the Caribbean, Great Britain, India, Ireland, and elsewhere. Mr. Crawford.
Not offered in 2009/10.
- [260b. Modern British Literature, 1901-1945]** (1)
Study of representative modern works of literature in relation to literary modernism. Consideration of cultural crisis and political engagement, with attention to the Great War as a subject of memoir, fiction, and poetry, and to the new voices of the thirties and early forties. Authors may include Hardy, Yeats, Eliot, Lawrence, Woolf, Conrad, Graves, Vera Brittain, Rebecca West, Orwell, and Auden.
Not offered in 2009/10.
- 261a. Literatures of Ireland** (1)
Authors, genres, themes and historical coverage may vary from year to year. Readings may range from the Táin Bó Cuailnge (Cattle Raid of Cooley) and other sagas; to Anglo-Irish authors of various periods, including Swift, Goldsmith, Thomas Moore, Maria Edgeworth, George Bernard Shaw and Oscar Wilde; to the writers of the Irish literary revival, including Roger Casement, Lady Gregory, Padraic O'Conaire, Pádraig Mac Piarais, Synge, and Yeats; to modernists Joyce, Beckett, Flann O'Brien, and Elizabeth Bowen; to contemporary Irish poets, novelists, dramatists, and

musicians. Ms. Kane.

[262b. Postcolonial Literatures] (1)

Study of contemporary literature written in English from Africa, Australia, Canada, the Caribbean, the Indian subcontinent and elsewhere. Readings in various genres by such writers as Chinua Achebe, Margaret Atwood, Janet Frame, Nadine Gordimer, V. S. Naipaul, Salman Rushdie, Derek Walcott, Patrick White. Some consideration of postcolonial literary theory.

Not offered in 2009/10.

265a or b. Selected Author (1)

Study of the work of a single author. The work may be read in relation to literary predecessors and descendants as well as in relation to the history of the writer's critical and popular reception. This course alternates from year to year with English 365. Mr. Russell, Ms. Zlotnick.

Topic for 2009/10a: *James Joyce*. An investigation of the prose fiction of James Joyce, with special emphasis on *Ulysses* and Vladimir Nabokov.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Jane Austen*.

[275b. Caribbean Discourse] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 275) Study of the work of artists and intellectuals from the Caribbean. Analysis of fiction, non-fiction, and popular cultural forms such as calypso and reggae within their historical contexts. Attention to cultural strategies of resistance to colonial domination and to questions of community formation in the post-colonial era. May include some discussion of post-colonial literary theory and cultural studies.

Not offered 2009/10.

277b. Sea-Changes: Caribbean Rewritings of the British Canon (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 277) From William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* to James Joyce's *Ulysses*, the classic texts of the British literary canon have served as points of departure for Caribbean writers seeking to establish a dialogue between a colonial literary tradition and post-colonial national literatures. This course addresses the many re-writings of British texts by Caribbean authors from Roberto Fernandez Retamar's *Caliban* to Jamaica Kincaid's *The Autobiography of My Mother*. Among the texts to be discussed are Jean Rhys's *Wide Sargasso Sea*, V.S. Naipaul's *Guerillas*, Michelle Cliff's *Abeng* and *No Telephone to Heaven*, Maryse Conde's *Windward Heights*, and Riosario Ferre's *Sweet Diamond Dust*. Ms. Yow.

290. Field Work (½ or 1)

Prerequisite: 2 units of 200-level work in English, and by permission of the associate chair. 1 unit of credit given only in exceptional cases.

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)

Prerequisite: 2 units of 200-level work in English, and by permission of the associate chair. 1 unit of credit given only in exceptional cases.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite: Open to juniors and seniors with 2 units of 200-level work in English; or, for juniors and seniors without this prerequisite, 2 units of work in allied subjects and permission from the associate chair.

300a or b. Senior Tutorial (1)

Preparation of a long essay (40 pages) or other independently designed critical project. Each essay is directed by an individual member of the department.

Special permission.

305-306. Composition (1)

Advanced study and practice of various forms of prose and poetry. Open in the senior year to students concentrating in English.

Deadline for submission of writing samples immediately before spring break. Mr. Russell.

307b. Senior Writing Seminar (1)

Experimental first offering of an advanced writing course in parallel with the long-established senior composition sequence, accommodating the multiple approaches, genres, forms and interests that represent the diversity of a contemporary writing life. Ms. Wallace, Mr. Harmon.

[315. Studies in Poetry] (1)

Advanced study of selected topics in the history and theory of poetry, exploring a range of interpretive contexts for understanding individual poems. Discussions may consider such issues as the poetic canon, attacks on the defenses of poetry, and the boundaries of what constitutes poetry itself. The course includes both poetry and criticism, and may focus upon a particular period, genre, poet, or poetic tradition.

Not offered in 2009/10.

317a. Studies in Literary Theory (1)

Advanced study of problems and schools of literary criticism and theory, principally in the twentieth century. May include discussion of new criticism, structuralism, deconstruction, reader-response theory, new historicism, and Marxist, psychoanalytic, phenomenological, and feminist analysis. Ms. Graham.

Topic for 2009/10: *Critical Theory Since 1965*.

[319b. Race and Its Metaphors] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 319) Re-examinations of canonical literature in order to discover how race is either explicitly addressed by or implicitly enabling to the texts. Does racial difference, whether or not overtly expressed, prove a useful literary tool? The focus of the course varies from year to year. Ms. Dunbar.

Not offered in 2009/10.

320b. Traditions in the Literature of England and America (1)

The course studies varied attempts by writers to imagine human conduct and speech that is heroic and yet not ridiculous in the time and landscape of the writer and the reader. The writers read may include Homer, Virgil, Chaucer, Spenser, Shakespeare, Milton, Radcliffe, Austen, Twain, Faulkner, Cheever, and Angelou. Mr. Weedon.

324b. European and American Drama (1)

(Same as Drama 324b) Historical and critical study of European and American dramatic literature, theory and criticism, playwrights, and/or aesthetic movements.

Topic for 2009/10: *Genet Revisited: Life, Art, and the Production of Self*. This course explores the significance and relevance of Genet's work today. We read Genet's novels, plays, essays, poems, letters, and examine the impact of his activism and politics of representation. Readings also include theoretical essays and the writings of other artists about Genet. Weekly presentations culminate in a final theatrical rendering of one of Genet's texts. Ms. Cody.

Prerequisites: Drama 221/222 or permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

325a or b. Studies in Genre (1)

An intensive study of specific forms or types of literature, such as satire, humor, gothic fiction, realism, slave narratives, science fiction, crime, romance, adventure, short story, epic, autobiography, hypertext, and screenplay. Each year, one or more of these genres is investigated in depth. The course may cross national borders and historical periods or adhere to boundaries of time and place.

Topic for 2009/10a: *The Multiple Modes of Black Urbanism*. This course explores the black encounter with the American city. The class draws from a wide range of scholarship in the humanities. We look at historical examples in which cities have functioned in the political interests of Blacks, such as antebellum Boston and its radical abolitionism. We review the wide range of sociological scholarship—from W.E.B. DuBois to William Julius Wilson—that has

cast the urban as a besieged chocolate space. We review the work of anthropologists such as John Jackson and Steven Gregory that account for black encounter with gentrification and urban change. The course culminates with a critical look at black cultural uses of the city, among them, graffiti, hip hop, sports, religion, and music. Mr. Simpson.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Studies in Genre: Medieval Travel Writing*. The class looks at medieval travel literature that include pilgrimage accounts, fabulous tales from the East, maps, romances, chronicle, and hagiography. Some of the texts we look at include: *The Book of Margery Kempe*, *The Old English Wonders of the East*, *The Travels of John Mandeville*, crusading romances, and the Hereford World Map, the letter of Prester John. Ms. Kim.

326b. Challenging Ethnicity (1)

An exploration of literary and artistic engagements with ethnicity. Contents and approaches vary from year to year.

Topic for 2009/10: *Race and Melodrama*. Often dismissed as escapist, predictable, lowbrow or exploitative, melodrama also has been recuperated by several contemporary critics as a key site for the rupture and transformation of mainstream values. Film scholar Linda Williams argues that melodrama constitutes “a major force of moral reasoning in American mass culture,” shaping the nation’s racial imaginary. This course investigates the lasting impact of such fictions as Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, Fannie Hurst’s *Imitation of Life*, the romanticized legend of John Smith’s encounter with Pocahontas, and John Luther Long’s “Madame Butterfly.” What precisely is melodrama? If not a genre, is it (as diverse critics argue) a mode, symbolic structure, or a sensibility? What do we make of the international success of melodramatic forms and texts such as the telenovela? How do we understand melodrama’s special resonance historically among disfranchised classes? How and to what ends do the pleasures of suffering authenticate particular collective identities (women, the working-class, queers, blacks, and group formations yet to be named)? What relationships between ethnic or racial identity, affect and consumption does melodrama reveal? Texts may also include work by David Belasco, Peter Brooks, Mary Ann Doane, David Eng, Sui Sin Far, Sigmund Freud, Christine Gledhill, Todd Haynes, David Henry Hwang, Nella Larsen, Annie Proulx, and Douglas Sirk. Mr. Perez.

328a. Literature of the American Renaissance (1)

Intensive study of major works by American writers of the mid-nineteenth century. Authors may include: Cooper, Poe, Hawthorne, Emerson, Thoreau, Douglass, Fuller, Stowe, Delany, Wilson, Melville, Whitman, and Dickinson. In addition to placing the works in historical and cultural context, focusing on the role of such institutions as slavery and such social movements as transcendentalism, the course also examines the notion of the American Renaissance itself. Mr. Peck.

329a. American Literary Realism (1)

Exploration of the literary concepts of realism and naturalism focusing on the theory and practice of fiction between 1870 and 1910, the first period in American literary history to be called modern. The course may examine past critical debates as well as the current controversy over realism in fiction. Attention is given to such questions as what constitutes reality in fiction, as well as the relationship of realism to other literary traditions. Authors may include Henry James, Mark Twain, Stephen Crane, Charles Chestnutt, Edith Wharton, Theodore Dreiser, and Willa Cather. Mr. Simpson.

330a. American Modernism (1)

Intensive study of modern American literature and culture in the first half of the twentieth century, with special attention to the concept of “modernism” and its relation to other cultural movements during this period. Authors may include Dreiser, Wharton, Cather, Frost, Anderson, Millay, Pound, Stein, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, O’Neill, H. D., Faulkner, Wright, Eliot, Williams, Moore, Stevens, Crane, Yeziarska, Toomer, Hughes, Cullen, Brown, Hurston, McKay, and Dos Passos. Ms. Graham, Mr. Antelyes.

331b. Post-modern American Literature (1)

Advanced study of American literature from the second half of the twentieth century to the current date. Authors may include Welty, Ellison, Warren, O’Connor, Olson, Momaday, Mailer, Lowell, Bellow, Percy, Nabokov, Bishop, Rich, Roth, Pynchon, Ashbery, Merrill, Reed, Silko, Walker, Morrison, Gass, and Kingston. Mr. Hsu.

340a. Studies in Medieval Literature (1)

Intensive study of selected medieval texts and the questions they raise about their context and interpretation. Issues addressed may include the social and political dynamics, literary traditions, symbolic discourses, and individual authorial voices shaping literary works in this era. Discussion of these issues may draw on both historical and aesthetic approaches, and both medieval and modern theories of rhetoric, reference, and text-formation.

Topic for 2009/10: *The Gawain-Poet* and his Contemporaries. Mr. Amodio.

341b. Studies in the Renaissance (1)

Intensive study of selected Renaissance texts and the questions they raise about their context and interpretation.

Topic for 2009/10: *Elizabeth I*: Representation of the Virgin Queen in iconography, poetry, and prose. Ms. Robertson.

342a. Studies in Shakespeare (1)

Advanced study of Shakespeare’s work and its cultural significance in various contexts from his time to today.

Topic for 2009/10: *Wholly Hamlet!* “Are the commentators on *Hamlet* really mad,” inquired Oscar Wilde, “or only pretending to be?” It has been said that “*Hamlet* invented modern subjectivity”; that *Hamlet* engages us “not as a work by Shakespeare but as a work of western culture,” “a field of operation for thoughtful play,” “a poem unlimited.” The *Hamlet* story survives in medieval folk tales and in a thousand modern redactions, including three substantially different “Shakespeare” scripts (1603, 1604, 1623). In this interdisciplinary seminar we shall consider folk *Hamlets*, stage *Hamlets*, printshop *Hamlets*, burlesque *Omelets*; *Hamlet* as transposed to the painter’s canvas and to the silver screen; *Hamlet* in textual scholarship, literary history, classroom editing, dramatic theory, art history, psychiatry, anthropology, philosophy, gender studies, queer theory, kiddie lit, theology, Bardolatry, anti-Stratfordianism, pop culture, world culture, and the Internet. Nor shall Ophelia drown without notice. Mr. Foster.

345b. Milton (1)

Study of John Milton’s career as a poet and polemicist, with particular attention to *Paradise Lost*. Mr. Weedon.

350b. Studies in Eighteenth-century British Literature (1)

Focuses on a broad literary topic, with special attention to works of the Restoration and eighteenth century: a consideration of the genre of satire as a way of understanding the world; or sensibility and the Gothic, a study of the origins of these literary trends and of their relationship to each other, with some attention to their later development.

Topic for 2009/10: *Interior Life in Eighteenth Century England*. Ms. Park.

351b. Studies in Nineteenth-Century British Literature (1)

Study of a major author (e.g., Coleridge, George Eliot, Oscar Wilde) or a group of authors (the Brontës, the Pre-Raphaelite poets and painters) or a topical issue (representations of poverty; literary decadence; domestic angels and fallen women; transformations of myth in Romantic and Victorian literature) or a major genre (elegy, epic, autobiography).

Topic for 2009/10: *Deals with the Devil*. This course examines the Faust theme in works of nineteenth-century British literature. The story of the scholar-magician who sold his soul to the prince of darkness compelled the imaginations of many British writers of the Romantic and Victorian era. Often they associated this legend with the myth of Prometheus, the Titan who dared to steal divine fire for

the benefit of humankind. The course studies the various faces of the archetypal over-reacher and the significance of the archetype for us at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Ms. Darlington.

352a, 353b. Romantic Poets (1)
Intensive study of the major poetry and critical prose of Blake, Wordsworth, and Coleridge (first semester), and Byron, Shelley, and Keats (second semester) in the context of Enlightenment thought, the French Revolution, and the post-Napoleonic era. Readings may include biographies, letters, and a few philosophical texts central to the period. Some preliminary study of Milton is strongly recommended. Ms. Darlington.

[355. Modern Poets] (1)
Intensive study of selected modern poets, focusing on the period 1900-1945, with attention to longer poems and poetic sequences. Consideration of the development of the poetic career and of poetic movements. May include such poets as Auden, Bishop, Eliot, Frost, Hopkins, Moore, Pound, Stein, Stevens, Williams, and Yeats.
Not offered 2009/10.

356a. Contemporary Poets (1)
Intensive study of selected contemporary poets, with attention to questions of influence, interrelations, and diverse poetic practices. May include such poets as Ashbery, Bernstein, Brooks, Graham, Harjo, Heaney, Hill, Merrill, Rich, and Walcott. Mr. Joyce.

357a. Studies in Twentieth-Century Literature (1)
Intensive study of literatures of the twentieth century, with primary focus on British and postcolonial (Irish, Indian, Pakistani, South African, Caribbean, Australian, Canadian, etc.) texts. Selections may focus on an author or group of authors, a genre (e.g., modern verse epic, drama, satiric novel, travelogue), or a topic (e.g., the economics of modernism, black Atlantic, Englishes and Englishness, themes of exile and migration). Mr. Chang.

362b. Text and Image (1)
Explores intersections and interrelationships between literary and visual forms such as the graphic novel, illustrated manuscripts, tapestry, the world-wide web, immersive environments, the history and medium of book design, literature and film, literature and visual art. Topics vary from year to year.

Topic for 2009/10b: *20s/20s*. In the United States during the 1920s there was an unusually close collaboration between writers and artists, who often knew one another well and shared aesthetic programs and cultural agendas. Ernest Hemingway, Gertrude Stein, and William Carlos Williams for example, understood their work in relation to that of American artists like John Marin, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Charles Demuth. A century before, in the 1820s, the emergence of the Hudson River School landscape painters goes hand in hand with the emergence of a national literature in works by writers such as Washington Irving. In both decades, important cultural institutions, such as little magazines in the 1920s and New York City writers and artists clubs in the 1820s, helped establish an intimate dialogue between literature and art. In this course, we seek to learn why this kind of dialogue was unusually rich during these two decades of American life. Mr. Peck.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Because Dave Chappelle Said So*. From Hip Hop to Paul Beatty's *White Boy Shuffle* to Spike Lee's *Bamboozled* to Dave Chappelle to Aaron McGruder's *Boondocks* to Sacha Baron Cohen's Ali G character, black masculinity seems to be a contemporary site of massive satire. This course explores the history, style, content and movement of black, mostly male, satirical comic narratives and characters. Using postmodernism as our critical lens, we explore what black satirical characters and narratives are saying through "tragicomedy" to the mediums of literature, film, television and comics, and to the ideals of morality, democracy, sexuality, femininity and masculinity. Are these narratives and characters, while asserting some sort of critical citizenship, actually writing black women's subjectivity, narratives and experience out of popular American textual history? Does satire have masculinist underpinnings? How are these texts and characters communicating

with each other and is there a shared language? Is there a difference between a black comic text and a black satirical text? These are some of the questions we explore in "Because Dave Chappelle Said So." Mr. Laymon.

365a or b. Selected Author (1)
Study of the work of a single author. The work may be read in relation to literary predecessors and descendants as well as in relation to the history of the writers's critical and popular reception. This course alternates from year to year with English 265. Ms. Yow, Mr. Peck.

Topic for 2009/10a: *William Faulkner*.

Topic for 2009/10b: *F. Scott Fitzgerald*.

370a or b. Transnational Literature (1)
This course focuses on literary works and cultural networks that cross the borders of the nation-state. Such border-crossings raise questions concerning vexed phenomena such as globalization, exile, diaspora, and migration—forced and voluntary. Collectively, these phenomena deeply influence the development of transnational cultural identities and practices. Specific topics studied in the course vary from year to year and may include global cities and cosmopolitanisms; the black Atlantic; border theory; the discourses of travel and tourism; global economy and trade; or international terrorism and war.

Topic for 2009/10a: *The Marvelous*. This course investigates and critiques "magic," spirituality, and supernatural event in historical and contemporary narrative, verse, and visual imagery. The course includes Latin American, Indian, Irish, and African works in English and in translation. Ms. Kane

Topic for 2009/10a: *Oz Lit: From Down Under to Up Over*. Postcolonial cultures are often divided into two types: indigenous and settler, according to the circumstances of colonization and subsequent history. This course examines one of the settler cultures, Australia, through the lens of its literature, as it has developed since the nation's origins as a British penal colony. The focus, however, is mainly on modern and contemporary literature, which has developed with such extraordinary vitality in recent decades. In addition to exploring the dynamics of this new Australian literature—or *Oz Lit*—we consider the impact of British and American influences, and the unique situation of Aboriginal culture in Australia. In placing it in the broad context of globalized writing in the twenty-first century, we seek to understand Australia's ongoing contribution to anglophone literature. Authors may include Peter Carey, Helen Garner, David Malouf, Gwen Harwood, Richard Flanagan, Alice Pung, Les Murray, Inga Clendinnen, Alex Miller and others. Course fulfills the race, gender, sexuality or ethnicity requirement. Mr. Kane and Mr. Sharp.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Literature of Globalization*. This course focuses on the novels that deal with contemporary globalization: Joseph O'Neill's *Netherland*; Kiran Desai's *The Inheritance of Loss*; Mohsin Hamid's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*; Orhan Pamuk's *Snow*; Ha Jin, *A Free Life*; Uzodenma Iweala's *Beasts of No Nation*, and William Gibson's *Pattern Recognition*. We also read various theorists of globalization, including David Harvey, Gayatri Spivak, Saskia Sassen, Mike Davis, Edward Said. Also under discussion, four films on reserve in the library: *Monsoon Wedding* (2001), *Dirty Pretty Things* (2002), *Syriana* (2005) and *Babel* (2006). Each student writes one short essay (5 pages) and one long essay (12 pages). Mr. Kumar.

380-389a or b. Advanced Literary Study (1)
The content and the requirements for the completion of the work in each section vary from year to year.
Enrollment is limited to 12.

380a. J.D. Salinger and the Craft of Writing (1)
This seminar focuses on the craft of writing in J.D. Salinger's work, including *Catcher in the Rye*, *Nine Stories*, *Franny and Zooey*, *Raise High the Roofbeams and Hapworth 16, 1924*. The course also explores Salinger's relation to social and literary movements of the 1950s, such as the Beats, and his influence on other writers, including those of the twenty-first century such as Jonathan Safran Foer and Aimee

Bender. Of special interest to creative writers. Ms. Wallace.

384b. The Literature of Friendship (1)

This seminar explores the treatment of friendship in a wide range of texts, mainly literary but also historical and philosophical, from antiquity through the present, including works by Aristotle, Cicero, Sappho, Po Chu-I, Shakespeare, Montaigne, Dr. Johnson, Keats, Wilde, Frederick Douglass, Jorge Luis Borges, Anna Akhmatova, Lillian Hellman, Elizabeth Bishop, Groucho Marx, Adrienne Rich, Michael Harper, Helen Garner, and Carol Smith-Rosenberg. Mr. Sharp.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Open by permission of the Chair.

One unit of credit given only in exceptional cases.

Environmental Studies

Director: Elizabeth Paravisini-Gebert; **Steering Committee:** Mark W. Andrews (French), Pinar Batur (Sociology), Stuart L. Belli (Chemistry), Mary Ann Cunningham (Geography), Rebecca Edwards (History), Lucy Lewis Johnson (Anthropology), Jamie T. Kelly (Philosophy), Kirsten Menking (Earth Science), Elizabeth Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies), H. Daniel Peck (English), Anne Pike-Tay (Anthropology), A. Marshall Pregnall (Biology), Margaret L. Ronsheim (Biology), Paul A. Ruud (Economics), Peter G. Stillman (Political Science), Jeffrey R. Walker (Earth Science); **Participating Faculty:** Mark W. Andrews (French), Pinar Batur (Sociology), Marianne H. Begemann (Chemistry), Stuart L. Belli (Chemistry), Lisa Brawley (Urban Studies), Lynn T. Capozzoli (Education), James Challey (Physics), Gabrielle H. Cody (Drama), Colleen Ballerino Cohen (Anthropology), Randolph Cornelius (Psychology), Erica J. Crespi (Biology), Mary Ann Cunningham (Geography), Jeffrey Cynx (Psychology), Rebecca Edwards (History), Robert Fritz (Biology), David P. Gilliken (Earth Science), Brian J. Godfrey (Geography), Janet Gray (Psychology), Michael P. Hanagan (History), Kathleen Hart (French), Lucy Lewis Johnson (Anthropology), Paul Kane (English), Jamie T. Kelly (Philosophy), Timothy H. Koechlin (Economics), John H. Long Jr. (Biology), John Bertrand Lott (Classics), Candice M. Lowe (Anthropology), Karen Lucic (Art), William E. Lunt (Economics), Brian G. McAdoo (Earth Science), Kirsten Menking (Earth Science), Marque Miringoff (Sociology), Himadeep Muppidi (Political Science), Leonard Nevarez (Sociology), Joseph Nevins (Geography), Judith Nichols (English), Carolyn Palmer (Psychology), Elizabeth Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies), H. Daniel Peck (English), Anne Pike-Tay (Anthropology), Sidney Plotkin (Political Science), A. Marshall Pregnall (Biology), Christopher Roellke (Education), Margaret L. Ronsheim (Biology), Paul A. Ruud (Economics), Mark A. Schlessman (Biology), Jill S. Schneiderman (Earth Science), Christopher J. Smart (Chemistry), Peter G. Stillman (Political Science), J. William Straus (Biology), Jeffrey R. Walker (Earth Science), Yu Zhou (Geography).

Environmental Studies is a multidisciplinary program that involves the natural and social sciences as well as the arts and humanities. It explores the relationships between people and the totality of their environments—natural, built, and social. As part of that exploration, environmental studies concerns itself with the description and analysis of natural systems; with interspecies and species-environment relationships and the institutions, policies and laws that affect those relationships; with aesthetic portrayals of nature and how these portrayals affect human perceptions and behavior toward it; and with ethical issues raised by the human presence in the environment. A component of the program is the Environmental Research Institute (ERI), whose mission is to broaden and enrich the Environmental Studies program by emphasizing and supporting fieldwork, research, and engagement in the community.

Students majoring in Environmental Studies are required to take courses offered by the program, a set of courses within a particular department, and other courses from across the curriculum of the college. Therefore, a student interested in the major should consult with the director of the program as early as possible to plan a coherent course of study. The director, in consultation with the steering committee, assigns an advisor to each student. Advisors are selected from the participating faculty of the program. The steering committee approves each major's program, and is concerned not only with the formal requirements but also with the inclusion of relevant environmental courses in the student's chosen areas of study, interconnections among groups of courses, and adequate concentration in the methods of a discipline. Students are admitted to the program by the director, subject to the approval of their program of study by the steering committee. For additional information please consult the program website.

Research studies by Environmental Studies majors are supported by the Environmental Research Institute.

Requirements for the Major: 15 units to be distributed as follows, with specific courses chosen in consultation with the director

and the student's advisor, and with the approval of the steering committee. (1) Environmental Studies 124, Environmental Studies 250 and Environmental Studies 301, the senior seminar; (2) Environmental Studies 260 or 270, and one course from within the program's own offerings at the 300-level; (3) the senior project/thesis, Environmental Studies 300 or 303-304; (4) a sequence of five courses in one department (or a set of five courses with a common focus, such as law or environmental policy, from two or more departments), including at least one at the 300-level; (5) for students whose disciplinary concentration is in biology, chemistry, or earth science, three courses, no more than one at the 100-level relevant to the major in a department outside the natural sciences; for students whose disciplinary concentration is in a natural science other than biology, chemistry, and earth science, a set of courses established in consultation with the director; for students whose disciplinary concentration is not in the natural sciences, three courses, at least one at the 200-level, relevant to the major from either biology, chemistry, or earth science; (6) one full unit of field experience, which may come from field work, independent study, an internship, or selected course work taken during the Junior Year Study Away. Field experience is expected to be carried out before the senior thesis/project. The unit of field experience is graded Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory. The senior project/thesis is graded Distinction, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory. After declaration of the major, no required courses may be elected NRO.

Senior Year Requirement: Environmental Studies 300 or 303-304 and 301.

Because Environmental Studies is a major in which students concentrate in two disciplines or areas of focus (one in the natural sciences), potential majors are encouraged to take introductory courses in the disciplines or areas where their focus may be. Although the program does not require any specific introductory courses, Environmental Studies 100-level courses are available and can lead appropriately into the required sequence beginning with Environmental Studies 200-level courses.

I. Introductory

100b. Earth Resource Challenges (1)
(Same as Earth Science 100b, Earth Science and Society 100b, and Geography 100b)

Topic for 2009/10: *Carbon Conflicts: Coal, Oil, and Diamonds and the Modern World*. Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Nevins

107a. Global Change (1)

This class offers an interdisciplinary introduction to the climate and ecosystem principles needed to understand human impact on the natural environment. We discuss the issue of global change prediction and the scientific basis for global change assessments and policy measures. Key topics are the physical climate system and its variability, the carbon cycle and related ecosystem processes, land use issues, nutrient cycles, and the impact of global change on society. Common threads in all of these topics include the use of observations and models, the consideration of multiple scales (temporal and spatial), the interaction of human behaviors and choices with natural systems, and the linkages among aspects of the global change issue.

124a. Essentials of Environmental Science (1)

A lecture/laboratory course in which basic topics in environmental biology, geology, and chemistry are covered with examples from current environmental issues used to illustrate the application and interdisciplinary nature of these fields. This course treats the following topics: energy sources and waste products, atmospheric patterns and climate, biogeochemical cycles, properties of soils and water, and ecological processes. Using these topics as a platform, this course examines the impact humanity has on the environment and discusses strategies to diminish those effects. The laboratory component includes field trips, field investigations, and laboratory exercises.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

[150. The Environmental Imagination in Literature and Art: American Visions of Landscape] (1)

The course introduces students to ways in which American works of literature and art, from the nineteenth century to the twenty-first century, may be considered "environmental." Works are studied for ways in which they express environmental values such as a strong sense of place, a scientifically informed view of nature, a sense of nature as "process," and an ecological worldview. Mr. Peck. There are several field trips to Hudson Valley sites.

Not offered in 2009/10.

179a. Special Topic: Henry David Thoreau (½)
(Same as English 179a) Mr. Peck.

184b. Seeing the Landscape (1/2)

(Same as Geography 184b) Natural history is a discipline devoted to wide-ranging yet detailed inspection of our natural world, largely through field work and direct observation. This discipline was central to the intellectual foundations of institutions such as Vassar. Since that time the sciences have shifted to narrower and more focused inquiry, which is reflected in how we view our global environment. This field-trip based course examines the methods and perspectives of natural history in order to consider what lessons its multidisciplinary approach might have for current environmental scholars. On field trips we practice observation skills including identification of flora and fauna, as well as examining the environmental transitions that influence biological communities. We use geographic information systems (GIS) to understand historic changes in landscapes and biota. Through discussions and readings we consider the role of natural history in science and the potential of natural history collections and data in addressing current questions such as climate change and ecological restoration. Ms Ronsheim and Ms Cunningham.

One 4-hour lab.

II. Intermediate

250b. Environmentalisms in Perspective (1)

The purpose of this course, an introduction to the core issues and perspectives of environmental studies is to develop a historical awareness of selected, significant positions in the contemporary theory and practice of environmentalism. In addition to studying different views of the relationship between human beings and their environments posited by different environmentalisms, the course critically examines views of science (or the study of nature), implications for policy, and the creation of meaning suggested by each. Environmentalist positions under consideration vary. By examining the roots of major contemporary positions, students explore possible connections among the ethical, scientific, aesthetic, and policy concerns that comprise environmental studies.

Required of students concentrating in the program. Open to other students by permission of the director and as space permits.

Prerequisite: sophomore or junior standing. Must be taken before the senior year.

254b. Environmental Science in the Field (1)

(Same as Biology 254b and Earth Science 254b) The environment consists of complex and often elegant interactions between various constituents so that an interdisciplinary approach is required to understand how human interactions may affect it. In this course, we study a variety of aspects of a specific environment by considering how biological, chemical, geological, and human factors interact. We observe these interactions first hand during a weeklong field trip. Some of the questions we may consider are: How does a coral polyp create an environment that not only suits its particular species, but also helps regulate the global climate? How has human development and associated water demands in the desert Southwest changed the landscape, fire ecology, and even estuary and fisheries' health as far away as the Gulf of California? How have a variety of species (humans included) managed to survive on an island with the harsh environment of the exposed mid-ocean ridge of Iceland? The course is offered every other year, and topics vary with expertise of the faculty teaching the course.

Topic for 2009/10: *Global Decline of Coral Reef Ecosystems*. Coral reefs are often called the rainforests of the ocean. They provide a variety of services from nurseries for offshore fisheries to buffers against storms and tsunamis. These unique ecosystems are currently suffering massive declines due to environmental stressors such as elevated seawater temperature, extreme weather and oceanographic events, and exposure to human activity. This course explores the underlying biology, geology, and oceanography of the coral reef ecosystem, both in the lab and in the field. Weekly exercises will introduce techniques in coral research along with methods to study the effects of environmental degradation. A research field trip during the Spring Break will be conducted at the Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences. Participants in this class must be comfortable living in tropical field conditions (wet, salty, crowded), and be confident swimmers. Mr. McAdoo and Ms. Schwarz.

By special permission.

[256. Environment and Culture in the Caribbean] (1)
(Same as Africana Studies 256) The ecology of the islands of the Caribbean has undergone profound change since the arrival of Europeans to the region in 1492. The course traces the history of the relationship between ecology and culture from pre-Columbian civilizations to the economies of tourism. Among the specific topics of discussion are: Arawak and Carib notions of nature and conservation of natural resources; the impact of deforestation and changes in climate; the plantation economy as an ecological revolution; the political implications of the tensions between the economy of the plot and that of the plantation; the development of environmental conservation and its impact on notions of nationhood; the ecological impact of resort tourism; the development of ecotourism. These topics are examined through a variety of materials: historical documents, essays, art, literature, music, and film. Mr. McAdoo, Ms. Paravisini.

Not offered in 2009/10.

260a. Issues in Environmental Studies (1)
The purpose of this course is to examine in depth an issue, problem, or set of issues and problems in environmental studies, to explore the various ways in which environmental issues are embedded in multiple contexts and may be understood from multiple perspectives. The course topic changes from year to year.

Topic for 2009/10: *Animal Metaphors*. When humans place themselves above and beyond nature, they are more likely to engage in practices that are destructive to the environment. The purpose of this course is to discover how and why humans so often define themselves in opposition to the animal world, and to use both art and science in order to explore alternative identities that would help us come to terms with our own "animal" being. As we consider stories about animals in various works of literature and film, we study humans themselves as a species to which evolution has bequeathed a host of traits and capacities, including the capacity for story-telling. Readings in cognitive science and evolutionary psychology help us to reframe questions of human identity in relation to animals. Towards the end of the course, we examine ways in which various cultural narratives, including ecocriticism, have been transformed by a more scientifically informed appreciation of animals as metaphors, and of humans as "metaphorizing animals." Ms. Hart and Mr. Long.

[261. "The Nuclear Cage": Environmental Theory and Nuclear Power] (1)

(Same as Sociology 261 and Urban Studies 261) The central aim of this course is to explore debates about the interaction between beings, including humans, animals, plants and the earth within the context of advanced capitalism by concentrating on the production, distribution, consumption, and disposal of nuclear power. The first question concerning the class is how does Environmental Theory approach nuclear power and its impact on the environment. The second question deals with how this construction interacts with other forms of debate regarding nuclear power, especially concentrating on the relation between science, market and the state in dealing with nature, and how citizens formulate and articulate their understanding

of nuclear power through social movements. Ms. Batur.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[270. Topics in Environmental Studies] (1)

The purpose of this course is to take up topics relevant to environmental studies, and examine them through the perspectives of the humanities and the natural or social sciences. The course topic changes from year to year.

Not offered in 2009/10.

290a or b. Field Work (1)

Individual or group field projects or internships. Prior approval of advisor and instructor supervising the work are required. May be taken during the academic year or during the summer. Participating faculty.

298a or b. Independent Research (1)

Individual or group project or study. Prior approval of advisor and instructor supervising the work are required. May be taken during the academic year or during the summer. Participating faculty.

III. Advanced

300b. Senior Project/Thesis (1)

Recognizing the diverse interests and course programs of students in Environmental Studies, the program entertains many models for a senior project/thesis. Depending on their disciplinary concentration and interests, students may conduct laboratory or field studies, literary and historical analyses, or policy studies. Senior project/thesis proposals must be approved by the steering committee.

301a. Senior Seminar (1)

In the Senior Seminar, Environmental Studies majors bring their disciplinary concentration and their courses in the program to bear on a problem or set of problems in environmental studies. Intended to be an integration of theory and practice, and serving as a capstone course for the major, the seminar changes its focus from year to year.

Topic for 2009/10: *Theory and Practice in Environmental Studies*. Ms. Paravisini.

Required of students concentrating in the program.

Open to other students by permission of the director and as space permits.

303a-304b. Thesis (1)

312a. Studies in Environmental Political Thought (1)

(Same as Political Science 312a) An advanced course that studies topics at the intersection of environmental issues and political thought. Topics change yearly and may include Green Utopias; Justice and Democracy in New Orleans after Katrina; and Economic Growth and the Equitable Distribution of Water in the American Southwest. Mr. Stillman.

331a. Seminar in Archaeological Method and Theory (1)

(Same as Anthropology 331a)

Topic for 2009/10a: *Extinctions in Anthropological Perspective*. Ms. Pike-Tay.

[335. Paleoclimatology: Earth's History of Climate Change] (1)

(Same as Earth Science 335) Ms. Menking.

Not offered in 2009/10.

340a and b. Advanced Urban and Regional Studies (1)

(Same as Geography 340a and Urban Studies 340a)

Topic for 2009a: *Urban Political Ecology: Environmental History, Conservation, and Planning in Global Cities*. In our increasingly urban world, understanding and managing the diverse connections among cities and their extended geophysical and human environments have become urgent tasks. This seminar examines issues of environmental history, conservation, and planning in global mega-cities—sprawling metropolitan areas exceeding ten million inhabitants—through

the theoretical lens of urban political ecology. We focus on how political institutions have mediated the interactions of humans and nature in urban settings around the world. Topics for study include the intellectual history of urban sustainability, methods of environmental history, issues of urban design and metabolism, contemporary efforts to conserve urban environments, participatory citizenship and environmental justice, and prospects for livable cities. Students carry out research on a global mega-city of their choice. Mr. Godfrey.

(Same as Geography 340b and Earth Science 340b) Topic for 2009/10b: *Arctic Environmental Change*. Arctic environments define a geographic region that is important to understand both in terms of its distinctive biogeographic patterns and functions and because it is subject to some of the most dramatic environmental alterations associated with global climate change. This course takes a biogeographic and landscape ecological approach to examining how this region contributes to global biodiversity, and why it contributes disproportionately to the regulation and change of the earth's climate system. What characteristics define these environments and make them especially vulnerable to positive feedbacks in a changing climate? How might climate changes alter landscape structure and composition, and what are the implications of these changes for the distribution of plants and animals in the region? What are global implications of these changes? We examine current literature and data to explore these questions about ongoing and anticipated environmental change in arctic regions. Some background in understanding earth systems or climate change is helpful. Ms. Cunningham.

341a. Oil (1)

(Same as Earth Science 341a and Geography 341a) For the hydraulic civilizations of Mesopotamia, it was water. For the Native Americans of the Great Plains, it was buffalo. As we enter the twenty-first century, our society is firmly rooted both culturally and economically in oil. This class looks into almost every aspect of oil. Starting at the source with kerogen generation, we follow the hydrocarbons along migration pathways to a reservoir with a suitable trap. We look at the techniques geologists and geophysicists use to find a field, and how engineers and economists get the product from the field to refineries, paying particular attention to environmental concerns. What is involved in the negotiations between multinational corporations and developing countries over production issues? What are the stages in refining oil from the crude that comes from the ground to the myriad uses seen today, including plastics, pharmaceuticals, and fertilizers, not to mention gasoline. We also discuss the future of this rapidly dwindling, nonrenewable resource, and discuss options for an oil-less future. Mr. McAdoo.

Prerequisite: One 200-level earth science course or permission of instructor.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory/field session.

By special permission.

[350. New York City as a Social Laboratory] (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 350) What is the future role of cities in the global environment? The goal of this class is to explore the major challenges in making cities environmentally sustainable. Efforts to generate and foster green and sustainable urban space confront economic, political and social complexities, while our imagination is being challenged to define alternatives. By focusing on New York City, we explore alterations in the discourse on sustainability as it relates to spatial allocation in urban design, and architectural innovations in the form and function of green buildings. Through a combination of classroom based discussions and New York City on site investigations, the class strives to understand expanded definition of sustainability in the contemporary urban environment.

Not offered in 2009/10.

352b. Conservation Biology (1)

(Same as Biology 352b) Ms. Ronsheim.

[356 Environment and Land-Use Planning] (1)

(Same as Earth Science 356 and Geography 356) Ms. Cunningham.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[361. Modeling the Earth] (1)

(Same as Earth Science 361) Ms. Menking.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[364. Seminar on Selected Topics in Law and Technology] (1)

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 364) This course explores the dynamic interrelationship between technology and law. It is designed to analyze the reciprocal effects of our society's developed jurisprudence and the advancement and use of science and technology on each other. Areas explored include American Constitutional, international, environmental, criminal, and property law, particularly as they interact with reproductive determination, government information gathering, hazardous waste generation, biotechnology, and technology transfer.

One 2-hour period.

Not offered in 2009/10.

367b. Peoples and Environments in the American West (1)

(Same as History 367b) Ms. Edwards.

[370. Gender and Nature] (1)

(Same as Women's Studies 370) In this seminar we explore some basic concepts and approaches within feminist environmental analysis paying particular attention to feminist theory and its relevance to environmental issues. We examine a range of feminist research and analysis in 'environmental studies' that is connected by the recognition that gender subordination and environmental destruction are related phenomena. That is, they are the linked outcomes of forms of interactions with nature that are shaped by hierarchy and dominance, and they have global relevance. The course helps students discover the expansive contributions of feminist analysis and action to environmental research and advocacy; it provides the chance for students to apply the contributions of a feminist perspective to their own specific environmental interests. Ms. Schneiderman.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[372. Topics in Human Geography] (1)

(Same as Geography 372 and Urban Studies 372)

Not offered in 2009/10.

380a. Risk Perception and Environmental Regulation (1)

(Same as Science, Technology and Society 380a) This course explores the relationship between how individuals perceive risk and attempt to regulate the environment. In particular, we examine problems (both conceptual and practical) that arise in attempting to devise effectively manage risks to the environment. Gathering together empirical insights from Psychology and Behavioral Economics, we evaluate a number of proposed theoretical frameworks for regulation regimes (e.g., the Precautionary Principle, and Cost benefit Analysis). Problems to be discussed include the roles of popular (e.g., referenda) and non-democratic (e.g., judicial review) institutions, the feasibility of identifying relevant scientific expertise, and difficulties posed by inequalities in political, and economic power. Readings include works by thinkers such as Kristin Shrader-Frechette, Cass Sunstein, and Richard Posner, as well as studies of existing legislation (e.g., the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act). Mr. Kelly.

385a. The Art of Nature: Painting, Literature, and Landscape Design in the Hudson Valley (1)

(Same as Art 385a) This seminar examines the vital concern for picturesque landscape—both actual and imaginary—in the evolution of art and cultural expression in the Hudson River Valley. The course investigates the relationship of important innovators in landscape design, such as Downing, Vaux, and Olmsted, to the literary and artistic works of Cole, Durand, Cooper, Irving, Bryant, and others.

It includes a consideration of contemporary artists' engagement with the environment, such as Eric Lindbloom's photographs, Andy Goldsworthy's wall at Storm King, and the installations of the Minnetta Brook Hudson River Project, such as George Trakas's pier at Beacon. The course has several fieldtrips to study the continuing impact of nineteenth-century landscape theory and traditions in the Hudson River Valley. Ms. Lucic, Mr. Peck.

By special permission.

One two-hour period.

399a or b. Senior Independent Research (1)

Individual or group project or study. Prior approval of advisor and instructor supervising the work are required. May be taken during the academic year or during the summer. Participating faculty.

Film

Professors: Sarah R. Kozloff, Kenneth M. Robinson, James B. Steerman; **Associate Professor:** Mia Mask (Chair); **Assistant Professors:** Sophia Harvey, Kathleen Man.

Requirements for Concentration in Film:

- 1) 11 units required.
- 2) Film 210, Film 211, Film 392 required. Film 392 must be taken senior year.
- 3) 2 additional Film Department units in cinema studies at the 200-level or above. These units must be completed before enrolling in Film 392.
- 4) 1 film history unit in a national cinema that is not American. This course, which must be at the 200-level or above, may be taken within the Department of Film or another Vassar Department. With prior approval, a film history course taken while a student is attending a JYA or Exchange Program may satisfy this requirement.
- 5) 5 additional Film Department units in film. These may be any combination of courses at the 200-level or above in cinema studies, film, and video production, dramatic writing and screenwriting. With prior approval from the department, two units of Junior Year Away coursework may be used to satisfy a portion of this requirement.

I. Introductory

175b. The Art of Film (1)

An introductory exploration of central features of film and film study, including the relation of film and literature, film genre, silent film, formal and stylistic elements (color, lighting, widescreen, etc.), abstract and nonnarrative film. Subjects are treated topically rather than historically. The department.

May not be used toward the Major requirements.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

II. Intermediate

210a. World Cinema to 1945 (1)

An international history of film from its invention through the silent era and the coming of sound to mid-century. The course focuses on major directors, technological change, industrial organization, and the contributions of various national movements. In addition to the historical survey, this course teaches the terminology and concepts of film aesthetics, and introduces students to the major issues of classical film theory. The department.

Prerequisite: Film 175 strongly suggested by not required.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

211b. World Cinema After 1945 (1)

An international history of film from mid-century to the present day. The course focuses on major directors, technological changes, industrial organization, and the contributions of various national movements. In addition to the historical survey, this course explores the major schools of contemporary film theory, e.g., semiology, Marxist theory, feminism. The department.

Prerequisite: Film 210, and permission from the instructor.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

[212. Genre: The Musical] (1)

Examines the development of American film musicals from *The Jazz Singer* to the present day. The course looks at major stars such as Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Gene Kelly, and Judy Garland, and the contributions of directors such as Vincente Minnelli and Bob Fosse. Students examine the interrelationships between Broadway and Hollywood, the influence of the rise and fall of the Production Code, the shaping hand of different studios, the tensions between narrative and spectacle, sincerity and camp. Reading assignments expose students to a wide range of literature about film, from production histories to feminist theory. Ms. Kozloff.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[214. Genre: The War Film] (1)

An examination of how American films have represented World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War and the Gulf Wars. Films chosen include both those made while the conflicts rages (Bataan, 1942), and those made many years later (*Saving Private Ryan*, 1998, and *Three Kings*, 1999). This class focuses on such issues as: propaganda and patriotism, pacifism and sensationalism, the reliance on genre conventions and the role of changing film technologies. For comparison, we look also at documentaries, at film focusing on the “home front,” and at war-time poetry, posters, and music. Reading assignments cover topics such as the government’s Office of War Information, the influence of John Wayne, the racism of the Vietnam films, the ways in which the Iraq war movies have been influenced by the genre. Ms. Kozloff.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor
Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[215. Genre: Science Fiction] (1)

The course surveys the history of science fiction film from its beginnings in the silent period to the advent of digital technologies. The “golden age” of the 50s, the emergence of a new kind of science-fiction film at the end of the 60s (*Kubrick’s 2001*), and the “resurgence/revival” of science-fiction film in the late 70s-early 80s (*Blade Runner*, *Alien*) are given special attention. Topics include subgenres (end of the world, time travel, space exploration, robots, atomic energy), the relation of science-fiction films to their social context and their function in popular culture, the place of science in science-fiction, and the role of women in science fiction and feminist criticism. In addition to film history and criticism, a small amount of science fiction literature is read. While passing mention is made of television science fiction, the course focuses on film.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor.

Two 75-minute periods, plus required weekly evening screenings.

Not offered in 2009/10.

216. Genre: Romantic Comedy (1)

This class studies the genre of romantic comedy in American film from the “screwball comedies” of the 1930s (*It Happened One Night*, *Bringing Up Baby*) to the resurgence of the genre in the 1990s (*You’ve Got Mail*). The course focuses on the work of major stars such as Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, and Meg Ryan, as well as the contribution of such directors as Ernst Lubitsch, George Cukor, Preston Sturges, Howard Hawks, Billy Wilder, or Nora Ephron. We place these films in the context of other representations of romance—such as Shakespeare’s comedies—and in the context of the changes in American culture, particularly in the role of women. Readings lead students to a deeper understanding of the history of American film, genre, and the star system. Ms. Kozloff.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor.

218a. Genre: The Western (1)

A historical and cultural exploration of the Western film genre, with emphasis on the relationship between the Western and the central myths of American experience and such themes as masculinity, violence and the role of women. Specifically, the course examines Westerns directed by filmmakers D. W. Griffith, Tom Mix, William S. Hart, John Ford, Howard Hawks, George Stevens, John Huston, Anthony Mann, Fred Zinnemann, Sam Peckinpah, and Clint Eastwood among others. Mr. Steerman.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor.

[219. Genre: Film Noir] (1)

The term “film noir” was coined by French critics at the end of WWII to describe Hollywood adaptations of hard-boiled crime fiction. In this course we first consider “film noir” as an American genre, defined historically (from Huston’s 1941 *The Maltese Falcon* to Welles’ 1958 *Touch of Evil*) and stylistically (hard-edged chiaroscuro, flashbacks, voice-over). In order to account for its broad and lasting appeal, however, we discuss film noir’s antecedent in French poetic realism in the 1930s, its influence on New Wave (e.g. Truffaut’s 1960 *Shoot the Piano Player*, Melville’s 1967 *The Samurai*) and on Japanese cinema (Yositaro Nomura’s 1957 *The Chase*, Akira Kurosawa’s 1963 *High and Low*), as well as its later return as “neo-noir” (Polanski’s 1974 *Chinatown*, Takeshi Kitano’s 1990 *Boiling Point*, Claire Denis’ 1997 *I Can’t Sleep*). We observe the transformation of recurrent themes, such as urban violence, corruption, the blurring of moral and social distinctions, the pathology of the divided self, and the femme fatale. Readings in film history and theory, including feminist theory. Ms. Arlyck.

Prerequisite: Film 175 and 210 or French 244, 252, or 262 and permission of the instructor.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[230. Women in Film] (1)

(Same as Women’s Studies 230) This course both examines the representation of women on film from an international perspective, and explores the works of key international women directors. Issues addressed include: constructions of femininity, masculinity, and sexuality, and the mapping of intersections between gender, power, race, class, and nation. We then study women directors of feature films such as Kathryn Bigelow (USA), Julie Dash (USA), Mingmonkul Sonakul (Thailand), Deepa Mehta (India), Nan Triveni Achmas (Indonesia), Jane Campion (New Zealand), Chantal Akerman (Belgium), and Yasmin Ahmad (Malaysia). Readings are drawn from feminist (film) theory, post-colonial theory, genre theory, and cultural studies. Screenings may include *Sweetie*, *Septet*, *The Photograph*, *Fire*, *Jeanne Dielman*, *23 Quai du Commerce*, *1080 Bruxelles*, and *Near Dark*. Ms. Harvey.

Prerequisite: One course in Film or Women’s Studies.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[231. Minorities in the Media] (1)

This course examines various texts (written and visual) in which the dynamics of race, gender, class, and sexuality in American life are represented. Throughout the semester, we analyze films, television programs, videos and advertisements, as well as other mediated discourse, to assess the way categories of minority identity were constructed in mainstream society. In addition to examining images of those persons collectively known as “minorities,” we consider the representation of those defined as majority Americans. Identity formation is a central theme. In addition to scholarship by black British cultural theorists, African American scholars, critical race theorists and sociologists, this course enlists scholarship from the emerging field of “whiteness studies.” Issues and topics may include “model” minorities (Tiger Woods, Ellen DeGeneres, Barak Obama), “Wiggers,” the representation of women of color in National Geographic, global advertising, racial profiling, police brutality (Rodney King, Abner Louima, Amadou Diallo, Sean Bell), the WNBA, Gays and Lesbians in the military, Arabs and the Middle East. Screenings may include *La Haine*, *Our Song*, *Hide & Seek*, *Traffic* and *Requiem for a Dream*. Ms. Mask.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[232. African American Cinema] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 232) This course provides a survey of the history and theory of African American representation in cinema. It begins with the silent films of Oscar Micheaux and examines early Black cast westerns (*Harlem Rides the Range*, *The Bronze Buckaroo*, *Harlem on the Prairie*) and musicals (*St. Louis Blues*, *Black and Tan*,

Hi De Ho, Sweethearts of Rhythm). Political debate circulating around cross over stars (Paul Robeson, Sidney Poitier, Dorothy Dandridge, Eartha Kitt, and Harry Belafonte) are central to the course. Special consideration is given to Blaxploitation cinema of the seventies (*Shaft, Coffy, Foxy Brown, Cleopatra Jones*) in an attempt to understand its impact on filmmakers and the historical contexts for contemporary filmmaking. Realist cinema of the 80's and 90's is examined before the transition to Black romantic comedies and genre pictures (*Coming to America, The Best Man, Brown Sugar, Deliver Us from Eva, The Pursuit of Happiness*). Ms. Mask.

Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings

Not offered 2009/10.

[233. The McCarthy Era and Film] (1)

This class focuses both on the history of anti-communist involvement with the American film industry and on the reflection of this troubled era in post-war films. We trace the factors that led to The House on Un-American Activities Committee's investigation of communist influence in Hollywood, the case of the Hollywood Ten, the operation of the blacklist and its final demise at the end of the 1950s. We look at films overtly taking sides in this ideological conflict, such as the anti-Communist *I Was a Communist for the FBI* and the pro-labor *Salt of the Earth*, as well as the indirect allegories in film noir and science fiction. Reading assignments are drawn from a wide range of sources, including HUAC transcripts, government documents, production histories, and genre studies. The course concludes with a look at how more contemporary films such as *Good Night and Good Luck*, have sought to frame our understanding of this era. Ms. Kozloff.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

235. Celebrity and Power: Stardom in Contemporary Culture (1)

Celebrity fascinates Americans. It informs popular culture, professional sport and national politics. Yet what defines celebrity? How are stars manufactured by the Culture Industry? Why is the ubiquitous cult of celebrity so important in contemporary Western culture and across global mediascapes? Through classic and contemporary writings, the course examines stardom and various brands of star charisma. We interrogate conventional forms of celebrity power as well as the conversion of entertainment industry charisma into forms of political charisma (i.e., the careers of Ronald Reagan, Clint Eastwood, Arnold Schwarzenegger). As intertextual signs, stars reveal the instabilities, ambiguities and contradictions within a given culture. The changing configuration of American society is revealed in an examination of celebrity and stardom as social phenomena. This course transverses from Mary Pickford to Oprah Winfrey and beyond. Readings, screenings and writing assignments required. Ms. Mask.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor.

[236. African Cinema: A Continental Survey] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 236) African national cinemas reflect the rich, complex history of the continent. These films from lands as diverse as Chad, Senegal, and South Africa reveal the various ways filmmakers have challenged the representation of Africa and Africans while simultaneously revising conventional cinematic syntax. This survey course examines the internal gaze of African-born auteurs like Ousmane Sembene (*La Noir De, Xala, Mandabi*), Djibril Diop Mambety (*Hyenes*), Desire Ecare (*Faces of Women*), Manthia Diawara (*Conakry Kas*), and Mahmat-Saleh Haroun (*Bye-Bye Africa*). It places these films alongside the external gaze of practitioners Euzan Palcy (*A Dry White Season*), Jean-Jacques Annaud (*Noir et Blancs en Couleur*) and Raoul Peck (*Lumumba*). The films of documentary filmmakers Anne Laure Folly, Ngozi Onwurah and Pratibah Parmar are also examined. This course utilizes the

post-colonial film theory and scholarship of Imruh Bakari, Mbye Cham, Nwachukwu Frank Ukadike and Manthia Diawara. Screenings, readings and papers required. Ms. Mask.

Two 75-minute periods plus outside screenings.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

237a. Indian National Cinema (1)

(Same as Asia 237a) This course provides a critical overview of the popular cinema of Bollywood. Bollywood, with its prolific output and international appeal, also serves to project a certain construction of the Indian national imaginary. The course both explores and problematizes this imaginary through a variety of perspectives. These perspectives include: the star system, genre, the representation of women, caste, religion, and ethnicity, the politics of history and memory, the play of linguistic difference, the tension between tradition and modernity, and the influence of literary epics, music, and folk theater on the narrative structure and aesthetics of Bollywood cinema. Readings are drawn from contemporary film theory, post-colonial theory, and Indian cultural studies. Screenings may include *Awaara / The Vagabond* (Raj Kapoor, 1951), *Mother India* (Mehboob Khan, 1957), *Satya / Truth* (Ram Gopal Varma, 1998), *Sholay* (Ramesh Sippy, 1975), *Bombay* (Mani Ratnam, 1995), *Pyasa / The Thirsty One* (Guru Dutt, 1957), *Bride and Prejudice* (Gurinder Chadha, 2004), and *Mission Kashmir* (Vidhu Vinod Chopra, 2000). Ms. Harvey.

Two 75-minute periods plus outside screenings.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or Film 210 and permission of the instructor.

238. Music in Film (1)

(Same as Music 238) A study of music in sound cinema from the 1920s to the present. The course focuses on the expressive, formal, and semiotic functions that film music serves, either as sound experienced by the protagonists, or as another layer of commentary to be heard only by the viewer, or some mixture of the two. Composers studied include Max Steiner, Bernard Herrmann, Jerry Goldsmith, Danny Elfman and others as well as film scores that rely upon a range of musical resources including classical, popular, and non-Western music. Specific topics to be considered this semester include music in film noir and the movie musical. Mr. Mann.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Prerequisite: one course in music (not performance) or film.

[260. Documentary: History and Aesthetics] (1)

Beginning with an exploration of film pioneers such as Robert Flaherty and Margaret Mead, the course also examines the impact of John Grierson on documentary production in both Great Britain and Canada. In addition, the development of cinema verité is traced through the work of such filmmakers as Jean Rouch, Richard Leacock, Robert Drew, D. A. Pennebaker, Frederick Wiseman, and the Maysles Brothers. Other topics might include propaganda films, the lyrical documentary, and the personal essay film. Ms. Mask.

Prerequisite: Film 175 or 210 and permission of the instructor.

Two 75-minute periods, plus outside screenings.

Not offered in 2009/10.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

To be elected in consultation with the adviser and the Office of Field Work.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

To be elected in consultation with the adviser.

III. Advanced

300a or b. Film Research Thesis (1)

An academic thesis in film history or theory, written under the supervision of a member of the department. Since writing a thesis during fall semester is preferable, film majors should talk to their

advisers spring of junior year. In Film, a research thesis is recommended, especially for those students not writing a Screenplay Thesis or enrolled in Documentary workshop, but it is not required. Ms. Kozloff, Ms. Mask, Ms. Harvey.

Prerequisites: Film 210/211, two additional courses in film history and theory, and permission of the instructor.

301a or b. Film Screenplay Thesis (1)

The creation of a feature-length original screenplay. Open only to students electing the concentration in film. Senior status required. Students wishing to write a screenplay instead of a research thesis must have produced work of distinction in Film 317 (Dramatic Writing) and Film 319 (Screenwriting). Mr. Steerman.

Prerequisites: Film 210/211, Film 317 or Drama 317, Film 319, and permission of instructor.

317a. Dramatic Writing (1)

(Same as Drama 317a) Studies of dramatic construction, analysis of, and practice in writing stage plays and/or screenplays. Mr. Steerman.

Prerequisites: Drama 102 or Film 210 and permission of instructor.

Writing sample required two weeks before pre-registration.

Open only to juniors and seniors.

One 2-hour period.

319. Screenwriting (1)

An exploration of the screenplay as a dramatic form. Students study the work of major American and international screenwriters and are required to complete a feature-length screenplay as their final project in the course. Open only to students who have produced work of distinction in Drama or Film 317. Mr. Steerman.

One 2-hour period plus outside screenings.

Prerequisites: Film 210/211, Drama or Film 317, and permission of the instructor.

320a. Filmmaking (1)

This course concentrates on a theoretical and practical examination of the art of visual communication on 16 mm. film. Assignments emphasize developing, visualizing, and editing narratives from original ideas. Instructors may emphasize narrative projects or explore a wider range of modes of filmmaking. Mr. Robinson.

Fees: see section on fees.

Prerequisites: Film 210/211 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period, plus 3-hour lab.

[321b. Narrative Filmmaking] (1)

Exploration of a variety of narrative structures from original ideas. Includes working in a partnership with divided responsibilities to develop, visualize and execute films. Emphasis is placed on writing and production planning as well as how lighting and sound contribute to the overall meaning of films. Editing is in Final Cut Pro. May not be taken concurrently with Film 322. Mr. Robinson.

Fees: see section on fees.

Prerequisites: Film 320 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period, plus 3-hour lab.

Not offered in 2009/10.

322b. Modes of Filmmaking (1)

In this intensive course, students explore innovative approaches to cinema-making through a series of 16mm. and digital short projects, engaging experimental, documentary, and narrative modes. Students shoot black and white and color negative 16mm. film, and 24P digital video, and utilize advanced editing techniques in Final Cut Pro. May not be taken concurrently with Film 321. Ms. Man.

Fees: see section on fees.

Prerequisites: Film 320 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period, plus 3-hour lab.

[325a. Writing and Directing the Short Film] (1)

This course explores the development of the short narrative film through the processes of writing, directing, and acting. Students write

two short scripts and direct two short digital videos. Students who complete this course are eligible to apply for writing and directing positions in Film 327. May not be taken concurrently with Film 326. Instructor to be announced.

Fees: see section on fees.

Prerequisites: Film 320 plus Film 321 or 322 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period, plus 3-hour lab.

Not offered in 2009/10.

326a. Documentary Workshop (1)

This course addresses the aesthetic, ethical, and theoretical issues specific to the documentary genre as students explore a variety of documentary styles. Student crews make fifteen-minute documentary videos about a person, place, event, or an issue. Students learn advanced video and sound-recording techniques, using professional grade digital cameras, field lights, microphones, and tripods. Post-production is done on digital non-linear editing systems. May not be taken concurrently with Film 325. Mr. Robinson.

Fees: see section on fees.

Prerequisites: Film 320, plus Film 321 or 322 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period, plus 3-hour lab.

327b. Narrative Workshop (1)

In this course student crews create short 16mm sync/sound narrative films from original student scripts. Individual members of each crew are responsible for the major areas of production and post-production: direction, camera, editing, and sound. The projects are shot on 16mm. negative film and edited digitally using Avid. Students wishing to compete for writing or directing positions in Film 327 must have completed Film 325. Mr. Robinson.

Fees: See sections of fees.

Prerequisite: Film 326 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period, plus 3-hour lab.

381a. Writing the Short Film. (1)

Students learn the process of developing original ideas into fifteen to twenty minute narrative screenplays. Scripts produced in Film 327 are selected from those created in Film 381. Directors of Film 327 projects are selected based on achievement in Film 320, 321 or 322, and 326. Film 381 represents a one-year substitute for Film 325. Mr. Steerman.

Prerequisites: Film 320-321/322 or Film 317 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

392a or b. Research Seminar in Film History and Theory (1)

This course is designed as an in-depth exploration of either a given author or a theoretical topic. Students contribute to the class through research projects and oral presentations. Their work culminates in lengthy research papers. Because topics change, students are permitted (encouraged) to take this course more than once. Preference is given to film majors who must take this class during their senior year; junior majors and others admitted if space permits.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Artist, Auteur: Spike Lee*. The son of a musician and a teacher, Shelton Jackson Lee was born in Atlanta, Georgia. Nicknamed "Spike", he grew up in a household that valued education as well as the arts. With the release of his first feature film, Lee initiated another cinematic revolution. He demonstrated to Hollywood studios that serious contemporary African-American films were not only commercially viable, they were also profitable. His success has created opportunity for other writers, directors, actors and technicians. Over the last twenty years Spike Lee has directed an array of challenging, innovative and provocative features, documentaries and commercials. The themes embedded in his work are often culled from news headlines, making him one of the most politically engaged filmmakers of his generation. This course is a senior seminar in which the films of Lee are rigorously examined. Ms. Mask.

Prerequisite: Film 210/211, two additional units in film history and theory, and permission of instructor.

One 3-hour period plus film screenings.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Cyborg Cinema*. This seminar critically examines the alluring and enigmatic figure of the cinematic cyborg from an international perspective. The course frames the emergence of the cinematic cyborg within the genre of science fiction and locates these figures in particular national and cultural frameworks (Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, the United States, and Germany). Topics addressed include how cyborgs engage with discourses of gender, race, the body, sexuality, class, nationality, transnationalism, and urban spaces. Readings are drawn from contemporary film theory, post-colonial theory, and cultural studies. Screenings include: *Blade Runner* (Ridley Scott, 1982, USA), *Cyber Wars* (Kuo Jian Hong, 2004, Singapore), *RoboCop* (Paul Verhoeven, 1987, USA), *Natural City* (Min Byung-chun, 2003, South Korea), *Wicked City* (Tai Kit Mak, 1992, Hong Kong), and *Metropolis* (Fritz Lang, 1927, Germany).

Prerequisite: Film 210/211, two additional units in film history and theory, and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period plus film screenings.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Forever Godard*. Jean-Luc Godard is widely recognized as one of the most innovative and influential filmmakers in the history of cinema. In this seminar, we consider the whole span of his career and the various forms his experimentation with the possibilities of cinema has taken, from the cocky *Breathless* (1960) to his current meditative work with Anne-Marie Miéville. We study his shift from the reinterpretation of cinematic genres in *My Life to Live* (1962), *Band of Outsiders* (1964), *Alphaville* (1965) and *Pierrot le fou* (1965) and of literary texts in *Le Mépris* (1963), towards essay films on ideology and culture, such as *Week-end* (1967), *Two or Three Things I know About Her* (1967), *Everything's All Right* (1972) and *Slow Motion* (1979). We also pay close attention to his reworking of Western myths in films such as *First Name*, *Carmen* (1983), *Hail Mary* (1985), or *Nouvelle Vague* (1990), as well as to his continuing reflection on the relationship between document and fiction, cinema and the arts, and politics and aesthetics in recent films such as *Forever Mozart* (1996) or *In Praise of Love* (2001). Readings, oral presentations, papers, and screenings required. Ms. Cardonne-Arlyck

Prerequisite: Film 210/211, two additional units in film history and theory, and permission of instructor.

One 3-hour period plus film screenings.

399a, b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
To be elected in consultation with the adviser.

French and Francophone Studies

Professors: Elisabeth Cardonne-Arlyck, Cynthia B. Kerr, Christine Reno^a; **Associate Professors:** Mark Andrews, Patricia Célérier^{ab}, Kathleen Hart (Chair), Susan Hiner; **Assistant Professor:** Vinay Swamy^b; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Thomas Parker; **Adjunct Instructor:** Paul Fenouillet.

All courses are conducted in French except French 183.

Requirements for Concentration: 11 units, including at least 3 units at the 300-level. One of these three seminars should be French 332, 348, 355, 366 or 380. Students may count no more than one Senior Translation (French 301) or Senior Independent (French 399) towards the major. No courses in French elected after the declaration of the major may be taken NRO.

Teaching Certification: Students who wish to obtain Secondary Certification must complete the program of study outlined by the education department.

Advisers: The department.

Study Abroad: Study abroad is the most effective way to achieve linguistic and cultural fluency. Vassar College and Wesleyan University jointly sponsor a program of study in Paris. Majors in French and Francophone Studies are expected to participate in this program for one or two semesters during their junior year. Students electing a correlate sequence in French and Francophone Studies are also encouraged to participate in the program. Students concentrating in other fields for whom study in Paris is advisable are accepted, within the regulations of their respective departments and the Office of the Dean of Studies. Courses offered in the Paris program are included below. Students of French and Francophone Studies who are unable to study abroad during the academic year are strongly encouraged to attend the summer program at Middlebury College French School, or other summer programs in France or French-speaking countries.

Correlate Sequence: Students majoring in other programs may complement their study by electing a correlate sequence in French and Francophone Studies. Those interested in completing a correlate sequence should consult as soon as possible with a member of the department to plan their course of studies.

Requirements: 6 units, at least 5 of which must be taken above the 100-level. At least 1 but preferably 2 units must be taken at the 300-level. This unit should be French 332, 348, 355, 366, 370 or 380. No French courses elected after declaration of the correlate sequence may be taken NRO.

Study Away and summer courses may be substituted in the correlate sequence, with departmental approval.

I. Introductory

105a-106b. Elementary French (1)
Fundamentals of the language. Students learn to understand spoken French, to express simple ideas both orally and in writing, and to read French of average difficulty. While enhancing their communicative skills, students acquire knowledge of France and the Francophone world. The department.

Enrollment limited by class.

Open to seniors by permission of the instructor.

Not open to students who have previously studied French.

Three 50-minute class periods, 2 hours of drill and oral practice.

183a. Fashion and Modernity (1)

In this Freshman Seminar we consider the intersection of fashion and modernity in France in a historical and cultural context from the end of the Old Regime to the early twentieth century. While the term fashion often implies surface, frivolity, and deception, in this course we analyze fashion in relation to some of the most important themes of modernity—social mobility, colonialism, industrialization, consumerism, and mass culture, for example—and place the discourses of fashion in a social context. By reading literature in conjunction with a study of historical documents and

^a Absent on leave for the year.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

objects, fashion plates and other illustrations, and classic works of fashion theory, we explore how fashion can be used as a crucial prism through which to understand French culture. The course is taught in English. All works are read in translation. Ms. Hiner.

Open only to Freshmen.

Satisfies the college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

II. Intermediate

205a. Intermediate French I (1)
Basic grammar and vocabulary acquisition. Oral and written practice using short texts, audiovisual and on-line resources. Enrollment limited by class. The department.

Prerequisite: Two years of French in high school. French 105-106 by permission of the instructor. Not open to students who have taken a course at or above the 206 level.

Three 50-minute or two 75-minute periods; one hour of scheduled oral practice.

206a and b. Intermediate French II (1)
Emphasis on more complex linguistic structures. Reading, writing, and speaking skills are developed through discussion of cultural and literary texts and use of audiovisual material. The course prepares students linguistically for cultural and literary study at the intermediate level. The department.

Enrollments limited by class.

Prerequisite: French 106, French 205 or three years of French in high school. Not open to students who have taken a course at or above the 212/213 level.

Three 50-minute or two 75-minute periods; one hour of scheduled oral practice.

212a and b. Reading French Literature and Film (1)
Introduction to the analysis of literature and film and to basic modes of interpretation through the study and discussion of short texts (poems, short stories, films, plays, essays). The department.

Prerequisite: French 206 or four years of French in high school.

213a and b. Media and Society (1)
An introductory study of France through current newspapers, magazines, television programs, films and the web. The department.

Prerequisite: French 206 or four years of French in high school.

228a. Tellers and Tales (1)
Study of narrative fiction using short stories taken from several periods of French literature.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

230a. Medieval and Early Modern Times (1)
Studies in French literature, history, and culture from the Medieval to the Classical period.

Topic for 2009/10: *The Politics of Seduction*. Introduction to the literature and culture of France, with a special focus on woman as subject and object of desire. Readings include *Tristan et Iseut*, the love poetry of Pierre de Ronsard and Louise Labé, *La Princesse de Clèves*, a story of illicit passion by France's first prominent female novelist, and classical theater's greatest masterpieces of love and deception authored by Corneille, Racine, and Molière. The course concludes with Denis Diderot's daring and celebrated narrative, *La Religieuse*, about a young woman's struggle for emancipation in pre-Revolutionary France. Ms. Kerr.

231b. Revolutionary France and Its Legacies (1)
Studies in French literature, history, and culture in relation to the French Revolution during the Enlightenment and the Romantic period.

Topic for 2009/10: *Philosophical Fictions*. Ever since Plato banished the poets from the Republic for creating fallacious representations

of truth, there has been tension between philosophy and literature. This, however, does not mean that the two practices go forever their separate ways. Focusing on the period from the Enlightenment to 1848, this course examines how the French literary imagination provides a litmus test for abstract realities and disconnected "truths," developing philosophical concepts in a fictional context. The ideas we explore include Materialism, Stoicism, Utopianism, Libertinage and the transformations of aesthetic theory in fictional works of authors ranging from Voltaire, Diderot, Laclos and Beaumarchais to Chateaubriand and Stendhal. Analyzing the search for the perfect society, the mechanical force of passions, the beauty of imperfection, the lust of unfaithful lovers, and the unquenchable thirst for glory, we trace in the years immediately leading up to and following the French Revolution how authors explore truths through the optic of fiction. Mr. Parker.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or the equivalent.

[232b. The Modern Age] (1)
The course explores literary, artistic, social, or political manifestations of modern French society and its relation to the French-speaking world from the Napoleonic Empire to the present.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

Not offered in 2009/10.

235a. Contemporary France (1)
This course offers a study of French society as it has been shaped by the major historical and cultural events since WWII. The main themes include Vichy France, de Gaulle's regime, the wars of French decolonization, the Mitterrand years, immigration, and the religious issues facing France today. The course draws on a variety of texts and documents including articles from the press and movies. Mr. Swamy.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

240a. Study of French Grammar (1)
In-depth study of major aspects of French grammar. Grammar exercises, compositions, and oral practice. Ms. Cardonne-Arlyck.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

241b. Composition and Conversation (1)
A course designed to improve written and oral expression, through the study and practice of various forms of writing, and the discussion of readings on contemporary issues. Enrollment limited by class. Mr. Andrews.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

242b. Studies in Genre I (1)
Study of narrative and prose forms including the novel, autobiography, and the essay.

Topic for 2009/10: *Le Merveilleux*. This course examines the fantastic tradition in French short fiction from seventeenth- and eighteenth-century fairy tales to twentieth-century surrealist and magical realist short fiction. From its origins in folklore and fairy tales, the fantastic flourished after the terror of the guillotine, which ushered in a new fascination for the macabre and took on deepening psychological dimensions over the course of the nineteenth century. We investigate further instances of the uncanny in early twentieth-century Surrealist fiction. Finally, in more contemporary literature we contemplate to what extent different cultural contexts and historical moments present unique practices of the literary supernatural. Authors may include: Perrault, Villeneuve, D'Aulnoy, Nodier, Gautier, Dumas, Mérimée, Verne, Villiers, Maupassant, Breton, Depestre. Ms. Hiner.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

[243a. Studies in Genre II] (1)
Study of dramatic and lyric forms including theater, poetry, and song.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[244a. French Cinema] (1)
Since WWI, French cinema has defined itself as national: not only as an industry requiring protection, but as a cultural institution bearing French identity. Through the study of individual films ranging from the silent era to the present, we examine the interaction between the French and their cinema in terms of historical circumstances, economic constraints, aesthetic ambitions, and self-representation.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

Two 75-minute periods plus evening film screenings.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[246b. French-Speaking Cultures and Literatures of Africa and the Caribbean] (1)

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

Not offered in 2009/10.

287b. Crime Stories in French Cinema (1)

From Louis Feuillade's *Les Vampires* (1917) to Guillaume Canet's *Ne le dis à personne* (2008) crime has thrived in French cinema. It governs several overlapping genres, particularly "film policier" and film noir. Both genres are rooted in the French tradition (Feuillade's heroes were masters of crime, "Poetic Realism" in the thirties had many "noir" characteristics), even though they have since been indebted to American crime novels and films. In this course, we focus on the historical development of the French "film policier", with an eye to its connections with Hollywood cinema and an emphasis on contemporary films. We observe how recurrent moral or philosophical dichotomies, such as solidarity and betrayal, control and chance, move the story. We also consider transformations in stock characters (criminal, "flic", femme fatale), as well as in urban or suburban settings, and discuss their connections to political contexts and social changes. Readings in film history, criticism, and aesthetics. No prior knowledge of film is necessary. Ms. Cardonne-Arlyck.

Prerequisite: Another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

One unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the chair. The department.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 1 unit of 200-level work above French 212 or French 213, or Study Abroad in France or in a French-speaking country, or by permission of the department.

300a. Senior Thesis (1)

Open only to majors. The department.

Permission required.

301a or b. Senior Translation (½ or 1)

Open only to majors. One unit of credit given in exceptional cases only and by permission of the chair. The department.

332a. Literature and Society in Pre-Revolutionary France (1)

Topic for 2009/10: *A Taste of French Terroir from the Renaissance to the Revolution*. The uniquely French concept of "terroir" explains how the physiographic properties of the origin of a food or wine can be detected in its taste. Yet, although the French have "tasted the earth" through foods for more than 500 years, the idea remains problematic: some believe terroir to be more myth than science.

This seminar queries the intersection between the science and myth of terroir, mapping the latter's evolution from the Renaissance to the French Revolution. Along the way, we discover what terroir can tell us of French political theory, aesthetic appreciation, and an Epicurean philosophical movement subverted but never extinguished by Cartesian dualism. Most of all, just as Proust used the flavors of the Madeleine to travel in time, we learn how the French use the psychogeographics of terroir to revisit forgotten places. Readings include: Virgil, Ronsard, Montaigne, Descartes, Cyrano de Bergerac, Montesquieu, Diderot and Rousseau. Tastings accompany texts as we savor the fine line between science and figments of the French imagination. Mr. Parker.

One 2-hour period.

[348b. Modernism and its Discontents] (1)

One 2-hour period.

Not offered in 2009/10.

355b. Cross-Currents in French Culture (1)

Topic for 2009/10: *Women in the Margins*. This seminar explores the roles and identities available to women in nineteenth-century France and the ways in which women challenged the boundaries of those constraints. Through readings of literary and non-literary texts as well as paintings, drawings, caricatures and fashion plates, we consider such institutions and conditions as female education and conduct, marriage, motherhood and fertility, prostitution and its variants, sainthood, crime, rebellion, and creativity. Readings may include texts by authors such as Duras, Balzac, Barbey d'Aureville, Maupassant, Goncourt, Rachilde and lesser-known authors of journals, conduct manuals, newspaper articles and travelogues, as well as works of critical theorists and historians. Ms. Hiner.

One 2-hour period.

[366a. Francophone Literature and Cultures] (1)

One 2-hour period.

Not offered in 2009/10.

370b. Stylistics and Translation (1)

A study of different modes of writing and of the major problems encountered when translating from English to French, and vice versa. Practice with a broad range of both literary and nonliterary texts. Mr. Fenouillet.

380a. Special Seminar (1)

Topic for 2009/10: *Auteurs Redux in Contemporary French Cinema*. In the 1990s, critics hailed the arrival of new *auteurs* in French cinema. In this course, we study different trends gathered under this umbrella, as well as some of the filmmakers who may have helped shape these trends (Bresson, Godard, Rivette, Pialat): naturalism in the films of the Dardenne brothers and Laurent Cantet; a reworking of "French" propensity towards witty dialogue and psychological complexity by Arnaud Desplechin, Danièle Dubroux and Abdellatif Kechiche; a privileging of mood and form by Pascale Ferran and Claire Denis; a redefining of the "heritage" film by Patricia Mazuy and Olivier Assayas. Diverse as they may be, their films focus on characters at the edge of society, family life, or sanity, thereby summoning ideological or ethical considerations. Readings in film stylistics, *auteur* theory, and criticism are included. No prior knowledge of film is necessary. Ms. Cardonne-Arlyck.

One 2-hour period and screenings.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

One unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the Chair. The department.

Vassar-Wesleyan Program in Paris

The program offers courses in French literature and language; cinema; social, political, and intellectual history; theater; art; government; anthropology; economics; psychology; biology; and other courses that are available in French universities during the academic year. These courses are taught both at Reid Hall, the Program headquarters,

and at the Universities of Paris IV (several locations including La Sorbonne), Paris VII (Jussieu), Paris XII (Créteil).

Courses are subject to change. For information, please consult the department and its website.

Internships—Experiential Learning

Academic Internship (½)

Students serve as language teaching assistants in Parisian primary or secondary schools, or at Paris IX-Dauphine, working with teachers, conducting small conversation groups, or participating in the university language class. Internship involves a final written report. The Academic Internship can also be pursued on a non-credit basis if the student chooses not to do the written report, however it is very important that students be present at all sessions whether they pursue the internship on a credit or non-credit basis.

Other internships (½)

A few internships are available outside of the school system depending on availability; volunteering through the Centre du Bénévolat de Paris (meeting with the aged in French hospitals, after-school tutoring in community centers, a variety of tasks with other non-profit or humanitarian organizations), working with a dance school, publishers, an art gallery, a business analyst and consultant, the World Wildlife Fund, a cheese shop. Internships last approximately 8-10 weeks and involve a final written report.

275b. IFE Internship (2)

Internship in a French governmental, civic or volunteer organization through cooperation with the Internships in Francophone Europe program. Special application procedure.

Geography

Faculty: see Earth Science and Geography.

Requirements for Concentration: 11 units, including an introductory course (Earth Science and Society 100 or Geography 102); a geographic methods course (Geography 220, 224, or 230); the Senior Seminar (Geography 304); and another 300-level geography seminar. With the approval of the major adviser, two of the required 11 units may be taken at the 200- and 300-levels in cognate fields—such as anthropology, earth science, environmental studies, international studies, or urban studies, if the courses relate to the student's focus in geography. After declaration of the major, no required courses may be taken NRO.

Senior-Year Requirement: An optional senior thesis (Geography 300-301 or 302) or another 300-level course; and 304 (Senior Seminar). Majors must write a senior thesis to be considered for departmental honors.

Recommendations: Earth Science 151; Field Work (290); and a study-abroad experience.

Students interested in focusing their geography program in areas such as environmental justice, political ecology, land-use planning, sustainable development, or historic preservation should see faculty in the department to discuss recommended course sequences in geography and related disciplines.

Advisers: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Nevins, Ms. Zhou.

Correlate Sequence in Geography

Geography offers correlate sequences which designate coherent groups of courses intended to complement the curricula of students majoring in other departmental, interdepartmental, and multidisciplinary programs. Students pursuing a correlate sequence in geography are required to complete a minimum of six courses in the department, including an introductory course and at least one 300-level seminar. The two suggested concentrations are outlined in detail below:

Environmental Land-Use Analysis: The correlate sequence in geography with a concentration in land-use analysis is intended for students interested in Environmental Studies. It offers a succinct program in physical geography for students interested in science education, urban planning, or environmental policy. With the consent of the adviser, one unit of earth science may be selected. The six courses taken for this concentration may be selected from the following recommended list:

Geography 100	Earth Resource Challenges	(1)
Geography 102	Global Geography	(1)
Earth Science 111	Earth Science and Environmental Justice	(1)
Earth Science 151	Earth, Environment, and Humanity	(1)
Geography 220	Cartography: Making Maps with GIS	(1)
Geography 224	GIS: Spatial Analysis	(1)
Geography 230	Geographic Research Methods	(1)
Geography 250	Urban Geography: Built Environment, Social Space, and Sustainability	(1)
Geography 258	Sustainable Landscapes: Bridging Place and Environment	(1)
Geography 260	Conservation of Natural Resources	(1)
Geography 266	Population, Environment, and Sustainable Development	(1)
Geography 304	Senior Seminar: Issues in Geographic Theory and Method	(1)
Geography 356	Environment and Land-Use Planning	(1)
Geography 372	Topics in Human Geography	(1)

Society and Space: The correlate sequence in geography with a concentration in regional analysis is intended for students interested in area studies. It offers a succinct program in world regional geography for students interested in social studies education, international studies, or foreign language or area study. The six courses taken from this concentration may be selected from the following recommended list:

Geography 100	Earth Resource Challenges	(1)
Geography 102	Global Geography	(1)
Geography 220	Cartography: Making Maps with GIS	(1)
Geography 224	GIS Spatial Analysis	(1)
Geography 230	Geographic Research Methods	(1)
Geography 236	The Making of Modern East Asia	(1)
Geography 238	China and the World	(1)
Geography 242	Brazil: Society, Culture, and Environment in Portuguese America	(1)
Geography 248	The U.S.-Mexico Border: Region, Place, and Process	(1)
Geography 250	Urban Geography: Built Environment, Social Space, and Sustainability	(1)
Geography 266	Population, Environment, and Sustainable Development	(1)
Geography 272	Geographies of Mass Violence	(1)
Geography 276	Economic Geography: Spaces of Global Capitalism	(1)
Geography 304	Senior Seminar: Issues in Geographic Theory and Method	(1)
Geography 340	Advanced Urban and Regional Studies	(1)
Geography 372	Topics in Human Geography	(1)

I. Introductory

100b. Earth Resource Challenges (1)
 (Same as Earth Science and Society 100 and Earth Science 100) Topic for 2009/10b: *Carbon Conflicts*. Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Nevins.

102a and b. Global Geography: People, Places, and Regions (1)
 Places and regions are fundamental parts of the human experience. From our hometowns to the Vassar campus, the United States, and the world beyond, we all inherit but then actively reproduce our geographies through the ways in which we lead our lives—by our social practices and spatial movements, and by the meanings we ascribe to people, places, and regions. In this manner, people shape their cultural landscapes and create the spatial divisions that represent global power relations, ideologies, socioeconomic differences, and the uneven distribution of resources. In this course we study the making of the modern world at different scales, ranging from the local to the global—through case studies drawn from the Hudson Valley and around the world—with an emphasis on the ways people, places, and regions relate to socio-economic inequalities. In addition to learning about specific places and regions, we focus on major themes and debates in geography, including mapping and cartographic communication, culture and landscape modification, population and sustainable development, agriculture and urbanization, and political divisions of the globe. The department.
 Two 75-minute periods.

[111a and b. Earth Science and Environmental Justice] (1)
 (Same as Earth Science 111)
 Not offered in 2009/10.

151a. Earth, Environment, and Humanity (1)
 (Same as Earth Science 151a)

184b. Seeing the Landscape (1)
 (Same as Environmental Studies 184b)

II. Intermediate

The prerequisite for 200-level courses is ordinarily 1 unit of introductory geography.

218a. Global Asia. (1)
 (Same as Asian Studies 218a)

[220a. Cartography: Making Maps with GIS] (1)
 (Same as Earth Science 220a) Cartography, the science and art of map-making, is integral to the geographer's craft. This course uses GIS to make thematic maps and to acquire and present data,

including data fitting students' individual interests. In addition, we explore the culture, politics, and technology of historic cartography, and we examine techniques in using maps as rhetoric and as political tools. Throughout the course, we focus on issues of clear, efficient, and intentional communication through graphic presentation of data. Thus, the course integrates problems of graphic design and aesthetics with strategies of manipulating quantitative data. ArcGIS is used in labs for map production and data analysis. Ms. Cunningham.

Prerequisite: one 100-level geography or earth science course, or instructor's permission.

Satisfies college requirements for quantitative reasoning.

Two 75-minute periods; one 2-hour laboratory.

Not offered in 2009/10.

221a. Soils and Sustainable Agriculture (1)
 (Same as Earth Science 221a)

224b. GIS: Spatial Analysis (1)

(Same as Earth Science 224b) Geographic information systems (GIS) are increasingly important and widespread packages for manipulating and presenting spatial data. While this course uses ArcGIS, the same software as Cartography, the primary focus here is the analytical tools provided in the software, rather than issues of design and presentation. Spatial analysis involves a variety of techniques, including overlay, map algebra, hydrologic modeling, surface interpolation, and site selection. Issues of data collection through remote sensing and sampling are addressed. It is advised that students consider taking Cartography (Geography 220) before taking GIS, unless students have some experience with computer software and data. Ms. Cunningham.

Two 75-minute periods; two-hour laboratory.

[226a. Remote Sensing] (½)

(Same as Earth Science 226a) Remote sensing is an increasingly important source of data for mapping and modeling earth systems. Surface features such as elevation, hydrography, soil moisture, greenness, snow cover, and urban growth are among the many factors that are monitored and measured by satellite-borne sensors. A basic understanding of remotely sensed data is, therefore, of great value to students of geography, earth science, environmental science, and other fields. This 6-week course introduces the student to data collection from satellite sensors, the nature and structure of remotely sensed data, and methods of using and analyzing these data. The course uses a combination of lecture and laboratory to introduce and practice the methods of using remotely sensed data. Ms. Cunningham.

One 3-hour period for six weeks of the semester.

Not offered in 2009/10.

230a. Geographic Research Methods (1)

How do we develop clear research questions, and how do we know when we have the answer? This course examines different methods for asking and answering questions about the world, which are essential skills in geography and other disciplines. Topics include formulation of a research question or hypothesis, research design, and data collection. We examine major research and methodological papers in the discipline, design an empirical research project, and carry out basic data analysis. We review qualitative approaches, interviewing methods, mapping, and quantitative methods (data gathering, descriptive statistics, measures of spatial distribution, elementary probability theory, simple statistical tests) that help us evaluate patterns in our observations. Students who are considering writing a thesis or conducting other independent research and writing are encouraged to take this course. Ms. Cunningham.

[231a. Geomorphology: Surface Processes and Evolution of Landforms] (1)

(Same as Earth Science 231a)

Not offered in 2009/10.

[236a. The Making of Modern East Asia] (1)
 (Same as Asian Studies 236a) East Asia, the hearth of the oldest continuous civilization of the world, is now among the most dynamic power centers in the global economy. This course examines the common and contrasting experiences of East Asian countries as each struggled to come to terms with the expansion of global capitalism and with a western dominated global political order since the nineteenth century. We focus especially on their post-World War II experiences. Major themes include impacts of western and Japanese imperialism, the postwar economic rise of Japan, authoritarianism and democratization in newly industrialized regions, and the political and economic transformation of China. Attention is also given to issues of the environment and urbanization as part of East Asian modernization processes. Ms. Zhou.

Prerequisite: at least one 100-level course in geography or Asian Studies.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[238b. China and the World] (1)
 (Same as Asian Studies 238b) As China emerges into a global superpower, academic and public debates are intensifying on the past and future of China's relationship with the rest of the world. This course systematically examines a number of the most prominent issues concerning China's rise. We engage in the contemporary debate on the western conceptualization of China in the historical world system: was the traditional China an insular empire with a marginal influence on world history, or one of the key contributors to global trade and cultural exchange? Was China's sharp decline in the nineteenth and early twentieth century an inevitable outcome of modernization encountering prolonged cultural weaknesses, or a transitory setback due to western imperialism? Most attention, however, is paid to contemporary questions about China's industrialization, international relations, and environmental implications. For example, does the label "made-in-China," conspicuous to today's consumers, victimize the Chinese in the global division of labor, or indicate potential for industrial preeminence. Will China's inroads into Africa and Latin America become a new source of external exploitation and injustice for developing countries, or promise alternatives to western dominance? How will China's environmental trajectory affect the rest of the world? Ms. Zhou.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

242b. Brazil: Society, Culture, and Environment in Portuguese America (1)

(Same as Latin American and Latino/a Studies 242b and Africana Studies 242b) Brazil, long Latin America's largest and most populous country, has become an industrial and agricultural powerhouse with increasing political-economic clout in global affairs. This course examines Brazil's contemporary evolution in light of the country's historical geography, the distinctive cultural and environmental features of Portuguese America, and the political-economic linkages with the outside world. Specific topics for study include: the legacies of colonial Brazil; race relations, Afro-Brazilian culture, and ethnic identities; issues of gender, youth, violence, and poverty; processes of urban-industrial growth; regionalism and national integration; environmental conservation and sustainability; continuing controversies surrounding the occupation of Amazonia; and long-run prospects for democracy and equitable development in Brazil. Mr. Godfrey.

Two 75-minute periods.

[248b. The US-Mexico Border: Region, Place, and Process](1)
 (Same as Latin American and Latino/a Studies 248b) The United States-Mexico border region is the site of the only land boundary uniting and dividing the so-called First and Third worlds from one another. Barely older than 150 years, the border has become a highly significant bi-national region in terms of economic development, demographic growth, and ethno-cultural exchange. It has also evolved from an area of relatively low importance in the national imagination of the United States (and, to a lesser

extent, of Mexico) to one of great significance. Yet, the making and the regulating of the international boundary and the territorial conquest and dispossession it involved have long been central to nation-state-making in both countries, as well as to the production of various social categories—especially race, ethnicity, citizenship, and nationality, but also class, gender, and sexual orientation. This course investigates these developments, while illustrating that the boundary has profound effects on people's lives throughout North America as it embodies a set of processes and practices that help define, unite and divide people and places. Mr. Nevins.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

250b. Urban Geography: Built Environment, Social Space, and Sustainability (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 250b) Focusing on the uneven geographical development of global metropolitan regions, this course investigates the socio-spatial processes shaping urban built environments, social areas, and patterns of sustainability. Specific topics for study include the historical geography of urban location, city form, and land-use patterns; the contemporary restructuring of global cities; problems of suburban sprawl, edge cities, and growth management; urban renewal, redevelopment, and gentrification; spatiality's of gender, race, ethnicity, and culture; urban design, cognitive geography, and public space; and movements for the "New Urbanism" and livable cities. Case studies provide theoretical tools to "read" the urban landscape as an urban geographer. Mr. Godfrey.

Two 75-minute sessions.

[254a. Geographies of Food and Farming] (1)

Farming and food production connect us to the landscapes in which we live, and they shape the geographies of our communities. Increasingly, farming and food also connect us to processes of globalization. The world produces more food than ever before, yet factors such as centralization of production and competition from biofuels lead to food riots in developing regions and continuing losses of rainforests from Brazil to Indonesia. One key strategy for understanding these connections is to examine the biogeographic patterns that shape food production. In this course, we focus first on the physical environmental factors (including water resources, climate patterns, and biodiversity) that characterize agricultural regions of North America. As part of this discussion, we consider ethical, political, and cultural aspects of food production. We then use these frameworks to examine global production and exchanges of food. We use case studies, such as land conversion in Brazil and Indonesia, to understand prominent debates about food and farming today. Ms. Cunningham.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[258b. Sustainable Landscapes: Bridging Place and Environment] (1)

Geographers have long understood the relationship of aesthetic landscapes and place to include concepts of identity, control, and territory. Increasingly we consider landscape aesthetics to involve environmental quality as well. How do these contrasting sets of priorities meet in the process of landscape design and analysis? In this course we begin by examining regional and local histories of landscape design and their relationship to concepts of place, territory, and identity. We then consider landscape ecological approaches to marrying aesthetic and environmental priorities in landscapes. We investigate local issues such as watershed quality, native plantings, and runoff management in order to consider creative ways to bridge these once-contrary approaches to understanding the landscapes we occupy. We focus on projects on topics related to the ongoing Vassar campus landscape study. Ms. Cunningham.

Not offered in 2009/10.

260a. Conservation of Natural Resources (1)

(Same as Earth Science 260) Natural resources are perennially at the center of debates on sustainability, planning, land development, and environmental policy. The ways we conceptualize and understand resources are as important to understanding these issues

as their actual distributions. This course provides a geographic perspective on global ecology and resource management, using local examples to provide deeper experience with resource debates. The focus of the course this year is forest resources: biodiversity, forest health, timber resources, and forest policy, and the ways people have struggled to make a living in forested ecosystems. We discuss these issues on a global scale (tropical timber piracy, boreal forests and biodiversity), and we explore them locally in the Adirondacks. This course requires that students spend October Break on a group trip to the Adirondacks. Students must be willing to spend long, cold days outside and to do some hiking (unless special permission is arranged with the instructor). Ms. Cunningham.

Two 75-minute periods.

Students wishing to register under Earth Science must have had at least one previous earth science course.

266a. Population, Environment, and Sustainable Development (1)

(Same as International Studies 266a) This course examines major issues, myths, theoretical debates, and real-life controversies regarding population change and the environment from a political-ecology perspective. Political ecology studies the changing physical environment through the lens of political-economic institutions and social discourse. The first part of this course visits the theoretical debates on population and environment through demographic analysis and critical evaluation of healthcare and family planning policies. The latter half offers lessons on issues related to food scarcity and security, environmental and social movements in many developing regions such as China, India, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America. Mr. Nevins.

Two 75-minute periods.

272b. Geographies of Mass Violence (1)

Violence has been an integral part of the making of landscapes, places, and the world political map. This course examines theories of violence, explanations of why it happens where it does, and how mass violence has come to shape local, national, and international geographies. In doing so, it analyzes how violence becomes embedded in geographical space and informs social relations. The course draws upon various case studies, including incidents of mass violence in Rwanda, Indonesia, East Timor, Guatemala, and the United States. Mr. Nevins.

Two 75-minute periods.

276a. Economic Geography: Spaces of Global Capitalism (1)

(Same as International Studies 276a) The spatial patterns and dynamics of the world economy are examined in diverse industrial and regional settings. The focus is on the spatial distribution of economic activities, the use of resources, and development of regional economies. Topics may include the global shift of manufacturing activities, the spatial organization of post-Fordist production, the spread and impact of agribusiness, globalization of services, foreign direct investment and multi-national corporations, and the interdependency between developed and developing economies. Ms. Zhou.

Two 75-minute periods.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

The department.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Open to qualified students in other disciplines who wish to pursue related independent work in geography. The department.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for advanced courses is ordinarily 2 units of 200-level work in geography, or by permission of the instructor. Specific prerequisites assume the general prerequisite.

300a-301b. Senior Thesis (½, ½)

A 1-unit thesis starting in the fall semester, with 1/2 unit graded provisionally in the fall and 1/2 unit graded in the spring. The final grade, awarded in the spring, shall replace the provisional grade in the fall. The department.

302a or b. Senior Thesis (1)

Students may elect a 1-semester, 1-unit thesis only in exceptional circumstances. Usually, students adopt 300-301. The department.

304a. Senior Seminar: Issues in Geographic Theory and Method (1)

A review of the theory, method, and practice of geographical inquiry. The seminar traces the history of geographic thought from early episodes of global exploration to modern scientific transformations. The works and biographies of major contemporary theorists are critically examined in terms of the changing philosophies of geographic research. Both qualitative and quantitative approaches are discussed, along with scientific, humanist, radical, feminist, and other critiques in human geography. Overall, alternative conceptions of geography are related to the evolution of society and the dominant intellectual currents of the day. The student is left to choose which approaches best suits his or her own research. The seminar culminates in the presentation of student research proposals. Mr. Nevins.

One 2-hour period.

340a and b. Advanced Urban and Regional Studies (1)

This seminar examines selected urban and regional issues at various geographical scales, ranging from the local to the global. Topics may change from year to year, in which case the seminar can be repeated for credit. Previous seminar topics include culture clash in Latin America; Central Asia in transition; Art, Ethnicity, and Environment in the American Southwest; the Asian diaspora; and Mega-Cities of Latin America.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Urban Political Ecology: Environmental History, Conservation, and Planning in Global Cities*. (Same as Environmental Studies 340a and Urban Studies 340a) In our increasingly urban world, understanding and managing the diverse connections among cities and their extended geophysical and human environments have become urgent tasks. This seminar examines issues of environmental history, conservation, and planning in global mega-cities—sprawling metropolitan areas exceeding ten million inhabitants—through the theoretical lens of urban political ecology. We focus on how political institutions have mediated the interactions of humans and nature in urban settings around the world. Topics for study include the intellectual history of urban sustainability, methods of environmental history, issues of urban design and metabolism, contemporary efforts to conserve urban environments, participatory citizenship and environmental justice, and prospects for livable cities. Students carry out research on a global mega-city of their choice. Mr. Godfrey

Topic for 2009/10b: *Arctic Environmental Change*. (Same as Environmental Studies 340b and Earth Science 340b) Arctic environments define a geographic region that is important to understand both in terms of its distinctive biogeographic patterns and functions and because it is subject to some of the most dramatic environmental alterations associated with global climate change. This course takes a biogeographic and landscape ecological approach to examining how this region contributes to global biodiversity, and why it contributes disproportionately to the regulation and change of the earth's climate system. What characteristics define these environments and make them especially vulnerable to positive feedbacks in a changing climate? How might climate changes alter landscape structure and composition, and what are the implications of these changes for the distribution of plants and animals in the region? What are global implications of these changes? We examine current literature and data to explore these questions about ongoing and anticipated environmental change in arctic regions. Some background in understanding earth systems or climate change is helpful. Ms. Cunningham.

One three-hour period.

341a. Oil (1)
(Same as Earth Science 341a and Environmental Studies 341a)
Mr. McAdoo.

useful but not prerequisite courses. The department.
One 3-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[356b. Environment and Land Use Planning] (1)
(Same as Earth Science 356b and Environmental Studies 356b)
This seminar focuses on land-use issues such as open-space planning, conservation, agriculture, and social effects of urban planning policies. The topic of the course this year is farmland preservation. We examine the economics, demographics, landscape values, and social, environmental, and planning concerns surrounding both the disappearance of farmland in the mid-Hudson Valley and ongoing efforts to slow the loss of working farms in the area. Ms. Cunningham.

Prerequisite: one 200-level course in Geography, Earth Science, or Environmental Studies. Students wishing to register under earth science must have had at least one previous earth science course.

One 3-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
The department.

372a. Topics in Human Geography (1)
This seminar focuses on advanced debates in the socio-spatial organization of the modern world. The specific topic of inquiry varies from year to year. Students may repeat the course for credit if the topic changes. Previous seminar themes include the urban-industrial transition, the urban frontier, urban poverty, cities of the Americas, segregation in the city, global migration, and reading globalization.

Topic for 2009a: *Lines, Fences, and Walls: The Partitioning of the Global Landscape*. (Same as Latin American and Latino/a Studies 372a) This course examines the making of the spatial boundaries that divide and connect people and places across the Earth's surface. In doing so, it considers the origins and evolution of various types of divides—from private property lines that have marked the demise of commons throughout the world, to the barbed wire fences used to contain people and animals, and the international boundary walls and barriers that increasingly scar the global landscape—and considers various effects of and responses to these phenomena. Mr. Nevins.

Topic for 2010b: *Preserving Whose City? Memory, Heritage, And Planning In Global Cities*. (Same as Latin American and Latino/a Studies 372b and Urban Studies 372b) Urban memory and heritage are increasingly important sources of cultural identity, tourist development, and political symbolism in our globalized world. How we define ourselves depends in large part on how we treat the legacies of the past, which serve to anchor our collective memories in particular cultural landscapes. This seminar focuses on the rise of historical preservation and the impacts of heritage programs on the built forms and public spaces of global cities. After examining the theory and practice of heritage conservation with reference to case studies of historic cities, students carry out research in sites of their own choosing. Mr. Godfrey

One three-hour period.

[384a. Community GIS] (1)
Geographers contribute to vitality and equity in their communities by examining the spatial dynamics of socioeconomic and environmental problems. Strategies used to interrogate these problems include mapping and geographic information systems (GIS), or computer-aided mapping and spatial analysis. For example, community access to transportation and housing, differential access to food or health care, or distributions of social services are often best understood in terms of mapped patterns. These patterns both reflect and influence the social dynamics of a community. In addition to affecting quality of life, these issues give insights into the ways we decide as a society to allocate resources. In this course we take on subjects of concern in the local area and use mapping and spatial data to examine them. Projects may involve work with groups in the Poughkeepsie area as well as library research, readings, some GIS work. Course activities and projects vary according to subjects studied. Because this course focuses on collaborative research projects, rather than on the technology, GIS and cartography are

Geography-Anthropology

Faculty: see Earth Science and Geography and Anthropology.

The interdepartmental concentration in geography-anthropology combines courses in these two social sciences to examine the cultural, ecological, and spatial relations of diverse societies. Particular emphasis is given to the cross-cultural study of communities, regions, and their human environments from both anthropological and geographical perspectives.

Requirements for Concentration: A total of 13 units, with no less than 6 units in each field, and the option of a senior thesis (Geography-Anthropology 300-301 or 302). In geography, the following courses are required: an introductory course (Geography 102); a methods course (Geography 220, 224, or 230); a 200-level regional course (such as Geography 236, 238, 242, or 248); 304 and another 300-level seminar. In Anthropology, coursework in at least two of the four subfields is required. Of the 6 units, Anthropology requires at least 2 units of 200-level work, and two 300-level anthropology seminars.

Senior-Year Requirements: An optional senior thesis (Geography-Anthropology 300-301 or 302); and Geography 304 (the Senior Seminar). Majors normally must write a senior thesis to be considered for departmental honors. If a thesis is written, it may substitute for one of the required 300-level seminars, other than Geography 304, with the permission of advisers.

Recommendations: Fieldwork or a study abroad experience in either anthropology or geography is recommended highly.

Advisers: a faculty member from both Anthropology and Geography.

Course Offerings

See Geography and Anthropology.

300a-301b. Senior Thesis (½, ½)

A 1-unit thesis with 1/2 unit graded provisionally in the fall and 1/2 unit graded in the spring. The final grade, awarded in the spring, shall replace the provisional grade in the fall. Ordinarily, the senior thesis will have two faculty advisers, one from Anthropology and one from Geography. The department.

302a or b. Senior Thesis (1)

Students may elect a 1-unit thesis only in exceptional circumstances. Usually, students will adopt 300-301. The department.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½-1)

By permission of the adviser and the instructor who will supervise the work.

German Studies

Associate Professors: Günter Klabes^a, Jeffrey Schneider (Chair), Silke von der Emde; **Assistant Professor:** Elliott Schreiber; **Visiting Instructor:** Peggy Piesche.

All courses are conducted in German except for German 101, 235, 265, and 275.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units: 8 units of German above the introductory level. Students can choose from German 210, 211, 230, 239, 260, 269, 270, 301, and 355. Majors must take all 8 units in German. After declaring a concentration in German Studies, no courses taken under the Non-Recorded Option serve to fulfill the requirements. Students can take a maximum of 4 units approved by the German department in related fields. Upon the approval of the department, a maximum of 2 units from the Münster and 4 additional units from other programs abroad can be substituted for the 200-level courses.

Senior Year Requirement: German 301 and 355. Students who wish to be considered for departmental honors must complete a thesis (German 300).

Recommendations: Vassar summer program in Münster, Germany; Junior Year Abroad, study at accredited summer schools.

Vassar Summer Program in Germany: Vassar College conducts a summer program in Münster, Germany. Students who successfully complete the program receive 2 units of Vassar credit. Minimum requirements are the completion of German 105-106, 109 (or the equivalent), and the recommendation of the instructor.

Correlate Sequence in German: Students majoring in other programs may complement their study by electing a correlate sequence in German. Course selection should be made in consultation with the department.

Correlate Requirements: 6 graded units, 4 of which must be taken above the 100-level. Students can choose from German 210, 211, 230, 239, 260, 269, 270, 301, and 355. All students must also complete either German 301 or 355. Upon the approval of the department, a maximum of 2 units from the Münster or other abroad programs can be substituted for the 200-level courses. No courses in English may count towards the correlate sequence.

Advisers: The department.

I. Introductory

101a. Vampires, Lunatics, and Cyborgs: Exploring the Uncanny Recesses of the Romantic Consciousness (1)

From the fairytales of the Brothers Grimm to E.T.A. Hoffmann's "Nutcracker and the King of Mice," German Romanticism has populated the modern imagination with a multitude of uncanny creations. This course examines the evolution of figures such as vampires, witches, golems, mad scientists, and cyborgs through German culture from their origins in the nineteenth century to their afterlife in the present, including film. In addition, we pursue their reception and development outside of Germany, for instance in Disney's versions of Grimms' tales and Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite. Mr. Schreiber.

Readings and discussions in English.

Satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

105a-106b. Beginning German: The Stories of Childhood (1)

This course offers a yearlong introduction to the study of German language and culture through literature, fairy tales, and films for and about children. Since these materials tend to be linguistically easier, they are ideal for beginning language learning. Moreover, their role in socializing a new generation makes them important sources for understanding a culture's fundamental values and way of looking at the world. Materials range from classic texts, such as fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm, to contemporary stories, films, and television shows. In addition to offering a systematic introduction to German grammar and vocabulary, classroom activities promote practical and active oral and written communication. No prior experience with German required. Ms. von der Emde and Mr. Schreiber.

Four 50-minute periods and four 30-minute drill sessions.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

109b. Intensive Beginning German (2)

A single-semester study of the German language, equivalent to German 105-106. Intensive training in the fundamental language skills. Designed for beginning students who wish to accelerate their learning of German. Mr. Klages.

Open to all classes; five 75-minute periods, four 30-minute drill sessions, and computer-assisted instruction.

II. Intermediate**210a. Intermediate German I: Identity in Contemporary Germany (1)**

Low-intermediate language study through short texts and research topics on questions of national identity in contemporary Germany. Strong emphasis is placed on developing vocabulary and reviewing grammar as well as developing oral and written expression. The course uses an online educational environment and may involve an exchange with learners at another college. Ms. Piesche.

Prerequisite: German 106, 109 or the equivalent.

211b. Intermediate German II: Space in Weimar Germany (1)

Intermediate language study through texts and research topics on questions of space in Weimar Germany at the time of the "Roaring Twenties." Strong emphasis is placed on developing vocabulary and reviewing grammar as well as developing oral and written expression. The course uses an online educational environment and may involve an exchange with learners at another college. Ms. von der Emde.

Prerequisite: German 210 or the equivalent.

230a. Intermediate German III: Contemporary German Culture and Media (1)

Advanced-intermediate language study through an examination of debates about media (film, radio, journalism and rock music) in twentieth-century German culture. Strong emphasis is placed on developing vocabulary and reviewing grammar as well as developing oral and written expression. The course may involve an exchange with native speakers of German. Ms. Piesche.

Prerequisite: German 211 or the equivalent.

235a. Introduction to German Cultural Studies. (1)

Introduction to the methodological questions and debates in the field of German Cultural Studies. Strong emphasis on formal analysis and writing.

Topic for 2009/10: *Marx, Nietzsche, and Freud*. Marx, Nietzsche and Freud are three of the most influential German thinkers of the modern era. We associate their names with different, even antagonistic agendas ranging from political systems (socialism and communism), entire disciplines (psychoanalysis), and even the death of God. Yet all three were pivotal in developing a "hermeneutics of suspicion," in which "reality" turned out to be hiding darker and more powerful forces: economic motives, unconscious desires, or the will to power. This course examines their writings in the context of nineteenth-century Germany and Austria and assesses their contributions to our postmodern understanding of language, truth and modern subjectivity. In addition to reading works by these three thinkers, the course explores their connections to a range of German writers and artists, such as Lou Andreas-Salomé, Brecht, Heine, Kafka, Th. Mann, Schnitzler, Wagner, as well as various filmmakers. Special attention is also paid to the efforts of subsequent theorists, such as Adorno, Arendt, Butler, Derrida, Foucault, Elizabeth Grosz, Heidegger, Sarah Kofman, Lacan, Luhmann, and Žižek, to criticize, refine, or synthesize their ideas. Mr. Schreiber.

Readings and discussions in English. Open to all classes. German majors see German 239.

Two 75-minute periods.

239a. Introduction to German Cultural Studies for Majors (1)

Students in this course attend the same seminar meetings as in German Studies 235 but do the readings in the original, attend a separate discussion class, and take separate exams. Mr. Schreiber.

Prerequisite: German Studies 230 or the equivalent or permis-

sion from the instructor.

260b. Developments in German Literature (1)

This course offers an overview of selected historical developments in German literature from the last three centuries.

Topic for 2009/10: *What's So New about the New Generation? German Culture after 1989*. The generation growing up in Germany since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 faces an entirely different world than their parents' generation. While conflicts between East and West Germany still linger, this cohort has also come of age in a time of globalization, multiculturalism, and an expanded European Union. This course examines the efforts of this latest generation to negotiate a new "German" identity out of a complicated past and within an ever more complex present. Drawing on works of literature, film, music, and material culture produced since 1989, we study their attempts to come to terms with a variety of challenges and opportunities, including an abundance of consumer goods, nostalgia for the East ("Ostalgie"), and the existence of robust minority cultures (Turkish-German, queer, etc.). Readings include Jana Hensel's *Zonenkinder*, Jakob Hein's *Mein erstes T-Shirt*, and examples of "pop" literature and contemporary music. Ms. Piesche.

Prerequisite: German Studies 230, 239 or the equivalent.

Two 75-minute periods.

265b. German Film in English Translation (1)

This course offers an overview of selected historical and formal developments in German films from the silent period to the present.

Topic for 2009/10: *From Caligari to Fatih Akin: Transnational Approaches to German Cinema*. Siegfried Kracauer's famous book, *From Caligari to Hitler*, serves as one of the most famous attempts to interpret German film history as a specifically German phenomenon. Indeed, the rubric of a national cinema has continued to shape our understanding of such diverse traditions as New German Cinema in West Germany, DEFA films in East Germany, and the contemporary films coming out of post-unification Germany. This course seeks to question such a narrative by placing German film in its multiple and contradictory relationships to other cinemas and cultural practices. We study early German films and Nazi cinema in their competition with Hollywood, the influence of German emigrants on Hollywood film, the development of East German and West German film in response to the political and aesthetic dictates of "their" respective superpowers during the cold war period, the prominence of recent immigrant filmmakers working in Germany, and the internationalization of film production today. In examining the works of directors such as Fritz Lang, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, and Fatih Akin and stars like Marlene Dietrich and Franka Potente, we interrogate the benefits and problems of using national, international, and global perspectives. Ms. von der Emde.

Readings and discussions in English. Open to all classes. German majors see German 269.

Two 75-minute periods.

269b. German Film for Majors (1)

Students in this course attend the same seminar meetings as in German Studies 265 but do readings in German, attend a separate discussions class, and take separate exams. Ms. von der Emde.

Prerequisite: German Studies 230, 239 or the equivalent.

270a. Aesthetic Forms, Texts, and Genres (1)

Topic for 2009/10: *Blues in Black and White: The Politics and Poetics of Afro-German Culture*. This course explores the cultural production and politics of Germans of African descent. In addition to offering an introduction into the history of Afro-Germans, the course examines the efforts to articulate and celebrate a black subjectivity. Special attention is paid to the specific genre conventions of autobiography, poetry, public history, narrative fiction as well as documentary and feature films. Readings are drawn from such authors as May Ayim, Raja Lubinetzki, Ika Hügel-Marshall, Aisha Blackshire-Belay, Maisha Eggers, and Fatima El-Tayeb. Ms. Piesche

[275a. Advanced Topics in German Cultural Studies] (1)

This course offers an extended analysis of one of the major issues in German Cultural Studies. Topics may include memory and the Holocaust, Nazi culture, issues of transparency in political culture, or lesbian and gay culture.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[286b. At Home on the Road: Tracing the African Diaspora in Germany] (1)

Though people of African descent have lived in Germany for more than a century, their existence has largely been overlooked by scholars and the German public alike. Yet their history has much to tell us about the construction of race and racial politics in German identity as well as the vagaries of the African Diaspora in Europe. From Hans-Jürgen Massaquoi's time in the Hitler Youth to black feminist and lesbian organizing in contemporary Berlin, this course examines the efforts by Germans of African descent to document their experiences and articulate a black subjectivity. Special attention will also be paid to the representations of blackness and the Black Diaspora that have circulated in German films, comics, music videos and photography over the past two centuries. Readings are drawn from such authors as May Ayim, Raja Lubinetzki, Ika Hügel-Marshall, Aisha Blackshire-Belay, Maisha Eggers, Fatima El-Tayeb, Tina Campt, Leroy T. Hopkins, Etienne Balibar and Paul Gilroy.

Readings and discussions are in English.

Not offered in 2009/10.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Permission required.

III. Advanced

For advanced work in German, students must complete the following: German 230, 239, 260, 269, and 270 or their equivalent.

300a or b. Senior Thesis (1)

Open only to majors. The department. Permission required.

301a. Senior Seminar (1)

An examination of selected topics in German literature and culture. May be taken more than once for credit when topic changes.

Topic for 2009/10: *From Weltschmerz to Hip-Hop: German Poetry of the Twentieth Century*. With poets such as Rilke, Benn, Trakl, Brecht, Celan, Bachmann, Grass and Enzensberger, Germany boasts one of the world's greatest poetic traditions in the twentieth century. This course seeks to develop students' skills in interpreting individual texts and to reflect on poetry's status within the discourses of history, philosophy, and politics. We read poetry as a living counter-force to socio-political reality, including poetry of dissent and fear, and poetry of private grief and political protest: from the elegance of Brecht or the gloomy denseness of Gottfried Benn to the oblique and straightforward responses to the country's villainous history and the bitter and haunted poetry of the postwar years. The course closes by exploring contemporary forms of expression in a reunified country looking at itself and its neighbors in new ways. We interpret poems by visualizing, performing, and setting texts to music as well as other creative experiments for experiencing poetry. Ms. von der Emde.

302a-303b. Senior Thesis (½)

Open only to majors. The department. Permission required.

355b. Advanced Seminar (1)

An examination of selected topics in German literature and culture. May be taken more than once for credit when topic changes.

Topic for 2009/10: *German Classicism: Faustian Dreams and Aesthetic Campaigns*. This course studies writers and thinkers representing the culmination of Weimar Classicism and the voices that defended or defined themselves against it. Particular attention is paid to the vigorous discourse on the aesthetic education of man in the context of the era's sociopolitical agenda. Readings include

works by Lessing, Goethe, Schiller, along with responses by Büchner, Heine and other nineteenth-century writers. Influential essays by German philosophers and art historian's complement our readings. Mr. Klages.

Greek

For curricular offerings, see Classics, page 81.

Hebrew

For curricular offerings, see Jewish Studies, page 150.

Hispanic Studies

Professors: Andrew Bush (Chair), Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert; **Associate Professors:** Michael Aronna^a, Mario Cesareo, Mihai Grünfeld; **Assistant Professors:** Nicolás Vivalda, Eva María Woods Peiró; **Adjunct Assistant Professor:** Olga Bush.

Requirements for Concentration: 10 units beyond the introductory level. These 10 units must include 3 units from the group Hispanic Studies 226, 227, 228, 229 and 3 units at the 300 level, including one Latin American Seminar (387) and one Peninsular Seminar (388). Two units must be elected in the senior year. After declaration of the major or correlate, all courses in the department must be taken for a letter grade. Courses taken in Spain or Latin America or during the summer may be substituted with department approval.

Senior-Year Requirements: Two units at the 300-level. Students who wish to be considered for departmental honors must complete a senior thesis (Hispanic Studies 300).

Teaching Certification: Students who wish to obtain Secondary Certification in Spanish must complete, in conjunction with the program of study outlined by the education department, 8 units of 200-level courses and above in Hispanic Studies.

Correlate Sequence: 6 units beyond the introductory level, 3 of which must be taken at Vassar, including at least one 300-level course.

Study Away: Majors are expected to study, usually during the junior year, in a Spanish-speaking country. The department sponsors two study away programs: the Vassar-Wesleyan Program in Madrid (academic year) and the Vassar Summer Programs in Mexico or Peru, open to all qualified students. The courses offered in each of these programs are included below.

Advisers: The department.

I. Introductory

[105a-106b. Elementary Spanish Language] (1)
Fundamentals of the grammar and structure of the Spanish language with emphasis on oral skills and reading.

Open to students with no previous instruction in Spanish.

Five 50-minute periods; one hour of laboratory or drill.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

109a or b. Basic Spanish Review (1)
Fundamentals of the grammar and structure of the Spanish language with emphasis on oral skills and reading. Successful completion of this one-semester course fulfills the college language requirement. Mr. Bush (a); Mr. Grünfeld (b).

Open to students with 1 or 2 years of high school Spanish.

Three 50-minute periods; one hour of drill.

126a. Al-Andalus: Medieval Muslim Culture in the Border Zone (1)

Muslim armies entered the Iberian Peninsula from North Africa in 711 C.E., and there was still armed resistance against the Christians for more than a century after Ferdinand and Isabel proclaimed "mission accomplished" in 1492. This course examines the distinctive culture of al-Andalus (medieval Muslim Iberia), created during that long period. Study is oriented around three monuments, representing three moments in cultural history: Madinat al-Zahra, a palatial city near Cordoba, where Muslim power was first consolidated in a caliphate; the Alhambra of Granada, a palatial complex in the last Iberian Muslim kingdom, and the high point of *Andalusi* art; and the Alcazar of Seville, a palace built by Muslims under Christian rule. The course sets the art, architecture, and literature of al-Andalus in the context of other Muslim lands, especially the uneasy relationship with North Africa. There is some consideration of the Muslim influence on Christian Spain and the Jewish communities of al-Andalus. Finally, some attention is devoted to the new Friday Mosque of Granada and the return of Muslim culture to contemporary Spain through recent North African immigration. Ms. Bush.

Open to all classes. Readings and lectures in English.

Two 75-minute periods.

II. Intermediate

205a or b. Intermediate Spanish (1)

Intensive study and review of Spanish grammar at the second-year level with emphasis on oral practice and writing skills. Mr. Vivalda (a); Mr. Aronna (b).

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 105-106 or 109, or three years of high school Spanish.

Three 50-minute periods.

206a or b. Reading and Writing about Hispanic Culture (1)

Reading, writing and speaking skills are developed through study of cultural and literary texts and audiovisual materials. Ms. Woods Peiró (a); Ms. Woods Peiró, and Mr. Grünfeld (b).

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 205 or four years of high school Spanish.

Two 75-minute periods plus one hour of oral practice.

216a or b. Methods in Interdisciplinary Analysis (1)

This course develops a set of methodological and theoretical tools for the investigation of cultural practices such as literature, popular and mass culture, social movements and institutions in Spanish-speaking countries. Mr. Cesareo.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 206 or permission.

Two 75-minute periods.

219b. Advanced Grammar and Composition (1)

This course offers an in-depth coverage of Spanish grammar with emphasis on reading and writing skills. A more traditional approach in grammar explanations is combined with the study of numerous examples and exercises based on everyday life. The objectives of this course are 1) to provide a thorough review of major topics of Spanish grammar—ser and estar, por and para, the preterit and the imperfect, sequence of tenses, conditional clauses, etc.; 2) to explore in-depth the different mechanics of writing in Spanish (punctuation, written accents, etc.); 3) to work on writing skills in Spanish through the use of various writing techniques and strategies—the art of writing narratives, dialogue, descriptions, letters, and reports; 4) to improve reading skills and knowledge of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions in Spanish; 5) to continue to increase cultural knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world. Through the use of the target language in class, this course also contributes to the general language acquisition process. Some translation work is required as well—contextualized passages in English translated into Spanish are used to illustrate a variety of grammatical principles. Mr. Vivalda.

Prerequisite: 216 or permission.

Two 75-minute periods.

[225b. Writing Workshop] (1)

The workshop provides a space for the development of the student's ability as reader and writer of texts in Spanish. Reading and writing assignments include journals, poetry, prose fiction, autobiography, and the essay. The theoretical readings and practical exercises are designed to enrich the student's ability to give form, texture and voice to their writing projects.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 216 or 219.

Two 75-minute periods.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

226a. Medieval and Early Modern Spain (1)

Studies in Iberian literary and cultural production from the time of the Muslim conquest of the Peninsula to the end of the Hapsburg Empire.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Al-Andalus: Medieval Muslim Culture in the Border Zone*. For a full description, see Hispanic Studies 126. Classroom instruction takes place in English, but students enrolling in Hispanic Studies 226 do reading and writing assignments in Spanish. The course may be taken for credit toward the Hispanic Studies major and correlate. Ms. Bush.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 216 or 219.

Two 75-minute periods.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

227a. Colonial Latin America (1)
Studies in Latin American literary and cultural production from the European invasion to the crisis of the colonial system. Topic for 2009/10: Topic to be announced. Mr. Bush.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 216 or 219.
Two 75-minute periods.

228b. Modern Spain (1)
Studies in Spanish literary and cultural production from the beginning of the Bourbon monarchy to the present.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Postmodern Sexual Identities in Post-Franco Spain*. With the death of the Spanish dictator Francisco Franco's in 1975, Spain embarked headlong on a belated journey into the late twentieth century. Although the sixties had heralded a relative political and cultural *apertura* (opening), the chief aftershock of the end of Franco's thirty five year dictatorship was the final dissolution of the political and psychological frontiers that had ensured the tacit acceptance by Spaniards of Franco's sinister slogan: "Spain is different." How were "tolerant" conceptions of sexuality—alternatives performances of femininity, androgyny, homosexuality, lesbianism, polymorphous sexuality, etc. — represented in Post Franco Spanish literature and cinema? Coursework includes viewing of films by Pedro Almodóvar, reading of theoretical and literary texts, attending class discussions and writing a final research paper. The literary aspect of the course focuses on the narrative genre, including short stories as well as sections of novels, by Juan Goytisolo, Almudena Grandes, Lucía Etxebarria, and Eduardo Mendicutti. During the semester we shall analyze the works of these authors from a variety of perspectives and applying different theoretical tools including feminism, queer and camp theory. Mr. Vivalda.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 216 or 219.
Two 75-minute periods.

229b. Postcolonial Latin America (1)
Studies in Latin American literary and cultural production from the emergence of the nation states to the present. Thematically structured, the course delves into the social, political, and institutional processes undergone by Latin America as a result of its uneven incorporation into world capitalist development.

Topic for 2009/10: *Latin American Literature and the Environment*. The course explores the links between history, the environment, and literature in Latin America. It follows the environmental history of the continent from pre-Columbian societies to the present through its representation in salient works of Latin American literature, from Amerindian texts to twenty-first century literature and film. Ms. Paravisini-Gebert.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 216 or 219.
Two 75-minute periods.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)
Individual projects or internships. The department.
Special permission.
Prerequisite: 1 unit of Hispanic Studies 205 or above.

298. Independent Work (½ or 1)
Prerequisite: 2 units of Hispanic Studies 226 or above. The department.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 3 units from Hispanic Studies 216 and above or by permission of instructor.

300b. Senior Thesis (1)
The department.

387a or b. Latin American Seminar (1)
A seminar offering in-depth study of topics related to the literary and cultural history of Latin America. This course may be repeated for credit when the topic changes.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Literatura Argentina*. The course explores the social, philosophical and literary import of some of the key

literary pieces of Argentine fiction from the 1930s to the present. Works by Borges, Arlt, Cortázar, Rivera, Valenzuela, among others. Mr. Cesareo.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Science Fiction, Horror and the Occult in Latin America*. This seminar examines the unique origins and evolution of the literature and film of science fiction, horror and the occult in Latin America. The course focuses on the culturally heterogeneous and politically charged context of notions of nature, futurity, progress, dystopia, desire, the uncanny, anxiety, the repressed and the unknown that underlie these interrelated genres in Latin America. Mr. Aronna.

One 2-hour period.

388a. Peninsular Seminar (1)
A seminar offering in-depth study of topics related to the literary and cultural history of Spain. This course may be repeated for credit when the topic changes.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Race and Ethnicity in Modern Spain*. This course traces the construction and projection of race through literary, filmic, and visual culture in modern Spain. Recent critical theory on race informs the course's analysis of the paradigms adopted throughout Spanish history to construct notions of racial alterity. Moving beyond the question of how or if authors and filmmakers have succeeded in countering racist representations, course discussions map out the contradictory social and aesthetic discourses that sustain images of racialized subjects. The class begins by studying the ethno-religious ideology of the period of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim co-habitation, and then proceeds to examine the gradual integration of ideologies of race upheld by Western capitalist modernity. Discussions then move to the mid-nineteenth century, to the foundational text of Carmen, and from there it dedicates the rest of the semester to twentieth-century novels, plays, films, and visual culture. Ms. Woods Peiró.

One 2-hour period.

399. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Vassar-Wesleyan Program in Madrid

210. Spanish Language and Civilization (½)
This orientation course offers an intensive language review and an introduction to selected aspects of Spanish culture. In the fall term, this course is taught in Santiago de Compostela; in the spring term, in Granada.

211. Advanced Spanish Language (1)
Study and application of the grammatical principles which underlie effective written and oral communication in Spanish.

212. Composition (1)
Study and practice of various forms of prose composition, such as letters, diaries, news reports, analytic essays and research papers.

230. Modern Spanish Literature (1)
An overview of the most significant literary movements, genres and authors of nineteenth- and twentieth-century Spain.

231. Modern Latin American Literature (1)
Reading and analysis of selected works by twentieth-century Latin American writers.

232. The Short Story in Spanish (1)
Theory and practice of the short story as exemplified by writers from Spain and Latin America.

233. Spanish Theater: From Drama to Performance (1)
Study of selected Spanish plays, with special attention to the realization of the script in performance.

234. History of Spain (1)
This course explores some of the pivotal moments in Spanish history, from antiquity to the present.

235. Spanish Cinema (1)
An introduction to the terminology of film aesthetics and the evolution of cinema in Spain.

236. Spanish Art History (1)
The art and architecture of Spain from medieval times to the present. Class visits to the principal museums and to representative neighborhoods in Madrid.

237. European and Spanish Law (1)
An introduction to the fundamental texts and tenets of the Spanish legal system (civil, penal and commercial).

238. European and Spanish Institutions (1)
An overview of the governmental organization of contemporary Spain (the monarchy, the parliamentary system, the judiciary, regional and local governments) and the political structure of the European Union.

239. European and Spanish Economy (1)
The state of the Spanish economy since Spain joined the European Union.

240. Spain Today (1)
Social, political and cultural aspects of present-day Spain as reflected in the daily press.

241. Geography of Spain: Space and Society (1)
A study of the physical and human geography of Spain through the spatial analysis of topography and cultural, political, and socioeconomic systems.

245. Special Topics: Estudios Hispánicos (1)
A special studies (i.e., not regularly offered) class taught in the Curso de Estudios Hispánicos at the Universidad Carlos III in Madrid.

250. Special Topics: Humanidades (1/2)
Students in the Spain Program may enroll in short-term classes offered in the Curso de Humanidades at the Universidad Carlos III in Madrid.

260. Special Topics: Universidad Carlos III (1 or 11/2)
Students in the Spain Program may enroll in regular undergraduate classes (Asignaturas de Licenciatura) at the Universidad Carlos III in Madrid.

Vassar Summer Program in Mexico or Peru

Students in this six-week summer program in Oaxaca, Mexico or Cusco, Peru take two units: 204, Mexican or Peruvian Culture, plus one language or literature course.

204. Mexican or Peruvian Culture (1)
A series of workshops, lectures, excursions, readings and discussions form the basis of this examination of selected aspects of Mexican or Peruvian culture. Required of all program participants.

205. Intermediate Spanish (1)
Intensive study and review of Spanish grammar at the second-year level with emphasis on oral practice and writing skills.
Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 105-106, or three years of high school Spanish.

220. Language Study: Advanced (1)
Study of selected topics of Spanish grammar at the advanced level.
Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 205 or four or more years of high school Spanish.

275. Mexican or Peruvian Literature. (1)
Reading and analysis of Mexican/Peruvian literary works.
Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 216 or 219.

History

Professors: Robert Brigham, Miriam Cohen^{ab}, Rebecca Edwards, James H. Merrell; **Associate Professors:** Nancy Bisaha, Mita Choudhury, Maria Höhn^a, Lydia Murdoch^b, Leslie Offutt (Chair), Michaela Pohl, Ismail Rashid; **Assistant Professors:** Quincy Mills, Joshua Schreier, Hiraku Shimoda; **Adjunct Professor:** Michael Hanagan^{ab}; **Adjunct Associate Professor:** Ronald Patkus; **Adjunct Assistant Professor:** Paulina Bren.

Requirements for Concentration: 11 units, to include the following courses above the introductory level: 1 unit in European history; 1 unit in United States history; 1 unit in Asian, African, Latin American, or Middle Eastern history; 1 unit of pre-1800 history chosen from among History 215, 225, 230, 259, 262, 271, 274, 282, 315, 316, 332, 366, 381, 382; 1 unit from either of the two previous categories (Asian, African, Latin American, or Middle Eastern history; or pre-1800 history); History 303 (Thesis Preparation) and History 300-301 (Thesis); in addition to the Thesis, two 300-level courses. No cross-listed courses originating in another department may be used for distribution requirements. No more than two cross-listed courses originating in another department can count toward the history minimum requirement of 11 units.

No single course can meet two different departmental requirements, except the 300-level course, which can double to fulfill the 300-level course requirement and a distribution requirement.

Senior-Year Requirements: History 299 (.5 unit, Thesis Preparation) and History 300-301 (total of 1.0 unit, Thesis) and at least one other 300-level course.

Recommendations: Reading knowledge of at least one foreign language. Students planning to go on to graduate school should find out which language examinations are required for advanced degrees.

Advisers: The department.

Correlate Sequence in History Requirements: No fewer than 6 units in history, normally taken at Vassar. These will include no more than one course at the introductory level, at least three at the intermediate level, and at least one course at the advanced level. AP credit will not be accepted for the correlate sequence. No more than one (1) history course counted toward the correlate may be taken NRO, or outside the department.

Students should apply to the Correlate Sequence Adviser in their sophomore or junior year after discussing their plans with their major advisers. No correlate sequence can be declared after the beginning of the senior year. The courses selected for the sequence should form a coherent course of study. The list of the courses proposed and a brief written proposal articulating the focus of the sequence must be submitted to the Correlate Sequence Adviser for approval prior to declaration.

I. Introductory

In format, these tend to be period courses, but they are not conventional surveys. Their purpose is less merely to “cover” a certain area and era than to provide a general introduction to the historian’s craft. Relying heavily on primary sources that bring us face to face with the past, these courses acquaint students with the complexity, ambiguity, and excitement of that past.

116a. “The Dark Ages,” c. 400-900 (1)
(Same as Medieval and Renaissance Studies 116) Was early medieval Europe really Dark? In reality, this was a period of tremendous vitality and ferment, witnessing the growth of Germanic kingdoms, the high point of the Byzantine Empire, the rise of the papacy and monasticism, and the birth of Islam. This course examines a rich variety of sources that illuminate the unfortunately named “dark ages,” showing moments of both conflict and synthesis that arose from the meeting of Classical, Christian, and “barbarian” cultures. Ms. Bisaha.

Section .01 is open only to freshmen; satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

^{ab} Absent on leave for the year.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

121a or b. Readings in Modern European History (1)

This course explores key developments in European history from the French Revolution in 1789 to the collapse of communism two centuries later. While roughly chronological, the class is not a survey. Readings explore the impact of the French and Industrial revolutions, the rise of nation states, World War I and the Russian revolution, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, and Europe's Cold War division and continuing, contested integration. The department.

122b. Encounters in Modern East Asia (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 122) This course introduces the modern history of China, Japan, and Korea through various "encounters," not only with each other but also with the world beyond. We compare how each nation answered modernity's call by examining topics such as imperialism, colonialism, cultural exchange, popular protest and historical remembrance. The course begins in the nineteenth-century with challenges against the dynastic regime of each country, traces how modern nationhood emerges through war, revolution, and imperial expansion and considers some global issues facing the region today. Mr. Shimoda.

123a. Europe at the Crossroads, 1500-1789 (1)

In 1500 Europe faced a series of profound challenges and hard choices. This course explores how European identity changed dramatically as a result of great religious, political, and social upheaval within Europe as well as the "discovery" of worlds beyond the continent. How did people—rich and poor, men and women—experience such wrenching change? Topics include witchcraft, reformation, encounters with America, Asia, and Africa, and the "revolutions"—political, intellectual, and social—that defined the period. Ms. Choudhury.

[132a. Globalization in Historical Perspective, 1850 to the Present] (1)

Commentators tell us that we live in "a global age," but dramatic increases in worldwide contacts—economic and social, political and cultural—are not unique to our time. In the late nineteenth century, for example, steamships, telegraphs, railroads, and even movies fostered an increase of interaction across national boundaries and across oceans that was every bit as remarkable as today's. Using such sources as novels, maps, and picture postcards from the Aran Islands to Senegal, this course explores the modern roots and historical development of globalization. Mr. Hanagan.

Not offered in 2009/10.

151a. British History: James I (1603) to the Great War (1)

This course explores the central developments in Britain from the age of Shakespeare to the age of total war. We study the political and scientific revolutions of the seventeenth century, the eighteenth-century rise of commercial society and the "British" nation, and the effects of industrialization on Britain's landscape, society, and politics. The course concludes by exploring how the First World War transformed British society. Ms. Murdoch.

160a or b. American Moments: Readings in U.S. History (1)

This course explores some of the pivotal moments in American history, from the late colonial era to the late twentieth century. While roughly chronological, the course is not a survey. Rather, it focuses on selected events, people, and texts that illuminate particularly crucial periods in America's past. Topics include the process of nation building, racial and ethnic relations, gender roles, protest movements and the growth of the regulatory state, the Cold War, and the paradox of class formation in a "classless" society. The department.

161a. History, Narrative, Fiction: Telling Stories on America's Frontier (1)

This course explores narrative strategies for telling about the past, including those used by contemporary participants, professional historians, popular non-fiction writers, and novelists. How do we plot historical events? Where do we mark beginnings and ends, and how does that shape our understanding of what happened? What

attention do authors give to environment, setting, and character? Course participants read an array of narratives, conduct research, and practice writing, as we explore key episodes in the history of the Western United States between the 1830s and the 1930s. Major emphasis is on cultural and military conflicts, land and natural resources, and environmental history. Ms. Edwards.

Open only to freshmen; satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

162a. Latin America: The Aftermath of Encounter (1)

This course adopts a thematic approach to the development of Latin American societies, treating such issues as cultural contact and the development of strategies of survival, the development and regional distribution of African slavery, the quest for national identity in the early nineteenth century, the impact of United States imperialism in Latin America, and the revolutionary struggles of the twentieth century. As an introductory course both to the discipline and to multidisciplinary studies, it draws, among other sources, on chronicles (both European and indigenous), travelers' accounts, testimonial literature, and literary treatments to provide the student a broad-based preparation for more advanced study of the region. Ms. Offutt.

174b. The Emergence of the Modern Middle East (1)

An exploration of the Middle East over the past three centuries. Beginning with economic and social transformations in the eighteenth century, we follow the transformation of various Ottoman provinces such as Egypt, Syria/Lebanon, and Algeria into modern states, paying careful attention to how European colonialism shaped their development. We then look at independence movements and the post-colonial societies that have emerged since the middle of the twentieth century, concluding with study of colonialism's lingering power—and the movements that confront it. Mr. Schreier.

188a. Global America: 1945-Present (1)

This course explores the emergence of the modern United States from a transnational approach that emphasizes the nation's increasing connection to global forces, including war, social unrest, civil rights, human rights, poverty, environmentalism, and cross-national borrowing. We examine the changing relationships of the United States to the many worlds outside its national borders, and the complex ways that U.S. and global history impinge upon, and mutually constitute, each other. Some possible topics for discussion include the impact of the global human rights revolution on American domestic policy; the pervasiveness of American culture abroad; the influence of international activism on American social movements; the effect of wars for national liberation on the American civil rights movement; U.S. foreign policy and the changing face of war; the growing global environmental movement, and the interconnectedness of the world's financial systems. Mr. Brigham.

Open only to freshmen; satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

II. Intermediate

The prerequisite for courses at the 200-level is ordinarily 1 unit in history.

214a. The Roots of the Palestine-Israel Conflict (1)

(Same as Jewish Studies 214a) An examination of the deep historical sources of the Palestine-Israel conflict. The course begins some two centuries ago when changes in the world economy and emerging nationalist ideologies altered the political and economic landscapes of the region. It then traces the development of both Jewish and Arab nationalism in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries before exploring how the Arab and Jewish populations fought—and cooperated—on a variety of economic, political, and ideological fronts. It concludes by considering how this contest led to the development of two separate, hostile national identities. Mr. Schreier.

215b. The High Middle Ages, c. 950-1300 (1)

This course examines medieval Europe at both its cultural and political height. Topics of study include: the first universities; government from feudal lordships to national monarchies; courtly and popular culture; manorial life and town life; the rise of papal monarchy; new religious orders and spirituality among the laity. Relations with religious outsiders are explored in topics on European Jewry, heretics, and the Crusades. Ms. Bisaha.

[216b. History of the Ancient Greeks] (1)

(Same as Classics 216) Ms. Olsen.
Not offered in 2009/10.

217a. History of the Ancient Romans (1)

(Same as Classics 217) Mr. Lott.

[223a. Modern Chinese Revolutions] (1)

From millenarian peasant uprisings in the mid-nineteenth century and the 1911 Revolution to Chairman Mao and the 1989 Tiananmen Square incident, modern China has undergone multiple revolutionary transformations. These mass movements helped topple an imperial dynasty, brought about an unprecedented republic, established the world's largest Communist system, and have subsequently challenged that system. Each successive revolutionary aspiration, however, regarded itself a part of an on-going revolutionary tradition and constantly drew from a repertoire of accumulated knowledge and practices. We explore both continuities and change within this rich tradition of mass political movements that remain powerful today. Mr. Shimoda.

Not offered in 2009/10.

224a. Modern Japan, 1868 - Present (1)

This course examines one of the most dramatic and unlikely national transformations in world history. In less than a century, an isolated, resource-poor country on the edge of East Asia was able to remake itself in the image of a Western nation-state. While Japan shared the experience of modernity with the Western world, its historical circumstances ensured that modern Japan would face distinctive tensions and complications. We examine this transformation not as a linear progression from "traditional" to "modern" but as a negotiation between competing perspectives and possibilities. Course materials include original sources in translation, autobiographies, oral history, film, and literature. Mr. Shimoda.

225b. Renaissance Europe (1)

This course examines the history of Europe in the years between 1300 and 1550. Emphasis is given to Italy, England, and France, but time is also devoted to Byzantium, the Ottoman Empire, Germany, and Spain. Intellectual, political, and religious topics are the dominant themes, with considerable attention given to cross-cultural, gender, and social history. Throughout the course, we question the meaning of the term "Renaissance": is it a distinct period, a cultural movement, or a problematic label that should be challenged and possibly discarded? Ms. Bisaha.

230a. From Tyranny to Terror: The Old Regime and the French Revolution (1)

Eighteenth-century France was a society in transition, a society in which social and cultural ideals and realities were increasingly at odds. The tensions within society and the state finally erupted into the cataclysmic French Revolution, which paved the way for modern political life. Using primary and secondary sources, this course focuses on topics such as the social structure of the Old Regime, the Enlightenment, and the volatile political climate preceding the revolution. We examine different interpretations of what caused the French Revolution as well as the dynamics of the Revolution itself between 1789 and 1799. Ms. Choudhury.

231b. France and its "Others" (1)

Over the last two centuries, France has had a complicated relationship with difference. This course traces modern French history with a particular eye towards the place of various "others" in the nation.

Of special interest are Jews, Muslims, women, and Africans. In addition to certain central texts, the course considers writing by French revolutionaries, feminists, colonialists, and racists to get a better idea of how various people have framed debates about difference. We conclude in recent times, using films, novels, and music to sketch the contours of multi-cultural France. Mr. Schreier.

[232a. France in the Nineteenth Century: An Age of War and Revolutions] (1)

France was the capital of revolutionary Europe between 1789 and 1914; four major revolutions swept the country. However, accelerated industrialization and rapid urbanization shaped France in a variety of ways, not all of them revolutionary. This course examines how the themes of war and revolutions influenced French artistic and intellectual life. Mr. Hanagan.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[236a. Germany, 1740-1918] (1)

This course covers the history of the German lands from 1740 to the end of World War I. Aside from providing a chronological political narrative, assigned readings focus in greater detail on a number of themes to illuminate the specific character of German history. Topics include: the demise of the universalist idea of the Holy Roman Empire; the German Enlightenment and the legacy of enlightened absolutism on state/society relations; the impact of the Napoleonic revolution; the failures of 1848; the Prussian-led unification; the legacy of Bismarck's domestic policies on German political culture and social life; German imperialism and World War I. Ms. Höhn.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[237a. Germany, 1918-1990] (1)

This course covers German history from the end of World War I to the 1990 unification that ended the post-World War II split of German society into East and West. Aside from familiarizing you with a narrative of German political, social, and cultural history, the readings also explore some of the so-called "peculiarities" of German history. Did Bismarck's unification from above and the pseudo-constitutional character of the Second Reich create a political culture that set the country on a Sonderweg (special path) of modernization ending in the catastrophe of Auschwitz? Why did Weimar, Germany's first experiment with democracy, fail, and why is Bonn not Weimar? Finally, what road will the new Germany take within Europe and the world? Ms. Höhn.

Not offered in 2009/10.

238a. Everyday Life Under Communism: Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Hungary (1)

This course examines everyday life behind the Iron Curtain. Our focus is on Eastern Europe, particularly Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Hungary, from World War II to the present. The central idea we explore is that while political ideology was decided in the meeting halls of the Communist Party, communism was played out in the lives of ordinary people. To unravel the complexity of this experience, we use a variety of materials, including memoirs, novels, plays, films, and dissident tracts. Why did so many people embrace communism in the aftermath of World War II? How and why did their views later change? What happened in 1956 and again in 1968? What part did popular culture and leisure play under communism? What was the so-called "Faustian deal" and who signed up? Has life after communism turned out as expected? Ms. Bren.

242a. The Russian Empire, 1552-1917 (1)

This course introduces major events and issues in the history of the Russian empire from the conquest of Kazan to the February revolution, 1552-1917. What effect did expansion have on Russia and what role did non-Russians play in this multi-ethnic empire? Why did autocratic rule last so long in Russia and what led to its collapse? Using primary sources—including documents in translation and ethnographic accounts—and drawing on new ways of seeing the imperial experience, we explore not only sources of conflict, but points of contact, encounters, and intersections of state and

social institutions. Ms. Pohl.

243b. The Soviet Union and the Rebirth of Russia, 1917-Present (1)

This course examines the history of Russian and non-Russian peoples in the Soviet Union, focusing on the Bolshevik revolution, the Stalin period, and the difficulties of reforming the system under Krushchev and Gorbachev. Using sources including oral history and ethnographic accounts, we explore how Soviet society was shaped by the imperial legacy, Communist ideology, modernization, and war. Special attention is paid to the collapse of the Soviet Union and to the nature of change in the post-Soviet era. Ms. Pohl.

251b. A History of American Foreign Relations (1)

An historical analysis of the foreign relations of the United States, emphasizing the social, cultural, economic, and ideological forces involved in the formulation of foreign policy from 1789 to the present. Mr. Brigham.

252b. History of India (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 252b) Description and instructor to be announced.

254a. Victorian Britain (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 254) This course examines some of the key transformations that Victorians experienced, including industrialization, the rise of a class-based society, political reform, and the women's movement. We explore why people then, and historians since, have characterized the Victorian age as a time of progress and optimism as well as an era of anxiety and doubt. Ms. Murdoch.

[255a. The British Empire] (1)

This course is an introduction to British imperialism from the mid-eighteenth century to the present, with particular attention to Britain's involvement in Ireland, the Caribbean, India, and Africa. We examine British motives for imperialism, the transition from trade empires to more formal political control, and the late nineteenth-century "scramble for Africa." Other main topics include responses to colonialism, the growth of nationalism, decolonization, and the effects of an increasingly multi-cultural domestic population on Britain. Throughout the course we explore the empire as a cultural exchange: the British influenced the lives of colonial subjects, but the empire also shaped British identity at home and abroad. Ms. Murdoch.

Not offered in 2009/10.

259b. The History of the Family in Early Modern Europe (1)

(Same as Medieval and Renaissance Studies 259 and Women's Studies 259) This course examines the changing notions of family, marriage, and childhood between 1500 and 1800 and their ties to the larger early modern context. During this period, Europeans came to see the family less as a network of social and political relationships and more as a set of bonds based on intimacy and affection. Major topics include family and politics in the Italian city-state, the Reformation and witchcraft, absolutism, and paternal authority, and the increasing importance of the idea of the nuclear family. Ms. Choudhury.

260b. Women in the United States to 1890 (1)

(Same as Women's Studies 260b) An examination of women's social, economic, and political roles in colonial America and the eighteenth and nineteenth century U.S. The course emphasizes varieties of experience based on race, ethnicity, class, and region. Major issues include the household and other workplaces, changes in society and family life, slavery and emancipation, and women's growing influence in public affairs from the Revolution to the Gilded Age. Ms. Edwards.

[261b. History of Women in the United States Since 1890] (1)

Traces the changes in female employment patterns, how women combined work and family responsibilities, how changes in work and family affected women's leisure lives from the late nineteenth

century through the development of postindustrial America. The course also explores the women's rights movements of the twentieth century, and how class, race, and ethnicity combined with gender to shape women's lives. Ms. Cohen.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[262a. Early Latin America to 1750] (1)

This course examines the pre-Columbian worlds of Mesoamerica and the Andean region, then turns to a treatment of the consequences of contact between those worlds and the European. Special emphasis is placed on the examination of mindsets and motives of colonizer and colonized and the quest for identity in the American context (both issues intimately related to questions of race and ethnicity), the struggle to balance concerns for social justice against the search for profits, the evolution of systems of labor appropriation, the expansion of the mining sector, and the changing nature of land exploitation and tenure. Ms. Offutt.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[263a. From Colony to Nation: Latin America in the Nineteenth Century] (1)

This course treats the transition from colony to nation in Spanish and Portuguese America. In part a thematic course treating such topics as the Liberal/Conservative struggles of the early nineteenth century, the consequences of latifundism, the abolition of slavery, and the impact of foreign economic penetration and industrialization, it also adopts a national approach, examining the particular historical experiences of selected nations. Ms. Offutt.

Not offered in 2009/10.

264a. The Revolutionary Option? Latin America in the Twentieth Century (1)

This course investigates why certain Latin American nations in the twentieth century opted for revolution and others adopted a more conservative course. It examines the efforts of selected Latin American nations (Mexico, Cuba, Chile, Nicaragua, Guatemala) to address the tremendous social and economic cleavages affecting them, with special attention paid to material, political, class, and cultural structures shaping their experiences. Ms. Offutt.

265a. African American History to 1865 (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 265a) This course provides an introduction to African American history from the Atlantic slave trade through the Civil War. African Americans had a profound effect on the historical development of the nation. The experiences of race and slavery dominate this history and it is the complexities and nuances of slavery that give this course its focus. This course examines key developments and regional differences in the making of race and slavery in North America, resistance movements among slaves and free blacks (such as slave revolts and the abolitionist movement) as they struggled for freedom and citizenship, and the multiple ways race and gender affected the meanings of slavery and freedom. This course is designed to encourage and develop skills in the interpretation of primary and secondary sources. Mr. Mills.

267b. African American History, 1865-Present (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 267b) This course examines some of the key issues in African American history from the end of the civil war to the present by explicating selected primary and secondary sources. Major issues and themes include: Reconstruction and the meaning of freedom, military participation and ideas of citizenship, racial segregation, migration, labor, cultural politics, and black resistance and protest movements. This course is designed to encourage and develop skills in the interpretation of primary sources, such as letters, memoirs, and similar documents. The course format, therefore, consists of close reading and interpretation of selected texts, both assigned readings and handouts. Course readings are supplemented with music and film. Mr. Mills.

[271a. Perspectives on the African Past: Africa Before 1800] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 271) A thematic survey of African civilizations and societies to 1800. The course examines how demographic and technological changes, warfare, religion, trade, and external relations shaped the evolution of the Nile Valley civilizations, the East African city-states, the empires of the western Sudan, and the forest kingdoms of West Africa. Some attention is devoted to the consequences of the Atlantic slave trade, which developed from Europe's contact with Africa from the fifteenth century onwards. Mr. Rashid.

Not offered in 2009/10.

272b. Modern African History (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 272b) A study of the major political, economic, social, and intellectual developments in the unfolding of the African experience from the early nineteenth century to the present time. Attention is directed to the broad spectrum of contacts of Africa with the outside world in trade, diplomacy, etc., prior to the advent of full-scale European imperialism and colonialism in the late nineteenth century. The course focuses on the rise of the Pan-African movement, African nationalism, the decolonization process, the emergence of independent African states, and the dilemmas of postcolonialism: neocolonialism, development issues, and post-independence politics. Mr. Rashid.

274a. Colonial America, 1500-1750 (1)

The world colonial Americans—European, African, and Indian—fashioned for themselves and bequeathed to us: their migrations, their religions, their social values and social structures, their political culture, and their rebellions. Mr. Merrell.

275b. Revolutionary America, 1750-1830 (1)

The causes, course, and consequences of the American Revolution. Themes include how thirteen disparate colonies came to challenge, and defeat, Great Britain; the social effects of the War for Independence; the creation of republican governments; the search for stability at home and security abroad; the development of national identity; and the experience of those Americans excluded from the phrase "All Men are Created Equal." Mr. Merrell.

276a. House Divided: The U.S., 1830-1890 (1)

Beginning with regional economies and social changes in the antebellum years, this course examines the causes and conduct of the Civil War and the aftermath of that conflict in the Gilded Age. Special emphasis is given to slavery and post-Emancipation race relations, conquest of the American West, and the rise of an American industrial order. Ms. Edwards.

[277b. The Making of the "American Century": 1890-1945] (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 277) Focuses on major social, political, and cultural developments during the decades when the United States emerged as the preeminent industrial power. The changes in the social and political institutions which emerged out of the crises of the 1890s, the Great Depression, and World War II. The growth of mass consumption and mass leisure in this very diverse society. Ms. Cohen.

Not offered in 2009/10.

278b. Cold War America (1)

Following the Second World War, many Americans expected the United States to create a better world abroad and a more equitable society at home. We examine those expectations along with the major social, political, cultural, and economic changes in the United States since 1945, including the dawn of the cold war, McCarthyism, suburbanization, high-mass consumption, civil rights, the Vietnam War, and the environmental movement. Mr. Brigham.

279a. The Viet Nam War (1)

An examination of the origins, course, and impact of America's involvement in Viet Nam, emphasizing the evolution of American

diplomacy, the formulation of military strategy, the domestic impact of the war, and the perspective of Vietnamese revolutionaries. Mr. Brigham.

290. Field Work (½ or 1)

Individual or group field projects, especially in local, state, or federal history. May be taken either semester or in summer. The department.

Prerequisite or corequisite: an appropriate course in the department. Permission required.

298. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Permission required.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for advanced courses is ordinarily 2 units of 200-level work in history, or by permission of the instructor. Specific prerequisites assume the general prerequisite.

299a. Thesis Preparation (½)

A graded ½ unit co-requisite of the Senior Thesis, taken in the first half of the fall semester in the senior year.

300a.-301b. Senior Thesis (½, ½)

A 1-unit thesis starting in the second half of the fall semester, with ½ unit graded provisionally in the fall, and ½ unit graded in the spring. The final grade awarded in the spring, shall replace the provisional grade in the fall. The department.

302a or b. Senior Thesis (1)

A 1-unit thesis students may elect only in exceptional circumstances. Usually, students will adopt 300-301. The department.

[315b. The World of the Crusades] (1)

The Crusades, conceived by Latin Christians as a military enterprise to conquer the Holy Land from its Muslim rulers, created a complex relationship between East and West. It brought Latins, Greeks, Muslims, and Jews together in unprecedented ways, allowing for fruitful exchange and long periods of coexistence between periods of violence. This course examines holy war in the Near East, Spain, and the Ottoman Empire, but it also dwells on related issues including trade and travel, cultural attitudes and relations, religious interactions and conflicts between faiths, and literary and artistic developments. Ms. Bisaha.

Prerequisite: History 215 or 116 or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

316a. Constantinople/Istanbul: 1453 (1)

This seminar examines a turning point in history—the end of the Byzantine Empire and the rise of the Ottoman Empire. The focus is the siege of Constantinople as seen in primary accounts and modern studies. The course also looks closely at culture and society in late Byzantium and the early Ottoman Empire. Specific topics include the post-1453 Greek refugee community, the transformation of Constantinople into Istanbul, and the role of Western European powers and the papacy as allies and antagonists of both empires. Ms. Bisaha.

332b. Dangerous Ideas: Challenging Authority in Eighteenth-Century France (1)

In the years leading up to the French Revolution, authorities were obsessed with the spread of dangerous ideas that threatened church, state and traditional social values. Seeking to overhaul society completely, a diverse group of thinkers commonly associated with the Enlightenment examined all aspects of human existence, from religion, politics, and science to crime, sex, and art. This course emphasizes primary sources, ranging from *The Social Contract* to *Dangerous Liaisons*. We consider the impact of ideas and words by examining the spaces for discussion, the dissemination of books, and reader response. Ultimately, we ask the following: What was

the legacy of the various critiques for the French Revolution and, more generally, the modern era? Ms. Choudhury.

335a. Fin-de-Siècle Vienna: The Making of Modernity (1)
A poet living in Vienna in 1900 called the city “the little world in which the big one holds its tryouts.” We examine this now famous contention: to what extent and why did fin-de-siècle Vienna, the capital of the Habsburg Empire, foreshadow the twentieth century and its calamities? Framed by the 1889 suicide of the Habsburg heir to the throne and the 1914 assassination of his successor (the act that precipitated World War I), we trace Vienna’s intellectual and artistic luminaries and their impact on culture and politics. Writer Franz Kafka, psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, painters Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele, playwright Arthur Schnitzler, philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein, and Vienna’s muse Alma Mahler stand at the center of our investigations into alienation, the modern psyche, modernism, imperial dissolution, nationalism, and anti-Semitism. Our sources include various histories and films depicting this place and time, as well as first-hand accounts in the form of memoirs, diaries, and letters. Ms. Bren.

[337a. The Rise and Fall of Nazi Germany] (1)
This course explores the Third Reich by locating it within the peculiar nature of German political culture resulting from late unification and rapid industrialization. Readings explore how and why the Nazis emerged as a mass party during the troubled Weimar years. The years between 1933 and 1945 are treated by focusing on Nazi domestic, foreign, and racial policies. Ms. Höhn.

Prerequisite: History 236 or 237; or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[338a. America in Europe] (1)
This seminar explores the many ways in which Europeans envisioned, feared, and embraced America in the course of the twentieth century. We start our readings with WWI and its aftermath, when European society was confronted and, as some feared, overwhelmed, by an influx of American soldiers, expatriates, industry, and popular culture. For the period after WWII, when American influence in Europe became ever more pronounced, the German experience is highlighted. We study in depth the U.S. military occupation, and the more than sixty-year lasting military presence in Germany. Readings encourage a comparative approach across Western Europe, and pay particular attention to European encounters with African American culture, African American artists, and African American soldiers. Ms. Höhn.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[343b. Youth in Russia, 1880-Present] (1)
This seminar explores the history of youth culture in Russia. We examine how youth and teenagers were “discovered” and defined as an age group through ethnographies, sociological accounts, and memoirs, and explore the youth experience as depicted in films and documentaries. Topics include experiences of youth during periods of reform, youth legislation, youth institutions, youth and Stalinism, and the experience of girls. The course concludes with an exploration of contemporary Russian teen culture, focusing on music and its role in the 1980s and 1990s. Ms. Pohl.

Not offered in 2009/10.

351a. Problems in U.S. Foreign Policy (1)
Using historical case studies, this seminar examines some of the major foreign affairs dilemmas U.S. policy makers have faced since 1945. Major topics include: containment; modernization; nation building; limited war; détente; the use of soft power; humanitarian intervention; debt relief, and the war on terror. Mr. Brigham.

Prerequisite: History 251 or 279; or by permission of instructor.

[355a. Childhood and Children in Nineteenth-Century Britain] (1)

This course examines both the social constructions of childhood

and the experiences of children in Britain during the nineteenth century, a period of immense industrial and social change. We analyze the various understandings of childhood at the beginning of the century (including utilitarian, Romantic, and evangelical approaches to childhood) and explore how, by the end of the century, all social classes shared similar expectations of what it meant to be a child. Main topics include the relationships between children and parents, child labor, sexuality, education, health and welfare, abuse, delinquency, and children as imperial subjects. Ms. Murdoch.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[357b. The First World War] (1)

For many, the First World War marks the beginning of the modern age. After examining the debate about the conflict’s causes, this seminar takes the social and cultural history of the war as its subject. Topics include the methods of mechanized trench warfare, the soldiers’ experience, the effects of total war on the home front, and the memory of the Great War in film and literature. The primary focus is on European combatants, but we also explore the role of colonial troops and the impact of the war on European empires. Ms. Murdoch.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[361b. Varieties of the Latin American Indian Experience] (1)

This course treats the Indian world of Latin America as it responded to increased European penetration in the post-1500 period. Focusing primarily on Mesoamerica and the Andean region, it examines the variety of ways indigenous peoples dealt with cultural dislocation associated with the imposition of colonial systems and the introduction of the modern state. The course treats as well the Indian policies of the state, and how those policies reflected assumptions about the role of indigenous peoples in the larger society. Throughout, emphasis is placed on the process of negotiation of identity—what it meant to be Indian in an increasingly European society, and how the interpenetration of the two worlds, and the response of one to the other, reshaped each world. Ms. Offutt.

Prerequisite: 200-level Latin American history.

Not offered in 2009/10.

362b. The Cuban Revolutions (1)

Questions of sovereignty and issues of inequality have roiled the surface of the Cuban Republic since its founding in 1902; during the past century there were two major upheavals, the revolutions of 1933 and 1959. This course examines the context out of which those revolutions emerged and the manner in which post-revolutionary governments addressed (or failed to address) the concerns that prompted Cubans to choose the “revolutionary option.” We pay particular attention to the relationship between Cuba and the United States, the legacies of slavery and racism, and the shaping of Cuban society after 1959. Ms. Offutt.

Prerequisite: History 264.

[363a. Revolution and Conflict in Twentieth-Century Latin America] (1)

(Same as Latin American and Latino/a Studies 363) Revolution has been a dominant theme in the history of Latin America since 1910. This course examines the revolutionary experiences of three nations—Mexico, Cuba, and Nicaragua. It examines theories of revolution, then assesses the revolutions themselves—the conditions out of which each revolution developed, the conflicting ideologies at play, the nature of the struggles, and the postrevolutionary societies that emerged from the struggles. Ms. Offutt.

Prerequisite: History 264 or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

365b. Race and the History of Jim Crow Segregation (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 365) This seminar examines the rise of racial segregation sanctioned by law and racial custom from 1865 to 1965. Equally important, we explore the multiple ways African Americans negotiated and resisted segregation in the private and public spheres. This course aims toward an understanding of the work that race does, with or without laws, to order society based

on the intersection of race, class and gender. Topics include: disfranchisement, labor and domesticity, urbanization, public space, education, housing, history and memory, and the lasting effects of sanctioned segregation. We focus on historical methods of studying larger questions of politics, resistance, privilege and oppression. We also explore interdisciplinary methods of studying race and segregation, such as critical race theory. Music and film supplement classroom discussions. Mr. Mills.

366a. American Encounters (1)
Moving past Pocahontas and John Smith, Squanto and the Pilgrims, this course explores the native response to the invasion of North America, focusing on peoples living east of the Mississippi River prior to 1800. Topics include sources and methods for understanding the Indian experience, the cultural consequences of contact, the men and women trapped between two worlds, the diplomatic and military contest for the continent, and the beginning of the end of “Indian Country.” Mr. Merrell.

367b. Peoples and Environments in the American West (1)
(Same as Environmental Studies 367) This course explores the history of the trans-Mississippi West in the nineteenth century and its legacies in modern America. Themes include cultural conflict and accommodation; federal power and Western politics; and humans’ negotiations with their environments. The course considers the history of the frontier as a process; the Western U.S. as a geographic place; and the legendary West and its functions in American mythology. Ms. Edwards.

[368b. American Portrait: The United States c.1830] (1)
The election of Andrew Jackson and the “age of the common man”; the deaths of the last Founding Fathers and the beginning of the first railroad; Cherokee Indian Removal and Nat Turner’s slave rebellion; Alexis de Tocqueville’s famous visit and the first magazine edited by a woman; radical abolition and the invention of Davy Crockett—the confluence of these and other events around 1830 makes that historical moment an important American watershed. This course examines the currents and cross-currents of that era. Ranging widely across the country and visiting some of its many inhabitants, we explore the paradoxes of this pivotal era, trying to make sense of how people then, and historians since, tried to understand its character. Mr. Merrell.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[369a. Themes in Twentieth Century Urban History: Social Reform and the Evolution of the Welfare State] (1)
(Same as Urban Studies 369) Examines the growth of labor reform, school reform, and social insurance, beginning with the Progressive Era through the New Deal, the war years after, to the Great Society and the present. Explores how the development of the welfare state affected Americans of different social, racial, ethnic backgrounds, and gender. Focuses on how these various groups acted to shape the evolution of the welfare state as well. Ms. Cohen.

Prerequisite: History 261 or 277 or 278; or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

373a. Slavery and Abolition in Africa (1)
(Same as African Studies 373a) The Trans-Saharan and the Atlantic slave trade transformed African communities, social structures, and cultures. The seminar explores the development, abolition, and impact of slavery in Africa from the earliest times to the twentieth century. The major conceptual and historiographical themes include indigenous servitude, female enslavement, family strategies, slave resistance, abolition, and culture. The seminar uses specific case studies as well as a comparative framework to understand slavery in Africa. Mr. Rashid.

Prerequisite: standard department prerequisite or by permission of instructor.

[381a. Love and Death in Tokugawa Japan, 1603-1868] (1)
We reconstruct life in early modern Japan by engaging primary sources in translation, including memoirs, autobiographies, thanatologies, satire, novels, plays, and treatises. Various social group—the samurai (the warrior elite), commoners, intellectuals, and women—are examined. We look at Japan’s past as “lived experience” by focusing on everyday social practices and personal lives. This seminar does not presuppose familiarity with Japanese history but requires a keen and active historical mind. Mr. Shimoda.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[382b. Marie-Antoinette] (1)
More than 200 years after her death, Marie-Antoinette continues to be an object of fascination because of her supposed excesses and her death at the guillotine. For her contemporaries, Marie-Antoinette often symbolized all that was wrong in French body politic. Through the life of Marie-Antoinette, we investigate the changing political and cultural landscape of eighteenth-century France including the French Revolution. Topics include women and power, political scandal and public opinion, fashion and self-representation, motherhood and domesticity, and revolution and gender iconography. Throughout the course, we explore the changing nature of the biographical narrative. The course also considers the legacy of Marie Antoinette as martyr and fetish object in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and her continuing relevance today. Ms. Choudhury.

Not offered in 2009/10.

385a. Colonialism, Resistance, and Knowledge in Modern Middle Eastern History (1)

This course examines the historiography of the modern Middle East. We begin with a number of older, foundational texts in an effort to understand and contextualize Orientalism as it emerged in the nineteenth-century, as well as its intellectual legacy in the United States. The course then turns to the substance and impact of post-colonialist interventions since the 1960s that have thrown many “givens” of the discipline into doubt. The bulk of the course focuses on recent scholarship, allowing us to explore how (or whether) historians of Islam and the Middle East have benefited from the new scholarly perspectives that emerged in the wake of anti-colonialist struggles. The meaning of “modernity” serves as a principal organizing question of the class. Mr. Schreier.

Prerequisite: History 174 or 214 or 255; or by permission of instructor.

386b. The Russian Orient: Central Asia and the Caucasus (1)
(Same as International Studies 386) This seminar explores the Muslim regions of the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union during several important transitions: becoming part of the Russian Empire, under Soviet rule, and after independence in 1991. Topics include culture and spiritual life, politics and social transformation, and the challenges facing the transition societies of Central Asia and the Caucasus. The course readings include history and political science, travelers’ accounts, ethnomusicology, and NGO resources, and focus on three distinct regions—the oases of Central Asia, the mountains of the Caucasus, and the Eurasian steppe. Ms. Pohl.

387b. Remembering War in East Asia (1)
(Same as Asian Studies 387b) More than a half-century after WWII, pitched battles continue to range throughout Asia—this time on the field of historical memory. Even as the war itself recedes into the distant past for countries such as China, Japan, and Korea, questions about how to remember their shared experience grown only more complex and politicized. Recent conflicts over war memory have brought down ministers of state, sparked mass protests, and engendered much diplomatic wrangling. How has this devastating tragedy been remembered, forgotten, and contested by all sides involved? This seminar takes a multidisciplinary approach—historical, political, literary, and visual—to examine topics including the Nanjing Massacre, “comfort women,” atomic bombs, rehabilitative postwar literature, and cinematic representations of war. Mr. Shimoda.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
Permission required.

The Independent Program

The Independent Program Committee consists of five faculty members: the director and a representative of each of the four curricular divisions of the college.

The Independent Program is available to students who wish to elect an interdisciplinary field of concentration that is not provided by one of the regular departments, interdepartmental concentrations, or multidisciplinary programs of the college.

Requirements for Concentration: A minimum of 12 units, with the following distribution: no more than 2 units at the 100-level and at least 4 units at the 300-level (which must include a senior thesis or project, work from at least two departments, and a minimum of 2 units taken for a letter grade). Of the 12 units, none may be elected NRO and a maximum of 3 units may be ungraded. Units in excess of the minimum 12 may be taken at any level and may be ungraded or NRO work. Appropriate courses taken away from Vassar, either in an approved study abroad program or at another college or university in the U.S., may be included in the major. The choice of program and courses should be made in consultation with the Independent Program Committee as a part of the proposal procedure.

Senior-Year Requirements: A senior thesis or project (Independent 300-301 or 302) for 1 unit. This thesis may be taken for a letter grade or as ungraded work, and may be elected for the first semester, the second semester, or the entire year.

Procedures for Admission to the Independent Program: After identifying the proposed field of concentration and, when possible, consulting appropriate faculty, the student meets with the director of the Independent Program to discuss general guidelines. The student then submits a written program proposal which defines the major, lists all proposed courses (both for the major and outside the major) and fully describes and justifies the courses for the major. This initial proposal should also include the names of potential advisers for the major. The Independent Program Committee then evaluates the contents of the proposal and the relevance of the proposed courses; the committee may also propose alternate advisers. In consultation with the approved advisers, the student revises the proposal for resubmission to the committee. Only upon final approval by the committee is the student admitted to the Independent Program.

As is evident from the above description of the procedures, the process of declaring an independent major generally involves several consultations and revisions. Consequently, students should expect to begin the process in advance of the normal deadlines for declaration of the major. Students may apply for admission to the Independent Program after their first semester at Vassar. Students who plan to include courses taken abroad at an approved Study Away or exchange program should submit their initial proposal no later than the Friday following October break of their sophomore year. Students who plan to include courses taken at another U.S. institution should submit their initial proposals no later than the Friday of the first week of the spring semester of their sophomore year. All other students should submit their initial proposal by March 1 of their sophomore year.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

300a-301b. Thesis (½, ½)
A thesis written in two semesters for one unit. May be taken for a letter grade or as ungraded work.

302a or b. Thesis (1)
A thesis written in one semester for one unit. May be taken for a letter grade or as ungraded work.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Interdepartmental Courses

150a-151b. EMT Training (½)

This course provides training as required for state certification as an emergency medical technician. The course is taught by state-certified instructors. Students must attend all sessions to qualify for a certificate. The course meets weekly through both semesters, with one or two Saturday sessions each semester. Observation times in the emergency department and with an ambulance are required. Upon completion of the Vassar EMT course, it is expected that the students will serve on the Vassar EMT squad.

International Studies

Director: Pinar Batur; **Steering Committee:** Mark Andrews (French), Pinar Batur (Sociology), Christopher Bjork (Education), Robert Brigham (History), Andrew Davison (Political Science), Wenwei Du (Chinese and Japanese), Michael Hanagan (History and International Studies), Katherine Hite (Political Science), Maria Höhn (History), Martha Kaplan (Anthropology), David Kennett (Economics), Alexis Klimoff (Russian Studies), Timothy Koechlin (International Studies), Margaret Leeming (Religion), Timothy Longman (Political Science and Africana Studies), Candice Lowe (Anthropology), Himadeep Muppidi (Political Science), Leslie Offutt (History), Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies), Miki Pohl (History), Stephen Rock (Political Science), Jeffrey Schneider (German Studies), Elliot Schreiber (German Studies), Joshua Schreier (History), Fubing Su (Political Science), Vinay Swamy (French), David Tavárez (Anthropology), Silke von der Emde (German Studies), Yu Zhou (Geography); **Panel of Advisers:** Program Faculty.

The multidisciplinary program in International Studies is designed to provide a solid and systematic grounding in the study of global interdependence while allowing students to develop strengths in at least two traditional departmental disciplines. A student's course of study for the major is designed in close consultation with the director and the Panel of Advisers. The objectives are to build a core of knowledge in the international social sciences and develop fluency in at least one language, while ensuring a multidisciplinary perspective by encouraging students to approach international issues from the viewpoints that interest them most. Consequently, approved programs of study may include upper-level work in the sciences, humanities, literature and arts as well as the social sciences and languages. In general, the advising process should be initiated early in the sophomore year, especially if a student is interested in study abroad in the first semester of the junior year. Additional information on the registration process is available from the program office.

Requirements for the concentration:

1) 15 units, including International Studies 106, in a program of study that has been approved by the Panel of Advisers of the International Studies Program. These units must comprise a coherent and integrated program of study, and the rationale for the program will normally be given in a formal proposal. Credit to the program will not normally be given for courses at the 100-level except for International Studies 106, Political Science 160, or if the course is accepted as filling one of the program recommendations given below.

2) Competency in one foreign language through the third-year college level as demonstrated by completion of the relevant courses or special examination. The language studied should be directly relevant to the geographical area of emphasis.

3) 4 units of work at the 300-level: International Studies 305, a senior seminar of 1 unit; a senior thesis of 1 unit (normally International Studies 301-302); and at least 1 unit from each of two departments. The senior seminar and the thesis constitute the Senior-Year Requirement.

4) 1 unit of intermediate work directly relevant to international issues in each of three departments. One of these departments must be economics and the other two courses may be drawn from political science, history, and geography.

5) At least one unit of work dealing with issues of nationality, race, ethnicity, class, and/or gender in American society.

Recommendations for the concentration:

1) At least one course concerning the history, politics, economics, geography, anthropology or sociology of Latin America, Asia, or Africa.

2) Familiarity with research methods appropriate to the student's concentration in the International Studies major. The following courses may satisfy this recommendation: Anthropology 245 (The Ethnographer's Craft); Economics 209 (Probability and Statistics); Political Science 207 (Political Analysis); Psychology 209 (Research Methods in Social Psychology); or Sociology 254 (Research Methods).

3) Systematic inquiry into the area of ethics. This recommendation may be satisfied by any of the following courses: Philosophy 106 (Philosophy and Contemporary Issues), Philosophy 234 (Ethics), or another approved course.

4) A structured foreign area experience. This is especially recommended for students who have not lived or worked abroad. It may be satisfied by approved programs for Study Away, exchange living or study/travel.

I. Introductory

106a and b. Perspectives in International Studies (1)

An introduction to the varied perspectives from which an interdependent world can be approached. Themes which the course may address are nationalism and the formation of national identity, state violence and war, immigration, religion, modernization, imperialism, colonialism and postcolonialism, indigenous groups, cultural relativism, and human rights. These themes are explored by examining the experiences of different geographic areas. This multidisciplinary course uses texts from the social sciences and the humanities.

The particular themes and geographic areas selected, and the disciplinary approaches employed, vary with the faculty teaching the course.

This course is required for all International Studies majors. Sophomores and freshmen should take this course if they are interested in pursuing an International Studies major. Ms. Batur, Mr. Schreiber.

110a-110b. International Studies Study Trip: (1)

Indigenous Commodification and Resistance in Mexico: Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Yucatan

Normally the study trip takes place in the spring semester break. Enrollment for the trip is made early in the first semester. The course, which is taught in conjunction with the study trip, provides a systematic multidisciplinary introduction to the social cultural, religious, historical, geographic, political and economic aspects of the place of travel. The precise disciplinary foci of the trip varies depending on the faculty leading the trip and teaching the course. Language instruction is required when appropriate. Mr. Tavarez, Ms. Cohen. Destination. 2009/2010 Mexico

II. Intermediate

[205. International Relations of the Third World: (1) Bandung to 9/11]

(Same as Political Science 205) Mr. Mampilly.
Not offered in 2009/10.

222a. Urban Political Economy (1) (Same as Urban Studies 222) Mr. Koechlin.

[233a. The Political Economy of Globalization] (1) (Same as Economics 233) Not offered in 2009/10.

[250b. Language and Early/Late Globalizations.] (1)

How have early global (colonial) and late global (post- or neo-colonial) states formulated language policies, and to what degree have their subjects conformed to or resisted these attempts? How does language use relate to the notion of belonging to globalized colonial, national, and local domains? This course offers a survey of anthropological, historical, and linguistic approaches to these questions through a consideration of language contact in colonial and neo-colonial situations, a comparison of linguistic policies upheld by empires, nation-states and transnational processes, and the conflict between language policy and local linguistic ideologies. The course addresses case studies from the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia that cover the range between institutional language reform and individual strategies of accommodation and resistance as they relate to early and contemporary forms of global expansion from the 16th century onwards. Mr. Tavárez.

Two 75 minute sessions
Not offered in 2009/10

251b. Global Feminism. (1) (Same as Women's Studies 251b) Ms. Narayan. Two 75-minute periods.

[256. Ethnicity and Nationalism] (1) (Same as Political Science 256) Mr. Mampilly. Not offered in 2009/10.

262b. War and Peace and the Struggle (1)

The Bishop of Hereford told Henry VIII, "The surest way to peace is constant preparation for war." This class focuses on war and peace in the classical debates and in critical theory. We examine whether it is necessary to prepare for war in order to achieve peace; can "Peace" be conceptualized independent of "War;" and whether there is a need to conceptualize the relationships between them in order to reach a synthesis to define a new set of terms for global coexistence. In the first half of the course we concentrate on the theoretical discourse on war, and in the second half of the class we explore alternative theoretical paradigms, especially peace in its various manifestations. Ms. Batur.

266a. Population. Environment and Sustainable (1) Development.

(Same as Geography 266) This course examines major issues, myths, theoretical debates, and real-life controversies regarding population change and the environment from a political-ecology perspective. Political ecology studies the changing physical environment through the lens of political-economic institutions and social discourse. The first part of this course visits the theoretical debates on population and environment through demographic analysis and critical evaluation of healthcare and family planning policies. The latter half offers lessons on issues related to food scarcity and security, environmental and social movements in many developing regions such as China, India, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America. Mr. Nevins.

Two 75 minute sessions.

[275b. Comparative Education] (1) Mr. Bjork.

Prerequisite: Education 235 or permission of instructor.
Two 75-minute periods.
Not offered in 2009/10.

276a. Economic Geography: Spaces in Global Capitalism (1) (Same as Geography 276a). Ms. Zhou. Two 75-minute periods.

286b. Global Political Economy (1)

This course explores competing visions of economic globalization, and uses these distinct frameworks to analyze the meaning, causes, extent, and consequences of globalization, with a particular focus on the relationships among global, national and local economic phenomena. What do we mean by globalization? What are the effects globalization has on growth, inequality, and the environment? How might international economic policy and the particular form(s) of globalization that it promotes help to explain the pace and form of urbanization? Why do economists and others disagree about the answers to these and related questions? This course explores some of the ways that interdisciplinary analysis might enrich our understanding of "economic" globalization. Mr. Koechlin.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced

A 1-unit thesis written in the fall or spring semester. Students may elect to write their theses in one semester only in exceptional circumstances. Usually students will adopt International Studies 301-302.

300a or b. Senior Thesis (1)
A 1-unit thesis written in the fall or spring semester. Students may elect to write their theses in one semester only in exceptional circumstances. Usually students will adopt International Studies 301-302.

301a-302b. Senior Thesis (1)
A 1-unit thesis written in two semesters.

305a. Senior Seminar (1)
An examination of selected global topics in a multidisciplinary framework. Topics vary from year to year. Mr. Koechlin.

[363b. Nations, Globalization, and Post-Coloniality] (1)
(Same as Anthropology 363) Ms. Kaplan.
Prerequisite: Previous coursework in Anthropology or by permission of instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.

365a. Civil Wars and Rebel Movements (1)
(Same as Political Science 365a) Since World War II, civil wars have vastly outnumbered interstate wars, and have killed, conservatively, five times as many people as interstate wars. This seminar explores contemporary civil wars from a variety of different angles and approaches drawn primarily from political science, but also other disciplines. In addition, we consider personal accounts, journalistic coverage, and films that illustrate the reality of contemporary warfare. The course is divided into three sections, each of which emphasizes the transnational nature of contemporary civil wars. First, we read a selection of differing perspectives on the causes and consequences of civil conflicts. Next, we explore literature on the organization and behavior of rebel organizations by rebel theorists and academics. And finally, we consider different case studies from different parts of the world. Mr. Mampilly.

[380b. Global Interdependency: NAFTA and EU] (1)
Mr. Koechlin.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[382a. Terrorism] (1)
No other issue generates as much discussion and controversy as the contemporary debate over 'terrorism.' But what is this phenomenon? And how should we respond to it? This course examines 'terrorism' with a critical eye, looking at the different ways that the subject is framed by various disciplines and authors. Drawing on political science, anthropological and historical accounts, as well as arguments made by scholars from economics, Women's studies and area studies, we discuss the ways in which terrorism has been presented, debated and analyzed. We also draw from the fictional universe through an examination of films and novels that depict the inner struggles of 'terrorists' and those affected by their actions. Mr. Mampilly.
Not offered in 2009/10.

384a. Transnational Queer: Genders, Sexualities, Identities (1)
(Same as College Course 384a and Women's Studies 384a)
Mr. Swamy.

386b. The Russian Orient: Central Asia and the Caucasus (1)
(Same as History 386) This seminar explores the Muslim regions of the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union during several important transitions: becoming part of the Russian Empire, under Soviet rule, and after independence in 1991. Topics include culture and spiritual life, politics and social transformation, and the challenges facing the transition societies of Central Asia and the Caucasus. The course readings include history and political science, travelers' accounts, ethnomusicology, and NGO resources. It focuses on three distinct regions—the oases of Central Asia, the mountains of the Caucasus, and the Eurasian steppe. Ms. Pohl.
Not offered in 2008/09.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
The program faculty.

Italian

Professor: John Ahern; **Associate Professors:** Rodica Diaconescu-Blumenfeld^b, Eugenio Giusti (Chair); **Assistant Professors:** Roberta Antognini, Simona Bondavalli^a

Courses are conducted in Italian, except for Italian 175, 237, 238, 242, 250, 255, Medieval and Renaissance Studies 220. One course, such as Anthropology 150, or Italian 250/255, may be counted in the required 10 units.

Requirements for Concentration: 10 units including Italian 220, 222, or equivalent, 301.

Senior-Year Requirements: Italian 301 and 2 units of 300-level courses. Students who wish to be considered for departmental honors must also complete a Senior Project (Italian 300).

Recommendations: Summer study at the Vassar program in Siena. The department strongly recommends that students interested in the Junior Year in Italy begin the study of Italian in their freshman year. Majors in their junior year are encouraged to participate in Italy in the Eastern College Consortium in Bologna (ECCO).

Advisers: The department.

Correlate Sequence in Italian: Students majoring in other programs may elect a correlate sequence in Italian.

Requirements: 6 units chosen from the following: Italian 205, 206, 220, 222, 260, 265, 270, 280, 301, 330, 331, 337, 342, 380, 385, 386. At least one course must be taken at the 300-level. All courses must be taken for the letter grade. Courses taken in Italy or during the summer may be substituted with department approval.

I. Introductory

105a-106b. Elementary Italian (1)
Introduction to the essential structures of the language with emphasis on oral skills and reading. Reading and performance of a play by a contemporary author in the second semester. Supplementary material from *Andiamo in Italia*, a web-based trip to Italy. The department.

Open to all classes; four 50-minute periods; one hour of drill and one hour of aural-oral practice. Electronic versions of required materials are not accepted.

107a-b. Intensive Elementary Italian (2)
A single-semester equivalent of Italian 105-106. Mr. Giusti (a). Ms. Blumenfeld (b).

Open to all classes; four 75-minute periods; one hour of drill and one hour of aural-oral practice. Supplementary material from *Andiamo in Italia*, a web-based trip to Italy. Electronic versions of required materials are not accepted.

[175a. The Italian Renaissance in English Translation] (1)
A survey of the masterworks: Petrarch's *Canzoniere* and *Letters*, Boccaccio's *Decameron*, poems and letters by women humanists, Machiavelli's *Prince* and *La Mandragola*, Castiglione's *Book of the Courtier*, Gaspara Stampa's and Veronica Franco's poems, and Tullia d'Aragona's *Dialogue*. Mr. Giusti.

May not be counted towards the Italian major. Satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

177a. Freshman Writing Course Italy and the Modern (1)
Self: Malady, Masks and Madness

This course analyzes different definitions of illness, or malady, indifference, and madness in the works of Italian authors of the early twentieth century. Frequently employed as metaphors for the condition of the artist and intellectual in modern society, these ideas contribute to redefine the notion of self in a country increasingly concerned with progress and modernization while still looking to the past in search of a national identity. Masquerading and acting easily become analogies for a divided self and for the loss of certainties characterizing the human condition in the context of modernity. Readings by Luigi Pirandello, Italo Svevo, Alberto Moravia and others. Ms. Bondavalli.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

II. Intermediate

205a-b. Intermediate Italian I (1)
Narration in popular culture, literature, and film. Analysis of folktales, short stories, and a contemporary feature film. Strong emphasis on effective oral expression. Formal study of grammar. Successful completion of this course provides a suitable background for other 200-level courses. The department.

Two 75-minute periods and one hour of conversation. Electronic versions of required materials are not accepted.

Prerequisite: Italian 105-106 or permission of instructor.

206b. Intermediate Italian II (1)
Advanced formal study of grammar, with strong emphasis on expansion of vocabulary, complex linguistic structures, the use of dialect. Through analysis and discussion of strategies of representation in a contemporary novel and a film, students develop writing skills and effective oral expression. Ms. Antognini.

Two 75-minute periods and one hour of conversation.

Prerequisite: Italian 205 or permission of instructor. Electronic versions of required materials are not accepted.

220b. Italian Civilization: Interpreting the Texts (1)
From the origin of the Italian language to the masterpieces of the Renaissance. Selected texts from the "Dolce stil nuovo" and Dante's *Vita nuova*; Petrarch's *Canzoniere* and Italian Humanism; Boccaccio's *Decameron* and the "novella" tradition; Ariosto, and the Italian epic; Machiavelli, Castiglione, Bembo on politics and ideology; Michelangelo, Stampa, Franco on gender in literature. Ms. Antognini.

Prerequisite: Italian 270 or 280 or special permission.

[222b. Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Italian Culture](1)
Italian Cinema and Society: Contemporary Italy. An analysis of the transformation of Italian society in the second half of the twentieth century through its cinematic representation: the impact of capitalism and American culture, political protest, terrorism, the crisis of Communism, the influence of TV culture, and the question of national identity. The viewing and discussion of films is accompanied by critical readings. Movies by Moretti, Capuano, Garrone, Bellocchio, Giordana, and others. The course is taught in Italian. Films in Italian with English subtitles. Ms. Bondavalli.

Prerequisites: Italian 270 or 280 or special permission.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[237a. Dante's Divine Comedy in Translation] (1)
A close reading of the entire *Comedy* in its historical, philosophical, theological, and literary contexts. Conducted in English. Mr. Ahern. Open to all classes. Italian majors see Italian 337.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[242. Boccaccio's Decameron in Translation: The "Novella" as Microcosm] (1)

A close reading of the one hundred tales with emphasis on social, cultural, and gender issues of the later Middle Ages. Reference is made to classical sources (Ovid, Petronius, Apuleius), the French *Fabliaux*, and *Courtly Literature*. The course also analyzes contemporary rewritings of the text in different genres and media. Conducted in English. Mr. Giusti.

Open to all classes. Italian majors see Italian 342.

Two 75-minute meetings.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[250b. Italian Cinema in English] (1)
Cultural, ideological, and aesthetic issues in the history of Italian cinema from neo-realism to contemporary auteurs. Ms. Blumenfeld. Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. May be counted towards the Italian major.

One 3-hour meeting and one film screening.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

255b. Four Italian Filmmakers (in English) (1)

Close analysis of the narrative and visual styles of Michelangelo Antonioni, Bernardo Bertolucci, Lina Wertmüller, and Nanni Moretti, in the context of post war Italian cinema and culture. Theoretical literature on these directors and on approaches to the interpretation of cinematic works aid us in addressing questions of style and of political and social significance. Ms. Blumenfeld.

No prerequisites.

Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. May be counted towards the Italian major.

One 3-hour meeting and one film screening.

[270a. Advanced Composition and Oral Expression] (1)

Development of oral and written skills through extensive conversation and essay writing. The course makes use of a variety of "texts" available in traditional formats (books, magazines, journals, films), as well as web-based materials. The topics covered are in the area of contemporary issues, with emphasis on cultural and socio-political phenomena. The department.

Two 75-minute meetings.

Prerequisite: Italian 206 or special permission.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

280a. Giorgio Bassani's Garden of the Finzi-Contini (1)

Bassani's novel is the story of the decadence of a Jewish family, from the proclamation of the Mussolini's Racial Laws in 1938, to the deportation of Italian Jews to Nazi death-camps in 1943, to the present of the narrator some 15 years later. Through social, historical, intellectual contextualizations, we engage in extensive linguistic, literary, and aesthetic analysis. Particular attention is devoted to the development of oral and written skills. Individual and group multi-media projects. Ms. Blumenfeld.

Two 75-minute meetings.

Prerequisite: Italian 206 or special permission.

290 Field Work (½ or 1)

297.01. Reading Course. Topics in Seventeenth Century (½)
The department.

297.02. Reading Course. Topics in Eighteenth Century (½)
The department.

297.03. Reading Course. Topics in Nineteenth Century (½)
The department.

298 Independent Work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 2 units at the 200-level: 270 or 280, and 220 or 222; or by special permission.

300a-b. Senior Project (1)
The department.

301b. Senior Seminar (1)

An examination of selected topics in recent Italian culture or of a single topic across several centuries. May be taken more than once for credit when topic changes. Required of all senior majors.

Topic for 2009/10: *Giovanni Boccaccio's "Decameron": The Novella as Microcosm*. A close reading of the one hundred tales with specific emphasis on social, cultural and gender issues of the later Middle Ages as represented in the novella genre. Particular attention is to the *Decameron's* frame as a connective tissue for the one hundred tales and a space for gender debate and social re-creation. During the reading of the tales references are made to classical (Ovid, Petronius, Apuleius) and contemporary (French *Fabliaux*, *Courtly Love*, *The Novellino*) sources. Also we analyze in detail some of the *Decameron's* subtexts, its censored versions, critical interpretations, and re-writings through different media. There is a screening of and discussion on Pier Paolo Pasolini's "*Decamerone*" and Hugo

Fregonese's "*Decameron's Nights*", and the presentation of visual representations of selected stories. Mr. Giusti.

330a. The Italian Renaissance: The Italian Epic Tradition (1) from 1300 to 1600

A study of the epic tradition from the early Carolingian cantari and Arthurian romances of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries to the leading Italian epics of the sixteenth century written at the Ferrara Renaissance court and their great influence on later literature, music, and paintings. Readings include selections from the *Chanson de Roland* and the *Roman de Tristan*, Pulci's *Morgante*, Bolardo's *Orlando Innamorato*, Ariosto's *Orlando furioso*, Torquato Tasso's *Gerusalemme liberata*, and Italo Calvino's parody *Il cavaliere inesistente*, as a contemporary reference to the traditional epic poetry. This book, epitomizing Calvino's long interest in the epic poem, provides a good basis for analyzing the archetypal character of Roland, his stoic and ascetic demeanor, and his transformation through the centuries until he becomes indeed "nonexistent." Ms. Antognini

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or the equivalent.

[331. The Italian Renaissance: Poetry, Theater, Politics, (1) and Ideology]

A study of ethnic, religious, and sexual otherness as represented in classical Renaissance texts. Selected readings of Michelangelo, Gaspara Stampa, Veronica Franco (poetry); Ariosto, Machiavelli, Aretino (theatre); Colombo, Vespucci, Castiglione, and Della Casa (politics and ideology). Mr. Giusti.

Prerequisites: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or the equivalent.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

338b. Dante's *Divine Comedy* (1)

A close reading of the entire *Comedy* in its historical, philosophical, theological, and literary contexts. Designed for Italian majors in their senior year. Conducted in Italian. Mr. Ahern.

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or the equivalent.

[342. Giovanni Boccaccio's *Decameron*: The "Novella" (1) as a Microcosm]

Designed for Italian majors and correlates in their junior and senior year. Students in this course attend the same lectures as in Italian 242, but do the readings in the original, attend a separate discussion class, and take separate exams. Mr. Giusti.

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or the equivalent.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[380a. Modernity in Italy. Il Primo Novecento] (1)

The notion of modernity in Italian literature and culture, with particular attention to its manifestation in the twentieth century. We focus on the first half of the century and consider the impact of urban life, war, Fascism, and economic growth on literary creation and its aesthetic and social function. We read poetry, fiction, drama, and theoretical texts and analyze how the ideas of newness, progress, change, revolution, and avant-garde, are defined, expressed and questioned in works by Marinetti, Gozzano, Palazzeschi, Pirandello, Svevo, Vittorini and others. Ms. Bondavalli.

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or equivalent

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

381a. Gender Effects: Women in Italian Cinema (1)

Through analysis of various filmic portrayals of the female body, narratives of female subjectivity, articulations of female desire, and experiments with female and feminist agency, we raise questions about female characters in Italian cinema, and the gendering significance of formal cinematic features. We study such films as Pier Paolo Pasolini's *Mamma Roma*, Federico Fellini's *City of Women*, Lina Wertmüller's *Love and Anarchy*, Bernardo Bertolucci's *Besieged*, Pappi Corsicato's *Libera*. Readings of pertinent works from feminist film theory in English and Italian. Ms. Blumenfeld.

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or the equivalent.

[384a. Opera in Italian Culture] (1)

An examination of the role played by opera in Italian culture from the mid-Eighteenth century through the early Twentieth century. Operas by Metastasio, Mozart, Rossini, Donizetti, Bellini, Verdi, and Puccini are studied in their libretti and video versions. Students attend a live performance in New York. Topics studied include: Opera buffa and seria. Romanticism, the Risorgimento, Verismo and Decadentismo with particular attention given to the roles played by women. Mr. Ahern.

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or equivalent.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[385a. Three Contemporary Women Writers: Dacia (1) Maraini, Rossana Campo, Liana Borghi]

This course explores new literary styles that reflect the new freedoms of contemporary Italian women and women writers. We study the texts of these writers from the 1970s to 1990s, from the early days of feminist activism, to recent transformations in literature and politics, asking whether postmodernism leads to the de-ideologization of feminism. Ms. Blumenfeld.

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or equivalent.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[386b. Italian Folklore] (1)

Designed for Italian majors and correlates in their junior and senior year. Students in this course attend the same lectures as in Italian 286, but do the readings in the original, attend a separate discussion class, and take separate exams.

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or equivalent.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[388b. Petrarch's Letters: Inventing Autobiography] (1)

Together with Dante and Boccaccio, Petrarch is considered one of the three "crowns" of Italian literature. His influence on European poetry has been immense. He is also considered the father of Humanism, the intellectual movement that preceded Renaissance. Together with the poems, his most remarkable works are his collections of Latin epistles, where he recounts the story of his life in a sequence of letters, a highly original undertaking. Texts read include the *Familiars*, his main collection of letters, and selections from other works: the *Canzoniere*, the *Seniles*, the *Posteritati*, the *Epystole*, the *Secretum*. Latin texts are read in Italian translation. Ms. Antognini.

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or 222 or 280 or equivalent.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

399. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Eastern College Consortium Program in Bologna

Courses are subject to change. for information please consult the department and the E.C.C.O. website: <http://www.eccoprogram.it> Vassar College, Wellesley College, and Wesleyan University offer a study abroad program at the University of Bologna in Italy. The program is committed to high academic standards and to providing opportunities for students to develop their knowledge of the Italian language and culture in one of the most venerable and prestigious academic environments in Europe. Undergraduates wishing to study humanities and social sciences may enroll for the fall or spring semesters or for the full academic year. Students may take courses in Italian studies offered by the program as well as regular courses at the University of Bologna. The number of courses that students may complete at the University of Bologna varies depending on the length of their stay and their knowledge of the language. The program accepts no more than 35 students each semester from consortium institutions and from other colleges and universities.

240. Italian Cultural History (1)

Analysis of Italian culture from the second World War to the present. Italy's transformation, from a modern to a post-modern, globalized society is thematized through the perspective of youth culture, cultural styles, music, media influence (TV and film), and

generalized “Americanization.”

243. Italian Language and Culture (½)

A three-week intensive review of grammar and an introduction to contemporary Italy, offered in Lecce in August. Required of students with only one year of college level Italian. Optional for all others.

244. Intensive Italian for Academic Purposes (½)

A three-week language course offered in Bologna, prior to the beginning of the regular semester program, emphasizing writing and critical reading. Required of all program participants, but not of year-long students in their second semester.

245. Theater in Performance (1)

Representation in theater acquires meaning through the process of *mise-en-scène*. This course offers students the opportunity to engage actively with various texts of Italian theater, paying special attention to language. Time is divided between theory and practice, study and action.

246. History of Italian Middle Ages and Renaissance (1)

This course focuses on the history of Medieval Bologna using the extraordinary opportunities offered by the local resources, to analyze events and social realities in the dramatic and checkered history of this part of Europe.

248. Government and Politics in Modern Italy (1)

History of the Italian political system in the European contest from 1948 to the present. The course includes an analysis of the political systems and different forms of government of various European democracies.

249. Modern Italian Literature (1)

A study of the two components of Italian Romanticism: the lyrical and sentimental one, in the work of Giacomo Leopardi, and the historical realistic one, represented by the masterpiece of Italian narrative, *I Promessi Sposi* (*The Betrothed*) by Alessandro Manzoni.

251. Writing Workshop (½)

This course assists students in program and University of Bologna courses in sharpening their writing skills. Optional for yearlong students in their second semester.

252. Women in Italian Life (1)

An interdisciplinary study of gender relations in Italy from various theoretical and disciplinary perspectives. The course intends to explore the Renaissance origins of gender literature, by examining the life, the works, and the ideas of some illustrious Italian women writers.

253. Modern Italian Art and Architecture (1)

The aim of the course is to trace the history of the Italian artistic production from 1850 to 2000. Because contemporary art is global, Italian art is considered in its relationship to European and non-European expressions.

254. Modern Italian History (1)

An examination of the key role played by war in the twentieth century: World War I and II, civil wars, liberation wars, the cold war and the more recent ethnic wars. Issues examined include war as a mass phenomenon, and the relation between wars, memory, and collective identity.

256. Great Italian Writers (1)

The course proposes an exploration of the relationship between writers and the geographical places that inspired their work. The Tuscan countryside, small-town Romagna, multicultural Trieste become literary microcosms for poets and novelists between nineteenth and twentieth century.

285. Women Artists I Renaissance and Baroque Italy (1)

The course explores the work of women artists in Renaissance and Baroque Italy, focusing on the iconography of the female artist between myth and literature, the shift from portrait and self-portrait to historical painting, and sacred and devotional art.

Japanese

For curricular offerings, see Chinese and Japanese, page 75.

Jewish Studies

Director: Debra Zeifman (Psychology). **Steering Committee:** Peter Antelyes (English), Andrew Bush (Hispanic Studies), Marc Michael Epstein (Religion), Natalie J. Friedman (English), Rachel Friedman (Classics), Judith L. Goldstein (Anthropology), Lynn Lidonnici (Religion), Jannay Morrow (Psychology), Elliott Schreiber (German Studies), Joshua S. Schreier (History), Tova Weitzman (Religion), Agnes Vető, (Religion).

Jewish Studies is a multidisciplinary approach to the diversity of the history and culture of Jews in Western and non-Western societies. This approach involves studying the creation and reproduction of Jewish culture in multi-ethnic societies in the ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary world as well as such theoretical concerns as Diaspora, Zionism and the construction of Jewish identity.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units, including: 1) Jewish Studies 201 and 301; 2) 2 units of college-level Hebrew or Yiddish or its equivalent; 3) two additional courses at the 300-level drawn from either Jewish Studies offerings or the list of Approved Courses; 4) six remaining units drawn from Jewish Studies offerings and Approved Courses.

Students are encouraged to explore complementary courses in a variety of disciplines. After consulting with the director, students choosing a concentration are encouraged to explore language, literature, texts, religious traditions, history, society, and culture.

Jewish Studies strongly recommends that students pursue a Junior Year Abroad experience whenever possible. Many different options exist, and students are encouraged to begin discussions about this with the Program director and their professors as soon as declaration of concentration is made. No more than 3 units per semester from study away can be counted toward the concentration.

After declaring a concentration, no required courses may be elected NRO.

No more than 4 units of Hebrew, Yiddish or other study in Jewish languages may be applied toward the concentration. Hebrew 305 may be counted as one of the three 300-level courses required of majors.

Senior-Year Requirements: Jewish Studies 301, if not taken earlier. The Senior Thesis or Project (Jewish Studies 300) is optional, but must be elected by students to be considered for Honors in the Program. If elected, the thesis is taken in addition to the three 300 level courses required. The thesis or project should reflect the multidisciplinary orientation of the Program. It will be graded Distinction, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory.

Requirements for Correlate Sequence: 6 units, including Jewish Studies 201, one 300-level course, and four other courses, only one of which can be a field work credit (Jewish Studies 290). Students electing the correlate sequence are encouraged but not required to take 301, as well as two units of college-level Hebrew or Yiddish or the equivalent. Hebrew 305 may be counted as one of the 300-level courses required for the correlate sequence. After consulting with the director, students should choose a correlate sequence program that complements concentration requirements. No more than 2 units from study abroad can be counted toward the correlate sequence.

I. Introductory

101a. Jewish Identities and Jewish Politics (1)
Are “the Jews” white people of East European origin, or Arabic-, Mahrathi-, and Amharic-speaking people of color from the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa? Are Jewish politics conservative and affirming of the status quo, or progressive and prophetically charged? Are Jewish gender roles and attitudes towards sex suburban and patriarchal, or queer and radical? This course is a multidisciplinary introduction to the extraordinary diversity of the Jewish people and Jewish culture, and to the ways history, geography, gender, religious status, race, and class are factors in the construction of Jewish identity, in interaction with surrounding cultures. We study primary sources such as the Hebrew Bible and Talmud and midrash in their historical contexts, as well as art and literature produced by and about Jews. Mr. Epstein.

Open to freshmen only.

110b. Jerusalem Above/Jerusalem Below (1)
Jerusalem has captured the imagination of Jews, Christians and Muslims for the past three millennia. This course explores the city’s fascination classical texts, historical accounts and rereadings of the idea and ideal of Jerusalem through the eyes of guest lecturers utilizing tools, techniques, and resources from fields as diverse as literature, geography, history, architecture, sociology, and ethnography. The course includes a mandatory study trip to Jerusalem during Spring Break, for which financial aid is available. Mr. Epstein.

184a. New Voices, Old Stories, New Immigrant Jewish Writers (1)

(Same as English 184a) American History is, in some ways, the story of immigrants, and one of the first immigrant groups to publish their stories were Jews, particularly those from Eastern Europe. American Jewish writers established the immigrant literary scene that today has become multifaceted and multicultural. In this class, we read the newest, most popular young writers to emerge from the recent Eastern European Jewish diaspora, and compare them to their classic forerunners. We examine the themes of assimilation, religious awakening, and responses to the Holocaust by members of the Second and Third Generation. New texts include Gary Shteyngart’s *The Russian Debutante’s Handbook*, Jonathan Safran Foer’s *Everything is Illuminated*, and Lara Vapnyar’s *There Are Jews in My House*; older voices include those of Abraham Cahan, Henry Roth, and Anzia Yezierska. Ms. N. Friedman.

Open to freshmen only. Satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

II. Intermediate

201b. Jewish Textuality: Sources and Subversions (1)
Jewish tradition consists of a series of developments from the biblical stratum of text and practice through rabbinic interpretations and medieval, modern and postmodern revisions, reforms and even rejections of those interpretations. This course examines themes in Jewish life and thought from their biblical roots to their postmodern reinventions or reclamations.

Topic for 2009/10: *Going Forth: Exodus in the Jewish Tradition*. The second book of the Bible has proved endlessly fascinating to scholars and legists, poet and artists. How have the tales of Israelite slavery and liberation been employed to describe and justify the origins and development of the Jewish nation? How do the plague narratives encode a theology of reward and punishment? Can humans directly encounter God? What is the nature of revelation, and how is it transmitted? How do humans make a place for God in the world? Is a literal, or only a metaphorical “place” required? How have these ideas developed from the many ways in which Jewish tradition reads scripture, and what countertraditions have emerged from the interpretations? Mr. Epstein.

Jewish Studies 101 or by permission.

215a. Jews and Material Culture (1)
Topic for 2009/10: *Screen Memories: Representing Jews on Film, TV and the Web*. A course on Jewish culture in what German-Jewish philosopher and cultural critic Walter Benjamin called “the age of mechanical reproduction,” concentrating on representations of Jews in the various screen media. Viewing and analysis are guided by considerations raised by Benjamin and other early Jewish film theorists (e.g., B. Balazs, S. Kracauer) and recent Jewish Studies scholarship on media (e.g., J. Shandler). The title and theoretical cornerstone of the course are derived from Freud’s discussion of “screen memories,” a process of visual projection in which one image masks another. Mr. Bush.

217b. Film, Fiction and the Construction of Identity — Israeli and Palestinian Voices (1)
(Same as Hebrew 217b and Religion 217b) This course explores the emergence and consolidation of collective identities in modern Israel and Palestine. Through a close examination of Israeli and

Palestinian literary texts in translation and select movies students are introduced to an array of competing and complementing narratives that Israelis and Palestinians have relied on to understand themselves and their relationship to the other. Special attention is given to issues related to class, gender, ethnicity, religion and ideology. Ms. Weitzman

[221b. Voices from Modern Israel] (1)
(Same as Hebrew 221 and Religion 221) An examination of modern and postmodern Hebrew literature in English translation. The course focuses on Israeli voices of men, women, Jews, Arabs, Ashkenazim and Mizrahim to investigate such topics as memory, identity, alienation, community, exile. Authors may include Yizhar, Yehoshua, Oz, Grossman, Kanafani, Almog, Katzir, Liebrecht, Ravikovitch, Zelda, Zach, Amichai, Darwish and el-Kassim. Ms. Weitzman.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[222b. Psychological Perspectives on the Holocaust] (1)
(Same as Psychology 222b) Ms. Zeifman.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[225. The Hebrew Bible] (1)
(Same as Religion 225) The Bible is one of the most important foundational documents of Western civilization. This course surveys the literature of the Hebrew Bible (Christian 'Old Testament') within the historical, religious and literary context of ancient Israel and its neighbors. What social and religious forces created these books, and how did they shape the lives of the ancient Israelites, their descendants, and all those they influenced for three thousand years? All texts are read in English translation. Ms. Vető.
Not offered in 2009/10.
Pre-requisites: Jewish Studies 101, 201, Religion 150, or consent of the instructor.

[240a. The World of The Rabbis] (1)
With the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 CE, Jews found themselves at the lowest moment of their history. Yet, within a few short years a remarkably creative, versatile, portable and use-friendly culture of law and lore had developed, a culture that has sustained Jews through their application and response to it, and through their rejection of it for the past two millennia. This course examines rabbinic culture and rabbinic imagination through analysis of primary texts (Bible, Mishnah, Talmud and midrash), considering the impact of canonical literature on Jewish societies, and conversely, the effect of social change on the interpretation of canonical literature. Ms. Vető.
All readings and discussions are in English.
Pre-requisites: Jewish Studies 101, 201, Religion 150, or consent of the instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[260b. Current Thoughts in Anthropological Theory and Method] (1)
(Same as Anthropology 260b)
Not offered in 2009/10.

276b. Jews Without Borders (1)
As far back as antiquity, Jews have formed alliances, and sometimes rivalries, amongst themselves that have crossed boundaries of hegemonic powers: long-distance legal consultations and commercial relations, shared reading lists and life practices, and mass population movements through exile and immigration. This course maps correspondences, both literal and figurative, between Jews otherwise separated by political geography, and so enables a critical examination of the commonalities and differences that constitute the alternative understandings of Jewish "peoplehood" and Jewish "community."
Topic for 2009/10: *Within and Beyond the Pale*. A multidisciplinary study of Jewish cultural production in Eastern Europe in the modern period, including literature, film, painting, politics, historiography and ethnography. Mr. Bush

290. Field Work (½ or 1)

298. Independent Work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced

300. Senior Thesis or Project (1)
Optional for students concentrating in the program. Must be elected for student to be considered for Honors in the program.
Permission required.

301a. Special Topics in Jewish Studies (1)
Advanced study in selected aspects of Jewish Studies, emphasizing the multidisciplinary nature of the field. The seminar gives students the opportunity to develop their own scholarly work built around the common core of the topic for that year.

Topic for 2009/10: *Jewish Communities in the Middle East*. This seminar explores the lived worlds of Jewish communities in the Middle East from the nineteenth century to the present. To this end, the course combines many sources and genres including: oral and written histories, novels, memoirs, ethnographies, material and visual culture. The course focuses on issues of self representation and on the cultural reproduction of community in different places and times and under varying conditions (which include contact with foreign travelers and educators, and the rise of nationalism). Ms. Goldstein.

315a. Jews, Jewish Identity, and the Arts (1)
This course examines the relationship of Jews with the arts from ancient times through the postmodern period.

Topic for 2009/10: *Jews and Popular Culture*. An exploration of the ways in which Jews have shaped American popular culture, and the ways they have been shaped by it. Our approaches are historical, thematic, and theoretical, and our primary texts are drawn from a variety of media. For example: films and the film industry (*The Jazz Singer* to *Crossfire*), television (*The Goldbergs* to *Seinfeld*), comics (Betty Boop and Superman to *The X-Men* and *Maus*), music (popular song from Irving Berlin to Abel Meeropol to So-Called; klezmer from Mickey Katz to Don Byron), theater (*Fiddler on the Roof*, from its inception in Sholem Aleichem stories to its Broadway incarnation; *The Diary of Anne Frank*, from diary to stage play), fashion (Yiddish fashion manuals to postmodern immigrant wear), and dolls (Barbie, of course). Among the issues we consider: Jewish ethnic masquerade from blackface to redface to Jewface; the links between popular media, models of citizenship, and consumerist practices; diasporic identity and the transformative properties of media culture; the relation between outlaw and in-law cultures; and Jews, gender, and the American body. Mr. Antelyes.

[340b. Women in the Classical Jewish Tradition] (1)
The issues and debates that frame contemporary Jewish women's lives and women's roles in Judaism have been shaped, directed and sometimes limited by religious narratives in general and Jewish law in particular. We examine both the key texts from rabbinic literature (Talmud, Tosefta, and midrash) on topics affecting women's status and feminist critiques of these issues demonstrating how historical and contemporary interpretations of scripture, law, and cultural narratives have very real consequences for women's lives within Jewish communities. All reading and discussion in English. Ms. Vető.

All readings and discussions in English.
Pre-requisites: Jewish Studies 101, 201, Religion 150, or consent of the instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[346b. Studies in Jewish Thought and History] (1)
(Same as Religion 346) Advanced study in selected aspects of Jewish thought and history.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[350b. Confronting Modernity: Modern Jewish Thought] (1)
The course is dedicated to the close reading of philosophical and literary texts and is organized by two sets of pairings. First, we will

establish a dialogue between philosophical texts and, second, between those texts and a literary work. Concretely, the first philosophical pair takes up a virtual dialogue between Franz Rosenzweig's understanding of miracles and Hannah Arendt's political conception of the human condition. An altogether real dialogue between two Algerian-born French philosophers, Jacques Derrida and Helene Cixous, focusing on the practices of autobiography, will close the series. The bridge between them is the work of Lithuanian-born French philosopher Emmanuel Levinas, a careful reader of Rosenzweig and a major influence on Derrida. In this section, we will consider the relation between what Levinas called his philosophical and his confessional (i.e., overtly Jewish) works with regard to his understanding of havens and hostages. Each of the three philosophical dialogues is correlated with the reading of the one of the literary texts and in Elie Wiesel's Night Trilogy. Mr. Bush.

Not offered in 2009/10.

399a or b. Advanced Independent Work (½ or 1)

Prerequisite for all 300-level courses unless otherwise specified: 1 unit at the 200-level or permission of instructor.

Approved Courses

American Culture 275	Ethnicity and Race in America	(1)
Classics 103	Crosscurrents: History and Culture of the Ancient Mediterranean	(1)
English 326	Challenging Ethnicity	(1)
Hebrew 105-106	Elementary Hebrew	(1)
Hebrew 205	Continuing Hebrew	(1)
Hebrew 298	Independent Work in Hebrew	(1)
Hebrew 305	Advanced Hebrew	(1)
History 214	The Roots of the Palestine-Israel Conflict	(1)
History 231	France and its "Others"	(1)
History 237	Germany, 1918-1990	(1)
History 337	The Rise and Fall of Nazi Germany	(1)
History 369	Social Reform and the Evolution of the Welfare State	(1)
Religion 266	Religion in America	(1)

Hebrew Language and Literature

I. Introductory

105a-106b. Elementary Hebrew (1)
Introduction to the language. Basic phonics and grammatical structures. Stress on development of reading comprehension, simple composition, and conversational skills. For Hebrew 105, no background in the language is assumed; admission to Hebrew 106 is possible with the demonstration of previous work equivalent to Hebrew 105. Ms. Weitzman.

Open to all students.

221b. Voices from Modern Israel (1)

(Same as Jewish Studies 221 and Religion 221)

Prerequisite: One 100-level course in Jewish Studies or permission of instructor.

II. Intermediate

205a, 206b. Continuing Hebrew (1)

Formal study of Hebrew language with emphasis on oral practice and writing skills. Ms. Weitzman.

Prerequisite: Hebrew 105-106, or equivalent of two years in high school.

298. Independent Work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced Hebrew

305a. Advanced Readings in Hebrew: Genres and Themes (1)

Expansion of language proficiency through intensified study of culture and literary texts and examination of different Israeli media.

Readings are arranged according to thematic topics and course may be repeated for credit if topic changes. Ms. Weitzman.

398a. Independent Work (½, 1)

Note:

A self-instructional introductory course in Yiddish language exists. See Self-Instructional Language Program (SILP).

Latin

For curricular offerings, see Classics, page 79.

Latin American and Latino/a Studies

Director: Katherine Hite (Political Science); **Participating Faculty:** Carlos Alamo (Sociology), Michael Aronna (Hispanic Studies), Light Carruyo (Sociology), Colleen Cohen (Anthropology), Brian Godfrey (Geography), Mihai Grünfeld (Hispanic Studies), Tracy Holland (Education), Timothy H. Koechlin (International Studies), Joseph Nevins (Geography), Leslie Offutt (History), Elizabeth Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies), Eréndira Rueda (Sociology), David Tavárez (Anthropology), Eva Maria Woods (Hispanic Studies).

The Latin American and Latino/a Studies Program provides a multidisciplinary approach to the study of Latin America and the Latino/a populations of the Americas. The program allows students to explore the multiplicity of cultures and societies of Latin and Latino/a America in ways that acknowledge the permeability, or absence, of borders.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units, including Latin American and Latino/a Studies (LALS) 105, work above the introductory level in at least three departments, and a competency in Spanish or Portuguese through the third-year level (at least one course beyond Hispanic Studies 216, or Portuguese 310-311, or the equivalent). Maximum of 4 units of language instruction may count toward the concentration, not including intermediate- and advanced-level literature courses. To fulfill the “methods” course requirement for the major, students are required to take one of the following: Hispanic Studies 216, Anthropology 245, Sociology 254, Political Science 207 or Political Science 273. Students are required to take at least 1 course that focuses on the period prior to 1900, chosen from among the following: Anthropology 240, Hispanic Studies 227, History 262, History 263. In the senior year, students may write a multidisciplinary thesis under the co-direction of two thesis advisers, one of whom must be a participating program faculty member. If a student chooses not to write a thesis, which is required for honors upon graduation, he/she may replace it with a 300-level course with program approval. In fulfillment of the major, each student should elect 12 units from the LALS approved and/or cross listed courses according to these guidelines: no more than 2 units at the 100-level; and at least 3 units at the 300-level, which may include a 1-unit graded senior thesis, the Latin American and Latino/a Studies Program senior seminar, and a seminar by an instructor other than the one responsible for the senior seminar. After the declaration of the major, no courses counting for the major may be elected NRO. Students interested in Latin American and Latino/a Studies should consult with the director or a participating faculty member as early as possible to discuss their program of study. The Latin American and Latino/a Studies Program strongly recommends a structured academic experience beyond Vassar relevant to the student’s program during the junior year, either in Latin America or at an appropriate domestic institution.

Requirements for the Correlate Sequence: 6 units, including Latin American and Latino/a Studies 105, (1) either History 262, 263, or 264; (2) a minimum of four other courses in at least three different departments. At least two courses at the 300-level, including the Latin American and Latino/a Studies senior seminar and a seminar taught by an instructor other than the one responsible for the senior seminar, are required; these must be taken at Vassar. A maximum of 2 units of ungraded work done in a structured academic experience beyond Vassar may be counted toward the major. One year of college-level study or the equivalent in either Spanish or Portuguese must be demonstrated. Students should prepare a proposal for the correlate sequence in Latin American and Latino/a Studies after consulting the courses listed in the catalogue and discussing the sequence with an adviser in the program, as there may be other appropriate courses that are not currently listed. All proposals should include some discussion of the focus of the coursework, and must be approved by the program. One course may be “double counted” for a major and a correlate sequence.

For descriptions and timing of the courses in the listing below, please consult the department listings in this catalogue and an updated Schedule of Classes. Additional courses may be approved

for the major upon petition to program faculty.

Course Offerings

105b. Introduction to Latin American and Latino/a Studies (1)
An introduction to the basic concepts, theories, and methodologies necessary for the multidisciplinary study of Latin American and Latino communities. The focus of the course varies from year to year according to the topic selected by the instructor.

Topic for 2009/10: *What geographic and social spaces constitute Latin America? Who is a Latin American and/or a Latino/a?* Addressing these questions, this course provides an introduction to the basic concepts, theories, and methodologies necessary for the multidisciplinary study of Latin American and Latino/a communities. The course introduces students to the multiple ways in which space, race, ethnicity, class and gendered identities are formed in Latin America and conversely affirmed and/or redefined in the United States. In addition, the course examines the ways in which U.S. Latino/a populations provide both economic and cultural remittances to their countries of origin that also help to challenge and rearticulate Latin American social and economic relationships. Mr. Alamo.

226b. Framing Poverty and Social Mobility: the Picaresque Novel in Spain and Latin America (1)
(Same as Hispanic Studies 226b) Mr. Vivalda.

230a. Latina and Latino Literature in the U.S. (1)
(Same as English 230a). Mr. Perez

240a. Andean Worlds (1)
(Same as Anthropology 240a). Mr. Tavárez.

242b. Brazil: Society, Culture, and Environment in Portuguese America (1)
(Same as Geography 242b, and Africana Studies 242b) Mr. Godfrey.

[251. Development and Social Change in Latin America] (1)
(Same as Sociology 251) Ms. Carruyo.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)
By special permission.

Reading Courses

297.02. Indigenous Mexico (½)

297.03. Chronicles of the Conquest (½)

297.04. Latino Writings (½)

297.05. Socio-Political Thought in Latin America (½)

297.06. Latin American Cinema (½)

297.07. The Politics of Regional Integration (½)

297.08. Syncretic Religions of the Caribbean and Latin American (½)

297.09. The Legacy of the Plantation in Caribbean and Latin American (½)

297.10. Cultures of the Amazon (½)

297.11. Native Peoples of the Andes (½)

298a or b. Independent Research (½ or 1)
By special permission.

300-301. Senior Thesis (½)

[351. Indigenous Literatures of the Americas] (1)
(Same as Anthropology 351) Mr. Tavárez.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

360a. Amerindian Religions and Resistance. (1)
(Same as Anthropology 360a). Mr. Tavárez

372b. Advanced Urban and Regional Studies (1)
(Same as Geography 372b and Urban Studies 340b)
Topic for 2009/10: *Preserving Whose Cities? Heritage Sites, Historic Districts, and Public Space.* Mr. Godfrey.

[381. Politics of Memory: Latin America in Comparative Perspective] (1)
(Same as Political Science 381). Ms. Hite.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

383b. Senior Seminar: Nation, Race and Gender in Latin America and the Caribbean (1)
With a focus on Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean this course traces and analyzes the ways in which the project of nation building creates and draws upon narratives about race and gender. While our focus is on Latin America, our study considers racial and gender formations within the context of the world-system. We are interested in how a complicated history of colonization, independence, post-coloniality, and “globalization” has intersected with national economies, politics, communities, and identities. In order to get at these intersections we examine a range of texts dealing with policy, national literatures, common sense, and political struggle. Specific issues addressed include the relationship between socio-biological theories of race and Latin American notions of mestizaje, discursive and material “whitening,” the myth of racial democracy, sexuality and morality, and border politics. Ms. Carruyo.

385a. Women, Culture and Development (1)
(Same as Sociology 385a). Ms. Carruyo.

399a or b. Senior Independent Research (½ or 1)
By special permission.

In addition to the Program and cross-listed courses listed above, there are approved courses given in other departments and programs that can count toward a Latin American Latino/a Studies (LALS) major or correlate. Look under the respective departments for course descriptions and semester or year offered. An updated list of approved courses is available in the LALS program office and on-line on the LALS Program web site before preregistration. Students are also urged to consult the additional course offerings of LALS Program faculty members listed under their home departments. While these courses may not focus specifically on Latin America and Latino/a America, they often include case studies or materials related to the regions. In addition, LALS faculty approaches and methodologies in such courses may be beneficial to the major and therefore LALS-approved.

Approved Courses

Africana Studies 105	Issues In Africana Studies	(1)
Africana Studies 211	Religions of the Oppressed and Third World Liberation Movements	(1)
Africana Studies 230	Creole Religions of the Caribbean	(1)
Africana Studies 256	Environment and Culture in the Caribbean	(1)
Africana Studies 262	Literature/Caribbean Diaspora	(1)
Africana Studies 275	Caribbean Discourse	(1)
American Culture 250	America and the World	(1)
Anthropology 241	The Caribbean	(1)
Anthropology 245	The Ethnographer's Craft	(1)
Economics 248	International Trade and the World	

Economics 273	Financial System	(1)
Education 367	Development Economics	(1)
Education 388	Urban Education Reform	(1)
Geography 242	Education and Immigration	(1)
Geography 248	Brazil: Culture and Environment in Portuguese America	(1)
Geography 250	The U.S.-Mexico Border: Region, Place, and Process	(1)
Geography 266	Urban Geography: Built Environment, Social Space, and Sustainability	(1)
Geography 272	Population, Environment, and Sustainable Development	(1)
Hispanic-Studies 105-106	Geographies of Mass Violence	(1)
Hispanic-Studies 205	Elementary Spanish Language	(1)
Hispanic Studies 206	Intermediate Spanish	(1)
Hispanic Studies 216	Reading and Writing about Hispanic Culture	(1)
Hispanic Studies 227	Methods in Interdisciplinary Analysis	(1)
Hispanic Studies 229	Colonial Latin America	(1)
Hispanic Studies 387	Postcolonial Latin America	(1)
History 162	Latin America Seminar	(1)
History 251	Latin America: The Aftermath of Encounter	(1)
History 262	A History of American Foreign Relations	(1)
History 263	Early Latin America to 1750	(1)
History 264	From Colony to Nation: Latin America in the Nineteenth Century	(1)
History 361	The Revolutionary Option? Latin America in the Twentieth Century	(1)
History 362	Varieties of the Latin American Indian Experience	(1)
History 363	The Cuban Revolution	(1)
International Studies 286	Revolution and Conflict in Twentieth-Century Latin America	(1)
International Studies 380	Global Political Economy	(1)
Music 136	Global Interdependency	(1)
Music 212	Introduction to World Music	(1)
Political Science 207	Advanced Topics in World Musics	(1)
Political Science 252	Political Analysis	(1)
Political Science 258	Politics of Modern Social Movements	(1)
Political Science 259	Latin American Politics	(1)
Political Science 268	Human Rights and Politics	(1)
Political Science 273	Politics of Globalization	(1)
Political Science 352	Interpreting Politics	(1)
Political Science 355	Seminar on Multiculturalism in Comparative Perspective	(1)
Political Science 358	Seminar on Violence	(1)
Political Science 363	Comparative Political Economy	(1)
Portuguese a and b	Decolonizing and International Relations	(1)
Religion 211	First, Second and Third Year of Spoken Language (Self-Instructional Language Program)	(1)
Sociology 321	Religions of the Oppressed and Third-World Liberation Movements	(1)
Sociology 254	Feminism/Praxis Knowledge	(1)
Sociology 269	Research Methods	(1)
Sociology 381	Constructing School and Street Kids	(1)
Sociology 388	Race and Popular Culture	(1)
Women's Studies 282	Preparing Citizens/Producing Workers	(1)
Women's Studies 388	Women of Color in the U.S.	(1)
	Latina Feminisms	(1)

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

* Part time.

Mathematics

Professors: John Feroe (Assistant to the President), Benjamin A. Lotto (Chair), John McCleary, Peter C. Pappas, Charles I. Steinhorn; **Associate Professor:** Natalie Priebe Frank; **Assistant Professors:** Ming-Wen An, Kariane Calta^b; **Adjunct Instructor:** Doris Haas*.

Requirements for Concentration: Mathematics 121/122 (or 125 or permission of the department to enroll in 221), 91/2 units above the 100-level including Mathematics 221/222, 301, 321, 361, and two other units at the 300-level. It is strongly recommended that Mathematics 361 be completed by the end of the junior year. Reading courses and other independent work may be counted among the required units only with prior approval of the chair. Work used to satisfy major requirements may not be taken NRO after declaration of the major. At most one unit at the 300-level taken NRO prior to declaration of the major may be used to satisfy major requirements.

Senior Year Requirements: Mathematics 301.

Recommendations: Majors are strongly urged to elect at least 2 units in applications of mathematics to other fields. A reading knowledge of French, German, or Russian is advised for those contemplating graduate study.

Sequence of Courses for Concentration: Incoming students will normally elect Mathematics 121/122, 125, or 221/222, but freshman eligible for Advanced Placement should confer with the department. Election of advanced courses should be made in consultation with a departmental adviser.

Prospective majors in mathematics are strongly advised to complete Mathematics 121/122 or 125 by the end of the freshman year and Mathematics 221/222 by the end of the sophomore year. In any case, the first sequence must be completed by the end of the sophomore year in order to declare the major and Mathematics 221/222 must be completed by the end of the junior year.

Advisers: The department.

Correlate Sequence in Mathematics: Students majoring in other programs may complement their study by electing a correlate sequence in mathematics. Course selection should be made in consultation with the department and the major adviser to ensure exposure to the mathematics most useful to the field of concentration.

Requirements for the Correlate Sequence: Mathematics 121/122 (or 125 or permission of the department to enroll in 221), 4 graded units above the 100-level including Mathematics 221/222 and one unit at the 300-level.

Advanced Placement: Students receiving 1 unit of Advanced Placement credit based on either the AB or BC Mathematics Advanced Placement Examination or the calculus credit examination administered by the Department of Mathematics may not be granted credit for Mathematics 101 or 121. Students receiving one unit of Advanced Placement credit based on the Statistics Advanced Placement Examination may not be granted credit for Mathematics 141.

The department recommends that students who have earned a 4 or 5 on the BC examination enroll in Mathematics 221. Students with a 5 on the AB examination or a 3 on the BC examination generally are advised to elect Mathematics 221 also, after conferring with the department. Students with a 4 on the AB examination ordinarily are advised to enroll in Mathematics 125, but should consult with the department.

I. Introductory

100a-101b. Pre-Calculus and Introduction to Calculus (½, 1)
This sequence is designed for students who wish to take Mathematics 101, Introduction to Calculus, but whose mathematical background is deficient. Students with three years of high school mathematics should begin with Mathematics 101. Topics of Mathematics 100 include the algebra of polynomials, operations with fractions, solving equations and inequalities, exponents and radicals, elements of coordinate geometry, functions and their graphs, logarithms and elements of trigonometry. Ms. Haas.

On the satisfactory completion of Mathematics 101, the student

receives 1/2 unit of credit for Mathematics 100.

Not open to students with AP credit in mathematics or students who have completed Mathematics 101 or 121.

Prerequisite: high school mathematics. Advice of the department should be sought before registering for this course.

101b. Introduction to Calculus (1)

A course intended for students not majoring in mathematics or the physical sciences who need a working knowledge of calculus. The course emphasizes techniques and applications with relatively little attention to the rigorous foundations. The department.

Not open to students with AP credit in mathematics or students who have completed Mathematics 121 or its equivalent.

Does not generally serve as a prerequisite for Mathematics 122, 125, or 200-level mathematics courses, consult with the department for more information.

Prerequisite: at least three years of high school mathematics.

Three 50-minute periods.

[102a. Topics in Calculus] (1)

A continuation of Mathematics 101. Topics may include: matrix methods, use of differentiation and integration, differential equations, and partial differentiation. Emphasis is on techniques and applications. The department.

Not open to those who have had Mathematics 122.

Does not serve as a prerequisite for 200-level mathematics courses.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 101 or equivalent.

Not offered in 2009/10.

121a/122b. Single Variable Calculus (1)

The calculus of one variable and applications are discussed. Topics include: limits, continuity, derivatives, applications of derivatives, transcendental functions, the definite integral, applications of definite integrals, approximation methods, differential equations, sequences, and series. The department.

Mathematics 121 is not open to students with AP credit in mathematics or students who have completed Mathematics 101 or its equivalent.

Prerequisite: a minimum of three years of high school mathematics, preferably including trigonometry.

Three 50-minute periods.

125a. Topics in Single Variable Calculus (1)

Material from Mathematics 121/122 presented in one semester for students with previous experience with calculus. Topics in second semester calculus are fully developed and topics in first semester calculus are reviewed. The department.

Three 50-minute periods.

131a. Numbers, Shape, Chance, and Change (1)

What is the stuff of mathematics? What do mathematicians do? Fundamental concepts from arithmetic, geometry, probability, and the calculus are explored, emphasizing the relations among these diverse areas, their internal logic, their beauty, and how they come together to form a unified discipline. As a counterpoint, we also discuss the "unreasonable effectiveness" of mathematics in describing a stunning range of phenomena from the natural and social worlds. The department.

Prerequisites: at least three years of high school mathematics.

Two 50-minute lectures and one 50-minute discussion per week.

141a and b. Introduction to Statistics (1)

The purpose of this course is to develop an appreciation and understanding of the exploration and interpretation of data. Topics include display and summary of data, regression, experimental design, probability, and hypothesis testing. Applications and examples are drawn from a wide variety of disciplines.

Not open to students with AP credit in statistics or students who have completed Economics 209 or Psychology 200.

Prerequisite: three years of high school mathematics.

142a or b. Statistical Sleuthing: Personal and Public Policy Decision-Making in a World of Numbers (1)

The world inundates us with numbers and pictures intended to persuade us towards certain beliefs about our health, public policy, or even which brand of product to buy. How can we make informed decisions in this context? The goal of this course is for us to become statistical sleuths who critically read and summarize a piece of statistical evidence. We read articles from a variety of sources, while using basic statistical principles to guide us. Course format: mixture of discussion and lecture, with regular reading and writing assignments. The department.

II. Intermediate

Prerequisite for all intermediate courses: Mathematics 122, 125, or permission of the department, unless otherwise indicated.

221a and b. Linear Algebra (1)

The theory of higher dimensional space. Topics include: geometric properties of n -space, matrices and linear equations, vector spaces, linear mappings, determinants. The department.

222a and b. Multivariable Calculus (1)

Continuation of Mathematics 221. Differential calculus of vector functions, implicit function theorem, extreme values, multiple integrals, vector field theory. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 221 or the equivalent, or permission of the instructor.

228a or b. Methods of Applied Mathematics (1)

Survey of techniques used in the physical sciences. Topics include: ordinary and partial differential equations, series representation of functions, integral transforms, Fourier series and integrals. The department.

231a or b. Topics in Geometry (1)

Topics to be chosen from: conic sections, transformational geometry, Euclidean geometry, affine geometry, projective geometry, inversive geometry, non-Euclidean geometry, spherical geometry, convexity, fractal geometry, solid geometry, foundations of geometry. The department.

241a. Probability Models (1)

A presentation of commonly applied discrete and continuous probability distributions, including the use of expectation, independence, conditional probability, and related statistical concepts. The department.

261a. Introduction to Number Theory (1)

Topics include: divisibility, congruence, modular arithmetic, diophantine equations, number-theoretic functions, distribution of the prime numbers. The department.

263b. Discrete Mathematics (1)

Mathematical induction, elements of set theory and logic, permutations and combinations, relations, topics in graph theory, generating functions, recurrence relations, Boolean algebras. The department.

[268b. Protecting Information: Applications of Abstract Algebra] (1)

In today's information age, it is vital to secure messages against eavesdropping or corruption by noise. Our study begins by surveying some historical techniques and proceeds to examining some of the most important codes currently being used to protect information. These include various public key cryptographic schemes (RSA and its variants) that are used to safeguard sensitive internet communications, as well as linear codes, mathematically elegant and computationally practical means of correcting transmissions errors. The department.

Not offered in 2009/10.

290. Field Work ($\frac{1}{2}$ or 1)**Reading Courses**

Prerequisite: Mathematics 221 or equivalent, and permission of instructor.

297. Topics in Mathematics ($\frac{1}{2}$)**298. Independent Work** ($\frac{1}{2}$ or 1)

Election should be made in consultation with a department adviser.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: Mathematics 222, unless otherwise indicated.

301b. Senior Seminar ($\frac{1}{2}$)

Areas of study and units of credit vary from year to year. The department.

Open only to seniors who have a declared major in mathematics. It is strongly recommended that Mathematics 361 be completed before enrolling in Mathematics 301.

321a. Real Analysis (1)

A rigorous treatment of topics in the classical theory of functions of a real variable from the point of view of metric space topology including limits, continuity, sequences and series of functions, and the Riemann-Stieltjes integral. The department.

324a or b. Complex Analysis (1)

Integration and differentiation in the complex plane. Topics include: holomorphic (differentiable) functions, power series as holomorphic functions, Taylor and Laurent series, singularities and residues, complex integration and, in particular, Cauchy's Theorem and its consequences. The department.

327b. Advanced Topics in Real Analysis (1)

Continuation of Mathematics 321. Measure theory, the Lebesgue integral, Banach spaces of measurable functions. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 321.

Alternate years: offered in 2009/10.

[328b. Theory of Differential Equations and Dynamical Systems] (1)

Existence and uniqueness theorems for ordinary differential equations; general theory and eigenvalue methods for first order linear systems. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 321 or permission of instructor.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[335a or b. Differential Geometry] (1)

The geometry of curves and surfaces in 3-dimensional space and an introduction to manifolds. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 321.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

336a or b. Algebraic Geometry (1)

An introduction to the study of algebraic geometry. Topics may include: projective space, homogeneous coordinates, plane curves, Bezout's theorem, elliptic curves, affine and projective varieties, the Zariski topology, coordinate rings, functions on varieties. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 361.

Alternate years: offered in 2009/10.

[339a or b. Topology] (1)

Introductory point-set and algebraic topology; topological spaces, metric spaces, continuous mappings, connectedness, compactness and separation properties; the fundamental group; simplicial homology. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 321 or 361.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

341b. Mathematical Statistics (1)

The rigorous development of topics in mathematical statistics: probability and distributions; multivariate distributions; special distributions; distributions of functions of several variables; limiting distributions; introduction to statistical inference. Additional topics drawn from sufficient statistics, estimation theory, statistical testing, and inferences about normal models. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 222 and 241.

351a. Mathematical Logic (1)

An introduction to mathematical logic. Topics are drawn from computability theory, model theory, and set theory. Mathematical and philosophical implications also are discussed. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 321 or 361.

361b. Modern Algebra (1)

The theory of groups and an introduction to ring theory. Topics in group theory include: isomorphism theorems, generators and relations, group actions, Sylow theorems, fundamental theorem of finite abelian groups. The department.

364a or b. Advanced Linear Algebra (1)

Further study in the theory of vector spaces and linear maps. Topics may include: scalar products and dual space; symmetric, hermitian and unitary operators; eigenvectors and eigenvalues; spectral theorems; canonical forms. The department.

[367a. Advanced Topics in Modern Algebra] (1)

Continuation of Mathematics 361. Rings and fields, with a particular emphasis on Galois theory. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 361.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

[380a or b. Topics in Advanced Mathematics] (1)

Advanced study in an area of mathematics. The department.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

399 Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Election requires the approval of a departmental adviser and of the instructor who supervises the work.

Media Studies Program

Director: Tom Ellman (Computer Science) Steering Committee: Lisa Brawley (Urban Studies), Heesok Chang (English), Colleen Cohen (Anthropology and Women's Studies), Robert DeMaria (English), Wenwei Du (Chinese and Japanese), William Hoynes (Sociology), J. Bertrand Lott (Classics), Mia Mask (Film), Molly Nesbit (Art), Thomas Porcello (Anthropology), Jeffrey Schneider (German Studies), Cindy Schwarz (Physics), Eva Woods (Hispanic Studies); **Participating Faculty:** David Bradley (Physics), Kristin Carter (American Culture and Women's Studies), Eve Dunbar (English), Sarah Kozloff (Film), Michael Joyce (English), Amitava Kumar (English), Kathleen Man (Film), M. Mark (English), Leonard Nevarez (Sociology), Michael Pisani (Music), Harry Roseman (Art), Andrew Tallon (Art), David Tavárez (Anthropology) Adelaide Villmoare (Political Science), Silke Von der Emde (German Studies)

The Media Studies Program encourages the understanding and critical evaluation of new and old media technologies, the centrality of media in global and local culture, social life, politics and economics, and the contemporary and historical impact of media on individuals and societies. As defined by the Program, "media" includes all forms of representational media (oral/aural, written, visual), mass media (print, television, radio, film), new media (digital multimedia, the Internet, networked media), their associated technologies, and the social and cultural institutions that enable them and are defined by them.

The Program emphasizes several interrelated approaches to the study of media: multidisciplinary perspectives derived from the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences; the historical study of various forms of communication and the representation of knowledge; theoretical and critical investigation of how media shape our understandings of reality, and the dynamic interrelationship of media industries, cultural texts, communications technologies, policies, and publics; examination of global, as well as non-Western, indigenous, and oppositional media forms and practices; and practical work in media production and the use of media technologies.

Because the Media Studies concentration incorporates courses originating within the program as well as a wide range of courses from other programs and departments, students wishing to concentrate in Media Studies should consult with the Program Director as early as possible to design their course of study in consultation with a faculty adviser who will be drawn from the Program Steering Committee. Prospective majors will submit a "focus statement" outlining their interests, objectives, the proposed course of study, and a tentative senior project. The proposed course of study should be rigorous, well-integrated, and feasible in the context of the College curriculum. Focus statements should identify specific courses and provide a narrative explaining the linkages across departments/programs and curricular levels among the proposed courses, as well as their relevance for the proposed senior project. Focus statements will be evaluated by the Program Director, in consultation with the Program Steering Committee.

As the Steering Committee occasionally requests revisions of focus statements in consultation with the prospective major adviser and the program director, students who plan to spend one or both semesters of their Junior year studying abroad should submit their focus statement no later than the Friday following October break of their sophomore year. Students who intend to take courses at another domestic institution during their junior year should submit their focus statements no later than the Friday of the first week of classes of the spring semester of their sophomore year. All other students should submit their focus statements no later than March 1 of their sophomore year.

Requirements for the Concentration: 14 units, including Media Studies 160, 250, 260, 300, and 310. The additional 9 courses will ordinarily be selected from courses cross-listed with Media Studies and the list of Media Studies Approved Courses, which is available on the program website: <http://mediastudies.vassar.edu/courses/index.html>.

Students wishing to apply other courses toward the Media Studies

concentration should consult with their adviser before petitioning the Program. All petitions must be approved by the Program Director. The additional courses must be distributed as follows:

- I 200-level course work from a minimum of three different departments or multidisciplinary programs;
- II a minimum of two 300-level courses, from more than one department or program, and which must reflect the intellectual path set by previous coursework;
- III a minimum of one course on multicultural media practices or issues. Students should consult with their faculty advisers to identify appropriate courses from the list of Approved Courses;
- IV one practice-based course. If the course is not selected from the list of Approved Courses, a Junior Year Away or Field Work course may satisfy the requirement upon approval of the Program Director. While students are encouraged to pursue further practice-based coursework or internships, a maximum of two such units may be applied toward the concentration.

After declaration of the concentration, no courses applied toward the concentration may be elected NRO.

Senior-Year Requirements: Media Studies 310, Senior Seminar; Media Studies 300, a senior project under the supervision of a member of the program faculty.

Advisers: Students will consult with the program director to select an adviser from the steering committee or participating faculty.

I. Introductory

160a and b. Approaches to Media Studies (1)
This course explores concepts and issues in the study of media, attentive to but not limited by the question of the “new” posed by new media technologies. Our survey of key critical approaches to media is anchored in specific case studies drawn from a diverse archive of media artifacts, industries, and technologies: from phonograph to photography, cinema to networked hypermedia, from typewriter to digital code. We examine the historical and material specificity of different media technologies and the forms of social life they enable, engage critical debates about media, culture and power, and consider problems of reading posed by specific media objects and processes, new and old. We take the multi-valence of “media”—a term designating text and apparatus of textual transmission, content and conduit—as a central problem of knowledge for the class. Our goal throughout is to develop the research tools, modes of reading, and forms of critical practice that help us aptly to describe and thereby begin to understand the increasingly mediated world in which we live. Mr. Ellman, Ms. Cohen.

II. Intermediate

250b. Medium Specificity (1)
Medium specificity is a consideration of what makes a medium a medium. The emergence of so-called new media has called attention to the ways in which new forms borrow upon or “remediate” older forms. By asking what aspects a particular medium can surrender to another without losing its particularity, we can form provisional representations of the essential aspects of a given medium, new or old, which differentiate it from others. The course considers old and new media including literature, photography, film, television, computer games, immersive computer environments, new media art, and digital image manipulation, sometimes viewing them comparatively in order to isolate those cultural, economic, and ideological structures which have led to the construction, identification, and conservation of a specific medium. The program faculty.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed. Prerequisite: Media Studies 160 or by permission of instructor.

Topics for 2009/10: *Television*. Exploration of the medium of television as a focus of cultural, ideological, economic and political production and consumption. The history of television’s complex circuit of transmission and reception are examined, with a focus

on the ways in which television’s modes of address, and rapidly changing technologies of representation and access, can be said to constitute, enforce, transform, and potentially resist dominant discourses of race, gender, class, and citizenship. Students address these questions by developing a set of critical tools for evaluating television in old and new formats and genres, and at the end of the semester “produce” their own critiques in both written and televisual form. Ms. Carter.

Serious Play: Computer Games in Contemporary Culture. This course explores the medium of computer and video games, as a form of play and entertainment, as an important economic and cultural force, and in relation to other narrative forms, such as fiction and film. Questions raised in the course focus on how games work, what kinds of games are being produced (and not produced); why people play video games, who plays them, and how video games affect behavior; the economic structure of the gaming industry and tie-ins to other industries such as entertainment and military; the representational content of games and the broader and differential impacts of games on culture and society. Students address these questions by playing, observing and critically evaluating popular video games, as well as games of their own creation, in the context of theoretical and critical readings on the gaming phenomenon. Mr. Ellman.

260b. Media Theory (1)
This course aims to ramify our understanding of “mediality”—that is, the visible and invisible, audible and silent contexts in which physical messages stake their ghostly meanings. The claims of media theory extend beyond models of communication: media do not simply transport preexisting ideas, nor do they merely shape ideas in transit. Attending to the complex network of functions that make up media ecologies (modes of inscription, transmission, storage, circulation, and retrieval) demonstrates the role media play not only in the molding of ideas and opinions, but also in the constitution of subjectivities, social spheres, and non-human circuits of exchange (images, information, capital). Texts and topics vary from year to year, but readings are drawn from a broad spectrum of classical and contemporary sources. Ms. Brawley.

Prerequisite: Media Studies 160 or by permission of instructor.

[264b. The Avant-Gardes, 1889-1929] (1)
(Same as Art 264b)
Not offered in 2009/10.

265a. Modern Art and Mass Media, 1929-1968 (1)
(Same as Art 265a) Instructor to be announced.

[266b. Indigenous and Oppositional Media] (1)
(Same as Anthropology 266b) Ms. Cohen.
Not offered in 2009/10.

268b. The Times: 1968-now (1)
(Same as Art 268b) Instructor to be announced.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)
Permission of the director required.

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)
Permission of the director required.

III. Advanced

300. Senior Project (1)
A full-length thesis or (multi)media project. Students design their projects in consultation with the Program Director and a senior project adviser. Senior Project proposals are evaluated by the program Steering Committee, and all projects are publicly presented and become part of a permanent media archive at the College. The program faculty.

302b. Adaptations (1)
(Same as College Course 302b) Ms. Mark.

Special permission.
One 3-hour period.

310a. Senior Seminar (1)

Special topics course for all senior Media Studies majors, providing a capstone experience for the cohort. This course is taught in the Fall semester each year. Mr. Joyce.

Prerequisite: Media Studies 250 or Media Studies 260.

352b. The City in Fragments (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 352b). Ms. Brawley, Mr. Chang.

[356. Culture, Commerce, and the Public Sphere] (1)

(Same as Sociology 356) Mr. Hoynes.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[362b. The Thousand and One Nights] (1)

Not offered in 2009/10.

[379b. Computer Animation: Art, Sciences and Criticism] (1)

Not offered in 2009/10.

[382b. The Theory and Practice of Latin America and the Media] (1)

(Same as Latin American Latino/a Studies 382b)

Not offered in 2009/10.

[385a. Media and War] (1)

Senator Hiram Johnson's 1917 remark "The first casualty when war comes is truth" is often repeated. But the processes through which (mis)information and images circulate in wartime are less well known. This course explores the role of popular media in the production and circulation of knowledge about war. Drawing on both news and entertainment media, we examine how war is represented and remembered in various media, including newspapers, photographs, radio, television, film, and online. Through a series of historical and contemporary case studies, we explore topics such as the practices of the war correspondent, strategies of news management by military planners, the relationship between media images and public attitudes toward war, media as a propaganda tool, and the role of popular media in constructing and contesting national myths and memories of war. Mr. Hoynes.

Prerequisites: Media Studies 160 or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

**Vassar College, Third Year Abroad
New Media Program, London, UK**

Students enrolled in Vassar's New Media Program in London, UK spend a fall semester in London. They take four classroom courses focused on media in Europe and the UK (for 3.5 units), and one internship (1.0 units) in a new media enterprise. The program is open to Vassar students majoring in any discipline.

232. The Network Metaphor and the New Renaissance (1)

The network as an idea; an artistic space; a common territory between art and science; and a symbolic representation of the transformation inherent in a new renaissance. The course examines the impact of networks on our conceptions of space and the organizational patterns of our communities, drawing upon literature in art and technology, cinema studies, philosophy and sociology of science, neuroscience, cognitive science, chaos, religion and psychoanalysis. The course is a first step in addressing the network both as a paradigm and as a tool becoming more and more a part of our daily professional and personal lives. Mr. Foresta.

234. London: City as Material (1)

The role of the city as a media object, in particular as material for artistic experimentation and creation in particular site-specific

"interventions". The course examines ephemeral, time-limited performances or installations in urban space. Only inadequately understood as "public art", these projects produce public space where it does not exist, foster new modes of urban citizenship and participation; render legible the force of political and financial power shaping the global city; expose the mutability of "public" and "private" entailed by new media transformations of social space; create alliances between varied urban stakeholders; challenge the zero-tolerance policies of the increasingly securitized city; and broaden the repertoire of political resistance and direct action. In addition to contemporary practice the course looks back at the rich histories of urban intervention by artists in London and elsewhere. Mr. Lane.

236. A Practitioners Guide to Networked Media Arts in London: The Maps and the Territories (1)

A practitioner's guide to the contemporary media arts scene in London. The course explores the new challenges and possibilities for artistic creation, distribution, participation and appreciation that arise with the ubiquity of mobile technologies, personal computers, and the internet. It considers how contemporary media arts practice (from grass roots to institution) has engaged with these challenges in London and beyond. Through case studies, the course examines artists mapping, navigating and re-routing the power of the state and corporations with the aid of network technologies. Recurring themes include the organization of art on network principles and the changing modes of interaction, participation, and collaboration that ensue. Course activities include: presentations, seminars, films, discursive and expressive activities in online art spaces, visits to galleries, artists' studios and labs, geek-gatherings as well as walks and mapping. The course also serves as a framework and venue for students to examine and reflect upon their internship experiences in light of their Media Studies classroom courses. Ms. Catlow.

238. Introduction to British Cultural Studies (½)

The historical and conceptual underpinnings of British Cultural Studies. The course examines the emergence of culture as a field of contestation and resistance in the political and social climate of post-war Britain. It introduces key thinkers who have contributed to British Cultural Studies, such as Paul du Gay, Stuart Hall, Scott Lash, David Morley and Raymond Williams. It pays particular attention to how their theories can be applied to contemporary questions surrounding individual and collective practices of cultural production and consumption. Mr. Lesage.

275. Internship (1)

Working in collaboration with professionals at new media organizations in London. Possible activities include making and distributing media artifacts; planning and staging public art works and art events; evaluation of events and programs; and limited amounts of publicity and promotion. The internship gives students a practical context in which to examine and interpret issues and concepts they have studied in their Media Studies classroom courses.

Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Coordinator: Karen Robertson (English and Women's Studies); **Steering Committee:** Eve D'Ambra (Art), J. Bertrand Lott (Classics), Mark Amodio, Leslie Dunn, Don Foster, (English), Christine Reno (French), Nancy Bisaha, Mita Choudhury (History), John Ahern (Italian), Margaret Leeming (Religion); **Participating Faculty:** Susan D. Kuretsky, Andrew Tallon (Art), Robert D. Brown (Classics), Robert DeMaria, Zoltán Márkus (English), Roberta Antognini, Eugenio Giusti (Italian); Brian Mann (Music), Mitchell Miller (Philosophy), Lynn LiDonnici (Religion).

The interdepartmental program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies is designed to provide the student with a coherent course of study in the arts, history, literature, and thought of European civilization from the fall of Rome to the seventeenth century.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units, including Medieval/Renaissance Culture 220, and the senior thesis. Three units, one of which is the senior thesis, must be at the 300-level. Distribution and language requirements, listed below, must also be satisfied.

Distribution Requirement: In addition to Medieval/Renaissance Culture 220 and the thesis, students should take 10 units. Two courses must be chosen from each of three groups of disciplines: Art and Music; History, Philosophy, Religion; Language and Literature. 300-level work is required in at least two departments. To determine which courses satisfy concentration and correlate requirements, students must consult with the coordinator. A partial list of approved courses is appended below; a full list appears on the program's webpage.

Language Requirement: The major requires demonstration of competence in Latin or in at least one vernacular language besides Middle English. Competency is demonstrated by completion of at least two courses at the 200-level. Languages may include French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Old English, and Spanish.

Recommendations: Since Latin is a core skill for medieval studies, all students are strongly urged to take at least one year of Latin. Students expecting to concentrate on the Renaissance should also study Italian.

Certain courses help form a foundation for this major. A selection from these 100-level courses may be applied toward the major in consultation with the coordinator: Art 105, Classics 102, Classics/College Course 101, Italian 175, History 123, Religion 150, Philosophy 101 or 102. No more than two 100-level courses may be offered toward the major.

Correlate Sequence in Medieval and Renaissance Studies: 6 graded units are required, including Medieval and Renaissance Studies 220 or History 215 or History 225; Art 220 or 235 or the equivalent; and an intermediate level course in English or in a foreign language. These courses should be taken early in a student's career. 100-level work cannot be included in the sequence and at least 1 unit must be at the 300-level. The courses selected for the sequence must form a unified course of study and a written proposal articulating the focus of the sequence must be submitted to the correlate sequence adviser for approval prior to declaration.

Course Offerings

116a. **The Dark Ages, c. 400-900** (1)
(Same as History 116a) Ms. Bisaha

202. **Thesis Preparation** (1/2)

220b. **Medieval/Renaissance Culture** (1)
Topic for 2009/10: Topic to be announced. Instructors to be announced.

246a. **Music and Ideas I: Medieval and Early Modern Europe: The Power of Church and Court** (1)
(Same as Music 246a) Mr. Mann.

300. **Senior Thesis** (1)
An interdisciplinary study written under the supervision of two advisors from two different disciplines.

Approved Courses

Below is a partial list of approved courses. For current offerings and a full list of courses, please visit the Medieval and Renaissance Studies webpage on the Vassar website.

Art 220	Medieval Architecture	(1)
Art 235	Art in Early Renaissance Italy	(1)
English 236	Beowulf	(1)
English 240	Shakespeare	(1)
History 225	Renaissance Europe	(1)
History 315	The World of the Crusades	(1)
Italian 237	Dante's Divine Comedy in Translation	(1)
Latin 301	Topics in Latin Literature	(1)
	Topic for 2009/10: <i>Latin Letters</i> .	
Religion 227	The Kingdom of God and the Empire of Rome	(1)

Music

Professors: Todd Crow, Richard Wilson^b, Michael Pisani; **Associate Professors:** Kathryn Libin (Chair), Brian Mann; **Assistant Professor:** Christine Howlett; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Harold Meltzer^{*}; **Lecturers:** Drew Minter, Eduardo Navega; **Adjunct Instructor:** Peter McCulloch^{*}; **Adjunct Artists:** Gail Archer^{*}, Paul Bellino^{*}, Cheryl Bishkoff^{*}, Ronald Carbone^{*}, Frank Cassara^{*}, Arthur D. Champlin^{*}, Miriam Charney^{*}, Larry Guy^{*}, Betty-Jean Hagen^{*}, Bridget Kibbey^{*}, Daniel Mortensen^{*}, Mary Nessinger^{*}, James Osborn^{*}, Robert Osborne^{*}, Louis Pappas^{*}, Anna Polonsky^{*}, Linda Quan^{*}, Peter Reit^{*}, Elisabeth Romano^{*}, Rachel Rosales^{*}, James Ruff^{*}, Thomas Sauer^{*}, Sophie Shao^{*}, John Solum^{*}, Peter Tomlinson^{*}, Ed Xiques^{*}.

Requirements for Concentration: 13 units of graded work, including Music 105/106, 205, 206/207/208, 246/247/248; one of the following: Music 210, 211; one of the following: Music 320, 321, 322, 323; 2 additional units from history and theory courses which may include not more than one of the following: Music 202, 212, 213, 214, 231, 238; and 1.5 units of performance in the same instrument.

Senior-Year Requirements: 2 units at the 300-level, at least one of them in history or theory. After declaration of major, no work taken NRO may be used to fulfill requirements for concentration.

Recommendations: A reading knowledge of at least one of the following foreign languages: German, French, Italian. German is strongly recommended. Students planning to concentrate in music will normally elect Music 105/106 and 206 in the freshman year, and 246/247/248 in the sophomore year, continuing into the first semester of the junior year. Majors are encouraged to audition for membership in one of the choral or instrumental ensembles sponsored by the department.

Correlate Sequence in Music History: 7 units including Music 105/106 (Harmony), 246/247/248 (Music History); **2 units of the following:** Music 320, 321, 322, 323 (Seminars), or 399 (Independent Work for 1 unit).

Correlate Sequence in Music Theory: 7 units including Music 105/106 (Harmony), Music 205 (Advanced Harmony), Music 215 (Composition), Music 210, 211 (Modal and Tonal Counterpoint), and Music 322 (Seminar) or 399 (Independent Work for 1 unit).

Correlate Sequence in Music Composition: 7 units including Music 105/106 (Harmony), Music 215/216 (Composition I), Music 219/220 (Electronic Music), Music 315 (Composition II).

Correlate Sequence in Music and Culture: 7 units including either Music 136, 140 or 141, and either Music 101 or 105; 4 units of the following: Music 201 (Opera), Music 202 (Black Music), Music 212 (Advanced Topics in World Music), Music 213 (American Music), Music 214 (History of Jazz), Music 217 (Studies in Popular Music), Music 231 (Women Making Music), Music 238 (Music in Film), Anthropology/Music 259 (Soundscapes: Anthropology of Music); and Music 399 (Independent Work for 1 unit).

Advisers: The department.

History and Theory

I. Introductory

101a and b. Fundamentals of Music (1)

A beginning study of the elements of music including notation, rhythm and meter, scales and modes, intervals, melody, chord progression, musical terms, and instruments. To facilitate reading skills, class exercises in ear training and sight singing are included. May not be counted in the requirements for concentration. Mr. Pisani.

Open to all classes. Previous musical training unnecessary.

105a/106b. Harmony (1)

A study of tonal harmony as found in the music of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Primary emphasis is on writing, including harmonization of bass lines and melodies; analysis of representative examples and ear training. Mr. Wilson, Ms. Libin, Mr. Meltzer.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

* Part time.

Open to all classes.

Prerequisite: each student must demonstrate to the instructor a familiarity with treble and bass clef notation, scales, and basic rhythmic notation.

136a. Introduction to World Music (1)

This course examines musical styles in diverse locales around the world from an ethnomusicological perspective. The major themes covered are: music and social identity/values, music and political movements (especially nationalism), and music and spirituality. We explore these general issues through case studies from Latin America, Africa, and Asia. This course is open to students with or without musical training.

140a, 141b. Introduction to Western Art Music (1)

A study of selected topics in the history of Western music.

Topic for 140a: *The Creative Artist in Society*. This course investigates the music and lives of several famous musicians and composers. We examine the musical careers of Carlo and Riccardo Broschi, George Frederick Handel, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (eighteenth century), Frédéric Chopin, Robert and Clara Schumann, and Peter Tchaikovsky (nineteenth century), and some song-writer/performers, particularly Stephen Foster and Duke Ellington. A central goal is to deepen listening skills, while focusing on what it means to listen. We study music of the above artists partly from the perspective of well-known films and documentaries. Through listening and analysis, we explore the musical language of Baroque, Romantic, and popular American styles. Mr. Pisani.

Topic for 141b: *Masterworks of Western Music from the Baroque to the Present*. This course explores basic styles of Western music from the eighteenth through late twentieth centuries. We focus on principal composers, genres, and stylistic features of each period and examine a few complete works in depth. Music to be studied in detail: a cantata of J.S. Bach, a string quartet by Franz Joseph Haydn, a symphony of Beethoven, an opera by Verdi, ballets by Stravinsky and Copland, and twentieth-century compositions by Edgard Varèse, John Cage, Benjamin Britten, Krzysztof Penderecki, and Steve Reich. The composers and music explored in this spring course are intended to complement music studied in the fall semester. Mr. Pisani.

Open to all classes. Previous musical training not required. May not be counted in the requirements for concentration. Music 140 is not required for Music 141, therefore these two courses may be taken in any order.

Two 75-minute periods, and in Music 140a an additional film screening once every other week.

II. Intermediate

[201a. Opera] (1)

A study of the history, style, drama, and music in selected operatic masterworks from 1600 to the present. Mr. Pisani.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in one of the following: art; drama; Italian, French, German, or English literatures; music; or by permission. May not be counted in the requirements for concentration.

Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

202b. Black Music (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 202) An analytical exploration of the music of certain African and European cultures and their adaptive influences in North America. The course examines traditional African and European views of music performance practices while exploring their influences in shaping the music of African Americans from the spiritual to modern. Mr. Reid.

205b. Advanced Harmony (1)

A continuation of Music 105/106, using more complex harmonic resources and analyzing more extended works. Mr. Mann.

Prerequisite: Music 105/106 or by permission.

- 206b. Musicianship Skills I** (½)
An aural-skills class based on diatonic melody and harmony. Class exercises include sight singing, ear training, clef reading, keyboard skills and basic conducting patterns. Ms. Howlett.
Prerequisite: Music 105 or by permission.
- 207a. Musicianship Skills II** (½)
A continuation of Music 206 adding chromatic melody and harmony with intermediate keyboard skills such as figured bass realization, improvised accompaniment, and score reading.
Prerequisite: Music 206.
- 208b. Musicianship Skills III** (½)
A continuation of Music 207, developing aural, keyboard, and clef-reading skills to a higher degree of proficiency. Mr. Navega.
Prerequisite: Music 207.
- 210a. Modal Counterpoint** (1)
A study, through analysis and written exercises, of contrapuntal techniques of the sixteenth century. Mr. Wilson.
Prerequisite: Music 105/106 or by permission of instructor.
Alternate years: offered in 2009/10.
- [211a. Tonal Counterpoint]** (1)
A study, through analysis and written exercises, of contrapuntal techniques of the eighteenth century. Mr. Wilson.
Prerequisite: Music 105/106 or by permission of instructor.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.
- 212b. Advanced Topics in World Music** (1)
(Same as Anthropology 212)
Topic for 2009/10: To be announced.
Prerequisite: Music 136, or by permission of instructor.
- [213b. American Music]** (1)
The study of folk, popular, and art musics in American life from 1600 to the present and their relationship to other facets of America's historical development and cultural growth. Mr. Pisani.
Prerequisite: 1 unit in one of the following: music; studies in American history, art, or literature; or by permission of instructor.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.
- 214b. History of American Jazz** (1)
An investigation of the whole range of jazz history, from its beginning around the turn of the century to the present day. Among the figures to be examined are: Scott Joplin, "Jelly Roll" Morton, Louis Armstrong, Bessie Smith, Duke Ellington, Fletcher Henderson, Count Basie, Thomas "Fats" Waller, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Thelonious Monk, Charles Mingus, and Miles Davis. Mr. Mann.
Prerequisite: 1 unit in one of the following: music; studies in American history, art, or literature; or by permission of instructor.
Alternate years: offered in 2009/10.
- 215a/216b. Composition I** (1)
Creative work in various contemporary idioms. Analysis of selected works; study of instrumental resources. Mr. Meltzer.
Prerequisite: Music 105/106 or by permission of instructor.
If a senior project in composition is planned, the student should elect Music 215/216 in the sophomore year and Music 315 in the junior year.
- [217b. Studies in Popular Music]** (1)
Prerequisite: recommended 1 unit in either music or sociology.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.
- 219a/220b. Electronic Music** (1)
A practical exploration of electronic music, composition, and production techniques. Compositional and creative aspects are emphasized with extensive lab time provided for student projects. No prior knowledge of computer music or programming is required. Mr. McCulloch.
Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
- [231b. Women Making Music]** (1)
(Same as Women's Studies 231) A study of women's involvement in Western and non-Western musical cultures. Drawing on recent work in feminist musicology and ethnomusicology, the course studies a wide range of music created by women, both past and present. It explores such topics as musical instruments and gender, voice and embodiment, access to training and performance opportunities, and representations of women musicians in art and literature. Ms. Libin.
Prerequisite: one unit in music, or women's studies, or by permission of instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.
- 238a. Music in Film** (1)
(Same as Film 238) A study of music in sound cinema from the 1920s to the present. The course focuses on the expressive, formal, and semiotic function that film music serves, either as sound experienced by the protagonists, or as another layer of commentary to be heard only by the viewer, or some mixture of the two. Composers studied include Max Steiner, Bernard Herrmann, Jerry Goldsmith, Danny Elfman, and others, as well as film scores that rely upon a range of musical styles, including classical, popular, and non-Western. Specific topics to be considered this semester include music in film noir and the movie musical. Mr. Mann.
Prerequisite: one course in music (not performance) or film.
Two 2-hour classes a week, plus outside screening.
Alternate years: offered in 2009/10.
- 246a/247b/248a. Music and Ideas** (1)
Prerequisites: Music 105/106 or by permission of instructor.
Music 246 and 247 include an additional listening/discussion section.
- 246a. Music and Ideas I — Medieval and Early Modern Europe: The Power of Church and Court** (1)
(Same as Medieval and Renaissance Studies 246) This course introduces major historical and intellectual ideas of music from the Ancient world through 1660. The focus is on essential repertoire as well as the cultures that fostered principal genres of sacred and secular music during the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and early Baroque. Mr. Mann.
- 247b. Music and Ideas II — Enlightenment and the Influence of Rationalism** (1)
A study of musical genres and trends over the course of the "long eighteenth century" from 1660 to 1830. The course explores significant shifts in musical language from the high Baroque through the age of revolution and early Romanticism, as revealed in great works from Purcell through Beethoven. Ms. Libin.
- 248a. Music and Ideas III — Modernism and its Challenges** (1)
This course begins with progressive composers Berlioz, Liszt, and Wagner and traces the development of their schools of thought through the late nineteenth century. The rising importance of popular song and jazz in the twentieth century along with major composers who have found new expression within classical traditions, and "postmoderns" who have worked to bridge genres. Mr. Pisani.
- [259a. Soundscapes: Anthropology of Music]** (1)
(Same as Anthropology 259a) This course investigates a series of questions about the relationship between music and the individuals and societies that perform and listen to it. In other words, music is examined and appreciated as a form of human expression existing within and across specific cultural contexts. The course takes an interdisciplinary approach to the social life of music, addressing historical themes and debates within multiple academic fields via readings, recordings, and films.
Alternate years: not offered in 2009/10.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)**298a or b. Independent Work** (½ or 1)
Special projects in theory, history, or performance that supplement the curriculum.

Open to qualified students with permission of department.

III. Advanced**302a or b. Senior Project** (½)

A paper, composition, or recital. Proposals for a project must first have the approval of an appropriate faculty adviser and then be submitted for departmental approval by the end of the junior year.

315a/316b. Composition II (1)

Further work in original composition; analysis of examples illustrating current practice. Mr. Wilson.

Permission of the instructor required; qualification to be determined by submission in advance of original work.

Prerequisites: Music 105/106 and 215/216 or equivalent.

Seminars**[320a. Advanced Studies in Musical Genres]** (1)

Prerequisites: Music 105/106, 210 or 211; 246/247; or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

321a. Composer in Focus (1)

Topic for 2009/10: *Benjamin Britten*. A life-and-works study of Benjamin Britten (1913-1976). Some biographical issues considered are Britten's position in twentieth-century musical culture—both in Great Britain and internationally—his role and impact as a composer of opera and vocal music, and the importance of the Aldeburgh Festival, which he and Peter Pears founded in 1948. We will look closely and analytically at a number of various kinds of works by this composer, including chamber and orchestral music, vocal settings, and operas. Mr. Pisani.

Prerequisites: Music 105/106, 205, 246/247, or by permission of instructor.

[322b. Advanced Studies in Theory] (1)

Prerequisites: Music 105/106, 205, 210 or 211, or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

323b. Intersections in Music and Literature (1)

Topic for 2009/10: *Goethe and Music*. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832), a towering figure in the history of European literature, left a body of poetry, novels, plays and other works that attracted the attention of composers not only during his lifetime but for the remaining decades of the nineteenth century and beyond. This seminar examines a variety of musical responses to Goethe's astonishing oeuvre: songs, cantatas, operas, overtures, symphonies, and various hybrid works. Among the composers whose works we study are Beethoven, Schubert, Berlioz, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Gounod, and Mahler. *Faust*, perhaps Goethe's greatest masterpiece, is central to our investigations. Mr. Mann.

Prerequisites: Music 105/106; 205; 246/247, or by permission of instructor.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Special projects in theory, history, or performance that supplement the curriculum.

Open to qualified students with permission of department.

Performance

Auditions are required for both credited and uncredited study and are arranged at the beginning of each semester for students who register for the desired course. Each course in performance includes a program of literature suited to the individual student, and requires

a reasonable improvement in technical proficiency and interpretative understanding for continuation.

Corequisite courses in music theory or history (see Individual Instruction below) should begin as early as possible, but no later than the third semester of credited study. All students who take lessons for credit are required to take two courses in theory or history, preferably before their senior year.

Enrollment is limited in each area of instruction, especially voice. Music majors and students studying for credit are given preference. Beginners are accepted as schedules permit.

Fees: See section on fees. Scholarships to cover charges are made available through the Office of Financial Aid and are granted only for credited study. Individual instruction is given as follows:

Jazz Piano (042, 142, 242, 342): Mr. Tomlinson.
Saxophone (Music 043, 143, 243, 343): Mr. Xiques.
Piano (Music 060, 160, 260, 360): Mr. Crow, Ms. Polonsky, Mr. Sauer.

Organ (Music 061, 161, 261, 361): Ms. Archer.
Harpichord (Music 062, 162, 262, 362): Ms. Archer.
Voice (Music 063, 163, 263, 363): Mr. Minter, Ms. Nessinger, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Rosales, Mr. Ruff.

Violin (Music 064, 164, 264, 364): Ms. Hagen, Ms. Quan.

Viola (Music 065, 165, 265, 365): Mr. Carbone.

Violoncello (Music 066, 166, 266, 366): Ms. Shao.

Double Bass (Music 067, 167, 267, 367): Mr. Pappas.

Classical Guitar (Music 068, 168, 268, 368): Mr. Champlin.

Harp (Music 069, 169, 269, 369): Ms. Kibbey.

Flute (Music 070, 170, 270, 370): Mr. Solum.

Oboe (Music 071, 171, 271, 371): Ms. Bishkoff.

Clarinet (Music 072, 172, 272, 372): Mr. Guy.

Bassoon (Music 073, 173, 273, 373): Ms. Romano.

French Horn (Music 074, 174, 274, 374): Mr. Reit.

Trumpet (Music 075, 175, 275, 375): Mr. Osborn.

Trombone (Music 076, 176, 276, 376): Mr. Bellino.

Tuba (Music 077, 177, 277, 377)

Percussion (Music 078, 178, 278, 378): Mr. Cassara.

Note: Performance levels are described under numbers Music 000, 100, 200, 300. Credited instruction in piano, for example, should be elected as Music 160; whereas uncredited study should be elected as Music 060.

The department will attempt to arrange instruction in certain instruments not listed above. Students wishing such instruction should consult with the chair of the department. Auditions are usually required.

135a. The International Phonetic Alphabet (½)

An introduction to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA). Geared toward students of voice, choir, and choral conducting. Ms. Howlett.

Alternate years: offered in 2009/10.

Individual Instruction**000a, b. Performance** (0)

Uncredited lessons.

Open to all classes by audition.

One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

100a, b. Performance (½)

Open to all students who have passed the audition or upon recommendation of the instructor.

Corequisite: a course in music theory or history should be taken during the first year of credited lessons. Music 101, 105, 140, or 141 are strongly recommended.

One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

200a, b. Performance (½)

Prerequisite: two semesters of credited study in this instrument.

Corequisite: a course in music theory or history is required unless two such courses have previously been completed.

One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

300a, b. Performance (½)

Prerequisite: four semesters of credited study in this instrument.
One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

380a, b. Performance (½)

Prerequisite: six semesters of credited study in this instrument.
One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

Ensembles

In the following six large ensembles (Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Choir, Women's Chorus, and Madrigal Singers) the first semester is an uncredited prerequisite for the second: credited study is offered only in the second semester. Students wishing to enroll for credit in the second semester must register for the uncredited prerequisite in the first semester. No student should exceed 2 units of this credit in his or her four years at Vassar. Membership is open to all classes and assumes a full year commitment. Admission is by audition.

038/039. Jazz Combo (0 or ½)

The study and performance of jazz improvisation. Mr. Osborn.
Two sections.
Open to qualified students with permission of the instructor.

044a, 045b, 244a, 245b. Chamber Music (0 or ½)

The study and performance of selected works from the ensemble repertoire of instrumental or vocal mediums or their combinations. Mr. Navega.

Open to qualified students with the permission of the instructor. Students may register for credit each semester, but no student may exceed 2 units of this credit in his or her four years at Vassar. One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

048a, 049b, 149b. Wind Ensemble (0 or ½)

The fifty-member ensemble of students and community players performs works of the wind and band repertoire. Open to all woodwind, brass, and percussion players. Mr. Osborn.

Open to all students by audition.
One meeting per week plus sectional rehearsals.

050a, 051b, 151b. Jazz Ensemble (0 or ½)

The jazz ensemble performs literature ranging from the Big Band Era to jazz-rock fusion. Improvisation and ensemble playing in a jazz style are featured. Mr. Osborn.

Open to all students by audition.
One meeting per week.

052a, 053, 153. Orchestra (0 or ½)

The 60-member orchestra performs masterworks of the symphonic literature. Mr. Navega.

Open to all students by audition.
Two meetings per week.

054a, 055b, 155b. Women's Chorus (0 or ½)

The Women's Chorus is an ensemble of 30-50 women that studies and performs repertoire from the medieval period to the present. The choir performs on campus and occasionally makes concert tours. Ms. Howlett.

Open to all students by audition.
Three meetings per week.

056a, 057b, 157b. Choir (0 or ½)

The choir is a mixed ensemble of between 40 and 60 voices that studies and performs choral/orchestral and a cappella literature for a larger chorus from the Renaissance through the present. The choir performs on campus and occasionally makes concert tours. Ms. Howlett.

Open to all students by audition.
Three meetings per week.

058a, 059b, 159b. Madrigal Singers (0 or ½)

The Madrigal Singers is a select mixed ensemble of between 10 and 20 voices that studies and performs literature for solo and chamber vocal ensemble. Mr. Minter.

Two meetings per week.

254b. Opera Workshop (½)

The study and performance of selected operatic repertoire. Open to qualified students by audition. Mr. Minter.

No student may exceed 2 units of this credit in his or her four years at Vassar.

Neuroscience and Behavior

Professors: N. Jay Bean, Carol Christensen, Janet Gray, Kathleen M. Susman (Director); **Associate Professors:** Jeff Cynx, Kevin Holloway Susan Trumbetta; **Assistant Professors:** Abigail A. Baird, Erica Crespi, J. Mark Cleaveland, Jodi Schwarz.

Neuroscience and Behavior is an interdisciplinary program which applies the perspectives and techniques of both biology and psychology to the study of the brain and behavior. Neuroscientists are interested in how the interactions of brain, body, and environment contribute to animal (including human) behavior. Neuroscientists study the structure and function of the nervous system, the development and evolution of neural and behavioral systems, and interactions among behavior, environment, physiology, and heredity.

This program is ideal for those students with interests in the biological and psychological sciences. A concentration in Neuroscience and Behavior can prepare students for graduate study in biology, psychology, or the neurosciences.

Requirements for Concentration: 13 units; all students must take:

- Biology 105 Introduction to Biological Processes (1)
- Biology 106 Introduction to Biological Investigation (1)
- Psychology 105 or 106 Introduction to Psychology (1)
- Psychology 200 Statistics and Experimental Design (1)
- Psychology 241 or 243 Physiological Psychology or Neuropsychology (1)
- Psychology 229 or 249 Research Methods in Learning and Behavior or Research Methods in Physiological Psychology (1)
- Neuroscience and Behavior 201 Neuroscience and Behavior (1)
- Neuroscience and Behavior 301 Seminar in Neuroscience and Behavior (1)

After consultation with the major adviser, five other courses not taken as Required Courses (see list above) should be chosen from the following list. Two of these courses should be at the 200-level, one of these from the biology department and one from the psychology department. Only one of Biology 281 and Biology 226 may count towards the major. Three of the five courses should be at the 300-level. Of these three courses at the 300-level, at least one should be from the biology department and one from the psychology department. No course beyond the 100-level taken NRO can be counted toward the requirements of the major.

Recommendations: Students are strongly recommended to complete Chemistry 108-109 and 244-245 and would benefit greatly from coursework in mathematics, physics, and computer science. Students are advised to take in their freshman year: Biology 105, Biology 106, and Psychology 105 or 106.

Course Descriptions

See biology and psychology.

201b. Neuroscience and Behavior (1)

A multidisciplinary approach to the methods, issues, empirical findings and neuroscience and behavior literature. The course explores selected topics from a variety of theoretical and empirical models, from behavioral, evolutionary, social/environmental, physiological and cellular/molecular levels of analysis. The ways in which the different methods of analysis inform each other are a focus of the course. Neuroscience and Behavior faculty.

Prerequisites: Biology 105, Biology 106, Psychology 105 or 106, and Psychology 241 or 243.

290 Field Work (½ or 1)

By permission of the adviser and the instructor who supervises the work.

298 Independent Work (½ or 1)

By permission of the adviser and the instructor who supervises the work. Library, field or laboratory projects. By permission of the

Neuroscience and Behavior faculty.

301a. Seminar in Neuroscience and Behavior (1)

Explorations in the primary literature of topics to be selected annually. Neuroscience and Behavior faculty.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

399 Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

By permission of the adviser and the instructor who supervises the work. Library, field, or laboratory projects, by permission of the Neuroscience and Behavior faculty.

Approved Courses

Intermediate

Psychology 211	Perception and Action	(1)
Psychology 213	Language	(1)
Psychology 215	Knowledge and Cognition	(1)
Psychology 221	Learning and Behavior	(1)
Psychology 223	Comparative Psychology	(1)
Psychology 229	Research Methods in Learning and Behavior	(1)
Psychology 249	Research Methods in Physiological Psychology	(1)
Psychology 262	Abnormal Psychology	(1)
Psychology 264	Behavioral Genetics	(1)
Biology 226	Animal Structure and Diversity	(1)
Biology 228	Animal Physiology	(1)
Biology 232	Developmental Biology	(1)
Biology 238	Principles of Genetics	(1)
Biology 260	Comparative and Functional Vertebrate Anatomy	(1)
Biology 272	Biochemistry	(1)

Advanced

Entry into particular 300-level courses may be constrained by prerequisites: see course descriptions for the individual courses listed under Biology and Psychology.

Psychology 300	Advanced Methods of Statistical Analysis	(1)
Psychology 321	Seminar in Animal Learning and Behavior	(1)
Psychology 323	Seminar in Comparative Psychology	(1)
Psychology 341	Seminar in Physiological Psychology	(1)
Psychology 343	Seminar on States of Consciousness	(1)
Psychology 362	Seminar in Psychopathology	(1)
Biology 316	Neurobiology	(1)
Biology 323	Cell Biology	(1)
Biology 324	Molecular Biology	(1)
Biology 340	Animal Behavior	(1)
Biology 350	Evolutionary Biology	(1)
Biology 353	Bioinformatics	(1)
Biology 382	The Life of Aquatic Vertebrates	(1)

Philosophy

Professors: Giovanna Borradori^{ab}, Jennifer Church^a, Mitchell Miller^b, Michael Murray, Uma Narayan (Chair), Bryan Van Norden; **Associate Professor:** Douglas Winblad; **Assistant Professors:** Barry Lam^b, Jeffrey Seidman, Jamie Kelly.

Philosophy as a discipline reflects both speculatively and critically on the world, our actions, and our claims to knowledge. The Department of Philosophy offers a variety of courses of study that not only introduce students to the great philosophical achievements of the past and present but also aim to teach them how to think, write, and speak philosophically themselves.

Requirements for Concentration: The Philosophy major requires a total of 12 units.

100-level: Majors must take two of the 100 level courses one of which must be Philosophy 101 (History of Western Philosophy: Ancient) or Philosophy 102 (History of Western Philosophy: Modern)

200-level: Majors must take Philosophy 230 (Logic). They must take one course from each of the following:

Cluster 1: Philosophy 220 (Metaphysics), 222 (Philosophy of Language), 224 (Philosophy of Mind), 226 (Philosophy of Science) and 228 (Epistemology).

Cluster 2: Philosophy 205 (Nineteenth Century Philosophy), 215 (Phenomenology and Existential Thought), 240 (Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics) and 260 (Philosophy and the Arts).

Cluster 3: Philosophy 210 (Neo-Confucianism and Chinese Buddhism), 234 (Ethics), 238 (Social and Political Philosophy), 250 (Feminist Theory) and 270 (Queer Theory).

300-level: Three 300-level seminars, two of which must be differently numbered; and 300-301 (senior thesis). The department will not entertain any requests to count a seminar under a number different from the one it is assigned in the curriculum.

NRO Policy: After the declaration of major, no required philosophy courses may be elected NRO.

Recommendations: Individual programs should be designed, in consultation with a faculty advisor, to give the student a representative acquaintance with major traditions in philosophy, competence in the skills of philosophic investigation and argument, and opportunities for exploration in areas of special interest. Students considering a concentration in philosophy are advised to take Philosophy 101 or 102 early in their careers. German, French, and Greek are languages of particular importance in Western philosophy; Chinese will be of special interest to those taking Philosophy 110, 210, or 350.

Advisers: The department.

Correlate Sequences in Philosophy: The philosophy department offers six different correlate sequences. In each sequence a total of 6 units is required. The required 300-level seminar may be taken twice if the topics differ; students may also petition to count an appropriate Philosophy 280 as equivalent to a 300-level seminar.

Correlate Sequence in Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art: Philosophy 101 or 102; Philosophy 240, 260; one of 205, 215 or an appropriate 280; two appropriate 300-level seminars. Advisers: Ms. Borradori, Mr. Murray and Ms. Church

Correlate Sequence in Comparative Philosophy: Philosophy 110 and one of 101 or 102; Philosophy 210 and 234; two appropriate 300-level seminars, including Philosophy 350. Adviser: Mr. Van Norden.

Correlate Sequence in Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy: 1 unit at the introductory level, either Philosophy 101 or 106 or 110; 3 units at the intermediate level, including Philosophy 234 and one of 238 or 250; two appropriate 300-level seminars, including Philosophy 330. Advisers: Ms. Narayan and Mr. Seidman and Mr. Kelly.

Correlate Sequence in Continental Philosophy: Philosophy 101 or 102; 205, 215, and one of Philosophy 240 or 260; two appropriate 300-level seminars, including Philosophy 340. Advisers: Ms. Borradori and Mr. Murray.

Correlate Sequence in the History of Western Philosophy: Philosophy 101 and 102; Philosophy 205 and 215; two appropriate

300-level seminars, including Philosophy 320. Adviser: Mr. Miller

Correlate Sequence in Analytic Philosophy: Philosophy 230 and either 102 or 105; 2 units from Philosophy 220, 222, 224, 226, 228; two appropriate 300-level seminars, including Philosophy 310. Advisers: Ms. Church, Mr. Lam and Mr. Winblad

Correlate sequences may also be designed for certain other subfields in philosophy—for instance, philosophy and gender, philosophy of science, classical philosophy.

I. Introductory

No prerequisites; open to all classes. Any of these courses is suitable as a first course in philosophy.

101a. History of Western Philosophy - Ancient (1)
Philosophy from its origins in Greece to the Middle Ages. Mr. Miller, Mr. Murray and Mr. Seidman.

102b. History of Western Philosophy - Modern (1)
Modern philosophy from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance through Kant. Mr. Murray and Mr. Seidman.

105a and b. Problems of Philosophy (1)
An exploration of some central philosophical concerns, such as the role of feelings versus reason in determining values, the nature of knowledge and the limits of knowledge, the relation between mind and body, appropriate attitudes towards death and suffering, and the possibility of objectivity. Ms. Church, Mr. Van Norden and Mr. Lam.

106a. Philosophy and Contemporary Issues (1)
This course introduces students to the philosophical moral issues, focusing upon topics such as war, terrorism, our food choices, abortion and euthanasia. Mr. Kelly.

This course satisfies college requirements for a Freshman Writing Seminar

106a. Philosophy and Contemporary Issues (1)
Philosophical investigation of a range of positions on current issues such as abortion, pornography, affirmative action, gay rights, distributive justice, animal rights, and freedom of speech. Ms. Narayan.

106b. Philosophy and Contemporary Issues (1)
This course will introduce students to the philosophical study of moral issues, focusing upon topics such as war, terrorism, our food choices, abortion and euthanasia. Mr. Kelly.

110a. Early Chinese Philosophy (1)
An introduction to Chinese philosophy in the period between (roughly) 500 and 221 B.C., covering Confucians, Taoists and others. Among the topics discussed by these philosophers are human nature, methods of ethical education and self-cultivation, virtues and vices, and the role of conventions and institutions in human life. Mr. Van Norden.

II. Intermediate

Prerequisite for all 200-level courses unless otherwise specified: 1 unit of philosophy or permission of instructor.

205a. Nineteenth Century Philosophy (1)
The philosophies of such figures as Hegel, Kierkegaard, Marx and Nietzsche, and of movements such as post-Kantian idealism, utilitarianism, and positivism. Mr. Miller.

210b. Neo-Confucianism and Chinese Buddhism (1)
Introduction to Neo-Confucianism, one of the most influential intellectual movements in China and all of East Asia. Some discussion of Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism. No familiarity with Chinese culture is assumed, but a previous 100-level course in philosophy is a prerequisite because this course assumes students have the ability to tackle subtle issues in metaphysics, personal identity, and ethics.

^a Absent on leave for the year.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

Mr. Van Norden.

Pre-requisite: a 100-level philosophy course.

215a. Phenomenology and Existential Thought (1)

The major themes in existential and phenomenological thought as developed by such figures as Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Merleau-Ponty, and Levinas. Mr. Murray.

220a. Metaphysics (1)

A study of the nature of reality, including the nature of existence, essence, identity, and persistence of things. Mr. Winblad.

222b. Philosophy of Language (1)

An examination of truth, meaning, reference, intentions, conventions, speech acts, metaphors, and the relation between language and thought. Mr. Winblad.

224b. Philosophy of Mind (1)

An exploration of competing theories of the mind—including theories that equate the mind with the brain, theories that regard the mind as a social construction, and theories that define the mind by reference to its characteristic functions. The strengths and weaknesses of each of these theories are compared—especially with respect to their understandings of consciousness, self-knowledge, emotion and moral responsibility. Ms. Church.

[226b. Philosophy of Science] (1)

(Same as Science, Technology and Society 226) A study of the principles of scientific reasoning. Topics include explanation, justification, scientific rationality, realism versus instrumentalism, and laws.

Not offered in 2009/10.

228a. Epistemology (1)

A study of knowledge, belief, and justification, and of whether and how we can have knowledge or justified beliefs about the world. Mr. Lam.

230a and b. Symbolic Logic (1)

A study of the concepts and methods of formal logic. Topics include truth functional and quantificational validity, soundness, and completeness. Mr. Winblad.

234b. Ethics (1)

An investigation of the nature of morality, the relation between morality and self-interest, the nature of happiness and its relation to a meaningful life. Readings include seminal texts in the Western tradition and writing by contemporary moral philosophers. Mr. Seidman.

238a. Social and Political Philosophy (1)

This course introduces students to both the history of political philosophy and to contemporary debates within it. Our focus is upon the relationship between justice and equality. Mr. Kelly.

240b. Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics (1)

Classical and modern theories of the nature of art, the experience of art, the creative process, and critical argument. Mr. Murray.

250b. Feminist Theory (1)

Examination of the theoretical sources and commitments of different feminist perspectives (including liberal, socialist, radical, psychoanalytic, and postmodern) and their bearing on such topics as the body, mothering, sexuality, racism, relations among First- and Third-World women. Ms. Narayan.

Prerequisite: 1 unit of philosophy or women's studies 130.

[260a and b. Philosophy and the Arts] (1)

An examination of a specific art form and selected works within it from a philosophical perspective. May be repeated for credit when different art topics are studied.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[270a. Queer Theory: Choreographies of Sex and Gender](1)

This course examines contemporary theoretical work on the meaning of gender and sexuality with special reference to gay and lesbian studies. We consider questions such as the identity and multiplication of gender and sexes, forms of erotic desire, the performativity of gender norms, styles of life, marriage, and their relationship to medical, psychiatric, legal and criminological discourses.

Not offered in 2009/10.

290a and b. Field Work (½ or 1)

The department.

[296a and b. Translation of Philosophical Text] (½ or 1)

Translation of a chosen philosophical text under the supervision of a member of the department. The department. Prerequisite: two years or equivalent in the language.

Not offered in 2009/10.

298a and b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

The department.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all 300-level courses unless otherwise specified: 1 unit of philosophy at the 200-level or permission of the instructor.

300a - 301b. Senior Thesis (½)

Year long development of an extended philosophical essay in consultation with a faculty adviser.

302. Senior Thesis (1)

By special permission only. This one semester course may be substituted for 300a-301b only by special permission.

310a. Seminar In Analytic Philosophy: Philosophical Problems (1)

An examination of recent work on the issue of whether some philosophical problems are unsolvable. Special attention is paid to the problem of why there is anything at all, the mind-body problem, skepticism, and freedom of the will. Mr. Winblad.

One 3-hour class.

[311b. Language and the Infinite Mind: The Source and Extent of Linguistic Structure in Cognition] (1)

(Same as Cognitive Science 311b.) A study of recursion in natural languages, poverty of the stimulus arguments for innate structures, the relationship between language and understanding other minds, and the relationship between language and other areas of cognition. Mr. Lam and Jan Andrews.

Prerequisite: special permission of instructor and Cognitive Science 100 and either one Cognitive Science 200-level course or Philosophy 226, Philosophy of Language.

Not offered in 2009/10.

320b. Seminar in the History of Philosophy: Wagner (1)

Richard Wagner, best known as a musician, was also a philosopher of the arts and a philosopher of ethics, politics and religion. His views on the relation between words and sounds, between past and future, between love and redemption, between men and women, and between materialism and myth are distinctive and influential—both in their own time and in ours. This course explores these topics primarily through the lens of Wagner's operas. Attention is also paid to philosophical influences (Spinoza, Feuerbach, Schopenhauer), Wagner's writings and their historical context, and subsequent philosophical writings about Wagner (Hanslick, Nietzsche, Adorno, Scruton, and others). Because Wagner's operas are the central texts, they are presented in a weekly required screening. No prior knowledge of music required; open to non-majors. Ms. Church.

One 3-hour class plus outside screenings.

[330a. Seminar in Ethics and Theory of Value: Capitalism, (1) Globalization, Economic Justice and Human Rights]

This seminar focuses on questions about capitalism, globalization, and economic justice. We address debates on private property and the division of labor, and examine the functions of states, markets, corporations, international institutions like the IMF and WTO, and development agencies in economic globalization and their roles in securing or undermining human rights. Texts include Adam Smith, Karl Marx, Antonio Negri, Peter Singer and Thomas Pogge. Ms. Narayan

One 3-hour class.

Not offered in 2009/10.

340b. Seminar in Continental Philosophy: “Marx and (1) Marxisms”

This course studies the philosophical legacy of Karl Marx. In addition to Marx’s own writings, we study works from the Frankfurt School, Analytical Marxism and Italian Communism. Mr. Kelly

One 3-hour class.

340b. Seminar in Continental Philosophy: Art and Poetry (1) in Continental Thought

This seminar examines the exceptional importance that Continental thinkers of the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries assign to art and poetry. We begin the German phase with Nietzsche’s *Birth of Tragedy* in relation to Wagner’s *Tristan and Isolde*, then turn to Heidegger’s “Origin of the Work of Art” and his *Elucidations of Holderlin’s Poetry* with its focus on Holderlin. Next we take up the French phase that begins with Foucault’s *The Order of Things* with his interpretation of Valasquez’ painting *Las Meninas* and then *This is not a Pipe* in relation to Magritte. Lastly we study Derrida’s *Memories of the Blind* in relation to a selection of drawings from the Louvre and “This Strange Institution Called Literature” and “Ulysses Gramophone: Hear Say Yes in Joyce” in *Acts of Literature*. Mr. Murray.

One 3-hour class.

[350a. Seminar: Chinese Philosophy: Comparative (1) Methodology]

(Same as Chinese and Japanese 350) This course explores some of the methodical issues raised by the prospect of one culture understanding and making judgments about another. The effort to understand another culture raises fundamental issues about the nature of rationality, ethics, and truth. Consequently, this course is structured around the three major approaches to these issues in the contemporary world: Modernism, Postmodernism and Hermeneutics. Very roughly, these three approaches argue over whether rationality, truth, and ethics are universal (Modernism), incommensurable (Postmodernism) or historical and dialogical (Hermeneutics). Requirements include regular class participation that shows familiarity with the readings and many brief essays. Mr. Van Norden.

One 3-hour class.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[383b. Seminar in Philosophy and the Arts] (1)

Not offered in 2009/10.

384a. Seminar: Freedom, Agency, and Moral Responsibility (1)

Wittgenstein asked, “What is left over if I subtract the fact that my arm goes up from the fact that I raise my arm?” My arm going up is something that happens – an event, caused by and causing other events, that has my body as its locus. And indeed, it can happen without my doing anything – for instance, when I have an epileptic seizure. But raising my arm is not just something that happens in my body, it is something that I do. What is this “I” who does this, and what is it for me to do something? These are the questions we seek to answer. The questions matter, in part because we hold one another responsible, morally and legally, for things we do, but we do not usually hold one another responsible for bodily behavior of which we are not the agents. Readings by Davidson, Frankfurt, Watson, Bratman, Wallace, Velleman, and others. Mr. Seidman

One 3-hour class.

[396a.b. Philosophic Discussion] (½)

Discussion of selected essays on a variety of philosophical issues. Mr. Winblad.

Not offered in 2009/10.

399a.b. Senior Independent Work. (½ or 1)

The department.

Physical Education

For curricular offerings, see Athletics and Physical Education, page 64.

Physics and Astronomy

Professors: Frederick R. Chromey, Debra M. Elmegreen (Chair), Cindy Schwarz; **Assistant Professor:** David Bradley, Brian Daly, Jenny Magnes^a; **Lecturer and Coordinator of Laboratory Instruction:** Daniel Lawrence; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Allyson Sheffield.

Physics

Faculty: see Physics and Astronomy.

Requirements for the major: 9 units above the introductory level, including the six core courses 200, 201, 210, 240, 245 and 320 and 3 additional units in Physics or Astronomy (above the 100 level), at least 2 of which must be at the 300 level. In addition to those nine units, students must complete Mathematics 221, 222. Additional recommended Mathematics courses: Mathematics 228, 241, and 324. Physics 200, 201 and 210 should be taken prior to the beginning of the junior year. Physics 240 and 320 should be taken prior to the beginning of the senior year.

After the declaration of a physics major, no physics courses or courses counted towards the major may be elected NRO. Prospective majors should consult the department as soon as possible and are strongly advised to elect physics and mathematics as freshmen. Those majors planning on graduate work in physics are strongly advised to complete Physics 310 and Physics 341 and are encouraged to consult with the department concerning other courses in the natural sciences which may supplement the physics major.

Physics Teaching Certification: Those planning certification for high school physics teaching must have one of their 300-level units as a thesis or independent project (Physics 300 or 301) and 1/2 unit each of lab development (Physics 298) and lab apprenticeship (Physics 298). Additional courses in Education and Psychology are required for certification. Consult Ms. Schwarz.

Advisers: Mr. Bradley, Mr. Daly, Ms. Magnes, Ms. Schwarz.

Correlate Sequence in Physics: Students majoring in other programs may elect a correlate sequence in physics. The requirements for the correlate sequence consist of 4 units of physics above the introductory level (Physics 113/114 or equivalent), 2 of which must be chosen from the following pairs of courses: Physics 210-310, 210-320, or 240-341, Astronomy 222-320, Astronomy 220-320. The two remaining units must be at the 200- or 300-level in physics. (Note that Physics 200 and 210 are prerequisites for Physics 320.) A working knowledge of calculus is required for Physics 113/114 and for all courses above the 100-level. The NRO option may be used for at most one course to be included in the physics correlate sequence.

I. Introductory

100b. Physics in Motion (1)
Motion is much of what physics is about and motion can be seen all around us. Recent technological advances in digital video and computers allow many motions to be filmed, analyzed and studied. We begin by filming a variety of objects in motion and uncover the physics inside. In the second half of the semester groups focus on topics (of their choice) of interest to K-12 students. Each group produces a DVD, incorporating video, text, and other media into the project to help explain the physics behind the scenes. The DVD project is presented in local K-12 schools as a final exercise. Ms. Schwarz.

Not open to students who have taken Physics 113, or received AP credit for Physics 113.

[110a or b. Science of Sound] (1)
An exploration of the basic nature of sound, including the transmission and reception of sound, pitch, quality (timbre), loudness, musical intervals, musical instruments, building acoustics, and modern research in sound and acoustics. These topics are covered through a combination of lecture, group discussion, and hands-on investigation. There are no science prerequisites for this course,

except a willingness to explore physics fundamentals through the lens of acoustics. Mr. Bradley.

Not offered in 2009/10.

113a. Fundamentals of Physics I

 (1)

An introduction to the basic concepts of physics with emphasis on mechanics, wave motion, and thermodynamics. Recommended for potential majors in physics and other physical sciences. The department.

Not open to students who received Vassar credit for AP Physics.

Corequisite: Mathematics 121 or equivalent.

Three 50-minute periods; one 3-hour laboratory.

114b. Fundamentals of Physics II

 (1)

Fundamentals of electricity, magnetism, and optics, with an introduction to atomic, nuclear, and particle physics. Recommended for potential majors in physics and other physical sciences. The Department.

Prerequisite: Physics 113, AP Physics C credit, or equivalent college level course and Mathematics 121 or equivalent.

Three 50-minute periods; one 3-hour laboratory.

115a. Topics in Classical Physics

 (1/2)

This six-week course covers topics typically left out of the physics AP curriculum and reinforce the use of calculus in mechanics and electricity and magnetism. Mr. Daly.

Only open to freshman and sophomores with AP B credit or AP C credit for Mechanics and Electricity and Magnetism or special permission. 0.5 units upon completion of Physics 116.

116a. Topics in Applied Physics

 (1/2)

In this six-week course, each week is an introduction to current research and applications of physics. Topics include, nanotechnology, lasers, materials science, particle and nuclear physics in medicine, biophysics, geophysics, environmental physics and astrophysics. Not all topics are taught in a specific year. Mr. Daly/the department.

Prerequisites: Physics 114 or 115, calculus or special permission.

168 a. A Tour of the Subatomic Zoo

 (1/2)

This course is designed for nonphysics majors who want to know more about the constituents of matter including quarks, gluons, and neutrinos. The particle discoveries and the implications of the discoveries are discussed in an historical context. Additional topics discussed: matter vs. antimatter, the wave, and particle nature of light. Ms. Schwarz.

May not count towards a physics concentration.

II. Intermediate

Students electing intermediate and upper-level courses are expected to have a working knowledge of differential and integral calculus.

200a. Modern Physics

 (1)

An introduction to the two subjects at the core of contemporary physics: Einstein's theory of special relativity, and quantum mechanics. Topics include paradoxes in special relativity; the Lorentz transformation; four-vectors and invariants; relativistic dynamics; the wave-particle duality; the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, and simple cases of the Schrodinger wave equation. Mr. Bradley.

Prerequisites: Physics 114 or Physics 116, Mathematics 125 or Mathematics 121/122, or permission of instructor.

201b. Methods of Experimental Physics

 (1)

An introduction to the tools and techniques of modern experimental physics. Students replicate classic historical experiments (e.g., photoelectric effect, Michelson interferometer, muon lifetime). Emphasis is placed on the use of computers for capturing and analyzing data, and on effective oral and written presentation of experimental results. Mr. Daly.

Prerequisites: Physics 114 or Physics 116, Mathematics 125 or

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

Mathematics 121/122.

Recommended: Physics 200.

210b. Classical Mechanics (1)

A study of the motion of objects using Newtonian theory. Topics include oscillator systems, central forces, noninertial systems, and rigid bodies. An introduction to the Lagrangian formulation. Ms. Schwarz.

Prerequisite: Physics 113.

Corequisite: One 200-level mathematics course or permission of instructor.

240a. Electromagnetism I (1)

A study of electromagnetic forces and fields. Topics include electrostatics of conductors and dielectrics, electric currents, magnetic fields, and the classical theories and phenomena that led to Maxwell's formulation of electromagnetism. Mr. Bradley.

Prerequisites: Physics 114 or Physics 116, Mathematics 222.

Recommended: Mathematics 228.

245b. Introduction to Statistical Mechanics and Thermodynamics (1)

Probability distributions, statistical ensembles, thermodynamic laws, statistical calculations of thermodynamic quantities, absolute temperature, heat, entropy, equations of state, kinetic theory of dilute gases, phase equilibrium, quantum statistics of ideal gases. Mr. Daly.

Prerequisites: Physics 200 and one 200-level mathematics course.

[260 b. Contemporary Optics (½)]

This course samples topics in modern optics research and optics applications. Study of cross-disciplinary research and applications in fields like biology, chemistry, medicine etc. is an essential part of this course. Hands-on demonstrations and laboratory exercises are included. Ms. Magnes.

Prerequisites: 2 units of any science at Vassar, calculus or special permission

Not offered in 2009/10.

270b. Computational Methods in the Sciences (½)

(Same as Chemistry 270b) This course introduces students to computational techniques which are helpful in the physical sciences. No previous experience with computer programming is required. Topics include sorting algorithms, numerical integration, differential equations, series, linear algebra, root findings and the basics of fortran programming. Mr. Opazo-Castillo.

One 75-minute period.

Prerequisites: Mathematics 125 or Mathematics 121/122, or permission of instructor.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced

300a, 301b. Independent Project or Thesis (½ or 1)

[310a. Advanced Mechanics] (1)

A study of the dynamics of simple and complex mechanical systems using the variational methods of Lagrange and Hamilton. Topics include the variational calculus, the Euler-Lagrange equations, Hamilton's equations, canonical transformations, and the Hamilton-Jacobi equation. The department.

Prerequisites: Physics 210, Mathematics 221, 222.

Recommended: Mathematics 228.

Not offered in 2009/10.

320a. Quantum Mechanics I (1)

An introduction to the formalism of nonrelativistic quantum mechanics and its physical interpretation, with emphasis on solutions of the Schrodinger wave equation. Topics covered include the operator formalism, uncertainty relations, one-dimensional

potentials, bound states, tunneling, central field problems in three dimensions, the hydrogen atom, the harmonic oscillator, and quantum statistics. Mr. Daly.

Prerequisites: Physics 200, 210, Mathematics 221.

Recommended: Mathematics 222, or 228.

341b. Electromagnetism II (1)

A study of the electromagnetic field. Starting with Maxwell's equations, topics covered include the propagation of waves, waveguides, the radiation field, retarded potentials, and the relativistic formulation of electromagnetic theory. Ms. Magnes.

Prerequisites: Physics 240, Mathematics 222 or by permission.

Recommended: Mathematics 228.

375 b. Advanced Topics in Physics (1)

Course topics vary from year to year. 2008/2009 topics are solid state physics and acoustics. May be taken more than once for different topics. Prerequisites vary depending on the topic. Ms. Magnes.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Astronomy

For curricular offerings, see Astronomy, page 63.

Political Science

Professors: Richard Born^b, Andrew Davison, Leah Haus, Sidney Plotkin, Stephen R. Rock, Mary L. Shanley, Peter G. Stillman, Adelaide H. Villmoare^a; **Associate Professors:** Luke Charles Harris, Katherine Hite, Timothy Longman (Chair), Himadeep Muppidi; **Assistant Professors:** Sarita McCoy Gregory^a, Zachariah Mampilly^b, Fubing Su^a; **Adjunct Professor:** Richard Reitano.

Requirements for Concentration: 10 units, including 1 unit at the 100-level in Political Science; 1 unit at the 100- or 200-level in each of the four major fields of political science, i.e., American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, Political Theory; 2 units of graded 300-level work including one 300-level seminar (i.e. a course with a number in the 340s, 350s, 360s, 370s or 380s). Students are required to take 1 unit at the 100-level in political science, and are allowed to count up to 2 units at the 100-level in political science toward the major. No more than 1 unit of field work may be counted toward the major. After declaring a major, no course in political science may be elected NRO.

Transfer students and students taking academic leaves of absence: A minimum of 6 graded units in the political science major must be taken at Vassar.

Senior-Year Requirement: One 300-level seminar (i.e. a course with a number in the 340s, 350s, 360s, 370s or 380s)

Recommendation: Political Analysis (207) is highly recommended to all majors because it deals specifically with a basic methodology of political science.

Sequence of Courses: The department recommends that students take Modern Political Thought (270) before electing subsequent 200- and 300-level political theory courses. There is no requirement to specialize in one of the four fields, although specialization is permitted.

Advisers: The department.

Correlate Sequences in Political Science

Four correlate sequences are available in political science: one each in American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, and Political Theory. 6 political science units are required to complete each sequence. With the approval of the sequence adviser, up to 2 units of political science credit transferred from outside Vassar may count toward the completion of the sequence. With the approval of the sequence adviser, a maximum of 1 unit of fieldwork may count toward completion of the sequence. Up to 1 unit of work elected NRO, taken before declaring a correlate sequence, may count toward completion of the sequence. After declaring a correlate sequence, no course elected NRO may count toward completion of the sequence.

Correlate Sequence in American Politics: Political Science 140; three courses at the 200-level in the subfield of American politics; one additional related 200-level course (to be determined by the correlate sequence adviser and the student); and a 300-level graded course in the subfield of American politics. Sequence Advisers: Mr. Born, Mr. Harris, Mr. Plotkin, Ms. Villmoare.

Correlate Sequence in Comparative Politics: Political Science 150; three courses at the 200-level in the subfield of comparative politics; one additional related 200-level course (to be determined by the correlate sequence adviser and the student); and a 300-level graded course in the subfield of comparative politics. Sequence Advisers: Ms. Hite, Mr. Longman, Mr. Su.

Correlate Sequence in International Politics: Political Science 160; three courses at the 200-level in the subfield of international politics; one additional related 200-level course (to be determined by the correlate sequence adviser and the student); and a 300-level graded course in the subfield of international politics. Sequence Advisers: Ms. Haus, Mr. Mampilly, Mr. Muppidi, Mr. Rock.

Correlate Sequence in Political Theory: Political Science 170; three courses at the 200-level in the subfield of political theory; one additional related 200-level course (to be determined by the correlate sequence adviser and the student); and a 300-level graded course in the subfield of political theory. Sequence Advisers: Mr.

Davison, Ms. Gregory, Ms. Shanley, Mr. Stillman.

I. Introductory

The courses listed below are introductions to the discipline of political science and the four major fields of political science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, and Political Theory. One introductory course is required of majors. No more than two introductory courses may be counted towards the major. Enrollment of juniors and seniors for 100-level courses by permission of the instructor only.

140a or b. American Politics (1)

An analysis of the American political system and the structures and processes by which public policies are formulated and implemented. Attention is focused upon decision making in institutions of American national government, such as Congress, the Presidency, and the Supreme Court, and upon political behavior—public opinion, voting, and other forms of political activity. Attention is also given to evaluation of selected public policies and contemporary issues, and questions of political change. Mr. Born.

140b. American Politics: A Multiracial and Multicultural Approach to U.S. Politics (1)

This course represents a multiracial and multicultural approach to the study of American Politics. It examines American social history, political ideologies, and governmental institutions. It covers a broad range of topics including the Constitution, federalism, Congress, the judiciary, and the politics of difference in the United States. The thematic core of the class engages the evolution of the ideas of “equality” and “citizenship” in American society. Mr. Harris.

140b. American Politics: Conflict and Power (1)

An analysis of US politics as an example of the uses of conflict to uphold and/or to change established relationships of power and public policy. A main focus is on alternative theories and strategies of conflict, especially as reflected in such institutions as the constitution, court, party system, interest groups, the media, and presidency. A major focus is on the conflict implications of business as a system of power, its relation to the warfare state and the US international project. Materials may be drawn from comparisons with other political systems. Mr. Plotkin.

[140. American Politics: Democracy and Citizenship] (1)

This course examines tensions and conflicts surrounding contemporary US democracy within the context of a global, post 9/11 world. Issues of citizenship and immigration, liberty, security, class, race, ethnicity, and gender inform a consideration of federal government institutions and processes. Specific topics vary according to changing political events and circumstances. Ms. Villmoare.

Not offered in 2009/10.

150a or b. Comparative Politics (1)

An examination of political systems across the world chosen to illustrate different types of political regimes, states, and societies. The political system is seen to include formal institutions of government, such as parliaments and bureaucracies; political parties and other forms of group life; those aspects of the history and social and economic structure of a society that are relevant to politics; and political beliefs, values, and ideologies. Special attention is given to the question of political change and development, whether through revolutionary or constitutional process.

150a. Comparative Politics: Analyzing Politics in the World (1)

This course introduces how comparativists analyze politics within states in the world. Topics include state formation, democracy and dictatorship, political economy, social movements, revolution, ethnicity, and political culture. The course draws from both theoretical work and country and regional case studies that may include the US, Chile, China, India, Cuba, Great Britain, Iran, the Middle East, South Africa and East Asia. The course uses cases to

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

analyze and compare basic concepts and patterns of the political process. Students should come away from the course with both an understanding of the diversity of the world's political systems, as well as an appreciation of the questions and concepts that inform the work of political scientists. Ms. Hite, Mr. Su.

[150. Comparative Politics: States and Societies] (1)

The study of relations between states and their societies serves as an introduction to the field of comparative politics. Using a case study approach and sources ranging from autobiographies and poetry to traditional political science texts, the course examines domestic political processes in China, Chile, Great Britain, and South Africa. Issues studied include the impacts of history and culture on politics, the balance between coercion and legitimacy, struggles over human rights and democracy, conflicts over racial, religious, gender, and sexual orientation identities, and efforts to obtain economic opportunity and growth and how these involve and affect people in their daily lives. The central concern of the course is how people in various countries both seek to influence and are affected by their political systems. Mr. Longman.

Not offered in 2009/10.

160a or b. International Politics (1)

An examination of major issues in international politics, including national and international security and production and distribution of wealth, along with selected global issues such as human rights, ethnic nationalism and ethnic conflict, migration and refugees, environmental degradation and protection, and the impact of developments in communication and information technologies. Attention is also given to the origins, evolution, and the future of the contemporary international system, as well as to competing theoretical perspectives on world politics. Ms. Haus, Mr. Mampilly, Mr. Rock, Mr. Muppidi.

170a or b. Political Theory (1)

An introduction to the nature, types, and problems of political theory. The core of the readings consists of selections from what are considered classic works in the field. The course emphasizes the relevance of these ideas to current political developments and scholarship. Mr. Davison, Ms. Gregory, Ms. Shanley.

[170. Political Theory: Central Political Concepts and Practices] (1)

An examination of central political concepts and practices with reading from the history of political philosophy and contemporary thinkers. The course treats concepts and practices such as freedom, citizenship, equality, the state, revolution, the Socratic question of how best to lead one's life, conservatism, and anarchism, using readings by thinkers such as Aristotle, Machiavelli, Locke, Mill, Ghandi, Arendt, Foucault, and current authors. Mr. Stillman.

Not offered in 2009/10.

II. Intermediate

Prerequisite: Freshmen may take a 200-level course only with the permission of the instructor, which usually requires satisfactory completion of an introductory course. For sophomores, juniors, and seniors, an introductory course is recommended but not required.

[207. Political Analysis] (1)

A study of the methods for collecting quantitative and qualitative data in political science. In addition to exploring the logic of scientific inquiry and methods of analysis, normative questions are raised concerning the potential biases and limitations of particular modes of inquiry. Research examples emphasize the special problems in cross-cultural validation. Mr. Born.

Not offered in 2009/10.

A. American Politics

[234. Media and Politics] (1)

This course explores various forms of media, including newspapers and journals, television, film, radio, and the internet as well as politics

in the contemporary United States. Among the topics examined are the relationships between media and 1) electoral politics; 2) governance at the national level; 3) crime and law and order; 4) politics of race, class and gender. Ms. Villmoare.

Not offered in 2009/10.

238a. Power and Public Policy (1)

An examination of the policy consequences of power in the United States, including the role of the corporation as a policy making institution and the influence of citizens and social movements on public policy. The emphasis is on theories of power, relationships between economic and political power, and the impact of power on ideology and the structuring of policy alternatives, policy making, and policy implementation. Case studies may include policy areas such as health, environment, tobacco, technology, and mass media. Mr. Plotkin.

[240. The American Presidency] (1)

An analysis of the American presidency, with emphasis on recent presidents. Topics include presidential nominations and elections; the nature and use of presidential power; the institutionalized presidency; policy making in the White House; the relationship between presidents and other key political factors, e.g., the Congress, the bureaucracy, the media, and public opinion; and the role of presidential personality and style. Mr. Born.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[241. Congress] (1)

An analysis of the contemporary and evolving U.S. Congress, its organization, functions, and politics. Topics include congressional elections and representation; the internal life and norms of the House and Senate; the structure of power in Congress; interest groups and lobbying; presidential-congressional relations; the congressional response to selected public problems; and political change and the future of Congress. Mr. Born.

Not offered in 2009/10.

242b. Law, Justice, and Politics (1)

An analysis of the interrelationships between law and politics in civil and criminal spheres in the United States, focusing on the role of the police, courtroom participants, and prison officials. Special emphasis is given to decision making in criminal law at the local level—e.g., pretrial negotiations, bail, and sentencing. Ms. Villmoare.

[243. Constitutional Law] (1)

Leading decisions of the Supreme Court interpreting the Constitution of the United States, with special reference to the powers of government and the rights of individuals. Mr. Rumble.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[244. Political Parties and Public Opinion] (1)

An examination of the nature and roles of public opinion and political parties in American politics, with emphasis on democratic means of political participation and influence in contemporary America. Special attention is paid to mass and elite political attitudes and behavior, techniques of public opinion polling, the impact of public opinion on policy making, recent national elections, campaign techniques and strategies, and the changing party system. Mr. Born.

Not offered in 2009/10.

247a. The Politics of Difference (1)

This course relates to the meanings of various group experiences in American politics. It explicitly explores, for example, issues of race, class, gender, disability, and sexual orientation. Among other things, this course addresses the contributions of the Critical Legal Studies Movement, the Feminist Jurisprudence Movement, the Critical Race Movement, and Queer Studies to the legal academy. Mr. Harris.

249a. The Politics of City, Suburb, and Neighborhood (1)

An examination of the development, organization, and practice of the varied forms of politics in metropolitan areas. Main themes include struggles between machine and reform politicians in cities; fiscal politics and urban pre-occupations with economic growth, racial and class politics; changes in federal urban policies; neighborhood politics and alternative forms of community organization; suburban politics and race/class Mr. Plotkin.

B. Comparative Politics**250a. African Politics (1)**

(Same as Africana Studies 250a) This course introduces students to the great diversity of peoples, ideas, cultures, and political practices found on the African continent. The course first investigates the causes of the contemporary social, economic, and political challenges facing African states, then analyzes the ways in which African populations have responded to foreign domination, authoritarian government, unfavorable economic conditions, and social divisions. The course uses case studies of African countries to explore political issues within specific contexts and pays particular attention to international involvement in Africa. Mr. Longman.

[251. United States: Turkey and Iraq] (1)

An analysis of the historical and contemporary political dynamics shaping politics in Turkey and Iraq. Special attention is given to various axes of domestic conflict, the circumstances of those conflicts and alternative forms of accommodation and struggle that have been adopted. Integral to this project is consideration of ongoing regional and global forces that have influenced both circumstance and possibility within each state. Mr. Davison.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[252. The Politics of Modern Social Movements] (1)

This course examines continuities and transformations in both the study and practice of modern political and social movements. The course explores why movements emerge, how they develop, and what they accomplish. We study several dimensions of collective action, including their organization, leadership, ideology or programmatic content, and objectives. Our case studies are rich and diverse, spanning actors and geographic regions, yet we consciously draw comparisons across the cases concerning movements' origins, the context of power relations and political positioning within society. We also seek to understand the sometimes powerful, sometimes subtle influences of social movements on the nature of socioeconomic, gender, racial, ethnic, national and transnational relations today. Ms. Hite.

Not offered in 2009/10.

253a. Transitions In Europe (1)

This course addresses change in Europe, with a focus on the former Soviet Union, particularly Russia, and the European Union. The course analyzes changes in politics and political economy that have taken place in both of these spaces in recent decades. Subjects may include the collapse of authoritarianism; democratic consolidation; the unraveling of democracy; deepening of the market; ethnicity, nationalism and post-nationalism; education and collective identity formation; historical legacies and comparative politics. Ms. Haus.

254b. Chinese Politics and Economy (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 254b) This course offers a historical and thematic survey of Chinese politics, with an emphasis on the patterns and dynamics of political development and reforms since the Communist takeover in 1949. In the historical section, we examine major political events up to the reform era, including China's imperial political system, the collapse of dynasties, civil war, the Communist Party's rise to power, land reform, the Great Leap Forward, the Cultural Revolution, and the launch of reform. The thematic section deals with some general issues of governance, economic reform, democratization, globalization and China's relations with Hong Kong, Taiwan and the United States. This course is designed to help students gain some perspectives to comprehend

political issues in contemporary China. Mr. Su.

255a. Subaltern Politics (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 255a) What does it mean to understand issues of governance and politics from the perspective of non-elite, or subaltern, groups? How do subalterns respond to, participate in, and/or resist the historically powerful forces of modernity, nationalism, religious mobilization, and politico-economic development in postcolonial spaces? What are the theoretical frameworks most appropriate for analyzing politics from the perspective of the subaltern? This course engages such questions by drawing on the flourishing field of subaltern studies in South Asia. While its primary focus is on materials from South Asia, particularly India, it also seeks to relate the findings from this area to broadly comparable issues in Latin America and Africa. Mr. Muppidi.

[256. Ethnicity and Nationalism] (1)

(Same as International Studies 256) Conflicts over ethnic and national identity continue to dominate headlines in diverse corners of the world. Whether referring to the ethnic violence of Bosnia and Sri Lanka, racialized political disputes in Sudan and Fiji, the treatment of Roma (Gypsies) in eastern Europe, the street battles between Muslim youth and the authorities in France and Britain, and the charged debates about immigration policy in the United States, ethnicity and nationalism are at the center of politics in both the First and Third Worlds. Drawing upon a variety of different theoretical approaches, this course explores the related concepts of identity, ethnicity, race and nationalism from a comparative perspective. We examine competing theoretical approaches and assess their utility using case studies drawn from around the world across different time periods. Mr. Mampilly.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[257. Legacies of Violence] (1)

A comparative analysis of the legacies of political violence for both democratic and democratizing regimes. Legacies expressed through "formal" political institutions (i.e., constitutions, laws, political parties), and through more "informal", or cultural, expressions of authoritarianism (i.e., collective memories, symbolic acts and phenomena, day-to-day social relations) which together influence the scope and depth of democracy in post-authoritarian politics. Case studies include Italy, Germany, Spain, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, the former Yugoslavia, and the Czech Republic. Ms. Hite.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[258. Latin American Politics] (1)

An examination of major political issues and challenges facing contemporary Latin America, from ongoing processes of democratization and economic liberalization, to new efforts at regional integration and peace-keeping. The course also explores movements for socially sustainable development and citizenship rights on the part of non-governmental organizations and networks. The course uses country cases from throughout the region, including the Southern Cone, the Andes, Central America, and Mexico. Ms. Hite.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[259 Human Rights and Politics] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 259) This course examines the growing international influence of human rights principles, documents, and organizations on politics. We study how human rights discourse has emerged as a major factor in modern politics and review the documents that serve as a basis for modern human rights. We look at examples drawn from Africa and the United States to explore issues such as universality versus cultural relativity in human rights discourses; civil and political rights versus cultural versus economic, social, and cultural rights; individual versus group rights; the crime of genocide; efforts to expand human rights law to include rights for children, women, gays, and lesbians and others, and the activities of national and international human rights organizations. Mr. Longman

Not offered in 2009/10.

C. International Politics

[205. International Relations of the Third World: Bandung to 9/11] (1)

(Same as International Studies 205) Whether referred to as the "Third World," or other variants such as the "Global South," the "Developing World," the "G-77," the "Non-Aligned Movement," or the "Post-colonial World," a certain unity has long been assumed for the multitude of countries ranging from Central and South America, across Africa to much of Asia. Is it valid to speak of a Third World? What were/ are the connections between countries of the Third World? What were/ are the high and low points of Third World solidarity? And what is the relationship between the First and Third Worlds? Drawing on academic and journalistic writings, personal narratives, music, and film, this course explores the concept of the Third World from economic, political and cultural perspectives. Beginning shortly after the end of colonialism, we examine the trajectory of the Third World in global political debates through the end of the Cold War and start of the War on Terror. Mr. Mampilly.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[261. Theories of War and Peace] (1)

An inquiry into the causes of war and peace among states. Explanations at various levels—human, societal, governmental, international—are considered. The course aims at an understanding of those factors which lead individual states into conflict with one another as well as those which incline the broader international system toward stability or instability. Mr. Rock.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[262. India, China and the State of Postcoloniality] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 262) As India and China integrate themselves deeply into the global economy, they raise issues of crucial importance to international politics. As nation-states that were shaped by an historical struggle against colonialism, how do they see their re-insertion into an international system still dominated by the West? What understandings of the nation and economy, of power and purpose, of politics and sovereignty, shape their efforts to join the global order? How should we re-think the nature of the state in the context? Are there radical and significant differences between colonial states, capitalist states and postcolonial ones? What are some of the implications for international politics of these differences? Drawing on contemporary debates in the fields of international relations and postcolonial theory, this course explores some of the changes underway in India and China and the implications of these changes for our current understandings of the international system. Mr. Muppidi.

Not offered in 2009/10.

263a. Critical International Relations (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 263a) The study of world politics is marked by a rich debate between rationalist and critical approaches. While rationalist approaches typically encompass realist/neo-realist and liberal/neo-liberal theories, critical approaches include social constructivist, historical materialist, post-structural and post-colonial theories of world politics. This course is a focused examination of some of the more prominent critical theories of international relations. It aims to a) familiarize students with the core concepts and conceptual relations implicit in these theories and b) acquaint them with the ways in which these theories can be applied to generate fresh insights into the traditional concerns (such as war, anarchy, nationalism, sovereignty, global order, economic integration) and security dilemmas of world politics. Mr. Muppidi.

264b. The Foreign Policy of the United States (1)

Key factors which shape the formulation and execution of American foreign policy are identified, primarily through a series of case studies drawn from post-World War II experience in world affairs. Normative issues concerning the decision-making process and foreign policy goals and means are also discussed. Mr. Rock.

265a. International Political Economy (1)

This course addresses the relationship between power and wealth in the international arena. The interaction between politics and economics is explored in historical and contemporary subjects that may include the rise and decline of empires; economic sanctions; international institutions such as the IMF; regional integration in the European Union; globalization and its discontents; mercenaries and military corporations; education and internationalization. Ms. Haus.

266a. Defense Policy and Arms Control (1)

An examination of American defense and arms control policy since 1945. Particular attention is given to the theory and practice of conventional and nuclear deterrence, and to the analysis of such contemporary issues as proliferation, the role of women and gays in the military, and the problem of economic conversion. Mr. Rock.

268b. The Politics of Globalization (1)

Globalization is increasingly seen as a new and powerful force in world politics, but there is intense debate over what this new force is and what its effects are. This course introduces students to some of the more prominent ways of theorizing globalization and explaining the politics underlying the economic, social and cultural effects it generates. Mr. Muppidi.

269b. National Model United Nations (1)

Prepares students to participate in the National Model United Nations in New York City. Students represent a country, research its history, its political, economic and social systems, and its foreign policy. There is also a comprehensive evaluation of the UN system, and the role of states and non-state actors, such as NGOs. Participation in the Model UN simulation occurs in the spring. Mr. Reitano.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor. Application is required early in the a-term.

One 4-hour period.

D. Political Theory

270b. Modern Political Thought (1)

A study of selected modern political theorists, such as Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Marx, Mill, and Arendt. Among the themes stressed are theories of sovereignty, the development and varieties of liberalism and individualism, different theories of community, the relationships between politics and economics, and the relationship between the individual and the state. Mr. Stillman.

[271. Race, Gender, and Class in American Political Thought] (1)

Studies of American political theory, particularly issues surrounding the meanings of democracy, political obligation, and equality. Readings include works about the government of Native American peoples, Spanish and English colonial rule, the U.S. Constitution, the post-Civil War amendments, women's suffrage and women's rights, and the political and constitutional challenges posed by a pluralistic or multicultural society. Ms. Gregory, Mr. Stillman, Ms. Shanley.

Not offered in 2009/10.

272a. Political Modernity in Turkey (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 272) This course aims to understand contemporary meanings of political modernity in Turkey through various analytical vantage points and forms of representation. Attention is devoted to everyday life practices, relationships, and their constitutive understandings; as well as broader issues of tradition, modernity, state power, nationalism, Islam, secularization, Europe, the West, the very idea of "modern" Turkey (etc.), and significant events, concerns, and institutions associated with each. The primary readings for the course are contemporary novels related to issues of modernity in Turkey. Mr. Davison.

[273. Interpreting Politics] (1)

A detailed study of the philosophical underpinnings of various modes of interpreting politics: empiricism/positivism; interpretive/hermeneutic inquiry, critical theory, rational choice theory, realism, and discourse analysis. Aim is to understand the central concepts and goals of each approach, the kinds of explanations they seek to offer, and the views they posit regarding the relationship between politics and theory, on the one hand, and politics and the political analyst, on the other. Mr. Davison.

Not offered in 2009/10.

274b. The Ideology of the Islamic Revolution in Iran (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 274) This course examines the ideas of various contributors to "the Islamic ideology" of the Iranian Revolution in 1979. We shall study the political and ideological contexts in which these ideas arose, read selected texts of the primary ideologues, and, with the aid of prominent secondary literature on the theoretical import of "the Islamic ideology," consider its ongoing significance in the context of contemporary politics. Mr. Davison.

275b. Terrorism and Political Philosophy (1)

An exploration of how the resources of political philosophy can be used to analyze and evaluate terrorism. How can terrorism be defined — what are the major definitions, what are the major definitional issues, and what counts as a terrorist act? Are there tendencies in Western political thought and practice that produce a climate conducive to the discourse of terror? What are the arguments of those who advocate or justify terror and those who denounce or criticize it? How can we interpret and evaluate the use of terror by states and by non-state groups? Readings range from the seventeenth century to the present and include Hobbes, Robespierre, Arendt, Fanon, and Qutb. Mr. Stillman.

[276. Democratic Theory] (1)

This course acquaints upper-level students with some important recent and classic work on selected problems in democratic theory. The course explores the ambivalence about the idea of democracy, examining theories that argue for the connection between self-government and the attainment of freedom and autonomy and those theories that worry that democracy may indeed be unsustainable or against the realization of liberty and freedom. Readings may include de Tocqueville, Mill, Rousseau, Dahl, Benhabib, Pateman, Putnam, Young, and Wolin, among others. Ms. Gregory.

Not offered in 2009/10.

277b. Post-Orientalist Hermeneutics (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 277b) This course examines the possibility of a Post-Orientalist hermeneutical approach to the study of "the Middle East." Emphasis is placed on an examination of selected, classical and contemporary theoretical literature in hermeneutics, Orientalism, and Post-Orientalism, including readings from main contributors to these discussions like Hans-Georg Gadamer, Edward Said, and Hamid Dabashi. In addition, the difference that Post-Orientalist hermeneutics may make in understanding will be explored in several selected contexts of consideration drawn from issues of contemporary political significance and the instructor's own research on politics in Turkey. Mr. Davison.

[278. Feminist Theory, Policy Issues, and Law] (1)

Explores the relationship between selected topics in feminist theory and public policy issues in the United States. Concepts we examine in feminist theory may include autonomy, liberty, equality, privacy, citizenship, and the ethics of care, and policy issues may include family and workplace policies, marriage law (including same-sex marriage), affirmative action, pornography and sex work, and welfare reform. The emphasis throughout is on diverse theoretical perspectives and their policy implications. Ms. Shanley.

Not offered in 2009/10.

279b. Utopian Political Thought (1)

A study of major Western utopias from Thomas More's to the present, including proposed "good societies," dystopias such as Brave

New World, and existing communities that are utopian or can be analyzed through utopian principles. Central themes the role and value of utopias in understanding and criticizing the present and in imagining possibilities for the future; the use of utopias to explore important political concepts and different ways of living; and the relations among utopias, dystopias, and existing utopian experiments. Mr. Stillman.

E. Other**290a or b. Field Work** (½ or 1)

Individual or group field projects or internships with prior approval of the adviser. Students are expected to do substantial directed reading in theoretical material specifically related to the field placement prior to or in conjunction with the field experience; to develop in consultation with a faculty supervisor a set of questions based on the theoretical reading to guide the field observations; to submit a written report relating the theoretical reading to the field observations or, in lieu of a report and at the option of the department, to take a final oral examination administered by two faculty members. No more than 1 unit of field work (either 290, 291, or a combination of the two) may be counted toward fulfilling the requirements of the minimum major. The department.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Independent work is normally based on a student's desire to study with an instructor a specialized aspect of a course taken with that instructor. One unit normally entails substantial directed reading and/or the writing of a long paper and biweekly conferences with the instructor. In no case shall independent work satisfy the subfield distribution requirement. The department.

III. Advanced

Courses numbered 310-319 are advanced courses that meet twice a week and are limited to nineteen students. These courses do not require permission of the instructor for sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have taken at least one previous political science course. These courses can meet the requirement for two graded 300-level courses but do not meet the requirement of one 300-level seminar during the senior year. Seminars in the 340s, 350s, 360s, and 370s are generally limited to twelve students and require permission of the instructor. Students taking seminars are expected to have taken relevant course-work at a lower level. The content of seminars can vary from year to year depending upon interests of students and instructors. Seminars might focus on topics too specialized to receive exhaustive treatment in lower-level courses; they might explore particular approaches to the discipline or particular methods of research; they might be concerned with especially difficult problems in political life, or be oriented toward a research project of the instructor. The thesis (300, 301, 302) and senior independent work (399) require permission of the instructor.

A. Optional Senior Thesis**300. Senior Thesis** (1)

A 1-unit thesis, written in the fall semester.

301-302. Senior Thesis (1 or 2)

A 1-unit thesis written in two semesters.

B. Advanced Courses**[310. Feminism of Color in the Law]** (1)

This course examines the legal history of feminism of color in the United States. It also explores mainstream feminism's transformative impact on the law. The course considers a broad range of issues including reproductive rights, employment discrimination, sexual harassment, immigrant rights, violence against women, and affirmative action. This class is taught from a multidisciplinary perspective embracing readings from legal scholars, political philosophers, economists, journalists, lay persons, et al. Mr. Harris.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

311b. The Politics of Capitalism (1)

An examination of theories of the relationship between capitalism, politics and the state. Central concerns include tendencies toward fiscal crisis, war, and waste; the impact of capital on political power and the sabotage of democracy; ideology, class consciousness and the potential for resistance from below. Authors to be considered include, among others, Thorstein Veblen, Karl Marx, Max Weber, Franz Neumann, C. Wright Mills, and Sheldon Wolin. Mr. Plotkin.

Two 75-minute periods.

312a. Studies in Environmental Political Thought (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 312) An advanced course that studies topics at the intersection of environmental issues and political thought. Topics change yearly and may include Green Utopias; Justice and Democracy in New Orleans after Katrina; and Economic Growth and the Equitable Distribution of Water in the American Southwest. Mr. Stillman.

Two 75-minute periods.

313b. Politics in Africa: Case Studies

(Same as Africana Studies 313) This advanced intermediate course offers an intensive study of the politics of a selected African country. The course analyzes the political history of the country and its formal state structures before focusing on the most salient contemporary political issues, such as democratization, corruption, and political stability, human rights and transitional justice, gender, race, ethnicity and other aspects of identity politics, and economic development and inequality. The concentrated focus on a single case allows students to explore how the diverse themes and methodologies of comparative politics are applied in a real world setting. The country of focus varies annually. Mr. Longman.

Two 75-minute periods.

[314. The Politics of Public and Private] (1)

This course examines the political significance of public and private in the contemporary US. Theoretical arguments as well as specific issues and contexts within which debates about public and private unfold are analyzed. Of particular thematic concern is, the privatization of governmental responsibilities and the “public” and “private” rights claims of individuals and communities. Among the issues studied are privatization of the US military and prisons, gated and other “private” communities and their relationship to the larger political communities within which they exist, intellectual property and the public domain, and the “privacy” of personal decisions. Ms. Villmoare.

Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2009/10.

388b. Intellectual Property Law (1)

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 388b) This course examines the legal and theoretical foundations of domestic and international intellectual property law regimes. In covering the areas of patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret and espionage law, as well as their intermingled legislative histories, students gain in-depth knowledge of the prevailing domestic doctrines, as well as an understanding of how contemporary national policy is woven into international treaties and structures of transnational governance. Mr. Bennett.

Two 75-minute periods.

C. American Politics Seminars**341a. Seminar in Congressional Politics (1)**

This seminar focuses on the theme of congress people and their constituents—a subject that has become quite popular among congressional scholars. While the theme is broadly construed, most of our attention is focused on congressional elections. Here we study reapportionment and redistricting, campaign finance reform, the too-often ignored subject of recruitment of congressional candidates, the role of national party organizations in congressional campaigns, the emergence of sophisticated campaign techniques, how the Republicans managed to “nationalize” the 1994 midterms and win

their landslide victory, why divided party control of government has been so pervasive in the U.S., and how congress people continually cultivate the support of constituents over their entire term of office through casework and project assistance. Mr. Born.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

343a. Seminar in Constitutional Theory (1)

This seminar focuses on some core problems pertaining to constitutional interpretation, examining questions of constitutional theory and interpretation as they relate to issues of equality and full citizenship. The course discusses the nature and function of the Constitution, explores theories about how the Constitution should be interpreted, and examines the methods that interpreters use to decipher the meanings of constitutional provisions. These concerns are addressed by focusing on various dimensions of constitutional theories and decisions pertaining to questions related to anti-discrimination law. Some of the issues covered include standards of judicial review, Supreme Court interpretations of equal protection, the constitutional protection of groups as well as individuals, and the appropriateness of constitutional protections rooted in color-blind and gender-blind principles. Mr. Harris.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

346b. Seminar in American Politics (1)

The politics of rights has often been at the center of political contention and aspirations for political change in the US. This seminar explores various meanings and consequences of this politics through an examination of legal culture in everyday life, the constitution of rights discourse, cause lawyering, social movements, and the role of courts in fostering and hindering transformative change in the contemporary US. Among the issues to be considered are: ways in which law does/does not speak from, for, or to the disempowered; the character and impact of lawyers’ political activism; and courts’ responses to movement activism. The seminar requires everyone to participate fully in weekly discussions, to compose short papers on assigned readings, to write a research paper on subject of the student’s choice related to the seminar and to present her/his findings to the seminar. Ms. Villmoare

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor, normally an intermediate-level course in American politics.

One 2-hour period.

[348. Seminar in Democracy and Power in America] (1)

An examination of tensions and adjustments between democratic ideals and the structures and practices of political and economic power in the United States. Mr. Plotkin.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor, normally an intermediate-level course in American Politics.

One 2-hour period.

Not offered in 2009/10.

D. Comparative Politics Seminars**[352. Seminar on Multiculturalism in Comparative Perspective] (1)**

(Same as Africana Studies 352) This seminar explores the political significance of cultural diversity. Based on the comparative analysis of the United States and other multicultural states, the course examines how and why racial, ethnic, linguistic, and religious identities become grounds for political action. The course examines the formation of identity groups and considers the origins of prejudice, racism, and discrimination. The course also considers peaceful means that governments can use to accommodate cultural diversity. In addition to the United States, countries studied may include South Africa, Rwanda, India, and Yugoslavia. Mr. Longman.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

Not offered in 2009/10.

355a. Seminar on Violence (1)

This seminar explores the many manifestations of political violence. Drawing from cases around the world, we examine: 1) a range of theoretical explanations of violence; 2) how governments and societies address systematic violations of human rights of their pasts; 3) organized insurgency and counterinsurgency response; and 4) extremely high levels of violence as an every day social phenomenon. The seminar attempts to address the influences, linkages, and implications of past and present violence for these societies; present and future politics and culture. Case studies come from Latin America, Africa, Southeast Asia, and the United States. Ms. Hite.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

358b. Comparative Political Economy (1)

This course surveys some classic writings in the study of political economy and examines a variety of choices countries have made in different time periods and in different regions of the world, including Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. The primary objective of the course is to explore how politics and economics have interacted in the real world. By the end of the course students should also have gained familiarity with some analytical tools in the field of political economy. Mr. Su.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

[380. Hermeneutics and the Comparative Study of Politics] (1)

Considered by some to be a "new philosophy of science," hermeneutics has become in recent years an increasingly established approach to social and political inquiry. This seminar seeks to explicate and critically examine hermeneutical principles in the context of the comparative study of politics. What are hermeneutical approaches to understanding institutional power relations, political practices, and the character and composition of cultures and societies? And what contributions, if any, might hermeneutics make to political explanation? This seminar focuses on these questions. Illustrative studies are drawn from the instructor's familiarity with politics in the area widely characterized as "The Middle East." Significant, original, and semester-long research projects are developed out of the empirical curiosities of the participants. Mr. Davison.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[381. Politics of Memory: Latin America/Comparative Perspective] (1)

(Same as Latin American and Latino/a Studies 381) This seminar analyzes theoretical debates and political processes around what has become known as the politics of memory, or "coming to terms with" violent political pasts. Readings come from a range of disciplines and explore distinct political mechanisms, symbolic acts, and day-to-day social and cultural relations that influence the construction or reconstruction, as well as the fragmentation and/or absence of political community. Case studies are primarily from Latin America but also draw from other regions. Ms. Hite.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[383. Global Political Thought] (1)

Conventional international relations theory derives its core concepts primarily from Western political thought. Political relations in most of the world, however, are based on ways of imagining and acting that are constituted through different and multiple languages of political, economic and social thought. Classics such as *The Shahnameh*, *The Ramayana*, *The Mahabharata*, *The Adventures of Amir Hamza*, *The Arthashastra*, *The Rayavacakamu* offer textured understandings of worlds shaped by imaginations of order, justice, governance, power, authority and sovereignty. This seminar introduces students to some of these ways of thinking world politics through a careful reading of classic texts such as *Popol Vuh*, *Sundiata*, *Muqaddimah*,

Ain-e-Akbari, *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*, *The Tale of Genji*, and *Journey to the West*. The idea is to read these classics as global texts rather than as the essences of specific cultures or civilizations. The focus is therefore on analyzing how certain classic texts have traveled, been translated, understood, or appropriated across various historical groupings. Mr. Muppidi.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

E. International Politics Seminars**360b. The Ethics of War and Peace (1)**

This course considers the moral rights and obligations of states, political and military leaders, soldiers, and ordinary citizens with respect to war and peace. Taking just war theory as our point of departure, we concentrate on three major questions: (1) When, if ever, is the use of military force permissible? (2) How may military force be used? (3) Who is responsible for ensuring that force is used only at a permissible time and in a permissible manner? Students are encouraged to develop positions on these matters and to apply them to recent and contemporary cases involving the use or potential use of force. Mr. Rock.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

362a. Seminar in International Politics: Migration and Citizenship (1)

An inquiry into the causes and consequences of migration from developing countries (such as China, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Algeria) to developed countries (e.g., The U.S., France, Britain, and Germany). The seminar first addresses different explanations for why people move across state borders, and considers the role of economic forces, smuggler networks, transnational social networks, and the legacies of colonialism. The seminar then addresses immigrant incorporation and reactions to immigration in developed countries through an analysis of such subjects as immigrant entrepreneurship in New York City, relations between unions and immigrants, citizenship policy in France, Germany, and the U.S., and the incorporation of immigrant children or the second generation. Ms. Haus.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

[363. Decolonizing International Relations] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 363b) Colonial frameworks are deeply constitutive of mainstream international relations. Issues of global security, economy, and politics continue to be analyzed through perspectives that either silence or are impervious to the voices and agencies of global majorities. This seminar challenges students to enter into, reconstruct, and critically evaluate the differently imagined worlds of ordinary, subaltern peoples and political groups. We draw upon postcolonial theories to explore alternatives to the historically dominant explanations of international relations. Mr. Muppidi.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

365a. Civil Wars and Rebel Movements (1)

(Same as International Studies 365a) Since World War II, civil wars have vastly outnumbered interstate wars, and have killed, conservatively, five times as many people as interstate wars. This seminar explores contemporary civil wars from a variety of different angles and approaches drawn primarily from political science, but also other disciplines. In addition, we consider personal accounts, journalistic coverage, and films that illustrate the reality of contemporary warfare. The course is divided into three sections, each of which emphasizes the transnational nature of contemporary civil wars. First, we read a selection of differing perspectives on the causes and consequences of civil conflicts. Next, we explore literature on the organization and behavior of rebel organizations

by rebel theorists and academics. And finally, we consider different case studies from different parts of the world. Mr. Mampilly.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

366b. Worlding International Relations (1)

This seminar is a writing intensive course where we explore how prominent thinkers/scholars of international relations have engaged the task of writing alternative worlds into the field of politics. Though located in the periphery, how have various thinkers imagined, articulated and taken up the challenge of crossing multiple colonial borders? While we read various authors, our focus is primarily on the act and practice of writing itself. We closely consider how those we read write, and we write and study each other's works in order to collectively think through, critique and help ourselves imagine and write into existence variously silenced aspects of international relations. Mr. Muppidi

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

F. Political Theory Seminars

[372. Contested Rights] (1)

This course examines the concept of "rights" as it has developed in Western political thought, and contemporary controversies concerning rights. Ms. Shanley.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[373. Seminar in Political Philosophy] (1)

A study of a major theorist, school, or problem in political philosophy. Mr. Stillman.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
Not offered in 2009/10.

375b. Democratic Engagement (1)

What is democracy? How healthy is democracy in the United States and/or abroad? What counts as engagement? Is talking enough? Should citizens do more than vote? What types of activism count as engagement? This course addresses these fundamental questions in addition to those raised during our interaction over the semester. Democratic Engagement offers a community-based experience focused on observing, participating in, and documenting several different approaches to political engagement in the greater Poughkeepsie metro area. The class combines theory and practice in two ways. First, the class offers a theoretical exploration of concepts such as democracy, participation, deliberation, activism, and power through an examination of texts, articles, and films. Secondly, students employ their own gazes to evaluate engagement in action through off-campus visits, guest lectures, and participation in local politics. Students work in small teams with a local organization on a public policy issue designed by the organization for in-depth research on an advocacy project. Students complete a final report to be turned in to the organization at the end of the semester. The class also makes an end-of-the-semester presentations with community organizers and the Vassar community. Ms. Gregory.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

[376. Seminar in Feminist Theory in Political Thought] (1)

This seminar studies a major theorist, school, or problem in feminist theory. Ms. Shanley.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.
Not offered in 2009/10.

384a. Seminar in Political Theory (1)

An examination of selected theorists and problems in contemporary political theory. Mr. Davison.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period.

[385. Families, Politics, and Law] (1)

This course examines emerging perspectives on family forms and state regulation of families that have appeared in response to such developments as same-sex marriage and parenting; multi-racial families created by intermarriage and by transracial and intercoun-try adoption; increasing numbers of single-parent households; and reproductive technologies that enable people to procreate by using donated eggs and sperm and/or hired gestational service (and in the future, perhaps, by cloning). The course explores these issues from the perspective of theories of social justice that put concerns of race, economic class, and gender at the center of their analysis. Ms. Shanley.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor
One 2-hour period
Not offered in 2009/10.

G. Other

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Independent work is normally based on a student's desire to study with an instructor a specialized aspect of a course taken with that instructor. Normally 1 unit entails substantial directed reading, the writing of a long paper, and biweekly conferences with the instructor. This course cannot be used to satisfy the requirement of 2 units of 300-level work in the major. In no case shall independent work satisfy the subfield distribution requirement. The department.

Psychology

Professors: N. Jay Bean, Gwen J. Broude, Carol Christensen^a Randolph Cornelius (Chair), Janet Gray^{ab}, Kenneth Livingston; **Associate Professors:** Janet K. Andrews, Jeffrey Cynx, Kevin Holloway, Jannay Morrow, Carolyn Palmer^{ab}, Susan Trumbetta, Debra Zeifman^a; **Assistant Professors:** Abigail A. Baird, J. Mark Cleaveland^a, Allan Clifton, Jennifer Ma, Michele Tugade^b; **Lecturers:** Nicholas deLeeuw, Julie Riess (Director of the Wimpfheimer Nursery School).

Requirements for Concentration: 11 units in Psychology including Psychology 105 or 106, and 200; one unit from at least four of the basic content areas of the discipline; one research methods course to be taken by the end of the junior year; two units at the 300-level, at least one of which must be a seminar. The content areas of the discipline and their associated courses are: social psychology (Psychology 201, 205), cognitive psychology (Cognitive Science 100), learning and comparative psychology (Psychology 221, 223), developmental psychology (Psychology 231) physiological psychology (Psychology 241, 243), individual differences and personality (Psychology 253).

A minimum of 9 graded units is required for the major. For junior transfer students, at least 6 units must be graded. Neuroscience and Behavior 201 and Cognitive Science 311 may be counted towards the major. Upon departmental approval, 1 unit of appropriate coursework in other departments may be applied towards the required 11.

NRO: No course other than Psychology 105 or 106 taken NRO may be counted toward the requirements of the psychology major.

Senior-Year Requirement: Two units at the 300-level taken for a letter grade, at least one of which must be a seminar. One unit of Cognitive Science 311 may be counted toward this requirement. No more than one Advanced Special Studies course may be taken to meet this requirement. Psychology 395 and 399, as ungraded courses, cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Seminar registration is by department lottery.

Recommendation: Students planning to concentrate in psychology are encouraged to consult a department adviser as soon as possible to plan appropriate sequences of courses.

Advisers: The department.

I. Intermediate

AP credit will not be accepted as a substitute for the introductory level course in Psychology.

105a and b. Introduction to Psychology: A Survey (1)

This course is designed to introduce the student to fundamental psychological processes, their nature and development, and contemporary methods for their study through a survey of the major research areas in the field. Areas covered include the biological and evolutionary bases of thought and behavior, motivation and emotion, learning, memory, thinking, personality, developmental, and social psychology. Significant work in the course is devoted to developing skills in quantitative analysis. Students are expected to participate in three hours of psychological research during the semester. Students may not take both 105 and 106. The department.

Open to all classes. Enrollment limited.

106a. Introduction to Psychology: Special Topics (1)

This course is designed to introduce the student to the science of psychology by exploration in depth of a specific research area. Regardless of the special topic, all sections include exposure to core concepts in the biological and evolutionary foundations of thought and behavior, learning, cognition, and social processes. Significant work in the course is devoted to developing skills in quantitative analysis. Students are expected to participate in three hours of psychological research during the semester. Students may not take both Psychology 105 and 106. The department.

Open to all classes. Enrollment limited.

^{ab} Absent on leave for the year.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

110a. The Science and Fiction of Mind (1)

(Same as Cognitive Science 110) Our understanding of what minds are, and of how they work, has exploded dramatically in the last half century. As in other areas of science, the more we know, the harder it becomes to convey the richness and complexity of that knowledge to non-specialists. This Freshman Writing Seminar explores two different styles of writing for explaining new findings about the nature of mind to a general audience. The most direct of these styles is journalistic and explanatory, and is well represented by the work of people like Steven Pinker, Bruce Bower, Stephen J. Gould, and Ray Kurzweil. The second style is fictional. At its best, science fiction not only entertains, it stretches the reader's mind to a view of implications and possibilities beyond what is currently known. Isaac Asimov, Arthur C. Clarke, Greg Bear, and Richard Powers all provide excellent models of this kind of writing. During the semester we explore two or three areas of new research about how the mind works, and practice the skills of translating that knowledge into both readable description and entertaining narrative. Mr. Livingston.

Open only to freshmen; satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

II. Intermediate

Prerequisite for 200-level courses: Psychology 105 or 106. Students with college transfer credit should consult with the department chair before registering in 200-level courses. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may use Psychology 105 or 106 as a co-requisite by permission of the instructor.

AP credit is not accepted as a substitute for the Statistics and Experimental Design course in Psychology.

200a and b. Statistics and Experimental Design (1)

An overview of principles of statistical analysis and research design applicable to psychology and related fields. Topics include descriptive statistics and inferential statistics, concepts of reliability and validity, and basic concepts of sampling and probability theory. Students learn when and how to apply such statistical procedures as chi-square, z-tests, t-tests, Pearson product-moment correlations, regression analysis, and analysis of variance. The goal of the course is to develop a basic understanding of research design, data collection and analysis, interpretation of results, and the appropriate use of statistical software for performing complex analyses. Ms. Andrews, Mr. Clifton, Ms. Ma, Ms. Trumbetta.

201a and b. Principles of Social Psychology (1)

The study of the individual under social influences, including such topics as attitude formation and change, prosocial behavior, aggression, social influence processes, group dynamics, attribution theory, and interpersonal communication processes. Psychology 201 may NOT be taken if Psychology 205 has already been taken. Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Ma, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Tugade.

205a. Topics in Social Psychology (1)

This course introduces students to the discipline of social psychology via the in-depth exploration of a specific area of research or important theoretical issues in social psychology. Students examine the social psychological perspective on such topics as aggression, emotion, close relationships, law, intergroup conflict, and altruism. Ms. Tugade.

Psychology 205 may NOT be taken if Psychology 201 has already been taken.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105 or 106.

209a and b. Research Methods in Social Psychology (1)

A survey of research methods in social psychology. Every stage of the research process is considered including hypothesis generation, operationalization of variables, data collection and analysis, and communication of results. Observational, questionnaire, and experimental approaches are considered. The focus is on the development of skills necessary for evaluating, designing, and conducting research. Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Ma, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Tugade.

Prerequisites: Psychology 200 and Psychology 201 or 205. Regular laboratory work. Enrollment limited.

211a. Perception and Action (1)
(Same as Cognitive Science 211)
Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100.

213a. Language (1)
(Same as Cognitive Science 213)
Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100.

215b. Knowledge and Cognition (1)
(Same as Cognitive Science 215)
Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100.

219b. Research Methods in Cognitive Science (1)
(Same as Cognitive Science 219)
Prerequisite: Psychology 200, and either Cognitive Science 211, 213, or 215. Regular laboratory work. Enrollment limited.

221b. Learning and Behavior (1)
A survey of major principles that determine the acquisition and modification of behavior. Topics include the relation of learning and evolution, habituation and sensitization, classical and operant conditioning, reinforcement and punishment, stimulus control, choice behavior, animal cognition, concept formation, perceptual learning, language, reasoning, and self-control. Mr. Cleaveland, Mr. Cynx, Mr. Holloway.

[222b. Psychological Perspectives on the Holocaust] (1)
(Same as Jewish Studies 222) The holocaust has spawned several now classic programs of psychological research. This course considers topics such as: anti-Semitism and stereotypes of Jews; the authoritarian and altruistic personalities; conformity, obedience, and dissent; humanistic and existential psychology; and individual differences in stress, coping and resiliency. The broader implications of Holocaust-inspired research is explored in terms of traditional debates within psychology such as those on the role of the individual versus the situation in producing behavior and the essence of human nature. The ethical and logical constraints involved in translating human experiences and historical events into measurable/quantifiable scientific terms are also considered. Ms. Zeifman.
Prerequisites: Psychology 105 and at least one 200-level Psychology course.
Not offered in 2009/10.

223b. Comparative Psychology (1)
The study of evolutionary theory, with attention to how it informs the developmental, ecological, genetic, and physiological explanations of behavior. Ms. Broude, Mr. Cleaveland, Mr. Cynx, Mr. Holloway.

229b. Research Methods in Learning and Behavior (1)
An introduction to experimental and observational methods in animal learning and behavior. Laboratory experiences have included audio recording and quantitative analysis of animal sounds (bat echolocation and birdsong), operant conditioning, census taking, determining dominance hierarchies, and human visual and auditory psychophysics. Mr. Cleaveland, Mr. Cynx, Mr. Holloway.
Prerequisites: Psychology 200 and Psychology 221 or 223. Regular laboratory work. Enrollment limited.

231a and b. Principles of Development (1)
The study of principles and processes in developmental psychology, surveying changes in physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development during the life span. Major theoretical orientations to the growing person are illustrated by empirical material and supplemented by periodic observations of children in natural settings. Ms. Baird, Ms. Broude, Mr. deLeeuw, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Zeifman.

[237b. Early Childhood Education: Theory and Practice] (1)
(Same as Education 237) What is the connection between a textbook description of preschool development and what teachers do every day in the preschool classroom? This course examines curriculum development based on contemporary theory and research in early childhood. The emphasis is on implementing developmental and educational research to create optimal learning environments for young children. Major theories of cognitive development are considered and specific attention is given to the literatures on memory development; concepts and categories; cognitive strategies; peer teaching; early reading, math, and scientific literacy; and technology in early childhood classrooms. Ms. Riess.
Prerequisite: Psychology 231 and permission of instructor.
One 2-hour period; 4 hours of laboratory participation.
Not offered in 2009/10.

239a and b. Research Methods in Developmental Psychology (1)
Problems and procedures in developmental research are examined. The course considers issues in the design of developmental research, basic observational and experimental techniques, and reliability and validity of developmental data. Students may work with children of different ages in both laboratory and naturalistic settings. Ms. Baird, Mr. deLeeuw, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Zeifman.
Prerequisites: Psychology 200 and 231. Regular laboratory work. Enrollment limited.

241a and b. Principles of Physiological Psychology (1)
The role of physiological systems, especially the brain, in the regulation of behavior. In addition to basic topics in neuroscience (neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, neurochemistry and pharmacology), topics may include: sensory mechanisms, motivational systems (e.g., sleep, eating, reproductive behaviors), emotion, learning and memory, language, stress and psychopathology. Mr. Bean, Ms. Christensen, Ms. Gray, Mr. Holloway.
Psychology 241 may NOT be taken if Psychology 243 has already been taken.

[243a. Neuropsychology] (1)
The study of the functions of particular brain structures and their relation to behavior and mental activity. In addition to basic topics in neuroscience the course focuses on such topics as: perception, attention, memory, language, emotion, control of action, and consciousness. Neural alterations related to learning disabilities, neurological and psychiatric disorders may be examined as well. Ms. Christensen.
Psychology 243 may NOT be taken if Psychology 241 has already been taken.
Not offered in 2009/10.

249a and b. Research Methods in Physiological Psychology (1)
The study of experimental methods in physiological psychology. In addition to exploring issues related to the ethics, design, measurement, analysis and reporting of research, laboratory topics may include: neuroanatomy, behavioral responses to pharmacological and/or surgical interventions, electrophysiology, neuropsychology, neurochemistry and histology. Mr. Bean, Mr. Holloway.
Prerequisites: Psychology 200, and 241 or 243. Regular laboratory work. Enrollment limited.

253a and b. Individual Differences and Personality (1)
An introduction to contemporary approaches to understanding personality. The focus of the course is on evaluating recent theories and research that attempt to uncover the underlying dimensions that distinguish one person from another. Emphasis is placed on understanding behavior in interactions with others; the development of personality over time; and people's intuitive theories about personality, including their own. Mr. Clifton, Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Ma, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Trumbetta, Ms. Tugate.
Prerequisite: Psychology 200.

255a. The Psychology of Sport (1)

(Same as Athletics and Physical Education 255a) This course assesses the factors that influence behaviors related to participation in sports. The relationships of individual differences, attention, arousal, anxiety, and motivation, team cohesion, leadership, and audience effects on sports performance may be addressed. Mr. Bean.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105, 106 or Cognitive Science 100 and at least one of Psychology 201, 205, 221, 241, 243, 253.

259b. Research Methods in Personality and Individual Differences (1)

The study of research methods in personality and individual differences. Every stage of research is considered: the generation of hypotheses; the operationalization of variables; the collection, analysis, and evaluation of data; and the communication of results. The focus is on the development of skills necessary for evaluating, designing, and conducting research. Mr. Clifton, Ms. Ma, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Trumbetta, Ms. Tugade.

Prerequisites: Psychology 200 and 253. Regular laboratory work. Enrollment limited.

262a and b. Abnormal Psychology (1)

A survey of research and theory concerning the nature, origins, and treatment of major psychological disorders. The course considers behavioral, biological, cognitive and psychodynamic approaches to understanding psychopathology. Topics may include schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, childhood disorders, and personality disorders. Mr. Clifton, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Trumbetta.

Prerequisites: by permission only. Majors should have already taken Psychology 200 and either 221, 223, 241, or 243. Non-majors should consult with the instructor.

264b Behavior Genetics (1)

This course explores genetic contributions to complex behavioral phenotypes. Its primary focus is on genetic contributions to human behavior with some attention to comparative and evolutionary genetics. Quantitative methods are emphasized. Ms. Trumbetta

Prerequisites: Psychology 200 and either 241, 243 or 253.

290a and b. Field Work (½ or 1)

Individuals or group field projects or internships, with prior approval of the adviser and the instructor who supervises the work. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. The department.

298a and b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

Individual or group studies with prior approval of the adviser and of the instructor who supervises the work. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. The department.

III. Advanced

Open to seniors. For majors, satisfactory completion of a research methods course (Psychology 209, 219, 229, 239, 249, 259) is required as well as the 200-level prerequisite course(s). Seminar registration is by department lottery.

[300a. Advanced Methods of Statistical Analysis] (1)

This course takes the study of statistical methodology beyond what students encounter in the standard basic-level statistics course. Emphasis is placed on concepts and procedures of multivariate analysis, such as those pertaining to analysis of variance, analysis of covariance, multivariate chi-square, log-linear analysis, multiple regression, and factor analysis. Ms. Ma.

Prerequisite: Psychology 200 and one research methods course in Psychology or any other of the natural sciences.

Not offered in 2009/10.

301a and b. Seminar in Social Psychology (1)

An intensive study of selected topics in social psychology. Emphasis is placed on current theories, issues, and research areas. Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Ma, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Tugade.

Prerequisites: Psychology 201 or 205.

321b. Seminar in Animal Learning and Behavior (1)

An in-depth analysis of selected mechanisms of learning and behavior. Topics can vary from year to year, but may include animal cognition, language and communication, behavioral ecology, and recent advances in the theory and neurophysiology of learning and behavior. Mr. Cleaveland, Mr. Cynx, Mr. Holloway.

Prerequisites: Psychology 221 or 223.

323a. Seminar in Comparative Psychology (1)

Applications of comparative psychology to a specific topic. Topics can vary from year to year, and have in the past included altruism, sex differences, aggression, language, etc. The focus is how theory and data from other species inform questions about human functioning. Ms. Broude, Mr. Cleaveland, Mr. Cynx.

Prerequisites: Psychology 221 or 223 or Biology 340.

331a and b. Seminar in Developmental Psychology (1)

Seminar in current issues, research, and theory in developmental psychology. Topics vary and may include laboratory work. Ms. Baird, Ms. Broude, Mr. deLeeuw, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Zeifman.

Prerequisites: Psychology 231.

[336a. Childhood Development: Observation and Research Application] (1)

(Same as Education 336) What differentiates the behavior of one young child from that of another? What characteristics do young children have in common? This course provides students with direct experience in applying contemporary theory and research to the understanding of an individual child. Topics include attachment; temperament; parent, sibling and peer relationships; language and humor development; perspective taking; and the social-emotional connection to learning. Each student selects an individual child in a classroom setting and collects data about the child from multiple sources (direct observation, teacher interviews, parent-teacher conferences, archival records). During class periods, students discuss the primary topic literature, incorporating and comparing observations across children to understand broader developmental trends and individual differences. Synthesis of this information with critical analysis of primary sources in the early childhood and developmental literature culminates in comprehensive written and oral presentations. Ms. Riess.

Prerequisite: Psychology 231 and permission of the instructor.

For Psychology Majors: completion of a research methods course.

4 hours of laboratory observation work.

Not offered in 2009/10.

341b. Seminar in Physiological Psychology (1)

Analysis of selected topics in physiological psychology. Topics vary from year to year but may include learning, memory, human neuropsychology, neuropharmacology, psychopharmacology, sensory processes, emotion, and motivation. Mr. Bean, Ms. Christensen, Ms. Gray, Mr. Holloway.

Prerequisites: Psychology 241 or 243.

343a. Seminar on States of Consciousness (1)

A consideration of conditions giving rise to disruptions of awareness and implications for behavioral integration. Topics serving as areas of discussion may include: sleep and dreaming; hypnosis and hypnagogic phenomena; drug behavior and biochemistry; cerebral damage; dissociations of consciousness such as blindness; psychopathologic states. Mr. Bean, Ms. Christensen.

Prerequisites: Psychology 241 or 243.

353a. Seminar in Personality and Individual Differences (1)

Intensive study of selected topics in personality and individual differences. Theory and empirical research form the core of required readings. Topics studied reflect the interests of both the instructor and the students. Mr. Clifton, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Trumbetta, Ms.

Tugade.

Prerequisites: 253.

362a and b. Seminar in Psychopathology (1)

An intensive study of research and theory concerning the nature, origins, and treatment of major psychological disorders. Topics vary but may include schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, childhood disorders, and personality disorders. Mr. Clifton, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Trumbetta.

Prerequisites: Psychology 262.

[384b. Naturalizing Moral Systems] (1)

An abiding question among academics and laypersons has to do with the origins of ideas about morality. This course explores the hypothesis that human moral systems have a biological/evolutionary grounding and can, therefore, be naturalized. In an effort to examine this thesis, the course surveys arguments and evidence from a variety of frameworks, among them philosophical, evolutionary, primatological, neuroeconomic, developmental, and cross-cultural theory and data. We examine classic works as represented by Larry Arnhart, Richard Dawkins, Robert Trivers, R. D. Alexander, Matt Ridley, Frans deWaal as well as new models of morality, for instance, from Paul Churchland's connectionist model of mind and Chris Boehm's theory of motives behind the egalitarian ethic based in the hunter-gatherer way of life. Ms. Broude.

Prerequisites: Psych 105 or 106 or Cognitive Science 100 and a Research Methods course.

Nor offered in 2009/10.

[390b. Senior Research] (1)

Graded independent research. A student wishing to take this course must first gain the support of a member of the psychology faculty, who supervises the student as they design and carry out an empirical investigation of some psychological phenomenon. In addition to a final paper and regular meetings with their faculty sponsor, students also attend weekly meetings organized by the course instructor. Both the course instructor and the supervising faculty member participate in the planning of the research and in final evaluation. The Department.

Prerequisite: Psychology 298.

Not offered in 2008/09.

395a and/or b. Senior Thesis (½ or 1)

Open to seniors by invitation of instructor.

Prerequisite: 298, 300, or 399

399a and/or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Individual or group studies with prior approval of the adviser and of the instructor who supervises the work. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. The department

Religion

Professors: Marc Michael Epstein, Lawrence H. Mamiya^{ab}; **Associate Professors:** E.H. Rick Jarow, Lynn R. LiDonnici, Michael Walsh (Chair); **Assistant Professors:** Jonathon Kahn, Christopher White^b; **Senior Lecturer:** Tova Weitzman; **Visiting Instructor:** Margaret Leeming; **Adjunct Instructor:** Evan Pritchard.

The concentration in religion is intended to provide an understanding of major religious traditions, an exposure to a variety of approaches employed within the study of religion, and an opportunity for exploration of diverse problems that religions seek to address.

Requirements for the Concentration: 12 units, including Religion 200, 270, 271, three seminars at the 300-level, and a senior thesis or project. It is required that students take Religion 200 and 270 by the end of their junior year and highly recommended that they take these courses in their sophomore year. Students are expected to pursue a program of study marked by both breadth and depth. Of the 12 units required for the concentration, normally no more than two may be at the 100-level. However, students may petition for an additional 100-level to be counted toward the concentration. No more than 1 unit of field work and/or independent study courses may count toward the concentration. After declaring a concentration in Religion, no courses taken under the Non-Recorded Option serve to fulfill the requirements.

Senior-year Requirements: Religion 271 and Religion 300 (Senior Thesis or Project). The thesis will be graded Distinction, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory. Petitions for exemption from these requirements, granted only in special circumstances, must be submitted to the chair in writing by the first day of classes in the A semester of the senior year.

Requirements for the Correlate Sequence: The Religion Department offers a correlate sequence in the study of religion which allows students to pursue study in an area of significant interest outside of their field of concentration. The sequence requires 6 units, 1 unit at the 100-level, 3 at the 200-level and two seminars at the 300-level. After declaring a correlate sequence in Religion, no courses taken under the Non-Recorded Option serve to fulfill the requirements.

Advisers: Mr. Epstein, Mr. Jarow, Mr. Kahn, Ms. Leeming, Ms. LiDonnici, Mr. Mamiya, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. White.

I. Introductory

101a. The Religious Dimension (1)

Is religion best described as a personal, inward experience or as a communal, social activity? This course explores the classical approaches to the study of Religion that have developed over the course of the twentieth century. Mr. Kahn.

[105a. Issues in Africana Studies] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 105) Topic for 2008/09: Religion and the Civil Rights Movement. This course examines the ways in which religious belief, practices, and institutions helped to shape the modern Civil Rights Movement. Topics include, theologies of non-violent resistance, spirituals and freedom songs, religion and gender in the movement, critiques of religious motivated activism, and of non-violent resistance. Mr. Mamiya and Mr. Kahn.

Not offered in 2009/10.

150a and b. Western Religious Traditions (1)

(Same as Jewish Studies 150) An historical comparative study of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The course focuses on such themes as origins, development, sacred literature, ritual, legal, mystical, and philosophical traditions, and interactions between the three religions. Mr. White; Mr. Epstein.

Open to all students.

152a and b. Religions of Asia (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 152) This course is an introduction to the religions of Asia (Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Zen, Shinto, etc.) through a study of practices, sites, sensibilities, and doctrines.

^{ab} Absent on leave, first semester.

^b Absent on leave, second semester.

The focus is comparative as the course explores numerous themes, including creation (cosmology), myth, ritual, action, fate and destiny, human freedom, and ultimate values. Mr. Jarow; Mr. Walsh.

Open to all students except seniors.

II. Intermediate

200b. Regarding Religion (1)

The study of religion is a methodological process of self-discovery, through which both individuals and modern society become conscious of the underlying attitudes and predispositions involved in the phenomenon of religion itself, and in academic inquiry about it. In this course we study and critique the basic approaches to the unique problems presented by the study of religion, tracing the ways they continue to affect processes of thought and interpretation today. Mr. Kahn.

Required for all majors.

205b. Religion and Its Critics (1)

Some say it is impossible to be both a modern and a religious person. What are the assumptions behind this claim? The course explores how religion has been understood and challenged in the context of Western intellectual thought from the Enlightenment to the present. Kant, Hegel, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Freud, and Buber are some of the thinkers whom we study. Mr. Kahn.

207a. Christian Ethics and Modern Society (1)

This course is an introduction to Christian ideals of faith, conduct, character, and community, and to modern disputes over their interpretations and applications. Our emphasis is on how Christian thinkers have negotiated the emergence of modern values about authority, rights, equality, and freedom. In what ways have Christian beliefs and moral concepts been consonant with or antagonistic to democratic concerns about gender, race and pluralism? Some of the most prominent Christian ethicists claim a fundamental incompatibility with this democratic ethos. We examine these claims and devote special attention to how Christian thinkers have dealt with the ethics of war, sexuality and the environment. Mr. Kahn.

[210b. Does the Secular Exist?] (1)

Is there a distinct realm called the secular, which is free of and from the religious? As sons and daughters of the Enlightenment, we've come to think that there is. What sort of philosophical and historical moments have led to the public insistence on a non-religious space? What projects in ethics, politics, and identity have the insistence on the secular authorized? This class both analyzes and contests modern assumptions about secularism and the religious, and asks whether the ideals of secularism have materialized. Is it possible or even desirable to create realms scrubbed free of the religious, in our politics, in our public institutions, or in ourselves? Mr. Kahn.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[211a. Religions of the Oppressed and Third-World Liberation Movements] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 211) A comparative socio-historical analysis of the dialectical relationship between religion and the conditions of oppressed people. The role of religion in both suppression and liberation is considered. Case studies include the cult of Jonestown (Guyana), the Iranian revolution, South Africa, slave religion, and aspects of feminist theology. Mr. Mamiya.

Not offered in 2009/10.

215a. Religion and the Arts (1)

An exploration of various aspects, spiritual and political, of the interdependence of art and religious culture from the dawn of human consciousness through post modernity. May be taken more than once for credit when content changes. Mr. Epstein.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in religion or by permission of instructor.

217b. Film, Fiction and the Construction of Identity — Israeli and Palestinian Voices (1)

(Same as Jewish Studies 217b and Hebrew 217b) This course explores the emergence and consolidation of collective identities in modern Israel and Palestine. Through a close examination of Israeli and Palestinian literary texts in translation and select movies students are introduced to an array of competing and complementing narratives that Israelis and Palestinians have relied on to understand themselves and their relationship to the other. Special attention is given to issues related to class, gender, ethnicity, religion and ideology. Ms. Weitzman.

220a. Text and Tradition (1)

Study of selected oral and written text(s) and their place(s) in various religious traditions. May be taken more than once for credit when content changes.

Topic for 2009/10a: In the wake of September 11 a mass of scholarship and media attention has attempted to define "Islam" and the "Muslim". We are all guilty of participating in a conversation that produces definitions of Islam as the "Other" in relationship to "Us". This course examines autobiographies written by men and women who identify themselves as Muslims and who consider their relationship to Islam and the non-Muslim. Through themes important in the study of Islam, such as pilgrimage, dissidence, women's Islam, and identity, we consider the following questions: "Are there specific characteristics of religious self-reflection?"; "What distinguishes a factual or fictional depiction of the self?"; "Does the narrative structure define the autobiography or the "facts" revealed?". Texts are drawn from different periods and places and include non-fiction, fiction, and filmic depictions. Ms. Leeming.

Prerequisite: Religion 150, 243, 255 or 204 or permission of the instructor.

[221b. Voices from Modern Israel] (1)

(Same as Jewish Studies 221 and Hebrew 221) An examination of modern and postmodern Hebrew literature in English translation. The course focuses on Israeli voices of men, women, Jews, Arabs, Ashkenazim and Sephardim, to investigate such topics as memory, identity, alienation, the "other," community, and exile. Authors may include Yizhar, Yehoshua, Oz, Grossman, Kanafani, Almog, Katzir, Liebrecht, Ravikovitch, Zeld, Zach, Amichai, Darish and el-Kassim. Ms. Weitzman.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[225a. The Hebrew Bible] (1)

(Same as Jewish Studies 225) The Bible is one of the most important foundational documents of Western civilization. This course surveys the literature of the Hebrew Bible (Christian 'Old Testament') within the historical, religious and literary context of ancient Israel and its neighbors. What social and religious forces created these books, and how did they shape the lives of the ancient Israelites, their descendants, and all those they influenced for three thousand years? All texts are read in English translation. Ms. Vetö.

Not offered in 2009/10.

227b. Revolution, Heresy and Messianism: the Earliest Christians (1)

This course examines the religious/cultural background, social movements and texts that shaped Christianity from its origins in the first century of the Common Era through its consolidation as a state religion in the Roman Empire by the fourth and fifth centuries. Was Christianity really revolutionary? To what extent did it differ from Judaism in its earliest manifestations? And if it was radical, did it lose its "revolutionary" qualities once it became established as a state religion? How did the early Christian community and the church it created relate to dissent, heresy and, revolution and messianism, and to what extent can we identify the persecuted church with that of Rome? Ms. Vetö.

[230b. Creole Religions of the Caribbean] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 230) The Africa-derived religions of the Caribbean region—Haitian Voodoo, Cuban Santeria, Jamaican

Obeah, Rastafarianism, and others—are foundational elements in the cultural development of the islands of the region. This course examines their histories, systems of belief, liturgical practices, and pantheons of spirits, as well as their impact on the history, literature, and music of the region. Ms. Paravisini-Gebert.

Not offered in 2009/10.

231b. Hindu Traditions (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 231) An introduction to the history, practices, myths, ideas and core values that inform Hindu traditions. Beginning with the pre-Vedic period, the course traces major religious practices and developments up to and including the contemporary period. Among topics examined are yoga and upanishadic mysticism, the spiritual paths (marga) of action (karma) knowledge (jnana) and love (bhakti), the worship of (and ideologies surrounding) gods and goddesses, and issues of gender, caste, and ethnicity in both pre- and postmodern times. Mr. Jarow.

Prerequisite: Religion 152 or by permission of instructor.

[233b. Buddhist Cultures] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 233) An introduction to Buddhist traditions, beginning with the major themes that emerged in the first centuries after the historical Buddha and tracing the development of Buddhist thought and practice throughout Asia. The course examines how Buddhist sensibilities have expressed themselves through culturally diverse societies, and how specific Buddhist ideas about human attainment have been (and continue to be) expressed through meditation, the arts, political engagement, and social relations. Various schools of Buddhist thought and practice are examined including Theravada, Mahayana, Tantra, Tibetan, East Asian, and Zen. Mr. Walsh.

Prerequisite: Religion 152 or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

235a. Religion in China (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 235a) The category of 'religion' in the study of China, as deployed and used by most scholars, is a nineteenth-century creation. Consequently, in this course, as we explore intertwined aspects of Chinese culture categorized as religion, we struggle to ascertain the complex relationships between colonial essentialization, ahistoricization, and between the myriad historical examples of human activity in China. Chinese religiosity can never mean the same thing at the same time and place. We therefore negotiate the thorny avenues of state and religion, center and periphery, cultural specificity and generality, all the while acknowledging the binary trap of these categories, as well as paying close attention to reified terms such as Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, and so forth. To explore all of the above we spend time with primary and secondary texts critical to China's imagination. Some of the questions we try to answer include the following: how was the universe imagined in traditional and modern China? What did it mean to be human in China? What do we mean by 'Chinese religions'? How might Chinese culture be represented? Mr. Walsh.

243a. Islamic Traditions (1)

An exploration of Islamic history, with special attention to issues of prophecy, religious leadership, mythology and sacred scriptures. Among the topics examined are Islamic law, theology and philosophy, as well as the varied expressions of Islamic religious values and ritual, especially Shi'ism, Sufism, and orthodox Sunnism. Particular attention is given to women in Islam and to Islamic architecture. Ms. Leeming.

Prerequisite: Religion 150, 152, or by permission of instructor.

250b. Across Religious Boundaries: Understanding Differences (1)

The study of a selected topic or theme in religious studies that cuts across the boundaries of particular religions, allowing opportunities for comparison as well as contrast of religious traditions, beliefs, values and practices. May be taken more than once for credit when the content changes.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Myth and Ritual in Film*: Through ten important films of the twentieth century this course seeks to explore, cross-culturally, the theme of the heroic quest in its various forms (e.g. the Christian, Shinto, Taoist, psychological, Atheist or techno quest) as a vital element in mythology and religious ritual. This theme would encompass other concepts such as human's confrontation with mortality, the idea of good vs. evil, and pilgrimage. The course would begin with an examination of selected theories of myth and ritual and their importance to the study of religion. Throughout the semester the class continues to examine and question film as a cultural object and a viable cross-cultural medium for the study of religion. Ms. Leeming.

Prerequisite: one unit in religion.

255b. Western Mystical Traditions (1)

Textual, phenomenological and theological studies in the religious mysticism of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. May be taken more than once for credit when content changes.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Sufism*. Through a selection of medieval and modern primary sources in translation, fiction that uses Sufism as its subject matter and also secondary source studies this class introduces the subject of Sufism or Islamic Mysticism. The course begins with a brief introduction to Islam. In conjunction with the study of material from early, medieval and modern Sufis the course examines foundational concepts in Islam that have shaped and continue to shape the ideas, beliefs and practices of Sufism. Some of the major themes we encounter in the class are monotheism, creation, God, love, cooking, drunkenness, poetry, ritual, and ecstasy. Ms. Leeming.

Prerequisite: one 100-level course or by permission of instructor.

266a. Religion in America (1)

An historical introduction to the study of religion in America, focusing on religious innovation and change, especially the introduction and creation of new religions and religious movements and redefinition of boundaries of margins and mainstream in American religious life. Topics include the role of religion in politics, culture, ethnic group life, and the social construction of gender. Mr. White.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in religion, or by permission of instructor.

[267a. Religion, Culture and Society] (1)

(Same as Sociology 267) An examination of the interaction between religion, society, and culture in the work of classical theorists such as Freud, Marx, Durkheim and Weber, and in the writings of modern theorists like Berger, Luckman, Bellah, and Geertz. Students learn to apply theoretical concepts to the data of new religious movements in American society. Mr. Mamiya.

Prerequisite: 1 unit at the 100-level in religion, 1 unit at the 100-level in anthropology or sociology, or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[268b. Sociology of Black Religion] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 268 and Sociology 268) Mr. Mamiya.

Not offered in 2009/10.

271b. Departmental Colloquium (1/2)

Joint exploration for majors of methods in the study of religion. The department, Mr. Walsh.

Permission required.

One weekly two-hour period during the first half of the semester.

270a. Advanced Methods in the Study of Religion (1/2)

A continued exploration of methods in the study of religion and their application to research questions. Mr. Walsh.

Senior Religion majors only. Permission required.

One two-hour period bi-monthly.

280a. Native American Religions: A Survey of Native Spirituality in North America (1)

This course provides an overview of Native American spirituality, respectfully investigating what can be learned in an academic context about the wide variety of religious experiences, practices and beliefs, in North American culture. The course focuses on aboriginal nations of North America east of the Rockies. It will examine the developments from individual core shamanism through esoteric philosophies, through various lodges, movements and interactions with missionaries, to today's native trends and churches. Mr. Pritchard.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

Supervised field work in the community in cooperation with the field work office. The department.

By permission, with any unit in religion as prerequisite and work in other social sciences recommended.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

The department.

Prerequisite: One semester of appropriate intermediate work in the field of study proposed. Permission of instructor required.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all 300-level courses unless otherwise specified: 1 unit at the 200-level or permission of instructor.

300b. Senior Thesis or Project (1)

An essay or other project in religion written under the supervision of a member of the department. Normally taken in the second semester, and in the first only under special circumstances.

Permission required.

[310b. Politics and Religion: Tradition and Modernization in the Third World] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 310b) An examination of the central problem facing all Third-World and developing countries, the confrontation between the process of modernization and religious tradition and custom. Along with social, economic, and political aspects, the course focuses on the problems of cultural identity and crises of meaning raised by the modernization process. Selected case studies are drawn from Africa and Asia. Mr. Mamiya.

Prerequisite: Sociology/Religion 261 or Africana Studies 268, or 2 units in Religion or Africana Studies at the 200-level, or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[315a. Religion and American Culture.] (1)

Advanced study in selected aspects of the history of religions in the United States. May be taken more than once for credit when the content changes.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[320a. Studies in Sacred Texts] (1)

Examination of selected themes and texts in sacred literature. May be taken more than once when content changes.

Prerequisites: 1 unit at the 200 level or permission by the instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

330b. Religion, Critical Thought and Politics (1)

Advanced study in selected aspects of religion and contemporary philosophical and political theory. May be taken more than once for credit when content changes.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Religion, Race, and Democracy in American Pragmatism*. How can religion be salvaged when we can no longer rely on supernatural certainty? In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries a group of American thinkers, the Pragmatists, were seized by this crisis of religious uncertainty, a dilemma with which a set of African American thinkers also grapple. Their answers, classical and contemporary, give rise to a variety of frameworks for

thinking about the morals of both democratic participation and of race. This class asks how Pragmatism's discourse on religion makes it especially good terrain for articulating these concerns, and how pragmatic conceptions of religion influence the identity labels we use to create political community. Readings include William James, John Dewey, W. E. B. Du Bois, Zora Neale Hurston, and Cornel West. Mr. Kahn.

[345a. Violent Frontiers: Colonialism and Religion in the Nineteenth Century] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 345) What is the relationship between religion and colonialism and how has this relationship shaped the contemporary world? During the nineteenth century the category of religion was imagined and applied in different ways around the globe. When colonialists undertook to 'civilize' a people, specific understandings of religion were at the core of their undertakings. By the mid-nineteenth century, Europe's territorial energy was focused on Asia and Africa. Themes for discussion include various nineteenth-century interpretations of religion, the relationship between empire and culture, the notion of frontier religion, and the imagination and production of society. Mr. Walsh.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[346b. Studies in Jewish Thought and History] (1)

(Same as Jewish Studies 346) Advanced study in selected aspects of Jewish thought and history. May be taken more than once for credit when the content changes.

Prerequisites: 1 unit at the 200 level or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

350a. Comparative Studies in Religion (1)

An examination of selected themes, issues, or approaches used in illuminating the religious dimensions and dynamics within particular cultures and societies, with attention to the benefits and limits of the comparative method. Past seminars have focused on such topics as myth, ritual, mysticism, and iconography. May be taken more than once for credit when content changes.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Earthly Gods and Heavenly Gardens: City Garden Spaces as Religious Reflections of Society*. This seminar explores the concept of "garden" through time and across various cultures to reveal a space that is more than a country vegetable patch or *House and Garden* display. The garden, especially the city garden, is a space where monuments are built, death is immortalized, displays of imagination and power are the rule, and beauty becomes an earthly reflection of "divine" values. The ephemeral space of the garden becomes the perfect playground for leaders and sometimes their constituents to experiment, often in the name of religion, in the production of an ideal image of their society. This course examines various city parks and gardens such as the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C., the gardens of Kyoto, the Forbidden City in Beijing, the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, the gardens of Versailles, and the al-Hambra in Medieval Spain. Ms. Leeming.

[355b. The Politics of Sacred Space] (1)

This course examines the relationship between notions of spatial and temporal orientation and connects these to the fundamental importance of sacrality in human action and existence. Some of our questions include: what is sacred space? What is a sacred center? How are places made sacred through human action? To what extent is sacrality a matter of emplacement? What role does sacred space play in local and global environments? Mr. Walsh.

Not offered in 2009/10.

380a. American Prophets, Radicals and Religious Revolutionaries (1)

This course introduces students to American prophets, utopian reformers and religious revolutionaries who have shaped modern American history. We explore how these American reformers draw on religious symbols to justify violence, buttress visions of revolution or critique dominant American values. Under what circumstances is violence permissible? Can revolution be morally

or religiously justified? Does religion make society (and democracy in particular) more or less stable? Do religious visions promote or prevent violence? What kinds of personal qualities (virtues) must Americans cultivate in order to hold together a society where the people rule? This class looks at a spectrum of reformers, from religious feminists and environmentalists on the left to Christian Fundamentalists and others on the right. Mr. White.

385b. Asian Healing Traditions (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 385b) This seminar offers a comprehensive view of the traditional medical systems and healing modalities of India and China and examines the cultural values they participate in and propound. It also includes a "laboratory" in which hands-on disciplines (such as yoga and qi-gong) are practiced and understood within their traditional contexts. From a study of classical Ayur Vedic texts, Daoist alchemical manuals, shamanic processes and their diverse structural systems, the seminar explores the relationship between healing systems, religious teachings, and social realities. It looks at ways in which the value and practices of traditional medical and healing systems continue in Asia and the West. Mr. Jarow.

Prerequisites: Religion 231 or permission of instructor.

[388b. The Spiritual Gifts of Modern India] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 388) Since Swami Vivekananda brought the message of "raja yoga" to the Parliament of World Religions on the shores of Lake Michigan in 1893, a number of spiritual teachers from India have achieved notoriety on the world stage and have had a major impact in the formulation of a world and secular "spirituality" in our time. Through phenomenological and historical studies, as well as through close reading and study of primary texts, this course considers the works of these major figures, including Sri Aurobindo, Ramana Maharshi, Ananda Mayi Ma, and Bhagavan Sri Osho Rajneesh. Mr. Jarow.

Prerequisites: Religion 152 and/or 231, or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

Russian Studies

Professor: Alexis Klimoff; **Associate Professor:** Dan Ungurianu (Chair); **Assistant Professor:** Nikolai Firtich (Director, Vassar Program in St. Petersburg^a); **Lecturer:** Elena Boudovskaia.

Requirements for Concentration: 10 units beyond introductory language; including Russian Studies 331/332 or equivalent, Russian Studies 135/235, 152/252, plus 3 units in literature or culture at the 300-level.

Senior-Year Requirements: 2 units of advanced course work. Senior thesis (Russian Studies 300) is required of students who are candidates for departmental honors.

Recommendations: Study of the language is best started in the freshman year. Study Away in Russian through the Vassar Program in St. Petersburg is strongly recommended.

Advisers: The department.

Correlate Sequence in Russian Studies: Four semesters of the Russian language (or equivalent) and three additional units in culture, literature and/or language, one of which must be at the 300-level. Entering students with advanced proficiency in Russian are required to take five units in literature and/or culture, at least two of which are at the 300-level.

I. Introductory

105a-106b. Elementary Russian (1½)

The essentials of grammar with emphasis on the development of oral-aural proficiency. The department.

Open to all classes. Five 50-minute periods plus two hours of oral practice.

107b. Intensive Introductory Russian (2)

Single-semester equivalent of Russian 105-106. Intensive training in fundamental language skills. Designed for beginning students who wish to accelerate their learning of Russian. The department.

Open to all classes.

Five 75-minute periods, plus four 30-minute drill and conversation sessions.

131b. Russian Screen and Stage (in English) (1)

Aspects of Russian film, drama, and performing arts.

Topic for 2009/10: *Russian Cinema in its European Context*. A survey of Russian cinema from the 1920s to our days. Films considered include the early masterpieces directed by Eisenstein, Dovzhenko, Vertov and others, productions of the Stalin era, movies dating from the "Thaw" and the following decades, including the great works of Tarkovsky and Paradjanov, films from the years of "glasnost" and beyond. Readings include critical and theoretical articles by filmmakers and film critics. Given in English. Mr. Firtich.

Open to all classes. Readings and lectures in English. Russian majors see Russian Studies 231b.

Two 75-minute periods.

135a. The Russian Classics: The Great Realists of the Nineteenth Century (in English) (1)

The great tradition of Russian literature with its emphasis on ultimate existential and moral questions. Selected works by such nineteenth-century masters as Pushkin, Gogol, Turgenev, Tolstoy, and Dostoevsky. Mr. Ungurianu.

Open to all classes. Readings and lectures in English. Russian majors see Russian Studies 235a.

Two 75-minute periods.

[141b. Tolstoy in Battle (in English)] (1)

The representation of war in Tolstoy's fiction, centered on a detailed analysis of War and Peace, with this classic novel considered in the context of the writer's earlier and later war narratives, including Sebastopol Tales and "Hadji Murat." Tolstoy is also viewed as a "combatant" in the sense of one who tirelessly challenged accepted notions in aesthetics, ethics, religion, philosophy, history, and politics. Mr. Firtich.

All readings and discussions in English.
Open to all classes.
Two 75-minute periods.
Not offered in 2009/10.

142b. Dostoevsky and Psychology (in English) (1)
Fyodor Dostoevsky was an avid student of the human mind, with particular interest in aberrant and self-destructive behavior. He was steeped in the medical literature of his day, and drew on this knowledge as well as on his four-year-long prison experience to endow his characters with fascinating psychological depth. And after Dostoevsky's death, his works have been cited by Freud and some other psychologists to support theories of their own. This course focuses on a number of works in which Dostoevsky's depiction of psychological issues is particularly crucial to the central message he attempts to convey. Readings include three of the major novels (*Crime and Punishment*, *The Devils*, and *The Brothers Karamazov*) as well as a number of Dostoevsky's shorter works. A detailed examination of the texts is accompanied by a discussion of the nineteenth century psychological literature which was admired by Dostoevsky, as well as that which was later produced under his influence. Mr. Klimoff.

All readings and discussion in English.
Two 75-minute periods plus a 50-minute discussion session.

152b. The Russian Modernists (in English) (1)
Outstanding works of major twentieth-century Russian writers, with emphasis on those who broke with the realist tradition of the nineteenth century. Mr. Firtich.

Open to all classes. Readings and lectures in English. Russian majors see 252b.
Two 75-minute periods.

165a. From Fairy-Tales to Revolution: Russian Culture through the End of the Imperial Period (in English) (1)

A survey of the most striking features of the prerevolutionary cultural tradition within a historical framework. Topics explored include folklore, the religious world of medieval Russia with special emphasis on art and architecture the challenges of Westernization, and the emergence of national traditions in literature, art, and music, Russian historiography, ideology of radicalism and the revolutionary movement. Mr. Ungurianu.

Open to all classes. All readings and discussion in English.
Two 75-minute periods plus occasional film screenings.

169b. Utopia in Power: Russian Culture in the Twentieth Century (in English) (1)

A survey of modern Russian culture in its historical context with the main focus on the "Soviet Experiment" that had major implications for the global political landscape of the twentieth century. Topics include cultural and social revolutions, the Red Avant-Garde, Socialist Realism, the creation of the New Man, the Great Terror, the Soviet system and its collapse, internationalism and resurgent nationalisms, Russian rock and pop music, post-Communist Russia. Mr. Ungurianu.

Open to all classes. All readings and discussions are in English.
Two 75-minute periods, plus occasional film screenings.

171b. Russia and the Short Story (in English) (1)

In this course we read and discuss a number of classic short stories by such Russian masters of the genre as Gogol, Turgenev, Chekhov, Babel, and Olesha. Mr. Klimoff.

Satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

Two 75-minute periods.

173a. Focus on Literature (in English) (1)

Aspects of the Russian literary tradition—including authors, genres, and thematic emphases—and the place of this tradition in world literature.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Nabokov Before "Lolita": The Making of a*

Genius in the Era of Jazz and Surrealism. This course considers the novels and short stories of Vladimir Nabokov written during the 1920s and 1930s in a broad cultural context of the period. Nabokov became an international celebrity with the publication of *Lolita* (1955). The scandal and sensationalism aside, the book earned him the reputation as one of the most accomplished stylists in the English language. But in the decades before producing *Lolita*, Nabokov had had a brilliant literary career as a Russian émigré writer in Europe. This course approaches Nabokov's pre-*Lolita* works through a comparison with the writings of Franz Kafka, Konstantin Vaginov, Evelyn Waugh, Nathaniel West, and the art of Surrealism. The goal of the course is to understand the cultural atmosphere that helped shape Nabokov, as we know him.

All readings and discussion in English.

187a. Incantations, Spells, and Charms: Slavic Folklore and Demonology (in English) (1)

This course surveys the rich world of Slavic folklore with an emphasis on mythological and anthropological patterns whose influence persists in the mentality of Russians and other Slavic peoples. We begin with traditional oral genres and their role in peoples' life, and trace their development up to the contemporary city folklore, touching upon folklore motives in literature and film. In our discussion of Slavic demonology, we also compare the mythical creatures of Slavic folklore with their West European counterparts. Ms. Boudovskaia.

Open to all classes. All lectures and readings in English.

II. Intermediate

210a-211b. Intermediate Russian (1)

Review of the basics of grammar and analysis of more complex grammatical phenomena through the study of literary, historical, and newspaper texts, composition, and discussion. The department.

Prerequisite: Russian 105-106 or permission of instructor.

Four 50-minute periods plus one hour of oral practice.

231b. Russian Screen and Stage (1)

Aspects of Russian film, drama and performing arts.

Topic for 2009/10: *Russian Cinema in its European Context*. Individually designed for Russian majors and other students with some knowledge of Russian. Students in this course attend the same lectures and discussions as those in Russian 131b, but are required to do part of the work in Russian. Mr. Firtich.

By permission of instructor.

235a. The Russian Classics: The Great Realists of the Nineteenth Century (1)

Individually designed for Russian majors and other students with some knowledge of Russian. Students in this course attend the same lectures and discussions as those in Russian 135, but are required to do part of the work in Russian.

By permission of instructor.

252b. The Russian Modernists (1)

Individually designed for Russian majors and other students with some knowledge of Russian. Students in this course attend the same lectures and discussions as those in Russian 152, but are required to do part of the work in Russian.

By permission of instructor.

[267a. Culture and Ideology] (1)

Not offered in 2009/10.

273a. Focus on Literature (1)

Aspects of the Russian literary tradition—including authors, genres, and thematic emphases—and the place of this tradition in world literature.

Topic for 2009/10a: *Nabokov*. Individually designed for Russian majors and other students with some knowledge of Russian. Students in this course attend the same lectures and discussions as those in Russian 175a, but are required to do part of the work in Russian.

By permission of the instructor.

298 Independent Work (½ or 1)
Program to be worked out in consultation with an instructor. The department.

III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: Russian 210-211. Additional prerequisites indicated where appropriate.

300a or b. Senior Thesis (1)

331a/332b. Advanced Russian (1)
A course designed to increase all aspects of Russian proficiency. Includes readings on a wide range of topics, discussion, oral reports, stylistic analysis, written assignments, and review of persistent grammatical difficulties. The department.

Three 50-minute periods, plus one hour of conversational practice.

371a and b. Seminar on Russian Culture (1)
Advanced seminar on Russian culture. Designed for majors and students with sufficient knowledge of Russian.

Topic for 2009/10a: *The Myth of St. Petersburg*. In this course, we explore the myth of the imperial Russian capital, founded by Peter the Great in the early eighteenth century as a “window on Europe.” The city has embodied all of the contradictions of Russia: East vs. West, imperial grandeur vs. the pathos of the little man, nature vs. civilization, free will vs. fate. We consider the semiotics of space in St. Petersburg through a careful reading of selected literary texts—both prose and poetry—including Pushkin, Gogol, Dostoevsky, Blok, Bely, Akhmatova, Mandelstam, and Brodsky, as well as some works of literary and cultural criticism. Mr. Firtich.

Conducted in Russian.

Prerequisite: Russian 331 or equivalent.

Topic for 2009/10b: *Russian Blockbusters*. Modern culture includes the phenomenon of “film classics”—productions of enduring popular appeal which, though not necessarily considered great achievement of cinematic art, have become universally recognized cultural symbols within a national group. This course involves a close study of several Russian films of this type, including comedies, war films, spy and detective stories, musicals, and sci-fi films. Mr. Ungurianu.

Conducted in Russian.

Prerequisite: Russian 331 or equivalent.

[373b. Seminar on Russian Literature] (1)
Focused analysis of an author, work, theme, genre, or literary school in the nineteenth or twentieth century.

Not offered in 2009/10.

399. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
Program to be worked out in consultation with an instructor. The department.

Vassar Program in St. Petersburg

105a. Elementary Russian (1½)
The essentials of grammar with emphasis on the development of oral-aural proficiency.

166a. Facets of Russian Culture (1)
Selected aspects of Russian culture presented in historical context. Includes consideration of architectural, literary, musical, theatrical, and other notable expressions of Russia’s creative spirit. Given in English.
Three hours per week, plus excursions.

175a. The Hermitage Collection Through History (1)
A survey of the major collections of the Hermitage Museum’s paintings and prints, presented in the context of the history of their

acquisition, exhibition, and appreciation. Given in English.

Three hours of lectures per week, plus extensive viewing of art in the museum.

176a. Icons to Avant-Garde: Russian Art in St. Petersburg (1)
A historical survey, based on the exhibits of Russian art in several museums of St. Petersburg. Given in English.

Three hours of lectures per week, plus extensive viewing of museum art.

210a. Intermediate Russian (1)
Review of the basics of grammar and analysis of more complex grammatical phenomena through the study of literary, historical, and newspaper texts, composition, and discussion.

275a. The Hermitage Collection Through History (1)
(Same as 175) The 275 option is available for students who have taken Art 105-106 at Vassar College or the equivalent elsewhere. Involves additional meetings with the instructor in connection with an individualized research project. May be counted toward Art History major credit.

276a. Icons to Avant-Garde: Russian Art in St. Petersburg (1)
(Same as 176) The 276 option is available for advanced students who undertake individualized research in addition to 176. May be counted toward Art History major credit.

331a. Advanced Russian (1)
A course designed to increase all aspects of Russian proficiency. Includes readings on a wide range of topics, discussion, oral reports, stylistic analysis, written assignments, and review of persistent grammatical difficulties.

Science, Technology, and Society (STS)

Director: Janet Gray (Psychology); **Steering Committee:** James F. Challey (Physics and Science, Technology and Society), Lucy Lewis Johnson (Anthropology), Robert E. McAulay (Sociology), Marque Miringoff (Sociology), Nancy Pokrywka (Biology); **Participating Faculty:** James F. Challey (Physics and Science, Technology, and Society), Elizabeth Collins (Biology), David Esteban (Biology), Janet Gray (Psychology), Lucy Lewis Johnson (Anthropology), Shirley Johnson-Lans (Economics), Robert E. McAulay (Sociology), Sarjit Kaur (Chemistry), Bill Lunt (Economics), Marque Miringoff (Sociology), Nancy Pokrywka (Biology), Molly Shanley (Political Science), Michael Bennett (Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow).

The multidisciplinary program in Science, Technology, and Society is designed to enable students to pursue three objectives: a) to understand the central role of science and technology in contemporary society; b) to examine how science and technology reflect their social, political, philosophical, economic and cultural contexts; and c) to explore the human, ethical and policy implications of current and emerging technologies.

Students interested in the program are urged to plan for declaration as early as possible in their college careers. Freshmen and sophomores should talk with the director concerning courses to be taken in the freshman and sophomore years.

Course Requirements: 141//2 units including: (1) Non-science disciplinary requirements: 3 units including Introductory Sociology (SOCI 151); Microeconomics (ECON 101); and at least one course selected from Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 140), Readings in Modern European History (HIST 121), Readings in U.S. History (HIST 160), Philosophy and Contemporary Issues (PHIL 106), or International Politics (POLI 160); (2) Natural science requirements: 4 units from at least 2 departments, 2 of which must include laboratory work from biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, psychology or statistics (e.g., PSYC 200, MATH 141, ECON 209); (3) STS 200 (Science and Technology Studies); (4) 5 additional units in STS, with only 1 at the 100-level. Ordinarily these are courses that originate or are cross-listed in STS. Additional courses may meet this requirement with the approval of the director, (5) STS 300 (thesis) and STS 301 (senior seminar).

After declaration of the major, all required courses must be taken for a letter grade.

Distribution Requirements: At least 3 units in a sequence of courses leading to the 300-level in one of the social sciences, or one of the natural sciences, or a discipline in one of the humanities by permission of the director; at least 5 units to be taken in any of the divisions other than the one in which the student has achieved the 300-level requirement; no more than 251//2 units may be taken within any one division of the college.

I. Introductory

131a. Genetic Engineering: Basic Principles and Ethical Questions (1)

This course includes a consideration of: 1) basic biological knowledge about the nature of the gene, the genetic code, and the way in which the genetic code is translated into the phenotype of the organism; 2) how this basic, scientific knowledge has led to the development of a new technology known as "genetic engineering"; 3) principles and application of the technology itself; 4) the ethical, legal, and economic issues which have been raised by the advent of this technology. Among the issues discussed are ethical questions such as the nature of life itself, the right of scientists to pursue research at will, and the role of the academy to regulate the individual scientific enterprise. Ms. Kennell.

138a. Energy: Sources and Policies (1/2)

A multidisciplinary introduction to the principal sources of energy currently being used in the United States and the economic, political, and environmental choices they entail. The two largest energy sectors, electrical generating and transportation, are the main focus for the course, but emerging technologies such as wind power and

hydrogen are also examined. There are no science prerequisites except a willingness to explore the interconnections of scientific principle, engineering practice and social context. Mr. Challey.
Six-week course.

139b. The Electronic Media (1/2)

An introduction to the history and evolution of the three principal electronic media of the twentieth century, radio, television, and the Internet. In each case the course examines the ways the technology and its social context have shaped each other. As a result this course also serves as an introduction to some of the major themes and methodologies in the history of technology. Mr. Challey.
Six-week course.

[172a. Microbial Wars] (1)

(Same as Biology 172) Mr. Esteban
Not offered in 2009/10.

II. Intermediate

200b. Science and Technology Studies (1)

An introduction to the multidisciplinary study of contemporary science and technology through selected case studies and key texts representing the major perspectives and methods of analysis, including work by Thomas Kuhn, Karl Popper, Langdon Winner, Robert Merton, Bruno Latour, and Sandra Harding. Some of the issues include the concept of scientific revolution, the nature of "big science" and "high technology," the social construction of science and technology, technological determinism, and the feminist critique of science. Mr. Challey, Mr. McAulay.

Prerequisite: 1 unit of a natural or a social science.

Two 75-minute periods.

[202a. History of Modern Science and Technology] (1)

A survey of major developments in Western science and technology from 1800 to the present. Major topics include; Laplace and the rise of mathematical physics; the development of thermodynamics; the work of Darwin and Pasteur; Edison and the rise of electrical technology; the theories of relativity and quantum mechanics; the Manhattan Project; plate tectonics and molecular biology; and the development of computers and cybernetics. Special emphasis is placed on the concepts of "big science" and "high technology" and their role in contemporary social and political life. Mr. Challey.

Prerequisite: One unit of science or modern history or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[206b. Environmental Biology] (1)

(Same as Biology 206).

Not offered in 2009/10.

220a. The Political Economy Health Care (1)

(Same as Economics 220) Ms. Shirley Johnson-Lans.

[226a. Philosophy of Science] (1)

(Same as Philosophy 226) Mr. Lam.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[230b. The Economics of Innovation] (1)

(Same as Economics 230) The department.

Not offered in 2009/10.

234b. Disability and Society (1)

(Same as Sociology 234b)

245a. Automobiles (1)

This course examines the evolution of the automobile both as a revolution in human transportation and as a case study in the complex ways in which technology and society shape each other. The course begins with a study of the history of the automobile, primarily from an American perspective, but culminating in the

globalization of the automobile industry. The second half of the course examines the contemporary role of the automobile in such contexts as energy policy, the environment, gender, and urban and suburban planning and design. Mr. Challey.

[254a. Bio-politics of Breast Cancer] (1)
(Same as Women's Studies 254) We examine the basic scientific, clinical and epidemiological data relevant to our current understanding of the risks (including environmental, genetic, hormonal and lifestyle factors), detection, treatment (including both traditional and alternative approaches), and prevention of breast cancer. In trying to understand these data in the context of the culture of the disease, we explore the roles of the pharmaceutical companies, federal and private foundations, survivor and other activist groups, and the media in shaping research, treatment and policy strategies related to breast cancer. Ms. Gray.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[255a. The Science of Forensics] (1)
(Same as Chemistry 255)
Not offered in 2009/10.

260a. Health, Medicine, and Public Policy (1)
(Same as Sociology 260) Ms. Miringoff.

267b. Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (1)
(Same as Economics 267) Mr. Rudd.

272b. Bioethics and Human Reproduction (1)
(Same as Political Science 272b) Scientific and technological advances are revolutionizing the ways in which human beings can procreate. This has given rise to debates over the ethical use of these methods, and over whether and how law and public policy should regulate these procedures and recognize the family relationships created by their use. This course examines topics such as fertility treatments, the commodification of gametes and embryos, contraceptive development and use, genetic screening and genetic modification of embryos, genetic testing in establishing family rights and responsibilities, and human cloning. We examine issues surrounding the ethical use of these methods, and consider whether and how law and public policy should regulate these procedures and recognize the family relationships created by their use. Ms. Pokrywka, Ms. Shanley.

[273a. Sociology of the New Economy] (1)
(Same as Sociology 273) Mr. Nevarez.
Not offered in 2009/10.

284a. Molecular Coordinates: The Societal Implications of Emergent Nanotechnology (1)
This course is designed to enable students to analyze dynamics and relationships germane to the domestic arenas of emergent nanotechnological research and development from approximately 1980-2006, and, in turn, the enmeshed ethical, societal, legal, martial, political and imaginary implications they suggest. Our course places a particular emphasis on tracking the traffic of science fictional concepts and discourses in the formation of nanotechnology, its public perception to date and possible future significance. Mr. Bennett.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)

III. Advanced

300a. Senior Thesis (1)

301b. Senior Seminar (½)
The seminar meets during the first six weeks of the second semester. Senior majors present and defend their senior theses before the student and faculty members of the program.

[302b. History of Science and Technology Since World War II] (1)

An examination of major developments in science and technology since 1945, with particular emphasis on the social contexts and implications. The topics to receive special attention are: the origins and growth of systems theories (systems analysis, operations research, game theory, cybernetics), the development of molecular genetics from the double helix to sociobiology; and the evolution of telecommunications technologies. Mr. Challey.

Prerequisites: 1 unit of natural science and 1 unit of modern history, or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[353b. Bio-Social Controversy] (1)

(Same as Sociology 353) Mr. McAulay.

Not offered in 2009/10.

360a. Issues in Bioethics (1)

Topic for 2009/10: To be announced. Mr. Parens.

[364b. Seminar on Selected Topics in Law and Technology] (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 364) This course explores the dynamic interrelationship between technology and law, through the study of environmental protection, law and policy. It is designed to analyze the reciprocal effects of our society, a developing jurisprudence and the advancement and use of science and technology on each other. Areas explored include American Constitutional, international, environmental, criminal, and property law. This course is taught using the same Socratic methods used in American law schools.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[367a. Mind, Culture, and Biology] (1)

(Same as Sociology 367) Mr. McAulay.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[370b. Feminism and Environmentalism] (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 370 and Women's Studies 370) Ms. Schneiderman.

Not offered in 2009/10.

380a. Risk Perception and Environmental Regulation (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 380a) This course explores the relationship between how individuals perceive risk and attempts to regulate the environment. In particular, we examine problems (both conceptual and practical) that arise in attempting to devise effectively manage risks to the environment. Gathering together empirical insights from Psychology and Behavioral Economics, we evaluate a number of proposed theoretical frameworks for regulation regimes (e.g., the Precautionary Principle, and Cost benefit Analysis). Problems to be discussed include the roles of popular (e.g., referenda) and non-democratic (e.g., judicial review) institutions, the feasibility of identifying relevant scientific expertise, and difficulties posed by inequalities in political, and economic power. Readings include works by thinkers such as Kristin Shrader-Frechette, Cass Sunstein, and Richard Posner, as well as studies of existing legislation (e.g., the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act). Mr. Kelly.

388b. Intellectual Property Law (1)

(Same as Political Science 388) This course examines the legal and theoretical foundations of domestic, international and transnational intellectual property law regimes. In covering the areas of patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret and espionage law, as well as their intermingled legislative histories, students gain in-depth knowledge of the prevailing domestic doctrines, as well as an understanding of how contemporary national policy is woven into international treaties and structures of transnational governance. Mr. Bennett.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)

Self-Instructional Language Program (SILP)

A small number of unusually well-motivated students are permitted to enroll in a program of supervised self-instruction in Hindi, Irish/Gaelic, Korean, Portuguese, Swahili, Swedish, or Yiddish. The Self-Instructional Language Program differs sharply from traditional college-level language instruction both in its limited goals and in its unconventional methods. The aim is almost exclusively to develop an active oral command of the language in question. The materials and methods used reflect this emphasis: the textbooks are structured around oral drills; extensive work with tapes is required; there are regularly scheduled oral drill sessions with a native-speaking tutor; and students take mid-term and final examinations each semester.

The exact amount of material to be covered is announced at the beginning of each semester. Drill sessions are planned in accordance with the tutor's schedule, and students are expected to attend regularly. It must be clearly understood that these group meetings with the tutor are intended as review sessions of material with which the students are already thoroughly familiar from work with tapes. The tutor's function is to serve as a control and as a model of correct language use. He or she is not to be viewed as a source of information about the language. In fact, the entire tutorial is given over to drills and conversation in the foreign language; there will be no classroom instruction in grammatical analysis.

Regular and frequent work with audio materials constitutes the heart of each course in the Self-Instructional Language Program. The appropriate recordings are loaned out at the beginning of the semester or made available online. Students enrolled in this program should count on spending between one and two hours daily drilling with recorded materials.

Beginning, intermediate and advanced spoken Irish/Gaelic, Hindi, Korean, Portuguese, Swahili, Swedish, Turkish, and Yiddish are offered on this basis when there is an indication of sufficient student interest well in advance of fall registration.

Students may not be enrolled in more than one course in the Self-Instructional Language Program in any semester.

The beginning and intermediate courses in the Self-Instructional Language Program must be taken for a full year. College credit for each semester's work is given upon the recommendation of outside examiners.

Course numbers for Hindi, Irish/Gaelic, Korean, Portuguese, Swahili, Swedish, Turkish, and Yiddish:

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| 105a-106b. Introductory Language Study | (1) |
| 210a-211b. Intermediate Language Study | (1) |
| 310a/311b. Advanced Language Study | (1) |

Sociology

Professors: Diane Harriford^{ab}, William Hoynes, Eileen Leonard, Marque Miringoff, Seungsook Moon^{ab}; **Associate Professors:** Pinar Batur, Robert McAulay (Chair), Leonard Nevarez^a; **Assistant Professors:** Carlos Alamo, Light Carruyo, Eréndira Rueda.

Requirements for Concentration: 101/2 units, including Sociology 151, 247, 254, 2 units at the 300-level, and Sociology 300a-301b.

After declaration of major, no NRO work is permissible in the major.

Senior-Year Requirements: Sociology 300a-301b (for a total of 1 full unit of credit), a senior thesis under the supervision of a member of the department.

Recommendations: Field Work 290.

Advisers: The department.

I. Introductory

151a or b. Introductory Sociology (1)
An introduction to the concepts of sociology rooted in the ideas and thinkers of the classical tradition, exploring their historical meaning and contemporary relevance. The department.

182a. What do you Mean by Globalization (1)
Globalization is a buzz word used in many forums, including popular culture, academic disciplines, political institutions, and social movements. This course examines the multiple voices and actors that make up conversations and processes we refer to as "globalization." How can we make sense of globalization? Can globalization as a framework help us make sense of the social world? Ms. Carruyo.

Open to freshman only. Satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Writing Seminar.

185a. Gender, Social Problems, and Social Change in the Contemporary US (1)
(Same as Women's Studies 185a)

II. Intermediate

Sociology 151 is a prerequisite for all intermediate courses.

[206b. Social Change in the Black Community] (1)
(Same as Africana Studies 206b)
Not offered in 2009/10.

210a. Domestic Violence (1)
This course provides a general overview of the prevalence and dynamics of domestic violence in the United States and its effects on battered women. We examine the role of the Battered Women's Movement in both the development of societal awareness about domestic violence and in the initiation of legal sanctions against it. We also explore and discuss, both from a historical and present day perspective, ways in which our culture covertly and overtly condones the abuse of women by their intimate partners. Ms. DePorto.

215a. Perspectives on Deviant Subculture (1)
Sociology as a discipline offers a variety of perspectives on deviance. In recent years mainstream approaches—Functionalism, Conflict Theory, Social Constructionism and Labeling Theory—have been supplemented by Cultural Studies (Gramscian Marxism) and Post Structuralism (including the ideas of Michel Foucault). These different ways of seeing, analyzing, and interpreting "deviance" are deployed in this course by focusing on various marginal communities and deviant subcultures. In particular we look at traditional as well as new religious movements, bohemian subcultures, and music-centered youth culture (punk, hip hop). Other relevant examples and case studies are explored on a selected basis. Mr. McAulay.

216b. Food, Culture, and Globalization (1)
This course focuses on the political economy of and the cultural politics of transnational production, distribution, and consumption

^{ab} Absent on leave for the year.

^a Absent on leave, first semester.

of food in global cities of the world to understand the complex nature of cultural globalization and its effects on the national, ethnic, and class identities of women and men. Approaching food as material cultural commodities moving across national boundaries, this course examines the following questions. How has food in routine diet been invested with a broad range of meanings and thereby served to define and maintain collective identities of people and social relationships linked to the consumption of food? In what ways and to what extent does eating food satisfy not only basic appetite and epicurean desire, but also social needs for status and belonging? How have powerful corporate interests shaped the health and well being of a large number of people across national boundaries? What roles do symbols and social values play in the public and corporate discourse of health, nutrition, and cultural identities. Ms. Moon.

221b. Feminism, Knowledge and Praxis (1)
(Same as Women's Studies 221b) How do feminist politics inform how research, pedagogy, and social action are approached? Can feminist anti-racist praxis and insights into issues of race, power, and knowledge, intersecting inequalities, and human agency change the way we understand and represent the social world? We discuss several qualitative approaches used by feminists to document the social world (e.g. ethnography, discourse analysis, oral history). Additionally, we explore and engage with contemplative practices such as meditation, movement, and creative-visualization. Our goal is to develop an understanding of the relationship between knowledge and action and to collectively envision healing forms of critical social inquiry. Ms. Carruyo.

This class meets for two two-hour sessions.

[229b. Black Intellectual History] (1)
(Same as Africana Studies 229b.) Ms. Harriford.
Not offered in 2009/10.

234b. Disability and Society (1)
The vision of disability has changed radically over the past twenty years. Public policies have been legislated, language has been altered, opportunities have been rethought, a social movement has emerged, problems of discrimination, oppression, and prejudice have been highlighted, and social thinkers have addressed a wide range of issues relating to the representation and portrayal of people with disabilities. This course examines these issues, focusing on the emergence of the disability rights movement, the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the various debates over American Sign Language, "deaf culture," and the student uprising at Gallaudet University and how writers and artists have portrayed people with disabilities. Ms. Miringoff.

The course meets for two two-hour sessions each week, one two-hour session is devoted to lecture and discussion of reading materials, the second two-hour session serves as a laboratory for films, speakers, and trips.

[235b. Quality of Life] (1)
In a world of cultural diversity, uneven development, and political conflict, enhancing quality of life is arguably the unifying principle in our ambitions for social planning and personal life. But just what does "quality of life" mean? How did it become a preeminent concern for policy-makers and the public at large? And what is at stake if we subordinate other conceptions of the common good to this most subjective and individualistic of ideas? This course takes up these questions through an examination of quality of life's conceptual dimensions and social contexts. Topics include global development policy, patient-doctor conflicts over the right to die, the pressures of work-life balance, the influence of consumer marketing, the voluntary simplicity movement, the "quality of life city," and the cultural divides between conservative "Red States" and liberal "Blue States." Mr. Nevarez.

Not offered in 2009/10.

236b. Imprisonment and the Prisoner (1)
What is the history of the prisoner? Who becomes a prisoner and what does the prisoner become once incarcerated? What is the relationship between crime and punishment? Focusing on the (global) prison industrial complex, this course critically interrogates the massive and increasing numbers of people imprisoned in the United States and around the world. The primary focus of this course is the prisoner and on the movement to abolish imprisonment as we know it. Topics covered in this course include: racial and gender inequality, the relationship between imprisonment and slavery, social death, the prisoner of war (POW), migrant incarceration, as well as prisoner resistance and rebellion. Students also come away from the course with a complex understanding of penal abolition and alternative models of justice. Mr. Alamo.

[240b. Law and Society] (1)
Law is analyzed in its social context focusing on the relationship between law and social control, and law and social change. Topics discussed include psychiatry and the law, Blacks and the law, and women and the law. The criminal justice system is examined in a comparative framework, emphasizing the role of judges, juries, and particularly lawyers, in society. Ms. Leonard.
Not offered in 2009/10.

247a. Modern Social Theory: Marx, Durkheim, and Weber (1)
(Same as Anthropology 247a) This course focuses on a comparison of the principal assumptions and the central concepts contributing to the formation of modern social theory. Readings include selections from Marx, Durkheim, and Weber. Ms. Batur.

[250a. Sex, Gender, and Society] (1)
In the context of general sociological theory, the course analyzes sex roles in various institutional settings. Topics include: the effect of social, cultural and scientific change on traditional notions of male and female; the social construction of masculine and feminine; implications of genetic engineering; interaction of sexual attitudes, sexual practices, and social policy. Ms. Harriford.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[251b. Development and Social Change in Latin America] (1)
(Same as Latin American and Latino/a Studies 251a.) This course examines the ways in which Latin American and Caribbean nations have defined and pursued development and struggled for social change in the post World-War II era. We use country studies and development theories (including Modernization, Dependency, World-Systems, Feminist and Post-Structuralist) to analyze the extent to which development has been shaped by the tensions between local, national, and international political and economic interests. Within this structural context we focus on people and their relationships to each other and to a variety of issues including work, land, reproductive rights, basic needs, and revolution. Integrating structural analysis with an analysis of lived practice and meaning making allows us to understand development as a process that shapes, but is also shaped by, local actors. Ms. Carruyo.
Not offered in 2009/10.

252b. Race, Representation, and Resistance in U.S. Schools (1)
(Same as Education 252b and Urban Studies 252b) Ms. Cann.

253a. Latinos in the United States (1)
(Same as Latin American and Latino/a Studies 253a) In the year 2000, the U.S. Census revealed a landmark demographic development: The Latino population of 35.3 million eclipsed the African American population of 33.9 million to become the nation's largest racial/ethnic minority group. This course examines the varieties of the Latino experience by considering all of the major subgroups that constitute the Latino population in the U.S.—Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American and Dominican. We examine this highly heterogeneous population by focusing on socio-historical themes such as patterns of immigration, U.S. relations with Latin America, and processes of racialization and identity formation.

We also examine key topics such as the impact of immigration and assimilation on family structures and language maintenance, and Latino access to healthcare, education, and political participation. This course provides an overview of the experiences of a population that is now a significant proportion of the U.S. population, yet one that is filled with contradictions, tensions and fissures, and defies simple generalizations. Ms. Rueda.

254b. Research Methods (1)

Examines dilemmas of social inquiry. On what basis are sociological generalizations drawn? What are the ethics of social research? Course includes a critical analysis of research studies as well as an introduction to and practical experience with participant observation, interviewing, questionnaire construction, sampling, experimentation, and available data. Mr. Hoynes.

[256b. Mass Media and Society] (1)

This course explores media as a social force, an institution, and an industry. We examine what it means to be "mediated," including how media affects our culture, our choices, and our responses to our media filtered lives. We consider the economics of the media industry, media organization and professional socialization, and media's influence on the political world and the global media industry. Third, we examine how media represent the social world, i.e., the role of ideology, and how meanings are produced, stereotypes maintained, and inequalities preserved. We reflect on the roles, responsibilities, and interpretive potential of artists, media producers, and media consumers. Fourth, we investigate the nature and consequences of media technology. We end the course with a series of panel presentations in which students present their semester projects. Mr. Hoynes

Not offered in 2009/10.

[257. Reorienting America: Asians in American History and Society] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 257 and American Culture 257) Based on sociological theory of class, gender, race/ethnicity, this course examines complexities of historical, economic, political, and cultural positions of Asian Americans beyond the popular image of "model minorities." Topics include the global economy and Asian immigration, politics of ethnicity and pan-ethnicity, educational achievement and social mobility, affirmative action, and representation in mass media. Ms. Moon.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[258. Race and Ethnicity] (1)

An examination of racial and ethnic minorities in the United States. Focus is on the social forces behind institutional dominance and minority group responses, assimilation versus cultural pluralism, and collective movements for social change. Policy implementation of affirmative action, busing, I.Q. testing, genetic screening and birth control. Ms. Harriford.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[259a. Social Stratification] (1)

In this course we examine how social prestige and power are unequally distributed in societies of the past and present. We discuss how control of property and the means of production contribute to a system of inequality. We also analyze the role of commodities in a consumerist society and the relationship of consumption to stratification. We also discuss the concepts of class formation, class consciousness, and class struggle. Additionally, we examine how race and gender serve to contribute to stratification. Ms. Harriford.

Not offered in 2009/10.

260a. Health, Medicine, and Public Policy (1)

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 260) Health care represents one of the thorniest arenas of public policy today. Current issues include the rising numbers of uninsured, concerns over privacy, protection of the public from emerging infectious diseases, the debate between health care as a right vs. a privilege, and the ways in which we conceive the relationship between health,

medicine, and society. This course begins with an analysis of the 'social construction' of health, looking particularly at the issue of AIDS, national and international. We then examine policies arising from epidemic or infectious diseases, including the Black Death, the 1918 Influenza epidemic, and Typhoid Mary, as well as contemporary dilemmas over newly emergent diseases. Finally, we consider controversies over national health insurance, and assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Canadian health care system, the Massachusetts experiment, and the history of Medicare and Medicaid. Ms. Miringoff.

[261b. "The Nuclear Cage": Environmental Theory and Nuclear Power] (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 261 and Urban Studies 261) The central aim of this course is to explore debates about the interaction between beings, including humans, animals, plants, and the earth within the context of advanced capitalism by concentrating on the production, distribution, consumption, and disposal of nuclear power. The first question concerning the class is how does Environmental Theory approach nuclear power and its impact on the environment. The second question deals with how this construction interacts with other forms of debate regarding nuclear power, especially concentrating on the relation between science, market and the state in dealing with nature, and how citizens formulate and articulate their understanding of nuclear power through social movements. Ms. Batur.

Not offered in 2009/10.

262b. War and Peace and the Struggle (1)

The Bishop of Hereford told Henry VIII, "The surest way to peace is constant preparation for war." This class focuses on war and peace in the classical debates and in critical theory. We examine whether it is necessary to prepare for war in order to achieve peace; can "Peace" be conceptualized independent of "War;" and whether there is a need to conceptualize the relationships between them in order to reach a synthesis to define a new set of terms for global coexistence. In the first half of the course we concentrate on the theoretical discourse on war, and in the second half of the class we explore alternative theoretical paradigms, especially peace in its various manifestations. Ms. Batur.

263b. Criminology (1)

The course consists of a consideration of the nature and scope of criminology as well as an historical treatment of the theories of crime causation and the relation of theory to research and the treatment of the criminal. Ms. Leonard.

[264a. Social Welfare and Social Policy: Perceptions of Poverty] (1)

During the past several years, the foundations of American social welfare policy have changed. New, more restrictive social policies have been implemented, we have "ended welfare as we knew it," and created a new social landscape. This course is designed to give a social, historical, and theoretical understanding of how these changes came about and what they represent. Questions to be discussed include the following: What are the origins of the welfare state? What are the philosophical debates surrounding helping people in need? How is social policy created? What are the underlying assumptions of different social policies? What have been the key successes and failures of social policy? How are issues such as hunger, homelessness, and the feminization of poverty conceptualized today? How have other nations addressed key policy issues? Ms. Miringoff.

Not offered in 2009/10.

265b. News Media in America (1)

This course joins the ongoing debate about the meaning of press freedom and explores the relationship between news and democracy. It will examine how the news media operate in American society and will assess how well the current media are serving the information needs of citizens. Topics may include: the meaning of "objectivity," the relationship between journalists and sources, news and public opinion, ownership of news media, the relationship between news

and advertising, propaganda and news management, and the role of alternative media. Mr. Hoynes.

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[267a. Religion, Culture, and Society] (1)
(Same as Religion 267)
Not offered in 2009/10.

[268b. Sociology of Black Religion] (1)
(Same as Africana Studies 268 and Religion 268)
Not offered in 2009/10.

269a. Constructing School Kids and Street Kids (1)
(Same as Education 269a) Students from low-income families and racial/ethnic minority backgrounds do poorly in school by comparison with their white and well-to-do peers. These students drop out of high school at higher rates, score lower on standardized tests, have lower GPAs, and are less likely to attend and complete college. In this course we examine theories and research that seek to explain patterns of differential educational achievement in U.S. schools. We study theories that focus on the characteristics of settings in which teaching and learning take place (e.g. schools, classrooms, and home), theories that focus on the characteristics of groups (e.g. racial/ethnic groups and peer groups), and theories that examine how cultural processes mediate political-economic constraints and human action. Ms. Rueda.

270b. Drugs, Culture, and Society (1)
An examination of drug use and its symbolic importance in American society viewed in light of pertinent historical and cross-cultural material. Includes discussion of problems linked with licit and illicit, recreational, social control, and medicinal use of drugs, as well as with political and legal dimension of drug controversies. Mr. McAulay.

[273a. Sociology of the New Economy] (1)
(Same as Science, Technology and Society 273a) The new economy is, in one sense, a very old concern of sociology. Since the discipline's nineteenth century origins, sociologists have traditionally studied how changes in material production and economic relations impact the ways that people live, work, understand their lives, and relate to one another. However, current interests in the new economy center upon something new: a flexible, "just in time" mode of industry and consumerism made possible by information technologies and related organizational innovations. The logic of this new economy, as well as its consequences for society, are the subject of this course. Topics include the roles of technology in the workplace, labor markets, and globalization; the emerging "creative class"; the digital divides in technology access, education, and community; high-tech lifestyles and privacy; and the cutting edges of consumerism. Mr. Nevarez.
Not offered in 2009/10.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)
Individual project of reading or research. The department.
May be elected during the college year or during the summer.
Special permission.
Unscheduled.

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)
Individual project of reading or research. The department.
May be elected during the college year or during the summer.
Special permission.
Unscheduled.

III. Advanced

Permission for 300-level course: Sociology 151 and 1 unit of 200-level work, or permission of instructor.

300a-301b. Senior Thesis (½)
The department.

[306b. Women's Movements in Asia] (1)
(Same as Asian Studies and Women's Studies 306a) This interdisciplinary course examines the reemergence of women's movements in contemporary Asia by focusing on their cultural and historical contexts that go beyond the theory of "resource mobilization." Drawing upon case studies from Korea, Japan, India, and China, it traces the rise of feminist consciousness and women's movements at the turn of the twentieth century, and then analyzes the relationships between contemporary women's movements and the following topics: nationalism, political democratization, capitalist industrialization, ambivalence toward modernization, and post-modern conditions. Ms. Moon.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[310a. Comparative Cultural Institutions] (1)
This course examines a variety of cultural institutions including the family, religion, education, politics, and art within selected societies. Methods of comparative analysis are examined and applied. Ms. Leonard.
Not offered in 2009/10.

312b. Corporate Power (1)
This seminar investigates how corporations exert power over society outside of their place in the market. We review the evolution of the corporation, from the late eighteenth century concern over "big business" to globalization in the present day, and examine competing theories and methodologies with which social researchers have explained the power of business. Topics and literatures include corporate citizenship and philanthropy, capitalist networks and organizations, the cult of the "charismatic CEO," and the countervailing power of today's investor capitalism. Mr. Nevarez.

317b. Women, Crime, and Punishment (1)
This course begins with a comparative analysis of the involvement of men and women in crime in the United States and explanations offered for the striking variability. It proceeds by examining the exceptionally high rate of imprisonment for women in the U.S., the demographics of those who are imprisoned, the crimes they are convicted of, and the conditions under which they are confined. It deals with such issues as substance abuse problems, violence against women, medical care in prison, prison programming and efforts at rehabilitation, legal rights of inmates, and family issues, particularly the care of the children of incarcerated women. It also examines prison friendships, families, and sexualities, and post-release. The course ends with a consideration of the possibilities of a fundamental change in the current US system of crime and punishment specifically regarding women. Ms. Leonard.

[353b. Bio-Social Controversy] (1)
(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 353b) Scientific controversies take place not only within scientific communities but may be joined and waged in public arenas as well. This course is about the "Darwin Wars" fought not only between advocates of Evolution and proponents of Intelligent Design but also about selected disagreements among Darwinians on occasions when they speak with more than one voice. Topics addressed in this course include the feasibility of Darwinian sociology (the sociobiology debate and disputes over evolutionary psychology), evolutionary accounts of sex/

gender (mating, gender differences, homosexuality) and conflicting views regarding Darwinian analyses of violence, ethnic conflict and race. The range of conceptual resources deployed to interpret these controversies includes Popperian philosophy of science, the social construction of science, Foucauldian power/knowledge as well as studies of scientific rhetoric. Mr. McAulay.

Not offered in 2009/10.

356a. Culture, Commerce, and the Public Sphere (1)
(Same as Media Studies 356a) This course examines the culture and politics of the public sphere, with an emphasis on the changing status of public spaces in contemporary societies. Drawing upon historical and current analyses, we explore such issues as the relationship between public and commercial space and the role of public discourse in democratic theory. Case studies investigate such sites as mass media, schools, shopping malls, cyberspace, libraries, and public parks in relation to questions of economic inequality, political participation, privatization, and consumer culture. Mr. Hoynes.

[357b. Labor, Work, and Social Change] (1)
A sociological analysis of how the global economy has affected the nature of work in modern society. Key issues include downsizing, the increase in service sector employment, the contingent economy, the working poor, sweatshop labor, historical and contemporary issues in labor union organizing, alienation in the workplace, and the current debate over workfare. Ms. Miringoff.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[365b. Class, Culture, and Power] (1)
This course examines central debates in the sociology of culture, with a particular focus on the complex intersection between the domain of culture and questions of class and power. Topics include: the meaning and significance of "cultural capital," the power of ideology, the role of the professional class, working class culture, class reproduction, gender and class relations, and the future of both cultural politics and cultural studies. Readings may include Gramsci, Bourdieu, Gitlin, Aronowitz, Fiske, Willis, and Stuart Hall. Mr. Hoynes.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[367a. Mind, Culture, and Biology] (1)
(Same as Science, Technology and Society 367a) Increasingly in recent years sociobiology and evolutionary psychology have emerged at the center of modern science-based opposition to social constructionist and post-modernist thinking. Nowhere is this challenge more pointed than in the use of evolutionary approaches to account for patterns of human culture including standards of beauty, ethical systems, and religious belief. This course examines and analyzes basic arguments regarding the biological basis of deception, self interest, cooperation, and morality. Advanced topics include the feasibility of Darwinian history and literary analysis, the study of Judaism as an evolutionary strategy, challenges posed by evolutionary thinking to the social construction of gender, as well as intriguing efforts to synthesize postmodernist and evolutionary perspectives. Mr. McAulay.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[368b. Toxic Futures: From Social Theory to Environmental Theory] (1)
The central aim of this class is to examine the foundations of the discourse on society and nature in social theory and environmental theory to explore two questions. The first question is how does social theory approach the construction of the future, and the second question is how has this construction informed the present debates on the impact of industrialization, urbanization, state-building and collective movements on the environment? In this context, the class focuses on how social theory informs different articulations of Environmental Thought and its political and epistemological fragmentation and the limits of praxis, as well as its contemporary construction of alternative futures. Ms. Batur.

Not offered in 2009/10.

380b. Art, War, and Social Change (1)
Can the arts serve as a vehicle for social change? In this course we look at one specific arena to consider this question: the issue of war. How is war envisioned and re-envisioned by art and artists? How do artists make statements about the meaning of war and the quest for peace? Can artists frame our views about the consequences and costs of war? How are wars remembered, and with what significance? Specifically, we look at four wars and their social and artistic interpretations, wrought through memory and metaphor. These are: The Vietnam War, its photography and its famous memorial; World War I and the desolation of the novels and poetry that portrayed it; World War II and reflections on Hiroshima; and the Spanish Civil War through Picasso's famous anti-war painting Guernica, the recollections of Ernest Hemingway, the memories of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and the photography of Robert Capa. By looking at both the Sociology of Art and Sociology of War we consider where the crucial intersections lie. Ms. Miringoff.

381a. Race and Popular Culture (1)
This seminar explores the way in which the categories of race, ethnicity, and nation are mutually constitutive with an emphasis on understanding how different social institutions and practices produce meanings about race and racial identities. Through an examination of knowledge production as well as symbolic and expressive practices, we focus on the ways in which contemporary scholars connect cultural texts to social and historical institutions. Appreciating the relationship between cultural texts and institutional frameworks, we unravel the complex ways in which the cultural practices of different social groups reinforce or challenge social relationships and structures. Finally, this seminar considers how contemporary manifestations of globalization impact and transform the linkages between race and culture as institutional and intellectual constructs. Mr. Alamo.

385a. Women, Culture, and Development (1)
(Same as Women's Studies 385a and Latin American Latino/a Studies 385a) This course examines the ongoing debates within development studies about how integration into the global economy is experienced by women around the world. Drawing on gender studies, cultural studies, and global political economy, we explore the multiple ways in which women struggle to secure well-being, challenge injustice, and live meaningful lives. Ms. Carruyo.

388b. Schooling in America: Preparing Citizens or Producing Worker (1)
(Same as Education 388b) We consider the role that education plays in US society in relationship to the political economy at different historical periods. In Part I, we examine democratic views of schooling (i.e. schooling functions to prepare citizens for participation in a diverse society) and technical views of schooling (i.e. schools prepare students to participate in the capitalist economy), as well as critiques and limitations of each view. In Part II, we examine current school reform efforts, such as modifications of school structure, curriculum and instruction, and the move to privatize schooling. In Part III, we discuss the future of education in our increasingly global capitalist society. Ms. Rueda.
Prerequisite: Sociology 151.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
Individual project of reading or research. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. The department.
Special permission.
Unscheduled.

Anthropology-Sociology
concentration, see page 52.

Spanish
For curricular offerings, see Hispanic Studies, page 131.

Urban Studies

Director: Leonard Nevarez (Sociology); **Steering Committee:** Nicholas Adams (Art), Pinar Batur (Sociology), Lisa Brawley (Urban Studies), Heesok Chang (English), Brian Godfrey (Geography), Timothy Koechlin (International Studies), Erin McCloskey (Education), Thomas Porcello (Anthropology), Tyrone Simpson (English); **Participating Faculty:** Nicholas Adams (Art), Tobias Armbrorst (Art), Collette Cann (Education), Miriam Cohen (History), Lisa Gail Collins (Art), Tracey Holland (Education), Peter Leonard (Field Work), Lydia Murdoch (History)

The Urban Studies Program is designed as a multidisciplinary concentration in the study of cities and urbanization. Students examine the development of cities and their surrounding regions; the role of cities in the history of civilization; the social problems of urban life; the design of the built environment; and past and present efforts at planning for the future of urban societies. There are four major purposes of the program: (1) to introduce students to a temporal range and spatial variety of urban experience and phenomena; (2) to equip students with methodological tools to enable them to investigate and analyze urban issues; (3) to engage students experientially in a facet of the urban experience; and (4) to develop within the student a deeper grasp of these issues through advanced study within at least two disciplinary approaches.

Requirements for Concentration:

- 1) 14 units, including Introduction to Urban Studies (100), one unit of Urban Theory and the Senior Seminar.
- 2) One unit of Research Methods appropriate to the student's concentration in Urban Studies, chosen from Anthropology 245, Art 102-103, Art 188/276/375, Economics 209, Geography 220, Geography 222, Mathematics 141, Political Science 207, or Psychology 200, or Sociology 254.
- 3) Disciplinary Cluster. Four units at the 200-level, with 2 units taken from two separate disciplinary areas related to Urban Studies, i.e., Architecture, Art, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Sociology, etc., including other Multi-disciplinaries. In addition, two units at the 300-level, from two separate disciplines, reflecting the intellectual path set by the 200-level courses.
- 4) Urban Studies Cluster. Two units at the 200-level, originating in Urban Studies or cross-listed with Urban Studies.
- 5) One unit of fieldwork.
- 6) Senior Thesis. One unit, two-semester length requirement, to be considered for honors in Urban Studies. Majors will have the option of taking one additional 300 level course, instead of the Senior thesis, in the disciplinary concentration or in Urban Studies.

Recommendations for the Major:

- 1) Foreign Language. Competency through the third year college level, as demonstrated by completion of the relevant courses or examination.
- 2) Structured Study Away Experience. This is especially recommended for those who are interested in architecture and/or global, historical and comparative issues, and area studies.
- 3) Outside of Major Course work. This includes Introduction to Macroeconomics and Introduction to Microeconomics, study of aesthetics, ethics and social and political philosophy, and study of theories of confrontation and liberation, concentrating on class movements, critical race theory, anti-racism, feminist theory, queer theory and environmental theory.

Requirements for Correlate Sequence: Six units including Urban Studies 100, which should be taken no later than the Junior year, one unit of Urban Studies 200, two 200-level courses, reflecting the concentration of the student in the Urban Studies correlate, two 300-level courses in accordance with the intellectual path set by the 200-level work. No more than two transfer units may be credited towards the sequence. No more than one unit may overlap with the major.

After declaration of the major or correlate sequence, no NRO work will be permissible or applicable to the major.

Course Offerings

100a and b. Introduction to Urban Studies (1)

This course is an introduction to the debates on historical alteration of urban space and its cross cultural expressions. By concentrating on urban contradictions, topics include formation and perpetuation of hierarchy in space, and its political, economic social and cultural manifestations and contesting movements. The specific requirements of the course entail study of the debates, including their methodology, with an emphasis on the connection between theory and research. The course is coordinated by one faculty member in cooperation with the Urban Studies Program faculty. Mr. Koechlin, Ms. Brawley.

200a and b. Urban Theory (1)

This course reviews the development of theories regarding human behavior in cities and the production of space. The course spans the twentieth century, from the industrial city to the themed spaces of contemporary cities. Literature and topics examined to include the German school, urban ecology, debates in planning and architecture, political economy, and the cultural turns in urban studies. Ms. Brawley, Mr. Simpson.

Prerequisite: Urban Studies 100.

[213. Urban Planning and Practice] (1)

An introduction to planning and practice. Course examines successful and unsuccessful cases of urban and regional planning events, compares and evaluates current growth management techniques, and explores a wide variety of planning methods and standards. Topics include citizen participation, goal setting, state and local land use management approaches, environmental protection measures, affordable housing strategies, transportation, and urban design.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[218. Urban Economics] (1)

(Same as Economics 218) The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 101.

Not offered in 2009/10.

222a. Urban Political Economy

(Same as International Studies 222a) This course employs the multidisciplinary lens of political economy to analyze economic development, social inequality, and political conflict in contemporary cities. Why do people and resources tend to concentrate in cities? How does the urban landscape promote and constrain political conflict and distribute economic and social rewards? How are local outcomes influenced by global political-economic forces? The course develops an analytical framework to make sense of a variety of urban complexities, including poverty, segregation, suburban sprawl, the provision of affordable housing, global migration, and the effects of neoliberalism on rich and poor cities throughout the world. Mr. Koechlin.

[245. Ethnographer's Craft] (1)

(Same as Anthropology 245) Ms. Varghese.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[250. Urban Geography] (1)

(Same as Geography 250) Mr. Godfrey.

No offered in 2009/10.

252b. Race, Representation and Resistance (1)

(Same as Education 252b and Sociology 252b) Ms. Cann.

254a. Victorian Britain (1)

(Same as History 254) Ms. Murdoch.

[261b. "The Nuclear Cage": Environmental Theory and Nuclear Power] (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 261 and Sociology 261)

Not offered in 2009/10.

[266b. The American City: Understanding Life in the Urban Maze] (1)

This course attempts to combat the profound disorientation that the American city causes its observers by offering a sustained exercise in urban cognitive mapping. Spatial theorist Henri Lefebvre advises that a tripartite anatomization of the city is necessary to diminish the extent to which the metropole may mystify those who confront it. He encourages students to understand how the city has been conceived, perceived, and lived. The course adheres to Lefebvre's recommendations by first exploring the theory and mission that underwrote the city's emergence. Students become familiar with what forces led to urban agglomerations and what plans enabled the birth of metropolitan spaces. Second, students review the writings of a broad range of interlocutors from whom the city motivated comment. Mr. Simpson.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[276b. Gender and Social Space] (1)

(Same as Women Studies 276) This course explores the ways in which gender informs the spatial organization of daily life; the interrelation of gender and key spatial forms and practices such as the home, the city, the hotel, migration, shopping, community activism, and walking at night. It draws on feminist theoretical work from diverse fields such as geography, architecture, anthropology and urban studies not only to begin to map the gendered divisions of the social world but also to understand gender itself as a spatial practice. Ms. Brawley.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[277b. The Making of the "American Century," 1890 — 1945] (1)

(Same as History 277) Ms. Cohen.

Not offered in 2009/10.

286b. Making Cities (1)

This course surveys the production of urban space, from the mid-nineteenth century industrial city to today's post-bubble metropolis. Theories of urban planning and design, landscape architecture, infrastructure and real estate development are discussed in the context of a broad range of social, cultural, political and economic forces that have shaped urban space. Looking at American and European case studies, we ask: Who made decisions on the production of urban space? How were urban interventions actually brought about? Who were the winners and losers? Mr. Armbrorst.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

Individual projects through field work office, under supervision of one of the participating instructors. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. Special permission. Unscheduled.

300a. and 301b. Senior Thesis (1)

A thesis written in two semesters for one unit. The Program.

340a. Advanced Urban and Regional Studies (1)

(Same as Geography 340a)

Topic for 2009/10: *Urban Political Ecology: Environmental History, Conservation, and Planning in Global Cities*. In our increasingly urban world, understanding and managing the diverse connections among cities and their extended geophysical and human environments have become urgent tasks. This seminar examines issues of environmental history, conservation, and planning in global mega-cities—sprawling metropolitan areas exceeding ten million inhabitants—through the theoretical lens of urban political ecology. We focus on how political institutions have mediated the interactions of humans and nature in urban settings around the world. Topics for study include the intellectual history of urban sustainability, methods of environmental history, issues of urban design and metabolism, contemporary efforts to conserve urban environments, participatory citizenship and environmental justice, and prospects for livable cities. Students carry out research on a global mega-city of their choice. Mr. Godfrey.

[345b. African American Migrations: Movement, Creativity, Struggle, and Change] (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 345) Ms. Collins.

Not offered in 2009/10.

350a. New York City as a Social Laboratory (1)

In a classic essay on urban studies, sociologist Robert Park once called the city "a laboratory or clinic in which human nature and social processes may be conveniently and profitably studied." The scale, dynamism, and complexity of New York City make it a social laboratory without equal. This seminar provides a multidisciplinary inquiry into New York City as a case study in selected urban issues. Classroom meetings are combined with the field-based investigations that are a hallmark of Urban Studies. Site visits in New York City allow meetings with scholars, officials, developers, community leaders and others actively involved in urban affairs. Topics for the seminar may change from year to year, in which case the course may be repeated for credit. Mr. Armbrorst, Ms. Brawley.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

352b. The City in Fragments (1)

(Same as Media Studies 352b) In this seminar, we use the concept of the fragment to explore the contemporary city, and vice versa. We draw on the work of Walter Benjamin, for whom the fragment was both a central symptom of urban modernity and a potentially radical mode of inquiry. We also use the figure of the fragment to explore and to experiment with the situationist urbanism of Guy Debord, to address the failure of modernist dreams for the city, and to reframe the question of the "global" in contemporary discussions of global urbanization. Finally, we use the fragment to destabilize notions of experience and evidence—so central to positivist understandings of the city—as we make regular visits to discover, as it were, non-monumental New York. Readings include works by Walter Benjamin, Stefano Boeri, Christine Boyer, Guy Debord, Rosalyb Deytsche, Paul Gilroy, Rem Koolhaas, Henri Lefebvre, Thomas Lacquer, Saskia Sassen, Mark Wigley, and others. Ms. Brawley, Mr. Chang.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

[367b. Urban Education Reform] (1)

(Same as Education 367)

Not offered in 2009/10.

370a. Seminar in Architectural History (1)

(Same as Art 370)

Topic for 2009/10: *Rome of the Imagination*. No city has had a greater influence on the architectural imagination than Rome. Throughout western history the standard for architecture has been measured by Rome. In this seminar we investigate the continuing hold and varied architectural interpretations of Rome and Roman-ness: the built Rome, the ruined Rome, and the imagined Rome. How has Rome changed its significance for architects over time? Among the architects we consider Andrea Palladio, Giovanni Battista Piranesi, E.L. Boullée, Giuseppe Terragni, Albert Speer, Gunnar Asplund, Louis Kahn and others. We may also consider those such as John Ruskin who reject Rome and consider how they manage to do. Mr. Adams.

372b. Topics in Human Geography (1)

(Same as Geography 372b)

Topic for 2009/10: *Preserving Whose City? Heritage Sites, Historic Districts, and Public Space*. This seminar examines urban heritage preservation as an increasingly important source of cultural identity, tourist development, and political symbolism in our globalized world. People generally agree that historic landmarks should be preserved for future generations, but conflicts occur when different classes, ethnic and racial groups, nationalities, and global interests lay claim to heritage sites. Controversies also arise as preserved historic districts gentrify and displace less affluent residents and merchants. For example, street vendors and others of the informal sector commonly face eviction as authorities renovate deteriorated heritage sites. We consider both the theory and the practice of how urban heritages

emerge through complex interactions at local, regional, national, and global scales. After considering the cases of such historic cities as Athens, Istanbul, Berlin, New York, San Francisco, Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro, Salvador da Bahia, and Havana, students carry out research in heritage sites of their own choosing. Mr. Godfrey.

One three-hour period.

373a. Adolescent Literacy (1)
(Same as Education 373) This course combines research, theory and practice in the context of an urban middle school. Concurrently with tutoring a student, we engage in case study research about the literacy's our students accept and resist in the various disciplines. We define literacy broadly and look at how school literacy compares and contrasts to the literacy's valued and in use in contexts outside of school. We explore how literacy learning is constructed through methods and curriculum with a special emphasis on the diversities at play in middle and high school classrooms. Conceptual understandings of knowledge, strategies that support attaining that knowledge and the role of motivation in learning are emphasized. Ms. Holland.

380a. Poughkeepsie Institute (1)
This course is limited to five Vassar students working in a cooperative study with students and faculty from The Culinary Institute of America, Dutchess Community College, Marist College, New Paltz, and Vassar College. The class meets on Wednesday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Children's Media Project, on Academy Street in Poughkeepsie. The topics for the Institute may change from year to year in which case the course may be repeated for credit.

Topic for 2009/10: *Community in Poughkeepsie*. At a time when there is a perception that community is diminishing, or at least changing, both locally and nationally, the Poughkeepsie Institute offers a course that documents ways in which people in Poughkeepsie form social configurations. We examine schools, religious congregations, political issues, human service needs, sports and even restaurants, street life and parks. There is also an effort to uncover connections among these various forms of social energy. We issue a report back to the community in the form of 40-page written document and a 12-15 minute video that includes policy recommendations. This is presented at an end of the semester press conference as well as a presentation to the Mayor and City Council of Poughkeepsie. Mr. Leonard.

Special Permission.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

Limited to five students per college.

386a. Senior Seminar (1)
This course concentrates on advanced debates in Urban Studies and is designed to encourage students to produce research/grant proposals for projects in Urban Studies. Topics vary according to instructor. This seminar is required of all Urban Studies majors.

Topic for 2009/10: *Cities After Society*. This seminar investigates the emerging dynamics of urbanization and urban life amidst the structured disintegration of society at two levels. From above, *globalization* has weakened the economic integrity and political capacity of the nation-state. From below, class, bureaucracy, the nuclear family and other modern institutions have lost much of their power to reproduce social structure, unleashing new social risks and freedoms in a dynamic known as *individualization*. As theorists attempt to understand these changes and their consequences for cities, a new kind of social science has begun to develop, unburdened by increasingly problematic assumptions of the modern nation-state framework and the spatial fixity of groups, institutions and cultures within a bounded 'society.' Mr. Nevarez.

Prerequisite: Special permission.

[390b. Mapping the Middle Landscape: Planned Community] (1)

Today a majority of Americans lives, works and shops in what Peter Rowe called "the middle landscape," the suburban and exurban area between city and countryside. This seminar investigates one of the middle landscape's most peculiar spatial products, namely

the master planned community. The investigation focuses on the physical environment as well as the general attitudes, fears and economic forces that shaped it. Mr. Armbrorst.

Not offered in 2009/10.

II. Independent Work

298a or b. Independent Work (½ or 1)
Individual project of reading or research, under supervision of one of the participating instructors.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work (½ or 1)
Independent project of reading or research under supervision of one of the participating instructors.

Victorian Studies

Coordinator: Beth Darlington (English); **Advisers:** Brian Lukacher (Art), Beth Darlington, Wendy Graham, Susan Zlotnick (English), Lydia Murdoch (History), Michael Pisani (Music).

The interdepartmental program in Victorian Studies is designed to enable students to combine courses offered in several departments with independent work and, through an interdisciplinary approach, to examine the assumptions, ideas, ideals, institutions, society, and culture of nineteenth-century Britain, a complex society undergoing rapid transition at the height of global power.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units, courses at all three levels of instruction (100-, 200-, and 300-level), at least 4 courses from the required category of courses, and at least 4 courses at the 300-level, one of which must be the senior thesis. The senior thesis is a long research paper, interdisciplinary in nature, and written under the direction and guidance of two faculty members from two departments. Three of the 12 units for the major may be taken from courses dealing with countries other than Britain (students should see the coordinator for a list of such courses). Study in Britain may be desirable for qualified students.

Requirements for Correlate Sequence: The correlate sequence in Victorian Studies requires six graded units beyond the 100-level from at least two disciplines. History 254, Victorian Britain, must be included in the sequence. In addition a minimum of three units must be selected from the list of required courses and two may be selected from the list of recommended courses. At least one of the six units must be at the 300-level. After declaration of the correlate sequence no courses may be taken NRO for its completion. Students wishing to pursue a correlate should contact the coordinator of the program.

Required Courses

At least 3 units from the following, in two disciplines, plus interdepartmental Victorian Studies 300, Senior Thesis.

English 248	The Age of Romanticism, 1789-1832	(1)
English 249	Victorian Literature: Culture and Anarchy	(1)
English 250	Victorian Poets: Eminent, Decadent, and Obscure	(1)
English 255	Nineteenth-Century British Novels	(1)
English 351	Studies in Nineteenth-Century British Literature	(1)
English 352, 353	Romantic Poets	(1)
History 121a or b	Readings in Modern European History	(1)
History 151b	British History: James I (1603) to the Great War	(1)
History 254a	Victorian Britain	(1)
History 355a	Childhood and Children in Nineteenth-Century Britain	(1)

Interdepartmental

Victorian Studies 300a Senior Thesis (1 or 2)

Recommended Courses

Art 262a	Art and Revolution in Europe 1789-1848	(1)
Art 263b	Painters of Modern Life: Realism, Impressionism, Symbolism	(1)
Art 362a	Seminar in Nineteenth-Century Art	(1)
English 261	Literatures of Ireland	(1)
History 255	The British Empire	(1)
Philosophy 205	Nineteenth-Century Philosophy	(1)

Supplemental (Non-British) Courses

For a list of over 30 courses, any three of which may count towards the major, see the coordinator.

Women's Studies

Director: Lydia Murdoch; **Steering Committee:** Light Carruyo (Sociology), Kristin Sanchez Carter (English), Colleen Ballerino Cohen (Anthropology/Women's Studies), Eve Dunbar (English), Leslie Dunn (English), Diane Harriford (Sociology), Kathleen Hart (French), Susan Hiner (French), Jean Kane (English), Lydia Murdoch (History), Barbara Olsen (Classics), Peipei Qiu (Japanese), Karen Robertson (Women's Studies), Laura Yow (English), Susan Zlotnick (English); **Members of the Program:** Elizabeth Arlyck (French), Rodica Blumenfeld (Italian), Light Carruyo (Sociology), Kristin Sanchez Carter (English), Colleen Ballerino Cohen (Anthropology/Women's Studies), Miriam Cohen (History), Lisa Collins (Art), Eve Dunbar (English), Leslie Dunn (English), Amy Freeman (Geology), Janet Gray (Psychology), Kathleen Hart (French), Susan Hiner (French), Shirley Johnson-Lans (Economics), Jean Kane (English), Sarah Kozloff (Film), Kathryn Libin (Music), Seungsook Moon (Sociology), Lydia Murdoch (History), Uma Narayan (Philosophy), Lisa Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies), Peggy Piesche (German Studies) Christine Reno (French), Karen Robertson (English/Women's Studies), Jeffrey Schneider (German), Jill Schneiderman (Earth Science and Geography), Mary Shanley (Political Science), Linta Varghese (Anthropology), Silke von der Emde (German), Laura Yow (English), Susan Zlotnick (English). Subject to change.

Students who wish to concentrate in the multidisciplinary program in Women's Studies or elect the correlate sequence should consult the director of the program. With an adviser or advisers in the program, applicants plan a course of study, tailored to their particular interests and needs in the field. The concentration or correlate sequence must be approved by the adviser or advisers and the director of the program.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units elected from at least three disciplines, including: (1) Women's Studies 130, Introduction to Women's Studies; (2) 1 unit in feminist theory. Feminist theory courses include Philosophy 250, Political Science 278, Political Science 376; (3) 1 unit selected from Women's Studies 240, 241, or 251; (4) Women's Studies 300, a 1-unit essay or project in the senior year; (5) 3 additional units at the 300-level from the list of Approved Courses. These courses must be taken in at least two departments or one department and the Women's Studies Program; (6) 5 additional courses from the list of Approved Courses or the program's General courses. All courses should be chosen in consultation with the adviser or the director of the program. No required courses for a concentration in Women's Studies may be taken NRO, and no more than 3 units may be taken as ungraded work. The senior essay is graded.

Requirements for the Correlate Sequence: 6 graded units including: (1) Women's Studies 130, Introduction to Women's Studies; (2) 1 unit in feminist theory. Feminist theory courses include Philosophy 250, Political Science 278, Political Science 376; (3) 4 other courses from the list of Approved Courses, germane to the focus of the correlate sequence. No more than 2 units may be taken at the 100-level and at least 1 unit must be at the 300-level.

Courses taken in the major may also fulfill requirements in the correlate sequence, but the sequence must include courses from at least three departments. It is recommended that the correlate sequence adhere as closely as possible to the plan outlined below.

Freshman or Sophomore:

130 Introduction to Women's Studies

Sophomore and Junior:

200-level courses germane to the sequence

Junior:

a course in feminist theory

Senior:

300-level course germane to the sequence

I. Program Courses

130a and b. Introduction to Women's Studies (1)

Multidisciplinary study of the scholarship on women, with an introduction to feminist theory and methodology. Includes contemporary and historical experiences of women in private and public spaces. Examination of how the concept of women has been constructed in literature, science, the media and other institutions, with attention to the way the construction intersects with nationality, race, class and sexuality.

Two 75-minute sessions.

[160a and b. Issues in Feminism: Bodies and Texts] (1)

This course is an introduction to issues in feminism with a focus on the female body and its representations. We read a variety of texts and analyze visuals from film, performance, art, cartoons and advertising. Particular focus is given to women's bodies in art, popular culture and the media, and the intersection of race, class and gender. This is a writing-focused course. In addition to three traditional critical essays, students experiment with other forms of writing such as journals, comic strips, film review, op-ed essays and responses to visuals. This course stresses the development of analytical thinking, clarity of expression and originality.

Two 75-minute sessions.

Not offered in 2009/10.

185a. Gender Social Problems, and Social Change in the Contemporary U.S. (1)

(Same as Sociology 185a) This course aims to introduce students to a variety of social problems and the possibilities of social change. It examines general issues such as economic inequality and poverty, racial and ethnic inequality, and social inequality based on gender and sexual orientation. It then looks at the ways in which these problems manifest themselves in institutions and policies concerning education, health care, the family, the criminal justice system and the environment. Within each of these areas of concern, we focus on the ways in which the issues relate specifically to women and gender. We also discuss social movements that have attempted to address economic, racial, and gender inequality, and concrete proposals to address the problems we study. This course is taught at the Taconic Correctional Facility for Women to a combined class of Vassar students and students from Taconic. Ms. Shanley, Ms. Leonard.

One 3 hour per week session

Prerequisites: permission of the instructor

204a. Gender Issues in Economics (1)

(Same as Economics 204a) An analysis of gender in education, earnings, employment, and the division of labor within the household. Topics include a study of occupational segregation, discrimination, the role of "protective legislation" in the history of labor law, and effects of changes in the labor market of the U.S. We also study the economics of marriage, divorce, and fertility. A comparative study of gender roles in other parts of the world is the final topic in the course. Ms. Johnson-Lans.

Two 75-minute sessions.

Prerequisite: Economics 101.

218b. Literature, Gender, and Sexuality (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 218a and English 218a) This course considers matters of gender and sexuality in literary texts, criticism, and theory. The focus varies from year to year, and may include study of a historical period, literary movement, or genre; constructions of masculinity and femininity-, sexual identities; or representations of gender in relation to race and class.

Topic for 2009/10: *Black Feminism*. This course examines the development and history of black feminism in the United States. Through reading works of fiction, memoir, and theory, we explore the central concerns of the black feminist movement, and consider black feminism's response to Civil Rights, Black Nationalism, and white feminism. Authors may include Anna Julia Cooper, Angela Davis, bell hooks, Audre Lorde, Toni Morrison, and others. Ms.

Dunbar.

Two 75-minute sessions.

220b. Medieval and Renaissance Culture: Women in Renaissance Culture (1)

Ms. Robertson, Ms. Reno.

Two 75-minute periods.

221b. Feminism, Knowledge, Praxis (1)

(Same as Sociology 221b) How do feminist politics inform how research, pedagogy, and social action are approached? Can feminist anti-racist praxis and insights into issues of race, power and knowledge, intersecting inequalities, and human agency change the way we understand and represent the social world? We discuss several qualitative approaches used by feminists to document the social world (e.g. ethnography, discourse analysis, oral history). Additionally, we explore and engage with contemplative practices such as mediation, movement, and creative-visualization. Our goal is to develop an understanding of the relationship between power, knowledge and action and to collectively envision healing forms of critical social inquiry. Ms. Carruyo.

[230b. Women and Film] (1)

(Same as Film 230) Ms. Kozloff.

Two 75-minute sessions, plus outside screenings.

Prerequisite: One course in film or women's studies.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[231a. Women Making Music] (1)

(Same as Music 231)

Two 75-minute sessions.

Not offered in 2009/10.

240b. Construction of Gender (1)

Topics vary from year to year.

Topic for 2009/10: *Representations of Gender in American Popular Media*. From the perspective of feminist cultural studies the course considers aspects of contemporary American culture: movies, toys, television, popular fiction, cultural rituals and ceremonies. Ms. Robertson, Mr. Schneider.

Two 75-minute sessions.

Prerequisites: Women's Studies 130, or permission of the instructor.

251a. Global Feminism (1)

(Same as International Studies 251a) This course explores issues pertinent to women's experiences in different Third World cultural and national contexts, focusing on feminist political analyses and activism pertaining to a range of issues affecting women. The course examines how political fundamentalism, nationalism and postcoloniality affect different women's identities and choices, and how feminists negotiate these forces in their struggles for women's empowerment. In addition to theoretical readings on Third World feminism, we address issues ranging from cultural practices, to issues of sexuality and reproductive rights, and issues pertaining to development and women's place in the contemporary global economy. Ms Narayan.

260a. Women in the United States to 1890 (1)

An examination of women's social, economic, and political roles in colonial America and the eighteenth and nineteenth century U.S. The course emphasizes varieties of experience based on race, ethnicity, class, and region. Major issues include the household and other workplaces, changes in society and family life, slavery and emancipation, and women's growing influence in public affairs from the Revolution to the Gilded Age. Ms. Edwards.

Two 75-minute sessions.

[276b. Gender and Social Space] (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 276b) This course explores the inter-relation of gender and key spatial forms and practices such as the home, the city, the hotel, migration, shopping, community activism and

walking at night. The course draws on feminist theoretical work from diverse fields such as geography, architecture, anthropology and urban studies not only to begin to map the gendered divisions of the social world but also to understand gender itself as a spatial practice. Ms Brawley.

Two 75-minute sessions
Not offered in 2009/10.

[280a. Interpreting French Feminism] (1)

Focusing on selected episodes in the history of French feminism from the 1789 Revolution to the present, this course examines the contrast, often striking, between the actual words and deeds of feminists, and the ways in which feminist groups or individuals have been portrayed by journalists, cartoonists, historians, psychologists, politicians, philosophers, and filmmakers. Engaged in a dialectical interaction with their surroundings, these various feminists or feminist groups often shaped their theory and practice differently according to how the wider culture responded to their diverse cultural, ethnic, sexual and linguistic identities. Topics include marriage (gay and straight), slavery, socialism, suffrage, education, and reproductive rights. Scholarly works are read in conjunction with primary sources in English translation, including political manifestos, a play, letters, a memoir, essays, and two films with English subtitles. Ms. Hart

Not offered in 2009/10.

285b. Women and Gender in Eastern Europe: From Communism to Post-Communism (1)

This course explores the experience of women and related questions of gender from the 1917 Soviet Revolution to communist rule in Eastern Europe after World War II to the still ongoing transition to capitalism since the fall of the Wall in 1989. In the first half of the semester, we investigate women's lives during communism through diverse sources, such as personal accounts, historical documents, contemporary films, as well as recent scholarship. What did communism promise to women? What was the theory versus the practice of equality? What were women's everyday lives like during communism? The second half of the course will focus on the ongoing post-1989 transition away from communism toward "new democracies" and "new economies." How have these dramatic changes affected the role of women and men in the public and private spheres? Why did Eastern Europe's women not welcome Western feminists with open arms? How have gender representations changed as former communist citizens encounter capitalism and its byproducts, such as advertising, pornography, and high-tech media? Ms. Bren.

Two 75-minute sessions; no prerequisites required.

288b. Constructing the Second Wave (1)

Second-wave feminism was a political movement imagined and disseminated in the fiction and poetry of the era and energized by the recovery of a tradition of women's writing. Novelists and poets challenged traditional models of femininity while the presses founded in the 1970s and 1980s republished earlier women writers and assembled anthologies of new writing. Feminist bookstores provided a central location for the meeting of women as well as the sale of books. This course examines bestsellers of the movement and more experimental fiction, particularly feminist science fiction, within the context of the feminist presses and the founding of Ms. magazine. Writers may include, Lisa Alther, Margaret Atwood, Marilyn French, June Jordan, Maxine Hong Kingston, Ursula LeGuin, Audre Lorde, Tillie Olsen, Grace Paley, Marge Piercy, Adrienne Rich, and Alice Walker. Ms. Robertson.

Two 75-minute sessions.

[306b. Women's Movements in Asia] (1)

(Same as Asian Studies 306 and Sociology 306) Ms. Moon.
Not offered in 2009/10.

[362. Women in Japanese and Chinese Literature] (1)

(Same as Chinese and Japanese 362)
Not offered in 2009/10.

[366b. Seminar in African American Art and Cultural History] (1)

(Same as Art 366 and Africana 366) Topic: Vision and Critique in the Black Arts and Women's Art Movements. Focusing on the relationships between visual culture and social movements in the U.S., this seminar examines the arts, institutions, and ideas of the Black Arts movement and Women's Art movement of the 1960's and 1970's. Analyzing paintings, photographs, posters, quilts, collages, murals, manifestos, mixed-media works, installations, films, performances, and various systems of creation, collaboration, and display, we explore connections between art, politics, and society. Ms. Collins.

Not offered in 2009/10.

[370b. Feminist Perspectives on Environmentalism] (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 370a and Science, Technology, and Society 370) In this seminar we explore some basic concepts and approaches within feminist environmental analysis paying particular attention to feminist theory and its relevance to environmental issues. We examine a range of feminist research and analysis in 'environmental studies' that is connected by the recognition that gender subordination and environmental destruction are related phenomena. That is, they are the linked outcomes of forms of interactions with nature that are shaped by hierarchy and dominance, and they have global relevance. The course helps students discover the expansive contributions of feminist analysis and action to environmental research and advocacy; it provides the chance for students to apply the contributions of a feminist perspective to their own specific environmental interests. Ms. Schneiderman.

Special permission.

One 2-hour meeting per week.

Prerequisite: Women's Studies 130 recommended.

Not offered in 2009/10.

375a. Seminar in Women's Studies: Women and Class (1)

Topic for 2009/10: *Foregrounding Class*. While modern identity is understood to reside at the intersections of race, class, gender, nation and sexuality class is the component that has received the least attention in recent feminist studies. To address this oversight, this course foregrounds the construction of class in twentieth-century Britain and America. We begin with a brief theoretical overview of class and then address a range of topics. Theoretical readings by Karl Marx, Thorsten Veblen, Raynod Williams, Heidi Hartmann, and Carolyn Steedman are supplemented by novels, memoirs, non-fiction essays, as well as films and television programs. The goal of the course is to make class a more visible category. Ms. Robertson, Ms. Zlotnick.

Special permission.

One 2-hour meeting per week.

[380a. Queer Theory] (1)

The western cultural paradigm of sexual orientation has many origins. In particular, this course investigates those coming out of psychoanalysis and science—two of the dominant sources of social knowledge prevalent in our culture. We explore the view that all sexual behaviors, all concepts linking sexual behaviors to sexual identities, and all categories of "normal" and "deviant" sexualities, are social constructs, sets of signifiers which create certain types of social meaning. We see that queer theory follows feminist theory and lesbian and gay studies in rejecting the idea that sexual orientation is an essentialist category, something determined by biology or judged by eternal standards of morality and truth. We try to argue that sexuality is a complex array of social codes and forces, forms of individual activity and institutionalized power relations, which interact to shape the notions of what is "normal" what is "natural," "essential" or "biological." Aside from readings in both science of sex, gender, and sexual orientation and psychoanalysis, we read theoretical texts which help guide us toward a more accurate understanding of what we mean by the term 'queer,' what we regard as the criteria for labeling a sexual activity queer, in short, the ontology of queer or what queer is.

Women's Studies 130 and relevant 200-level course desir-

able.

Special permission.
One 2-hour meeting per week.
Not offered in 2009/10.

384a. Transnational Queer: Genders, Sexualities, Identities (1)
(Same as College Course 384a and International Studies 384a) What does it mean to be Queer? This seminar examines, critique, and interrogate queer identities and constructions in France and North America. In what ways do diverse cultures engage with discourses on gender and sexuality? Can or should our understanding of queerness change depending on cultural contexts? Through guest lectures and discussion seminars, the course examines a broad range of queer cultural production, from fiction to cinema and performance. Topics to include such diverse issues as queer bodies, national citizenship, sexual politics, legal discourse, and aesthetic representation. All lectures, readings, and discussions are in English. Mr. Swamy.

385a. Women, Culture, and Development (1)
(Same as Sociology 385) This course examines the ongoing debates within development studies about how integration into the global economy is experienced by women around the world. Drawing on gender studies, cultural and global political economy, we explore the multiple ways in which women struggle to secure wellbeing, challenge injustice, and live meaningful lives. Ms. Carruyo.

386b. Women of Color in the U.S. Public and Private Citizenship (1)

This course explores the cultural production and consumption by and of “women of color” in the U.S., with a focus on the way various groups have negotiated the presumed gap between what is represented or understood as private experience, and public or political form. Historical, social, and cultural connections and disjunctions between African American, Arab American, Asian American, Native American, Latina, and other women are examined, especially in the context of feminism, cultural nationalism, and the scholarly discipline and practice of critical legal feminism and critical race studies. We explore the varied ways in which family, labor, and leisure practices can place women of color in social positions which blur the distinction between private and public culture, and which call for a reconsideration of the notion of “experience” itself. Theorists and writers considered include Patricia Williams, Chela Sandoval, Cherrie Moraga, Valerie Smith, and Lisa Lowe. Ms. Carter.

[388b. Latina Feminisms (1)]

This course approaches Latina feminist practice as a highly contested and still-evolving site of cultural production. Among the issues to be explored: Latina participation in feminist coalition-building across linguistic, racial, ethnic, class, and national borders; Latina writers negotiation of poststructuralist theory; and the relationship of Latina feminist activism to other political movements in the Americas, including civil rights, nationalist, anti-colonial, and human rights movements. Ms. Carter.

One 2-hour meeting per week.

Prerequisite: Women’s Studies 130 or permission of the instructor.

Not offered in 2009/10.

II. Reading Courses

Prerequisite for reading courses: Women’s Studies 130 and one additional Women’s Studies course or course from the list of Approved Courses. Permission of the director is required for all reading courses.

[297.01. Queer Theory] (½)

The program.

Not offered in 2009/10.

297.02. Lesbian Sex and Politics in the United States (½)

The program.

[297.04. Women and Sport] (½)

The program.

Not offered in 2009/10.

III. Independent Work

Prerequisite for fieldwork or independent study: 2 units of work in Women’s Studies or from the list of Approved Courses. Permission of the director is required for all independent work.

290a or b. Field Work (½ or 1)

298a or b. Independent Study (½ or 1)

300a-300b. Senior Thesis or Project (½, 1/2)

A 1-unit thesis or project written in two semesters.

399a or b. Senior Independent Study (½ or 1)

IV. Approved Courses

Below is a partial list of approved courses. For current offerings, consult the list circulated each term by the program, together with the Women’s Studies Handbook.

Education 252	Race, Representation and Resistance in U.S.Schools	(1)
English 218	Literature, Gender, and Sexuality	(1)
English 262	Postcolonial Literatures	(1)
English 319	Race and Its Metaphors	(1)
History 260	Women in the U.S. to 1890	(1)
History 261	History of Women in the U.S. since 1890	(1)
Philosophy 250	Feminist Theory	(1)
Political Science 278	Feminist Theory, Policy Issues, and Law	(1)
Sociology 250	Sex, Gender, Society	(1)

V. General Courses

Consult the list circulated each term by the program, together with the Women’s Studies Handbook.

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Women's Soccer Coach and Lecturer in Athletics and Physical Education (2006-)
- Rodney Mott**, B.A.
Women's Soccer Coach and Lecturer in Athletics and Physical Education (2006-)
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Men's and Women's Squash Coach and Lecturer in Athletics and Physical Education (2000-)
- Jonathan Penn**, B.S., M.S.
Men's and Women's Volleyball Coach and Associate Professor in Athletics and Physical Education (1995-)
- Lisl Prater-Lee**, B.A., M.A.

- Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Coach and Associate Professor in Athletics and Physical Education (1993-)
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La Crosse Coach and Lecturer in Athletics and Physical Education (2005-)

Grants Office

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Libraries

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Director of Libraries (1980-)
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Collection Development Librarian (2009-)
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Music Librarian (1985-)
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Special Collections Librarian (2004-)
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Continuing Resources/Document Librarian (1984-)
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Manager of Administrative Services and Assistant to the Director of the Libraries (2005-)
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Visual Resources Curator (2004-)
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Science Librarian (1995-)
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Reference Librarian (June 2000-)
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Reference Librarian (2006-)
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Head of Circulation and Reserves (2005-)
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Associate Director for Special Collections, Donor Relations, and Outreach (2000-) and Adjunct Associate Professor of History (2007-)
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Technical Services Librarian: Monographs (2008-)

Wimpfheimer Nursery School

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- Justine F. Bastian**, A.A., A.A.S., B.S.
Nursery School Teacher (1995-)
- Emily K. Brown**, B.A.
Nursery School Assistant Teacher (2006-)
- Roseanne Di Fate**, B.A.
Nursery School Teacher (1993-)
- Deborah Falasco**, A.A.S., B.A.
Nursery School Teacher (2002-)
- Gwen Foster**, B.A.
Nursery School Teacher (1992-)
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Nursery School Teacher (January 1989-)
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 Nursery School Teacher (2000-)
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 Assistant Director of College Relations (2006-) and Producing
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 Assistant Director of Conferences and Summer Programs
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Digital Imaging

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 Editorial Director for Print and Online Publications (2007-)
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 Staff Writer (2006-)

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Print Publications

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 Graphic Designer and Director of Publications (1991-)
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Web Development

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 Systems Administrator (2006-)
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 User Services Consultant (2001-)
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 Help Desk Supervisor (2000-)
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 Programmer/Analyst (2005-)
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 Associate Director for Administrative Information Services
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 User Services Consultant (1999-)
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 Senior Programmer/Analyst (1995-)
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 Director of Academic Consulting Services (1998-)
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 Database Administrator (1996-)
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Director of Information Management for Operations (1987-)

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Development Communications

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Controller (2008-)

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Budget Analyst (1991-)

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Budget and Planning

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Buildings and Grounds Services

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Director of Faculty Housing and Special Projects (1990-)

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Director of Facility Operations and Grounds (2005-)

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Director of Environmental Health and Safety (2005-)

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Project Manager for Facilities(2005-)

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Project Manager (2008-)

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Coordinator of Technology (2001-)

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Manager of Custodial Services (1999-)

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Manager of Service Response (2008-)

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Associate Director of Human Resources (2000-)

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Assistant Director of Human Resources (2001-)

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Manager, Benefit Programs (2000-)

Investments and Capital Project Finance

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Associate Vice President and Director of Investments (1995-)

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Financial Analyst (2006-)

Purchasing

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Procurement Manager (2001-)

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Manager, Vassar Post Office (2007-)

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Assistant Director of Alumnae/i Education (2003-)

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Director of Alumnae/i Information Services (2001-)

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Associate Director of Alumnae/i Web Services (2004-)

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Director of Alumnae/i Communications and Editor, *Vassar, the Alumnae/i Quarterly* (2001-09)

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President of the College, Chair of the Faculty, and Professor of Economics (2006-)

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Professor Emeritus of Sociology, (1970-98)

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Professor Emeritus of Geography (1972-2004)

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Professor Emeritus of Religion (1956-90)

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Anthropology	2202	AB
Anthropology-Sociology	2208	AB
Art	0831	AB
Asian Studies	0302	AB
Astronomy	1911	AB
Biology	0401	AB, MA
Biochemistry	0414	AB
Chemistry	1905	AB, MA
Chinese	1107	AB
Classical Studies: Latin	1109	AB
Classical Studies: Greek	1110	AB
Classical Studies: Ancient Societies	1504	AB
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