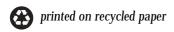
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# Calendar

# 2001/02

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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.

First	Semester	2001	/02
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	Friday Monday	Last day for payment of first semester fees. Residence houses open at 9:00 a.m. for new students only. All new students arrive before 2:00 p.m. for beginning of orientation week. First board meal is lunch.
September 1	Saturday	Residence houses open at 9:00 a.m. for all other students.
3	Monday	Classes Begin. Registration of special students.
5	Wednesday	Fall Convocation at 3:30 p.m.
	Friday	Add period ends.
22-23	Saturday-	Freshmen Parents Weekend.
	Sunday '	
October 12	Friday	Drop period ends.
	Friday-	October break begins at 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	October break ends at midnight.
November 5-16		Preregistration for Spring 2002.
	Friday	8
21-25	Wednesday-	Thanksgiving recess begins at 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	Thanksgiving recess ends at midnight.
December 11	Tuesday	First semester classes end.
	Wednesday-	Study period.
	Sunday	Table 1
17-21	Monday-	First semester examinations.
11 21	Friday	
22	Saturday	Residence houses close at 9:00 a.m. Last board meal is breakfast.

# Second Semester 2001/02

January		Friday Saturday	Last day for payment of second semester fees. Residence houses open at 9:00 a.m. New students arrive. First hoard meal is lunch.
	22	Tuesday	Second semester classes begin. Registration of special students. (Note: No classes on Martin Luther King Day)
February	4	Monday	Add period ends.
March		Friday	Drop period ends.
	8	Friday	Spring vacation begins at 5:00 p.m.
	9	Saturday	Residence houses close at 9:00 a.m. Last board meal is breakfast.
	24	Sunday	Spring vacation ends at midnight. Residence houses open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday (23rd). First board meal is lunch on Saturday, March 23.
April	8-19	Monday-	Preregistration for Fall, 2002.
	12.14	Friday	A 11 D 377 1 1
	12-14	Friday Sunday	All Parents Weekend
May	1	Wednesday	Spring Convocation at 3:30 p.m.
-	7	Tuesday	Second semester classes end.
	8-14	Wednesday-	Study period.
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	15-21	Wednesday- Tuesday	Second semester examinations.
	2.2.	Wednesday	Residence houses close at 9:00 a.m. (except seniors).
		Sunday	138th Commencement. Residence houses close at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27 (for seniors).
June	7-9	Friday- Sunday	Vassar College Reunions.

Note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there are an uneven distribution of class days during the fall term. Therefore, the final Monday and Tuesday of the term will be treated, for teaching purposes, as a Friday and a Thursday, as noted below:

Monday, December 10 = Friday Tuesday, December 11 = Thursday

# Four-Year Calendar, 2001/02-2004/05

First Semester	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Classes Begin October Break:	9/3 (Mon)	9/2 (Mon)	9/1 (Mon)	8/30 (Mon)
Begins 5:00 p.m. Ends Midnight Thanksgiving:	10/12 (Fri) 10/21 (Sun)	10/11 (Fri) 10/20 (Sun)	10/17 (Fri) 10/26 (Sun)	10/15 (Fri) 10/24 (Sun)
Begins 5:00 p.m. Ends Midnight Classes End	11/21 (Wed) 11/25 (Sun) 12/11 (Tue)	11/27 (Wed) 12/01 (Sun) 12/10 (Tue)	11/26 (Wed) 11/30 (Sun) 12/9 (Tue)	11/24 (Wed) 11/28 (Sun) 12/7 (Tue)
Study Period: Begins Ends Final Exams:	12/12 (Wed) 12/16 (Sun)	12/11 (Wed) 12/15 (Sun)	12/10 (Wed) 12/14 (Sun)	12/8 (Wed) 12/12 (Sun)
Begin End	12/17 (Mon) 12/21 (Fri)	12/16 (Mon) 12/20 (Fri)	12/15 (Mon) 12/19 (Fri)	12/13 (Mon) 12/17 (Fri)
<b>Second Semester</b>				
Classes Begin Spring Break:	1/22 (Tue)*	1/21 (Tue)*	1/20 (Tue)	1/18 (Tue)
Begins 5:00 p.m. Ends Midnight Classes End	3/8 (Fri) 3/24 (Sun) 5/7 (Tue)	3/7 (Fri) 3/23 (Sun) 5/6 (Tue)	3/5 (Fri) 3/21 (Sun) 5/4 (Tue)	3/4 (Fri) 3/20 (Sun) 5/3 (Tue)
Study Period: Begins Ends Final Exams:	5/8 (Wed) 5/14 (Tue)	5/7 (Wed) 5/13 (Tue)	5/5 (Wed) 5/11 (Tue)	5/4 (Wed) 5/10 (Tue)
Begin End Commencement	5/15 (Wed) 5/21 (Tue) 5/26 (Sun)	5/14 (Wed) 5/20 (Tue) 5/25 (Sun)	5/12 (Wed) 5/18 (Tue) 5/23 (Sun)	5/11 (Wed) 5/17 (Tue) 5/22 (Sun)

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Classes begin on Tuesday instead of Monday. This is a change from previously published starting dates for Spring, 2002 and 2003.

# **General Information**



The Atrium Juice Bar in the new Athletics and Fitness Center — guilt-free food and endorphin-enhanced conversation... great combo

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# A History of Vassar College

Considered 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. Only 33 years after opening its doors, Vassar had 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, was exploring the "seminar method" of teaching through original source materials.

Vassar continues to use original source materials as essential teaching elements in several departments. The college holds an extensive collection of manuscripts in the Virginia B. Smith Manuscript Collection, named for president emerita Virginia B. Smith upon her retirement in 1986. The collection ranges from medieval illuminated manuscripts to modern manuscripts of literary and historical importance. Outstanding among the many manuscripts are the papers of Mary McCarthy, Robert Lowell, Sir Stephen Spender, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Elizabeth Bishop.

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 1880, 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 2,250.

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. Čaldwell	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-

# **Academic Life**

# **Purposes**

Vassar's statement of its 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 environments.
  - 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.

# **Faculty**

Assisting students to realize these goals is a faculty of more than 200 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 constant in 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 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 electron microscopy and Old English. Field work, integral in the curricula of many departments for decades, is an expected part of students' work in such fields as anthropology and education, and study abroad 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 biopsychology or mathematics/computer science; multidisciplin-

ary programs such as urban studies; American culture, or science, technology and society; 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, four major productions are staged by the faculty and students of the Department of Drama; works of eminent playwrights from the ancient Greeks to the moderns have been presented in recent years. In addition to these major productions, many studio productions, directed by the students and faculty, are presented throughout the year under the auspices of the Department of Drama.

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 equipment, and its library collections remain exceptional for a college of its size.

#### Admission

The Carol and James Kautz Admission House is adjacent to the 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 Libraries at Vassar 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 new 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.

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 and databases, many with full text capabilities, electronic journals and CD-ROMs. Instructional programs that teach the most efficient ways to use all library technologies are routinely offered in the libraries' hands-on electronic classroom. Most of Vassar's holdings can be found in the online public access catalog, with materials not owned by the libraries made available through interlibrary loan and document delivery to students and faculty.

## 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 59,700 sq. ft. art center provides extensive exhibition space. Its sculpture garden is 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 system.

The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center houses one of the oldest college art collections in the country. The collection contains over 16,000 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.

# **Academic Computing**

A fiber-optic network connecting the campus provides the entire Vassar community with extraordinary access to computer resources. The network allows communication with the campus among students, faculty, administrators, and staff. The catalog of the Vassar Library is on the network and many bibliographic and other databases. Fractional T3 link to the Internet allows the community to draw on computer resources at colleges and universities around the world and to browse the offerings of the World Wide Web.

The network reaches every student room; the ninety-three percent of students who bring their own computers to campus can connect to the network with ease. Students who do not bring computers may also enjoy 24-hour access: every residence hall offers clusters of computers in public areas. Clusters are also found in the Computer Center, College Center, the library, and in the academic buildings. Via the network students gain access to shared software, and to laser printers housed in public clusters.

Students may use public Macintosh, PC computers and advanced computing equipment at the Campus Computer Center until midnight most nights of the week. The center provides laser printing, color printing, scanning, video imaging and editing, multimedia equipment, and powerful workstations. The staff of Computing and Information Services offers support and technical advice to users. In all, CIS supports more than 1,400 Macintoshes, PCs and Unix workstations located throughout campus. Students also have use of the college's powerful central academic computers for sharing files and other resources. The new Media Cloisters in the Library also provides sophisticated multimedia processing equipment.

These computers and the network are used in support of the curriculum in virtually all departments. Grants from the Pew Foundation, the Mellon Foundation and the National Science Foundation have sponsored innovations in many academic departments.

# The Arts and Literatures

There are several places on campus designed for theatrical productions of various sorts. Under construction, in place of Avery Hall, is the new Center for Drama and Film, which will house the department of Drama and Film and provide a proscenium theater and a film screening room, as well as production spaces and classrooms for both film and drama, equipped with advanced technology. A blackbox 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. Student-run productions 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 Blodgett Auditorium, the Spitzer Auditorium in Sanders Classroom Building, and Taylor 203.

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. The music library supports the college's diverse curriculum and includes classical and world music, musical theater and jazz. Approximately 17,000 books and periodicals, 26,000 printed musical scores, and over 28,000 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. By 2002 Skinner Recital Hall will house a Baroque organ designed by the master organ builder, Paul Fritts. Vassar owns 65 Steinway pianos, seven pipe organs, six harpsichords, and many musical instruments of historic interest in the

Darlington and James Collections. In addition, there is an extensively-equipped electronic music studio.

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 modern language programs at Vassar are enhanced by the activities of the Foreign Language Resource Center, located in Chicago Hall. The center incorporates a computer laboratory, a video laboratory for the viewing of tapes, several computer-equipped classrooms, and a 30-seat film/video theater.

#### The Natural and Social Sciences

Each of the physical science departments (biology, chemistry, geology-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 geology department has a collection of minerals, rocks, and fossils in its A. Scott Warthin, Jr., Geological Museum.

The Department of Anthropology has new media and sound lab and newly renovated archaeology and physical anthropology labs. The department's Digital Video Editing Lab has analog and digital video playback capabilities and is configured to enable computer-based digital photo manipulation and non-linear video editing. The lab is wired to a nearby classroom for remote editing demonstrations and digital projections of student's projects. 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 Sound Analysis Lab is located in Blodgett Hall adjacent to the anthropology department's Digital Video Editing Lab to facilitate the integration of sound and video production. 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 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 the Bruker 300-MHz NMR, Hewlett-Packard GC/MS, Perkin-Elmer FTİR and Rudolph 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 spectroscopy (MALDI-TOF MS). Environmental analyses are carried out using atomic emission spectrophotometry with inductively-coupled plasma atomization (ICP-AES), X-ray fluorescence (XRF), voltammetery, 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), and gel permeation chromatography (GPC). The department maintains a laser laboratory containing helium-neon, nitrogen, dye, and IR diode lasers, and an X-ray laboratory with a single crystal X-ray diffractometer for structure determination. A

detailed listing of the department's offerings is available at the website: http://depts.vassar.edu/~chem.

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

The Department of Geology and Geography is located in Ely Hall, which contains classrooms, teaching and research laboratories, and computing facilities. 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, a Silicon Graphics Visual Workstation for geophysical and terrane modeling, a clastic sedimentology laboratory for the analysis of sediments, and a paleoclimatology laboratory equipped to examine biological and geochemical indicators of climate change. Analytical facilities are complemented by the scanning electron microscope with attached energy-dispersive spectrometer in Olmsted Hall and the inductively-coupled plasma atomic emission spectrophotometer in Mudd Hall. The department maintains such specialized equipment as sediment samplers, stream gauges, and a Global Positioning System (GPS) for field work and environmental investigations, and a meteorological station at the Vassar Farm ecological reserve. The department also owns a fifteen passenger van for field work. An extensive collection of geographic, geologic, and tectonic maps of continents and ocean basins complements the department's digital and electronic data resources. With scanners, digitizing tablets, and eleven state-of-the-art PC computers, Ely Hall's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) laboratory facilitates computer-assisted cartography and spatial data analysis.

The Department of Physics and Astronomy is located in Sanders Physics Laboratory, which contains classrooms, teaching and research laboratories, computing facilities, and a research library. Instrumentation and computing facilities in Sanders supports faculty and student research in computational physics, astrophysics, and solid state physics, multi-media curriculum development, and astronomical image processing and analysis. Some 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 a 32-inch and a 20-inch reflecting telescope, as well as several small telescopes. Both large telescopes are equipped with electronic CCD cameras and spectroscopes. The 32inch is used primarily for student and faculty research on supernovae, various 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, located a short distance from campus. The Priscilla Bullitt Collins Field Station, which contains a library, classroom, modern laboratory, computers, and a weather station, is located within an ecological preserve on the farm.

The Psychology Department is housed in Blodgett Hall, extensively renovated in 1997-98 to enhance teaching and research facilities. The renovation includes a

new computer cluster as well as state-of-the-art laboratories for research in physiology, neurochemistry, and experimental learning. A new human electrophysiology suite was created to house the neuroscan equipment and observation/testing suites with sophisticated audio and video recording equipment were built for student/faculty research in developmental and social psychology. In addition, the Wimpfheimer Nursery School serves as an on-campus laboratory for students pursuing coursework or independent study research in developmental psychology.

The Department of Computer Science has two student labs that offer access to Sun workstations, a variety of Macintosh computers, and an eight-processor parallel machine, and a microprocessor hardware laboratory. 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 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.

# **Residential and Social Buildings**

Ninety-five percent of the Vassar student population lives on campus in traditional residence halls, apartments, or the cooperative house. 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 Campus 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 twelve sites name 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.

## **Residence Halls**

Main and the remaining eight traditional residence halls house a majority of the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on campus. Accommodating between 147 and 313 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 community, in any given house. The eighteen 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 Advisers are live-in professional student affairs administrators who participate in campus-wide initiatives and oversee the building management, student leadership, and overall coordination for two houses (a cluster). The House Intern oversees a set of Student Fellows who serve as peer advisers to first-year students. The House Officers are responsible for house programming and addressing community issues.

Alternative accommodations are available for students who apply and are granted permission. All such units are represented by a set of student officers and/or managers. The Ferry Cooperative houses twenty-one students jointly responsible for the management of the house including grocery shopping, cooking meals, and cleaning and who agree to promote a healthy lifestyle. The Terrace Apartments

(176 residents) and the Town Houses (250 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 acquire 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. One house, however, is designated to accommodate small numbers of students staying during each interim.

# College Center

A large and dramatically designed College Center, created by renovating part of Main Building and encircling it with a new building, was opened in 1975. The center provides room 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 Store; a computer store; the WVKR radio station; offices for student government, organizations, and a desktop publishing laboratory; lounges and meeting rooms; a 24-hour study room with publicaccess computers; a popular snack bar called the Retreat, the Kiosk coffee bar, the community darkroom, and Matthew's Mug, the college pub.

Two recently renovated areas of the facility include the College Information Center and the James W. Palmer III '90 Gallery. 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.

The Cafe, located at the Aula in Ely Hall, offers desserts and special coffees, tea, and cold beverages in the evening.

# **Campus Dining**

The All College Dining Center is located in the Students' Building and serves the entire community as a central dining facility. Remarkably flexible and efficient and bright with color, it provides seating for over 1,000 people in pleasant and well-lit dining areas of various sizes.

Campus Dining offers continuous service from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, when college is in session.

Breakfast at the dining center offers made-to-order omelets, freshly baked pastries and a self-operated waffle station. Lunch and dinner feature the very popular Pan Geos Fresh Flavors of the World, authentically replicated cuisine from around the world, prepared to order. Other choices include an exciting array of traditional and vegetarian dishes, made-to-order hot and cold sandwiches, pizza, grilled items, a full salad bar, a wide selection of hot and cold beverages and a Colombo frozen dessert kiosk featuring real fruit smoothies.

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 Retreat is open for continuous service from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from noon to 11:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, when college is in session.

The Kiosk coffee bar, located at the north entrance to the College Center, serves Starbucks coffees, cappuccinos and espressos, fresh baked pastries and other

specialties on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The Vassar Express, located near the Kiosk in the College Center, offers students a quick, bagged lunch alternative during the hectic 12:00-1:30 lunch period, Monday through Thursday. Students choose from a menu assortment of sandwiches and prepared salads, and round out their selection with chips, fruit, a beverage, and a dessert.

Café 105, located in the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center Sculpture Garden, is open from mid-April through mid-October. Café 105 offers cappuccino as well

as other hot and cold beverages and snacks.

The Atrium Café, located in the New Athletic Center, features freshlyprepared smoothies and offers an assortment of hot and cold gourmet specialties.

Campus Dining also offers an extensive catering menu for groups of 2 to 2,000, as well as "Socialize," a brochure catering to students needs and budgets. Gift baskets, birthday cakes and more can be ordered through the catering office.

# **Student Services and Activities**

# A Community of Special Character

Among the stated purposes of Vassar College (p. 8) 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 premajor 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 Academic Resource Center offers individual assistance and workshops in reading and writing skills, mathematical proficiency, and study skills. 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 Preprofessional Advising and Fellowships 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.

#### **ALANA Center**

The ALANA Center is a cultural center dedicated to supporting students of color and the organizations within Asian, Latino, African-American/Black, and Native American (ALANA) student communities at Vassar. The center provides opportunities for students of color to develop social and cultural programs, leadership seminars, sponsor speakers, cross-cultural dialogues and discussions, and network with the larger campus community. The center also encourages academic development through study/discussion groups, lectures, career seminars, big brother/big sister networks, alumnae/i mentor networks, and other student support groups.

#### **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. Through our wide range of intercollegiate varsity, club, intramural,

and recreational programs, we provide an opportunity to participate for everyone.

The 22-team varsity intercollegiate programs compete in Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The goal of the intercollegiate athletic 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.

The club program 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, renovated in 1998, features a new 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. In addition, a new 53,000-square foot athletic facility includes an 1,800 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 includes a dance studio, a dance studio/performance area, a weight-training and rowing complex, nine squash courts (six international and three hardball), a wood floor gym, locker rooms, an

athletic training room and a laundry area.

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 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, rowing, cross country, fencing, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, squash, swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball. Men compete in baseball, basketball, rowing, cross country, fencing, lacrosse, soccer, squash, swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball. Club teams include badminton, cycling, men's and women's rugby, sailing, skiing, track, ultimate Frisbee, and weight lifting. Intramural sports include basketball, floor hockey, touch football, golf, racquetball, indoor and outdoor soccer, softball,

squash, tennis, coed volleyball, and inner tube water polo.

In addition to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, Vassar is a member of the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) and competes in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross/country, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis and women's volleyball. The UCAA 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.

For a full list of coaching staff, see Athletics (p. 344).

# **Career Development**

The Office of Career Development provides a range of services designed to meet the career needs of Vassar students and alumnae/i.

In the belief that career development is an ongoing process compatible with a liberal arts education, the office helps individuals to build skills and increase knowledge that will be useful throughout their lives.

Services are designed to assist students in all phases of the developmental process. Specifically, services focus on 1) increasing self-awareness, 2) exploring career options, 3) integrating life and work planning, and 4) securing employment and/or further educational opportunities.

Individual counseling sessions may involve—but are not limited to—examining interests, values, and skills; exploring career fields; constructing effective resumes; and pursuing graduate or professional school admission as well as internships and job opportunities. Group meetings covering such topics as self-awareness, working abroad, resume writing, and interviewing are offered throughout the year.

Assessment instruments provide another tool for individuals to examine themselves in relation to the world of work. Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator may be taken on the recommendation of a staff member.

The office's extensive resources provide students with the necessary information to make choices and pursue career interests. Student career interns specializing in broad career fields provide assistance in the career library. The library houses several thousand books, periodicals, and in-house publications. A database listing over 8,000 alumnae/i volunteer career advisers and employer databases is also available.

The Office of Career Development publishes ActionLine, a semimonthly newsletter that informs students regarding special events and upcoming deadlines. The Career Development home page (http://careers.vassar.edu) features useful resources including job and internship listings and career information.

Special programs sponsored by the office include the annual Alumnae/i Career Forum, panels addressing various career fields, and the Executive-in-Residence Program.

College-sponsored on-campus recruiting programs bring students together with prospective employers. Off-campus recruiting programs are also held, in conjunction with other selective liberal arts colleges, in several cities. Current job listings are available to both students and alumnae/i through office postings and several on-line job banks. The office also maintains reference files for current students and alumnae/i.

# **Counseling Services**

The Counseling Service provides short-term psychological assistance to Vassar College students at no cost. A variety of services are offered including individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, educational programs, consultations, assessments, and referrals to off-campus psychological services. Counselors help students address concerns about their personal, social, and academic development. The Counseling Services offers several support groups with a specific focus such as eating disorders or dealing with grief and loss. Located in Metcalf House, the Counseling Service staff consists of experienced psychologists and social workers. A consulting psychiatrist is affiliated with the Counseling Service. Limited psychopharmacological services are also available at Metacalf by referral from a counselor. Information discussed during counseling sessions is confidential within legal and ethical considerations.

The Counseling Service also offers educational programs of general interest to the college community. Workshops or presentations on specific topics can be arranged by contacting the Counseling Service x5700 or visiting the web site at

http://departments.vassar.edu/~counsel/. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to make use of the educational and information resources available at the Counseling Service.

# **Disability and Support Services**

The Office of Disability and Support Services coordinates auxiliary aids, accommodations, and services for students with disabilities in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Disabilities may include, but are not necessarily limited to, visual impairments, mobility and orthopedic impairments, hearing impairments, chronic health impairments, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, and psychological disorders. A disability may be present before a student enters Vassar, or may develop or be diagnosed while attending college.

Students are responsible for registering with the Office of Disability and Support Services and providing appropriate documentation of their disability or disabilities, which substantiates their need for accommodations. Disability information is maintained as confidential as required or permitted by law, and will be shared only on a need to know basis. Information about a student's disability is not a part of their permanent academic record.

After registering with Disability and Support Services, the director will work with the student and necessary faculty and administration to identify accommodations and services that are appropriate to their needs, academic program, and campus life experience. Commonly offered accommodations and services include, extended time on exams alternative print formats, notetakers, reader service, books on tape, classroom relocation, sign language interpreters, modified course loads, classroom relocation, housing accommodations, and meal plan modifications.

The Office of Disability and Support Services is committed to helping students develop strong self-advocacy skills. Students are expected to be actively engaged in the coordination and delivery of their support services and accommodations, and to take responsibility for identifying their needs and locating and using on-campus resources. Students are encouraged to work closely with the office throughout the year, and to make use of academic and nonacademic advising and counseling services available to all Vassar students.

Students in need of accommodations or who have questions about available support services should contact the Director of Disability and Support Services at ext. 7584 to schedule an appointment. The office is located in Metcalf House and is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM during the academic year and by appointment during the summer.

# Fellowships and Graduate School/Preprofessional Advising

The Office for Fellowships and Graduate School/Preprofessional Advising works with students and recent graduates who pursue admission to professional schools, particularly in the fields of health and law, 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 application to a health related professional school are encouraged to seek advice from the members of the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee. Early consultation is recommended if one wishes to apply for any professional school, graduate program, or competitive fellowship.

#### Health

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 and gynecological care. After hours, in addition to caring for our own infirmary patients, the nursing staff handles acute problems with on-call medical staff backup. For on-site campus emergencies, New York State certified EMTs are dispatched by calling Message Center x7333 or an ambulance may be called directly at 471-1313. The staff at Baldwin will provide referrals to local emergency rooms if necessary.

A health fee covers the cost of most medical visits on campus. Charges are made for certain 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.

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, rubella, and polio, as well as recent tetanus and TB tests, are mandatory to meet New York State requirements. The Hepatitis B vaccine, Meningitis, and Varivax are also recommended.

The Health Service provides student outreach activities and maintains a strong health education program.

# **Religious and Spiritual Life**

Drawing upon the rich variety of religious and cultural traditions that Vassar students bring to campus, the college seeks to facilitate students' development of the tools necessary for reflecting and acting on issues of spirituality, conscience, and service. Opportunities are provided for such reflection and action to individuals, to communities bound by tradition of faith and/or culture, and to the larger student body in all of its diversity. Regarded as essential to this endeavor is tolerance for difference and a recognition of the fact that there are many varying paths to the sacred.

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and its advisory committee of students, faculty, and staff work closely with over fifteen student organizations representing the diversity of spiritual traditions present on campus. The religious and spiritual life office coordinates religious services and interfaith observances, faculty and student-led discussions, annual lectures on the contributions of faith commitments to civic formation and education, and organizational support for social action initiatives on and off campus. In addition, pastoral counseling is available.

Together with the Office of Student Employment, the religious and spiritual life office also directs the college's participation in the Federal Work Study Program in community service.

# **Student Employment**

The student employment office (SEO) assists all students seeking employment on campus. The college designates approximately 1,500 positions for students, giving priority consideration to students on financial aid. Students are limited to working eight to ten hours a week. Academic year positions are available in every office and department and some off-campus positions are also available. There are often limited summer and winter break employment opportunities. To secure a campus job, students need to visit with the student employment office. Detailed, preliminary information about who can work, what information is needed, available positions and their descriptions are located on the student employment office website, easily reached through the college home page. http://www.vassar.edu.

## Student Government and Extracurricular Activities

The Constitution for the Vassar Student Association gives control over social regulations, as well as extracurricular activities, to the students, subject only to an ultimate veto by the president of the college. Organized under a Council of

Representatives and elected standing committees, the VSA plays an effective role in the college community.

Student concern for participation in college policy making, which ultimately affects their education as well as their personal lives, is reflected in the *Governance* of the college, which now recognizes the student body as a separate entity within the corporate community, endowed with rights and responsibilities, and enjoying opportunities for conference with the board of trustees, the faculty, and the administration. Students sit as voting members of the Committee on Curricular Policies, the Committee on College Life, and other committees of the college.

The range of extracurricular activities at Vassar is as broad as the interests of the students. There are currently over 90 organizations and club sports: political groups, a philosophy club, a film society, an FM radio station, a weekly newspaper and several magazines, and groups focused on social action. Students sponsor a tutorial program for local school children and a Big Brother/Big Sister program.

# **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, the Ebony Theatre Ensemble, Laughingstock, Improv, and Happy Ever Laughter.

Music: The Department of Music sponsors five ensembles: choir, Madrigal Singers, 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 an orchestra. The Madrigal Singers, a select chamber ensemble, tour periodically in this country and abroad. The orchestra occasionally performs joint concerts with other regional college orchestras and special guest artists. The wind ensemble and jazz ensemble perform in various campus residence halls and lounges in addition to their formal presentations. Opera Workshop, also under the sponsorship of the Department of Music, gives an annual 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 Vassar College Gospel Choir—perform regularly at other colleges as well as on campus.

# 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.

#### 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 courses available. We recommend that students elect four years of English, including both the study of literature and continuous practice in writing; a minimum of three years of mathematics; at least two to three years of laboratory science; at least three years of social science with a minimum of one year of history; and preferably a minimum of three years of one ancient or modern foreign language or two years of one language and two of a second. Additional coursework should be elected in academic subjects in the humanities, the natural and social sciences, mathematics, and the arts. Students should take some portion of their work in enriched, accelerated, or honors courses or in the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate programs where 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 two weeks, pay the required fee deposit, and withdraw their applications to other colleges and universities.

# **Regular Decision Plan**

Candidates who wish to be considered under Vassar's regular decision plan should insure that all required credentials are postmarked by the January 1 deadline. The preapplication and the nonrefundable \$60 application fee (or a formal request for a fee waiver) should be submitted as early as possible in the senior year. 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 preapplication form, the nonrefundable \$60 application fee, biographical information, and information about extracurricular and summer activities, candidates must submit the following credentials: a transcript of high

school courses and grades, the scores of the College Board SAT I examination and the scores of any three SAT II examinations (the SAT II Writing Test is encouraged), *or* the results of the American College Test (ACT), 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 I examination and any three SAT II examinations if testing centers are available to them. Candidates whose primary language is not English *must* take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). We generally expect a minimum TOEFL score of 600 (or 250 on the computer-based version).

Some need-based financial aid is available to international applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada. Applications from noncitizens who apply for financial aid are considered on a need-aware basis. Please note that all international students are generally expected to pay at least \$5,000 per year toward tuition and comprehensive fees. 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 or Canada.

## **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 a Vassar senior are available on a daily basis. Please call the Office of Admission at 845-437-7300 or consult our website (http://www.vassar.edu) 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 an interview with an alumna or alumnus in their local area when completing the application for admission. While evaluative 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 ½ 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. (See Freshman Handbook.)

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 course units of comparable work taken at a college or university prior to a student'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.

#### **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 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 at or above the B level 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 should submit the preapplication form, the nonrefundable \$60 application fee, and all required credentials by April 1 for admission in the fall semester and by November 15 for admission in the spring semester. Required credentials include an official transcript of the secondary school record, an official transcript of the college record, recommendations from the college dean and a

college instructor, and a personal statement or essay. The application fee may be waived upon written request from the dean substantiating reasonable need for the waiver.

All traditional-age college students who are applying as transfer candidates should submit results from the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I) and three SAT II subject tests. Students who are returning to college after a lengthy hiatus or who are mature students should consult with the transfer coordinator in the Office of Admission about standardized testing expectations.

#### **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.

# **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 four historically Black colleges (Fisk, Howard, Morehouse, and Spelman), with Brooklyn College, and with York University in England.

# **Special Students and Part-Time Students**

Well-qualified students who live within commuting distance of the campus and who wish to undertake or resume study toward a bachelor's degree 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 88 percent. Additional graduation and retention rate information is available from the Office of the Registrar.

# **Fees**

# Payment of Fees

Semester bills are sent to parents July 6 for the first semester and December 7 for the second semester. Interim bills covering incidental charges incurred by a student are sent October 1, November 1, February 1, March 1, April 1, and May 1. Bills must be settled with the Office of Student Accounts by the designated due date.

There is no reduction in any fee because of late registration. Students who are accepted late must pay all fees at the time of registration.

Checks should be made payable to Vassar College and mailed to the cashier. In remitting from outside the United States, drafts must be drawn on New York banks.

A variety of installment payment plans are available through the college and through outside financing agencies.

Fees are subject to change at the discretion of the board of trustees.

#### **Entrance Fees**

# **Undergraduate Fees**

For the college year:

Tuition	\$25,890
Room and Board:	
(1) Room and board in residence halls	\$ 7,160
(2) Room in Town House or Terrace Apartment	\$ 3,800
(3) Declining halance cash account \$ 50.00.	semester

In general, the college requires full-time students to live in college housing. Special 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 dining center or the college snack bar (the Retreat).

A 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 either of 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.

Student Activities Fee (nonrefundable)	\$ 200
Payment of this fee is required by all matriculated students.	
College Health Service Fee (nonrefundable)	\$ 200
This fee covers limited medical services provided by the colle	

<sup>\*</sup> This is the fee in effect for 2000/01. The fee is subject to change as formal premium quotes are received from insurance carriers later in the year.

Additional charges may be made for gynecological services, confinement in excess of five consecutive days, and certain medications. This fee is required of all students living in college housing and is recommended for all other students.

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**Deadline for Payment** 

**First semester:** August 10, 2001 **Second semester:** January 7, 2002

# **Student Deposits**

#### **Graduate Fees**

Full-time tuition		
Part-time tuition, per unit	\$	3,050
General deposit payable by all new students on or before		
August 11, 2001	\$	200
This deposit will be refunded upon completion of degree requirem	ents	or upon

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**

#### **Music Performance**

Instruction in any single branch, including practice		
Each semester, full-time	Ś	300

<sup>\*</sup>This is the fee in effect for 2000/01 fiscal year. The fee is subject to change as formal premium quotes are received from insurance carriers later in the year.

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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. Nonmatriculated 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 \$325.00.

#### Other Fees

Transcript of academic record	\$ 2.00
Changes of room	\$ 10.00
Graduation fee	\$ 25.00
Diploma replacement fee	\$ 35.00
Emergency Medical Training instruction fee	\$ 150.00
Senior Film Workshop (per semester)	100.00
Filmmaking (per semester)	\$ 100.00
Teacher Certification (Fifth year program) (per unit)	\$ 100.00
Junior Year Abroad administrative fees	
One semester abroad	\$ 350.00
Two semesters abroad	\$ 500.00

#### **Health Services**

A schedule of fees is on file in the Office of Health Services. Health Services charges may be covered by the College Health Service Fee.

#### Miscellaneous

Fines are imposed for violation of college and social regulations. Students are 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 by 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 preregistration 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 \$1,700 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 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.

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

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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% posit)
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%

<sup>\*</sup> Examples of the Title IV Refund Policy are available in the Financial Aid Office.

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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 \$18 per lesson. The minimum charge will be \$36. 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 changes (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 Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Grants, Perkins Loans, and Stafford Student Loans.

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.

During the academic 2000/01 year, approximately sixty percent of the student body received financial aid totaling more than \$26 million from the college, federal, state, and private sources. Of that amount, over \$17 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. Both forms are available in school guidance offices. 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 judgement of the student financial aid officers of the college.

Students who are residents of New York State may be eligible for assistance

from the following sources:

The Tuition Assistance Plan (TAP)

Regents Awards for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

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

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.

Information about State Aid to Native Indians is also available in the Office of Financial Aid, or students may write to the Native American Education Unit, New York State Education Department, Albany, NY 12234.

#### 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 loan and a job. 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 Cotillion Society of Cleveland Scholarship: for a freshman from the greater Cleveland area. Applicants are recommended by the Vassar Office of Financial Aid.

The Alice L. Graham Scholarship, held in trust by the Commercial National Bank of Peoria, Illinois: for a graduate of the High School of Canton, Illinois.

The Marie L. Rose Huguenot Scholarship: Applicants must prove Huguenot ancestry by submitting a genealogical form available from the Office of Financial Aid.

The L.L. Staton Scholarship, held in trust by Herbert H. Taylor, Jr., Tarboro, North Carolina: for women from Tarboro, Edgecombe County, eastern North Carolina and western North Carolina, in that order.

#### 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 merit and 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.

# **Hager Moral Obligation Scholarship Program**

The Hager Scholar Program provides moral obligation scholarships to a small number of juniors and seniors who are selected on the basis of academic excellence, service to the college community, and financial need. The award replaces a portion of the Self-Help component (loan/student income contribution) of the recipients' financial aid package. Donors contributing to this scholarship fund do so with the explicit hope that recipients will contribute to the college scholarship program, in the years after graduation, an amount equal to or greater than the funds they received as undergraduates. The concept was devised by the late Peter Hager when he was a trustee and chair of the Committee for Investments and Finance.

#### 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.

Vassar Signature Premier Loan Program and Vassar Signature Select Loan Program are offered to international students in cooperation with Chase Manhattan Bank. The interest rates vary from prime to prime plus 1.5%, and may or may not include a 5% origination fee. The interest rates and origination fee are determined by whether the student secures a U.S. citizen as a co-borrower and the credit rating of the student and co-borrower. Students have up to 15 years to repay, and deferment on payments while in graduate school is available.

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 \$1,300 to \$1,630 requiring a student to work 8 to 10 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 Louise C. Armstrong Fund Elizabeth V. Atwater Fund Norma K. Aufzien Fund Chellis A. Austin Fund Edwin C. Austin Fund Sarah Taylor Ayrit Fund Sara L. Azrael Fund Lydia Richardson Babbott Fund Elsie L. Baker Fund 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 Kleeck Beach Fund Adeline Beadle Fund Aymer J. and E. Louise Beecher Fund Sciences 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. & 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 Braislin Fund Nannie Jenckes Brayton Fund Louise D. Breckinridge Fund Jane Breckir Memorial Fund Brigham Fund 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 Iohn 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 Central New York Scholarship Fund Cornelia B. Challice Fund Emily M. Chapman Fund Chemical Bank Fund Augusta Choate 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 Class of 1944 Scholarship Fund Class of 1945 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 Cleveland Vassar Club Endowment Fund Annette Perry Coakley Fund P. Charles Cole Fund College Bowl Scholarship Fund Isabella Steenburg Collins Fund Colorado Vassar Člub 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 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 Charles L. Dates Fund Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Scholarship Fund Thomas M. and Mary E. Bennett Davis Margarita Victoria Delacorte '53 Memorial Scholarship Fund Barbara Rowe de Marneffe & 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 & Lilla T. Elder Fund Durant Drake Fund Kathryn McGrath Dubbs Fund Gwendoline Durbridge Fund Maude Elizabeth Batcheller Durkee Fund Catherine Pelton Durrell '25 Endowed Scholarship Fund Ruth P. East Fund Charles M. Eckert Fund Edna H. Edgerton Fund Achsah M. Elv Fund Linda Beiles Englander '62 Fund Elizabeth Y. Evans Fund Martha Jarnagin Evans Fund Margaret Ferguson Fund 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 Nellie J. Ryder Gates Fund Caroline M. Gerrish Fund Margaret McKee Gerrity Fund Cora Williams Getz Fund George R. & Helen M. Gibbons Fund Kate Viola Gibson Fund Gilan Fund Lucille Renneckar Glass Fund Frances Goldin Fund Louise Miller Glover Fund Frances Goldin 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 George S. & Esther E. Halstead Fund Marian Shaler Hanisch Fund H. Stuart Harrison Fund Evelina Hartz 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 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 Meredith Miller Hilson Fund Adelaide F. and Alexander P. Hixon Endowment for Exploring Transfer Dorothy Deyo Munro and Cornelia Devo Hochstrasser Scholarship Fund Robert & Martha Hoffman Fund Elizabeth Hogsett Fund Blanche Ferry Hooker Fund Julie Lien-Ying How Memorial Scholarship Mable Hastings Humpstone Fund Calvin Huntington Fund Dorothy D. Hurd Fund Lillia Babbitt Hyde Fund Helen K. Ikeler Fund Indiana Vassar Club Endowment Fund Martha Rivers Ingram '57 Fund Jane Lilley Ireson Fund Helen Hunt Jackson Fund Harriet Morse Jenckes Fund Bertha Tisdale Jenks Fund Elizabeth Jenks Fund Dorothy Jennings Class of 1932 Scholarship Endowment Fund Beth Johnson Memorial Fund Jane T. Johnson Fund Julia E. Johnson Fund Helen Lyon Jones Fund Leila D. Jones Fund Louise M. Karcher Fund Carol and James Kautz Trustee Scholarship at Vassar College 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 Katharine P. Larrabee Fund Loula D. Lasker Fund Otis Lee Fund Margaret Anita Leet Fund Margaret Bashford Legardeur Fund Susan J. Life Fund Elisabeth Locke Fund in Music Helen D. Lockwood Fund

Julia B. Lockwood Fund Frances Lehman Loeb '28 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 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 C. McDonnell Fund Janet C. McGean Fund A. Madrigale M. McKeever Fund Maude McKinnon Fund Elizabeth L. Geiger McMahon 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 Mary E. Monroe Fund Mary H. Morgan Fund Eugenia Tuttle Morris Fund James B. & Emma M. Morrison Fund Maude Morrison Fund Christine Morgan Morton Fund Samuel Munson Fund Sylvia and Harry Nelson Fund and Gretchen Hawkins Nelson and Sylvia Allen Nelson Fund Mary Nelson Fund Sylvia A. and Harry D. Nelson Fund New York Aid Fund Elizabeth Singer Nicholson Memorial Fund Nickerson-Elwell Scholarship Fund Philip Nochlin Memorial Fund North Carolina Vassar Club Endowment Fund Jean Anderson O'Neil Fund Florence White Olivet Fund Mary Olmstead Fund Marian Woodward Ottley Fund Lydia Babbott Paddon and Richard Paddon Fund Mary Cornelia Palmer Fund Mabel Pearse Fund Honoro G. Pelton Fund

Catharine Walker Percopo '46 Fund Emma M. Perkins Fund Florence Clinton Perkins Fund Viva S. Perkins Fund Matilda C. Perry Fund Philadelphia Vassar Club Endowment Fund Frances W. Pick Fund Mary Ellen and Bruce Eben Pindyck Fund Poughkeepsie Community Fund Sarah Goddard Power Memorial Fund 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 Iulia A. Richards Fund Delia Rosanna Robbins Fund Paul C. Roberts Fund President Franklin D. Roosevelt Fund Sandra Priest Rose Fund The Lucile Cross Russell Fund Alexander and Mary Ellen Saunders Fund Harriet Sawyer Fund 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 Lydia M. Short Fund Dorothy Linder Silberberg Fund 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 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 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 Cordelia F. Turrell Fund Ruth Updegraff Scholarship Fund Janet Graham Van Alstyne 1922 Scholarship Fund Esther Ruth Van Demark Fund Yannis Pavlos Vardinoyannis Fund Matthew Vassar Auxiliary Fund Vassar Club of New York City Scholarship

Vassar Club of St. Louis 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

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 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 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 1999/00 academic year from gifts and endowments:

Bryn Mawr—Vassar Bookstore Central Florida Chicago Cincinnati Cleveland Colorado Columbus Fairfield County Hartford Jersey Hills Kansas City Naples, Florida New Haven Northern New Jersey

New York City Philadelphia Pittsburgh Poughkeepsie Rhode Island Rochester Saint Louis Tucson Vermont/New Hampshire

Washington, D.C. Westchester Western Michigan Western New York

Wisconsin

# **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 Graduate School/Preprofessional 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 2002, to the Committee on Fellowships. Application forms for all Vassar fellowships are available from the Office for Fellowships and Graduate School/Preprofessional Advising.

# Vassar College Fellowships

Mary Richardson and Lydia Pratt Babbott Fellowship Phyllis Hunt Belisle—Mathematics Eliza Buffington Fellowship—Research 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,

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— International 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 Louise Hart Van Loon Fellowship Margaret Floy Washburn Fund-Psychology Emilie Louise Wells Fellowship— Economics

# W. K. Rose Fellowship

broadly defined

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 should be requested through the W. K. Rose Fellowship Committee or the Director of the Office for Fellowships and Graduate School/Preprofessional Advising and are due by January 15, 2002.

# **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 Class of 1942 Fund for the Environmental Sciences Charles A. Dana Foundation Fund Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation Fund Terry Gordon Lee '43 Memorial Internship Fund The New York Community Trust—The John L. Weinberg Family Fund Bruce Eben and Mary Ellen Pindyck Internship in Art Nancy Olmsted '60 Fund The Richter Trusts Fund Joseph H. and Florence A. Roblee Foundation Fund C.V. Starr Foundation Fund

# Alumnae and Alumni of Vassar College (AAVC)

Founded in 1871, the Alumnae and Alumni of Vassar College is an independently chartered corporation whose purpose is "to advance the interests of Vassar College." All graduates or former matriculated students of the college are consid-

ered active members, with voting privileges.

The management of the association is vested in a rotating board of 22 directors, including the AAVC president, who is chief officer of the alumnae/i association, chair of its board of directors, and a trustee. Six AAVC directors serve on Vassar's board of trustees. The executive director directs the affairs of the association in accordance with policies determined by the board. The association takes its direction from its 33,976-member constituency whose volunteer leadership, per-

spective, and energy add a special dimension to the college's resources.

Through skills-building workshops, publications on various aspects of volunteer work, administrative services, and consultative assistance, AAVC works closely with 70 classes and 50 clubs around the world to help ensure Vassar's future as an independent, coeducational liberal arts college of the highest quality. Through class, club, and affiliate group activities, alumnae/i are kept in touch with Vassar and each other, and are offered a range of opportunities to provide volunteer and financial support for the college. Reunion weekend and informal gatherings on and off campus are two examples of the ways in which classes maintain the Vassar connection. Clubs give the college visibility in this country and abroad, influence the quality and diversity of the undergraduate body through the work of their admission committees, contribute over \$370,000 annually for scholarships, and serve their memberships by providing opportunities for career networking.

The link between the college and its alumnae/i is further strengthened by the association's annual fall council meeting, faculty-accompanied domestic and foreign travel programs, and the work of the affiliate groups: Triple AVC (African-American Alumnae/i of Vassar College), LAGAVC (Lesbian and Gay Alumnae/i of Vassar College), APAVC (Asian Pacific Alumnae/i of Vassar College), LAVC (Latino Alumnae/i of Vassar College), and JAVC (Jewish Alumnae/i of Vassar

College).

The official publication of AAVC, the *Vassar Quarterly*, is published in the fall, winter, spring, and summer. All alumnae/i receive the *Quarterly*.

The AAVC offices are located at Alumnae House.

#### Alumnae House

The Alumnae House is headquarters for AAVC and is the center for alumnae/i activities. It was given to the college by two alumnae in 1924. Its Tudor-style architecture and gracious atmosphere make it a pleasant gathering place for alumnae/i, faculty, students, members of the administration and staff, and visitors to the campus. Reservations are required. For information, call 845-437-7100 or write AAVC-Alumnae House, 161 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-2804.

# **Academic Information**



A hundred and thirty Vassar students hired as extras got a taste of Hollywood when DreamWorks Pictures/Warner Bros. rolled onto campus for the remake of The Time Machine.

Diane Pineiro-Zucker

# **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 Course, Quantitative Course, and Foreign Language Requirements

All graduates must comply with the Freshman Course requirement, the Quantitative Course requirement, and the foreign language proficiency requirement as described on page 43.

#### 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 prematriculation 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 Abroad 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 minimim 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 Courses**

Each year several introductory courses, designated Freshman Courses, 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 nineteen 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 Course. The Freshman Course offerings are listed every year in the *Freshman Handbook*.

# **Quantitative Courses**

Numeracy, like literacy, is important in a liberal education. 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 quantitative or numerical skills. 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 French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Russian, and Spanish. In addition, students may learn Chinese, Japanese, Hebrew, and Old English and, through the Self-instructional Language Program, Arabic, 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:

a) 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;

- b) Advanced Placement score of 3, 4, or 5 in a foreign language;
- c) SAT II achievement test score in a foreign language of at least 550;
- d) one year of foreign-language study at Vassar at the introductory level or one semester at the intermediate level or above;
- e) equivalent foreign-language coursework completed at another institution; such courses may involve languages not taught at Vassar, including American Sign Language; or
- f) completion of Old English and Beowulf (English 235 and 236); both Old English and Beowulf must be completed to satisfy the requirement.

## **College Courses**

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 Courses 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, with rare exceptions, 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, 390, and all dance, 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:

	Foreign Languages		
Arts	and Literatures	Social Sciences	Natural Sciences
Art	Chinese	Anthropology	Astronomy
Drama	French	Economics	Biology
English	German Studies	Education	Chemistry
Film	Greek	Geography	Computer Science
Music	Hebrew	History	Geology
Physical	Hispanic Studies	Philosophy	Mathematics
Éducation	Italian	Political Science	Physics
and Dance	Japanese	Religion	Psychology
	Latin	Sociology	, 0,
	Russian Studies	<i>31</i>	

## **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 236.

## **Interdepartmental Programs**

Interdepartmental programs are concentrations in which the concerns 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; biopsychology; geographyanthropology; Latin American studies; medieval and renaissance studies; 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 ten fully developed multidisciplinary programs—Africana studies; American culture; Asian studies; cognitive science; environmental studies; international studies; Jewish 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, anthropology, art, biology, chemistry, Chinese, classics, computer science, economics, environmental science, French, geography, geology, German, Greek, Hispanic studies, history, Italian, Japanese, Jewish studies, Latin,

Latin American studies, mathematics, medieval and renaissance studies, music, philosophy, physics, political science, religion, Russian studies, urban 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.

#### 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. Nontransfer 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. 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, nonacademic 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. 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 (with an average of approximately 3.2 for most programs), and the foreign language background specified in JYA guidelines, usually a minimum of two years of college study.

Information on procedures for consultation and application is available in the reading room of the Study Away Office in Main Building, room N-173. Students wishing to make application should do so well in advance of the specified deadlines.

Students planning any academic leave for one term only should plan to take the leave during the first semester. Leaves for b-term only are limited to those who can provide strong, specific justification based on academic grounds.

### 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 homestay with a German host-family, and a six-day excursion to Weimar and Berlin. While in Münster, 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.

# 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 will 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, and women's studies. 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-Colgate Program in Spain

Qualified students, regardless of their field of concentration, may spend a semester or an academic year with the Vassar-Wesleyan-Colgate Program in Spain. 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, 207, or 208). 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 College and The British American Film Academy in London, England

Vassar College, in conjunction with the British American Film Academy (BAFA), offers a program of study in film for either the fall term or the spring term in London. The Intermediate Film and Theatre Program is offered in the fall, and is ideal for students seeking a general introductory program where they can find out more about film, theater, and filmmaking. The Advanced Film program is offered in the spring term and is for students who already have experience in this discipline. Students applying to the advanced program must submit an audition tape or script for review by a faculty committee. In both the intermediate and advanced programs courses are taught in film history, film criticism, screenwriting, documentary film, filmmaking sessions, and either advanced directing, advanced acting for film and television, or advanced screenwriting. Those interested in applying should consult with their advisers before making a formal application through the Dean of Studies, Study Away Office, Main N-173.

# Vassar Program in Morocco

Qualified students may spend the fall semester with the Vassar Program in Morocco. The program offers courses in Moroccan and classical Arabic, literature, history, and anthropology as well as an elective option in any traditional department of Mohammed V University (for course descriptions, see the listing for Africana studies). Students normally participate in their junior year. Participants are expected to have taken appropriate area courses offered at Vassar before studying abroad. Those interested in applying should consult with their advisers and with the Africana Studies Program before making a formal application through the Dean of Studies, Study Away Office, Main N-173.

## Oxfordshire, England: Internship in British Primary Schools

Vassar College, in cooperation with the primary schools of Oxfordshire, offers a one-semester internship in British primary schools. Students interested in teacher certification, the theoretical study of education, or the study of cross-cultural education are assigned as interns in infant or junior schools in the vicinity of Oxford University. They also take a "half-tutorial" of study at Oxford-Brookes University in some area such as history, English, psychology, history of art, physical sciences, geography, or many other subjects taught in the university. 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.

## Clifden, Ireland: Internship in Irish Schools

Vassar College, in cooperation with the Clifden Community School, Clifden Ireland, offers a one-semester internship in Irish 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 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.

# 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, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Trinity, Wellesley, Wesleyan, Wheaton, or Williams, 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 participate in the Washington Semester Program in Washington, D.C., or apply to study at Brooklyn College, Fisk University, Howard University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College. Election of specific courses at Bard College is also possible.

For details about procedures related to exchanges, students should consult the Office of the Dean of Studies. Academic work at other colleges may be worked out on an individual basis through consultation with the Dean of Studies and appropriate academic departments.

#### 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.

#### **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.

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, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology on research projects at Vassar and at other sites. Recent URSI students have worked at archeological sites in Alaska, examined closely interacting galaxies NGC3395 and NGC3396 with the aid of the Kitt Peak Observatory in Arizona, developed interactive animation programs in Computer Science, explored the relationship between marriage and physical health, and studied proton transfer in perovskite oxides at Los Alamos National Laboratories. For more information on the program and a complete listing, with abstracts of last summer's projects, visit http://www.vassar.edu/ursi/index.html.

#### Ford Scholars

The Ford Scholars Program at Vassar provides special opportunities for students in the humanities and social sciences to engage in collaborative scholarship with faculty. More than 20 different academic departments and multidisciplinary programs, plus the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center and the library, have participated in the program. Examples of recent Ford Scholars projects include research conducted with a curator and an English professor on nineteenth century objects of or by women from the Magoon Collection of the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center for an exhibition mounted in Spring 2000. Since 1995 students working with a history professor have participated in a critical oral history project on the Vietnam War involving former United States and Vietnamese policy makers. The students' travels included Viet Nam, Italy, and several research libraries. One student working with a professor of Italian developed a Web site on Dante's Divine Comedy locating manuscripts illuminations, frescoes, paintings, statues, architecture, maps, and photographs that are representative of what Dante had seen and drawn on in writing his masterpiece. Working with two professors in German Studies students built a German-English bilingual MOO for German Courses to be used as an interactive educational tool The Moo—Multiple user domain—Object Oriented is now in use with German Studies 210. The Ford Scholars program allows students to test their own interests in an academic life.

# **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  $3\frac{1}{2}$  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**

Vassar has adopted a system of evaluation that allows some flexibility. Students must take three-quarters of the work done at Vassar toward the degree on a letter-graded basis, but a total of one-fourth may be taken as nongraded work in the NRO and ungraded categories. (Credit transferred from other accredited institutions is not recorded as graded credit. It does not, however, enter into the graded-ungraded quota.)

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 aterm 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.

#### **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.

If the grade assigned by the instructor at the end of the course matches or surpasses the student's elected minimum grade, the letter grade is entered and counts in the student's grade point average. 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 ungraded Vassar work allowed each student, even if a letter grade is received.

# **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) and is included, along with NRO elections, in the total nongraded Vassar work allowed each student. A maximum of one-fourth of a student's Vassar College coursework (i.e., excluding transfer credit) is allowed to be taken in the ungraded categories.

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

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

298 and 399 Independent Work is graded "Distinction," "Satisfactory," or "Unsatisfactory."

# **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. No grades will appear on a student's transcript for any work done away from Vassar.

# 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 20 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 are elected by the Vassar chapter each year. The basis for selection is evidence of high distinction in an academic program which exhibits breadth and substance and in which each of the general areas of the liberal arts—arts, languages, social sciences, and natural sciences—is well represented.

#### **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

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

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

Jean 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 English Department Prize in Fiction—to a senior for excellence in the writing of fiction Elizabeth Coonley Faulkner Prize—to a junior for research on a senior thesis or project in Washington, D.C.

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 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

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 Wirsig Memorial Prize—in recognition of outstanding promise and

accomplishment in journalism

Sophia H. Chen Zen Memorial Prize—for the best thesis in Asian studies; alternate years, for the best thesis in history

## **Departmental prizes:**

Biopsychology Senior Prize—for excellence in biopsychology

Jeffrey Chance Memorial Award—for excellence in both classwork and research in chemistry

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

June Jackson Christmas Prize—for academic excellence in Africana Studies

John F. DeGilio Prize—for creative skills in secondary teaching

Clyde and Sally Griffen Prize—for excellence in American history

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

Philip Nochlin Prize—for a senior thesis of highest distinction in philosophy

Harry Ordan Memorial Prize—for excellence in philosophy

Paul Robeson Prize—for best senior thesis in Africana Studies

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 the study of religion

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
Frances Aaron Hess Award—for sustained volunteer activity on behalf of an offcampus 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 Academic Resource 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.

# The B.A.-M.A. Program

Accelerated four-year B.A.-M.A. programs (42 units) are offered to superior students by the Department of Chemistry. An applicant must have a distinguished college record during the first two years of study in order to be accepted into the program. Application should be made to the department by the end of the freshman year, if possible, and no later than the end of the second year. The student must be recommended by the department when applying to the Committee on Leaves and Privileges for final acceptance into the program upon the completion of the second year of study.

Students who have been accepted into the program are expected to maintain a high level of achievement and to meet all the requirements for the master's degree as well as the undergraduate requirements; the M.A. evidence of proficiency will substitute for the undergraduate senior project. The student must take at least 3 units of 300-level coursework during the third year. In addition to the minimum number of units required by the department for the completion of the undergraduate concentration, the student must have 8 units in the field of concentration suitable for graduate credit. These must include 5-7 units of coursework 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. Also, they must include 1-3 units of thesis work or other demonstration of the candidate's proficiency.

Candidates for the B.A.-M.A. degree will normally complete their course of study in four academic years, three of which must be at Vassar or under Vassar's auspices. A student may spend the third year away from Vassar only if he or she participates in a program that satisfies the third-year requirement and is approved by the department.

Students who are interested in qualifying for the B.A.-M.A. program are urged to consult the department as soon as possible in order to acquaint themselves with details and requirements.

# **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 Registrar, the Dean of Studies, or the Dean of the 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 and Graduate School/Preprofessional Advising, Office of the Dean of Studies.

Graduate Record Examinations are required or recommended by graduate schools, especially for fellowships. Application blanks and information pamphlets are available at the Office of Career Development or the Office for Fellowships and Graduate School/Preprofessional Advising.

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 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 for Fellowships and Graduate School/Preprofessional Advising.

**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 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 Graduate School/Preprofessional 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 during their junior year. 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 Graduate School/Preprofessional 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 Graduate School/Preprofessional Advising is recommended.

# **Instruction 2001/2002**

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 underelection, 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:

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

# **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.

# 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, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

During College Breaks the hours are listed in the Vassar College calendar.

# **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:

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 2001/02.
  - **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 49.
    - / 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 2001/02. Course descriptions are listed in the following order:

Africana Studies Program
American Culture Program
Anthropology Department
Art Department
Asian Studies Program
Biochemistry Program
Biology Department
Biopsychology Program
Chemistry Department
Classics Department
Cognitive Science Program
College Courses
Computer Science Department

Computer Science Department Drama and Film Department

**Economics Department Education Department** 

**English Department** 

**Environmental Science Courses Environmental Studies Program** 

French Department

Geography-Anthropology Program Geology and Geography Department

German Studies Department Hispanic Studies Department

History Department

Independent Program

Interdepartmental Courses International Studies Program

Italian Department

Jewish Studies Program

Latin American Studies Program

Mathematics Department

Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program

Music Department

Philosophy Department

Physical Education and Dance 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:** Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina (English); **Steering Committee:** Constance Berkley (Africana Studies), Joyce Bickerstaff (Africana Studies and Education), Judith Casselberry (Africana Studies and Music), Patricia-Pia Celerier (French), Lisa Collins (Art), Margo Crawford (English), Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina (English), Diane Harriford (Sociology), Luke Harris (Political Science), Tiffany Lightbourn (Psychology), Timothy Longman<sup>ab</sup> (Africana Studies and Political Science), Lawrence Mamiya<sup>a</sup> (Africana Studies and Religion), Mia Mask (Film), Brian McAdoo (Geology and Geography), Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies), Ismail Rashid<sup>b</sup> (Africana Studies and History), Judith Weisenfeld (Religion).

The multidisciplinary program in Africana Studies provides students with a comparative perspective in their approach to the study of the history, politics, culture, and experiences of peoples of African origin in the United States, Africa, and the African Diaspora (North and South America and the Caribbean). Using the concepts and methodologies of history, psychology, the social sciences, and literature and the arts, Africana Studies encompasses the systematic study of peoples of African descent in the United States and areas that comprise much of what is referred to as the Third World, and is, therefore, a field of interdisciplinary inquiry which spans African American cross-cultural studies, area studies, and international studies in scope and focus.

Africana Studies has pioneered in offering for its students a cross-cultural experience in Africa or the Caribbean under the Study Away program. Students may choose Third World colleges and universities or, alternatively, one of several designated historically Black institutions of higher learning in the United States. Africana Studies also initiated the new Vassar JYA program at Mohammed V. University in Rabat, Morocco, one of the great cosmopolitan centers of the Mediterranean world. Morocco has been at the juncture of one of the major historic crossroads of cultural and intellectual ferment for Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. Africana Studies courses and foreign study opportunities emphasize comparative and multidisciplinary methodologies and the exploration of multiple perspectives. The program is concerned with the cultural, historical, political, economic, and psychological consequences of the dispersion of Africans from their ancestral continent to the diverse regions of the world, known as the Black Diaspora, over the course of centuries.

**Requirements for concentration:** 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> units are required and the crosscultural field study experience is strongly recommended for the major. Students who major in Africana Studies must have a specialization in one of the three major disciplinary areas of the program: (1) history; (2) literature and the arts; and (3) the social sciences (political science/law, sociology/religion, and education). In addition to the required concentration in one of the three disciplinary areas, a required category of Core Courses is designed to provide students with a general knowledge and synthesis of a critical body of literature and methodology in a non-Western field of scholarship. Core Courses are not cross-listed.

**Distribution of unit requirements:** (a) 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> units of Core Courses including Africana Studies 102, 210, 299, 300 (senior thesis or project), 301; (b) 3 units from the disciplinary area of specialization (history, literature and the arts, social sciences); 3 units of electives, 2 units at the 200-level, 1 unit at the 300-level). NRO work may not be used to satisfy the major requirements for the program in Africana Studies.

Students who major in Africana Studies are encouraged to participate in a cross-cultural field research and study experience in Africa, the Afro-Caribbean, or in the southern region of the United States at one of four historically Black

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

colleges—Fisk University; Howard University; Spelman College; Morehouse College. The program faculty considers such an experience overseas or in the American South to be an integral part of the Africana Studies specialization. The program hopes that nonmajors at Vassar will also consider the unique educational advantages to be derived from spending a junior year (or term) abroad at an African university or, alternatively, a term at one of the historically Black colleges.

**Advisers:** Program director and program faculty.

Courses cross-listed with other departments may be selected for credit under the rubric of Africana Studies or the traditional discipline.

Correlate Sequence in Africana Studies: Coursework in the correlate sequence is organized to reflect both the regional and global nature of the field of Africana Studies (African-Americans in the United States; Africa and the Black Diaspora) and its interdisciplinary structure of inquiry (history, literature and the arts, and the social sciences). The correlate allows students to explore the links between African American and African ancestry through a broad historic, geographic, and disciplinary perspective celebrating the richness and diversity of American and African cultures and traditions. For the student planning the correlate in Africana Studies, it is useful to understand the interdependent nature of both.

Students electing a correlate in Africana Studies must take 6 units. In addition to 3 units of required courses: Africana Studies 102; 210; and 301; students may choose 3 units of coursework from any one (a, b, c) of the suggested concentrations of study which is structured to provide depth of knowledge in a single area of disciplinary inquiry and within one or both geographic regions. Two units must be at the 200-level, 1 unit at the 300-level.

**Advisers:** Program faculty.

Options of focus are as follows:

#### I. African-American Cultural Studies\*

- a) History: African American Cultural and Intellectual History. 235; 276; 330
- b) Literature and the Arts: *The Black Aesthetic*. 202; 241; 247; 266; 270; 273; 297.07; 366; 369
- c) Social Sciences: *Race, Religion, and Socialization in America*: 160; 206; 246; 258; 264; 268; 297.04; 297.05; 320; 321; 330
- \*Students who are planning a JYA at an historic Black college or a cross-cultural experience in the American South are encouraged to choose a correlate or appropriate courses from any one of the above areas of concentration.

#### II. Africa and the Black Diaspora\*

- a) History: Ancestral Legacy. 141; 201; 230; 243; 271; 272; 373
- b) Literature and the Arts: Ancient and Modern Traditions. 108; 203; 253; 254; 369
- c) Social Sciences: *Politics and Revolution in the Third World.* 211; 243; 250; 297.08; 297.09; 310; 321; 352; 354
- \*Students who are planning a JYA in an African university or a field study experience in Africa are encouraged to choose a correlate or appropriate courses from any one of the above areas of concentration.

#### I. Core Courses

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

An introduction to the basic concepts and literature in the disciplines covered by Africana and/or Third-World studies. Provides a methodological framework for the comparative approach in the systematic investigation and analysis of non-Western peoples and cultures before and after Western contact. Emphasis is placed on an examination of the various concepts of the Third World, the African peoples in Africa, the Afro-Caribbean, and North and South America. Ms. Bickerstaff.

210b. Great Books and Classics of Africa and the African Diaspora (1)

This course provides an introduction to the accumulated thought arising out of and/or concerning the cultural and intellectual experiences of people of African descent, during the modern era. It enables students to examine and discuss the philosophical assertion that "humans are an end in themselves" as central to world views of people of African descent. The texts include classics from social science, history, and humanities that embody the essence of the African, North America African, and African Caribbean experiences. Readings include: Africanite, Pre-Colonial Black Africa, Eurocentrism, *The Marrow of Tradition, Black Thunder, Youngblood, Black Skins, White Masks.* Mrs. Berkley.

301. Senior Colloquium

**(1)** 

Provides a forum for the intensive analysis and discussion of selected topics from a multidisciplinary and comparative perspective. Scholars in the particular areas of inquiry may be invited to address the colloquium. The theme or topic varies from year to year.

Topic for 2001/02: Black Britain in Literature and Film. Black people have lived in Britain since the sixteenth century, yet their presence has been ignored in the past and contested in the present. The course examines the past and current situations of black people in Britain as described in literature and film. Issues concern notions of "home" and citizenship, immigration, sexuality and intermarriage, and the recent Stephen Lawrence murder case. Readings begin with the major black writers of the eighteenth century, such as Olaudah Equiano and Ignatius Sancho, and end with contemporary writers such as Caryl Phillips, S.I. Martin and Zadie Smith. Films include Mona Lisa, Sapphire, Secrets and Lies, and excerpts from British television documentaries. Ms. Gerzina.

Open to junior and senior majors in Africana Studies or by permission of

One 2-hour period.

# II. Introductory

#### 105a. Selected Topics in Africana Studies

(1)

(Same as Religion 105) Topic for 2001/02: Religion and the Civil Rights Movement. This course examines the ways in which religious beliefs, practices and institutions helped to shape the modern Civil Rights Movement and undergird its struggle for social change. 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. Ms. Weisenfeld.

Open only to Freshmen. Satisfies requirement for a Freshman course.

#### 108a. Introduction to the African Literary Traditions

**(1)** 

**(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, Ngugi, Neto, Abrahams, Mazrui, and Salih. Mrs. Berkley.

141a. Tradition, History and the African Experience

(Same as History 141) From ancient stone tools and monuments to oral narratives and colonial documents, the course examines how the African past has been recorded, preserved and transmitted over the generations. It looks at the challenges faced by the historian in Africa and the multidisciplinary techniques used to reconstruct and interpret African history. Various texts, artifacts and oral

narratives from ancient times to the present are analyzed to see how conceptions and interpretations of the African past have changed over time. Mr. Rashid.

Section .01 fulfills the Freshman Course requirement. It is open to freshmen only. Section .02 is open to all classes.

### 160a. Books, Children, and Culture

**(1)** 

(Same as Education 160) Ms. Bickerstaff.

#### III. Intermediate

#### 201a. African Conceptions: The Shaping of Freedom

(1)

(Same as History 201 and College Course 201) In Africa and the United States contemporary modes of thought about and the struggle for HUMAN RIGHTS reaches back to Africa's "Golden Age" (before the European Renaissance and before the period of European Navigation). This course recreates a public memory that counteracts the caricature of the enslaved African who could never be a symbol of freedom. It examines how African and African American experiences reflect the struggle for a social contract that creates and protects the human rights of all members of the world community, with regard to economic guarantees of food, clothing, shelter, education and recreation. As creative intellectuals, we must be concerned with how the cultural system can allow for the most profound development of each individual's personal human dignity. Materials are drawn from African and African American history, literature and film. Authors may include Ibn Khaldun, Peter Abrahams, Margaret Walker, Lorraine Hansberry, W.E.B. DuBois, Nelson Mandela and others. Mrs. Berkley and Mr. Rashid.

#### 202a and b. Black Music

(1)

(Same as Music 202) 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. Ms. Casselberry.

#### 203b. The Origins and Development of Islamic Literature

(1)

(Same as Religion 203) The course surveys the development of Islamic literature from its beginning with the Qur'an, through the "golden age" of Islam, to today's urbane novelists. It reveals the close relationship between the growth of Islam as a way of life and the literature which developed among the more than a billion Muslims in the world. Authors: Fazlur Rahman, Kritzeck, Jalal al Ehmad, Ahmed K. Hakkat, Tawfiq Awwad, Driss Chraibi, Taha Hussein, Naguib Mahfouz, Daglarca, Yahya Haqqi, Tayeb Salih, and Muhammad Abduh. Mrs. Berkley.

Prerequisite: one course in religion or Africana Studies.

#### 206b. Social Change in the Black Community

(1)

(Same as Sociology 206) An examination of social issues in the Black community: poverty and welfare, segregated housing, drug addiction, unemployment and underemployment, and the prison system. Social change strategies from community organization techniques and poor people's protest movements to more radical urban responses are analyzed. Mr. Mamiya.

# [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 2001/02.

# [230a. Africa: Regional Geographic Perspectives]

**(1)** 

(Same as Geography 230) Not offered in 2001/02.

### [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 segregation, disfranchisement, economic exploitation, and discrimination and to challenge American society to live up to its professed democratic ideals. Ms. Collins.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in Africana Studies or by special permission.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [241b. Introduction to Black Drama in America]

(1)

(Same as Drama 241) An introduction to the literature, history, theory, and technique of Black drama from the Black Renaissance in America to the present. The plays of this period are analyzed and discussed, and the course emphasizes the critical interpretation of Black drama and its relationship to American drama. Mrs. Berkley.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [243a. Islamic Traditions]

(1)

(Same as Religion 243) The religion of Islam in its historical expressions, including sectarian developments and Sufi mysticism. Special attention is given to the role of Islam in Africa through Arabic conquest and to the impact of Islam with regard to the Black Muslim movement in American culture. Mr. Mamiya.

Prerequisite: Religion 150, 152, or by permission of instructor. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [246a. African-American Politics]

(1)

(Same as Political Science 246) This course analyzes the diverse ways in which African Americans have engaged in politics in the United States. After briefly considering challenges facing the African American community, the course looks at approaches to politics including active engagement in the political system, Pan-Africanism and Black nationalism, accommodation and assimilation, class-based struggle, and everyday forms of resistance. The course concludes with a consideration of possible policy alternatives advocated by various African-American leaders. Writers to be studied may include W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey, Booker T. Washington, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., William Julius Wilson, bell hooks, Manning Marable, Robin Kelley, Angela Davis, and Patricia Williams. Mr. Longman.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [247a. The Black Woman as Novelist]

**(1)** 

An examination of the novels of black women writing in English. Particular consideration is given to literary forms, cultural approaches to novelistic expression, and the roles of black women in fiction and society. Authors may include: Toni Morrison, Ann Petry, Gloria Naylor, Buchi Emecheta, Jamaica Kincaid, Tsitsi Dangarembga, Zora Neale Hurston and others. Ms. Gerzina.

Prerequisite: 1 unit of 100-level work or by special permission of the director. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 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, 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. Instructor to be announced.

#### 253b. The Arts of Central, East and Southern Africa (1)

(Same as Art 253) A survey of the visual arts of Central, East and Southern Africa, ancient to contemporary. Chronological examination of the development of politically centralized kingdoms. Examination of the art of present-day Africa, as well as contemporary urban art from this broad region. Looks at the impact of both Arab and European contact with African peoples from a historical perspective. Emphasizes relationships between the past and the present, the rural and the urban, and Africa, and the African Diaspora throughout. Ms. Thompson.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or one 200-level course in Africana Studies

#### 254a. The Arts of West and North Africa

(1)

(Same as Art 254) A survey of the visual arts of West and North Africa, ancient to contemporary. Chronological examination of the art of ancient Nubia and Egypt, the empires of the Western Sudan, and the kingdoms of peoples from Morocco to Guinea to Cameroon, as well as contemporary urban art of this broad region. Looks at the impact of both Arabic and European contact with peoples of Africa from a historical perspective. Emphasizes relationships between the past and the present, the rural and the urban, and African and the African Diaspora. Ms. Thompson.

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

## [258a. Race and Ethnicity]

(1)

(Same as Sociology 258) Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 260b. African-American Religion

(1)

(Same as Religion 260) A survey of the history of religion among Americans of African descent from slavery to the present. Major topics include: African religious backgrounds and transformations in the Atlantic world, religion under slavery, the rise of independent black churches, black women and religion, new religious movements, folk traditions, music, and religion and the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Weisenfeld.

# 264b. Black Women in American History: Nineteenth and Twentieth (1) Centuries

(Same as Women's Studies 264) This course explores the social and cultural history of African-American women in the United States from the period of enslavement to the present. We examine the intellectual, political and social reform movements of black women—as abolitionists, suffragists, civil rights and human rights activists, educational leaders and social reformists—the enslaved and the free, the urban and the rural, the public and the private persona. Emphasis is placed on the diverse roles of black women as thinkers, activists, and creators, and the significance of their lives in the continuing effort of peoples of African origin to define their cultural identities, their resistance to oppression, and their struggles to change society. Inter-racial and gender conflicts and black feminist theory in contemporary American society are among the twentieth century topics explored. Alternate years: Ms. Bickerstaff, Ms. Collins. 2001/02: Ms. Bickerstaff.

#### [266a. 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 the 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 2001/02.

#### 268b. 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.

#### 270a. The Harlem Renaissance

**(1)** 

A critical analysis of the outpouring of serious creative effort in poetry and prose in Harlem during the early 1900s to 1930s by writers whose works were influenced by an emergent sense of nationalism, cultural awakening, self-awareness, and by an affirmation of the African past. The vigor and versatility of the period is expressed in the works of such writers as W. E. B. DuBois, Claude McKay, Alain Locke, Countee Cullen, James Weldon Johnson, and Jean Toomer. Ms. Crawford.

# [271a. Perspectives on the African Past: Africa Before 1800]

**(1)** 

(Same as History 271) Mr. Rashid. Not offered in 2001/02.

### [272b. Modern African History]

**(1)** 

(Same as History 272) 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [273b. African American Orators and Their Orations]

Like their African counterparts, African Americans have an urgent concern with the intellectual and emotive force of the word. Sound, meaning, and manner of speaking the language undergirds the structure of human relationships within the African American community. This course traces the art of and the role of public speaking/oratory in the African American community from its African origins, through slavery, up to the period of Malcolm X. Mrs. Berkley.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 276a. House Divided: The United States, 1830-1890 (Same as History 276)

**(1)** 

#### 281b. The Blues Tradition in African-American Literature

What, exactly, is "the blues tradition" in the year 2001? Is it an African-American musical tradition of a hundred-odd years duration, tracing back from Keb'Mo and Shemekia Copeland through Charley Patton and Bessie Smith to some unknowable first singer of a 12-bar "blues-in-formation?" Is it the tradition of blues fiction that evolves on the heels of the developing musical form, taking blues musicians and their juke-joint milieu as its chosen subject? Is it the poetic tradition that takes the 12-bar blues form as its verse model and the taut lyric realism (admixed with wild fantasy) of sung blues as its inspiration? What about blues plays, and the flourishing genre of blues autobiography? Surely the blues tradition as a whole must be grounded in some crucial way in what David Oshinsky has called "the ordeal of Jim Crow justice," which is to say the grievous struggles and redressive pleasures of rural black Southerners. We explore all these questions, using a range of texts and musical examples, recorded and live. Instructor to be announced.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Individual or group field projects or internships. The department.

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

### **Reading Courses**

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

# **297.04b.** Psychology of Black Experience in White America (½) Mr. Mamiya.

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

Ms. Bickerstaff.

# **297.07a.** Topics in Afro-American Literature and Drama (½) Mrs. Berkley.

# 297.08a/b. Caribbean Politics (½)

Mr. Longman.

#### 297.09b. African Religions (½) Mr. Mamiya.

#### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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

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

#### 299b. Research Methods (½)

An introduction to the research methods used in the disciplines represented by Africana Studies. Through a variety of individual projects, students learn the approaches necessary to design projects, collect data, analyze results, and write research reports. The course includes some field trips to sites relevant to student projects. For 2001/02 the emphasis is on technology and archival research, using the Library's new facilities in these areas. Required of majors and correlates, but open to students in all disciplines. Program faculty and Ms. Kurosman.

#### IV. Advanced

# 300a or b. Senior Essay or Project (1)

# [310b. Politics and Religion: Tradition and Modernization 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 in 2001/02.

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

(Same as Education 320) 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. Not offered in 2001/02.

## [321b. 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 2001/02.

# 330b. 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 will vary from year to year. Ms. Bickerstaff.

One 2-hour period.

Prerequisite: 2 units in Africana Studies or Urban Studies or by permission of the director.

## [352a. Seminar on Multiculturism in Comparative Perspective] (1)

(Same as Political Science 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 2001/02.

[354b. Seminar on the Politics of Religion in Africa and the Diaspora] (1)

(Same as Political Science 354) In recent decades, the influence of religious organizations and movements on politics has emerged as a major focus within the social sciences. In this course, we consider issues of religion and politics within the specific context of Africa and the African Diaspora. Topics include religious involvement in democratization movements in countries from South Africa to Haiti, the rise of Islamist political movements in places such as Sudan and Algeria; conflict and interactions between religious traditions; the political implications of syncretic religious movements such as Umbanda and Kitawalism, and the significance of the Black church in African American politics. Mr. Longman.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period. Not offered in 2001/02.

### 366b. Seminar in African American Art

(1)

(Same as Art 366) Topic varies from year to year. The topic for 2001/02: Creativity and Politics in the Harlem Renaissance and the W.P.A. 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: by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

## 369a. Major Third World Author

**(1)** 

Studies of African or African-American literary themes or a major author. Subject matter varies from year to year. Open primarily to Juniors and Seniors.

Topic for 2001/02: *Contemporary Voices From The Valley Nile*. "Wadi Nile" (Valley of the Nile) has given birth to some of humankind's earliest poetry and prose. Voices of the following writers are considered: Abdel Rahman al Sharqawi, Francis M. Deng, Mohammed Abdel Hai, Hafiz Ibrahim, Yusuf Idris, Tayeb Salih, Abdel Rahman Shukri. Mrs. Berkley.

[373b. Slavery and Abolition in Africa]

(1)

(Same as History 373) 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.

Not offered in 2000/01.

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

(Same as History 374) 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 382a. Seminar on Zora Neale Hurston

**(1)** 

An intensive study of Hurston's oeuvre, focusing on six major works — Jonah's Gourd Vine; Mules and Men; Their Eyes Were Watching God; Moses, Man of the Mountain, Dust Tracks on a Road: and Seraph on the Suwanee—plus selected stories, plays and essays. Topics to be explored include the shifting fortunes of Hutrston's critical reception; her pioneering work as an anthropologist, folklorist, and celebrant of rural black southern life; her participant-observer relationship with Florida blues culture; her multiple positions as a black feminist, a comic realist, and Emersonian individualist of conservative political leanings, a critic of American imperialism, and the author (with Seraph) of a sympathetic African American novel about life among the poor whites of Florida's Gulf Coast. Instructor to be announced.

# 384b. From Dred Scot to Proposition 209: Race and Law in American Society (1)

This course examines, from an historical and social perspective, the legal struggle for human and civil rights for African Americans from colonial America to the present. The course addresses critical issues as reflected in the crises arising out of race relations in antebellum and post-bellum America, the legal milestones, i.e. the Dred Scot Case, Plessey v. Fergusson, the Scottsboro Cases, Brown v. Topeka Board of Education, Bakke, McClesky, Swann, Proposition 209, interpretations of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution, the "separate but equal doctrine," "affirmative action" and the quest for equal justice under law. Ms. Browne-Marshall.

#### 386b. Black Womanist Spirituality in Popular American Music (1)

(Same as Music 386) Spiritual text by African-American women recording artists is found in many musical genres; jazz, rock, funk, rhythm and blues, folk and a cappella. Our primary focus is on spiritual expression from a Womanist (black feminist) perspective, outside of conventional constructs of hierarchical modes of religion and worship. Particular attention is given to content and conceptual approaches in West African traditional cosmologies and ontologies, the transmission of beliefs and styles into African-American spiritual expression, and the resultant constructed spiritual identities. Included are the original work of Bernice Johnson Reagon (of Sweet Honey in the Rock), Nedra Johnson, Abbey Lincoln, Me, shell Ndegeocello, Dianne Reeves, Cassandra Wilson and Toshi Reagon. We begin with overviews of the legacy of black feminist in the United States and African diasporic/Black Atlantic spiritual systems, independent of religious institutions. With these underpinnings, we then examine how these ideologies are presented in popular American music. Utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, we also briefly explore black women's -spirituality in literature, theory, and film. Ms. Casselberry.

#### 388b. Prejudice, Racism and Social Policy

(1)

(Same as Psychology 388 and Urban Studies 388) Prejudice and racism is one of the most enduring and widespread social problems facing the world today. This course tackles prejudice and racism from a social psychological perspective, and aims to give students an understanding of the theoretical causes, consequences, and 'cures' of this pervasive phenomenon. We review the empirical work on stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination and then explore real-world examples of these principles in action in the policy realm. In particular we examine historical and contemporary cases that relate to affirmative action, segregation/desegregation, bilingual education, urban policy, U.S. immigration policy, U.S. foreign policy in Rwanda and Yugoslavia, etc. This course is intended to help upper-level students acquire the theoretical tools with which to analyze prejudice and racism research and the development of public policies. Ms. Lightbourn.

#### 392b. Empire and Sexuality in the Cinema

**(1)** 

(Same as Drama 392) A senior seminar focusing on cinema and sexuality, this course examines metaphors and allegories of empire as they have been linked to displays of sexuality and structures of desire in narrative cinema. The course includes both heterosexual and homoerotic displays of desire. Films such as David Lean's Lawrence of Arabia (1962), John Huston's The Man Who Would Be King (1975), Bernardo Bertollucci's The Last Emperor (1987), and Stephen Frears' My Beautiful Laundrette (1987) reveal themselves as cinematic narratives linking power, pleasure and the social constraints regulating bodies in colonial contexts. In addition to film theory, and queer film theory, these films are interpreted through the critical prism of colonial and postcolonial literature on primitivism, sexuality, surveillance, and structures of power. Scholarship by Frantz Fanon, Michael Foucault, Edward Said, and Ann Laura Stoler, among others, is included. Ms. Mask.

## 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Senior independent study program to be worked out in consultation with an instructor. The department.

## Vassar JYA Morocco Program

The Africana Studies Program has initiated an academic semester-abroad program with Mohammed V. University in Rabat, Morocco. Part of the program will include an historical study tour. Prerequisites for participation include 1) area studies, 2) two years French/or one year Arabic, and 3) intensive summer four-week classical Arabic language study in Rabat. Program coordinator: Mrs. Berkley. The following courses will be offered:

## 120a. Elementary Modern Standard Moroccan Arabic and Culture

Fundamentals of the language. Students learn to understand spoken Arabic, to express simple ideas both orally and in writing, and to begin reading Arabic.

Four hours per class, five times a week; one 2-hour seminar per week on Moroccan culture

#### 121a. Introduction to Modern Standard and Moroccan Arabic

The objective of this intensive course is to enable the students to acquire a basic knowledge of Modern Standard and Moroccan Arabic. The course contains four hours classical Arabic per week and four hours Moroccan Arabic per week. Classes are two hours each and include language labs. These sessions refine knowledge of the phonology of Modern Standard Arabic and cover the basics of the grammar and syntax of Modern Standard and Moroccan Arabic; there are graded practice exercises.

**220a.** Anthropology of the Middle East and the Maghreb

The objective of this course is to introduce the students to Middle Eastern and Maghrebian cultures and societies, focusing on the major issues relevant to the area. The course will cover cultural commonalities and diversities in the Middle East and the Maghreb. Issues such as political systems, kinship, gender, and social

change will be covered and examined. Examples will be drawn from the Machrek, the Maghreb, and Morocco.

221a. Cultural Ecology of Moroccan Landscapes (1)

This cultural geography course provides an introduction for the understanding of patterns and processes of human interaction with the physical environment in Morocco. Landscapes are a register of human history; they express the social and cultural values of the people who have built them. The landscapes of Morocco afford an opportunity to use the methods of cultural geography to examine the social, environmental technological, and historical factors that shaped past and present Moroccan cultural ecology. This course includes a one week excursion to the Atlas Mountains and the desert at the end of the program.

**222a.** Issues in the Contemporary History of Morocco and North Africa (1) This course examines the development of the Moroccan state within the context of the larger Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia). The course examines the religious, political and economic changes in Morocco's history. The phenomena of colonialism, nationalism, and independence are examined.

**223a. Independent Elective Study in English, Arabic or French**This course may be chosen as a substitute for either 220a, 221a or 222a.

## **American Culture**

Director: Randolph Cornelius (Psychology); Steering Committee: Randolph Cornelius (Director), Peter Antelyes (English), Frank Bergon (English), Eileen Leonard (Sociology), Karen Lucic (Art), Adelaide H. Villmoare (Political Science), Patricia Wallace (English); Panel of Advisors: Randolph Cornelius (Chair), Lisa Collins (Art), Paul Kane (English), Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies), Anne Pike-Tay (Anthropology), Robin Trainor (Education); Participating Faculty: Mark Cladis (Religion), Miriam Cohen (History), Anne Constantinople (Psychology), Randolph Cornelius, Margarette Downey, Rebecca Edwards (History), Harvey K. Flad (Geography), Paul Kane, Eileen Leonard, Karen Lucic, Thomas McGlinchey, Paul Russell (English), Patricia Wallace.

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 Panel of Advisers.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 16 units, including (1) the Seminar in American Culture; (2) at least 2 units of special studies in American Culture; (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) 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 (300); Senior Colloquium (301); and Multidisciplinary Research Methods (313).

## I. Introductory

#### 105a. Themes in American Culture

(1)

Mormons in America is the theme for 2001/02. Using a variety of materials drawn from literature, history, and the social sciences, this course explores aspects of the Morman experience in America. In addition to examining the major tenets of the

LDS church, we trace the evolution of the religion from its beginnings in upstate New York to its current status as one of the fastest growing religions in the world. Attention is paid to the major figures in the development of the religion, such as Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, and the conflicts, both historical and contemporary, between Mormons and the rest of American society. We will also consider what is particularly American about Mormonism. Mr. Cornelius, Mr. Russell.

Open to freshmen and sophomores.

Two 75-minute periods.

#### II. Intermediate

#### 212b. The Press in America

(1)

The course examines the media's role in the contemporary world, covering mostly traditional journalism venues of newspapers, magazines, and television. Different kinds of writing are explored from news reporting to feature profiles, from editorial writing to criticism. Journalism standards and ethics and the history of the press are reviewed, especially since Watergate. Through reading assignments, students are encouraged to take a critical view of journalism, both print and electronic. Students are also asked to develop their skills as editors by evaluating work of their peers in class. 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. Ms. Downey.

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.

### 231a. Field Archaeology

(1)

(Same as Anthropology 231 and Environmental Studies 231)

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 2001/02: We the People. The preamble to the Constitution introduces two major themes that have informed the American experience: individualism and the claims of the community. We examine various ways in which this tension has been and remains evident: in the assumptions of the founding fathers, in the public educational system, and in our definition of ourselves as we move into adulthood. We pay particular attention to the growth of America as a multi-racial, multi-ethnic community and the ways in which various groups—Native Americans, African Americans, women—who were not considered part of "We the people" in 1789 have established their presence and voice in American literature and life. As an introduction to multidisciplinary study, the course uses the methodologies of literature and rhetoric studies on the one hand and those from the social sciences on the other to examine both contemporary and "classic" texts in American Studies. Specific topics may include: the education of the child citizen, coming of age in a multicultural society, the struggle for inclusion and the pain of exclusion, the rights of the individual and his/her responsibility to the social whole. Miss Constantinople, Mr. McGlinchey

Required of students concentrating in the program. 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.

#### 275b. Ethnicity and Race in America

(1)

This course examines the meanings of cultural citizenship in contemporary American society. It is organized around texts and films dealing with memory and identity, domestic and global economies, symbolic and material homeplaces, and changing constructions of the nation. We explore personal and collective experiences of people both shaping and being shaped by an always evolving American Culture. Ms. Leonard and instructor to be announced.

Special permission.

Two 75-minute periods.

# 283b. It's Only Natural: Spirituality and Contemplation in the American Landscape (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 283) This course examines the ways in which Americans have approached the natural world as both a source of revelation and an object of contemplation. Drawing on a wide range of literary and religious texts, we explore the shifting relations between concepts of the natural, the human, and the divine in the American experience. Authors to be discussed may include Jonathan Edwards, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, John Burroughs, Black Elk, Annie Dillard, Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry, Barry Lopez, Terry Tempest Williams, and others. In addition to readings we will consider the American landscape tradition in painting, primarily the work of those artists associated with the Hudson River School and with Luminism in the nineteenth century. We will also make several field trips to local sites. Techniques of contemplation will play a part in the course. Mr. Cladis, Mr. Kane.

Prerequisite: Special permission.

One 3-hour period.

### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Permission of the director required.

## 298a or b. Independent Study

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Permission of the director required.

#### III. Advanced Courses

#### 300a. Senior Thesis or Project

**(1)** 

Required of students concentrating in the program.

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

#### 301b. Senior Colloquium

**(1)** 

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

Prerequisite: Required of seniors concentrating in the program, open to other students whose concentration makes it appropriate, by permission of the director and as space permits.

One 2-hour period.

### 313a. Multidisciplinary Research Methods

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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. Cornelius.

Prerequisite: permission of director.

One 75-minute period.

381b. Gender, Class, and Region

(1)

(Same as Women's Studies 381) This course examines the interactions of social class and region with the ideology and practice of gender in American history and culture. We assume that region and social class affect gender expression, but we also explore the ways in which the ideology and practice of gender may affect regional distinctions. An initial exploration of these concepts is followed by an analysis of particular moments in American history when gender, class, and region have intersected: just before and after the Civil War, at the turn of the century, and the 1950s. For each period, efforts are made to distinguish prescription and ideology from the actual practice of gender distinctions in behavior. The final three weeks of the course are devoted to the contemporary scene, looking for both continuities and discontinuities in the influence of class and region on our practice of gender. Miss Constantinople, Ms. Edwards.

Special Permission One 2-hour period.

## 385b. The Southwest: Art, Ethnicity, and Environment

(1)

(Same as Art and Geography 385b.) An examination of the impact of place upon the three major culture groups—Native American, Hispanic American and Anglo-American—that coexist in the southwestern United States. The course studies selected examples of painting, crafts, architecture, photography, and literature which illustrate regional and ethnic identities. A diversity of landscapes from desert, canyon, and mountain wilderness to pueblo villages, traditional cities, such as Santa Fe, and modern urban sprawl are also considered. Changing expression of social and environmental values in the twentieth century towards nature, progress, and ethnic history and identity are contested in issues, such as: historic preservation, water resources, nuclear power, and the transformation of social and political boundaries. Mr. Flad, Ms. Lucic.

Special Permission One 2-hour period.

# 386a. Producing the Image: American Modernist Experiment and Social Conscience (1)

In the first half of the twentieth century, America saw the growth of a number of social movements, including the mobilization of labor, women and minorities, and the development of new political institutions such as the making of the American welfare state. The period also saw the development of an American modernism, characterized by wide-sweeping artistic experimentation in both technique and subject matter, including the use of the new technologies of photography and cinema. While American modernism can be described as a period of artistic experimentation, it was also a period when many artists were deeply concerned with the social issues of the day, and saw their art as commenting on, intervening, and at times attempting to transform society. This course studies ways in which modernist images reflect and participate in the social constructions of class, race and gender, and also reconfigure (represent) those images. Whether or not the image is produced by the camera, the movie projector, the paintbrush, the typewriter, collage, or any number of other media, it is the image which is at the heart of the modernist aesthetic and which binds many artists to a social world and to an era they hoped to transform.

Course materials include the work of photographers, painters and muralists, filmmakers, novelists, poets, theorists and historians. We study such artists as Lewis Hine, Jacob Lawrence, Zora Neale Hurston, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Charlie Chaplin, William Carlos Williams, such theorists as Walter Benjamin and Roland Barthes, and a number of social, cultural and political historians of the period. Ms. Cohen, Ms. Wallace.

Special Permission. One 2-hour seminar.

# Anthropology

**Professors:** Colleen Ballerino Cohen (Chair), Judith L. Goldstein, Lucy Lewis Johnson<sup>b</sup>; **Associate Professors:** Martha Kaplan, Anne Pike-Tay<sup>a</sup>; **Assistant Professor:** Thomas Porcello<sup>b</sup>; **Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Visual Literacy:** Mark Lipton.

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 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; those being 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 or other courses by petition. 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 JYA 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 on-going 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>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 of nature of human cognition, sexuality, and population variation. Ms. Pike-Tay.

140a or b. 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 commonsense 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. Kaplan, Ms. Goldstein.

150a. 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. Porcello.

#### 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.

[212. World Musics]

(1)

(Same as Music 212) Not offered in 2001/02.

231a or b. 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.

Topic for 2001/02a: Field Archaeology. (Same as American Culture 231a and Environmental Studies 231a) Designed to introduce basic techniques of archaeological fieldwork. The class includes, in addition to classroom instruction, the excavation of a local archaeological site. In 2001 we conduct our archaeological fieldwork at Matthew Vassar's estate, Springside. Ms. Johnson.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 297 or Anthropology 100.

Two 75-minute periods, plus 4 hour lab.

Topic for 2001/02b: The Archaeology of Death. Skeletal remains of past populations have been a focus of interest for physical anthropologists, archaeologists, and medical practitioners since the nineteenth century. This course introduces students to (1) biomedical archaeology: the study of health and disease, and the demographic, genetic, and environmental [natural, cultural and social] factors that affect a population's risk for specific diseases; (2) forensic anthropology: the study of identifying the dead and the cause of death; (3) paleopathology: the study of injury and disease in ancient skeletons; and (4) cross-cultural attitudes toward death, including such things as issues of grave goods and monuments, and controversies that arise between archaeologists and communities when the spiritual value of ancestral bones is pitted against their scientific value. Ms. Pike-Tay.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 100 or by permission of instructor.

[232a or b. 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

235a. Area Studies in Prehistory

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. The department.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

### 240a or b. Cultural Localities

Detailed study of the cultures of people living in a particular area of the world, including their politics, economy, world view, 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. The Department.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

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

## 241b. The Caribbean

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: Offered in 2001/02.

#### [242. The Frozen North]

(1)

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.

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

Alternate years: Not offered in 2001/02.

## 243a. The Pacific (1)

An introduction to the cultures and histories of peoples of the Pacific, and to important anthropological issues that have resulted from research in the Pacific. Using historical and ethnographic documents and films, the course explores the variety of Pacific societies, from the chiefly kingdoms of Polynesia to the egalitarian societies of Papua New Guinea with some attention as well to Asian labor-diaspora communities in Hawaii and Fiji. The course analyzes the European cultural fascination with the "exotic" Pacific as well as Pacific islanders' own visions and versions of their history and goals in the encounter with European colonialism and Christianity, and in the post-colonial present. Ms. Kaplan.

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

Alternate years: Offered in 2001/02.

## 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 by combining readings, classroom lectures, and discussions with regular field exercises. Students gain experience in participant-observation, fieldnote-taking, interviewing, survey sampling, domain analysis, symbolic analysis, quantitative analysis, the use of archival documents and contemporary media in ethnographic work, and how to formulate field problems. Attention is also given to current concerns with interpretation and modes of representation. The department.

# **247a.** Modern Social Theory: Marx, Durkheim, and Weber (Same as Sociology 247a) (1)

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

Topic for 2001/02b: Semiotics of the Body: Sex/Science/Culture. This course engages semiotic theory to analyze representations of the body in a variety of discourses. It examines the operation of explicit imagery within a complex web of attitudes and cultural practices. Ideologies of gender, the privatization of sexual activity, and the political uses of language are emphasized as influencing viewertext interactions. Critical scholarship on the history of science and sex(ual construction) is utilized to investigate semiotic conventions deployed in speech about topics such as body politics, sexological imperatives, the cinematic body, erotic imagination, the proliferation of deviance, and intersecting structures on sex, gender, sexual orientation, race and class. This semester addresses: 1) linguistic and non-linguistic representations of sexualities in mainstream and subcultural imagery, including pornography; 2) medical surveillance of women and persons with AIDS; and 3) technological/semiotic constructions of the body, including cosmetic and sex-change surgery. Finally, the course considers how its selected film and video texts contribute to and/or resist dominant regulatory discourses. Mr. Lipton.

### 255a. Language and Gender

(1

This course focuses on language as a cultural means of communication. Gender is approached both as a grammatical category and as a social category of person linked to different kinds of language use. The course explores the way in which language use and ideologies about language use both inform and are informed by gender. The investigation of language and gender and of gender-related social movements are explored from a cross-cultural perspective. Mr. Porcello.

## 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 2001/02b: *Native Detectives: The Ethnographic Mystery in Context.* The course studies detective fiction from its beginnings in the nineteenth century classical detective story to its most recent forms, focusing in particular on novels in which indigenous detectives solve mysteries through their knowledge of their cultures. We explore the detective genre and relevant ethnographies to place these stories in their historic, literary, and ethnographic contexts. An overarching theme of the course is the acquisition of knowledge in social science and in detective fiction. Ms. Goldstein.

## [261. 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 2001/02.

[262. 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: Not offered in 2001/02.

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.

[264a. Anthropology of Art]

(1)

This course develops a cultural framework for the investigation of artistic expression drawing upon anthropological approaches, semiotics and aesthetics to examine art and culture. Topics such as the origins of art and symbolic expression in human prehistory; Western representations of non-Western art; connoisseurship; the market economy; and the categories of "fine art," "tourist art," and "graffiti art" are addressed. Ms. Pike-Tay.

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

Not offered in 2001/02.

[265. Soundscapes: Anthropology of Music]

(1)

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. How does music create and express social identity, value, and difference? How is music used to include or exclude individuals from group membership? How is group solidarity—stylistic, ethnic, nationalistic—linked to patterns of musical production and consumption? How do we make sense of our lives through making, and listening to music? Where do musicians draw their creativity from? How do we listen? Why do we perform? The course takes an interdisciplinary approach to the social life of music, addressing historical themes and debates within multiple academic fields (anthropology, ethnomusicology, sociology, linguistics, philosophical aesthetics, cultural and media studies) via readings, recordings, and films. Mr. Porcello.

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

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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** Ms. Johnson.

(1/2)

## 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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.

Topic for 2001/02a: The Plio-Pleistocene Hominids. At some point during the Pliocene Epoch, the hominoids split into branches which became today's humans, chimpanzees, and gorillas. We begin by examining the early hominoids and the paleoecological and behavioral factors which influenced this evolutionary event and then move to examining the subsequent evolutionary path of the hominids. Major focus is on the australopithecines and early hominines, the theoretical and political bases and ramifications of various taxonomic schemes and the technicalities of hominid phylogeny. Ms. Johnson.

#### 331b. 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 2001/02b: Archaeozoology. This course reviews the methods and techniques used to analyze faunal evidence from archaeological sites. It focuses on the importance of animal bones for assessing prehistoric human subsistence strategies, including the social and technological aspects of hunting, scavenging, and animal domestication. Topics include faunal identification, techniques for assessing age and sex of skeletal remains, taphonomy, and the contribution of faunal analysis to studies of humanly-induced animal extinctions, settlement patterns, trade, social status, and ethnicity. Ms. PikeTay.

#### 350a. 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. Mr. Porcello.

May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Prerequisite: Previous coursework in linguistics or by permission of instructor. Topic for 2001/02a: Language, Discourse, Music. This course considers an ethnographically discourse-centered approach to the intersection of language and music in various styles and genres from disparate parts of the world. The course highlights problems concerning speech/song boundaries, including the role of musical parameters (such as prosody, intonation, pitch, meter) in verbal arts such as preaching, oratory, poetics; and the role of language in song, chant, ritual wailing, rap, and other composed and improvised genres. Additional subjects of inquiry include media discourses about music, musical semiosis, and linguistic and musical cognitive processes.

#### 360b. Problems in Cultural Analysis

(1)

(Same as Geography 360) Covers a variety of current issues in modem anthropology in terms of ongoing discussion among scholars of diverse opinions rather than a rigid body of fact and theory.

May be repeated for credit if topic has changed.

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

Topic for 2001/02b: Asian Diasporas. Focusing on Asian diasporas, this course engages the current surge of interest in diaspora studies from both anthropological and geographical perspectives. Attention is given to issues of colonial and post colonial struggles, formation and transformation of ethnic identities, roles of middlemen minorities, and nationalism and transnationalism of Asian diasporas. The principal cases are drawn from East Asian and South Asian communities in Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the U.S. Ms. Kaplan, Ms. Zhou.

#### 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.

#### [362b. Male and Female in Anthropological Perspective]

(1)

The course begins with an overview of the position of men and women according to recent anthropological theory, and in so doing examines how including women affects mainstream anthropological theory. The course compares the classification of sex differences and images of men and women with their social roles. Representations of women in popular culture are studied.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [363. Nations, Globalization, and Post-Coloniality]

(1)

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 anthro-

pology 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 2001/02.

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 world-wide. 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.

## 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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 200.

## **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, etc.

**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 A	(1)	
Anthropology 201	Anthropological Theory	(1)
Anthropology 301	Senior Šeminar	(1)
One additional 30	(1)	
Sociology Red	quirements:	
Sociology 151	Introduction to Sociology	(1)
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Sociology 247 Modem Social Theory (1)
Sociology 254 Research Methods (1)
Sociology 3000, 301b Septior Thesis (1)

Sociology 300a-30lb 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, Frances D. Fergusson (and President), Susan D. Kuretsky<sup>b</sup>; **Associate Professors:** Peter Charlap<sup>b</sup>, Eve D'Ambra, Peter Huenink<sup>b</sup>, Karen Lucic<sup>a</sup>, Brian Lukacher (Chair), Molly Nesbit, Harry Roseman; **Assistant Professors:** Lisa Collins<sup>a</sup>, Jaqueline Musacchio, Andrew Watsky; **Lecturer:** James Mundy; **Adjunct Assistant Professor:** Richard Bosman, Laura Newman; **Adjunct Lecturers:** Carol Thompson, Jessica Winston; **Adjunct Instructors:** Judith Linn, Gina Ruggeri.

**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 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 JYA 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.

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

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 will select 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

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, or printmaking; 3 units in 300-level studio courses including Art 301. By special permission up to 2 units of 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.

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.

**Advisers:** the studio art faculty.

## **Art History**

## 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 conference hour.

[170a. History of Architecture]

(1

A survey of architecture from the earliest times to the present. Focusing on a major work or theme each week, the course will cover architecture and city-making in a historical context. Primary source readings and field trips. Mr. Adams.

Open to all classes. Not offered in 2001/02.

## 180a. Beauty in Art and Culture

(1)

We study the perceptions and nature of beauty in different cultures from the ancient Greeks to our contemporary obsessions with looks and appearances. Beauty of artistic form as well as of ideal body types are considered in terms of aesthetic debates, literary reflections, and the dictates of fashion and the media. Ms. D'Ambra.

Open to freshmen. Limited enrollment.

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 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 2001/02.

#### II. Intermediate

Prerequisite for intermediate courses: Art 105-106 except as noted.

#### [210b. Greek Art and Architecture]

(1)

(Same as Classics 210). 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. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 211b. Roman Art and Architecture

(1)

(Same as Classics 211) 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. Romanesque and Gothic Architecture

(1)

A history of architecture from the revival of monumental building by the Carolingians in the north of Europe down to the age of the great cathedrals in the thirteenth century. While it is a survey of mostly church architecture, coverage extends to castles and cities. Topics explored include Benedictine monasticism and the legacy of Rome; materials and construction; design and structural innovations of Gothic in the Ile-de-France; the castle in war; the city as setting for cathedral builders. Readings focus on primary sources and recent monographs. Videos and computer animations. Mr. Huenink.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or Medieval Studies, or by permission of instructor. Two 75-minute periods.

## [221b. The Sacred Arts of the Middle Ages]

(1)

Sculpture, manuscript illumination, painting, and metalwork from the Carolingian through the Gothic period (800-1300). Focus is on formal and iconographic developments in their historical context. Readings focus on primary sources and writings on medieval aesthetics. Some work with Vassar's collections and New York museums. Mr. Huenink.

Prerequisites: Art 105, or Medieval Studies, or by permission of instructor. Two 75-minute periods.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 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.

## [231b. Northern Baroque Painting]

**(1)** 

An exploration of the new forms of secular and religious art that developed during the so-called 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. Not offered in 2001/02.

235a. Renaissance Painting, Sculpture, and Decorative Arts in Italy (1)

This course surveys a selection of the arts in Renaissance Italy, focusing primarily on Tuscany and central Italy from circa 1300 to circa 1500. This period witnessed the rise of the mendicant orders, the devastation of the Black Death, the growth of civic and private patronage, and finally, the exile of the Medici family, all of which had a profound impact on the visual arts. The work of major artists and workshops is examined and contextualized within their political, social, and economic settings by readings and discussions of contemporary texts and recent scholarship. Ms. Musacchio.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

# 236b. Sixteenth-Century Painting, Sculpture, and Decorative Arts in Italy (1)

This course examines High Renaissance and Mannerist art in Italy. We focus in particular on Papal Rome, Ducal Florence, and Republican Venice, and the work of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Titian, and their followers in relationship to the social and cultural currents of the time. Issues such as private patronage, female artists, contemporary sexuality, and the interconnections between monumental and domestic art are examined in light of recent scholarship in the field. Ms. Musacchio.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

# 242a. Seventeenth-Century Painting and Sculpture (1) in Italy, France, and Spain

An examination of the dominant trends and figures of the Italian, French, and Spanish baroque period. This course explores the works of major masters including Caravaggio, Bernini, Poussin, La Tour, and Velazquez, as well as such issues as the development of illusionistic ceiling decoration, the theoretical basis of baroque art, 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.

# [250a. Inventing a Nation: Cultural Diversity in American Art (1) from the Beginnings to 1865]

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. Not offered in 2001/02.

**251b.** The Challege 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, East and Southern Africa (1)

(Same as Africana Studies 253b.) A survey of the visual arts of Central, East, and Southern Africa, ancient to contemporary. Chronological examination of the development of politically centralized kingdoms. Examination of the art of present-day decentralized rural and nomadic peoples from Gabon to Ethiopia to South Africa, as well as contemporary urban art from this broad region. Looks at the impact of both Arab and European contact with African peoples from a historical perspective. Emphasizes relationships between the past and the present, the rural and the urban, and Africa and the African Diaspora throughout. Ms. Thompson.

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

#### 254a. The Arts of West and North Africa

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 254a.) A survey of the visual arts of West and North Africa, ancient to contemporary. Chronological examination of the art of ancient Nubia and Egypt, the empires of the Western Sudan, and the kingdoms of the Guinea Coast. Examination of the art of present-day decentralized rural and nomadic peoples from Morocco to Guinea to Cameron, as well as contemporary urban art of this broad region. Looks at the impact of both Arabic and European contact with peoples of Africa from a historical perspective. Emphasizes relationships between the past and the present, the rural and the urban, and Africa and the African Diaspora throughout. Ms. Thompson.

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

#### 257a. The Arts of China

(1)

A historical survey of the major developments in Chinese art from the Neolithic period through the Ch'ing dynasty, including archaeological discoveries, bronzes, ceramics, Buddhist sculpture, architecture, calligraphy, and painting. Mr. Watsky.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Alternate years: Offered in 2001/02.

Two 75-minute periods.

#### [258a. The Arts of Japan]

(1)

A historical survey of the major developments in Japanese art from prehistoric times through the present, including painting, sculpture, decorative arts, architecture, and garden design. Mr. Watsky.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Alternate years: Not offered in 2001/02.

# [259b. Warriors, Deities and Tea Masters: Japanese Art of the Momoyama Period (1568-1615)]

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. Mr. Watsky.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 260b. Mirrors of Emperors, Vehicles of Pleasure: Japanese Art of the Edo Period (1615-1868) (1)

A survey of the arts during this long period of peace, when the Tokugawa shoguns ruled from their capital in Edo (present-day Tokyo). As sole arbiters of national authority, these warrior-class leaders expanded and transformed the traditional iconography of overt power, especially in painting and architecture. At the same time, the merchant class emerged as significant sponsors of the arts and, among other contributions, introduced novel subject matter-sex and the theater-in paintings and prints. Older sources of art patronage, such as the Imperial Court and Buddhism, evolved their traditions in new directions. Mr. Watsky.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

#### 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.

## 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.

#### [264a. The Avant-Gardes, 1890-1930]

(1)

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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 265a. Modernism and the Mass Media, 1930-1975

(1)

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-minue periods.

## [266a. 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 the 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### **268b. Presence**, **1968-now**

(1)

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 is on Italian architecture and Italian architects; encounters between Italian and other cultures throughout Europe. Mr. Adams.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or 170 or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

## 271b. Early Modern Architecture

**(1)** 

European and American architecture and city building (1500-1800). Focus is on the development and transformation of Renaissance ideas through their diffusion through Europe and the Mediterranean and their encounter with new exigencies in the Americas. Mr. Adams.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or 170, or by permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

#### [273b. Architecture After Modernism]

(1)

European and American architecture and city building (1930-present); examination of the diffusion of modernism and its reinterpretation by corporate America and Soviet Russia. Discussion of the critiques of modernism (postmodernism, deconstruction). Issues in contemporary architecture. Mr. Adams.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106, or 170, or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Projects undertaken in cooperation with approved galleries, archives, collections, or other agencies concerned with the visual arts, including architecture. 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. The department.

Prerequisites: Art 105-106 and one 200-level course.

#### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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

(1/2)

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.

#### 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 to privacy, domesticity, and nature. Ms. D'Ambra.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

#### [320b. Seminar in Medieval Art]

**(1)** 

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

Not offered in 2001/02.

330b. Seminar in Baroque Art

(1)

Artemesia Gentileschi. Today Artemesia Gentileschi is the best known female artist of the seventeenth century. In fact, this spring she is the subject of a major exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum. We consider the well-known facts of her biography, her notorious rape, her friendship with Galileo, and her appropriation of the latest currents in seventeenth-century art. We explore the unusual and gendered nature of violence in her art. And finally, we discuss the history and historiography of seventeenth-century painting and the reclamation of Artemesia as a woman artist at the center of the canon and all the familiarity and unfamiliarity this implies. Ms. Winston.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

#### 331a. Seminar in Northern Art

(1)

Art and Science in the Age of Vermeer. The seminar explores the importance of empirical investigation in the "Age of Observation" to developments in seventeenth-century Dutch art and thought. After examining responses to nature on the part of earlier northern European painters such as Jan van Eyck, Albrecht Dürer, and Pieter Bruegel, we go on to consider, among other topics, the impact of lenses and the camera obscura on the art of Vermeer and his scientific and artistic contemporaries, relationships between botanical illustration and Dutch still life painting, and Rembrandt's depictions of anatomy lessons. Ms. Kuretsky.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

#### 332b. Seminar in Italian Renaissance Art

(1)

Domestic Art and Ritual in Renaissance Italy. During the Italian Renaissance, major family events like birth, marriage, and death were marked by works of art and accompanying rituals. In this seminar we examine objects like birth trays, marriage chests, painted and sculpted portraits, and funerary monuments, as well as a wide range of related items that no longer survive. These objects are related to contemporary literature, account books, letters, and laws, as well as recent scholarship in art history, social history, and women's studies, to provide insight into Renaissance family life. Ms. Musacchio.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

#### 358a. Seminar in Asian Art

(1)

(Same as Asian Studies 358) The Japanese Print. An examination of Japanese wood-block prints from the seventeenth through the nineteenth century. The seminar considers such issues as the technical aspects of producing wood-block prints; the varied subject matter, including the "two wheels of the vehicle of

pleasure" (prostitution and theater), the Japanese landscape, and the burgeoning urban centers; and, the links between literature and prints, especially the often parodic reworking of classical literary themes in prints. Mr. Watsky.

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.

364a. Seminar in Twentieth-Century Art

(1)

Photographs and Books. This seminar studies the relationship of photographs to books, both in theory and in practice, in the twentieth century. Ms. Nesbit.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

#### 366b. Seminar in African American Art

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 366) Creativity and Politics in the Harlem Renaissance and the WPA. 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.

370b. Seminar in Architectural History

(1)

Modernism and Political Modernization. How was the new abstract language of modern architecture adapted to represent political authority in the first half of the twentieth century? This seminar examines the techniques used by modernist architects to encode political authority in town halls, law courts, and congress buildings. Architects to include: Asplund, Terragni, Le Corbusier, Aalto, Speer, Tatlin. Mr. Adams.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

378b. Seminar in Museum History, Philosophy, and Practice

What the Art Object Can Tell Us. This seminar focuses only on original works of art from the over 15,000 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. All seminar work is directed toward a small exhibition in the Art Center. Mr. Mundy.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

# 385b. Seminar in American Art: The Southwest: Art, Ethnicity and the Environment (1)

(Same as American Culture 385 and Geography 385) An examination of the impact of place upon the three major culture groups-Native American, Hispanic American and Anglo-American—that coexist in the southwestern United States. The course studies selected examples of painting, crafts, architecture, photography and literature, which illustrate regional and ethnic identities. A diversity of landscapes from desert, canyon and mountain wilderness to pueblo villages, traditional cities such as Santa Fe, and modern urban sprawl are also considered. Changing expressions of social and environmental values in the 20th Century towards nature, progress, and ethnic history and identity are contested in issues, such as: historic preservation, water resources, nuclear power, and the transformation of social and political boundaries. The course may include a field trip to Santa Fe over Spring Break. Ms. Lucic and Mr. Flad.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

#### 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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, and texture are investigated through specific problems in a variety of media. Mr. Charlap, Mr. Bosman, Ms. Ruggeri, Ms. Newman.

Open to all classes. Two 2-hour periods.

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[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 2001/02.

### 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. Roseman.

Two 2-hour periods.

[206a] 207b. Drawing

(1)

Intensive study of the figure with emphasis on establishing and pursuing a drawing idea. Study from life as well as the imagination with work from both still life and landscape. Mr. Roseman, Mr. Charlap.

Prerequisite: Art 102a. Two 2-hour periods.

206a: Not offered in 2001/02.

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 drypoint, 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)

In this course students investigate technical, visual and expressive aspects of black and white photography. Technical aspects of shooting and darkroom procedures are taught building on previous experience. The course includes group and individual critiques to develop the students analytical abilities. All students enrolled in this course are required to join PHOCUS (student photography organization) in order to gain darkroom access. Students are expected to supply their own camera, film, and printing paper. Ms. Linn.

Prerequisites: Basic Drawing and one other Art Department course or by permission of instructor. A photography portfolio is required.

Two 2-hour periods.

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 aesthetic. All students are required to join PHOCUS and to supply their own camera, film and photographic paper. Ms. Linn.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

Two 2-hour periods.

280a. Drawing in the Landscape

(1)

This course concentrates on drawing in the landscape. Issues of space, materials, and the meaning of landscape in a contemporary context are addressed. The class meets once a week at the Mohonk Preserve. Students need to be prepared to work outdoors in cold weather. Transportation is provided, if necessary. Mr. Charlap.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

298a or b. Independent Study

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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

A supervised independent project in studio art.

302a, 303b. Painting II

(1)

**(1)** 

Intensive study of the human figure with an emphasis on color and compositional ideas. Students will have an opportunity to establish themes which they will pursue. Ms. Newman.

Prerequisite: Art 202a-203b.

Two 2-hour periods.

304a, 305b. Sculpture II

(1)

The first semester is devoted to intensive study of the human figure. An exploration into the perceptual and conceptual pursuits of creating sculpture is the focus of the second semester. Mr. Roseman.

Prerequisite: Art 204a-205b or by permission of instructor.

Two 2-hour periods.

399a or b. Senior Independent Study

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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

275/276. Architectural Drawing

(1)

Elements of architectural drawing including orthographic, isometric, and perspective projection.

Special permission. Does not count toward the major.

Prerequisite: Art 105-106; corequisite: one of the following 200-level architectural history courses: 220, 270, 272, or 273.

Two 2-hour periods.

375/376. Architectural Design

(1)

Theory and practice of contemporary design.

Special permission.

Prerequisites: Art 275/276, and one of the following 200-level architectural history courses: Art 220, 270, 271, 272, or 273. Corequisite: a second 200-level architectural history course: Art 220, 270, 271, 272, or 273.

Two 2-hour periods.

## **Asian Studies**

**Director:** Martha Kaplan (Anthropology: South Asia and the Pacific); **Steering Committee:** Wenwei Du<sup>b</sup> (Chinese), Tomo Hattori (English), E. H. Rick Jarow (Religion: South Asia), Jin Jiang (History: East Asia), Jesse Kalin (Philosophy), Seungsook Moon (Sociology), Himadeep Muppidi (Political Science: South Asia), Anne Pike-Tay (Anthropology), Peipei Qiu (Japanese), Sonoko Sakakibara<sup>ab</sup> (Japanese), Bryan Van Norden (Philosophy: China), Andrew Watsky (Art History: East Asia), Yu Zhou (Geography).

The Asian Studies Program provides students with a multidisciplinary approach to the study of the history, economics, politics, geography, languages and literatures, religions, and cultures of the peoples of Asia. While students are required to focus on a particular region of Asia (e.g., East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, China, Japan, India), including language study, intermediate and advanced coursework, and a senior thesis in this area, they are also expected to be familiar with other parts of Asia through the introductory course and some coursework outside their area of specialty. The senior seminar is intended to address issues that affect several areas of Asia and Asian Studies as a discipline. A student's course of study for the major is designed in close consultation with the director and an adviser. Students should obtain the application form, which includes a statement of interest, from the program office prior to meeting with the program director. This should be done in the first semester of the sophomore year if the student is intending to apply for JYA.

**Study Abroad:** Study abroad in some region of Asia or some alternative structured field experience in Asia greatly enhances a student's learning experience and understanding of Asia and its regional complexities. It is strongly recommended that Asian Studies majors avail themselves of such an opportunity. Advice and literature on different programs are available through the Offices of the Dean of Studies and Asian Studies.

**Requirements for the Concentration:** 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 one 1 unit of independent study or field work be counted towards the major.

- 1) Asian Studies 105: Introduction to Asian Studies.
- 2) **Language:** Competency in one Asian foreign language through the intermediate college level must be achieved and demonstrated by completion of relevant courses or special examination. A maximum of 4 units of Asian language study above the introductory level will be counted toward the 12 units for the major. Instruction is offered in Chinese and Japanese, while Hindi and Korean may be taken through the Self-Instructional Language Program.
- 3) **Intermediate-Level Study:** A minimum of  $\overline{3}$  units of intermediate course work (200-level) of direct relevance to Asia in at least two disciplines, selected from the Program and Approved courses listed 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" (in 2001/02 Asian Studies 380a), 1 unit of thesis work (Asian Studies 300-301 or Asian Studies 302), and at least one additional 300-level seminar from the list of Approved Courses below. The senior seminar and the thesis constitute the Senior Year Requirement.
- 5) **Recommendation for Discipline-Specific Courses:** The Asian Studies major is an interdisciplinary area studies program. While Asian Studies majors do course work related to Asia in several different departments, majors are expected to identify one or two disciplines in which they will develop a theoretical or methodological sophistication that they will bring to bear on their study of Asia, particularly in their fulfillment of senior year requirements.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

6) **Recommendation for Area-Specific Courses:** In mapping out a plan of study, students should try to include the following: 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 one's region of focus (one of which will be Asian Studies 105).

**Correlate Sequence in Chinese Language:** 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> units chosen among Chinese 105, 106, 205, 206, 298, 305, 306, and 399; at least 5 units must be taken above the

100-level and two courses must be taken at the letter-graded 300-level.

**Correlate Sequence in Japanese Language:**  $6^{1}/2$  units chosen among Japanese 105, 106, 205, 206, 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.

In both correlate sequences, Junior Year Abroad and summer courses may be substituted with program approval. 4 units must be taken at Vassar. Courses available for letter grades must be taken for letter grades.

## I. Program Courses

## 105a. Introduction to Asian Studies

**(1)** 

A survey of the peoples and regions of East and South Asia. Dynamic and enduring historical processes and events comprise foundation topics of the course, including regional geography, human origins and migrations, language diversity, political and economic systems, and the origins and development of belief systems and their expressions. The course considers common threads which run throughout Asia as well as developments unique to particular regions. Mr. Van Norden and Ms. Jiang.

130b. Introduction to Modern Japanese Society and Culture

An introduction to aspects of modern Japanese society and culture, including women in Japanese society, the life of young professionals and college students in Japan, the place of traditional culture and custom in modern Japan, cultural misunderstandings between Japanese and other cultures, and language and communications in Japan. The course emphasizes comparative analyses between a student's own culture and society and Japanese culture and society. Instructor to be announced.

## [210. Introduction to Chinese Literature: Poetry and Fiction] (1)

The major genres of works of poetry and fiction, both classical and modern. Emphasis is on close readings and discussions of chosen texts (in English translation) to explore various themes that reflect Chinese society and culture. Cinematic adaptations of fiction are presented and Chinese poetic and narrative principles introduced.

Prerequisite: One course in Asian Studies, or literature, or permission. Not offered in 2001/02.

## [211. Chinese Drama and Theater]

(1)

An introduction to the major Chinese dramatic genres—zaju, chuanqi, kunqu, Beijing Opera, and modern Spoken Drama—through a close reading of selected plays in English translation. Scheduled films of performances convey Chinese theatrical conventions and aesthetics. Discussions focus on major themes reflecting aspects of Chinese society and culture. Mr. Du.

Prerequisite: One course in literature, or Asian Studies, or permission. Not offered in 2001/02.

## 212a. 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. Mr. Du.

Prerequisite: One course in Asian Studies, or literature, or permission.

#### 220. Traditional Japanese Literature

**(1)** 

An exploration of Japanese literary tradition through readings in translation and discussion of the major works from the eighth to the eighteenth centuries. Works studied cover a wide range of literary genres, including the oldest extant anthology of Japanese verse, Manyoshu (Collection of Ten Thousand Leaves, eighth-century); the tenth-century lyrical prose, The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter and Tales of Ise; the early eleventh-century long novel, The Tale of Genji; the medieval miscellanies, The Ten Foot Square Hut and The Essays in Idleness; Zeami's (1363-1443) dramatic theory and his Noh play; Ihara Saikaku's (1642-93) fiction; the puppet plays by Chikamatsu Monzaemon (1653-1734), and Matsuo Basho's (1644-94) haiku. Issues addressed include the cultural traditions, the aesthetic principles, and the characteristics of different literary forms and individual authorial/narrative voices. Ms. Qiu.

Prerequisite: One course in literature, or Asian Studies, or permission.

#### [221. Women in Japanese and Chinese Literature]

(1)

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 in English translation. Ms. Qiu.

Prerequisite: One course in literature, or Asian Studies, or permission. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [240. Women in China]

(1)

An interdisciplinary survey of women and gender in Chinese society and their modern transformation. The course examines from an historical perspective ideologies, social institutions, and literary representations of women and gender. Specific topics explored include the concept of Yin and Yang, sex and sexuality in ancient times, Confucian ideology concerning women and gender, marriage and concubinage, foot binding, and women's liberation in twentieth-century Chinese revolution. A variety of primary sources from historical, literary, and visual materials are used. Ms. Jiang.

Prerequisite: One course in history, or Asian Studies, or permission.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [250. Topics in Asian Studies]

(1)

Selected topics in Asian Studies. May be repeated for credit when a new topic is offered.

Open to nonmajors. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 358a. Seminar in Asian Studies

(1)

An examination of selected topics relevant to the study of Asia in an interdisciplinary framework. Topics vary from year to year.

May be repeated for credit when a new topic is offered.

Open to nonmajors.

(Same as Art 358a) Topic for 2001/02: *The Japanese Print*. An examination of Japanese wood-block prints from the seventeenth through the nineteenth century. The seminar considers such issues as the technical aspects of producing wood-block

prints; the varied subject matter, including the "two wheels of the vehicle of pleasure" (prostitution and theater), the Japanese landscape, and the burgeoning urban centers; and, the links between literature and prints, especially the often parodic reworking of classical literary themes in prints. Mr. Watsky.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

#### 380a. Women's Movements in Asia

(1)

(Same as Sociology 380a; serves as Asian Studies "Senior Seminar" for 2001/02.) 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 postmodern conditions. Ms. Moon

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

## II. Language Courses

#### Chinese

## 105a-106b. Elementary Chinese

 $(1\frac{1}{2})$ 

An introduction to Mandarin Chinese (putong hua or guoyu). While the approach is aural-lingual, reading and writing skills are introduced early in the program. The two semesters cover about 600 characters. Grammatical analysis, pattern drills, and conversational practice are stressed throughout. Mr. Du.

Open to all classes.

Five 50-minute periods. Two laboratory hours.

#### 205a-206b. Intermediate Chinese

 $(1\frac{1}{2})$ 

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. Mr. Du

Prerequisite: Chinese 105-106 or 3 entrance units, or permission of instructor. Five 50-minute periods.

#### 305a-306b. Advanced Chinese

**(2)** 

Intensified instruction in the reading of original Chinese language materials, reflecting aspects of a changing China. Emphasis is on communicative skills.

Prerequisite: Chinese 205-206 or permission of instructor.

## Japanese

#### 105a-106b. Elementary Japanese

 $(1\frac{1}{2})$ 

An introduction to modern Japanese. Students develop communicative skills based on the fundamentals of grammar, vocabulary and conversational expressions. Emphasis on both oral and written proficiency. The course introduces *hiragana* and *katakana* syllabaries as well as approximately 600 *kanji* (Chinese characters). Ms. Qiu.

Open to all classes.

Five 50-minute periods.

#### 205a-206b. Intermediate Japanese

 $(1\frac{1}{2})$ 

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 600 *kanji* (Chinese characters).

Prerequisite: Japanese 105-106 or permission of instructor.

Five 50-minute periods.

#### 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.

Prerequisite: Japanese 205-206 or permission of instructor.

### 350a/351b. Advanced Readings in Modern Japanese

**(1)** 

This course aims to further develop the advanced student's reading and writing proficiency. It distinguishes itself from the regular Advanced Japanese in assuming oral-aural fluency prior to taking the course. It emphasizes a faster pace of reading and covers a larger volume of reading materials.

Prerequisite: Japanese 305/306 or permission of instructor.

## III. Independent Work

Prerequisite for field work or independent study: 2 units of work in approved Asian studies courses. Permission of the program director is required for all independent work.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

### 298a or b. Independent Study

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

## 300-301. Senior Thesis

(1/2)

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.

## 399a or b. Senior Independent Study

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

## **IV. Approved Courses**

In addition to the Program courses and language courses listed above, there are Approved Courses given in other departments and programs. These can count towards an Asian Studies major. 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 at the beginning of each term. 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 Anthropology 360	Cultural Localities (when Asian) Current Themes in Anthropological Theory	(1) (1)
Antinopology 500	and Method (when Asian)	(1)
Art 257	The Arts of China	(1)
Art 258	The Arts of Japan	(1)

Art 259	Japanese Art of the Momoyama Period, 1568-1615	(1)
Art 358	Seminar in Asian Art	(1)
English 228	Asian/American Literature	(1)
English 326	Studies in Ethnic American Literature	(1)
Geography 235	East Asia: People, Culture, and Economic	(1)
Geography 255	Development	(1)
Geography 340	Advanced Regional Studies (when Asian)	(1)
History 222	Modern China	(1)
History 223	Contemporary China	(1)
History 224	Modern Japan	(1)
History 229	History of India	(1)
History 323	Remembrance of War and Modern East Asian	
,	Nations	(1)
History 351	The Vietnam War	(1)
Music 212	World Musics	(1)
Philosophy 110	Early Chinese Philosophy	(1)
Philosophy 210	Neo-Confucianism and Chinese Buddhism	(1)
Political Science 255	Government and Politics in South Asia	(1)
Religion 152	Eastern Religious Traditions	(1)
Religion 231	Hindu Traditions	(1)
Religion 233	Buddhist Traditions	(1)
Religion 250	Across Religious Boundaries: Understanding	
	Differences (when topic is Asian)	(1)
Religion 350	Comparative Studies in Religion (when topic	
	is Âsian)	(1)
Sociology 236	Women, Men, and Social Change in East Asia	(1)
Sociology 257	Class, Gender, and Ethnicity/Race in Asian	
Ο,	American Communities	(1)
Sociology 382	Reenvisioning Women in the Third World	(1)

Biochemistry

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# **Astronomy**

For curricular offerings, see Physics and Astronomy, page 280.

# **Biochemistry**

Faculty: Director: Nancy Pokrywka (Biology); see biology and chemistry.

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 151, 152, and 238; Chemistry 108/109 or 110/111, 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 (excluding Biology 206). The second unit may include only one research course.

**Senior Year Requirement:** Biochemistry 377.

**Recommendations:** Students are strongly advised to take, in their freshman year, Biology 151 and 152 and Chemistry 108/109 or 110/111. 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. Eberhardt, Ms. Gomez<sup>b</sup>, Ms. Kaur, Ms. Rossi, Mr. Smart; Biology: Ms. Damer<sup>b</sup>, Mr. Jemiolo, Ms. Norrod, Ms. Pokrywka, Mr. Straus.

# **Course Offerings**

See biology and chemistry.

# 377. Senior Laboratory in Macromolecule Function (1

A protein and its gene are characterized by chemical modification and sitedirected mutagenesis. Coursework includes student presentations and extensive laboratory work. Mr. Eberhardt.

**(1)** 

Prerequisites: Biology/Chemistry 324.

Two four-hour periods.

# 384. Structural Chemistry and Biochemistry

(Same as Chemistry 384)

# **Biology**

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**Requirements for Concentration:** 14 units: at the 100-level, Biology 151 and 152; at the 200-level, 4 units of graded work, not including Biology 206; at the 300-level, 3 units of graded work; 5 units to be apportioned as follows:

a) 3 units in Chemistry: 108/109 or 110/111, and 244;

b) 2 units to be chosen from among Chemistry 245; Physics, 113, 114 or 205; Mathematics 101, 102, 121, 122, or 125; Geology 151, 152; Psychology 200; Biopsychology 201; Environmental Science 280; 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 (excluding 206) or ungraded independent research 298 or 399.

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 depart-

ments 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, 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 website at http://

depts.vassar.edu/~biology/

**Advisers:** For the Class of 2002, Ms. Pokrywka, Mr. Mehaffey, Mr. Schlessman; for the Class of 2003, Mr. Jemiolo, Mr. Pregnall, Mr. Straus; for the Class of 2004, Ms. Damer, Mr. Hemmes, Mr. Long.

# **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 the chair of the department who serves as the adviser for correlate sequences. The requirements for each are listed below:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

Cellular Biology/Molecular Biology (7 units)			
Biology 151 Biology 152 Chemistry 108/109 or	The Evolution of Biological Diversity The Cellular Basis of Life Chemistry 110/111	(1) (1)	
Two of the following: Biology 202 Biology 205 Biology 228 Biology 232 Biology 238 Biology 272	Plant Physiology and Development Introduction to Microbiology Animal Physiology Developmental Biology Genetics Cellular Biochemistry	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	
One of the following: Biology 316 Biology 323 Biology 324 Biology 370	Neurobiology Cell Biology Molecular Biology Immunology	(1) (1) (1) (1)	
Animal Physiology (6	units)		
Biology 151 Biology 152 Biology 228	The Evolution of Biological Diversity The Cellular Basis of Life Animal Physiology	(1) (1) (1)	
Three of the following: Biology 226 Biology 232 Biology 238 Biology 316 Biology 370	at least one at the 300-level: Animal Structure and Diversity Developmental Biology Genetics Neurobiology Immunology	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	
Ecology/Evolution (6	units)		
Biology 151 Biology 152 Biology 241 Biology 350	The Evolution of Biological Diversity The Cellular Basis of Life Ecology Evolutionary Biology	(1) (1) (1) (1)	
One of the following: Biology 202 Biology 205 Biology 238	Plant Physiology and Development Introduction to Microbiology Genetics	(1) (1) (1)	
One of the following: Biology 208 Biology 226 Biology 354 Biology 356	Plant Structure and Diversity Animal Structure and Diversity Plant-Animal Interactions Aquatic Ecology	(1) (1) (1) (1)	
Behavior/Neurobiolog	y (6 units)		
Biology 151 Biology 152	The Evolution of Biological Diversity The Cellular Basis of Life	(1) (1)	
Two of the following: Biology 226 Biology 228 Biology 241	Animal Structure and Diversity Animal Physiology Ecology	(1) (1) (1)	

One of the following Biology 232 Biology 238	Developmental Biology Genetics	(1) (1)
One of the following Biology 316 Biology 340	Neurobiology Animal Behavior	(1) (1)

# I. Introductory

### 151a and b. The Evolution of Biological Diversity

(1)

The diversity of life on this planet is the result of genetic, ecological, and evolutionary processes. The course examines these processes through detailed consideration of gene transmission and variation, the mechanisms and consequences of evolution, and ecological interactions. In the laboratory, exercises include studies in field ecology and experiments in genetics and evolution. Emphasis is on experimental design, data collection and analysis, and use of the scientific literature. The department.

Biology 151 and Biology 152 may be taken in any order.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

#### 152a and b. The Cellular Basis of Life

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An examination of the cell as a fundamental unit of life, the functions of which permeate all levels of biological organization. Cell structure and function, energy transformations, and processing of genetic information are studied in detail and related to biological phenomena at many levels. Experimental design, data analysis using computers, and the use of laboratory techniques such as light microscopy, spectrophotometry, and electrophoresis will be incorporated in a series of extended laboratory projects. Each project will investigate an important problem in cell biology. The department.

Biology 152 and Biology 151 may be taken in any order.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

# 153. Introductory Cell Biology Laboratory

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This course is identical to the laboratory portion of Biology 152. It is open only to students who have advanced standing in the college and an outstanding background in the theory of cell biology, but who have not had adequate training in laboratory techniques and analysis. The department.

Permission of department chair is required.

One 4-hour laboratory.

# 154. Evolution of Biological Diversity Laboratory

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

This course is identical to the laboratory of Biology 151. The course is open only to students who have advanced standing in the college and an exceptional background in evolution, genetics, and systematics, but who have not had adequate laboratory experience. The department.

Permission of department chair is required.

One 4-hour laboratory.

#### 178. Special Projects in Biology

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

Execution and analysis of a laboratory or field study. Project to be arranged with individual instructor. The department.

Open to freshmen and sophomores only.

#### II. Intermediate

Biology 151 and 152 are prerequisites for entry into 200-level courses unless otherwise stated.

[202. 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 205. 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. Ms. Norrod.

Two 75-minute periods; two 2-hour laboratories.

### 206. Environmental Biology

(1)

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 206, Environmental Studies Program 206) A biological exploration of the impacts of contemporary agricultural production, transportation, waste disposal, and energy production, as well as human population growth, on the health of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. The course also examines biological conservation, genetically modified organisms, renewable resource utilization, and energy efficiency, and their roles in the transition to a sustainable society. Mr. Hemmes.

Prerequisite: Biology 151 or permission of instructor.

### 208. Plant Structure and Diversity

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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 will include comparative study of the divisions of plants and identification of locally common species and families in the field. Mr. Pregnall or Mr. Schlessman.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

# 226. 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. The department.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

#### 228. Animal Physiology

(1)

A comparative examination of the diversity of approaches animals use to move, respire, eat, reproduce, sense, and regulate their internal environments. The physiological principles governing these processes will be developed in lecture and applied in the laboratory. Mr. Long or Mr. Mehaffey.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

#### 232. 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.

238. 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. Damer or Ms. Pokrywka.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory.

241. 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 or Ms. Ronsheim.

Three 50-minute periods; one 4-hour field laboratory.

272. Biochemistry

(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.

290. Field Work (½ or 1)

298. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

**(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.

Permission of instructor is required.

#### III. Advanced

 $2\ units$  of 200-level biology are prerequisites for entry into 300-level courses; see each course for specific courses required or exceptions.

303. 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 will participate both in the planning of the research and in final evaluation.

Permission of instructor is required.

316. 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. Mr. Mehaffey or 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. 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. Damer or Ms. Pokrywka.

Prerequisite: Biology 272.

324. 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.

340. 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 will be considered in lectures, but will be given particular emphasis in the laboratory component of the course. Mr. Hemmes or Mr. Suter.

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.

350. 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. Hemmes or Mr. Schlessman.

Prerequisites: any two of Biology 208, 226, or 241; or permission of the instructor.

# 354. 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 while the theory that explains the evolution and ecology of interactions is 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.

356. Aquatic Ecology (1)

A consideration of freshwater, estuarine, and marine habitats that examine material and energy fluxes through aquatic systems; physiological aspects of plant production; the biogeochemical cycling of nutrients; adaptations of organisms to

physical and chemical aspects of the aquatic environment; and biological processes that structure selected communities. Mr. Pregnall.

[370. 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. Ms. Norrod.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 244 or permission of instructor; Biology 238, 272 recommended.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 399. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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.

Permission of instructor is required.

## IV. Graduate

400. Thesis	(1)
416. Neurobiology	(1)
423. Cell Biology	(1)
424. Molecular Biology	(1)
440. Animal Behavior	(1)
450. Evolutionary Biology	(1)
454. Plant-Animal Interactions	(1)
456. Aquatic Ecology	(1)
470. Immunology	(1)

# **Biopsychology Program**

**Faculty:** see Biology and Psychology.

Biopsychology is an interdisciplinary program which applies the perspectives and techniques of both biology and psychology to the study of the brain and behavior. Biopsychologists are interested in how the interactions of brain, body, and environment contribute to animal (including human) behavior. Biopsychologists 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 biopsychology can prepare students for graduate study in either biology or psychology, particularly in the neurosciences.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 13 units; all students must take: Biology 151 The Evolution of Biological Diversity (1)Biology 152 The Cellular Basis of Life (1) Psychology 105 or 106 Introduction to Psychology (1)Psychology 200 Statistics and Experimental Design (1)Psychology 241 or 243 Physiological Psychology (1)Models and Systems in Biopsychology (1) Biopsychology 201 Psychology 229 or 249 Research Methods in Learning and Behavior or Research Methods in Physiological (1) Psychology

Biopsychology 301 Seminar in Biopsychology (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. Three of these 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.

# **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 262	Abnormal Psychology	(1)
Psychology 264	Behavioral Genetics	(1)
Psychology 229 or 249	Research Methods in Learning and Behavior	
, ,,	or Research Methods in Physiological Psychology	(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 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 323	Seminar in Comparative Psychology	(1)
Psychology 341	Seminar in Physiological Psychology	(1)
Psychology 343	Seminar on States of Consciousness	(1)
Psychology 364	Seminar in Gender and Psychology	(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)

**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 151, Biology 152, and Psychology 105 or 106.

**Advisers:** Mr. Bean, Ms. Christensen, Mr. Cynx, Ms. Gray, Mr. Hemmes, Mr.

Holloway, Ms. Land, Mr. Long, Mr. Straus, Ms. Susman, Mr. Suter.

# Course Offerings

See biology and psychology.

201. Models and Systems in Biopsychology

**(1)** A multidisciplinary approach to the methods, issues, empirical findings and literature of biopsychology. 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. Biopsychology faculty.

Prerequisites: Biology 151, Biology 152, Psychology 105, and Psychology 241

or 243.

Two 75-minute periods, one 4-hour laboratory.

301. Seminar in Biopsychology

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Biopsychology

Explorations in the primary literature of topics to be selected annually. Biopsychology faculty.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

399. Senior Independent Work

By permission of the adviser and the instructor who will supervise the work. Library, field, or laboratory projects. The biology and psychology departments.

# Chemistry

**Professor:** Miriam Rossi; **Associate Professors:** Marianne H. Begemann<sup>ab</sup>, Stuart L. Belli (Chair); **Assistant Professors:** Eric S. Eberhardt, Maria A. Gomez<sup>b</sup>, Sarjit Kaur, Brian W. Pfennig, Christopher J. Smart; **Lecturer and Coordinator of Laboratory Instruction:** Christina N. Hammond; **Lecturer and Curator of Instrumentation:** Edith C. Stout; **Research Professor:** Curt W. Beck.

**Requirements for Concentration:** Chemistry 108/109 or 110/111 or the equivalent as approved by the department; Chemistry 244 and 245 or the equivalent as approved by the department; 8 units to include Chemistry 300, 350, 352, 353, 354, 362, and 2 units of additional graded 300-level courses, one of which must be taken senior year. Chemistry 198, 298, and 399 do not count toward these 8 units. Mathematics 121/122 or 125; Physics 113/114. 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 B.A.-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 of the joint degree. 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 graduate student adviser in the department, Mr. Belli.

Advisers: Class of 2002, Mr. Smart; Class of 2003, Mr. Belli; Class of 2004, Ms. Gomez; Class of 2005, Ms. Rossi.

**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 6½ units distributed as follows:

Required Courses:	Units
General Chemistry with lab (Chemistry 108/109 or 110/111)	2
Organic Chemistry with lab (Chemistry 244/245)	2

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

Two classes from the	following:	<b>(2)</b>
Chemistry 272	Biochemistry	
Chemistry 323	Protein Chemistry	
Chemistry 326	Advanced Inorganic Chemistry	
Chemistry 342	Advanced Organic Chemistry	
Chemistry 350	Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and	
	Chemical Kinetics	
Chemistry 352	Physical Chemistry: Molecular Structure	
Chemistry 357	Chemical Physics	
Chemistry 362	Instrumental Analysis (1.5 units)	
One half unit of labora	tory work at the advanced level:	(1/2)
	stry 362 from the previous list satisfies this requireme	
Chemistry 298	Independent Research	,
Chemistry 328	Advanced Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory	
	Physical Chemistry Laboratory	
Chemistry 370	Advanced Laboratory	

# 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. The department.

Three 50-minute lectures; one 4-hour laboratory.

### 110a/111b. Chemistry: The Central Science

(1)

Topics from Chemistry 108/109 are covered in greater depth for students with a strong chemistry background. The course also includes an introduction to organic chemistry, coordination chemistry, biochemistry, environmental chemistry, and relevant current topics. Most of the work is quantative in nature. Mr. Belli.

Prerequisite: Strong background in chemistry at high school level.

Three 50-minute lectures; one 4-hour laboratory.

#### 198a or b. Freshmen Independent Research

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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

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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.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 109 or 111.

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 investi-

gation of reaction rates and equilibria which emphasize mechanistic considerations. Ms. Kaur, Mr. Smart.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 244.

Three 50-minute lectures; one 4-hour laboratory.

#### **(1)** 272b. Biochemistry (Same as Biology 272)

#### $(\frac{1}{2})$ 297. Reading Course

#### 298. Independent Research

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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 will be treated. Mr. Eberhardt.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 350 (may be corequisite), or 272.

# 324. Molecular Biology

**(1)** 

(Same as Biology 324)

# 326a. Advanced Inorganic Chemistry

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. Ms. Rossi.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 352, or permission of instructor. Corequisite for Chemistry majors: Chemistry 328.

#### 328a. Advanced Inorganic Laboratory

Students choose from a number of experiments which reinforce the concepts learned in Chemistry 326. Depending on which experiments are elected, the following techniques or methods of characterization are performed: multistep syntheses of organometallic or coordination compounds, air-sensitive techniques, NMR, IR, UV-vis, near-IR, fluorescence, cyclic voltammetry, laser spectroscopy, and magnetic susceptability. Mr. Pfennig.

Corequisite for chemistry majors: Chemistry 326.

#### 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.

# 350a. Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and Chemical Kinetics

Equations of state for gases; the laws of thermodynamics; solutions and phase equilibria; chemical equilibrium and chemical kinetics. Ms. Gomez.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 245; Physics 113, 114; Mathematics 121/122 or 125.

#### 352b. Physical Chemistry: Molecular Structure

**(1)** 

Introductory wave mechanics and bonding theories; electrical and magnetic properties of molecules; spectroscopy; statistical mechanics. Mr. Pfennig.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 245; Physics 113, 114; Mathematics 121/122 or 125.

### 353a, 354b. Physical Chemistry: Laboratory

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Selected experiments to teach techniques and to demonstrate principles introduced in the lectures. The department.

Corequisites: Chemistry 350, 352.

One 4-hour laboratory.

### 357a. 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 will depend on the mutual interests of the instructor and the students. Ms. Gomez.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 350 and 352 or by permission of instructor.

### 362b. Instrumental Analysis

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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 350 or permission of instructor.

Includes one 4-hour laboratory.

### 370a or b. Advanced Laboratory

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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.

# [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 2000/01.

#### [384b. Structural Chemistry and Biochemistry]

(1)

(Same as Bichemistry 384) In this course, principles and methods regarding the structure of molecules and macromolecules will be 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 2001/02.

[386b. Inorganic and Organometallic Photochemistry]

(1)

The interaction of light with molecules which contain a metal center: an overview of photophysical pathways and the methods chemists use to study these processes, properties of excited states, nonradiative and radiative decay processes, photochemical reactions in coordination and organometallic compounds, supramolecular photochemistry, and applications of photochemical reactions. Mr. Pfennig.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 350 or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 399. Senior Independent Research

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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.

#### IV. Graduate

Advanced courses in the following areas will be offered at the discretion of the department and according to the needs of graduate students.

426. Advanced Inorganic Chemistry: Special Topics	(1)
440. Synthetic Organic Chemistry	(1)
441. Environmental Chemistry: Special Topics	(1)
445. Theoretical Organic Chemistry	(1)
450. Physical Chemistry	(1)
463. Analytical Chemistry: Special Topics	(1)
472. Biochemistry: Special Topics	(1)

# Chinese

For curricular offerings, see Asian Studies, page 107.

# **Classics**

**Professors:** Robert D. Brown, M. Rachel Kitzinger (Chair), Robert L. Pounder (Assistant to the President); **Assistant Professors:** Rachel Friedman, J. Bertrand Lott<sup>a</sup>; **Blegen Visiting Distinquished Professor:** Carolyn Dewald, University of Southern California.

Students may concentrate in Greek or Latin or elect a correlate sequence in Greek, Latin, or Classical Studies.

**Requirement for Concentration in Greek:** 10 units, to include Classics 216 and 217, Greek 297.01 (½ unit), 297.02 (½ unit), and 300, and at least 2 other units of Greek at the 300 level.

**Requirement for Concentration in Latin:** 10 units, to include Classics 218 and 219, Latin 297.01 ( $\frac{1}{2}$  unit), 297.02 ( $\frac{1}{2}$  unit), and 300, and at least 2 other units of Latin at the 300 level.

**Senior Year Requirement:** Greek 300 or Latin 300, depending on the language of concentration.

Correlate Sequences in Greek, Latin, or Classical Studies:

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 305 (if relevant).

**Requirements for Correlate Sequence in Classical Studies:** 6 units, to include one year of either Greek or Latin; any one of Classics 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105; any two of Classics 216, 217, 218, 219; and either Classics 300 or 310 or an approved 300-level course in another department, such as Philosophy 305 (if relevant).

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.

# A. Courses in Classical Civilization

# I. Introductory

100a or b. The Blegen Lecture Course

(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 Lecture Course is uniquely offered and will not be repeated. Since the topic changes every year, the course may be taken for credit more than once. Offered in 2001/02 is 100b.

100b. The Blegen Lecture Course: East and West (1)

This course reads epics from the ancient Eastern and Western traditions: the *Bhavagad Gita* and portions of the *Mahabharata* from the Indian subcontinent, and the *Iliad* from archaic Greece. We explore some of the different ways that war and the nature of the personal achievement of the warrior are problematized in the two ancient epic traditions, and then consider the larger issues underlying the meeting of east and west as Herodotus, the fifth century Greek historian, defined them. Is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Absent on leave, first semester.

Herodotus an unequivocal supporter of Greek individual initiative and the warrior culture of the Greek polis, or is he tacitly seeing some of the merits in the (unsuccessful) Persian way of organizing and thinking about things? As background, we also read a modem dialogue between a contemporary French (western) philosopher and a Buddhist monk (who happen to be father and son). Ms. Dewald Open to all classes.

# 101a. Civilization in Question

**(1)** 

(Same as College Course 101)

### [102a. Tragedy and the Athenian Polis]

(1)

This course studies a number of plays by Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides to understand tragedy both as a dramatic genre and as a critique of the social, religious, political, and familial structures of Athens in the fifth century BCE. All materials are in English translation. Ms. Kitzinger.

Open to all classes. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [103b. The Culture of War]

(1)

Warfare fills the historical annals and literature of Greece and Rome. To understand the ways in which wars were fought, experienced, and imaginatively represented in the ancient world, and to gain a perspective on the universal realities of war throughout western history, this course studies three ancient and one modern war. We begin with the mythical Trojan War, as depicted in Homer's *Iliad*, the *Trojan Women* of Euripides, and Vergil's *Aeneid*. Next we turn to two historical wars: the Persian Wars of 480-79 BCE, as described by Herodotus, and the Gallic Wars of 59-50 BCE, as recounted by Julius Caesar. The course ends with a brief examination of the First World War (1914-18). From the "heroic" warfare of the Trojan War we thus progress to the hoplite warfare of classical Greece, the legionary warfare of Rome, and the mass destruction of war in the twentieth century. Our aim throughout is to study war as a pervasive cultural phenomenon affecting men and women, combatants and non-combatants alike—not just as a set of military facts. Mr. Brown

Open to all classes. Not offered in 2001/02.

# [104b. Male and Female in Greek and Roman Literature and Myth] (1)

This course explores the way male and female roles are defined and viewed in ancient literature in both the private sphere of the family and in the public sphere. In addition to discussing literary texts where gender roles are central to the content, we put the definitions and points of view expressed in these texts next to the evidence for the actual conditions of daily life, as far as they can be reconstructed, and next to the constructions of gender which emerge in myths about divine figures. Literary texts we read may include the *Odyssey*, the *Oresteia*, poems of Sappho, Sophocles' *Women of Trachis*, Euripides' *Hippolytus*, Aristophanes' *Lysistrata* and *Women of the Assembly*, Plato's *Symposium*, poems of Catullus, Propertius, and Tibullus, plays of Plautus and Terence, Ovid's *Art of Love* and love poems, and Apuleius' *Golden Ass*. In addition, we look at speeches from law courts and archaeological remains as evidence for daily life and the Homeric Hymns and Ovid's *Metamorphoses* for the comparative evidence of divine models. Ms. Kitzinger.

Open to all classes. Not offered in 2001/02.

**(1)** 

# 105a. The Rome of Caesar Augustus: Politics, Art, and the Creation of the Empire

The rise and reign of the first Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus (43 BCE-14CE), was an age of complex contradictions, nuanced evolutions, and ongoing experimentation. It stood between Republic and Empire, when "liberty" became dynastic monarchy. It was marked by domestic harmony, economic growth, and government sponsored cultural excellence in the arts; it was also a time of imperial conquests, book burnings, and the brutal repression of political opponents, including Augustus's own daughter and granddaughter. This class approaches the Rome of Augustus from several directions, considering history, literature, art architecture, religion, the economy, and politics. We read Augustus's autobiographical epitaph; the works of Virgil, Horace, and Ovid; and the historical and biographical treatments of Velleius, Tacitus, and Suetonius. More humble inscriptions left to us by the urban populace are also an important source for the period. Finally we evaluate the claim that Augustus "found Rome a city of brick and left it a city of marble" by considering his major building projects and the programmatic reshaping of Rome into a capital city for the Emperor and the Empire. Mr. Brown.

### 106b. 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.

Open to all classes.

### 180b. From Homer to Omeros

(1)

In this age of postcolonialism, when the study of Classics repeatedly comes under fire for being the irrelevant and outdated province of "dead white males," the work of the Carribean 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 modem 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.

#### II. Intermediate

# [210b. Greek Art and Architecture]

(1)

(Same as Art 210) Not offered in 2001/02.

# 211b. Roman Art and Architecture

**(1)** 

(Same as Art 211)

# 216a. The Formation of Greek Culture: Greece from the Bronze Age (1) through the Persian Wars

(Same as History 216) This course examines the formative period of ancient Greek culture from the decline of the Bronze Age civilization of the twelfth century BCE

to the beginnings of the Classical period in the early years of the fifth century BCE. This period set the stage for the achievements of Classical Greek civilization. It was in the pre-Classical era that Greek society became both historical and political; that many of the social values which shaped Greek—and consequently our own—culture and thought were first expressed; that trade and settlement around the Mediterranean forged close contacts between Greeks and other peoples; and that, finally, the Greeks engaged with the neighboring Persian Empire in a desperate military struggle which defined the identities of "Greeks" and "barbarians" as important cultural concepts. The stories of this war and its antecedents were recorded by the fifth century Greek, Herodotus, the "Father of History." The class concludes with a close examination of the *Histories* of Herodotus. We consider in particular what he thought he was doing as he came up with the notion of writing history, Ms. Dewald

Prerequisite: 1 unit in Classics, Greek, or Latin, or 1 unit in History.

[217a. Democracy and Imperialism: Athenian Democracy,
The Peloponnesian Wars, and the Aftermath]

(Same as History 217) A survey of Greek history from the end of the Persian Wars to the rise of Macedon is combined with intensive study of selected problems and texts, especially Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian Wars*. Topics include: the growth of Athenian imperialism; social and constitutional history of Athens; Aristophanic comedy; sophistic thought and the Platonic response; the trial of Socrates; the Athenian agora; and the diffusion of Hellenism through the conquests of Alexander the Great. Mr. Lott.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in Classics, Greek, or Latin, or 1 unit in history. Not offered in 2001/02.

# 218b. Republican Rome: From the Foundation through the Age of Augustus (1)

(Same as History 218) A survey of Roman history from its beginnings to the death of Augustus, as revealed in the writings of historians such as Livy, Polybius, Sallust, and Caesar, as well as other literary and nonliterary ancient sources. Topics include: the evolution of the Roman constitution; the status of nobles, equestrians, plebeians, women, slaves, and foreigners in the social hierarchy; Roman warfare and the struggle with Carthage for supremacy in the western Mediterranean; the influence of Greece on Roman literature, thought, and private life; abuses of Roman government; and the political strife that led to the collapse of the Republic and the establishment of autocracy under Julius Caesar and Augustus. Mr. Lott.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in Classics, Greek, or Latin, or 1 unit in history.

**[219b. The Roman Empire: From the Julio-Claudian Era through the Fall] (1)** (Same as History 219) A survey of Roman history from the first emperors to the dissolution of the empire, as revealed in the writings of historians such as Tacitus, Suetonius, and Ammianus Marcellinus as well as other literary and nonliterary ancient sources. Topics include: the developing relations of the emperor and imperial family with the senate, army, and people; politics, intrigue, and excess amongst the wealthy classes; private life as illustrated by archaeological discoveries at Pompeii and elsewhere; the diverse provinces of the empire, from Britain to North Africa and from Spain to Judaea; social, intellectual, and religious changes (culminating in the triumph of Christianity); and the reasons for the decline and fall of the western empire and the survival of Byzantium.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in Classics, Greek, or Latin, or 1 unit in history. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 300 a or b. Seminar in Classical Civilization

**(1)** 

The seminar treats a significant topic in Greek and Roman history and culture through the study of literary sources and their theoretical constructs. Possible

topics include: orality and literacy; comparative mythology; gender and status; slavery, cults and sanctuaries; sexuality; insiders and outsiders. Since the topic

changes every year, the course may be taken for credit more than once.

Topic for 2001/02b: Ancient Money: Greek and Roman Coins in the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center. This course examines what one particular kind of artifact, coins, can tell us about society in Greece and Rome. The course investigates ancient coins from an economic, political, and artistic point of view. We question how and why so many coins have survived to us from antiquity, and we learn how they are catalogued and displayed in museums today. The course focuses on a collection of 1,500 coins owned by Vassar College and students' help to design and produce an exhibition for these coins. Mr. Lott.

# 310b. Seminar in Ancient Art

(Same as Art 310)

# B. 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. Kitzinger.

# 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. Friedman.

Prerequisite: Greek 105-106 or by permission of 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 forms in this period and the growth of prose out of oral poetry. Social, religious, and political issues surrounding the texts are discussed. Mr. Kitzinger.

Prerequisite: Greek 215 or by permission of instructor.

**Reading Courses** 

#### 297.01a or b. Mythology and Religion

(1/2)

Readings on the mythology and religion of Greece.

Prerequisite: declaration of a Greek major or correlate sequence, or by permission of instructor.

#### 297.02a or b. Literary History

(1/2)

Readings on the literary history of Greece.

Prerequisite: declaration of a Greek major or correlate sequence, or by permission of instructor.

#### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

### III. Advanced

Greek 300 and 301 are 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.

### 300a or b. Senior Project

**(1)** 

### 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 ouevre 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 2001/02: Hellenistic Poetry. The conquests of Alexander the Great and the foundation of Alexandria created the milieu for a fresh, self-consciously modernistic approach to poetry that redefined traditional genres and invented new ones. The course is based on readings from the chief poets associated with this trend, whose works we interpret against their literary and social background. Works which may be included are the Hymns of Callimachus, the Idylls of Theocritus, and the Argonautica of Apollonius Rhodius, as well as a sample of Hellenistic epigrams from the Greek Anthology. Mr. Brown.

### [302a. Greek Tragedy]

(1)

A reading of a play by Sophokles or Euripides. Careful study of the text helps us understand the playwright's style. We also consider how the play examines and responds to the historical, social and political conditions of Athens in fifth century BCE.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 303a. Homer

Extensive selections from the *Illiad*, the *Odyssey*, and/or *Homeric Hymns* with attention given to oral theory, thematic structure, and social issues raised by the poems. Ms. Friedman.

# 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

# C. Courses in Latin Language and Literature

# I. Introductory

# 105a-106b. Elementary Latin

(1)

Introduction to the language. Readings in classical prose and poetry. Mr. Brown. Open to all classes; four 50-minute periods.

#### II. Intermediate

#### 215a. Republican Literature

(1)

Authors may include Plautus, Terence, Caesar, and Sallust. 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. Ms. Kitzinger.

#### 220b. Literature of the Empire

(1

Authors may include Horace, Livy, Ovid, Seneca, Petronius, and Suetonius. 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. Ms. Friedman.

# **Reading Courses**

297.01a or b. Mythology and Religion

(1/2)

Readings on the mythology and religion of Rome.

Prerequisite: declaration of a Latin major or correlate sequence, or special permission.

### 297.02a or b. Literary History

(1/2)

Readings on the literary history of Rome.

Prerequisite: declaration of a Latin major or correlate sequence, or special permission.

### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

#### III. Advanced

Latin 300 and 301 are offered every year, 302-304 in rotation; the topic of 301 changes annually. Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 2 units in 200-level courses in the language or special permission.

### 300a or b. Senior Project

(1)

# 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 evolution 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 2001/2: The Satiric Eye. The Romans are said to have invented the genre of satire as a sa way of looking critically and humorously at the follies of their society and human nature. In this course we explore satires of Juvenal and Horace, as well as other examples of satirical comment on Roman society, both to understand what makes satire an effective form of social commentary and what aspects of human behavior the Romans considered worthy of satirical treatment. Parallels in contemporary American culture allow us to compare the use of satire then and now. Ms. Kitzinger.

302a. Vergil

(1)

Selections from the *Eclogues, Georgics*, or *Aeneid* of Rome's greatest poet. Subjects of study include the artistry of the Vergilian hexameter, the relationship of Vergilis works to their Greek models, and general topics such as his conception of destiny, religion, and the human relation to nature. Mr. Brown

[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 2001/02.

[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. Brown.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

# Cognitive Science

**Director:** Gwen J. Broude (Psychology); **Faculty Members:** Janet K. Andrews (Psychology), Herman Cappelen (Philosophy), Carol Christensen (Psychology), Jennifer Church (Philosophy), Nancy Ide (Computer Science), Kenneth R. Livingston (Psychology), John H. Long, Jr. (Biology), Christopher Welty (Computer Science); **Participating Faculty:** Randolph Cornelius (Psychology), Jeffrey Cynx (Psychology), Thomas Ellman (Computer Science), John Feroe (Mathematics), Janet Gray (Psychology), Jannay Morrow (Psychology), Thomas Porcello (Anthropology), Carolyn Palmer (Psychology), Kathleen M. Susman (Biology), Douglas Winblad (Philosophy), Debra Zeifman (Psychology).

The relationship between consciousness and brain activity, the nature of language and symbolism, the possibility of machine intelligence, and the explanation of perception, memory, thought, emotion, and metaphor are such rich and complex problems that their exploration demands a multidisciplinary approach. Studies in the field of cognitive science combine the conceptual analysis of philosophy and linguistics with the technology of computer science and the empirical research of psychology and neuroscience in an attempt to understand these phenomena.

The key elements of the major in cognitive science are (1) sustained exposure to an integrated multidisciplinary perspective through the Core Courses in cognitive science, (2) development of thematic expertise or breadth in Cognitive Science themes and methods, (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 following 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 four courses from the possible electives listed below. The following stipulations apply to electives: (1) The choice of electives must be made in consultation with the adviser at the time of declaration of the major. (2) Elective courses should allow students either to (a) gain **thematic** expertise or (b) attain **breadth** in Cognitive Science themes and methods. (3) At least one of the four electives must be a 300-level seminar. This can include a second Cognitive Science seminar. (4) 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.

# **Approved Courses:**

Anthropology 150	Linguistic and Anthropology	(1)
Anthropology 250	Language, Culture, and Society	(1)
Biology 151 Biology 152 Biology 226 Biology 228 Biology 238	The Evolution of Diversity The Cellular Basis of Life Animal Structure and Diversity Animal Physiology Principles of Genetics	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1)

\*Students should consult with their advisers to decide which sections of Philosophy 310 and Psychology 243 are relevant to their concentration.

Seminar in Biopsychology

Seminar on States of Consciousness

Models and Systems in Biopsychology

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. Consult your adviser before electing the latter option.

After declaration of the major, all courses within the major must be taken for letter grades. Students may elect a graded or ungraded option for theses, but may not change the election once made.

# 100a and b. Introduction to Cognitive Science

Psychology 343

Biopsychology 201

Biopsychology 301

(1)

(1)

(1) (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.

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 language 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 focuses on higher-order cognitive processes and abilities. The phenomena studied include memory, organization of knowledge, concepts, imagery, problem-solving, and reasoning. Relevant philosophical issues are examined along with research on the brain, experimental evidence from cognitive psychology, and some computer models. A major goal of the course is to show how these elements are integrated in the developing framework of cognitive science. 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 modelling, 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.

Prerequisites: Psychology 200, and either Cognitive Science 211, 213, 215, or

Psychology 241.

# 290a and b. Field Work (½ or 1)

# 298a and b. Independent Work (1/2 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 2001/02: *The Nature of Intelligence*. Mr. Thomas Ellman, Mr. Livingston. Prerequisite: An intermediate-level course in cognitive science or permission of the instructors.

One 3-hour period.

# 399a and b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

# **College Courses**

College Courses deal with important questions about human nature and culture, and our relation to the natural world, to technology, and to our own work.

In College Courses, students explore significant books, works of art, and other expressions of the human spirit, past and present, Western and non-Western. Because College Courses are interdisciplinary and integrative, they expose 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 Courses, 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 teamtaught 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).

Open to all classes.

Two 75-minute lecture periods and one 50-minute discussion section.

# 201a. African Conceptions: The Shaping of Freedom

(Same as African Studies 201 and History 201) In Africa and the United States contemporary modes of thought about and the struggle for HUMAN RIGHTS reach back to Africa's "Golden Age" (before the European Renaissance and before the period of European Navigation). This course recreates a public memory that counteracts the caricature of the enslaved African who could never be a symbol of freedom. It examines how African and African American experiences reflect the struggle for a social contract that creates and protects the human rights of all members of the world community, with regard to economic guarantees of food, clothing, shelter, education and recreation. As creative intellectuals, we must be concerned with how the cultural system can allow for the most profound development of each individual's personal human dignity. Materials are drawn from African and African American history, literature and film. Authors may include

Ibn Khaldun, Peter Abrahams, Margaret Walker, Lorraine Hansberry W.E.B. DuBois, Nelson Mandela and others. Ms. Berkley (Africana Studies), Mr. Rashid (History/Africana Studies).

Two 75-minute meetings weekly.

# **330b.** The Intellectual Roots of the Twentieth Century (1) (Same as Science, Technology, and Society 330b)

**381b.** The Decadent Imagination at the Fin de Siècle (1) (Same as Music 381b) This seminar explores some of the relationships between literary aestheticism and music at the fin de siècle (1875-1914). Highlighting formal and thematic correspondences between the arts, the course takes stock of the cultural scene in which decadence flourished as one of the most alluring and disreputable of the high arts. Authors include Poe, Baudelaire, Swinburne, Pater, Wilde, Huysmans, Nietzsche, Gautier, D'Annunzio, and Mann. Composers include: Wagner, Debussy, Strauss, Schonberg, and Berg. Ms. Graham (English), Mr. Mann (Music).

# **Computer Science**

**Professor:** Nancy Ide (Chair); **Assistant Professors:** Thomas Ellman, Bradley Richards, Christopher Welty; Visiting Associate Professor: Louis Voerman.

**Requirements for Concentration:** Computer Science 101, 102, 203, 224, 240, 241, 245, 331, 334, plus any two other 300-level Computer Science courses, and Mathematics 221 and 263. 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 and 102 by the end of the freshman year.

Students who intend to pursue graduate studies in computer science are strongly urged to take one or both of Computer Science 340 and 341.

**Advanced placement:** Students eligible for Advanced Placement may be able to bypass Computer Science 102, but not Computer Science 101. Please consult with the department.

**Non-majors:** Students majoring in the sciences are advised to complete Computer Science 101 and 102, or to complete a correlate sequence in Computer Science.

**Advisors:** The department.

**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 sequence:** Computer Science 101, 102 and 203; any two of 224, 240, 241 and 245 (at least one of which must be either 240 or 241), plus any 300-level Computer Science course. Suggested correlate sequences include the following, in addition to Computer Science 101, 102 and 203:

> Architecture: 224, 241 and (324 or 325) Software Systems: 241, 245, and (334 or 335) Programming Languages: 240, 245 and 331 Artificial Intelligence: (240 or 241), 245 and 365 Graphics: 241, (224, 240 or 245) and 378 Theory: 240, 241 and (340 or 341)

# I. Introductory

#### 101a or b. Computer Science 1: Problem-Solving and Procedural **(1)** Abstraction

Introduces the design and use of algorithms to solve computational problems, using a simple but powerful and elegant programming language. Topics include list processing, recursion, and higher order procedures. The course emphasizes programming as a way to express ideas rather than simply a means to make computers perform tasks. A weekly laboratory period provides guided hands-on experience. The department.

Open to all classes.

# 102a or b. Computer Science II: Objects and Data Abstraction

Introduces the concepts and techniques of object-oriented programming. Topics include fundamental data types (e.g., stacks, queues, lists, and trees), fundamental algorithms (e.g., searching and sorting), analysis of algorithm complexity, input and output to files and streams, and an introduction to concurrency, synchronization, and event-driven programming. The department.

Open to all classes.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 101.

#### II. Intermediate

203a or b. Computer Science III: Data Structures and Software Systems (1)

Examines concepts and techniques for the design, implementation, and use of data structures in complex software systems. Topics include principles of data encapsulation, modularity, and separation of specification from implementation, together with programming constructs that promote these principles, such as containers, iterators, polymorphism, and inheritance. Development of a software system of significant complexity is required.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 102.

224a or b. Computer Organization

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.

240a. Language Theory and Computation

Study of regular sets, context free grammars and languages, finite and push-down automata, various models of computation such as Turing machines. Includes substantial programming exercises, designed to connect implementation with fundamental theoretical concepts. Ms. Ide.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 203, and Mathematics 263.

241b. Algorithmics

Study of advanced topics in algorithms and data structures, including searching, network design, and optimization. Includes substantial programming exercises, and experimental analysis of time and memory use. Connects implementation of algorithms with fundamental theoretical concepts such as automata and mathematical analysis of algorithms. Builds foundation for advanced work in computer science.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 203, and Mathematics 263.

#### 245b. Declarative Programming Models

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 imperative programs.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 102 and Mathematics 263.

265b. Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

**(1)** 

An introductory level course intended for non-majors with limited Computer Science background (e.g., Cognitive Science majors) interested in a better understanding of the computational aspects of Artificial Intelligence. The course follows a readings format, including programming as well as written assignments.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 102 and permission of the instructor.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

295a or b. Special Topics

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Intermediate-level treatment of specialized topics in computer science,

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### III. Advanced

### [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. Mr. Voerman.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 224. Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

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. Mr. Voerman.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 224. Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

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 subset of the Pascal language. 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. Mr. Voerman.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 203, 224.

335a. Software Development Methodology

(1)

Presents a systematic methodology for developing large software systems, focusing on the specification, modeling and design phases of the software development process. Topics include class hierarchies, aggregation, class relationships, and usecase analysis, among others. The course also touches on relevant notions of software architecture and middleware. Concepts are reinforced in group projects.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 203.

340b. Theory of Computation

(1)

Builds on the basis established in Computer Science 240 by delving more deeply into principles of induction and inductive definitions; incompleteness and undecidability; recursive function theory; models of computation including Turing machines and partial recursive functions; recursive function theory; the halting problem and other unsolvable problems. May also cover topics in operational, axiomatic and denotational semantics; domain theory; information systems; etc.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 240 or permission of instructor.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

[341b. Computational Complexity and Analysis of Algorithms] **(1)** 

Models of computation; construction of algorithms, analysis of worst-case and average behavior; complexity measures and bounds; sorting and searching, algorithms on trees, graphs and networks, matrix operations; the classes of P, NP and NP-complete problems, intractable problems and approximation algorithms. The department.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 241 or permission of instructor.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

### 365a. Artificial Intelligence

(1)

A traditional and modem perspective on Artificial Intelligence as a discipline of Computer Science. The course emphasizes the problems and solutions of a computational approach to machine intelligence, and how these solutions impact Computer Science as a whole. Topics vary each year to reflect the state of the art of this rapidly evolving field. Previous topics include logic and logical reasoning, bayesian reasoning, fuzzy logic, ontology, robotics, game playing, and the frame problem. Significant programming projects highlight the course material.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 203, Computer Science 245.

375a. Networks

Provides a detailed introduction to network protocols and software, as well as a discussion of network architectures and technology. Topics covered include properties of various transmission media, methods for reliable transfer of data, Ethernet and local-area networks, ISDN, TCP/IP and the Internet, routing, security, and E-mail. Programming assignments and a project emphasize the key concepts. Mr. Richards.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 203 or permission of instructor.

# 376a. Database Design

**(1)** 

Concerned with the theory and techniques of database design and the organization of query and command languages. The differences among relational, hierarchical, and networked databases are considered. Topics include data independence, data dictionaries, data models, entity-attribute relationships, access methods, and security issues.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 203. Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

# 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.

# 378b. Graphics

(1) Introduction to computer graphics: 3D modeling and viewing, geometric transformations, visible surface detection methods, illumination and shading models, surface rendering methods (including ray-tracing and radiosity), and color models. A brief review of the mathematics for computer graphics: coordinate systems, vector products, linear algebra, and parametric representations. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 203 and Mathematics 221.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

**395a or b. Special Topics**(1/2 **or 1)**In-depth treatment of specialized topics in computer science, such as programming language semantics, parallel processing, etc.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 203.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work

(½ or 1)

# Drama and Film

**Professors:** Jesse G. Kalin, Sarah R. Kozloff (Associate Chair, Film), James B. Steerman<sup>ab</sup>; **Associate Professors:** Gabrielle H. Cody (Chair), Christopher Grabowski, Kenneth M. Robinson<sup>b</sup>; **Assistant Professors:** Mia Mask, Philippe Roques<sup>a</sup>, Denise Walen<sup>ab</sup>; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** David Birn; **Lecturers:** Holly Hummel, William Miller; **Visiting Instructor:** Deborah Paredez; **Adjunct Instructors:** Darrell James, Dennis Reid, Lori Steinberg, Shona Tucker, Kathy Wildberger.

### **Drama**

**Requirements for Concentration:** 11 units. Drama 101, 102, 221-222, 390. 2 additional units in dramatic literature or theater history from the following courses: Drama 201, 231, 317, 324, 335, 336, 337, of which 1 must be 324, 335, 336 or 337. 2 units from the following theater arts courses: Drama 203, 205, 209, 213, 302, 304, 305, 307; 2 additional elective units at the 200-level or above in drama, film, or dance.

**Senior Year Requirement:** Drama 390.

Note: a student may enroll in only one theater arts course each semester. Such courses include Drama 102, 200, 203, 205, 209, 213, 302, 304, 305, 307, 391.

# 1. Introductory

#### 101a or b. Introduction to Western Theater

(1)

An introduction to the varied aspects of theater as practiced in the Western world, including an overview of its historical, theoretical, and practical dimensions. Special emphasis will be placed on the cultural energy which produced specific aesthetic movements as well as the physical forms of Western theater through the ages from its ritual beginnings to the advent of performance art and multimedia performance. Ms. Cody, Ms. Paredez, Mr. Grabowski.

One 75-minute lecture and one 75-minute discussion period.

May not be taken concurrently with Drama 102.

# 102a or b. Introduction to Stagecraft

(1)

Basic fundamentals of stagecraft, including scenic design communication and the processes of flat and platform construction. Mr. Miller, Mr. Birn.

Two 75-minute periods.

May not be taken concurrently with Drama 101.

### II. Intermediate

#### 200a or b. Production Laboratory

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

Participation in the performance, design, or technical aspects of department productions. The department.

Prerequisites: Drama 101, 102, and permission of the department.

Unscheduled.

#### 201b. Text and Performance

**(1)** 

The structural analysis of plays and its practical application in theatrical production. Ms Cody, Mr. Grabowski.

Prerequisites: Drama 101, 102, 221-222 or special permission of the instructors.

#### 203a or b. The Actor's Craft

(1)

The development of rehearsal techniques and strategies in preparation for acting on the stage. Theory and approaches will be drawn from the work of Stanislavsky, Meyerhold, Brecht, Suzuki, and Bogart, among others. Mr. James.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

Prerequisites: Drama 101, 102, and permission of the department. One 3-hour period plus production laboratory.

#### 205a or b. The Actor's Voice

Instruction, theory, and practice in the use of the voice for the stage. Ms. Tucker. Prerequisites: Drama 101, 102 and permission of the department. One 3-hour period plus production laboratory.

# 209a or b. Topics in Production

**(1)** 

Concentrated study in one design area. May be repeated in another area of design. Ms. Hummel, Mr. Miller.

Topics for 2001/02 include Scene Painting (Mr. Miller); Drafting and Draping (Ms. Hummel); Theater Graphics (Mr. Birn).

Prerequisites: Drama 102 and permission of the instructor.

Unscheduled, plus production laboratory.

# 213a. Visual Elements of Design

**(1)** 

A study of the visual elements of design as they apply to scenic, lighting, and costume design. Mr. Miller, Ms. Hummel, Mr. Birn.

Prerequisites: Drama 101, 102.

Two 75-minute periods plus production laboratory.

#### 221a-222b. Sources of World Drama

A cross-cultural survey of important plays and nonliterary performance traditions from the Greeks to the present, encompassing Europe, Asia, and Africa. In addition to a historically based exploration of world dramatic literatures, the course explores why theater emerges in a given culture and examine the implications of past and present intercultural theatrical practice. Ms. Paredez.

Prerequisite: Drama 101. Two 75-minute periods.

### 231a. History of Fashion for the Stage

**(1)** 

History of dress from the Egyptians through the nineteenth century as seen in sculpture, painting, and illuminated manuscripts. Cultural background investigated through the manners, customs, and styles of movement in Western Europe. Ms. Hummel.

Permission of the instructor required.

### [241b. Introduction to Black Drama in America]

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 241)

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 280a. 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.

Prerequisites: Drama 101, 102, and permission of the instructor.

One 3 hour period.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

To be elected in consultation with the adviser and the Office of Field Work.

#### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

To be elected in consultation with the adviser.

### III. Advanced

## 302a or b. Problems in Design

(1)

Advanced study and portfolio development in the area of set, costume, or lighting design. May be repeated in another area of design. Mr Birn, Ms. Hummel, Mr. Miller.

Prerequisites: Drama 213 and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period plus production laboratory.

#### 304a or b. The Art of Acting

(1)

Advanced scene study in which students will examine the challenges of creating an entire acting role. Mr. Reid.

Prerequisites: Drama 203, 205, 1 unit in dance or movement analysis, and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period plus production laboratory.

#### 305a. The Director's Art

(1)

An exploration of the history of the stage director as well as an intensive theoretical and practical examination of the visual and aesthetic elements of directorial composition for the stage. Mr. Grabowski.

Prerequisites: Drama 201 or 203, or 213, and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period plus production laboratory.

### 307b. The Directorial Production Process

(1)

An examination of the directorial aspects of realizing the theatrical event, including preproduction research, structures and traditions of collaboration, rehearsal strategy and techniques, and articulation of directorial concept. Mr. Grabowski.

Prerequisites: Drama 201 or 203 or 213 and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period plus production laboratory.

#### 317a or b. Dramatic Writing

**(1)** 

(Same as Film 317) Studies of dramatic construction, analysis of, and practice in writing stage plays **a** semester, screenplays **b** semester. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisites: Drama 101 or Film 210 and permission of the instructor.

Open only to juniors and seniors.

One 3-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 2001/02: The Death of Character: Twentieth-Century Avant-garde Theater. Ms. Cody.

Prerequisites: Drama 221-222 or permission of the instructor.

#### 335a. Seminar in Western Theater and Drama

(1

Selected topics in Western theater design, dramatic literature, and dramatic criticism: Paradise Now? American Theater and Revolution, post 1968. Ms. Cody.

Prerequisites: Drama 221-222 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

## [336b. Seminar in Performance Studies]

(1)

Selected topics in Western and non-Western performance traditions and literatures. Ms. Cody.

Prerequisites: Drama 221-222 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

Not offered in 2001/02.

[337b. Seminar in Para-theater]

(1)

Selected topics in "para-theatrical" genres from around the world, such as fairs, festivals, street theater, vaudeville, cabaret, circus arts, performance art, ordeal art, etc. Ms. Walen.

Prerequisites: Drama 221-222 and permission of the instructor.

One 2-hour period.

Not offered in 2000/01.

382b. Acting for the Camera

(1)

Techniques of acting and writing for the camera. Special emphasis placed on collective class project. Mr. Wheeler.

Prerequisites: permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period.

390a or b. Senior Project in Drama

(1)

Each student undertakes a project in one of the following areas: acting, directing, design, playwriting, research in dramatic literature/theater history. Nature of project to be determined in consultation with the department. The department.

Enrollment limited to senior drama majors.

Prerequisites: senior standing, and permission of the department. In the case of directing projects, students must also have completed Drama 213. May not be taken concurrently with any other theatre arts course.

Unscheduled.

391a or b. Senior Production Laboratory

(1)

Participation in the performance, design, or technical aspects of department productions. The department.

Prerequisites: senior standing, 1 unit at the 300-level in a theater arts course, and permission of the department.

May not be taken concurrently with Drama 390.

Unscheduled.

## 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

To be elected in consultation with the adviser.

### Film

## Requirements for Concentration in Film:

- I. 11 units required.
- II. Film 210/211, Film 392 required.
- III. Six (6) additional courses in Film at the 200 or 300 level, with the restrictions below:
  - A. No more than 4 units in film, video, or digital production may be counted toward the concentration (Film 245, 320/321, 323, 330, 326/327, 328/329, 345/346, 383).
  - B. Two of the above 6 units must be our courses in film history/theory. These 2 units must be completed prior to enrollment in Film 392, which must be taken in the senior year.
  - C. Two units earned in the BAFA/Vassar London JYA Program may be used but the restrictions above under "A" and "B" still apply.
  - D. Only 1 thesis option may be elected (300 or 301).
- IV. Two additional elective units at the 200 or 300 level selected from the following categories:
  - Courses offered by the Department of Film, including fieldwork and independent study.
  - B. Courses offered by the Department of Drama
  - C. Courses offered by the BAFA/Vassar London JYA Program
  - D. Specifically film-related courses offered by other Vassar departments appearing on the Film Department's Approved Elective List, or, with preapproval, similar courses taken on JYA or Exchange Programs.
- V. Senior Year Requirement: Film 392.

# 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, and film theory. Subjects are treated topically rather than historically. Enrollment limited to freshmen and sophomores who have not previously taken film courses at Vassar. Mr. Kalin.

#### 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. Ms. Kozloff, Ms. Mask, and instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: 4 units in the humanities or social sciences. Enrollment limited. Two 75-minute periods plus film 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. Ms. Kozloff, Ms. Mask, and instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: Film 210. Enrollment limited. Two 75-minute periods plus film 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 the role of 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.

Two 75-minute classes a week, plus outside screening. Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor. Offered 2003-2004.

#### 214a. Genre: The War Film

(1)

An examination of how American films have represented World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War. Films chosen include both those made while the conflicts raged (*Bataan*, 1942), and those made many years later (*Saving Private Ryan*, 1998). 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 films focusing on the sacrifices made 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, and the racism of the Vietnam films. Ms. Kozloff.

Two 75-minute classes a week, plus outside screening. Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor.

### 215b. Genre: Science Fiction

**(1)** 

The course surveys the history of science fiction film from its beginnings in the silent period (culminating in Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* and *The Woman in the Moon*) to the advent of digital technologies. The "golden age" of the 50s, the emergence of a new kind of SF film at the end of the 60s (Kubrick's 2001, and the "resurgence/revival" of SF film in the late 70s-early 80s (*Star Wars, Blade Runner, Alien, The Terminator*) are given special attention. Topics include subgenres (end of the world, time travel, space exploration/the "new" frontier, technology/robots/atomic energy), the relation of SF films to their social context and their function in popular culture, the place of science in SF, film's relation to SF literature (and issues of adaptation), the role of women and feminist criticism, and remakes. In addition to film history and criticism, a small amount of science fiction literature is read. While passing mention will be made to television SF, the course focuses on science fiction film. Mr. Kalin.

Two 75-minute classes a week, plus outside screening. Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor.

### [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, of genre, and of the star system. Ms. Kozloff.

Two 75-minute classes a week, plus outside screening. Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor. Offered in 2002-2003.

[218. Genre: The Western]

**(1)** 

A historical and cultural exploration of the Western film genre, with emphasis on the social, economic, and political conditions under which such films were produced and the relationship between the Western and the central myths of American experience. Specifically, the course examines Westerns directed by such filmmakers as D. W. Griffith, Tom Mix, William S. Hart, John Ford, William Wyler, Howard Hawks, George Stevens, William Wellman, Raoul Walsh, Fritz Lang, John Huston, Budd Boetticher, Anthony Mann, Fred Zinnemann, Sam Peckinpah, Sergio Leone, and Clint Eastwood. Mr. Steerman.

Two 75-minute periods, plus evening film screening. Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor. Offered in 2002-2003.

#### 230a. Women and Film

(1

(Same as Women's Studies 230) Despite the challenges posed by inadequate funding, distribution difficulties and obstacles to exhibition, women filmmakers have successfully directed, scripted and edited commercial, independent and avant-garde films. The course focus on a wide variety of international women filmmakers, including films by Chantel Akerman, Mira Nair, Jane Campion, Tracey Moffatt, Agnès Varda and Marleen Gorris. The class emphasizes the diversity (aesthetic, ideological, racial and cultural) among women filmmakers. Filmmaking is viewed as a collaborative process in which the editor, the screenwriter and the actor significantly influence content. Our major text is the anthology, *Multiple Voices in Feminist Film Criticism*, and class reading assignments delve into a broad range of theoretical perspectives. Ms. Mask.

Two 75 -minute periods, plus evening film screening.

Prerequisite: Film 210 or Women's Studies 130 and permission of the instructor.

#### [231. Minorities in the Media]

(1)

This course studies visual and written texts in which the dynamics of race, gender and sexuality in American life are expressed. Throughout the semester, we analyze films, videos, advertisements, and newspaper articles, as well as other mediated discourse, to assess the way categories of minority identity have been constructed in mainstream society. The course also examines the representation of those who have defined themselves as "majority" Americans. In addition to scholarship by film theorists, black British cultural theorists, African American scholars, and critical race theorists, this course enlists scholarship from the emerging field of "whiteness studies." Films studied may include: Blackboard Jungle, Slaying the Dragon, Blood in the Face, Black Is, Black Ain't, Shake, Rattle and Rock, Whiteboyz. Ms. Mask.

Prerequisite: 210 and permission of the instructor. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [232a. African American Cinema]

(1)

This course provides a survey of the history and theory of African American cinema. It begins with the silent films of Oscar Micheaux, and examines the early all black cast westerns and musicals of the twenties, thirties, and forties. The political debates circulating around stars like Sidney Poitier, Dorothy Dandridge, Eartha Kitt and Harry Belafonte are the focus for discussing the racial climate of the fifties. Special consideration is given to Blaxploitation cinema of the late sixties and seventies, in an attempt to understand the historical contexts for

contemporary filmmaking. The new wave of late 80's and early 90's black romantic comedies, including *The Wood, The Best Man* and *Coming to America*, are also addressed. Ms. Mask.

Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor. Offered in 2002-2003.

#### [233b. The McCarthy Era and Film]

**(1)** 

This class focuses both on the history of anti-communism, 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 HUAC'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 noirs 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 later films such as *The Front* sought to frame our understanding of this era. Ms. Kozloff.

Two 75-minute classes a week, plus outside screening. Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor. Offered in 2003-2004.

## 234b. Film and "The Sixties"

(1

The era from *Bonnie* and *Clyde* (1967) to *Chinatown* (1974) can be thought of as a distinct period in the history of American film in terms of the demise of the studio system, the transformation of traditional genres, the influence of the French New Wave, the emergence of new auteurs, and the relaxation of censorship, leading to more explicit sex and violence. This course focuses on directors such as Cassavetes, Altman, Kubrick, Peckinpah, Penn, and Scorsese, as well as films, such as *Easy Rider, Shaft*, or *Diary of a Mad Housewife*, which reflect topical subjects. Emphasis is placed on the changes in filmmaking techniques (wide-screen, jump cuts, the zoom lens, improvisational acting), the role of film critics and theorists of the time, the changes in industry economics and demographics, the influence of television and popular music, and the ways in which social change is reflected by the cinema. Ms. Kozloff.

Two 75-minute classes a week, plus outside screening. Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor.

# 238. Music in Film (1)

(Same as Music 238) A study of music in the cinema from 1895 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 studies range from Prokofiev, Copland and Walton—known best for their non-film scores—to Tiomkin, Rozsa, Steiner and Herrmann, specialists in the field. Contemporary figures like John Williams and Danny Elfman are considered. Mr. Pisani.

Prerequisite: one course in music (not performance) or film.

#### 260b. Documentary: History and Aesthetics

(1)

This survey provides an introduction to the history and theory of international documentary filmmaking. The journey begins in 1920 with exploration film pioneers such as Robert Flaherty and Margaret Mead. We continue on to the British documentary movement (1930-1938) inspired by John Grierson. Our next destination is Paris, France (circa 1960) where we chronicle the radical cinéma vérité of Jean Rouch. Upon arrival in America, we witness the developing split between cinéma vérité and American direct cinema produced by filmmakers

Richard Leacock, Robert Drew, D.A. Pennebaker, Frederick Wiseman and the Maysles Brothers. Our itinerary includes readings and paper assignments, which reflect the formal and theoretical distinctions between documentary practices. Ms. Mask.

Two 75-minute periods a week, plus external screenings. Prerequisite: Film 210 and permission of the instructor.

#### 290a. or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

To be elected in consultation with the adviser and the Office of Field Work.

#### 298a. or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

To be elected in consultation with the adviser.

#### III. Advanced

#### 300a. or b. Film Research Thesis

(1)

Research leading to a thesis in film history or theory. Open only to students electing the concentration in film. Senior status required. Ms. Kozloff, Ms. Mask, Mr. Kalin. Prerequisites: Film 210/211 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). Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisites: Film 210/211, Film 317 or Drama 317, and permission of instructor.

## 317a or b. Dramatic Writing

(1)

(Same as Drama 317a or b.)

#### 320a/321b. Filmmaking

**(1)** 

A-semester: The course concentrates on a theoretical and practical examination of the art of visual communication in 16 mm film. Individual projects emphasize developing, visualizing and editing narratives from original ideas. B-semester: further 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. (Students must concurrently enroll in a 3-hour lab period each semester.) Mr. Robinson, Mr. Roques.

Fees: see section on fees.

Prerequisites: Film 210/211 and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period, plus lab.

#### 325a. Writing the Short Narrative Film

(1)

Students learn the process of developing original, ten to twelve minute narrative screenplays. Scripts produced in Film 327 are selected from those created in Film 325. Must be taken concurrently with Film 326. Mr. Robinson.

Prerequisites: Film 320-321 and permission of the instructor. One 3-hour period.

## 326a/327b. Documentary Workshop/Narrative Workshop

(1)

A semester: This is a one-semester class in which student crews make 8-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. This course addresses the aesthetic, ethical and theoretical issues specific to the documentary genre as students explore a variety of documentary styles. B semester: Student crews create short form 16mm sync/sound narrative films from original student scripts. Individual members of the crew are responsible for the major areas of production and post-production: directorial, camera, editorial, and sound. The goal is a composite release print for each project. Mr. Robinson, Mr. Roques.

Open only to senior film majors who have produced work of distinction in Film

320/321.

Prerequisites: Film 320/321 and the permission of the instructor. One 3 hour period, plus lab.

#### [328a/329b. Interactive Multimedia Production]

(1)

The theory and production of interactive multimedia. The final project of this class is the production of an interactive multi-media environment which exists on both a website and as a CD-ROM or DVD-ROM.

A semester: Students develop essays concerning their personal experience of a topic chosen by the professor. Over the course of the semester each student designs five interactive mini-projects related to the essay's theme. Projects are incremental in complexity and introduce students to various aspects of interactive multimedia. The final project consists of putting the pieces together into a larger multimedia interactive environment.

B semester: Students develop their own topics and production schedules. Teaching is customized to the particular needs of the student through one-on-one meetings with the professor. Students are expected to be more self-sufficient and their projects to be of professional caliber in their design, navigability, and intellectual depth. Mr. Roques.

Open only to juniors and seniors. Enrollment limited.

Prerequisites: 2 units at the 200-level in film and permission of instructor.

One 3-hour period plus lab.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 383b. Exploring Multimedia

**(1)** 

This intensive workshop focuses on the art, theory and technologies of creative authoring. Inspired by a personal anecdote or experience related to a topic chosen by the professor, students will write a personal essay and design an interactive multimedia CD-ROM out of text, sound, photographs and moving images. A sequence of eight projects leads students through developing original ideas and technical skills. A portion of class time will be devoted to learning software applications to manipulate sounds, animate digital imagery, edit video, and program interactive environments. Mr. Roques.

Open only to juniors and seniors. Enrollment limited.

Prerequisites: 2 units at the 200-level in film and permission of instruction. One 3-hour period plus lab.

# 392. Research Seminar in Film History and Theory

(1)

This course is designed as an in-depth exploration of either a given author or a major theoretical topic. Students contribute to the class through research projects and oral presentations. Their work culminates in lengthy research papers. Because the topic rotates, this course may be taken more than once.

Topic for 2001/02a: Dancers in the Dark—The Transrealist Cinemas of Dennis Potter and Lars von Trier. Dennis Potter and Lars von Trier have argued that their respective television and film cultures were "dead," "stifled" by a standardized procedure and a kind of literal realism that hides a deeper, darker reality. They each have attempted to go beyond this realism and, in the process, have outraged both audiences and critics. We look at their major film and television works, sources and

backgrounds, the critical and public reception of their work, artistic philosophies and, most centrally, conceptions of the darkness pervading existence-of evil, good, and redemption-that form the heart of their films. (Also considered are works by Michael Powell, Neil Jordan, Mike Leigh, Mike Figgis, Carl Dreyer, and the Dogma

Group.) Mr. Kalin.

Topic for 2001/02b: Empire and Sexuality in the Cinema. A senior seminar focusing on cinema and sexuality, this course examines metaphors and allegories of empire as they have been linked to displays of sexuality and structures of desire in narrative cinema. The course includes both heterosexual and homoerotic displays of desire. Films such as David Lean's Lawrence of Arabia (1962), John Huston's The Man who Would be King (1975), Bemardo Bertolucci's The Last Emperor (1987), and Stephen Frears' My Beautiful Laundrette (1987) reveal themselves as cinematic narratives linking power, pleasure and the social constraints regulating bodies in colonial contexts. In addition to film theory, and queer film theory, these films will be interpreted through the critical prism of colonial and postcolonial literature on primitivism, sexuality, surveillance, and structures of power. Scholarship by Frantz Fanon, Michael Foucault, Edward Said, and Ann Laura Stoler, among others, is included. Ms. Mask.

Prerequisites: Film 212 or 230 and permission of the instructor.

One 3-hour period plus film screenings.

Topic for 2000/01a: Woody Allen and Ingmar Berkman. Mr. Kalin.

Topic for 2000/01b: John Ford's Vision of the American West. Mr. Steerman.

### 399a, b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

To be elected in consultation with the adviser.

## **Summer Study**

## [245-246. Workshop in Screenwriting and 16mm Film Production] (2)

The summer workshop offers an integrated study of both the conceptual (screenwriting) and practical aspects of 16mm film production. The program concentrates on the techniques needed to create effective narrative films. Students develop their original ideas into screenplay form and produce these scripts in 16mm film and/or video. Mr. Steerman, Mr. Robinson.

Special application required.

Five 3-hour meetings per week plus film screenings.

Tuition/room/board-\$3,100. Tuition/room only-\$2,500

Tuition only-\$2,200.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# [345-346 Advanced Workshop]

(1)

An advanced workshop concentrating on the writing and production of short synchronous sound films or videos. See Film 245-246 for general summer workshop detail. Mr. Steerman, Mr. Robinson.

Special application required.

Offered only in case of sufficient demand.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# British American Film Academy/Vassar Program in London.

For complete course descriptions and program information, consult BAFA/Vassar brochure, available in the Film Department Office or the Office for Study Away. Please note that only courses taken in the Advanced BAFA/Vassar Program may be used to meet requirements for the Concentration in Film.

**Introductory Program (A-semester):** 

213a. European Film History and Criticism (1)

217a. Screenwriting (1)

# 154 Departments and Programs of Instruction

224a. <i>A</i> 225a. H 226a. H	Acting for Film and Television Acting Shakespeare on Film Film Adaptations Filmmaking Laboratory Required of all students in program.	(1) (1) (½) (½) (½)
303b. A 312b. A 315b. I 318b. A 323b. A 323b.	rogram (B-semester): Advanced Acting for Film and Television Advanced Film History and Criticism Documentary Filmmaking Advanced Screenwriting Advanced Filmmaking Advanced Filmmaking Advanced Film Directing	$(1\frac{1}{2})$ $(1)$ $(\frac{1}{2})$ $(1\frac{1}{2})$ $(1\frac{1}{2})$ $(1\frac{1}{2})$ $(1\frac{1}{2})$

## **Economics**

**Professors:** Geoffrey A. Jehle, David A. Kennett, Alexander M. Thompson III (Dean of Studies); **Associate Professors:** Lawrence A. Herbst<sup>ab</sup>, Shirley B. Johnson-Lans, Paul A. Johnson (Chair), William E. Lunt; **Assistant Professors:** Christopher P. Kilby, Patricia A. Jones<sup>b</sup>, Alan C. Marco, Jonathan C. Rork; **Adjunct Lecturer:** Frederick Van Tassell III.

**Requirements for Concentration:** at least 11.5 units of graded economics credit normally composed of Economics 100, 101, 200, 201, 209, and 6.5 other graded units (excluding Economics 120) at least three of which must be at the 300-level and must include either Economics 301 or 305a-306b. Credit for Economics 305 cannot be used to satisfy the requirements for the concentration unless Economics 306 is also taken. At least 6 units must be taken at Vassar including 2 at the 300-level. Students must also 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. All exceptions to the normal program require special permission from the department chair.

**Requirements for Departmental Honors:** To be eligible for departmental honors, students must take the Senior Seminar in Economics, and must perform

work of a high standard in the seminar and in their other courses.

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.

Economics and Your Career–A Guide to Designing Programs of Study in Economics at Vassar recommends sequences of study for students planning to work right after graduation, and for those planning to attend graduate or professional schools. It is available in the department office.

**Senior-Year Requirement:** Economics 301 or Economics 305a-306b.

**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. Four options are currently available within the correlate sequence in economics:

International Economics, coordinated by Mr. Kennett.

Political Economy, coordinated by Mr. Lunt

Public Policy, coordinated by Ms. Johnson-Lans

**Quantitative Economics**, coordinated by Mr. Lunt.

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 courses in the department, including at least one at the 300-level and at least two from the following three courses: Economics 100, Economics 101, Economics 102. Additional requirements for each of the options are detailed in *Correlate Sequences in Economics*, available in the department office.

# I. Introductory

## 100a or b. Introduction to Macroeconomics

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.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

#### 101a or 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 pure 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.

#### 102b. Introduction to Marxian Economics

(1)

The course is an analytical and critical introduction to Marx's analysis of capitalism. Readings include selections from the works of Marx and Engels and from the works of contemporary Marxian writers and critics of Marx. There is a special emphasis on Volume I of *Capital*. Topics include: the labor theory of value; commodity fetishism; alienation; the production of surplus value; Marx's theory of money; Marx's theory of capital accumulation. The relevance of Marx's analysis to contemporary capitalism is explored. Mr. Thompson.

Open to all classes.

120a. Principles of Accounting

**(1)** 

Accounting theory and practice, including preparation and interpretation of financial statements. Mr. Van Tassell.

Open to all classes.

#### 185a. Markets, Institutions, and the State

(1)

What role should the state play in the market-coordinated economy? Are formal and informal institutions crucial to the functioning of markets? Is the state simply a policeman or is it necessarily the "grand entrepreneur"? To answer these questions, we need to identify different issues: Does the market promote efficiency? Does it generate a fair distribution of income? Is it crisis-prone? Does it necessarily enhance economic growth and prosperity? If not, can the state correct the problems; or would the intervention of the state create even bigger problems? What light do the current experiences of economic restructuring in the Soviet block countries shed on these questions? To explore these fundamental issues we examine the original texts by Adam Smith, Karl Marx, John Commons, Joseph Schumpeter, John Maynard Keynes, John Kenneth Galbraith, Milton Friedman, Friedrich vonHayek, and James Buchanan. Instructor to be announced. Open to freshmen only.

#### II. Intermediate

## 200a or 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.

Prerequisites: Economics 100.

201a or 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.

Prerequisites: Economics 100, 101.

[202b. Topics in Political Economy]

**(1)** 

In this course economics is presented in its full context as competing visions of the "Good Society" including classical liberalism, modern liberalism, market socialism, and communism. Lectures and readings are based on a close examination of classic arguments and texts.

Prerequisite: One economics course.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 204a. The Economics of Gender

(1)

An analysis of gender differences in income, earnings, and employment and of gender as a determinant of the division of labor in the United States and elsewhere. Topics include occupational segregation, discrimination, and the role of "protective legislation"; the economics of marriage, divorce, and property rights; and controversies over sex and reproduction as market goods. Ms. Johnson-Lans.

Prerequisite: Economics 101.

### 209a or 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. No prior experience with computers is assumed. Mr. Lunt.

Prerequisites: Economics 100, 101 or permission of instructor.

210a. 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. Extensive use is made of the computer, although no prior experience with computers is assumed. Mr. Lunt.

Prerequisites: 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 abstract games, and develop skills in the fine art of solving games. Applications are stressed, and these are drawn from many branches of economics, as well as from a variety of other fields. Mr. Jehle.

Prerequisites: 100 or 101.

#### 218b. Urban Economics

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies 218) 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. Mr. Rork.

Prerequisite: Economics 101

#### 220b. The Political Economy of Health Care

(1)

Economic models are applied to the contemporary problems of financing and providing health care in a climate of increasing demand and rising costs. Topics include the role of health care insurance, both public and private; and the effects of changes in medical technology; the age distribution of the population; and market structure in the health care industry. A comparative study of several other countries' health care systems are included. Ms. Johnson-Lans.

Prerequisite: Economics 101 or permission of instructor.

#### 225b. 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.

Prerequisites: Economics 100 and 101. Students with strong quantitative backgrounds can enroll with instructor permission.

Recommended: Economics 201 and Economics 209

#### 238b. Law and Economics

(1)

Economic analysis of legal rules and institutions. Topics are selected from among the following: environmental law, property rights, antitrust policy, mergers and acquisitions, regulation, administrative law, discrimination, malpractice, liability, and criminal law. There are references to the common law of property, torts, and contracts. Mr. Marco.

Prerequisite: 101

## 248a. 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 GATT, the IMF and World Bank, the European Community, the debt crisis, the North-South debate, and foreign aid. Mr. Kennett.

Prerequisites: Economics 100 and 101. Not open to students who have completed Economics 345 or 346.

#### 260b. The Economics of Imperialism

(1)

A study in economic history and economic thought related to the rise of European imperialism and its aftermath. Attention is given to the impact on both the colonized nation and the colonizer, and to the relationship between economic thought and policy. Topics covered include the Spanish and Portuguese empires, systematic colonization, the late Victorian division of Africa, U.S. expansionism, and Japanese imperialism. Marxian and competing models are examined in historical context. The course concludes with a discussion of the postwar decolonization and the changing nature of twentieth-century dependency. Mr. Kennett.

Prerequisites: Economics 100 and 101 or 102.

### [267a. Environmental and Natural Resource Economics]

(1)

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 267) 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. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 101 or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 268a. Economic Development in Less Developed Countries

(1)

Analysis of the central issues in economic development including growth, structural transformation, inequality, and the standard of living. The course begins with a survey of current conditions (per-capita income, productivity, inequality, poverty, health, and education) in less developed countries. The history of development theory from the 1940s to the present and the evolution of development theory from "big push" to "export-led growth" are reviewed with examples from the three focus countries. This sets the stage for exploring current topics including household decision-making in agriculture, migration, fertility, and the role of the state, politics, and international aid. Ms. Jones.

Prerequisites: Economics 100 and 101.

### 269b. Political Economy of Development Aid

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The course examines political and economic aspects of international development assistance. From its origins in the Marshall Plan at the end of World War II, development aid has undergone a series of transformations in terms of philosophical orientation, economic justification, and practical implementation. The course explores this evolution, presenting a range of topics: the history of aid; the economic and political impact of aid; multilateral, bilateral and nongovernmental aid institutions; project aid and project appraisal; structural adjustment lending and the debt crisis; political and economic motives of aid donors and recipients; and technological bias in development projects. Mr. Kilby.

Prerequisites: Economics 100 or 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 at the discretion of the instructor, but typically include: modern approaches to consumer and producer theory, economics of uncertainty, general equilibrium theory, and welfare analysis. Mr. Jehle.

Prerequisites: Economics 201 and one year of calculus, or permission of instructor.

## [304b. 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 Johnson.

Prerequisites: Economics 200, 201, 209, and Mathematics 121 or equivalent, or permission of instructor. Economics 210 recommended.

#### 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. Lunt.

Prerequisites: Economics 210 and one year of calculus. Mathematics 221

recommended.

#### 320a. Labor Economics

(1)

An examination of the theory and operation of labor markets. Topics include demand and supply for labor, a critical analysis of human capital theory and signaling theory, the determinants of occupational, wage, and employment level differences both cross-sectionally and over time, unions, theories of labor market discrimination and segregation, and public policy issues including welfare reform and the effects of minimum wages. Ms. Johnson-Lans.

Prerequisites: Economics 101 and 209. Economics 201 strongly recommended.

#### 342b. 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. Rork.

Prerequisite: Economics 201; 209 recommended.

## 345a. International Trade Theory and Policy

(1)

The 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 theory and practice of commercial policy; the theory of customs unions; international factor movements; trade between unequal partners; trade under imperfect competition. Mr. Jehle.

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, particularly the Eurodollar market. The department.

Prerequisite: Economics 200.

## [352b. Social Problems of the US Economy]

(1)

This course examines selected social problems in the US economy and evaluates both actual and potential public policy responses to these problems. Some of the topics covered include: social capital, poverty and inequality, segregation in housing and schooling, racial discrimination, civil rights and affirmative action, welfare reform, crime, and homelessness. By the end of the course, students should have a good understanding of how these social problems have evolved in the US economy, as well as how economists analyze such problems. Ms. Jones.

Prerequisites: Economics 201 and 209.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 355a. Industrial Organization

**(1)** 

This course examines the external behavior of firms under conditions of imperfect competition. Asymmetry and heterogeneity among firms are explicitly recognized. Inefficient, strategic, and illegal behavior of firms is discussed. Game theory is introduced and applied to study entry, pricing, output, capacity, and quality choices that firms must make. The role of information in firm and market performance is also studied, with particular attention to its implications for advertising and research and development. Finally, the role of the government in the supply of information, in regulation, and in antitrust enforcement is evaluated. Mr. Marco.

Prerequisites: Economics 201.

[356b. Topics in Industrial Organization]

(1)

This course extends the analysis begun in Economics 355 by examining issues in much greater detail. Where the emphasis of 355 is on surveying the field of Industrial Organization and learning the basic models of firm behavior, the emphasis of 356 is on applying the understanding from those models to real world situations through detailed case studies. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisites: Economics 355 or permission of instructor. Economics 209 and 210 will be useful for some case studies and are recommended.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 367b. 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. Preperestroika 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.

Prerequisites: at least 2 units of Economics at or above the 200-level.

#### 368a. American Economic History

**(1)** 

This course covers the history of the U.S. economy from colonial times to the present with a focus on the application of economic analysis to historical issues. Topics include the economic factors in the drive for independence, westward expansion, the American growth record and its determinants, the economics of slavery and regional divergence, the Great Depression and World War II, and the Modern Era. Mr. Rork.

Prerequisite: at least 2 units of Economics at or above the 200-level, or permission of the instructor. Economics 209 is strongly recommended.

#### 370b. History of Economic Thought

**(1)** 

A systematic study of the development of economic thought from early times to the present; emphasis is placed on the study of European and American economists of the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries; the political, social, and cultural context of the development of economic thought is highlighted. The department.

Prerequisites: Economics 100, 101, and 2 units of 200-level work in Economics. One 2-hour period.

## 371a. Alternative Economic Theories and Perspectives

(1)

This course develops the theoretical foundations of alternative schools of economic thought (e.g. Marxist, post-Keynesian, Institutionalist, & Austrian) and applies them to theoretical and policy issues. From these theoretical perspectives the course then reexamines "structural adjustment" policies in the Third World,

free trade, consumer theory, the principles of economic growth, the operation of theory of financial markets, and the contemporary resurgence of "neoliberal" economic policies both here and abroad. The department.

Prerequisites: Economics 201 or 200.

#### IV. Senior Courses

#### 301a or b. Senior Exercise in Economics

(1/2)

Students enrolled in this course undertake the structured analysis of an article-length work from the economics literature under the supervision of a department member. This opportunity for substantive culminating work in economics is intended to deepen the student's understanding of their discipline and encourages the student to draw together elements of four years' education in economics. The department.

Prerequisites: Economics 200, 201, 209.

### 305a-306b. Senior Seminar in Economics

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Students must write an independent research paper on a topic to be agreed upon with the seminar instructor. These topics should be discussed with the instructor prior to registration. For any credit for the major, students must complete both 305a and 306b.

One 2-hour period.

## V. Other

#### 290a or b. Field Work

(½ or 1)

Individual or group field projects or internships. One-half unit for 60 hours of work. The department.

May be elected during the college year or during the summer.

Prerequisite or corequisite: a course in the department. Permission required. Unscheduled.

#### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

### 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

(1/2 or 1)

# **Education**

**Professor:** Robin Trainor (Chair and Coordinator of Elementary Student Teaching); **Associate Professor:** Joyce Bickerstaff; **Assistant Professor:** Christopher Roellke<sup>ab</sup>; **Visiting Instructors:** Linda Cantor, Judith Wohl (Coordinator of Secondary Student Teaching); **Lecturers:** Julie Riess (Director of Wimpfheimer Nursery School).

The teacher preparation programs in the Department of Education at Vassar College reflect the philosophy that a broad liberal arts education is the best foundation for teaching whether on the nursery school, elementary, or secondary level; whether in public or private schools. The student at Vassar who is preparing to teach works 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. The department offers work leading to provisional New York State certification at elementary and secondary school levels. This certification is reciprocal in many 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 elementary or secondary certification consult with the department during the first semester of the freshman year.

**Transfer Students:** Transfer students who wish to be certified for elementary or secondary 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.

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.

# **Special Programs:**

**Oxfordshire, England: Internship in British Primary Schools.** Vassar College, in cooperation with Oxford University and the primary schools of Oxfordshire, England, offers a one-semester internship in British primary schools. Students participating are expected to have a basic knowledge of child development, experience with children, and overall academic competence. Students work as interns in infant or junior schools in the vicinity of Oxford. Students are expected to take a "half-tutorial" of study at Oxford University in some area such as history, English, psychology, history of art, physical sciences, geography, or another subject taught in the university. Students interested in applying should consult with their adviser and the Department of Education before making formal application through the Department of Education.

Clifden, Ireland: Internship in Irish Secondary Schools. Vassar College, in cooperation with University College, Galway, and the secondary schools of Clifden, offers a one-semester internship in Irish secondary schools. Students interested in teacher certification, the theoretical study of education, or the study of cross-cultural education are assigned as interns in the secondary schools in Clifden. They are expected also to take a "half-tutorial" of study at University College, Galway, in some area such as history, English, psychology, history of art, physical sciences, geography, or other subjects taught in the university. Those interested in applying should consult with their adviser and the Department of Education before making formal application through the Department of Education.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

### **Exploring Science at Vassar Farm**

The Department of Education offers a one-semester internship in our science and environmental education program at the Collins Field Station on the Vassar Farm. Vassar students work with faculty to design and implement lessons which balance psycho-motor and cognitive activities for local Poughkeepsie elementary school students. The second and third graders engage in various aspects of the natural world through interactive play. Those interested in participating should consult with Ms. Capozzoli, Director of the program.

#### Venture/Bank Street:

**Urban (NYC) Education Semester.** Vassar College, in cooperation with Venture/Bank Street, offers a one-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 two-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.

**Elementary Certification:** Programs leading to the New York State Provisional Elementary Certificate (K-6) are offered. New York State will certify students for the provisional certificate upon recommendation of the department chair. Such recommendation will depend on academic excellence, specified competencies in professional course work, field experiences, and demonstrated fitness for teaching. In addition, students must pass a qualifying examination set by New York State. The program of study must include the following requirements:

Psychology 105, 202; Education 235, 290, 240, 350/351, 360, 361, 362.

**Advisers:** The department.

## **Recommended Sequence of Courses for Elementary Certification:**

Freshman year: Psychology 105, 231

Education 290 (Field Work).

Education 290 (Field Work)

Junior year:

Education 350/351 Education 240 \*Africana Studies 321 Sophomore year:

Education 235 \*Education 260

Senior year:

Education 360, 361
Education 362 (Student Teaching)
\*Education 250b

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 ordinarily taken during the a-semester. In rare circumstances, students may be granted permission by the department chair to student teach during the b-semester.

**Secondary Certification:** Programs leading to the New York State Provisional Secondary 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 will certify students upon the recommendation of the department chair. Such recommendation will depend on academic excellence, specified competencies in professional course

work, field experiences, and demonstrated fitness for teaching. In addition, students must pass a qualifying examination set by New York State. The program of study must include the following:

Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290

English: Education 394, 374

Foreign Languages: Education 390, 370

Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics: Education 392, 372

Social Studies: Education 396, 376

In addition, there should be the required number of hours in the academic field in which the student plans to teach. These 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.

**Advisers:** The department.

## **Recommended Sequence of Courses for Secondary Certification:**

Freshman year: Education 235

Psychology 105

Junior year:

\*Africana Studies 321 Education 290 Education 390-396

Sophomore year: \*Education 260

Education 263 Education 290

Senior year:

\*Education 250b Education 370-376

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 ordinarily taken during the a-semester. In rare circumstances, students may be granted permission by the department chair to student teach during the b-semester.

# I. Introductory

#### 160a. Books, Children, and Culture

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 160a) This course examines select classical works from the oral tradition and contemporary works of children's fiction. The course addresses children's fiction 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 moral character; race and class; politicalization; and the human relationship to the natural environment. Ms. Bickerstaff.

Two 75-minute periods.

#### II. Intermediate

The following courses are part of the Urban Education Semester (Venture/Bank Street) and are taken at Bank Street. The first three are required and students may then elect to take one or more of the other four courses:

<sup>\*</sup>Recommended, not required

Urban Education Seminar/Field Experience

Anthropology of Urban Education

The Study of Normal and Exceptional Children through Observation and Recording

Comparative Migration Experiences of the Caribbean, Latin American and Asian People

Language Development, Diversity and Disorders

Foundations of Modern Education

Teaching Methodology

## 235a or b. Issues in Contemporary Education

**(1)** 

**(1)** 

An examination of theories and issues in modern education as they affect and reflect the child, the schools, and the teacher; inquiry into social, economic, and political pressures as they affect education, with special emphasis on the disadvantaged. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: Introductory course in psychology, sociology, or political science. Permission required.

Two 75-minute periods.

# 236a. Childhood Development: Observation and Research Application (1)

(Same as Psychology 236a) What differentiates the behavior of one young child from that of another? What characteristics do preschool 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; theories of mind; language development, humor, and language play; fantasy/reality distinctions; the self and moral development; and social categories. Each student completes a comprehensive study of one child in the Nursery School, based on detailed, extended observation and the application of research findings from the developmental literature. Ms. Riess.

Prerequisite: Psychology 202 and permission of instructor One 2-hour period; 4 hours of laboratory participation

## 237b. Early Childhood Education: Theory and Practice

(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 202 and permission of instructor One 2-hour period; 4 hours of laboratory participation

# 240b. Mathematics for Elementary Teaching: Content and Methodology for Regular and Special Education (1)

The purpose of this course is to develop the student's competency to teach mathematics to elementary school children, K-6. Lectures and "hands on" activity sessions are used to explore mathematical content, methodology, and resource materials with an emphasis on conceptual understanding as it relates to the sequential nature of mathematics and to cognitive development. Special emphasis is placed on diagnostic and remedial skills drawn from a broad psychological and

theoretical base. Students have the opportunity to plan, implement, and assess their mathematics teaching in appropriate classroom settings through field assignments in the local schools. Ms. Cantor.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105, 202. Special permission.

### 250b. Introduction to Special Education

(1)

The purpose of this course is to examine new ideas that have emerged with regard to the education and training of exceptional children. A humanistic philosophical approach is the emphasis of this examination with focus on the child rather than on the categories of handicaps. Considering "special education" as intervention in the education of children who have special needs, several issues are dealt with: the medical, psychological, and sociological problems of these children; instructional practices; inclusion; and the restructuring of the traditional role of the special teacher. Ms. Trainor.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105, 202. Special permission.

Two 75-minute periods.

# 260b. Child Abuse and Domestic Violence: American Cultural and Social Problems (1)

This course examines, from a multidisciplinary perspective, the historical conceptions of child abuse and domestic violence; the underlying causes and consequences to children and to families; the views which influence professionals as they cope with the problems of maltreatment; the emotional reactions to these issues; the trauma and dynamics of family separation; and literary perspectives on the problems. Legal issues and proposals which may affect public policy changes in the prevention, intervention, and treatment of these problems are addressed. Ms. Trainor.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute periods.

## 262b. 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 include: *Household Tales of the Brothers Grimm*, and selections from Hans Christian Andersen, George MacDonald, Lewis Carroll, L. Frank Baum, and Virginia Hamilton. Assignments will 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 provides a general review of normal adolescent development as well as typical adolescent problems (i.e. substance abuse, depression, eating disorders.) We review contemporary issues in education as they relate to adolescent development and the structuring of a classroom. There is also active discussion as to how to handle a variety of difficult classroom scenarios. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 3-hour period.

#### [265. Urban Education Reform]

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies 265) This course 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 in the course include, but are not limited to: centralized vs. decentralized decision-making structures; standards and accountability mechanisms; recruitment and retention of teachers; micro politics within urban schools; and incentivebased reform strategies. Students are also afforded the opportunity to participate directly

in current reform efforts through selected service learning projects in local Poughkeepsie schools. Mr. Roellke.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

Two 75-minute classes.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 270b. Drama In the Classroom

(1)

This course examines the topic, drama in education, in terms of its practical application for the classroom teacher and as a resource for education and training in other contexts. The course will concentrate on the work of well-known authors, educators, and practitioners in the field of educational drama. Class participation incorporates various dramatic techniques and drama exercises, and written projects and model lessons are required. Preference is given to students in teacher training. Ms. Wohl.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 3-hour period.

# 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.

## 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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.

# **Reading Courses**

# 297.01. Teaching Reading: Special Problems

(1/2)

Ms. Trainor.

# 297.02. Early Childhood Education: History and Theories

(1/2)

Ms. Trainor.

## (1/2)

**297.03.** The Adolescent in American Society Ms. Trainor.

# 297.04. Readings in the History of Education

(1/2)

Instructor to be announced.

# 297.05. Special Problems in the Social Studies

(1/2)

Mr. Roellke.

# 297.06. Learning About Secondary Mathematics Materials

(1/2)

The department.

# 297.07. Learning About Science Materials

(1/2)

The department.

# 297.08. Special Studies in Education

(1/2)

The department.

# **297.10.** The Changing Mathematics Curriculum The department.

**297.11.** Sexism, Racism, and Ageism in the Curriculum Ms. Trainor. (1/2)

## 298a or b. Independent Study

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

(1/2)

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.

#### III. Advanced

A minimum of ½ unit of field work is required for admittance to all 300-level courses for students seeking teacher certification.

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

(Same as Africana Studies 320) Ms. Bickerstaff.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### [321b. Cross-Cultural Studies in Education]

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 321) Not offered in 2001/02.

# 350/351. The Teaching of Reading: Process and Strategies (1) for Elementary and Special Education

The purpose of this course is to examine the nature and process of reading within a theoretical framework and then to examine a variety of approaches and strategies used in teaching children to read and to gain competence in all of the language arts. Special emphasis is placed on diagnostic teaching for all children as well as on the selection of reading curricula, goals, methods, materials, and settings appropriate for children in regular classes and for children with cognitive and behavioral deficits for whom modifications in the learning program are necessary. Observation and participation in local schools is required. Ms. Trainor.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105, 202, permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period; one hour of laboratory.

# 360a. Workshop in Curriculum Development

(1

This course focuses on the current trends, research and theory in the area of social science and their implications for practice in the elementary schools. Procedures and criteria for developing and evaluating curricular content, resources and teaching strategies are examined and interdisciplinary units developed. Ms. Cantor.

Prerequisites: open to seniors only or by permission of instructor. One 3-hour period.

## 361. Seminar: Science in the Elementary Curriculum

(1)

This course focuses on methods of teaching science in the elementary school. Students explore the development of scientific concepts, science literacy, and scientific methods as appropriate for elementary school students. Emphasis is placed on experiential approaches to the material. Ms. Cantor.

Open to seniors only or by permission of instructor.

One 3-hour period.

#### 362a or b. Student Teaching Practicum: Elementary

(2)

Supervised internship in an elementary classroom, grades K-6. Examination and analysis of the interrelationships of teachers, children, and curriculum as reflected in the classroom learning environment. One or more conference hours per week. Ms. Trainor, Ms. Cantor.

Open to seniors only.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105, 202; Education 235, 240, 290, 350/351; Education 360, 361 may be concurrent. (Ungraded only.) Permission of instructor.

370a or b. Student Teaching: Secondary School Foreign Languages **(2)** 

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. One or more conference periods per week. Ms. Wohl.

Open to seniors only.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290; Education 390. (Ungraded only.) Permission of instructor.

# 372a or b. Student Teaching: Secondary School Mathematics (2) and Science

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. One or more conference hours per week. The department.

Open to seniors only.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290; Education 392. (Ungraded only.) Permission of instructor.

# 374a or b. Student Teaching: Secondary School English (2)

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. One or more conference periods per week. Ms. Wohl.

Open to seniors only.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290; Education 394. (Ungraded only.) Permission of instructor.

## 376a or b. Student Teaching: Secondary School Social Studies (2)

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. One or more conference hours per week. Instructor to be announced.

Open to seniors only.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290; Education 396. (Ungraded only.) Permission of instructor.

#### [380. Deconstructing the Curriculum]

(1)

This is an advanced educational theory and analysis course. Theoretical and philosophical perspectives on pedagogy, classroom structure, and school administration are presented as a framework for analyzing a series of curriculum topics: purpose, content, organization, implementation, and evaluation. Each of these topics is examined from divergent viewpoints in order to expose the underlying assumptions of curricular decisions in each area. Mr. Roelke.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 3-hour period.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 390b. Secondary School Teaching: Methods in Foreign Languages (1)

A seminar in the methods of teaching and development of curriculum in foreign languages in the secondary school. Relation of effective learning to motivation, to adolescent development, and to individual needs. Discussion of currently evolving theories of instruction in the secondary schools. Ms. Wohl.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290. Permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

# 392b. Secondary School Teaching: Methods in Mathematics and Science (1)

Seminar in the methods and materials used in a secondary-school science and mathematics program. Examination of current trends in application of learning theories related to those subject areas. Emphasis placed on expanding of student view of educational problem solving by exploration of instructional alternatives. Ms. Wohl

Prerequisites: Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290. Permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

## 394b. Secondary School Teaching: Methods in English (1)

A seminar in the methods of teaching and development of curriculum in English in the secondary school. Special emphasis is placed on the relation of effective learning to motivation, to adolescent development, and to individual needs. Ms. Wohl.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290. Permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

## 396b. Secondary School Teaching: Methods in the Social Studies (1)

Seminar in the methods and materials of secondary-school social studies teaching. Special emphasis will be placed on curriculum development. Specific attention given to the selection of materials and the exploration of innovative teaching techniques. Ms. Wohl.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105; Education 235, 263, 290, permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

# 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Special permission. The department.

# **English**

**Professors:** Frank Bergon<sup>ab</sup>, Beth Darlington, Robert DeMaria, Donald Foster<sup>b</sup>, Gretchen Gerzina, Eamon Grennan<sup>b</sup>, Ann E. Imbrie<sup>ab</sup>, Colton Johnson (and Dean of the College), Paul Kane, Barbara Page (and Associate Dean of the Faculty), H. Daniel Peck<sup>b</sup>, Paul Russell, Patricia B. Wallace<sup>b</sup>; **Associate Professors:** Mark C. Amodio, Peter Antelyes, Susan H. Brisman<sup>a</sup>, Heesok Chang<sup>b</sup>, Leslie Dunn (and Dean of Freshmen), Wendy Graham, Michael Joyce<sup>ab</sup>, E. K. Weedin, Jr<sup>ab</sup>, Susan Zlotnick; **Assistant Professors:** Tomo Hattori<sup>ab</sup>, Jean Kane<sup>a</sup>, Katherine Little<sup>a</sup>, James Saeger<sup>ab</sup>; **Adjunct Professors:** Beverly Coyle<sup>b</sup>; **Adjunct Associate Professor:** Karen Robertson; **Adjunct Assistant Professors:** Dean Crawford<sup>b</sup>, Joanne Long, Judith Nichols, Ralph Sassone; **Lecturer:** Nancy Willard.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 12 units, including 11 graded units and an ungraded senior tutorial; 4 units, including the senior tutorial, elected at the 300-level. At least 6 units, including the senior tutorial, must be taken at Vassar; all requirements for distribution must be satisfied. These requirements are in effect beginning with the class of 2003.

Requirements for Distribution: The curriculum in English offers opportunities to study literature in its historical and cultural contexts; major authors, literary movements and literary forms; literary theory and such categories of analysis as gender, race, ethnicity, and class. The department also offers courses in creative writing. Working closely with their advisors, students choose courses to meet the distribution requirements and are encouraged to supplement those courses with electives which match their interests, creating concentrations within the major in such areas as literary history and theory, cultural or performance studies, or creative writing. The particular emphasis of individual courses will vary, but practice in writing and oral discussion are essential parts of all work in English. In order to ensure both breadth and depth in the major, students must distribute their courses as follows:

3 units in literature written before 1800 distributed over at least two of the following areas: medieval; renaissance and seventeenth century; restoration and eighteenth century

1 unit in British or American literature of the nineteenth century

1 unit in literature of the twentieth century

1 unit in American literature

Students may satisfy the American literature requirement with either a nineteenth- or a twentieth-century course. No course may be used to satisfy more than two requirements. Students planning to spend all or part of their junior year studying abroad should attempt to make significant progress towards satisfying these requirements during the sophomore year.

**Requirements for the senior year:** English 300a or b (Senior Tutorial). Students must submit a written proposal for English 300 in April of the junior year. The senior tutorial represents the culmination of the student's work in the major and, as such, should develop a topic or method for which the student has been prepared by earlier course work.

**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, French) is useful, as are appropriate courses in philosophy, history, and other literatures in translation.

Further information: Applicants for English 208-209, English 210-211, and English 305-306 must submit samples of their writing before spring break. Details

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ab</sup> Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

about these deadlines, departmental procedures, and current information on course offerings may be found on the world wide web at: http://departments.vassar.edu/~english/, and in the Alphabet Book, available in the department office.

**Correlate Sequences in English:** Beginning in Fall, 2001, the Department will offer correlate sequences in English, each of six correlates focused on different areas of literary investigation. Further information is available in the department office.

## I. Introduction to Literary Study

#### 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 *Freshman Handbook* for descriptions. The department.

Open only to freshmen. Satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Course.

#### 170b. Texts and Contexts

(1)

An introduction to the discipline of literary analysis. 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" (see department for 2001/02 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 Course.

#### II. Intermediate

Prerequisite: open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors with 1 unit of 100-level work or by permission of the associate chair. Students applying for permission to elect 200-level work without the prerequisite must present samples of their writing to the associate chair. Deadlines for receiving papers are published in the fall and spring terms. Freshmen with AP credit may elect 200-level work after consultation with the department. First-year students who have completed English 101 may elect 200-level work with permission of the associate chair. 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 aterm 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.

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. Registration is by draw number as in any other course.

One 2-hour period and individual conferences with the instructor.

#### 207a or b. The Art of the Essay

(1)

Study and practice of various forms of nonfiction. Reading and writing assignments may include informal and analytical essays, autobiographies, literary journals, and discursive prose. Ms. Long.

One 2-hour period and individual conferences with the instructor.

208-209. Narrative Writing

(1)

Development of the student's abilities as a writer and reader of narrative, with particular emphasis on the short story. Mr. Sassone.

Deadline for submission of writing samples before spring break. One 2-hour period and individual conferences with the instructor.

210-211. Verse Writing

(1)

Development of the student's abilities as a writer and reader of poetry. Mr. Kane. Deadline for submission of writing samples 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 2001/02.

[214. Forms of Poetry]

(1)

Study of the way in which poets, in several historical periods, have defined their relation to tradition and reimagined the vocation of the poet, addressing such issues as style, form, and subject matter. Readings may be drawn from such poets as: Donne, Wordsworth, Dickinson, Yeats, Bishop, Walcott.

Not offered in 2001/02.

[215. Forms of Drama]

(1

Study of selected dramatic texts that mark important moments in the history and development of dramatic literature in English, from the mystery cycles of the middle ages to the present day. Particular attention will be paid to the evolution of specific dramatic forms as influenced by development and change in literary and cultural aesthetics, in drama's social and historical purposes, and in theories surrounding the nature and function of theatrical and literary representation. Readings may be drawn from such playwrights as the Wakefield Master, Marlowe, Jonson, Behn, Dryden, Gay, Shaw, Beckett, O'Neill, Churchill.

Not offered in 2001/02.

216. The Novel in English, 1730 to the present

(1)

Study of the development of the novel in Britain, Ireland, and America, through representative works. Writers vary but may include DeFoe, Richardson, Sterne, Scott, Austen, Dickens, George Eliot, Stowe, Hawthorne, James, Woolf, Joyce, Faulkner, Hurston, Nabokov, and Morrison. Ms. Zlotnick.

217. Literary Theory and Interpretation

(1)

Introductory study of the nature, function, and value of literature. Analysis of concepts and assumptions of various critical approaches, ranging from formalism to current post-structuralist practice. Ms. Graham.

218. Literary Perspectives on Women

(1)

(Same as Women's Studies 218) Consideration of women as writers, and the representation of women in literature. The focus varies from year to year and may include works from different historical periods. Ms. Zlotnick, Ms. Robertson.

[219. Hypertext Rhetoric and Poetics]

(1)

An investigation of the theory and written construction of discursive, imaginative, popular, and scholarly hypertexts from a variety of perspectives including ancient

and medieval rhetorics and contemporary narratology, as well as postmodernist, feminist, and cyber theory. Readings and discussion focus upon the emergence of polyvocal rhetorics, multiple narratives, exploratory and constructive hypertexts, hypertext contours, and the reconfiguration of image/text relationships in a variety of electronic forms including stand-alone hypertexts, the World Wide Web, immersive environments, and virtual reality.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 220-221. British Literature through the Eighteenth Century **(1)** Consideration of the whole period combined with intensive study of representative works.

225. American Literature, Origins to 1865 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, Brown) up to the mid-nineteenth century (Irving, Cooper, Poe, Emerson, Hawthorne, Fuller, Stowe, Thoreau, Douglass, Melville, Whitman, and Dickinson).

## 226. American Literature, 1865-1925

**(1)** Study of the major developments in American literature and culture from the late nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries. Literary movements such as realism, naturalism, regionalism, and modernism will be examined, as well as literatures of ethnicity, race, and gender. Works studied will be drawn from such authors as Twain, Howells, James, Jewett, Chestnutt, Chopin, Crane, London, Harte, DuBois, Gilman, Adams, Wharton, Dreiser, Pound, Eliot, Stein, Yezierska, Fitzgerald, Hemingway, O'Neill, Frost, H. D., and Toomer. Mr. Antelyes.

Two 50-minute lectures and one 75-minute conference per week.

# 227. African-American Literature, Origins to the Present

An examination of African-American literature from its origins in Black folklore and slave narratives to the present. The course seeks to identify literary characteristics that have evolved out of the culture and historical experience of Black people. Its goal is to better understand how Black literature created its own aesthetic principles in its interaction with the dominant literary tradition. Some attention may be devoted to current debates involving literary theory and politics. Readings include autobiographies, nineteenth century novels and poetry, works from the Harlem Renaissance and modernist fiction including Black women novelists. Ms. Crawford.

#### 228. Asian/American Literature

**(1)** 

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.

#### **(1)** 235. Old English

Introduction to Old English language and literature. Mr. Amodio.

#### 236. 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.

#### 237b. Chaucer **(1)**

The major poetry, including *The Canterbury Tales*. Ms. Little.

[238. 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [239. Renaissance Drama]

**(1)** 

A study of major Renaissance works for the stage exclusive of Shakespeare's plays. Not offered in 2001/02.

## 240. Shakespeare

(1)

Study of some representative comedies, histories, and tragedies. Not open to students who have taken English 241-242.

#### [241-242. Shakespeare]

(1)

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.

Not open to students who have taken English 240. Not offered in 2001/02.

### 245. 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, Ann Finch, John Gay, Eliza Haywood, Mary Leapor, Katherine Philips, Alexander Pope, Jonathan Swift, and Lady Mary Wortley Montagu. Mr. DeMaria.

## [246. 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, Ann Yearsley, and Hannah More.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [247. Eighteenth-Century British Novels]

(1)

Readings vary but include works by such novelists as Defoe, Richardson, Fielding, Smollett, Sterne, and Austen.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### **248.** 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. Ms. Darlington.

#### 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. Ms. Zlotnick.

#### 250. 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. Mrs. Brisman.

## [255. Nineteenth-Century British Novels]

(1)

Readings vary but include works by such novelists as Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, the Brontës, Trollope, George Eliot, and Hardy.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### [256. Modern British and Irish Novels]

(1)

Significant twentieth-century novels from Great Britain and Ireland. Not offered in 2001/02.

## 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.

#### [260. 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 2001/02.

#### 261. The Literary Revival in Ireland, 1885-1922

(1)

Study of the background and growth of national expression in Ireland between 1885 and 1922, with emphasis on Yeats, A. E., Synge, Lady Gregory, and Sean O'Casey. Mr. Grennan.

#### 262. Post-Colonial 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 post-colonial literary theory. Ms. Kane.

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

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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)** 

## 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.

## [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. Enrollment limited.

Not offered in 2001/02.

[317. 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 319. Race and Its Metaphors

(1)

Re-examination of 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? Ms. Crawford.

The focus of the course varies from year to year.

#### 320. Traditions in the Literature of England and America

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, Vergil, Chaucer, Spencer, Shakespeare, Milton, Radcliffe, Austen, Twain, Faulkner, Cheever, and Angelou. Ms. Darlington.

#### 325a. American Genres

(1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 325a) Intensive study of specific forms and types of American literature, such as the American short story, women's fiction, the Black novel, the ethnic novel, the romance and the Gothic, autobiography, drama, and the American poetic tradition. Each year, one or more of these genres is investigated in depth. The course may be repeated for credit if the subject has changed. Mr. Peck.

Topic for 2001/02: American Literature of the Environment.

#### 326. Studies in Ethnic American Literature

(1)

Exploration of literature by members of American ethnic groups, such as Asian-American, Latina/o, Jewish-American, and other literatures. The content may vary from year to year, from works by writers of one particular group to a comparison of works from two or more groups. Readings cover a number of different genres, as well as historical, critical and theoretical writings which place the works in the contexts of the ethnic experience and discussions about the nature of American ethnicity. Mr. Antelyes. Alternates with English 327 (Native-American Literature).

## [327. Native-American Literature]

(1)

Study of Native-American storytelling in its mythic and literary forms. Attention is given to the ways in which recent American Indian scholars and artists have reshaped our understanding of Native-American literature. Texts include transcriptions and videos of oral storytelling, autobiographies of Plenty Coups, Pretty Shield, Chona, and Sun Chief; novels by N. Scott Momaday, Leslie Silko, James Welch, and Louise Erdrich; and poetry by Joy Harjo, Simon Ortiz, and Nila NorthSun. Alternates with English 326 (American Ethnic Literature).

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 328. 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. Kane.

## [329. 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 330. 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, Yezierska, Toomer, Hughes, Cullen, Brown, Hurston, McKay, Steinbeck, and Dos Passos. Ms. Graham.

#### 331. Postmodern American Literature

(1)

Advanced study of American literature in the second half of the twentieth century. 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.

#### 332. Major American Author

(1)

Study of a major American author. The seminar addresses issues of what makes an author "major" and how a body of work becomes canonical. The work may be read in relation to that of significant literary predecessors and descendants as well as in relation to the history of the writer's critical and popular reception. Mr. Russell. Topic for 2001/02: Vladimir Nabokov.

#### 340. 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. Ms. Little.

Topic for 2001/02: Medieval Drama: Signs, Ritual, Performance.

#### 341. Studies in the Renaissance

**(1)** 

Intensive study of selected Renaissance texts and the questions they raise about their context and interpretation. Mr. Foster.

The focus of the course varies from year to year.

Topic for 2001/02: Performance of Power.

#### [342. Women in the Renaissance]

(1)

Study of writings by women, and the representation of women in literary and polemical texts of the period.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 345. Milton

(1)

Study of John Milton's career as a poet and polemicist, with particular attention to *Paradise Lost*. Mrs. Brisman.

## 350. Studies in Eighteenth Century British Literature

(1)

Focuses on a broad literary topic such as satire, with special attention to works of the Restoration and eighteenth century, and 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. Mr. DeMaria.

Topic for 2001/02: The Satirical Works of Jonathan Swift and Alexander Pope.

### 351. 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). Ms. Darlington.

Topic for 2001/02: Deals with the Devil.

#### 352, 353. 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. Mrs. Brisman.

## [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 in 2001/02.

#### 356. 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. Ms. Wallace.

### Seminar 380-389a or b.

**(1)** 

Advanced literary study, open to juniors and seniors. The focus of each section varies from year to year. Permission of the instructor required. Enrollment is limited to 15. The department.

380. Oral Theory: From the Spoken Word to the Written Text (1)

In this course we trace the development of oral theory from its early articulations in the works of Milman Parry and Albert B. Lord to its current reformulation in the works of John Foley, Katherine O'Brien O'Keeffe, and others. After grounding ourselves in oral theory, we consider how well (or poorly) the dominant theory of oral composition reflects the processes at work in a range of ancient, medieval, and modem texts (including hypertexts). We also consider how the intersection of orality and literacy shapes the composition, physical production, and reception of texts that lie at various points along the oral-literate continuum. Mr. Amodio.

### 381. Screen Texts: The Flicker of Modernism

(1)

Literary modernism is haunted by the imaginary. We interrogate this image obsession by reading between page and screen, between the novel and its cinematic adaptation(s) (*Dracula*, *Turn of the Screw*, *Heart of Darkness*, *Mrs. Dalloway*, *Lolita*). Instead of evaluating narrative fidelity, our readings analyze the apparitional flow of story and meaning piecemeal . That is, we attempt to locate the hermeneutic melodrama of the unspeakable and the invisible in the social and technological machinery of textual production, in the materiality of the respective media (the phonogram and the photogram), and in the distracted reception of the moviegoer. We supplement this ghostly textual analysis with modernist writings on the image (Ford, Conrad, Pound, Fenellosa) and with some contemporary film theory (Garrett Stewart, Hollis Frampton, Gilles Deleuze, Fredric Jameson). Mr. Chang.

### 382. Victorian Women Novelists

(1)

Middle-class women in nineteenth-century Britain lacked economic power and basic political rights. At the same time, however, they possessed a great deal of cultural authority, dominating the literary marketplace as both popular and acclaimed novelists. How do we explain this striking disjunction? What were the material and discursive conditions that allowed Victorian women to produce a literature of their own at a time when they were largely excluded from the public sphere? This course tries to answer these questions by exploring such topics as the ideology of domesticity, Victorian book publishing and reviewing, British imperialism, class relations, and the place of the novel in the Victorian culture. Primary readings may include works by Elizabeth Gaskell, Charlotte Brontë, George Eliot, M.E. Braddon, Mrs. Henry Wood, Margaret Oliphant, Mary Augusta Ward, Rhoda Broughton, Charlotte Yonge, Frances Trollope, Flora Annie Steel, and Olive Schreiner. Ms. Zlotnick

### 383. Race, Gender, and Fetishism

**(1)** 

This course explores the usefulness and limitations of theories of the fetish as a means of understanding race and gender. In 1952, Frantz Fanon began a psychoanalysis of race in *Black Skin, White Masks*. Contemporary theorists of "race and psychoanalysis" aim to become much more specific about the relevance and irrelevance of psychoanalysis to race. We enter this debate by reading descriptions of the fetish by Freud and Lacan. After considering sexual fetishism, we will read contemporary theoretical work on the fetishism of skin color—racial fetishism. Are there significant differences between racial fetishism and sexual fetishism? Can we compare Marx's understanding of fetishism to racial and sexual fetishism? In addition to reading Freud, Lacan, Fanon, and contemporary theorists of "race and psychoanalysis," we read novels that revolve around representations of skin

color fetishism. Our novelists may include Faulkner, Morrison, and Wideman. We will also read a memoir, *The Black Notebooks*. Ms. Crawford.

384. Fathers and Daughters, Mothers and Sons

An archetypal exploration of the dynamics of primal relationships, from devotion to incest and murder. Readings include classical myths, fairy tales, autobiographical and biographical texts, psychological studies, and works by Aeschylus, Shakespeare, Hawthorne, Woolf, and Winterson. Ms. Darlington.

**(1)** 

385. Transgressive Aestheticism, 1860-1895 (1)

Studies works of fiction, painting, and art criticism that outraged the Victorians, making threatened or *de facto* prosecution for obscenity a virtual requirement for inclusion on the syllabus. This seminar highlights *fin de siecle* redefinitions of femininity, masculinity, and sexual deviance, inspired, in large part, by the eroticization of taboo and the aestheticization of violence in works of high culture. Paradoxically, the public outcry generated by controversial art works facilitated the communication and assimilation of avant-garde aesthetic notions by the haute monde and bourgeoisie. Aestheticism shaped public perceptions of domestic and social life, creating the decadent (homosexual) and New Woman as emergent social types as well as figures of parody. While emphasizing the British cultural scene (Pre-Raphaelitism), the seminar includes the relevant European literature and also take account of forebears, such as Balzac and Baudelaire. We consult philosophical works, Queer and literary theory. Likely authors: Rachilde, Sacher-Masoch, Nietzsche, Meredith, Rossetti, Swinburne, Browning, Pater, Wilde. Ms. Graham.

## 386. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784) (1)

This course studies the writings and the life of one of Britain's greatest literary figures. The son of a provincial bookseller, Johnson aspired to join the elite, European community of poet/scholars but had to make his living as a translator, journalist, political writer, and literary hack. In 1755 he published his world famous Dictionary of the English Language but remained insolvent until 1763 when he was pensioned by King George III. Only in this last phase of his life was he widely known and only during three hundred days of his last 20 years did he consort with his irrepressible biographer James Boswell. Attention is paid to the relatively unknown early career and Johnson's politics as well as to the well-chronicled later life and works. Readings in such works as Debates in the Senate of Magna Lilliput, London, the Vanity of Human Wishes, Irene, the Dictionary, the Rambler, the Idler, Rasselas, the Lives of the Poets, and Boswell's Life of Johnson. Mr. DeMaria.

(1)

# **Environmental Science**

Geology 280

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Coordinator: R. Fritz, Biology; Faculty: see Biology, Chemistry, and Geology.

Environmental Science is designed for students who are considering a career or further education in an area of environmental science. Environmental Science consists of a correlate sequence that is structured to allow students to enhance their knowledge in environmental science, to provide them with a solid foundation with which to pursue environmental science in the future, and to expose them to current issues in environmental science and public policy. The way a particular student satisfies the requirements for the correlate sequence is flexible, however, all students must participate in the Environmental Science seminar during their junior or senior year.

Students who elect the Environmental Science correlate sequence must choose a correlate sequence advisor in their correlate department and pursue a correlate option (see below) in one of the participating departments.

**Requirements for the Correlate Sequence:** 6 units, chosen as described below, are required to complete the correlate sequence. Ordinarily, no courses fulfilling the correlate sequence requirements may be used to satisfy requirements in the student's major.

One 100-level unit, two 200-level units, and one 300-level unit in one of the Correlate Departments: (Biology 151 and 152 and both Chemistry 108 and 109 are required before advancing to the 200-level courses in these departments)

Eligible Courses in	Biology:	
Biology 151	Evolution of Biological Diversity	(1)
Biology 208	Plant Structure and Diversity	
Biology 226	Animal Structure and Diversity	(1)
Biology 241	Ecology	(1)
Biology 280	Environmental Science Field Trip*	(1)
Biology 298	Independent Work*	(1)
Biology 350	Evolutionary Biology	(1)
Biology 354	Plant-Animal Interactions	(1)
Biology 356	Aquatic Ecology	(1)
Eligible Courses in	Chemistry:	
Chemistry 108	General Chemistry	(1)
Chemistry 109	General Chemistry	(1)
Chemistry 244	Organic Chemistry: Structure and Properties	(1)
Chemistry 245	Organic Chemistry: Reactions and Mechanisms	(1)
Chemistry 298	Independent Research*	(1)
Chemistry 335	Advanced Environmental Chemistry	(1)
Chemistry 350	Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and Kinetics	(1)
Chemistry 362	Instrumental Analysis	(1)
Eligible Courses	s in Geology:	
Geology 151	Earth, Environment and Humanity	(1)
Geology 152	The Évolution of Earth and its Life	(1)
Geology 201	Earth Materials	(1)
Geology 230	Soils and Terrestrial Ecosystems	(1)
Geology 240	Global Geophysics and Tectonics	(1)
Geology 250	Sediments, Strata, and the Environment	(1)
Geology 260	Geomorphology—Surface Processes and	(1)
	Evolution of Landforms	

Geology 280	Environmental Science Field Trip*	(1)
Geology 298	Independent Work*	(1)
Geology 320	Advanced Topics in Environmental Geology	(1)
Geology 340	Field Geophysics	(1)
Geology 350	Advanced Sedimentology	(1)
Geology 360	Paleoclimatology: Earth's History of Climate Change	(1)
Geology 380	Computer methods and Modeling in Geology	(1)

<sup>\*</sup>With correlate adviser's permission

One unit to be chosen from the following courses or an alternative course approved by the correlate sequence adviser:

Geology 103	Earth System Science and Environmental Justice	(1)
Biology 206	Environmental Biology (also Science, Technology,	
	and Society 206)	(1)
Geography 265	Population, Environment, and Sustainable	
~ ,	Development	(1)
Geography 355	Environment and Land-Use Planning	(1)
Economics 267	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	(1)
The following co Environmental	ourse is required of all students:	
Science 301	Environmental Science Seminar	
	(may be completed in the junior or senior year)	(1)

Students are urged to determine in advance if there are prerequisites for courses that will be part of their correlate sequence

**Advisers:** Biology: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Suter; Geology: Ms. Menking, Mr. McAdoo; Chemistry: Ms. Begemann and Mr. Belli.

# **Course Offerings**

(See biology, chemistry, and geology)

254a. Field Ecology and Geology of the Bahamas (1)

(Same as Biology 245, Geology 254) Study of significant ecological, geological, and environmental areas on Andros Island, Bahamas. Students and faculty study karst geological features, including current deposition, blue holes, and fossil reefs, sands, coral reef structure and biological diversity, and ecology of mangrove, intertidal, and scrubland habitats. Field trips will study endemic and migrant birds and fish communities. The course involves readings, lectures, and videos for seven weeks prior to the field trip. During Fall Break students and faculty fly to Andros Town, Bahamas and spend from seven to nine days at the George Mason University Field Station studying the field sites. Mr. Fritz, Mr. McAdoo.

Prerequisites: Prior Biology or Geology coursework at the 200-level and permission of instructors is required.

### [280. Essentials of Environmental Science]

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.

Prerequisites: Two 100-level introductory courses in Biology, Geology, or Chemistry or permission of the instructor.

### [301b. Environmental Science Seminar]

(1)

The Environmental Science Seminar, taken during the junior or senior year consists of critical analyses of current issues in the interdisciplinary field of Environmental Science. Mr. Fritz

One 2-hour period.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor is required.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 399. Senior Independent Research

(1)

Execution and analysis of a field or laboratory study. The project, to be arranged with an individual instructor, is expected to have a substantial paper as its final product. Open to seniors only.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor is required.

### **Environmental Studies**

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Environmental Studies is a multidisciplinary program that explores the relationships between people and the environment as broadly conceived, encompassing all aspects of the settings—natural, built, or social—in which people exist. It involves the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Environmental studies concerns itself with the description and analysis of environmental systems; with interspecies and species-environment relationships and the institutions, policies, and laws which affect those relationships; with aesthetic portrayals of the environment and how these affect human perceptions and behavior toward it; and with ethical issues raised by the human presence in the environment.

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, will assign an advisor to each student. Advisors are selected from the steering committee or 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.

**Requirements for the Major:** 14 units to be distributed as follows, with specific courses chosen in consultation with the student's advisor and with the approval of the steering committee. (1) The senior seminar, Environmental Studies 301; (2) three other courses from within the Program's own offerings, at or above the 200-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

level, one of which must be Environmental Studies 250, Environmentalisms in Perspective, and at least one of which must be at the 300-level; (3) the senior project/thesis, Environmental Studies 300; (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 geology, three courses, at least one at the 200-level, relevant to the major in a department outside the natural sciences; 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 geology, with at least one at the 200-level; (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 Abroad. 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 project 
tion of the major, no required courses may be elected NRO.

**Senior Year Requirement:** Environmental Studies 301. While not required for the major, Environmental Studies 103 and 150 are recommended for freshman and sophomores interested in environmental studies.

# **Course Offerings**

### I. Introductory

### 100a. The Earth Around Us

(1/2)

**(1)** 

(Same as Geology 100a) 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.

### [103. Earth System Science and Environmental Justice]

(Same as Geology 103) 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.

Two 75-minute periods. Not offered in 2001/02.

### [150. The Environmental Imagination in Literature and Science] (1)

The troubled relationship between humans and the rest of nature is a problem as urgent as any in our time. But if environmental thinking is timely, it is not new. This course, taught by a biologist and an environmental writer, considers how our thinking about nature has developed and how it shapes our ways of understanding and approaching environmental problems. The readings, which include poetry, fiction, essays, and scientific literature, focus on social and philosophical constructions of nature, on the historical interplay of humans and our environment, and the modes by which we evaluate and attempt to solve environmental problems. Readings and classroom discussions are complemented by trips in the local area, to experience how scientific methods can be used to measure nature and to test ideas from our reading against experience in the field.

Two 75-minute periods. One 4-hour lab or field trip. Not offered in 2001/02.

# **151a/b. Earth, Environment, and Humanity** (Same as Geology 151a/b)

**(1)** 

(Same as Geology 131a/b)

[201. Religion Gone Wild: Spirituality and the Environment] (1)

(Same as Religion 201) A study of the dynamic relation between religion and nature. Religion, in this course, includes forms of spirituality within and outside the bounds of conventional religious traditions (for example, Buddhism, Christianity, and Jainism, on the one hand; ecofeminism, the literature of nature, and Australian Aboriginal religion, on the other). Topics in this study of religion, ethics, and ecology might include: religious depictions of creation, nature, and the position of humans in the environment; religious aspects of environmental degradation and contemporary ecological movements; environmental justice; and environmentalism as a religion. Mr. Cladis.

Prerequisite: One course in Religion, or by permission.

Two 75-minute periods. Not offered in 2001/02.

206b. Environmental Biology

(1)

(Same as Biology 206b and Science, Technology, and Society 206)

231a. Topics in Archaeology

(1)

(Same as Anthropology 231a and American Culture 231) Topic for 2001/02a: Field Archaeology. Designed to introduce basic techniques of archaeological fieldwork. The class includes, in addition to classroom instruction, the excavation of a local archaeological site. In 2001 we conduct our archaeological fieldwork at Matthew Vassar's estate, Springside. Ms. Johnson.

Prerequisite: Anthropology 297 or Anthropology 100.

### 250a. 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. Mr. Stillman, Mr. Cynx.

Required of students concentrating in the program. Open to other students by permission of the director and as space permits.

Prerequisite: sophomore standing or above.

Two 75-minute periods.

# 255a. Environmental Perception and Conservation History

(1)

(Same as Geography 255a)

### 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 2001/02: The Rationale of Environmental Advocacy: Questions from Science and Social Theory. Gaps in understanding, what one might call disconnections between the scientific community and society, are a common occurrence. Frequently, environmental advocates find themselves pitted against the scientific

community, even though both groups are focused on the same problem. By concentrating on factors which influence policy making, the course, taught by a social theorist and a chemist, will explore institutional connections and the process of legitimatization. Ms. Batur, Mr. Smart.

# **264a.** "The Nuclear Cage": Environmental Theory and Nuclear Power (1) (Same as Sociology 264a.)

**283b.** It's Only Natural: Contemplation in the American Landscape (1) (Same as American Culture 283b) This course examines the ways in which Americans have approached the natural world as both a source of revelation and an object of contemplation. Drawing on a wide range of literary and religious texts, we explore the shifting relations between concepts of the natural, the human, and the divine in the American experience. Authors to be discussed may include Jonathan Edwards, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, John Burroughs, Black Elk, Annie Dillard, Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry, Barry Lopez, Terry Tempest Williams, and others. In addition to readings we will consider the American landscape tradition in painting, primarily the work of those artists associated with the Hudson River School and with Luminism in the nineteenth century. We will also make several field trips to local sites. Techniques of contemplation will play a part in the course. Mr. Cladis, Mr. Kane.

### 287b. Special Studies in the Environment

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies 287 and Women's Studies 287) Topic for 2001/02: Gender, Nature. Justice: An Introduction to Feminist Environmentalism. This course is an introduction to feminist environmentalism as a political movement and an emerging critical field. A wide range of critical approaches to understanding gender and the environment—such as feminist political ecology, ecofeminism, ecosocialism, and environmental philosophy—inform an exploration of specific cases of gendered environmental practice. Cases include: nature writing, landscape architecture, wilderness adventure, earth art, vegetarianism, and environmental activism. We examine environmental crises as they relate to processes of urbanization. We pay particular attention to the question of sustainable agriculture and food security. Critically attending to the global food system—and to the gendered and racial inequities in the production and distribution of the planet's most fundamental resources—powerfully reveals the interconnection of the urban and the rural, the global and the local, the planet and the body, and thus calls for a feminist activism and scholarship that is able to traverse these diverse spaces. Readings for this course will be supplemented by guest lectures by area feminist scholars, activists, and farmers. Ms. Brawley.

By special permission. Two 75-minute periods.

### 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.

### II. 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 2001/02: *Campus Ecology*. Mr. Cornelius. Required of students concentrating in the program.

Open to other students by permission of the director and as space permits.

### 325a. American Literature of the Environment

(1)

(Same as English 325, "American Genres.") A study of nature writing from the Colonial period to the present day, considering such issues as bioregionalism, the sense of place, the relationship of literature to the natural sciences, alternate visions of "wild" and domesticated nature, and ecofeminism. Writers such as William Bartram, James Fenimore Cooper, Susan Fenimore Cooper, Henry David Thoreau, John Burroughs, Mary Austin, John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Rachel Carson, Wendell Berry, Gary Snyder, Mary Oliver, and Terry Tempest Williams. Mr. Peck.

# 355b. Environment and Land-Use Planning

**(1)** 

(Same as Geography 355a, Geology 355a.)

# 364b. Seminar on Selected Topics in Law and Technology

(1)

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 364b) 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. Mr. Otis

### 380b. Advanced Special Studies

(1)

Topic for 2001/02: Whales, Whalers, and Whaling. Whales, perhaps more than any other group of organisms, have been on center stage in the arena of environmental conservation. The anthropogenic causes of their decline are clear enough that effective international treaties, which appear to have permitted some populations of whales to recover, have been forged and largely enforced. But some nations, citing this apparent rebound, have unilaterally renewed or increased hunting, an action that threatens to scuttle the political process that has allowed the limited recovery of whales. The resulting controversy—whether or not whales may be hunted without driving them to extinction—reflects an essential lack of information about the environmental biology of whales. This course attempts to provide that information, in studying, for example, the number of individuals in populations, their natural history, and thus their sensitivity to human activity. Among its activities, the class will design, research, and build a website that provides biological knowledge of individual species and populations of whales and dolphins, including their conservation status. Conservation issues to be analyzed include

hunting pressure, entanglement in fishing nets, collision with vessels, acoustic pollution, and whale watching. Mr. Long.

By special permission. Two 75-minute periods.

### 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

For curricular offerings, see Drama and Film, page 147.

# French

**Professors:** Elisabeth Cardonne-Arlyck<sup>ab</sup>, Cynthia B. Kerr, Christine Reno<sup>ab</sup>; **Associate Professors:** Mark Andrews (Chair), Patricia-Pia Célérier<sup>b</sup>; **Assistant Professors:** Kathleen Hart; Susan Hiner; **Visiting Instructors:** Paul Fenouillet, Mansouria Geist.

All courses are conducted in French.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 11 units including at least 3 units at the 300-level. No courses in French elected after the declaration of the major may be taken NRO.

**Senior Year Requirements:** 3 units of French at the 300-level.

**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:** Vassar College and Wesleyan University sponsor jointly a program of study in Paris. Majors in French are expected to participate in this program for one or two semesters during their junior year. Students electing a correlate sequence in French 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 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 in French:** Students majoring in other programs may complement their study by electing a correlate sequence in French. Course selection should be made in consultation with the chair or other advisers in the

department.

**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. 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. A majority of units in the correlate sequence must be taken at Vassar.

# 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. The department.

Not open to students who have previously studied French. Three 50-minute class periods, 2 hours of drill and oral practice.

180a. Supernatural Effects

(1)

This course explores the Fantastic tradition in nineteenth-century French literature and considers later eruptions of the supernatural in Surrealist and Magic Realist texts. From its origins under the terror of the guillotine, which ushered in a new fascination for the macabre, the French Fantastic took on deepening psychological dimensions over the course of the nineteenth century. We investigate further instances of the uncanny in early twentieth-century Surrealist novels. Finally, analyzing a novel by the Haitian writer, René Depestre, we contemplate to what extent different cultural contexts and historical moments present unique practices of the literary supernatural. Authors may include: Nodier, Gautier,

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

Dumas, Mérimée, Verne, Villiers, Maupassant, Desnos, Depestre. Ms. Hiner. Open only to freshmen.

### II. Intermediate

### 205a or b. Intermediate French I

**(1)** 

Fast-paced review of the main points of basic grammar. Includes practice in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, through written exercises, short texts and compositions, and work with the audiovisual resources of the language laboratory. The department.

Prerequisite: French 105-106 or two years of French in high school.

Three 50-minute or two 75-minute periods; one hour of scheduled oral practice.

### 206a or b. Intermediate French II

**(1)** 

Expanded grammar study with an emphasis on more complex linguistic structures such as relative pronouns and the subjunctive. Reading, writing, and speaking skills are developed through discussion of cultural and literary texts and use of audiovisual material. This course prepares students linguistically for cultural and literary study at the intermediate level. The department.

Prerequisite: French 205 or three years of French in high school. French 105-106 by permission of instructor.

Three 50-minute or two 75-minute periods; one hour of scheduled oral practice.

### 212a or 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 or b. France Through Her Media

(1)

An introductory study of France through current newspapers, magazines, television programs, films and the web. A strong emphasis is placed on the expansion of vocabulary and on oral and written expression. Some grammar review. The department.

Prerequisite: French 206 or four years of French in high school.

### 228b. Tellers and Tales

(1)

Study of short stories taken from several periods of French literature. Introduction to the study of narrative forms and critical writing. Mr. Andrews.

Prerequisite: two years of college French or four years of French in high school.

### 230b. Medieval and Early Modern Times

(1

Topic for 2001/02: *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 the love poetry of Ronsard, *La Princesse de Clèves*, a story of illicit passion by France's first prominent woman novelist, and classical theater's masterpieces of love and deception authored by Corneille, Racine, and Molière. The course concludes with Diderot's celebrated narrative, *La Religieuse*, about a young woman's struggle for emancipation in pre-Revolutionary France. Ms. Kerr.

Prerequisite: two years of college French or four years of French in high school.

### 231a. 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 2001/02: *Politics and Poetics of the Exotic*: A study of French literary

encounters with the "exotic" from the Age of Enlightenment to Romanticism. From the Enlightenment construction of the noble savage to Romantic escapism in an imagined Orient, this course considers the space and character of the exotic as a point of cultural intersection in the French literary imagination. Authors may include: Montesquieu, Graffigny, Rousseau, Voltaire, Bernardin de Saint Pierre, C. Duras, Chateaubriand, Balzac, Baudelaire. Ms. Hiner.

Prerequisite: two years of college French or four years of French in high school.

### [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: two years of college French or four years of French in high school. Not offered in 2001/02.

235a. Contemporary France

(1)

A study of French society and culture from WWII to the present. Starting with the 1939 German occupation and its enduring marks on the French, the course draws on a variety of texts (historical documents, novels and short stories, special issues of selected French magazines and journals, movies and documentaries) to examine the impact on society and culture of the major historical events that have shaped France. Attention is given to Metropolitan France, its colonies and its Départements d'Outre-Mer (Martinique, Guadeloupe, Guiana, and Reunion). Ms. Geist.

Prerequisite: two years of college French or four years of French in high school.

### 240a. Study of French Grammar

(1)

In-depth study of major aspects of French grammar. Grammar exercises, compositions, and oral practice. Ms. Kerr.

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.

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.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent. Not offered in 2001/02.

### 243a. Studies in Genre II

**(1)** 

Study of dramatic and lyric forms including theater, poetry, and song.

Topic for 2001/02: "The Play's the Thing": Contemporary French and Francophone Theater, 1950-2000. An examination, through theater, of major developments in late twentieth-century thought, including existentialism, anticolonialism, and the avantgarde. From the politically committed "théâtre de situations" of Jean-Paul Sartre to the "théâtre de la négritude" of Aimé Césaire, the "désengagement" of Samuel Beckett, and the fierce social satire of Jules Romains, Eugène Ionesco, and Jean Genet. We explore how contemporary dramatists use the stage to parody society and/or effect change. Prominent women playwrights and directors are studied: Fatima Gallaire, Marie Redonnet, Anne Hébert, Ariane Mnouchkine. Students read dramatic literature, theory, and criticism, watch filmed performances, and work on their own interpretations of scenes from famous contemporary plays. Emphasis is placed on oral participation. Ms. Kerr.

Prerequisite: Another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

### [244a. Studies in French Film]

(1)

The course focuses on the evolution of narrative forms in French film, from the silent era to the present. Ms. Cardonne-Arlyck.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or by permission. Not offered in 2001/02.

# [246a. French-Speaking Cultures and Literatures of Africa and the Caribbean] (1)

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent. Not offered in 2001/02.

### [247a. Constructions of Identity]

(1)

Focusing on events, institutions, or movements, on expressions of "high" or "low" culture, on important figures, or on issues of class, gender, race, or religious differences, this course explores the changing conceptions of what constitutes identity in France or the French-speaking world.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent. Not offered 2001/02.

### 280b. France: a New Multicultural Society

(1)

Beginning with the history of immigration in France, the course is an examination of the political, social and cultural changes that ethnicity is bringing about in today's France. The course focuses on the creation of new ethnic groups and considers the current arguments concerning alternative concepts of cultural and national identity, as well as the conflicts that have been generated around minority cultures. Major topics include the impact of Islam in France, the affirmation of cultural difference, issues of citizenship, racism and antiracism, and the renewed debates on integration and multiculturalism. Ms. Geist.

Prerequisite: another 200-level course above French 206 or equivalent.

# 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Permission required.

### III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 1 unit of 200-level work above French 235, or Study Abroad in France or in a French-speaking country, or by permission.

# 300a. Senior Thesis (1)

Open only to majors. The department.

Permission required.

### 301a or b. Senior Translation

(1/2 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] Not offered in 2001/02. (1)

### 348b. Modernism and its Discontents

(1)

Topic for 2001/02: Reading at the Turn of the Century. The course examines the forces, ideas, and events that shape the experience of readers of French fiction at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Through a reading of selected novels we consider the modern cultural practices at play in forging a relationship between author, text, and reader. We investigate the influence of market forces in the promotion of novelistic fiction and the emergence of the Internet as a vehicle for experimental engagement between writer and audience. The postmodern think-

ing of Jean-François Lyotard, Jean Baudrillard, and Michel de Certeau provides a framework for our discussion of the reader as consumer or producer. Novelists may include: Annie Ernaux, Patrick Modiano, Marie Darrieussecq, Camille Laurens, Jean-Jacques Schuhl, Yann Apperry. Mr. Andrews.

### 355b: Cross-Currents in French Culture

(1)

Topic for 2001/02: Consuming Culture in Nineteenth-Century France. The rise of material culture in the nineteenth century is chronicled in the great realist novels of the century, which are filled with objects and activities that supply and reflect the new fetishism of a consumer society. This course studies the consumer revolution in nineteenth-century France from an interdisciplinary approach, complementing primary fictional readings with treatises on such topics as fashion, cooking, etiquette, city life, household furnishing and tourism. Topics include the development of consumerism and the marketplace in France, the concept of distinction, the commodification of art, and the decadence of Second Empire lifestyles, etc. Through readings of both fiction and non-fictional works we examine the consumer, the public and private spaces of his/her consumption, and the objects s/he consumes. Readings from Balzac, Flaubert, Zola, Dumas, Baudelaire, Benjamin and others. Ms. Hiner.

### 366a. Francophone Literature and Cultures

**(1)** 

Topic for 2001/02: After the Rwandan Genocide: French-speaking African Literature and the Work of Remembrance. How does a writer speak of the unspeakable? Four years after the 1994 Rwandan genocide, the association Fest'Africa organized a writers' workshop in Kigali entitled "Rwanda; Writing and the Duty to Remember," to bear witness to and reflect on the "events." Approximately ten African writers, scholars, journalists and artists participated in this project. In the seminar, we study novels written as part of this initiative and ask the following questions: Is fiction writing paradoxically more able to articulate the madness of mass slaughter and inhumanity? How do these works help us rethink the political implications of the Rwandan genocide? How do they inform the field of African literature today? Authors include Boubacar Boris Diop (Senegal), Tierno Monenembo (Guinea), Monique Ilboudo (Burkina Faso), Koulsy Lamko (Chad) and Véronique Tadjo (France-Ivory Coast). Ms. Célérier.

### 370a. 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.

### French 380a. Discourses of the Self

(1)

In this course we examine questions of identity and self-representation in writings from the eighteenth century to the present. Our main focus will be theories of identity which propose that every individual needs to develop a feeling of positive value which can be confirmed by others. We will explore how first-person narrators seem to assign value to themselves in autobiographies, novels, and autofiction. We will also consider how gender, race, class, and nationality influence the ways in which narrators depict themselves and others. Authors include Rousseau, Laclos, Tristan, Camus, Gide, Ernaux, Guibert. Ms. Hart.

### 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

One unit of credit given only in exceptional cases and by permission of the Chair. The department.

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Courses are subject to change. For information, please consult the French department.

### 250b. "Poète maudit": Birth and Death of the Myth

**(1)** 

How did the poet, a key figure at the Renaissance court, come to be considered by the end of the nineteenth century as a rebel, a literary outlaw? How does the modern poet define himself in this century and beyond under the shadow of this stereotype? After highlighting various milestones of poetry's liberation from the constraints of literary patronage (D'Aubigné's engaged epics, La Fontaine's contradictory verse, Hugo's Romanticism) the course focuses on the major "poètes maudits" of the post-Romantic period: Baudelaire, Rimbaud, Verlaine and Lautréamont. Ms. Garcia.

### 251a. Love and Tragedy in French Theater

(1)

This course first studies the nature of seventeenth-century tragedy as transformed by Corneille and Racine, who grafted a love story onto the core of myth. We then move to the twentieth century's reshaping of the notion of the tragic through the influence of various philosophical currents. Questions of style (baroque and classical) and philosophy (existentialism and the absurd) are foregrounded, with emphasis both on the continuity of tragic literature and on formal variations from the seventeenth century to the present. Plays are chosen in light of the Paris theatrical season, so as to allow the analysis of a number of live performances. Mr. Clément.

### [252a. Special Topics]

(1)

This course is taught by the resident director. Topics vary each year. Not offered in 2001/02.

### 253a. Contemporary French History

(1)

This course focuses on French political history since 1958 and salient features of France's political institutions: strengths and weaknesses of the 1958 Constitution; the shared leadership of president and prime minister; the evolving role of the Assemblée Nationale and the constitutional and state councils. We analyze the strategies of the various political parties and the two recent major transformations in civil society: the urban crisis and the increasing visibility of women and minority groups (youths and immigrants) in the political arena. Franco-American relations and France's emerging role in the European Community are examined in depth. Ms. Sanson.

### 255b. France and the European Union

(1)

This course examines the place of France in the European Union. It looks at the problems arising from economic restructuring, involving the lifting of trade barriers and the adoption of a common European currency. Finally, it analyzes the consequences of such changes for French national identity: shifts in educational policy, social and political disparities, the exacerbation of historical animosities. Ms. Balleix-Banerjee.

### 256b. Enlightenment Literature

(1)

An introduction to the nature and spirit of the French Enlightenment through some of the major literary and philosophical works of the period. The course involves a historical presentation of the eighteenth century as well as a study of great individual works to which we still refer today in our thinking about art, science, politics, and love: Montesquieu's *Lettres persanes*; Rousseau's *Discours*; Diderot's *Rêve de d'Alembert* and *Pardoxe sur le Comédien*; Voltaire's polemical writings. Mr. Chartier.

# 258b. Revolution and Totalitarianism in Europe; Fascist Italy, National Socialist Germany, Soviet Russia (1917-1939)

The totalitarian regimes of the 1930s in Europe resulted from the political, economic and social consequences of World War I. These authoritarian governments embodied totalitarian ideologies which molded twentieth-century man. While Mussolini's fascist state, Hitler's Third Reich and Stalin's Soviet Union present important differences, all have in common interference through coercion at every level—education, culture, religion. This courses studies all aspects of these anti-democratic dictatorships. Mr. Ostenc.

### 259b. Social Classes and Political Parties in Contemporary France (1)

An in-depth study of France's ideological and political traditions and its economic, political and social structures. By tracing the historical development of these traditions since the Revolution and by comparing the French system with that of other European nations and the U.S., we come to understand the specificity of what many call "l'exception française" as well as the complexity of several major problems facing French institutions and society as France moves toward integration in the European Community. Ms. Berger.

### 260a. Studies in French Cinema.

(1)

Topic for 2001/02: The Burlesque in Cinema. Mr. Goudet.

### 261b. Paris Through its Monuments

(1

This course offers a panorama of the history of Paris art and architecture. Students visit monuments and sections of the city chosen to illustrate particular periods of its development. Oral reports, slide viewing, written work and readings on the periods under study are required of course participants. Ms. Pêcheur.

### 262b. Special Topics

(1)

Topic for 2001/02: Paris-Cinéma. Ms. Cardonne-Arlyck.

# 264a. Medieval Art (1)

An introduction to Romanesque and Gothic architecture and medieval painting and sculpture. Guided visits to Saint-German-des-Prés, the Musée de Cluny, Notre-Dame, the basilica of Saint-Denis, the Conciergerie, the Sainte-Chapelle, the Louvre, Saint-Séverin, Saint-Etienne-du-Mont and the Sainte-Geneviève area complement scholarly readings on French medieval art and study of notable medieval monuments outside of Paris. Ms Pêcheur.

### 265a. Franco-African Relations

(1)

Beginning with a survey of precolonial kingdoms in Africa and the implantation of Islam, the course proceeds to an analysis of European intervention and of the structure of European colonial administration. Various phases of the African independence movement are highlighted: the formation of an African elite, the spread of African nationalisms, Panafricanism, and "Négritude." Finally, we examine French policies in the post-colonial period and the U.S.'s emerging role in African affairs. Mr. Amégan.

### 267a, 268b. History of Art

(1)

This course focuses, each semester, on a different period in the history of French art, with special emphasis on the works of one or several of the major artists of the period, or of one school of art. Class visits to the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, the Orangerie, the Picasso Museum, or other museums containing works by artists under study are an integral part of the course.

Topic for Fall 2001/Ö2a: Modernism: Approaches to Twentieth-Century Art. This course presents the wide array and the profusion of styles, forms, practices and

agendas found in art of the twentieth century. Questions of tradition and modernity are explored in depth. Visits to permanent art collections and galleries allow students to observe and analyze contemporary art work, its presentation, the transformation of space, and new techniques and experiments. Ms. Kraguly.

Topic for Spring 2001/02b: From Object to Work of Art. Our twentieth-century world has become increasingly object-centered, and the proliferation of objects has led to corresponding economic and cultural changes. Many modern artists attempt to break down barriers between life and art and take a dynamic stance vis-à-vis objects, which they lift from their everyday framework in a dynamic of alineation. The course examines several key artistic movements notable for their innovations with objects: Cubism, Dada, Surrealism, New Realism as well as recent works by Manzoni, Broodthaers, Beuys, Raynaud, Lavel, and Oldenburg. Visits to Beaubourg, the Louvre, the Musée Picasso, the Grand Palais, the Jeu de Paume, and the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris form an essential part of the program. Ms. Kraguly.

# 269a. From Notre Dame to IRCAM: A Survey of Musical Culture in France (1300-2000)

This course attempts to identify the contributions of French composers to the history of Western music by placing their achievements in the context of other disciplines (literature and the applied arts), and in comparison with other cultures. It follows French music from chant and early polyphony in the thirteenth century through the birth and development of French opera and revolutionary songs, and explores the relationship between music and symbolist poetry, and French drama and music in the twentieth century. Lectures are accompanied by audio and visual aids and field trips to conservatories, libraries, opera houses, salons and concert halls. Mr. Memed.

272a or b. Writing Workshop

(1/2)

This half-credit course is required of all students. Those attending the Vassar-Wesleyan Program for the full year take the workshop during the first semester only. The course prepares students to write papers for their classes. It covers common problems encountered in writing French and introduces students to the organization and style of written assignments in France. Students meet individually with a tutor once a week for an additional half-hour.

273a, 274b. Special Topics: University of Paris

(1)

Students in the Paris Program have the opportunity to enroll in French university courses under the supervision of the resident director and receive Vassar credit.

275b. Internship (2)

Internship in a French governmental, civic or volunteer organization through cooperation with the Internships in Francophone Europe program. Special application procedure.

# Geography-Anthropology

Faculty: see geography and anthropology.

The interdepartmental concentration in geography-anthropology combines perspectives of these two social sciences in an examination of the cultural, ecological, and spatial relations of societies and their human environments.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 13 units, consisting of 6 units of geography, 6 units of anthropology, and Geography-Anthropology 300. In geography, the following are required: an introductory course (Geography 105 or 115); a methods course (Geography 220, 222, 225); a 200-level regional course (such as Geography 230, 235, 240, and 245); Geography 297.02 and at least one advanced 300-level seminar. In anthropology the following are required: at least 2 units of 200-level work, such as 1 unit from an area (ethnography) course, and 1 unit of an ethnology or archaeology course; and 2 units of 300-level work.

**Senior-Year Requirements:** Geography-Anthropology 300, Geography 301. **Recommendations:** Field work or a study abroad experience in either anthropology or geography is recommended highly.

**Advisers:** chairs of Departments of Anthropology and Geography.

# **Course Offerings**

See geography and anthropology.

300a. Senior Thesis (1)

399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2}-1)$ 

By permission of the adviser and the instructor who will supervise the work.

# Geology and Geography

**Professor:** Harvey K. Flad, Brian J. Godfrey<sup>b</sup> (Associate Chair), Jill Schneiderman; **Associate Professor:** Jeffrey R. Walker (Chair); **Assistant Professor:** Brian McAdoo, Kirsten Menking<sup>b</sup>, Yu Zhou; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Friedrich Pflueger.

# Geography-Geology

Geography and Geology are unique in combining, within the same department, the distinctive perspectives of both the social and natural sciences at Vassar. By examining societies in their spatial and regional contexts, geography helps explain the human dimensions of environmental change. By exploring the many processes shaping the planet, geology provides an understanding of the physical limits of human activity. The interdisciplinary geography-geology major creates a cohesive and rigorous focus on the earth as humanity's home.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units, including a common methods course (Geography 220, 222, or 225), an interdisciplinary senior thesis (Geography-Geology 300b), five units of geology, and five units of geography. In geography, the five units should include: Geography 105; two 200-level courses; Geography 301; and Geography/Geology 355 or another 300-level geography seminar. In geology, the five units should include: Geology 151, Geology 152, two 200-level courses (preferably Geology 230 and 260), and one 300-level course.

Senior-Year Requirements: Geography-Geology 300, Geography 301

# **Course Offerings**

See geography and geology.

300b. Senior Thesis (1)

An original study, integrating perspectives of geography and geology. The formal research proposal is first developed in Geography 301, the senior seminar, and then is presented to a faculty member in either geography or geology, who serves as the principal adviser. A second faculty member from the other respective discipline participates in the final evaluation.

### 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

(1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

# Geography

Faculty: see geology-geography

**Requirements for Concentration:** 10 units, including an introductory course (105a or b, or 115), 220 or 222, 300, 301 and at least one additional 300-level seminar. With the consent of the adviser, 2 of the required 10 units may be taken from cognate fields, such as anthropology, geology, urban studies, or international studies, if the courses are clearly related to the student's focus within geography. After the declaration of the major, no required courses may be elected NRO.

**Senior-Year Requirement:** Geography 300; 301.

**Recommendations:** Geology 151; Field Work (290); and a study-abroad experience.

Students interested in focusing their geography program in areas such as environmental design, cultural ecology, global studies, land-use planning, or historic preservation should see the department for a list of recommended course sequences in geography and related disciplines.

Advisers: Mr. Flad, Mr. Godfrey, 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 geology may be selected. The six courses taken for this concentration may be selected from the following recommended list:

Geography 105	Global Geography	(1)
Geography 115	Reading the Landscape	(1)
Geography 220	Cartography	(1)
Geography 222	Geographic Research Methods	(1)
Geography 225	Geographic Information Systems	(1)
Geography 250	Urban Geography	(1)
Geography 255	Environmental Perception and Conservation History	(1)
Geography 260	Conservation of Natural Resources	(1)
Geography 265	Population, Environment, and Sustainable	
	Development	(1)
Geography 301	Senior Seminar	(1)
Geography 355	Environment and Land-Use Planning	(1)
Geography 370	Topics in Social and Urban Geography	(1)

**Regional Analysis:** 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 105	Global Geography	(1)
Geography 220	Cartography	(1)
Geography 222	Geographic Research Methods	(1)
Geography 225	Geographic Information Systems	(1)
Geography 230	Africa	(1)

Geography 235	East Asia	(1)
Geography 240	Latin America	(1)
Geography 265	Population, Environment, and Sustainable	
0 1 /	Development	(1)
Geography 275	Economic Geography	(1)
Geography 301	Senior Seminar	(1)
Geography 340	Advanced Regional Studies	(1)
Geography 370	Topics in Social and Urban Geography	(1)

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Geography

# I. Introductory

# **105a or b. Global Geography: Cultural, Political, and Economic Systems (1)** An introduction to human geography through the spatial analysis of cultural, political, and socioeconomic systems. Geographical perspectives on contemporary world issues are studied at the local, regional, and global scales. Geography's major

political, and socioeconomic systems. Geographical perspectives on contemporary world issues are studied at the local, regional, and global scales. Geography's major themes are introduced, including population growth and distribution, land use and settlement, cultural landscapes, natural resources, urbanization, economic development, and geopolitics, along with the analytical tools of mapping, cartographic communication, and spatial data analysis. The impacts of increasing global interdependence are examined in case studies of selected world regions. The department.

# 115a. Reading the Landscape: Exploration, Travel, and Sense of Place (1)

Using the literature of discovery, travel, and regional description, a variety of primary resources is examined, including journals, travelogues, essays, photographs, regional novels, maps, paintings, and field observation. Major topics in world regional geography are investigated through these varied perceptions and methodological approaches with an emphasis on how geographers can use this data to analyze spatial patterns and processes. Field trips to selected localities in the Hudson Valley to examine the natural and cultural Landscape. Mr. Flad.

Open to freshman only: satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Course. Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

### II. Intermediate

# The prerequisite for 200-level courses is 1 unit of introductory geography.

# 220a. Cartography (1)

Cartography, the science and art of map making, is integral to a geographer's craft. The course reviews the history of cartography, in particular, the making of maps as a primary way for people to conceptualize and represent space around them. While being an ancient discipline, cartography is being thoroughly revolutionized by cutting-edge technology. The course is also aimed at enhancing the ability of students to interpret topographic maps, and to make thematic maps with the aid of remote sensing, computer aided graphic design and GIS. The department.

Prerequisite: by permission, preference given to students concentrating in geology and geography and those pursuing an independent program with a member of the departmental staff serving as adviser. Satisfies college requirement for quantitative reasoning.

Two 75-minute periods; one 2-hour laboratory.

# 222b. Geographic Research Methods

A comprehensive overview of the most widely used research methods in collecting, analyzing, and presenting geographical data, including both qualitative and quantitative techniques. The course emphasizes hands-on experience in applying these research methods, and also critically examines their utilities and limitations. The topics include archival research, survey design, intensive interview, preliminary statistical analysis and an introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Satisfies college requirement for quantitative reasoning. Ms. Zhou.

### 225b. Geographic Information Systems

(1)

An introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS), which use computers to organize, store, and map spatial data. The course introduces various databases and programs for analysis, along with the visual display of environmental, urban and social data. The department.

Two 75-minute periods; two-hour laboratory.

### [230a. Africa: Regional Geographic Perspectives]

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 230) A geographic analysis of Africa, south of the Sahara. The diversity of the African continent is stressed by examining its physical environment, resources, and its social, cultural, economic, and political systems. Specific attention is given to current problems and potentials associated with environmental and regional differences as they affect traditional livelihood patterns, economic development projects, urbanization, inter- and intraregional cooperation, territorial and boundary conflicts, and social and ethnic spatial patterns. The department.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

### [235a. East Asia: People, Culture and Economic Development] (1)

An examination of the common and contrasting experiences of East Asian countries since the late nineteenth century. It emphasizes the regional contexts in which various environmental, cultural, social, political and economic forces overlay and interact, constituting the unique path of each country. Major themes include Japanese industrial organization, economic development in newly industrialized countries, transformation of the Chinese economy after 1978, and regional integration of East Asia. Ms. Zhou.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

### 240a. Latin America: Population, Development, and Environment (1)

A study of developmental disparities and environmental modifications in the making of Latin America's contemporary regional geography. Special attention is paid to development theory, the impact of European colonial expansion upon native societies, land tenure and modernization of the rural sector, the growth of cities, natural resource use, and the contemporary development schemes in the Amazon Basin. The course focuses upon the links between Latin American landscape change and the region's dependent development within the larger world system. Mr. Godfrey.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

# [250a. Urban Geography: Spatial Structure of the Metropolis] (1)

A geographical exploration of the modern American metropolis, focusing on the development and transformation of urban space. Emphasis is given to analysis of the changing geographies of production and consumption, transportation, residence, community, and the built environment. Topics for study include: the historical geography of American urbanization; contemporary changes in urban form and land-use patterns; social space and mental mapping; suburbs, edge cities, and urban decentralization; urban renewal and gentrification; urban segregation by race, ethnicity, and gender; discrimination in urban design; ecological and sustainable communities; and current issues in urban planning and social policy. Mr. Godfrey

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 255a. Environmental Perception and Conservation History

(Same as Environmental Studies 255) The complex interrelationships and interpretations of nature and society are explored through literary, philosophical, and scientific works on conservation, wilderness, preservation, ethics, and aesthetics.

The history of the United States and international conservation and environmental movements, including legislation and NGO's, is examined. In addition, studies of environmental perception focus on the meanings of space and place. Mr. Flad.

### 260b. Conservation of Natural Resources

(1)

Sustainable development requires an understanding of ecosystem complexity and new ways of managing existing resources. This course provides a geographic perspective on global ecology and resource management. Emphasis is placed on global and regional environmental issues, including population growth, soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, pollution of water and air, and forest and rangeland management. Instructor to be announced.

265a. Population, Environment, and Sustainable Development (1)

Complex philosophical and ethical issues surrounding population, economic development, and their interaction are considered. Geographical perspectives emphasize the spatial and temporal diversity of demographic experience in the context of a global network of production and distribution. Women's role in production and reproduction is investigated in diverse cultural, political, and economic environments. Themes include: historical and contemporary demographic patterns; Malthusian-Marxist debate; the population/resource problem; governments as family planners; domestic and international migration; and concepts and practices of sustainable development. Ms. Zhou.

275b. Economic Geography: Globalization and Regional Development (1)

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.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

### 290a or b. Field Work

(½ or 1)

The department.

### **Reading Courses**

# 297.01a or b. Geography in the Elementary and Secondary School Curriculum

(1/2)

An introduction to the study of geography in both elementary and secondary schools as part of the social studies curriculum, stressing world regional differentiation, and in the earth sciences curriculum with a focus on the field of environmental education. Mr. Flad.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

### 297.02a or b. Geography, Ecology, Culture

(1/2)

A geographic perspective on the environment and man, examining primitive and peasant subsistence patterns, their processes of resource utilization, and the resulting modification of the landscape. Mr. Flad.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Open to qualified students in other disciplines who wish to pursue related independent work in geography. The department.

### III. Advanced

### 300b. Senior Thesis

**(1)** 

The department.

### 301a. 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. The department.

One 2-hour period.

### 340b. Advanced Regional Studies

(1)

(Same as Geography 385b, Art 385b, and American Culture 385b.) This seminar examines a selected world region, regions, or global regional interactions. Topics may vary from year to year. Previous seminar themes include: culture clash in Latin America, Central Asia in transition, imaging Asia, interpreting American land-scapes, and the Asian diaspora. May be repeated for credit if the region or topic has changed.

### [350a. New York City as a Social Laboratory]

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies 350) 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.

Prerequisite. Geography 250 or permission of instructor.

One 3-hour session; field trips to N.Y.C.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

### 355a. Environment and Land-Use Planning

(1)

(Same as Geology 355 and Environmental Studies 355) This seminar focuses on such land-use issues as social and environmental impact studies, open-space planning, conservation and resource management, agriculture, housing, and recreation and tourism. Case studies may be drawn from either North America or the Third World; local examples will include analysis of state and federal regulations and field work. Topics for study may include the changing rural American landscape, including farmland preservation; local and state environmental review in locational conflicts, such as water quality or the siting of landfills; or sustainable development and ecotourism. The department.

Prerequisite: Geography 245, 255, 265 or permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

### 360b. Asian Diasporas

**(1)** 

(Same as Anthropology 360b). Focusing on Asian diasporas, this course engages the current surge of interest in diaspora studies from both anthropological and

geographical perspectives. Attention is given to issues of colonial and post-colonial struggles, formation and transformation of ethnic identities, roles of middlemen minorities, and nationalism and transnationalism of Asian diasporas. The principal cases are drawn from East Asian and South Asian communities in Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the U.S. Ms. Kaplan, Ms. Zhou.

One 2-hour period.

[370b. Topics in Social and Urban Geography]

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies 370) An inquiry into the spatial expressions of social relations in modern urban societies. The seminar focuses on the socio-spatial interrelationships of such phenomena as class, race, ethnicity, gender, and politics. The specific topic of study varies from year to year. Previous seminar themes include the urban-industrial transition, the urban frontier, urban poverty, cities of the Americas, segregation in the city, and global migration. May be repeated for credit if the topic changes.

Prerequisite: either Geography 250, History 261-262, Political Science 258, Sociology 262, or appropriate 200-level work in Latin American Studies or Urban Studies.

One 2-hour period.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

385b. The Southwest: Art, Ethnicity, and Environment

(Same as American Culture 385 and Art 385) An examination of the impact of place upon the three major culture groups—Native American, Hispanic American, and Anglo-American—that coexist in the southwestern United States. The course studies selected examples of painting, crafts, architecture, photography and literature which illustrate regional and ethnic identities. A diversity of landscapes from desert, canyon, and mountain wilderness to pueblo villages, traditional cities such as Santa Fe, and modern urban sprawl are also considered. Changing expression of social and environmental values in the twentieth century towards nature, progress, and ethnic history and identity are contested in issues, such as: historic preservation, water resources, nuclear power, and the transformation of social and political boundaries. Mr. Flad, Ms. Lucic.

One 2-hour period.

386a. Senior Seminar (1)

(Same as Urban Studies 386a) 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 majors.

Topic for 2001a: *Globalization and its Discontents*. This seminar explores the contemporary phenomena called "globalization," paying particular attention to the changing role of cities within the context of increasingly global networks of trade, migration, information, finance and cultural exchange. We explore the implications of globalization for understandings of place, work, family, cultural identity, citizenship, the nation, and the state. We also consider movements and discourses of resistance formed within and/or in opposition to the new global system. Texts for this course include works by Saskia Sassen, from whose essay collection it takes its title, as well as: David Harvey, Limits to Capital; Antonio Negri and Michael Hardt, Empire; Arjun Appadurai, Modernity at Large; Anthony Giddens, Runaway World; Achille Moembe, At the Edge of the World; the special issue of Signs on Gender and Globalization; and several of the recent anthologies on globalization. Ms. Brawley and Mr. Godfrey.

# **399a or b. Senior Independent Work** The department.

# Geology

Faculty: see geology-geography.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 10 units including 151, 152, 201, 2 units of graded work at the 300-level, and not more than 1 additional unit at the 100-level. With consent of advisor, one 200-level course may be substituted for by 200- or 300-level work in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics. After declaration of the major, courses in geology may not be taken NRO.

**Senior-Year Requirement:** One graded 300-level course.

**Recommendations:** Students interested in graduate study in geology or environmental science should also take one year of laboratory biology, chemistry and/or physics. In addition, calculus is highly recommended. Appropriate courses include: Biology 151, 152; Chemistry 108/109, 110/111; Math 101, 102; Physics 113, 114. Analysis of spatial data using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is becoming increasingly important so Geography 225 is strongly recommended. All geology majors are urged to attend a six-week geology summer field camp. The choices of locations, times, and university sponsors of such field work are numerous, and geology department faculty will help select an appropriate summer field experience.

**Independent Research:** The geology department encourages students to engage in ungraded independent research with faculty advisers and offers 198 (for freshmen and sophomores), 298 (for juniors), and 399 (for seniors). Geology majors are encouraged to engage in senior-year research, and the department offers 300-301, an ungraded research-based senior thesis experience. Only those who complete 300-301 are eligible for departmental honors upon graduation.

Because there are many applications of geology to a variety of different careers, we urge potential majors to consult with a faculty member in the geology department as soon as possible upon arrival at Vassar in order to decide on the most appropriate sequence of required and recommended courses. Also, each year the geology department offers courses at the 100-level designed for students who may not intend to pursue geology at more advanced levels. These courses are appropriate for students curious about the earth and its life. They are especially relevant for students with concerns about environmental degradation and its impact on people living in both urban and rural settings.

Advisers: Mr. McAdoo, Ms. Menking, Mr. Pflueger, Ms. Schneiderman, Mr. Walker.

Correlate Sequence in Geology: Geology offers a correlate sequence which can complement the curricula of students majoring in other departmental, interdepartmental, and multidisciplinary programs. Students pursuing a correlate sequence in geology are required to complete a minimum of five courses in the department including 151, 152, and at least one 300-level course. Students should carefully note the prerequisites required for enrollment in some of the courses within the correlate sequence.

# I. Introductory

### [101a. The Nature of Science]

This course explores the question, "what is science?" by looking at examples from the history of natural sciences and questions such as: How is science portrayed by the press? Do biased results "count" as science? Is the history of science a history of mistakes? Is bad science different from biased science? Where are the women and minority scientists? Topics include views of geologic time, the formation of the earth, development of plate tectonic theory, the size and morphology of organisms,

creationism, craniometry, and the geography of research laboratories. Ms. Schneiderman.

Open to freshmen only: satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Course. Not offered in 2001/02.

[102a. Landscape and History of the Hudson Valley] (

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, discussions, and field trips, this course explores the relationships between geology, landscape, and cultural history in the mid-Hudson Valley region. Topics to be explored include: changing patterns of settlement; changing vegetation patterns in response to climate change; land use and resource exploitation; and current environmental issues such as power generation and disposal of municipal and toxic wastes. Mr. Walker.

Open to freshmen only: satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Course. Not offered in 2001/02.

[103b. Earth System Science and Environmental Justice] (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 103) 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

104b. 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. Mandatory field trip to the beach. Mr. McAdoo.

151a and b. Earth, Environment, and Humanity (1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 151) 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, human impacts on the environment including ozone depletion and acid rain, and sustainability. Ms. Menking, Ms. Schneiderman.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory. Several laboratory sessions are devoted to off-campus field trips.

# 152b. 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 and creationism, the profound depth of geologic time and its ramifications for life on earth, and mass extinctions of dinosaurs and other organisms. Mr. Pflueger.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory. Several laboratory sessions are devoted to off-campus field trips.

198a or b. Special Projects in Geology

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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

Geology 151 and 152 are prerequisites for entry into 200-level courses unless otherwise stated.

### 201b. Earth Materials: Minerals, Rocks, and Soils

**(1)** 

The earth is made up of many different materials, including minerals, rocks, soils, and ions in solution, all of which represent the same atoms recycled continually by geological and biogeochemical cycles. This course takes a wholistic view of the earth in terms of the processes which lead to the formation of different materials. The class will involve study in the field as well as in the laboratory using hand specimen identification along with the optical microscope, X-ray diffractometer, and electron microscope. Mr. Walker.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory, field trips.

[220b. Oil] (1)

As we enter the twenty-first century, our society is firmly rooted both culturally and economically, in oil. For the hydraulic civilizations of Mesopotamia, it was water. For the Native Americans of the Great Plains, it was buffalo. 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 an oil 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 of uses it sees today, including plastics, pharmaceuticals, and fertilizers, not to mention gasoline? We also discuss the future of this rapidly dwindling, non-renewable resource, and discuss options for an oil-less future. Mr. McAdoo.

Prerequisite: Any introductory physical science course. Not offered in 2001/02.

### 230a. Soils and Terrestrial Ecosystems

(1)

Soils form an important interface between the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere. As such, they are critical to understanding terrestrial ecosystems. This course studies soil formation, and the physical and chemical properties of soils especially as related to natural and altered ecosystems. One important topic of discussion is the relationship between soils and agriculture with emphasis on the possibilities and limitations implied by the notion of "sustainable agriculture." Field trips and laboratory work focus on the description and interpretation of local soils. Mr. Walker.

Prerequisite: one introductory course in Geology, Biology, or Chemistry. Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory/field session.

### 240b. 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.

### 250a. Sediments, Strata, and the Environment

(1)

Detailed study of modern sedimentary environments and their use in interpreting ancient sedimentary rocks. The chemical and physical processes leading to weathering, erosion, transport, deposition, and lithification of sediments are considered. Field interpretation of local Paleozoic, Pleistocene, and Holocene sediments are carried out through field study. Laboratories include the study of sediments in hand sample and using the petrographic microscope. Mr. Pflueger.

Prerequisite: Geology 201.

Two 75-minute periods; one 4-hour laboratory/field session, one weekend field trip.

[260a. Geomorphology: Surface Processes and Evolution of Landforms] (1) 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 270b. Structural Geology and Tectonics

(1)

The study of the processes and products of crustal deformation and study 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.

### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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 geology; see specific additions or exceptions for each course.

### 300-301. Senior Research and Thesis

(1/2)

Critical analysis, usually through observation or experimentation, of a specific research problem in geology. A student electing this course must first gain, by submission of a written research proposal, the support of a member of the geology 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.

[320. Advanced Topics in Environmental Geology]

(1)

Selected topics in environmental geology such as quaternary geology, climate change, water in environmental planning, contaminant transport in aqueous systems, and the geology of natural resources. Mr. Walker.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory session.

Not offered in 2001/02.

340a. Field Geophysics

(1)

(Same as Physics 340a) This project-based course examines one field area throughout the course of the semester, collecting data in the beginning, compiling and analyzing the data in a Geographic Information System (GIS) framework, and synthesizing towards the end, culminating in a presentation of the results. Using an array of geophysical tools including an electrical resistivity meter, a Cesiumvapor magnetometer, and a simple heat flow probe, we survey various anthropogenic and natural structures. Possible field locales include archaeological sites (living structures, burial grounds), both historical and pre-European, and sites of environmental concern to both citizens and developers, such as leaking underground storage tanks. Mr. McAdoo.

Prerequisite Geology 240 or permission of instructor.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory session.

350b. Advanced Sedimentology

(1)

This course focuses on the petrographic and geochemical aspects of a current environmental problem that can be approached sedimentologically. We use the primary literature to discover the wide range of tools available to the modern sedimentologist and their application to one of many significant problems in the field. Laboratory gives hands-on practice with the collection and evaluation of sedimentologic and geochemical data.

Topic for 2000/01: *Organism-Sediment Interaction*. Life is a fundamental force in sedimentary processes. Using sediments as their habitat or food source, living organisms physically and chemically alter their environment. After death, an array of different processes may lead to the preservation of fossil hard and/or soft parts in the rock record. Field studies and laboratories teach an understanding of the biology, paleontology, and sedimentology with examples reaching from modern to Precambrian times. Mr. Pflueger

Prerequisite: Geology 201 and 250 or permission of instructor.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory session.

355a. Environment and Land Use Planning

(1)

(Same as Geography 355a and Environmental Studies 355a)

360a. Paleoclimatology: Earth's History of Climate Change

(1)

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: Geology 201, 250, and 260 or permission of instructor.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory session.

[380b. Computer Methods and Modeling in Geology]

(1)

Computer models have become powerful tools in helping us to understand complex natural systems. They are in wide use in geology in climate change research, prediction of groundwater and contaminant flow paths in sediments, and seismic hazard prediction, among other applications. This course introduces students to conceptual modeling with the use of the Stella box-modeling software package. Taking readings from the geological 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, the most widely used language in geology today. Ms. Menking.

One 4-hour classroom/laboratory session.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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.

# **German Studies**

**Associate Professor:** Günter Klabes (Chair); **Assistant Professors:** Silke von der Emde, Jeffrey Schneider<sup>b</sup>; **Visiting Instructor:** Ute Maschke.

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 including 230, 239, 260, 269, 270, 301, and 2 additional units of 300 level courses in German; 4 units approved by the German Studies Department in related fields.

**Senior Year Requirement:** 301 and 1 unit at the 300 level. Majors must take all 8 units in the German Studies Department in German. They must also take courses toward their concentration for a letter grade once they have declared their major. Students who wish to be considered for departmental honors must complete a thesis (German Studies 300).

**Recommendations:** Vassar summer program in 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, or 109 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 Studies 210, 211, 230, 239, 260, 269, 270, and 375. All students must also complete either German Studies 301 or 355. Upon the approval of the department, a maximum of 2 units from the Münster or other programs abroad can be substituted for the 200-level courses. No courses in English may count towards the correlate sequence.

**Advisors:** The department.

# 1. Introductory

# 101a. The Writing on the Wall: Tracing the Cultural Meanings (1) of the Berlin Wall

The Berlin Wall came tumbling down more than ten years ago, signaling the end of the Cold War and initiating a period of euphoria as East and West Germany reunited. Though the Wall marked the division of Germany and even the split between Eastern and Western Europe, it also held an important place in the American imagination. In order to probe the complex, contradictory, and changing meanings of the Berlin Wall within American and German cultures, we analyze political speeches, espionage thrillers, love stories, films, Wall graffiti, interviews, news reports, and other kinds of documents. As part of our focus on writing and developing critical thinking skills, we may also make use of new virtual spaces (MOOs) and other educational technologies. Mr. Schneider.

105a-106b. Elementary German

(1)

A year-long study of German language for beginning students. In addition to introducing basic grammatical structures, the course focuses on developing the reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills necessary for advanced study. Classroom activities are designed to promote practical and active oral and written communication. Mr. Klabes (a); Ms. von der Emde (b).

Four 50-minute periods and four 30-minute drill sessions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

109b. Intensive Elementary German

A single-semester equivalent of German 105-106. Intensive training in the fundamental language skills. Designed for beginning students who wish to accelerate their learning of German. Ms. Maschke.

Open to all classes; five 75-minute periods, four 30-minute drill sessions, and computer-assisted instruction.

### II. Intermediate

### 210a-211b. Intermediate German

Intermediate language study through short texts and research topics in literary and cultural studies. The course will use an online educational environment and may involve an exchange with learners at another college. Mr. Schneider (a); Ms. von der Emde (b).

Prerequisite: German 106, 109 or the equivalent.

### 230a. Contemporary German Culture and Media

An introductory study of contemporary German culture and the role played by different media, such as newspapers, television, radio, film, and the Internet. Strong emphasis will be placed on developing vocabulary as well as oral and written expression. This course may involve an exchange with native speakers of German. Ms. von der Emde.

Prerequisite: German 211 or the equivalent.

Three 75-minute periods.

### 235b. Introduction to German Cultural Studies

Introduction to the methodological questions and debates in the field of German Cultural Studies. Topics may include German identity, reunification, U.S.-German cultural exchanges, and the status of the German language in a global world. Strong emphasis on formal analysis and writing. Ms. Maschke.

Readings and discussions in English. Open to all classes. German majors see German 239.

### 239b. Introduction to German Cultural Studies for Majors

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. Ms. Maschke.

Prerequisite: German Studies 230 or the equivalent or permission from the instructor.

### 260b. Developments in German Literature

This course offers an overview of selected historical developments in German literature from the last three centuries. Instructor to be announced.

Topic for 2001/02: To be announced.

Prerequisite: German 230, 239 or the equivalent.

### 265a. German Film in English Translation

**(1)** 

This course offers an overview of selected historical and formal developments in

German film from the silent period to the present.

Topic for 2001/02: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Representing Germany in US. and German Film. Films on both sides of the Atlantic consistently locate "evil" in a (shared) cultural imagery called "Germany." This seminar compares and contrasts American and German filmic representations of "Germans" or "Germany" and the ideological mechanisms that stand behind the cinematic apparatus (i.e., notions of personal, gender, and national identity; notions of the public and the private; notions of communication, etc.). Films may include Metropolis, Das Boot, Dr. Strangelove, Taxi Driver, Zentropa, American History X, Paris, Texas, In a Year of Thirteen Moon, The Tin Drum, Schtonk, and Heimat. Ms. Maschke.

Readings and discussions in English. Open to all classes. German majors see German 269.

Two 75-minute periods.

### 269a. 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. Maschke.

Prerequisite: German Studies 230, 239 or the equivalent.

### 270a. Aesthetic Forms, Texts, and Genres

(1)

In-depth study of one or more literary and non-literary genres in their historical and cultural contexts. Examples may be drawn from drama, poetry, autobiographies, manifestos or essays.

Topic for 2001/02: Narratives of Instability. Organized around close readings of novellas by selected writers of nineteenth-century Germany (including Storm, Keller, Kürnberger, Stifter, Ebner-Eschenbach), the seminar investigates possible reasons why the novella becomes the literary genre for representing increasingly unstable bourgeois (masculine) identities emerging in the modem nation-states of Germany and the Habsburg Empire. Ms. Maschke.

Prerequisite: German Studies 230, 239 or the equivalent.

Two 75-minute periods.

### 275b. Advanced Topics in German Cultural Studies

(1

This course offers an extended analysis of one issue of the major issues in German Cutural Studies. Topics may include memory and the Holocaust, Nazi culture, issues of transparency in political culture, or lesbian and gay culture.

Topic for 2001/02: *Modernism in Turn-of-the-Century German Culture*. This course focuses on the complex facets and contradictions in German modernism at the beginning of the twentieth century. We pay particular attention to class and gender conflicts, city and mass culture, utopian visions and the aesthetics of heroism prior to the Great War. Using a variety of media, we explore different artistic expressions in works by Fontane, Thomas Mann, Kafka, Nietzsche, Wagner, Klimt and Kokoschka and study the milieu in which they worked in the great cities of Vienna, Prague and Berlin. Class instruction is complemented by field trips to New York City museums and stage performances. Mr. Klabes.

Readings and discussions in English. Open to all classes. German majors see German Studies 375.

Two 75-minute periods.

### III. Advanced

For advanced work in German, students must complete the following: German 230, 239, 260, 269, and 270 or their equivalent.

### 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 2001/02: German Romanticism: Poetic and Pictorial Images. This course examines the strategies of writers and artists struggling to find meaning in a time of revolutionary political and cultural change. Particular attention is paid to changes in cultural aesthetics and new literary and artistic forms with a view toward their legacy in twentieth-century Germany. Course may include works by Goethe, Schiller, Novalis, Kleist, Guenderode, E.T.A. Hoffmann, Heine as well as C.D. Friedrich and Runge. Mr. Klabes.

Two 75-minute periods.

#### 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 2001/02: The former GDR produced some of the best, most interesting, and challenging women writers to come out of Germany. Authors such as Anna Seghers, Christa Wolf, Irmtraud Morgner, Sarah Kirsch, Maxie Wander, Brigitte Reimarm, Helga Königsdorf, Monika Maron, and Elke Erb greatly influenced political and cultural developments in the East as well as in the West. In this seminar, we examine the questions and issues raised in these women's texts, such as the status of feminism, the authors' response to censorship practices in East Germany, and the impact of unification in 1990. In addition to developing close readings of texts, we study the political, economic, and social conditions that influenced women's writings as well as theoretical questions raised by feminist literary theory. Ms. von der Emde.

Two 75-minute periods.

## 375b Advanced Topics in German Cultural Studies for Majors

(1)

Students in this course attend the same seminar meetings as in German Studies 275 but do readings in German, attend a separate discussions class, and take separate exams. Mr. Klabes.

## Greek

For curricular offerings, see Classics, page 129.

## **Hebrew**

For curricular offerings, see Jewish Studies, page 249.

## **Hispanic Studies**

**Professors:** Andrew Bush, Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert; **Associate Professors:** Mario Cesareo (Chair), Mihai Grünfeld<sup>ab</sup>, Patricia Kenworthy; **Assistant Professor:** Michael Aronna; **Visiting Assistant Professors:** Daniel Chavez, Eva Woods.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 10 units of courses numbered Hispanic Studies 205 and above, which must include three of the following: Hispanic Studies 226, 227, 228, 229, and at least three units at the 300-level taken on campus, including one unit each of Hispanic Studies 387 and 388. Two units must be elected in the senior year. After declaration of the concentration or correlate, all courses in the department must be taken for a letter grade.

**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 in the department at the level of Hispanic Studies 205 and above. At least one of these units must be a 300-level course taken at Vassar.

**Special Program:** Vassar College, Wesleyan University, and Colgate University sponsor jointly a program of study in Spain. A major in Hispanic Studies is expected to participate in this program or a comparable program in Latin America during either the sophomore or junior year. Students concentrating in other fields are also accepted, within the regulations of the chair of their various departments and the dean of studies office. Courses offered in the Spain program 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 skill and reading. Ms. Kenworthy, Ms. Woods.

Open to students with one year or less of high school Spanish.

Five 50-minute periods; one hour of laboratory or drill.

## 109b. Basic Spanish Review

(1)

An intensive review of first-year Spanish. The department.

Open only to freshmen and sophomores who have had two years of high school Spanish. Students who have taken Hispanic Studies 105-106 may not take Hispanic Studies 109 for credit. Mr. Bush

Three 50-minute periods and two hours of laboratory or drill.

## II. Intermediate

## 205a. Intermediate Spanish

(1)

Intensive study and review of Spanish grammar at the second-year level with emphasis on oral practice and writing skills. Ms. Woods.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 105-106 or 109, or three years of high school Spanish.

Three 50-minute periods and one hour of conversation.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

207a or b. Reading and Writing about Latin American Culture

(1)

An introduction to issues in Latin American culture past and present. Intensive and extensive work in essay writing and oral presentations. Assignments focus on the development of skills for research and writing in Spanish. Mr. Chayez.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 205 or four or more years of high school Spanish. Students who have taken Hispanic Studies 208 may not take Hispanic Studies 207

for credit.

208b. Reading and Writing about Spanish Culture

(1)

An introduction to issues in Spanish culture past and present. Intensive and extensive work in essay writing and oral presentations. Assignments focus on the development of skills for research and writing in Spanish. Ms. Kenworthy.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 205 or four or more years of high-school Spanish. Students who have taken Hispanic Studies 207 may not take Hispanic Studies 208 for credit.

217b. Methods in Interdisciplinary Analysis: Latin America

(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 within the context of Latin American social formations. Mr. Cesareo.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 207 or 208.

Students who have taken Hispanic Studies 218 may not take Hispanic Studies 217 for credit.

218a. Methods in Interdisciplinary Analysis: Spain

(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 within the context of Spanish social formations. Mr. Bush.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 207 or 208.

Students who have taken Hispanic Studies 217 may not take Hispanic Studies 218 for credit.

226a. Medieval and Early Modern Spain

(1)

Studies in Spanish literary and cultural production from the time of the Reconquest to the end of the Hapsburg Empire.

Topic for 2001/02: Desire and Despair in Early Modern Spain. A study of desire (political, amorous, religious, etc.) and despair and the linguistic styles used to express these sentiments. Ms. Kenworthy.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 217 or 218.

#### 227b. Colonial Latin America

(1)

Studies in Latin American literary and cultural production from the European invasion to the crisis of the colonial system. Thematically structured, the course is anchored in the social, political, and institutional processes undergone by Latin America as a result of its incorporation into European mercantilism.

Topic for 2001/02: El Reino de la Imagen. Text and image in the colonial history of the Americas have always been in constant correlation. To revisit the literature of Discovery, Conquest, and the Colonial societies demands from the reader the careful study of the visual and textual imaginary of the era. In this class we read chronicles, poems, and essays from the original sources and the translation of indigenous maps and codex in order to problematize the reception of the indigenous heritage and the eventual invention of the Americas by the Western mind. Using contemporary cinematographic representations and confronting them with our survey of original texts, we also question and discuss our own understanding of

concepts like: colonialism, conquest, independence and nation. Finally, we discuss how these concepts have an impact in the production of images from hieroglyphs to *exvotos* from sixteenth century navigational charts to the portraits of the revolutionary heroes of the independence. Mr. Chavez.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 217 or 218.

228b. Modern Spain (1)

Studies in Spanish literary and cultural production form the beginning of the Bourbon monarchy to the present.

Topic for 2001/02: Cityscapes in Modem Spain. The strong ambivalence of Spanish culture towards urban life marks its troubled relationship to modernity. This course devoted to modern literature begins with a consideration of the traditional Spanish topos of menosprecio de la corte and the corresponding valorization of the retired life. Much attention is dedicated to the development of an urban literature in the nineteenth century, guided by theoretical considerations drawn from the work of Walter Benjamin. Finally, the ambivalence is traced through twentieth-century literature, including some comparative study of the differences between Castille and the other regions of the Iberian Peninsula. Mr. Bush.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 217 or 218.

## 229a. Postcolonial Latin America

**(1)** 

Studies in Latin American literary and cultural production from the emergence of the nation states to their contemporary crisis. 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 2001/02: *Estéticas de la marginalidad*. The course is an aesthetic examination of various cultural practices by and about marginal groups in Latin America. Materials studied include the cinema, written fiction, the essay, testimony, slave narrative, poetry and social movements from the nineteenth century to the present, and from Argentina to Mexico, the United States, and the Spanish Caribbean. The problematics of national cultures, territoriality, globalization, the crisis of liberal-bourgeois foundational fictions, and the emergence of alternative discourses constitute the theoretical backdrop of the course. Mr. Cesareo.

Prerequisite: Hispanic Studies 217 or 218.

# 280b. Countering and Legitimizing Hegemony: Spain Through the Media. 1700-2001 (1)

An introduction to the study of the history and development of various media in Spain from 1700 to the present: the printed book, *la literatura de cordel*, newspapers, magazines, advertisements, lithographs, radio, film, film posters, comics, television, and the internet. The course aims at familiarizing the students with the language of media study, the salient methodological and theoretical approaches to media analysis, and the links between the development of specific media and sociopolitical history. A strong emphasis is placed on oral and written expression by means of presentations and written reports. Ms. Woods.

Prerequisites: Hispanic Studies 217 or 218.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Individual projects or internships. The department.

Special permission.

Prerequisite: 1 unit of Hispanic Studies 207, 208 or above.

## 298. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Prerequisite: 2 units of Hispanic Studies 226 or above. The department.

Special permission: Students interested in pursuing an independent study must submit an application (available from the chair) detailing their project to the department by Friday of the first full week of classes each semester.

## III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 3 units from Hispanic Studies 217 and above or by permission of instructor.

## 300a or b. Senior Thesis (1)

The department.

#### 387. 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 2001/02a: U.S. Latino/a Discourses: The Politics of Style. Fiction, essay, and testimonial narratives by U.S. Latino/a writers are examined from an interdisciplinary perspective. The course explores the ways discourses and cultural practices bear directly on how nation, race, ethnicity, identity, and gender are lived and perceived in Latino/America. The readings provide a panoramic view of the general themes, sensibilities, and artistic imaginations of Latino/a writers as they reflect on their personal and collective struggles to come to terms with American realities. The historical specificity on which discourses happen are noted, while calling attention to the common elements found across the ethnic experience of cultural resistance, affirmation, and erasure. Mr. Cesareo.

Topic for 2001/02b: From Nature to Environment: Ecological Thought in Latin America. The course traces the history of nature writing in Latin America from the pre-Columbian period to the present with a focus on the evolution of environmental thought throughout the continent. It pays particular attention to the evolution of notions of conservation and the development of ecological activism in the region. Readings include travel narratives, historical chronicles, political treatises, poems, essays, novels, and conservation reports. Ms. Paravisini-Gebert.

#### 388a. Peninsular Seminar

(1)

A seminar offering in depth study of topics related to the literary and cultural history of Spain.

Topic for 2001/02: Projecting Race in Twentieth Century Spain. Despite their symbolically central place in literary and artistic traditions in Spain, historically and socially Rrom and African immigrants have been persecuted and oppressed. Likewise, Basque, Catalan and Galician cultures have been prohibited from expressing themselves due to prohibition of their language and their traditions. This course traces the construction and projection of race and peripheral nationality through a wide array of texts ranging from canonical authors and cultural anthropologists to popular writers, artists, and filmmakers. Issues discussed include the examination of paradigms that were consistently adopted throughout Spanish history to construct notions of racial alterity and thereby justify exclusion of minorities; if or how authors and filmmakers have succeeded in countering racist representations; and finally the possibility of successful self representation of these excluded groups. Ms. Woods.

## 399. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

## Vassar-Wesleyan-Colgate Program in Spain

210a. Spanish Language and Civilization

Taught in Santiago de Compostela, this course is geared to develop linguistic skills and general knowledge of Spanish history and culture in preparation for the fall semester in Madrid. The morning session includes classes in Spanish language, literature, history, and contemporary political and social issues. A program of cultural activities and field trips organized in the afternoon introduces students to

the artistic heritage of Santiago, one of Europe's foremost medieval cities, and to the cultural richness of the region of Galicia, so that their language and cultural knowledge improves in contexts beyond the classroom. One academic credit, ungraded, is awarded for this course.

## 212a or b. Advanced Spanish

(1)

An intensive language review, focusing on grammar, conversation, and composition. Weekly oral and written exercises.

## 246a or b. Perfecting Spanish: Cultural Events

**(1)** 

A writing-skills course in which the compositions are based on class field trips to museums, art exhibits, concerts, plays, lectures, and films.

# 248a or b. The Culture of Flamenco An introduction to the theory and practice of Flamenco dance.

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## 249b. Mediterranean World: Between Europe and Islam

(1)

**(1)** 

Political and economic relations between the European nation of Spain and the Islamic nations of northern Africa.

## 250a. A New World: America and Spain

(1)

Spanish history from the Islamic period to the discovery and conquest of the New World (eighth to seventeenth centuries). Special attention is given to the Hapsburg dynasty, the formation of an empire, the role of the Inquisition, and the Spanish reaction to the Protestant reformation.

#### 251b. Spanish History: 1800-Present

(1)

Political, social, and economic history of Spain since 1800. Topics include: the Spanish reaction to the Napoleonic invasion, social and political formations in the period of industrialization and urbanization, the origins and consequences of the Spanish Civil War, and the transition from the Franco dictatorship to the parliamentary democracy that currently exists in Spain.

## 252a. The Spanish Civil War

(1)

A study of the major event in modern Spanish history. Special emphasis on the social and economic causes, the ideological tensions that existed in Spain and most of Europe during this period, and the internationalization of the conflict.

## 254b. Art, Architecture and Design

**(1)** 

Innovations in art, architecture and design in twentieth-century Spain.

## 255a or b. History of Spanish Painting

(1)

A survey of Spanish painting from the Renaissance to Picasso, with emphasis on the masters of the Spanish school: El Greco, Velazquez, Murillo, Zurbaran, and Goya. Classes include visits to the Prado and other museums in Madrid, plus a field trip to Toledo to study El Greco in context.

#### 256b. Women in Spain: Historical and Sociological Perspectives (

An historical, political, and sociological study of the role of women in Spanish society. Special emphasis given to the new legislation affecting women that emerges in post-Franco Spain and to demographic analyses of women's participation in the formation of a new society from 1980 to the present. Intended especially for history, sociology, and political science majors, but all others are welcome.

## 258b. Introduction to Contemporary Spanish Cinema

**(1)** 

A survey of Spanish cinema from the 1960s to the present. Special emphasis is given to the political, sociological, and cultural context within which Spanish cinema has developed.

## 259a. Spain and the European Union

(1)

Spain's formal entry into the European Economic Community (EEC) in the 1980s signaled an important moment in the country's political, economic, and social resurgence. This course focuses on the background and meaning of this event in the context of modern Spanish history, in relation to current economic trends, and with special attention to current Spanish and European political institutions. Intended especially for history and economics majors, but all others are welcome.

## 260a. 261b. Special Topics

(1)

When necessary, students may petition for approval to enroll in a course sponsored by another American university at the Instituto Internacional. Special topics is a rubric used to record such courses or any course taken through direct enrollment at a Spanish university in Madrid.

## 257. Ethnography of Spanish Culture

(1)

A close study of Spanish cultural formations in their traditional and contemporary context. Lectures, critical readings, and class discussions focus on such topics as the relationship between individual and collective identity, popular festivals and religious rites, urbanization, and the recent rise of immigration resulting from rapid economic development. Intended especially for anthropology majors, but all others are welcome.

#### 263a or b. Modem Spanish Narrative

(1)

Analysis of selected novels and/or short stories from modem Spain (since 1800).

## 264a. Modern Spanish Poetry

(1)

Analysis of selections from the collections of the most influential Spanish poets, from the mid-nineteenth century to the present.

## 265a or b. Spanish Theater

(1)

Analysis of selected plays from classical (16th and 17th century) and/or modem (20th century) Spain. Course includes attendance at pertinent plays in performance in Madrid.

## 266b. Latin American Narrative of the Twentieth Century

(4)

Analysis of selected novels and short stories from twentieth-century Latin America.

#### 270b. Seminar on Literature

(1)

An advanced, research-oriented seminar on a specific writer or topic in Spanish and/or Latin American Literature. Topic changes yearly. This course is normally taught by the program director and is highly recommended for Spanish majors.

## History

**Professors:** Miriam Cohen, James H. Merrell (Chair), David L. Schalk; **Associate Professors:** Robert Brigham<sup>a</sup>, Leslie Offutt; **Assistant Professors:** Nancy Bisaha<sup>a</sup>, Mita Choudhury, Rebecca Edwards, Maria Höhn<sup>ab</sup>, Jin Jiang<sup>b</sup>, Lydia Murdoch, Michaela Pohl, Ismail Rashid<sup>b</sup>.

**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, or Latin American history; 1 unit of pre-1700 history chosen from among History 215, 225, 259, 262, 271, 274, 315, 331; 202; 300; 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.

**Requirement for all juniors in residence:** History 202 (Thesis Preparation). **Senior-Year Requirements:** History 300 (Thesis) and at least one other 300-yel 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. Ordinarily, this will include 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.

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 are period courses. Their purpose is to provide a general understanding of historical thinking: what subjects historians are interested in and why; their variety; how historians argue their case; what terms they use; what conclusions they reach. Besides providing basic information, these courses include the study of historical methods and schools of interpretations of, and approaches to, history, and incorporate exercises in drawing up historical propositions.

[111a. Imperial China] (1)

A survey of Chinese history from antiquity to the founding of the Qing dynasty in the seventeenth century, this course examines the patterns of continuity and change that have formed China's unique civilization. Beginning with China's historical and philosophical origins, topics include the development of the centralized state during the Qin and Han dynasties; the social and political turmoil of medieval China; the reestablishment of social order during the Sui and Tang dynasties; and the literary, artistic, and scientific achievements by both men and women of the Song, Yuan, Ming, and Qing dynasties. Ms. Jiang.

Not offered in 2001/02.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

## 116b. "The Dark Ages" c.400-900

(1)

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 .51 fulfills the Freshman Course requirement. It is open to freshmen only.

Section .52 is open to all classes.

121a or b. Modern Europe, from the Fall of Napoleon to the Present (1)

This course is designed to introduce students both to European history from the fall of Napoleon in 1815 to the present, and to the way historians have interpreted this period. Although our main focus is the major political events of this period—the rise and fall of European powers and the changing map of Europe—we also look beneath the political stage at social, economic, and intellectual development. The department.

## 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.

# [130a. English History: Pre-Norman Conquest to the Death of Elizabeth I (1603)]

English society, government, art, and literature with special emphasis on feudalism, manorialism, Magna Carta, the conflict between church and state, the growth of the city, and the development of royal justice and Parliament. The historian's craft and the close analysis of a variety of original texts are an integral part of the course.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 141a. Tradition, History, and the African Experience

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 141) From ancient stone tools and monuments to oral narratives and colonial documents, the course examines how the African past has been recorded, preserved, and transmitted over the generations. It looks at the challenges faced by the historian in Africa and the multi-disciplinary techniques used to reconstruct and interpret African history. Various texts, artifacts, and oral narratives from ancient times to the present are analyzed to see how conceptions and interpretations of the African past have changed over time. Mr. Rashid.

Section .01 fulfills the Freshman Course requirement. It is open to freshmen only.

Section .02 is open to all classes.

## 151b. British History: James I (1603) to the Great War

11)

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.

Section .01 in a-semester fulfills the Freshman Course requirement. It is open to freshmen only.

Other sections are open to all classes.

## [162b. 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## II. Intermediate

The prerequisite for courses at the 200-level is 1 unit in history.

## 201a. African Conceptions: Shaping of Freedom

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 201 and College Course 201)

## 202b. Thesis Preparation

(1/2)

The department.

For second-semester juniors in residence only.

## 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.

## 216a. The Formation of Greek Culture:

(1)

**Greece from the Bronze Age Through the Persian Wars** (Same as Classics 216) Ms. Dewald.

# [217a. Democracy and Imperialism: Athenian Democracy, The Peloponnesian Wars and the Aftermath]

(1)

(Same as Classics 217) Mr. Lott.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 218b. Republican Rome

**(1)** 

(Same as Classics 218) Mr. Lott.

# [219b. The Roman Empire: From Julio-Claudian Era Through the Fall] (1) (Same as Classics 219) Mr. Lott.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [222b. Modern China]

**(1)** 

The 1911 abdication of Puyi, the last emperor of China, signaled the collapse of a dynastic system that had existed for over ten millennia. Since then, China has been on a course of upheaval and transformation, marked by war, revolution, and sweeping social, political, and economic changes. This course surveys major political and social changes in China from the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries, focusing on the conflict between a self-centered China and an imperial West; the rise and fall of the Nationalist regime; the origins and development of Chinese communism; and the rise of women in modern China. Ms. Jiang.

Not offered in 2001/02.

[223b. Contemporary China]

(1)

Mao Zedong's idea of "continuous revolution," which first appeared in the early years of the People's Republic of China and culminated in the Cultural Revolution, influenced not only Chinese society but also leftist movements worldwide in the middle of the Cold War. This course begins with a historical review of the origins and development of the Chinese communist movement during the Republican period. It then surveys the political, intellectual, social, and economic aspects from the founding of the PRC to the end of the Cultural Revolution, focusing on the dual goals of making revolution and nation building as well as the achievements and losses of Chinese society under Mao's leadership. The course concludes with an examination of the nature of change in the post-Mao era, the promise and problems of economic reform, and how Mao's legacy and economic reform are reshaping China's national goals, Chinese identities, and China's foreign relations. Ms. Jiang.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 224a. Modern Japan

(1)

This is an introduction to modern Japanese society, culture, and foreign relations from the seventeenth through the twentieth centuries. The course searches for an internal logic of change behind the transformation of Japan from a feudal society to a modern economic power. We also examine how relations with the West and with neighboring Asian nations, especially China and Korea, have influenced Japan's path to modernization. Ms. Jiang.

## [225b. Renaissance Europe c.1300-c.1525]

(1)

A study of the forces of continuity and innovation—social, political, and cultural—in Western society from the age of Dante to that of Erasmus and More; consideration of the ideas of "rebirth" and "reform" as they affected religion, philosophy, learning, and the arts. Ms. Bisaha.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 229b. History of India

(1)

This course looks at Indian history from antiquity to the twentieth century. Among the topics covered are the changing nature of Hinduism, the evolution of caste, divisions between Hindus and Muslims, imperialism and Indian nation building. Special attention is given to the Mughal empire, the presence of the British, and the challenges India has faced after independence. Ms. Choudhury.

# 230b. 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.

## [235a. The Two Germanys in a Divided Europe]

(1)

For more than forty years, the division of Germany into a capitalist West and a communist East exemplified the realities of Cold War Europe. This course explores how the two German states developed after 1945, and how unification came about in 1990. Close attention is given to the interaction of geo-politics and national politics, and how those forces impacted social and cultural developments in both states. Ms. Höhn.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [236a. Germany, 1740-1914]

(1)

This course covers the history of the German lands from 1740 to the eve 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; Wilhelmine "Weltpolitik." Ms. Höhn.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [237b. Germany, 1890-1990]

(1)

This course covers German History from 1890 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 2001/02.

## [238a. France, 1815-1940]

(1)

French history from the fall of Napoleon through the crisis at the turn of the twentieth century represented by the Dreyfus Affair to the end of the Third Republic. In addition to more traditional political, military, and diplomatic topics, social and cultural themes are examined. Mr. Schalk.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [239b. Collapse of Empire and Rebirth of a Nation, France Since 1940] (1)

French history from the "Strange Defeat" of May-June 1940 to the "Strange Victory" of François Mitterrand and the Socialist Party in May-June 1981, and beyond. Special attention is paid to the extended and painful process of

decolonization, including close study of France's own war in Vietnam, 1946-54, and the "War Without a Name," Algeria, 1954-62. Mr. Schalk.

Not offered in 2001/02.

242a. The Russian Empire, 1552-1917

(1)

(Formerly History 245) 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [248a. Out of the Ghetto]

(1)

(Same as Religion 248) Ms. Moore. Not offered in 2001/02.

[249a. The Jewish Experience in the Twentieth Century]

(1)

(Same as Religion 249) Ms. Moore. Not offered in 2001/02.

251b. A History of American Foreign Relations

(1)

An historical analysis of the foreign relations of the United States, emphasizing the social, economic, and ideological forces involved in the formulation of foreign policy. Major topics include: the City Upon a Hill; manifest destiny; a continental empire; the Open Door; the struggle between isolationism and internationalism; American entry into the World Wars; the origins of the Cold War; the Korean and Viet Nam War; and detente. Mr. Brigham.

#### 254b. Victorian Britain

(1)

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. Through-

out 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.

257a or b. Justice (1)

An attempt to uncover certain realities of contemporary history through a study of great trials. A major theme will be the distinction between moral and legal justice as it resolves into the conflict between Justice and *raison d'etat*. Topics include the Dreyfus Affair, the Sacco-Vanzetti Trial, the Burning of the Reichstag, the Moscow Purge Trials, Nuremberg, the Alger Hiss Trials, the Rosenberg Case, the McCarthy Hearings, Eichmann, the trials of Jack Ruby, the "Chicago Seven," the "Catonsville Nine," Lieutenant William Calley, and others. Mr. Schalk.

[259b. The History of the Family in Early Modern Europe] (1)

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: the Reformation and witchcraft, absolutism and paternal authority, and the increasing importance of the idea of the nuclear family. Ms. Choudhury. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 260b. 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 geographical 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.

## 261a. 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.

[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 2001/02.

# 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.

# 264b. 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.

[271a. Perspectives on the African Past: Africa Before 1800]

(Same as Africana Studies 271) A thematic survey of African civilizations and societies from antiquity 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 2001/02.

[272b. Modern African History]

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 272) 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 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

 $(\mathbf{1})$ 

(Same as Africana Studies 276) 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.

## [277a. The Making of the "American Century": 1890-1945] (1)

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 2001/02.

## 278b. Cold War America: The United States Since 1945 (1)

An examination of the political, social, economic, and cultural changes in the United States since 1945. Major topics include: McCarthyism; suburbanization; the Civil Rights Movements; the Kennedy Years; the war in Viet Nam; the antiwar protest; and the growing nuclear threat. 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

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Permission required.

#### III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 2 units of 200-level work. Specific prerequisites assume the general prerequisite.

300a. Senior Thesis (1 or 2)

#### [315b. The Crusades]

(1)

The Crusades stand as one of the most intriguing, yet misunderstood, phenomena of the medieval period. This course examines the religious and cultural origins of the Crusade movement, campaigns and political developments, and the impact of the Crusades on relations between Christians and Muslims. This course primarily focuses on the Holy Land, but some time is also devoted to the Spanish Reconquista, the decline of Byzantium, and the rise of the Ottoman Turks. Ms. Bisaha.

Prerequisite: History 215 or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [322b. Maoism and Cultural Revolution]

(1)

Late in life, Mao Zedong launched the Cultural Revolution. The ten years from 1966 to 1976 witnessed social upheaval, mass movements, violence, and persecution. What were the origins of the Cultural Revolution? What did Mao want to accomplish through the Cultural Revolution? How was the Cultural Revolution experienced and how is it remembered? In this seminar, we explore the many facets of the Cultural Revolution and its later interpretation by citizens, scholars, and the state leadership. Primary sources include state documents, Mao's writings, memoirs, fictions, and films. Ms. Jiang.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [323b. Remembrance of War and Modern East Asian Nations]

This seminar looks at the ways World War II is remembered in China, Japan, and Korea, and how the events of the War help define national identities and shape regional politics, as well as international relations in the Pacific Rim, in which the U.S. is deeply involved. The course develops around a few case studies, including the Tokyo trial and the beginning of the Cold War in Asia, the textbook controversy, the tearing down of the colonial building in Korea in the early 1990s, and the controversy around the 1997 bestseller *The Rape of Nanking*. Ms. Jiang.

Not offered in 2001/02.

[331a. Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe]

This course examines the history of European women from 1500 to 1789. We look at the life cycles of early modern women, taking into account the differences resulting from class, nationality, and ethnicity. In addition to surveying the fabric of European women's lives in this period, we also examine how men regarded women, and how gender relations shaped early modern notions of society and power. Ms. Choudhury.

Not offered in 2001/02.

332a. The Enlightenment

(1)

The Enlightenment was an intellectual movement of great power and scope. Seeking to overhaul society completely, a diverse group of thinkers examined all aspects of human existence, from religion, politics, and science to crime, sex, and art. However, the Enlightenment was much more than merely a philosophical exercise. These thinkers did not just articulate new ideas; they redefined "the intellectual" as an active participant in society. To what extent were their ideas truly revolutionary? To what extent were they successful in effecting change? What legacy did they leave for the architects of the French Revolution and, more generally, the modern era? Ms. Choudhury.

[336b. Americanization in Europe]

(1)

This seminar examines the worldwide phenomenon of "Americanization" as it manifested itself in Europe throughout the twentieth century. The class explores whether the term "Americanization" is a helpful and appropriate one by studying a number of European countries. The first part of the seminar focuses on how Europeans envisioned America in the early decades of the century. We examine how the differing national debates around "America" and "Americanization" can provide insights into a country's path into modernity. The second part of this seminar focuses on the years after World War II when the American influence in Europe became ever more pronounced. The special case of Germany is acknowledged by studying the de-Nazification and democratization efforts of the American military government. We also explore the American predominance in popular culture and its effect on European youth culture in both Eastern and Western Europe. Ms. Höhn.

Not offered in 2001/02.

[337b. 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: one of the following: History 236, 237; or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

343a. 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, 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.

#### [351a. 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 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.

## 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.

# [363a. Revolution and Conflict in Twentieth-Century Latin America] (1) (Formerly 386) (Same as Latin American 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: by special permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 366a. Studies in Native American History

(1)

The Indian response to the invasion of America, focusing on the native peoples east of the Mississippi River prior to their removal during the Jacksonian era. Topics include the value of ethnohistorical methods for understanding the Indian experience, the biological and cultural consequences of contact between Old World and New, the development of stable patterns of intercultural relations, and the road to Indian Removal. Mr. Merrell.

## [367b. Peoples and Environments in the American West] (1)

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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 369b. Themes in Twentieth Century Urban History: Social Reform and the Evolution of the Welfare State

**(1)** 

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.

## [373b. Slavery and Abolition in Africa]

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 373) 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. Not offered in 2001/02.

# [374b. The African Diaspora and the Making of the Pan-African Movement, 1900-2000]

(1)

(Same as African Studies 374) 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 the development of the movement. Readings include the ideas and works of Edward Blyden, Alexander Crummell, W.E.B. Du Bois, Marcus Garvey, Amy Garvey, C.L.R. James, and Kwame Nkrumah. Mr. Rashid.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 377a. Rebels, Traitors, and Heretics: European Intellectuals in Their World, 1800-1900 (1)

The organizing idea for History 377 is the concept of the *mal du siècle*, brilliantly articulated by the romantics. A variety of cures offered by such intellectuals as Marx, Flaubert, and Nietzsche are examined. Mr. Schalk.

Prerequisite: standard department prerequisite or by permission of instructor.

# 378b. Rebels, Traitors, and Heretics: European Intellectuals in Their World Since 1900 (1)

Among the topics studied are intellectual generations, the psychoanalytic and existentialist movements, and periodic waves of engagement when intellectuals have descended from their ivory towers into the world of political and social actuality. Mr. Schalk.

Prerequisite: standard department prerequisite or by permission of instructor.

# [385a. Europe's Outcasts: Outlaws, Heretics, and "Deviants," (1) c. 1050-1550]

This course examines what it meant to be "on the fringes" in medieval and Renaissance Europe. Once generally ignored by historians of this period, women, Jews, Muslims, "barbarians," prostitutes, gays, heretics, and criminals have become

the object of many insightful studies. The overall goal of the course is to provide an understanding of the ways in which these marginal groups survived and even thrived in a seemingly intolerant society. Also, how did marginalized groups perceive their position, and how were they perceived by the mainstream? Ms. Bisaha.

Not offered in 2001/02.

**399a or b. Senior Independent Work** Permission required.

(½ or 1)

## 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 JYA 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

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

300a-301b. Thesis

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

A thesis written in two semesters for either one or two units. May be taken for a letter grade or as ungraded work.

302a or h. Thesis (1, 2)

A thesis written in one semester for one or two units. May be taken for a letter grade or as ungraded work.

## **Interdepartmental Courses**

## 150a-151b. EMT Training

(1/2)

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.

## **International Studies**

**Director:** David Kennett (Economics); **Steering Committee:** Pinar Batur (Sociology); Robert Brigham (History); Patricia-Pia Celerier (French); Andrew Davison (Political Science); Leah Haus (Political Science); Katherine Hite (Political Science); Maria Höhn (History); Martha Kaplan (Anthropology); David Kennett (Economics); Christopher Kilby (Economics); Alexis Klimoff (Russian Studies); Timothy Longman (Political Science and Africana Studies); Himadeep Muppidi (Political Science); Leslie Offutt (History); Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies); Miki Pohl (History); Stephen Rock (Political Science); Jeffrey Schneider (German Studies); 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. Entry to the Program is limited.

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 must 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, and Geography 105, 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); Geography 222 (Geographic Research Methods); 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 Contem-

porary Issues), Philosophy 234 (Ethics), Philosophy 238 (Social and Political Philosophy), or another approved course.

5) 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 JYA, exchange living or study/travel.

## I. Introductory

## 106b. 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 relavitism, 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. Von der Emde.

## 110a-110b. International Studies Study Trip

**(1)** 

Normally the study trip takes place in the spring semester break. Enrollment for the trip is made early in the first semestser. 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.

Destination 2001/02: The Russian Republic and Kazakhstan.

#### II. Intermediate

## 280-289a or b. Special Studies Courses

**(1)** 

A series of special study courses which will be offered by the program. These courses deal with issues of current interest approached in a multidisciplinary framework. Courses taught have dealt with the history of the Middle East; human rights; women and economic development; the rise and fall of economic superpowers.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

## 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

#### III. Advanced

## 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. The program faculty.

## 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

The program faculty.

## Italian

**Professor:** John Ahern; **Associate Professor:** Rodica Diaconescu-Blumenfeld<sup>b</sup>; **Assistant Professor:** Eugenio Giusti; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Roberta Antognini.

Courses are conducted in Italian, except for 170, 175, 237, 238, 242, 250, 255, 270, 286. Medieval and Renaissance Studies 220, or a course in Linguistics, such as Anthropology 150 or 252, may be counted in the required 10 units.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 10 units including 220, 221, 222, 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 programs in Italy in the Eastern Colleges 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, 221, 222, 260, 265, 270, 301, 330, 331, 337, 338. 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. Analysis of a play by contemporary authors and short fiction in the second semester. The department.

Open to all classes; four 50-minute periods; one hour of drill and one hour of videolab in the Foreign Language Resource Center.

#### 107b. Intensive Elementary Italian

**(2)** 

A single-semester equivalent of Italian 105-106. Ms. Antognini.

Open to all classes; four 75-minute periods; one hour of drill and one hour of aural-oral practice or videolab in the Foreign Language Resource Center.

## 175a. The Italian Renaissance in English Translation

(1)

A survey of the masterworks: Dante's *Vita Nuova*, Petrarch's *Canzoniere*, Boccaccio's *Decameron*, Castiglione's *Book of the Courtier*, Machiavelli's *Mandragola*, and Ariosto's *Orlando Furioso*. Mr. Giusti.

May not be counted towards the Italian major. Satisfies college requirement for a Freshman Course.

## II. Intermediate

## 205a. Intermediate Italian I

(1)

Narration in popular culture, literature, and film. Analysis of folktales by Calvino, short stories by Maraini, Sciascia, Ginzburg, poems by Maraini, Pasolini, and Gabriele Salvatores' film *Turné*. Strong emphasis on effective oral expression. Successful completion of this course provides a suitable background for other 200-level courses. Ms. Antognini, Ms. Blumenfeld.

Two 75-minute periods and one hour of conversation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

## 206b. Intermediate Italian II

(1)

Italy today: the image in the Italian media. Analysis and discussion of the strategies of representation in newspapers (*La Repubblica, Paese Sera*), magazines (*Espresso*), television and radio, advertisements, and cinema. Formal study of grammar. Strong emphasis on effective oral expression. Instructor to be announced.

Two 75-minute periods and one hour of conversation. Prerequisite: Italian 205 or permission of instructor.

## 220b. Italian Civilization: Interpreting the Texts I

(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, Tasso and the Italian epic; Machiavelli, Castiglione, Bembo on politics and ideology; Michelangelo, Leonardo, Cellini on words and images. Mr. Giusti.

Prerequisite: Italian 205 or special permission of instructor.

## [237b], 238a. 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 337-338.

# 242a. Boccaccio's Decameron in Translation: The "Novella" as (1) Microcosm

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 387a.

Two 75-minute meetings.

## 250a. Italian Cinema in English

(1)

For description see Italian 260a.

Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

May not be counted towards the Italian major.

Two 75-minute meetings and one film screening.

## [255a. Four Italian Filmmakers (in English)]

**(1)** 

For description see Italian 265. Ms. Blumenfeld.

No prerequisites. Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

May not be counted towards the Italian major

Two 75-minute meetings and two film screenings.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 260a. Italian Cinema

(1)

Cultural, ideological, and aesthetic issues in the history of Italian cinema from neorealism to contemporary auteurs. Ms. Blumenfeld.

Prerequisite: Italian 205 or the equivalent.

Three 75-minute meetings and one film screening.

## [265a. Four Italian Filmmakers]

(1

Close analysis of the narrative and visual styles of Federico Fellini, Michelangelo Antonioni, Bernardo Bertolucci and Gianni Amelio. Ms. Blumenfeld.

Three 75-minute meetings and two film screenings.

Prerequisite: Italian 205 or the equivalent.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 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. Ms. Antognini.

Two 75-minute meetings.

Prerequisite: Italian 206 or 220 or 221 or 222 or the equivalent

## 290. Field Work (½ or 1)

## 297.01. Reading Course in Boccaccio

297.05. Reading Course in the Modern Italian Novel

(1/2)

The department.

## 297.02. Reading Course in Verga

(1/2)

The department.

## 297.03. Reading Course in Svevo

(1/2)

The department.

## 297.04. Reading Course in Pirandello

(1/2)

The department.

## The department.

(1/2)

## 298. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

## III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all advanced courses: 2 units at the 200-level or by permission.

## 300a. 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 2001/02: Because autobiography is equally a work of art and of life it is also a unique literary form. To close readers it offers a complex set of interpretive problems. We examine how different autobiographers at different times have confronted the various issues raised by telling their own stories. Analyzed texts include selections from Dante's *Vita Nuova*, Petrarch's *Epistles*, Cellini's *Vita*, Lorenzo Da Ponte's *Memorie*, Silvio Pellico's *Le mie prigioni*, Neera's *Una giovinezza del XIX secolo*, Grazia Deledda's *Cosima*, and Sibilla Aleramo's *Una donna*. Ms. Antognini.

Prerequisites: Italian 220 or the equivalent.

## 330b. The Italian Renaissance Epic, Fiction, Letters, Memoirs

(1)

A study of Italian literature and civilization. Texts include Boccaccio's *Decameron*, selections from the epic poems of Pulci and Boiardo, Arisoto's *Orlando furioso*, Tasso's *Gerusalemme liberata*, selected novelle by Bandello and Firenzuola, Aretino (theater), Vespucci's letters to Lorenzo de' Medici, Cellini's *Vita* and Vasari's Le *vite*. Mr. Giusti.

Prerequisites: Italian 220 or the equivalent.

# [331a. The Italian Renaissance: Poetry, Theater, Politics, and Ideology] (1) 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 221 or 222 or the equivalent. Not offered in 2001/02.

## [337b.], 338a. 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. Students in this course attend the same lectures as in Italian 237, 238, but do the reading in the original, attend a separate discussion class, and take separate exams. Mr. Ahern.

# [342a. Giovanni Boccaccio's Decameron: The "Novella" as a (1) Microcosm]

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 the equivalent.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 382a. Dacia Maraini: scrivere dalla parte delle donne

(1)

In this course we examine the complex literary production of contemporary Italian writer Dacia Maraini. We explore the relation of feminism to other radical political movements, the transformations and new freedoms of contemporary Italian women, the de-ideologization of feminism, and the intersection of feminist analysis with the analysis of class. Texts may include: *Dialogo di una prostituta con il suo cliente, Una donna in guerra, Voci,* as well as various other texts by Maraini (poetry, films, critical essays). Ms. Blumenfeld.

Prerequisite: Italian 220 or the equivalent.

## 399. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Eastern Colleges Consortium 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 will complete two regular university courses at the Università di Bologna, as well as take courses in language and Italian studies offered by the program. The program accepts no more than 45 students from consortium institutions and from other colleges and universities.

## **Japanese**

For curricular offerings, see Asian Studies, page 107.

## **Jewish Studies**

**Director:** Andrew Bush (Hispanic Studies); **Steering Committee:** John Ahern (Italian), Peter Antelyes (English), Susan H. Brisman (English); Marc Michael Epstein (Religion), Rachel Friedman (Classics), Judith L. Goldstein (Anthropology), Luke C. Harris (Political Science), Maria Höhn (History), William Hoynes (Sociology), Deborah Dash Moore (Religion), Tova Weitzman (Religion), Debra Zerfman (Psychology); **Participating Faculty:** Betsy Halpern-Amaru (Religion), Peter Antelyes, Pinar Batur-Vander Lippe (Sociology), Nancy Bisaha (History), Susan H. Brisman, Andrew Bush, Miriam Cohen (History), Andrew Davison (Political Science), Marc Michael Epstein, Rachel Friedman, Judith L. Goldstein, Luke C. Harris, Maria Höhn (History), Lynn LiDonnici (Religion), J. Bertrand Lott (Classics), Marque Miringoff (Sociology), Deborah Dash Moore, MacDonald Moore, David Schalk (History), Tova Weitzman.

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 the study of the creation and reproduction of cultures in Israel, the Diaspora, and multiethnic societies in the ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary world.

Requirements for Concentration: 12 units, including 1) Jewish Studies 101, 201, and 301, 2) 4 units of college-level Hebrew or its equivalent (no more than 4 units of Hebrew may be applied toward the concentration), 3) 2 additional courses on the 300-level, drawn from either Jewish Studies offerings or the list of approved courses (including Hebrew 305), 4) remaining units from courses, drawn from Jewish Studies offerings, approved courses, or Jewish Studies in Comparative Contexts. Students are encouraged to explore complementary courses in a variety of disciplines. After consulting with the director, students should prepare a proposal for the major in Jewish Studies to be approved by the director and the Steering Committee. Students choosing a concentration are encouraged to explore language, literature and texts, religious traditions, history, society, and culture.

No more than 3 units per semester from study away can be counted toward the concentration. Jewish Studies recommends that students interested in the Junior Year Away Program in Israel begin the study of Hebrew in the freshman year.

After declaring a concentration, no required courses may be elected NRO.

**Senior-Year Requirements:** Senior Seminar (Jewish Studies 301). The Senior Thesis or Project (Jewish Studies 300) is optional, but must be elected by students to be considered for Honors in the Program. The thesis or project should reflect the multidisciplinary orientation of the Program. It will be graded Distinction, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory.

Requirements for the Correlate Sequence: 6 units, including Jewish Studies 101, a 300-level seminar in Jewish Studies, and four other courses, only one of which can be Jewish Studies 290 or Jewish Studies in Comparative Contexts. At least two courses at the 300-level are required. Students are urged to complete one year of college-level study in Hebrew or the equivalent. Up to two units of Hebrew may be counted toward the correlate sequence. After consulting with the director, students should prepare a proposal for the correlate sequence in Jewish Studies to be approved by the director and the Steering Committee. Students choosing a correlate sequence are encouraged to explore language, literature and texts, religious traditions, history, society, and culture. The specific shape of a student's program should reflect student interest in a disciplinary field, such as history, literature, anthropology, religion, and should complement concentration requirements. Jewish Studies recommends that students interested in the Junior Year Away Program in Israel begin the study of Hebrew in the freshman year. No more than 2 units from study abroad can be counted toward the correlate sequence.

## **Course Offerings**

## I. Introductory

101. Jewish Identity/Jewish Politics: An Introduction to Jewish Studies (1) Multidisciplinary introduction to the theoretical and methodological bases for the study of the diversity of Jewish culture. Particular emphasis is placed on the role of geography, gender, religious status, race and class in the construction of Jewish identity in interaction with surrounding communities, through the study of primary sources in historical context, religious culture, social life, as well as art and literature produced by and about Jews. Mr. Epstein.

## 110. Jerusalem Above/Jerusalem Below

(1)

Jerusalem has captured the imagination of Jews, Christians and Muslims for the past three millenia. This course explores the city's fascination through 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 an optional study trip to Jerusalem during Spring Break. Mr. Epstein.

## 180. Keywords and Codewords

(1)

After the Second World War several words used primarily with reference to Jewish experiences were drawn into wider debates. Holocaust, ghetto, and diaspora became hot-buttons. Gradually they were taken up as terms of choice for referencing issues central for African Americans and post colonial emigres. We look at the ways in which terms are hitched to our trains of thought; and we examine the freight we ask such "keywords" to haul. We start with books by Raymond Williams and Gary Wills; move on to the movies *Whoopee!* and *Blazing Saddles*; and conclude with essays, religious and political speeches from the 1960's and 1980's. Mr. Moore.

## [183. Ancient Mythologies]

(1)

(Same as Classics 183) Ms. Friedman. Not offered in 2001/02.

## II. Intermediate

## 201. Jewish Textuality: Sources and Subversions

(1)

Jews—male and female, traditional and radical, East and West—have preserved, read, reread and subverted their classical texts in a variety of ways through their various cultural and personal lenses throughout history. This course introduces specific and significant themes in Jewish thought and culture (all of which have practical and political implications today), and traces them from antiquity, through postmodernity, through study of the Hebrew Bible, Talmud, and Midrash, and modern texts drawn from a variety of disciplines. Mr. Bush.

## Prerequisite: Jewish Studies 101 or by permission.

#### 221. Voices from Modern Israel

(1)

(Same as Hebrew 221) An examination of modern and postmodern Hebrew literature in English translation. The course will focus on Israeli voices of men, women, Jews, Arabs, Ashkenazim and Sephardim to investigate such topics as memory, identity, alienation, the "other," community, exile. Authors may include Dalia Ravikovitch, Zelda, Nathan Zach, Yehudah Amichai, A. B. Yehoshua, Amos Oz, David Grossman, Anton Shammas, Savion Liebrecht and Ruth Almog. Ms. Weitzman.

## 280. The Holocaust: Dairies

(1/2)

The Shoah, or Holocaust, the systematic effort by the Nazis to exterminate the Jews of Europe, was documented from the very midst of the experience by some of those who lived through or died in it. This course concentrates on diaries written during the Shoah itself—including accounts in hiding, in the ghettos, and in the excruciating visibility of Nazi Germany itself—grappling with the confusions, reflections and terrors recorded therein. The course consists of a series of lectures, including distinguished guest speakers, and discussion group meetings. Mr. Bush.

290. Field Work (½ or 1)

298. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

## III. Advanced

Prerequisite for all 300-level courses unless otherwise specified: 1 unit at the 200-level or permission of instructor.

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.

#### 301. Senior Seminar in Jewish Studies

(1)

Addressing developments in Jewish Studies, the seminar affords students the opportunity to present their own scholarly work in the field and to place modern Jewish studies in the context of other contemporary intellectual developments. Topics may vary from year to year, but will reflect program issues such as history and memory, cultural contact and conflict, practice and representation. Ms. Goldstein.

Open only to seniors.

Permission required for non-majors.

## 315. Jews, Jewish Identity and the Arts

(1)

This course examines the relationship of Jews with the arts from ancient times through the postmodern period. Topics addressed include the definition of Jewish art and the attitude of Jewish tradition toward art, iconism and aniconism, Jews as artists, Jewish patronage, and Jewish scholarship concerning both Jewish and non-Jewish art. We discuss the role of identity politics in the artistic and art historical world, as well as self-definition, self-presentation and self-hatred among artists, patrons and scholars of art history. Mr. Epstein.

#### [340. Classical Jewish Culture]

(1)

This course considers classical Jewish culture as it existed prior to Emancipation and, in some cases, has endured into the present. Changing yearly topics. Ms. Moore.

Not offered in 2001/02.

350. Confronting Modernity: Critical Utopias in the 1960's

(1)

The agenda of the Camelot years included an explicit search for National Purpose. Briefly the path led through commune movements and idealistic civil engagement. This course examines how a group of mostly marginal Jewish intellectuals was wrestling with utopian and distopian dimensions of community and culture. The class reads material by Herbert Marcuse, a living link between the Germany of Kurt Weill and the U.S.A. of Bob Dylan. We also examine writings by other Brandeis scholars, including Lewis Coser, Maurice Stein, Abraham Maslow, Frank E. Manuel, and Rosabeth Moss Kanter. Mr. Moore.

399a or b. Advanced Inde	pendent Work	(½ or 1)
<b>Approved Courses</b>		
Classics 219	The Roman Empire: From the Julio-Claudian Era through the Fall	(1)
Hebrew 105-106 Hebrew 205a Hebrew 206b Hebrew 298 Hebrew 305a	Elementary Hebrew Continuing Hebrew Continuing Hebrew Independent Work in Hebrew Advanced Hebrew	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
History/Religion 248 History/Religion 249	Out of the Ghetto The Jewish Experience in the Twentieth Century	<ul><li>(1)</li><li>(1)</li></ul>
Religion 225 Religion 245 Religion 255 Religion 320 Religion 346	The Hebrew Bible Religion and Antisemitism Western Mystical Traditions: Kabbalah Studies in Sacred Texts: The Matriarchs and Their Sisters Studies in Jewish Thought and History: Portraits of Biblical Women	(1) (1) (1) (1)
Jewish Studies in Compara	ative Contexts	
American Culture 275	From Melting Pot to Multiculturalism: Race and Ethnicity	(1)
Classics 106	Crosscurrents: History and Culture of the Ancient Mediterranean	(1)
English 326	Studies in Ethnic American Literature	(1)
Hispanic Studies 226	Medieval and Early Modern Spain: Jews, Muslims and Christians in Medieval Spain	(1)
History 237 History 257 History 337 History 369	Germany, 1890-1990 Justice The Rise and Fall of Nazi Germany Themes in Twentieth Century Urban Historical Reform and the Evolution of the Welfare State	(1) (1) (1) ory:
Political Science 237 Political Science 247 Political Science 256 Political Science 375	Law of Race and Gender Antidiscrimination in the United States The Politics of Difference Politics and Conflict in the Middle East The Three Religions of the Book and Political Theory	
Religion 150 Religion 220 Religion 266	Western Religious Traditions Text and Tradition Religion in America	(1) (1) (1)
Sociology 271	Forms of Social Conflict	(1)

		Latin	249
Sociology 272	Genocide and Social Theory		(1)
Sociology 366	Racism and Intellectuals		(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.

May not be counted toward fulfillment of requirements for concentration. Open to all students.

#### 221b. Voices from Modern Israel

(1)

(Same as Jewish Studies 221)

Prerequisite: One 100-level course 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

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

#### III. Advanced Hebrew

## 305a. Advanced Hebrew

(1)

Expansion of language proficiency through intensified study of cultural and literary texts, including poetry, prose, essays, newspapers, films, songs. Extensive discussion of issues related to contemporary Israel. Ms. Weitzman.

Prerequisite: Hebrew 205/206 or equivalent.

## Latin

For curricular offerings, see Classics, page 130.

## **Latin American Studies**

**Participating Faculty:** Michael Aronna (Hispanic Studies), Daniel Chávez (Hispanic Studies), Colleen Cohen (Anthropology), John Cross (Sociology), Brian Godfrey (Geography), Mihai Grünfeld (Hispanic Studies), Katherine Hite (Political Science), Lucy Lewis Johnson (Anthropology), Leslie Offutt (History), Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies).

The Latin American Studies Program provides a multidisciplinary approach to the study of the history, geography, politics, economics, cultures, and literatures of the vast, diverse, and increasingly influential world region of Latin America.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 12 units, including Latin American Studies 105, work above the introductory level in at least three departments and a competency in Spanish or Portuguese through the third-year level (Hispanic Studies 217 or Portuguese 310-311, or their equivalent). Maximum of 6 units of language instruction may count toward the concentration, not including intermediate- and advanced-level literature courses. Students are required to take two of the three 200-level Latin American history courses (History 262, 263, 264). In the senior year, each student must write a multidisciplinary thesis under the codirection of two thesis advisors, one of whom must be drawn from the participating faculty. In fulfillment of the program, each student should elect 12 units from the following list, according to these guidelines: no more than 2 units at the 100-level; and at least 3 units at the 300-level, including a 1-unit graded senior thesis, the Latin American Studies Program senior seminar, and a seminar by an instructor other than the one responsible for the senior seminar. Students interested in Latin American Studies are encouraged to consult with the director or participating faculty members as early as possible to discuss their program of study. Some study in Latin America (either during summers or the junior year) is strongly recommended for all Latin American Studies majors.

Requirements for the Correlate Sequence: 6 units, including Latin American 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 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. Ungraded work done in Latin America 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 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 which 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 can be "double counted" for a major and a correlate sequence.

For descriptions and timing of the courses in the listing below, please consult not only department listings in this catalogue, but also an updated *Schedule of Classes*. Additional courses may be approved for the major upon petition to program faculty.

## **Course Offerings:**

## 105. Introduction to Latin American Studies

(1)

An introduction to the basic concepts, theories, and methodologies necessary for the multidisciplinary study of Latin American societies. The focus of the course varies from year to year according to the topic selected by the instructor.

Topic for 2001a: Resistance and Struggle in Latin America. Ms. Offutt.

		Latin American Studies	231
<b>282b. Cities and</b> (Same as Sociolo		ion in Latin America	(1)
286a. Drugs and	l U.S. Polic	e <b>y in Latin America</b> d Urban Studies 286a)	(1)
<b>Reading Cours</b>	es		
297.01.		al Narrative	(1/2)
297.02.	Indigenous		$\binom{1}{2}$
297.03.	Chronicles	s of the Conquest	(1/2)
297.04.	Latino Wr		(1/2)
297.05.	Socio-Poli	tical Thought in Latin America	(1/2)
297.06.		erican Cinema	(1/2)
297.07.		cs of Regional Integration	$\binom{1}{2}$
297.08.		Religions of the Caribbean and merican	(1/2)
297.09.	The Legac	ry of the Plantation in Caribbean and merican Literature	(1/2)
297.10.		of the Amazon	(1/2)
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Liberation Movements

(1)

# **Mathematics**

**Professors:** John Feroe, John McCleary (Chair), Peter C. Pappas, Charles I. Steinhorn; **Associate Professor:** Benjamin A. Lotto; **Assistant Professors:** Jason Cantarella, Heather Johnston; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Natalie Priebe; **Adjunct Instructor:** Doris Haas\*

**Requirements for Concentration:** Mathematics 121/122 (or 125 or permission of the department to enroll in 221), 9½ units above the 100-level including Mathematics 221/222, 301, 321, 361, and two other units at the 300-level. Reading courses are not counted among the required units. 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, 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 Mathematics 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 221/222 and 1 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.

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

 $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ 

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

<sup>\*</sup> Part time.

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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 ½ 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/102a.

#### 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 those who have had Mathematics 121 or its equivalent.

Does not serve as a prerequisite for Mathematics 122, 125, or 200-level mathematics courses.

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.

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.

Not open to those who have had Mathematics 101.

Prerequisite: a minimum of three years of high school mathematics, preferably including trigonometry.

Three 50-minute periods; one 50-minute problem session.

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; one 50-minute problem session.

180a. 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.

#### II. Intermediate

Prerequisite for all intermediate courses: Mathematics 122, 125 or equivalent, 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.

# 228b. 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 241a or b. 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 or b. Introduction to Number Theory

(1)

Topics include: divisibility, congruence, modular arithmetic, diophantine equations, number-theoretic functions, distribution of the prime numbers. The department.

#### 263a or b. 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.

290. Field Work (½ or 1)

# **Reading Courses**

Prerequisite: Mathematics 221 or equivalent, and permission of instructor.

#### 297.01. Topics in Mathematics

(1/2)

#### 298. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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 whose major is mathematics.

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 2001/02.

[328b. Theory of Differential Equations]

(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 2001/02.

[335a or b. Topics in Differential Geometry and Topology]

(1)

Aspects of the elementary geometry and topology of differentiable manifolds. Topics vary from year to year. The department.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 321.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

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 2001/02.

[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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 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.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

#### 351a. Foundations of Mathematics

(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. Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

# 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 2001/02.

# [380a or b. Topics in Advanced Mathematics]

(1)

Advanced study in an area of mathematics. The department. Not offered in 2001/02.

# 399. Senior Independent Work

(½ or 1)

Election requires the approval of a departmental adviser and of the instructor who supervises the work.

# Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Coordinator: Karen Robertson (English and Women's Studies); Steering Committee: Nicholas Adams, Peter Huenink (Art), J. Bertrand Lott (Classics), Mark Amodio, Leslie Dunn, Don Foster, Katherine Little (English), Nancy Bisaha, Mita Choudhury (History), Christine Reno (French), John Ahern (Italian), Marc Epstein (Religion); Participating Faculty. Susan D. Kuretsky, Jacqueline Musacchio (Art); Robert D. Brown (Classics); Robert DeMaria, Eamon Grennan, Ann Imbrie, James P. Saeger (English); Patricia Kenworthy (Hispanic Studies); Eugenio Giusti (Italian); Brian Mann (Music); Mitchell Miller (Philosophy); Betsy H. Amaru, Lynn R. 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 from the approved list. Three 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.

**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 200-level work in a language. 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.

In order to gain an understanding of the political, philosophical, and religious developments of the period, students should take some of the following courses: History 116, History 123, History 215, History 225, Philosophy 101, Political Science 170, Religion 150.

**Correlate Sequence in Medieval and Renaissance Studies:** 6 graded units from the list of approved courses are required, including Medieval and Renaissance Studies 220 or History 215 or History 225; Art 220 or the equivalent; and English 220 or English 230-231 or the equivalent 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**

# **Approved Courses**

Art and Music		
Art 220a.	Romanesque and Gothic Architecture	(1)
[Art 221b.	The Sacred Arts of the Middle Ages] Not offered in 2001/02.	(1)
Art 230a.	Northern Renaissance Painting	(1)
Art 235a.	Renaissance Painting, Sculpture and Decorative Arts in Italy	(1)
Art 236b.	Sixteenth Century Painting, Sculpture and Decorative Arts in Italy	(1)
Art 270a.	Renaissance Architecture	(1)
Art 271b.	Early Modern Architecture	(1)
[Art 320b.	Seminar in Medieval Art] Not offered in 2001/02.	(1)
Art 331a.	Seminar in Northern Art	(1)
Art 332b.	Seminar in Italian Renaissance Art Topic for 2001/02: <i>Domestic Art and Ritual in</i> <i>Renaissance Italy</i>	(1)
[Music 232a.	Studies in Music of the Medieval/Renaissance Period] Not offered in 2001/02.	(1)
History, Philosopl	hy, Religion	
Classics 218b.	Republican Rome: From the Foundation through the Age of Augustus	(1)
Classics 219b.	The Roman Empire: From the Julio-Claudian Era Through the Fall	(1)
History 215b.	The High Middle Ages c. 950-1300	(1)
[History 225a.	Renaissance Europe c.1300–c.1525]	(1)
·	Not offered in 2001/02.	
[History 315b.	Crusades] Not offered in 2001/02.	(1)
[History 331a.	Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe] Not offered in 2001/02.	(1)
Religion 220a.	Text and Tradition	(1)
Religion 225.	The Hebrew Bible	(1)
Religion 227.	The New Testament and Early	(1)
Religion 243.	Christianity Islamic Traditions	(1) (1)
Religion 320.	Studies in Sacred Texts	(1)
Religion 346.	Topic for 2001/02: <i>Gnostic Literature</i> Studies in Jewish Thought and History	(1)

Language and Literature				
Africana Studies 203a.	The Origins and Development of Islamic Literature	(1)		
Classics 300a.	Seminar in Classical Civilization Topic for 2001/02: Ancient Money: Greek and Roman Coins in the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center	(1)		
English 220-221.	British Literature through the	(1)		
English 235.	Eighteenth Century Old English	(1)		
English 236.	Beowulf	(1) (1)		
English 237.	Chaucer	(1)		
English 238.	Middle English Literature	(1)		
English 239.	Renaissance Drama	(1)		
English 240.	Shakespeare	(1)		
English 241-42.	Shakespeare	(1)		
English 340.	Studies in Medieval Literature Topic for 2001/02: Medieval Drama: Signs, Ritual, Performance	(1)		
English 341.	Studies in Renaissance Literature Topic for 2001/02: Performance of Power	(1)		
English 342.	Women in the Renaissance	(1)		
English 345.	Milton	(1)		
English 380.	Oral Theory: From the Spoken Word to the Written Text	(1)		
French 230.	Medieval and Early Modern Times	(1)		
[French 332.	Literature and Society in Pre-Revolutionary France] Not offered in 2001/02.	(1)		
Hispanic Studies 226a.	Medieval and Early Modern Spain Topic for 2001/02: <b>Desire and Despair in</b> <b>Early Modern Spain</b>	(1)		
Italian 175a.	The Italian Renaissance in English Translation	(1)		
Italian 220b.	Italian Civilization: Interpreting the Texts	(1) (1)		
Italian 237b., 238a.	Dante's Divine Comedy in Translation	(1)		
Italian 242.	Boccaccio's <b>Decameron</b> in Translation: The			
	"Novella" as Microcosm	(1)		
Italian 330b.	The Italian Renaissance: Epic, Fiction, Letterss, Memoirs	(1)		
[Italian 331a.	The Italian Renaissance: Poetry, Theatre, Politics, and Ideology] Not offered in 2001/02.	(1)		
Italian 337b, 338a.	Dante's Divine Comedy	(1)		
Latin 105a-106b.	Elementary Latin	(1)		
Latin 215a.	Republican Literature	(1)		
Latin 220b.	Literature of the Empire	(1)		
Latin 301b.	Topics in Latin Literature	(1)		
Latin 302a.	Vergil	(1)		
Latin 303a. Latin 304a.	Tacitus Roman Lyric and Elegy	(1) (1)		
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# Music

**Professors:** Todd Crow (Chair), Annea Lockwood<sup>ab</sup>, Blanca Uribe, Richard Wilson<sup>b</sup>; **Associate Professor:** Brian Mann<sup>a</sup>; **Assistant Professor:** Michael Pisani<sup>a</sup>; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Charles Kamm; **Adjunct Instructor:** Judith Casselberry\*; **Lecturers:** Charles Barbour\*, Cheryl Bishkoff\*, Ronald Carbone\*, Arthur D. Champlin III\*, Merellyn Gallagher\*, Luis Garcia-Renart\*, Larry Guy\*, Betty-Jean Hagen\*, Karen Holvik\*, Kathryn Libin\*, Dana McCurdy\*, Drew Minter\*, Eduardo Navega\*, James R. Osborn\*, Robert Osborne\*, Linda Quan\*, Maria Rivera-White\*, Rebecca Rosenbaum\*, Thomas Sauer, John Solum\*, Viviane Thomas\*, Huguette van Ackere\*.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 13 units of graded work, including Music 105/106, 146/147, 205, 206, 207, 208; one of the following: Music 210, 211; two of the following: Music 232, 234, 236; 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 1½ 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.

**Requirements for Alternative Concentration in Performance:** 13 units of graded work, including Music 105/106, 146/147, 205, 206, 207, 208; one of the following: 210, 211; two of the following: Music 232, 234, 236; ½ unit of ensemble; 3 units of performance in the same instrument.

Senior-Year Requirements for Alternative Concentration in Performance: A recital (302a or b) and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  units of performance at the 300-level. During the semester of the recital, the private lessons must be for  $\frac{1}{2}$  rather than for 1 unit.

After declaration of major, no work taken NRO may be used to fulfill

requirements for either 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 in the freshman year and 146/147 in the sophomore year. Majors are encouraged to audition for membership in one of the choral or instrumental organizations sponsored by the department.

Correlate Sequence in Music History: 7 units including Music 105/106 (Harmony), 146/147 (Music History); 2 units of the following: Music 232, 234, 236

(Period Courses); and 1 unit of the following: Music 320, 340 (Seminars).

Correlate Sequence in Music Theory: 7 units including Music 105/106 (Harmony, Music 205 (Advanced Harmony), Music 215 (Composition), Music 210, 211 (Counterpoints), and Music 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 Music 140/141 and 4 units of the following: Music 201 (Opera), Music 202 (Black Music), Music 212 (World Musics), Music 213 (American Music), Music 214 (History of Jazz), Music 231 (Women Making Music), Music 238 (Music in Film), and Music 399 (Independent Work for 1 unit).

**Advisers:** The department.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

<sup>\*</sup> Part time.

# 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.

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.

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.

## 140a, 141b. Music as a Literature

(1)

A study of selected topics in the history of Western music. Topics dealt with in recent years include: nineteenth-century Italian and German opera, the development of the symphony, musical responses to World War II, influences of the Middle East in Western music, and the depiction of creative musicians in well-known film biographies.

Open to all classes. Previous musical training not required. May not be counted in the requirements for concentration.

Two 75-minute periods with an additional section hour.

# 146a/147b. The History of Western Music

(1)

An introduction to the history of Western music from the Middle Ages to the present for those who can read music and are familiar with musical terminology. Open to all classes.

Three 50-minute periods with an additional section hour.

# II. Intermediate

# [201a. Opera]

(1)

Changing approaches to the drama in music from 1600 to the present.

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 2001/02.

#### 202a and b. 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 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.

#### 205b. Advanced Harmony

(1)

A continuation of Music 105/106, using more complex harmonic resources and analyzing more extended works.

Prerequisite: Music 105/106 or by permission.

206a. Basic Musicianship I

(1/2)

Class exercises in ear training, sight singing, dictation, rhythm, clef reading, and elementary conducting.

Prerequisite: Music 105/106 or by permission.

207b. Basic Musicianship II

(1/2)

A continuation of Music 206 with the addition of such keyboard skills as figured bass realization, improvised accompaniment, and score reading.

Prerequisite: Music 206.

208a. Basic Musicianship III

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

A continuation of Music 207, developing aural and keyboard skills to a high degree of proficiency.

Prerequisite: Music 207.

210a. Modal Counterpoint

(1)

A study, through analysis and written exercises, of contrapuntal techniques of the sixteenth century.

Prerequisite: Music 105/106 or by permission of instructor.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

[211a. Tonal Counterpoint]

(1)

A study, through analysis and written exercises, of contrapuntal techniques of the eighteenth century.

Prerequisite: Music 105/106 or by permission of instructor.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

212. World Musics

(1)

(Same as Anthropology 212) Studies in non-European musical cultures.

Prerequisite: I unit in one of the following: anthropology, Asian Studies, music, religion, or by permission of instructor.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

[213b. American Music]

(1)

The study of folk, popular, and art music in American life from 1700 to the present and their relationship to other facets of America's historical development and cultural growth.

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 2001/02.

214. 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.

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 2001/02.

215a/216b. Composition I

(1)

Creative work in twentieth-century idioms. Analysis of selected works; study of instrumental resources.

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 315/316 in the junior year.

#### 219a/220b. Electronic Music

(1)

A practical exploration of electronic music, composition, and production techniques, inluding tape recording and manipulation, analog synthesis, MIDI sequencing, digital synthesis, sampling, digital recording and editing, signal processing and mixing. Compositional and creative aspects will be emphasized with extensive lab time provided for student projects.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

### [231b. Women Making Music]

(1)

(Same as Women's Studies 231b) 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 musics created by women, both past and present. It explores such issues as opportunity for public performance, and access to training, production and distribution channels.

Prerequisite: one unit in music, or women's studies, or by permission of instructor.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

# [232a. Studies in Music of the Medieval/Renaissance Periods]

(1)

There are two options for this course: topics in the musical style of the Middle Ages (monophonic and polyphonic genres to 1450) or in the styles of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries (Latin and vernacular forms). May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Prerequisites: Music 146/147 or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 234a. Studies in Music of the Baroque/Classical Periods

(1)

There are two options for this course: topics in music from 1600 to 1750 (the Italian *stile moderno* and its dissemination) or in the music of the early eighteenth century through the early nineteenth century (Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven). May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Topic for 2001/02: Baroque.

Prerequisites: Music 146/147 or by permission of instructor.

#### 236b. Studies in Music of the Nineteenth/Twentieth Centuries

(1)

There are two options for this course: topics in the musical style of the nineteenth century or from the late nineteenth century to the present. May be repeated for credit if the topic has changed.

Topic in 2001/02: Twentieth Century.

Prerequisites: Music 146/147 or by permission of instructor.

#### 238b. Music in Film

(1)

(Same as Film 238b) A study of music in the cinema from 1895 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 range from Prokofiev, Copland and Walton—known best for their non-film scores—to Tiomkin, Rozsa, Steiner and Herrmann—specialists in the field. Contemporary figures like John Williams and Danny Elfman are considered.

Prerequisites: one course in music (not performance) or film.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

#### 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Special projects in theory, history, or performance which supplement the curriculum.

Open to qualified students with permission of department.

### III. Advanced

# 302a or b. Senior Project

(1/2)

A paper, composition, or recital. Proposals for the project must 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.

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.

# 320b. Seminar (1)

Seminar concentrating on the work of one composer.

Prerequisites: Music 105/106; 146/147; any two of the following: Music 232, 234, 236; or by permission of instructor

# [340a. Advanced Studies in the History of Music]

**(1)** 

An analysis of selected compositions from various periods of music history. Prerequisites: Music 105/106; 146/147; any two of the following: Music 232, 234, 236; or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 381b. The Decadent Imagination at the Fin de Siècle

(1)

(Same as College Course 381b.)

# 399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Special projects in theory, history, or performance which 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.

Correlative courses in theory or history (see Individual Instruction below) should be begun as early as possible, but no later than the third semester of credited

study.

Enrollment is limited in each area of instruction. 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:

Piano (060, 160, 260, 360): Mr. Crow, Ms. Rivera-White, Mr. Sauer, Miss Uribe. Organ (061,161, 261, 361): Mrs. Gallagher.

Harpsichord (062, 162, 262, 362): Mrs. Gallagher.

Voice (063, 163, 263, 363): Ms. Holvik, Mr. Minter, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Rosales, Ms. Thomas.

Violin (064, 164, 264, 364): Ms. Hagen, Ms. Quan.

Viola (065, 165, 265, 365): Mr. Carbone.

Violoncello (066, 166, 266, 366): Mr. Garcia-Renart, Ms. Seligman.

Double Bass (067, 167, 267, 367): Mr. Pappas.

Classical Guitar (068, 168, 268, 368): Mr. Champlin. Harp (069, 169, 269, 369): Mr. Owens.

Flute (070, 170, 270, 370): Mr. Solum.

Oboe (071, 171, 271, 371): Ms. Bishkoff.

Clarinet (072, 172, 272, 372): Mr. Guy.

Bassoon (073, 173, 273, 373): Ms. Romano.

French Horn (074, 174, 274, 374): Mr. Karr. Trumpet (075, 175, 275, 375): Mr. Osborn.

Trombone (076, 176, 276, 376): Mr. Bellino.

Tuba (077, 177, 277, 377): Instructor to be announced. Percussion (078, 178, 278, 378): Mr. Barbour.

Other Instruments (079, 179, 279, 379): Instructor to be announced.

Note: Performance levels are described under numbers 000, 100, 200, 300. Credited instruction in piano, for example, should be elected as 160; whereas uncredited study should be elected as 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.

#### Individual Instruction

# 000a. b. Performance

Uncredited lessons.

Open to all classes by audition.

One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

#### 100a, b. Performance

(1/2)

(0)

Open to all students who have passed the audition or upon recommendation of the

A corequisite course in theory or history is strongly recommended.

One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

#### 200a, b. Performance

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

Prerequisite: two semesters of credited study in this instrument. Corequisite: one course per semester in theory or history is required unless two such courses have previously been completed.

One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

# 300a, b. Performance

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Prerequisite: four semesters of credited study in this instrument.

One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

Full unit available only for the alternate concentration in performance.

#### 380a. b. Performance

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Prerequisite: six semesters of credited study in this instrument. One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

#### Ensembles

In the following five ensembles (jazz ensemble, orchestra, choir, 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 (the 150 series) must register for the uncredited prerequisite (the 050 series) in the first semester. No student may exceed 2 units of 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. May be counted in performance requirements for concentration in music only as specified under Alternative Concentration in Performance.

#### 050a, 051b, 151b. Jazz Ensemble

 $(0 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2})$ 

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. One meeting per week.

# 052a, 053, 153. Orchestra

 $(0 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2})$ 

The 50-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

 $(0 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2})$ 

The Women's Chorus is an ensemble of 30-50 women that studies and performs repertoire from the medieval period to the present. The ensemble presents concerts on campus, and occasionally travels to perform with other choirs.

Open to all students by audition. Ms. Rosenbaum.

Two 2-hour meetings per weeki.

# 056a, 057b, 157b. Choir

 $(0 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2})$ 

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. Mr. Kamm.

Open to all students by audition.

Two 2-hour meetings per week.

# 058a, 059b, 159b. Madrigal Singers

 $(0 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2})$ 

The Madrigal Singers is a select mixed ensemble of between 10 and 20 voices which studies and performs literature for solo and chamber vocal ensemble. Mr. Kamm.

Two 2-hour meetings per week.

#### 251a, b. Chamber Music

(1/2)

The study and performance of selected works from the ensemble repertoire of instrumental or vocal mediums or their combinations. Mr. Garcia-Renart.

Open to qualified students with the permission of the instructor. No student may exceed 2 units of this credit in his or her four years at Vassar. May be counted in performance requirements for concentration in music only as specified under the alternative concentration in performance. No fee.

One 50-minute period. Unscheduled.

#### 254a or b. Opera Workshop

(1/2)

The study and performance of selected operatic repertoire. Open to qualified students by audition.

No student may exceed 2 units of this credit in his or her four years at Vassar. May be counted in performance requirements for concentration in music only as ensemble credit specified under alternative concentration in performance.

# **Philosophy**

**Professors:** Jennifer Church, Jesse Kalin, Michael H. McCarthy<sup>b</sup>, Mitchell Miller, Michael E. Murray; **Associate Professors:** Giovanna Borradori<sup>ab</sup>, Uma Narayan, Douglas Winblad (Chair); **Assistant Professors:** Herman Cappelen<sup>a</sup>, Bryan Van Norden.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 12 units including Philosophy 101, 102, 125, two of the following four: Philosophy 220, 222, 224, 226, either 234 or 238, 300-301, and three differently numbered 300-level seminars.

**Senior-Year Requirement:** Philosophy 300-301

**Recommendations:** Individual programs should be designed, in consultation with a faculty adviser, 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 and 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 five 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.

- 1) Correlate Sequence in Analytic Philosophy: Philosophy 125 and either 105 or 102; 2 units of Philosophy 220, 222, 224, or 226; two appropriate 300-level seminars, including Philosophy 310. Advisers: Ms. Church, Mr. Cappelen, Mr. Winblad.
- **2)** 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.

**3)** 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, Mr. Murray.

**4)** Correlate Sequence in Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy: 1 unit at the introductory level, either Philosophy 106 or 101 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: Mr. Kalin, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Narayan.

**5)** Correlate Sequence in the History of Western Philosophy: Philosophy 101 and 102; Philosophy 205 and 215; two appropriate 300-level seminars,

including Philosophy 320. Advisers: Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Miller.

Correlate sequences may also be designed for certain other subfields in philosophy—for instance: aesthetics, 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 I**Philosophy from its origins in Greece to the Middle Ages. Ms. Borradori, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Murray.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

# 102b. History of Western Philosophy II

**(1)** 

Modern philosophy from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance through Kant. Mr. Miller, Mr. Murray.

# 105a, b. Problems of Philosophy

(1)

An examination of various philosophical problems, such as the nature of reality, the limits of human knowledge, the relation between mind and body, and the basis of moral values. Ms. Church, Mr. Cappelen.

#### 106a, b. Philosophy and Contemporary Issues

(1)

Philosophic investigation of a range of positions on current issues such as abortion, pornography, affirmative action, gay rights, the moral use of force, animal rights, technology, civil disobedience, and freedom of speech. Mr. Kalin.

# 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 human conventions and institutions in human life. Mr. Van Norden.

#### 125b. 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.

#### II. Intermediate

Prerequisite for all 200-level courses unless otherwise specified: 1 unit of philosophy or permission of instructor.

#### 205b. 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. Also, 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 you have the ability to tackle subtle issues in metaphysics, personal identity, and ethics. Mr. Van Norden.

#### 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.

#### 220a. Metaphysics and Epistemology

(1)

A study of fundamental questions pertaining to the nature of reality and our knowledge of it, with special attention to realism, relativism, and skepticism. 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. Cappelen.

224a. Philosophy of Mind

**(1)** 

An exploration of what sort of thing the mind is, what is special about first person knowledge, what constitutes consciousness, and why consciousness matters. Ms. Church.

[226b. Philosophy of Science]

(1)

A study of the principles of scientific reasoning. Topics include explanation, justification, scientific rationality, realism versus instrumentalism, and laws. Not offered in 2001/02.

234b. Ethics (1)

We focus on ethical objectivism and relativism. Readings include selections from Aquinas, Hume, Kant, and some recent Anglo-American philosophers. Mr. Van Norden.

238a. Social and Political Philosophy

(1)

A philosophical examination of justice, legitimate government, authority and power, political liberty, civil equality, individual rights, and the merits and limitations of democracy. Mr. McCarthy.

240a. 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.

[260. 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 arts are studied.

Not offered in 2001/02.

280b. The Philosophy of Psychoanalysis

(1)

An exploration of philosophical issues raised by the theory and practice of psychoanalysis, from Freud to the present. Topics include: competing definitions of the Unconscious, the formation of a self—including gender and sexual preference, the conflict between desire and morality, and the role of fantasy. Ms. Church.

281b. Queer Theory: Choreographies of Sex and Gender

This course examines contemporary theoretical work on the meaning of gender and sexuality with special reference to gay and lesbian studies. We will consider such questions as the identity and multiplication of gender and sexes, the forms of erotic desire, the performativity of gender norms, the role of biological determination, forms of life, marriage, and their relations to medical, psychiatric, legal, and criminological discourses. Readings from Michel Foucault, Judith Butler, David Halperin, Edward Stein, Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, Andrew Sullivan, and others. Mr. Murray.

# 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

The department.

# 296a or b. Translation of Philosophical Texts

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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.

# 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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

(1/2)

The development of an extended philosophical essay in consultation with a faculty adviser.

#### 302. Senior Thesis

(1)

By special permission only.

# 310a. Seminar in Analytic Philosophy: The Limits of Thought

(1)

An examination of whether, and in what sense, there may be limits to what can be said or thought. Mr. Winblad.

# 320b. Seminar in the History of Philosophy: Plato

**(1)** 

An intensive reading of selected Platonic texts with special attention to the provocative function of dialogue form. Topics to be explored include: friendship and eros; participation, forms, and the Good; the interplay of unity, limit, and continuum in various orders of soul, community, and cosmos. Mr. Miller.

# 330a. Seminar in Ethics and Theory of Value: Human Liberty

The Western understanding of human liberty before and after the French Revolution. Different conceptions of liberty, ancient and modern, public and private, positive and negative are carefully examined. The modern ideal of liberty as personal autocracy receives special attention. Mr. McCarthy.

# 340b. Seminar on Continental Philosophy: The Ethics and Politics of Deconstruction—from Heidegger to Derrida (1)

A critical exploration of deconstruction in its ethical and political significance. The seminar begins with selections from Heidegger's *Being and Time*, "The Self Assertion of the German University," *An Introduction to Metaphysics*, and the "Letter on Humanism," and then focuses on texts by Derrida on justice, constitutions, friendship, racism and fascism, and his responses to Heidegger. Mr. Murray.

## 350b. Seminar: Confucianism

(1)

Much important and exciting philosophical work has been done recently on Confucianism. Readings include the texts of Confucius, Mencius, and Hsun Tzu (in translation), but the focus is on introducing the student to the contemporary debates over the meaning of these works, as conducted in recent secondary literature. Having previously taken Philosophy 110 is useful, but not required. Mr. Van Norden.

#### 381a. Art, Mind, and Morality

(1)

An exploration of how certain issues in philosophy of mind and ethics are treated in the arts, especially literature, music, and film. Broad themes include the relation of aesthetic experience to moral experience, the role of forms of "neutrality"

(aesthetic distance or detachment, moral impartiality) in each, the role of imagination, how the arts constitute persons, what it means for a person or art work to be expressive, the relation of performances to an underlying original, and whether art can provide knowledge. Considerable time is given to individual art works at each class session, including at least one opera, a series of piano pieces, a Shakespeare play, a novel, a screwball comedy, and a Terrence Malick film. Readings include texts by Stanley Cavell, Richard Wollheim, Martha Nussbaum, as well as Kant, Heidegger, and Henry James. Ms. Church, Mr. Kalin.

**399a or b. Senior Independent Work.** The department.

(½ or 1)

# **Physical Education and Dance**

**Professors:** Kathy Campbell, Jeanne Periolat Czula (Director of Dance), Roman Czula (Chair), Andrew Jennings (Athletic Director); **Assistant Professors:** Andy Barlow, Judy Finerghty, Jonathan Penn, Lisl Prater-Lee, Stephen Rooks<sup>ab</sup>, Richard Sipperly; **Instructors:** Michael Alton, Jane Parker; **Lecturers:** Tony Brown (Sports Information Director), Steve Buonfiglio (Intramural Director), Mike Dutton (Assistant Athletic Director), Louise McCleary (Associate Athletic Director), Paul Mosley, Chris Parsons (Assistant Athletic Director); **Visiting Instructors:** Abby Saxon\*, Katherine Wildberger\*.

# **Athletic Teams and Head Coaches**

Baseball Men's Basketball Women's Basketball Men's and Women's Cross Country Men's and Women's Fencing Field Hockey Women's Lacrosse Men's Lacrosse Men's and Women's Rowing Men's and Women's Rugby Men's Soccer Women's Soccer Men's and Women's Squash Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Women's Tennis Men's Tennis Men's and Women's Volleyball

Andrew Barlow
Mike Dutton
Steve Buonfiglio
Andrew Barlow
Matt Lampell
Judy Finerghty
Judy Finerghty
Richard Sipperly
Michael Alton
Tony Brown
Chris Parsons
Richard Sipperly
Jane Parker

Lisi Prater-Lee Kathy Campbell Roman Czula Jonathan Penn

Courses are offered by the physical education and dance department for  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit of academic credit with the exception of Physical Education 110, Dance 264, 265, 266, 267, and Physical Education 390, which receive 1 unit.

The maximum amount of credit, exclusive of all dance courses, Physical Education 110 and Physical Education 390, that may be counted toward the degree is 2 units. Most of these courses are offered for ungraded credit for a 13-week term. Exceptions are Physical Education 110 and the following dance courses which may be graded: 264, 265, 266, 267, 364, 365, 366, 367, 394, 395, 396, 397. Course content will include: analysis and practice of techniques for the development of skill; understanding and application of mechanical and aesthetic principles; anatomy and physiology where appropriate. Outside reading and practical work may be required. The department reserves the right to drop a student whose skill level is not appropriate to the class.

A standard of achievement set by the instructor must be met, as well as demonstrated improvement in skill and knowledge of the activity. Regular class participation is essential, as well as completion of all required reading and outside assignments. Advancement to a higher level of the same activity is not automatic: the instructor's recommendation is necessary. Evaluation may take the form of skill testing, written work, and/or examinations.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>\*</sup> Part time.

#### **Dance**

# I. Introductory

# 160a and b. Beginning Ballet

(1/2)

Introduction to the fundamentals of the ballet class; includes the basic exercises for the barre and centre. Ms. Periolat.

# 165a and b. Advanced Beginning Ballet

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

A course 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. Ms. Periolat.

#### 166a and b. Low Intermediate Ballet I

(1/2)

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.

Permission of the instructor.

# 167a and b. Low Intermediate Ballet II

(1/2)

A continuation of the development of steps for centre work. Ms. Periolat. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

# 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.

#### 174a. Beginning Jazz Dance

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

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. 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.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor or Dance 194.

#### 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: Permission of the instructor or Dance 195.

# 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. Mr. Mosley.

One hour lecture, 2-hour lab.

#### 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 (when possible). Ms. Periolat.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

# 265a and b. Intermediate Ballet II

(1)

Further development of the classical ballet syllabus at the intermediate level. Ms. Periolat.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 266a and b. Intermediate Ballet III

(1)

Further development of the classical ballet syllabus at the intermediate level. Ms. Periolat.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 267a and b. Intermediate Ballet IV

(1)

Further development of the classical ballet syllabus at the intermediate level. Ms. Periolat.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

## 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 the final dance combination. Ms. Sayon

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 275b. Intermediate Jazz II

(1/2)

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 20th century. Ms. Saxon.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 290a and b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

To be elected in consultation with the adviser and field work office.

#### 294a and b. Intermediate Modern Dance I

(1/2)

Exercises and phrases continue from Physical Education 196. Material builds in complexity and technical demand. Ms. Wildberger.

Prerequisite: Physical Education 195 or permission of instructor.

# 295a and b. Intermediate Modern Dance II

(1/2)

This class continues to develop on the movement concepts and investigations introduced in Low Intermediate Modem Dance. Modern dance faculty.

Prerequisite: Physical Education 294 or permission of instructor.

# 298a and b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Permission granted by the chair of the department for the study of a topic in depth.

# **Reading Course**

# 297a and b. History of the Dance

(1/2)

Modern dance faculty.

#### III. Advanced

# 364a. Repertory Dance Theatre I

(1/2)

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. Mosley and Ms. Wildberger.

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

# 365b. Repertory Dance Theatre II

(1/2)

Mr. Mosley, Ms. Wildberger.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

# 366a. Repertory Dance Theatre III

(1/2)

Mr. Mosley, Ms. Wildberger.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

# 367b. Repertory Dance Theatre IV

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

Mr. Mosley, Ms. Wildberger.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 394a. Advanced Modern Dance I

(1/2)

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. Mr. Mosley.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

# 395b. Advanced Modern Dance II

(1/2)

Mr. Mosley.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 396a. Advanced Modern Dance III

(1/2)

Mr. Mosley.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 397b. Advanced Modern Dance IV

(1/2)

Mr. Mosley.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

**Extracurricular:** See General Information, p. 22.

# Physical Education

# I. Introductory

# 110. 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. Finerghty.

#### 115a or b. Triathlon Training

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

An introduction tot he 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.

#### 120a or b. Hiking and Backpacking

(1/2)

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. Sipperly.

# 125a and b. Beginning Golf I

(1/2)

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. Sipperly, Mr. Barlow.

# 126a and b. Beginning Golf II

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

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. Sipperly, Mr. Barlow.

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

#### 130a or b. Beginning Badminton

(1/2)

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. Mr. Barlow.

# 135a or b. Flag football

(1/2)

The course is intended to introduce students to the basic concepts, rules, skill and offensive and defensive strategies of flag football. Skills and strategies will be developed and utilized in scrimmage situations. Ms. Finerghty.

#### 140a. Beginning Basketball

(1/2)

This course develops individual skills (ball handling, shooting, passing, rebounding, and defense) as well as offensive and defensive strategies. Ms. Finerghty.

#### 145a. Volleyball Fundamentals

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

This course develops individual skills (passing, setting, spiking, and blocking) as well as offensive and defensive strategies. Mr. Penn.

#### 150a and b. Beginning Swimming I

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

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. Ms. Prater-Lee, Mr. Sipperly.

151a and b. Beginning Swimming II

(1/2)

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. Ms. Prater-Lee, Mr. Sipperly.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

190a and b. Fundamentals of Conditioning

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

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. Mr. Alton, Ms. Finerghty.

191a and b. Beginning Squash I

(1/2)

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

(1/2)

Further development of the basic shots and strategies of the game. Ms. Parker. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

193a and b. Beginning Tennis

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

Introduction of the three basic strokes: forehand, backhand, and serve; rules of the game. Mr. Penn.

#### 196a or b. Low Intermediate Tennis

(1/2)

Continued work on basic strokes and tactics. Ms. Campbell.

# II. Intermediate

#### 225. Intermediate Golf I

(1/2)

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. Mr. Barlow.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 226. Intermediate Golf II

(1/2)

A continuing development and refinement of all aspects of the game. Mr. Barlow. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 230b. Intermediate Badminton

(1/2)

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.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

# 241a or b. Intermediate Basketball

(1/2)

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. Ms. Finerghty.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

#### 245b. Intermediate Volleyball

(1/2)

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

(1/2)

Development of propulsive skill primarily through the use of basic stroke patterns: front and crawls, side and breast strokes. Includes introduction to skin diving. Ms. Prater-Lee.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

251a or b. Intermediate Swimming II

(1/2)

Further development of strokes and skin diving techniques. Ms. Prater-Lee.

Prerequisite: completion of Physical Education 250 and/or permission of instructor.

270a or b. 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.

271a or b. Intermediate Squash II

(1)

Review and further development of advanced strokes and strategies. Ms. Parker.

298. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Permission granted by the chair of the department for the study of a topic in depth.

#### III. Advanced

# 378a or b. Advanced Swimming and Aquatic Conditioning

(1/6)

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.

379a or b. Lifeguard Training

(1/2)

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 500 yds. continuously. 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, 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.

#### 393a or b. Advanced Tennis

(1/2)

Emphasis on advanced strokes, analysis of errors, tactics for singles and doubles. Mr. Czula.

Prerequisites: good ground strokes, serve, and volley; permission of the instructor.

# **Physics and Astronomy**

**Professors:** Frederick R. Chromey, Debra M. Elmegreen (Chair), Morton A. Tavel; **Associate Professor:** Cindy Schwarz<sup>a</sup>; **Assistant Professors:** James Lombardi<sup>b</sup>, Mark Somerville; **Lecturer:** James F. Challey; **Lecturer and Coordinator of Laboratory Instruction:** Daniel Lawrence.

# **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.

**Senior-Year Requirement:** Astronomy 320 or 340.

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 required courses may be elected NRO.

**Recommendations:** Additional work in mathematics, physics, and computer science. In particular, students planning on graduate work in astronomy should complete Physics 320 and 340.

**Advisers:** Mr. Chromey, Ms. Elmegreen.

# 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.

# 101a. Solar System Astronomy

(1)

A study of the solar system as seen from earth and space: the sun, planets, satellites, comets, meteors, and the interplanetary medium; astronautics and space exploration; life on other planets; planets around other stars; planetary system cosmogony. Mr. Chromey.

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.

# II. Intermediate

#### 181a. 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. Elmegreen.

Open to freshmen only. Three 50-minute classes. Satisfies college requirements for a Freshman Course and Quantitative Analysis.

Prerequisites: High School physics and calculus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

#### 212b. Galaxies and Galactic Structure

**(1)** 

The distribution and properties of star clusters; contents, structure and evolution of the Milky Way. Observations and theories of normal and active galaxies. Interacting galaxies, galaxy clusters. Ms. Elmegreen.

Prerequisites: Astronomy 220 or permission of instructor.

# 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.

#### 230b. 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. Mr. Chromey.

Prerequisite: Physics 114 or by permission of instructor.

#### 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 data bases, 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.

# [250b. Topics in Modern Astronomy]

(1)

An opportunity for the student to pursue a topic to a greater depth than normally possible in the other courses. Mr. Chromey.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

# 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

# III. Advanced

# 300a or b. Senior Thesis

(1/2 or 1)

#### 301-302. Senior Thesis

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

## [320b. Astrophysics: 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 will be discussed. Ms. Elmegreen.

Prerequisites: One 200-level physics or one 200-level astronomy; Junior or Senior status; or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

**340b.** Advanced Observational Astronomy ( $\frac{1}{2}$  or 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 will depend on the nature of the project, although ½ unit projects will require half the total time of full unit projects. Mr. Chromey.

Prerequisite: Astronomy 240. Permission of instructor required.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

# **Physics**

**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 Math 221, 222 and 228. Physics 200, 201 and 2 10 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 required courses 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 321 and Physics 340 and are encouraged to consult with the department concerning other courses in the natural sciences which may supplement the physics major.

**Special Situations** 

Those planning graduate school in physics should take 3 10 and 340 and work closely with an advisor in the department. Those planning certification for high school physics teaching must have one of their 300 level units as a thesis or independent project (300 or 301) and ½ unit each of lab development (298) and lab apprenticeship (298). Additional courses in Education and Psychology are required for certification. Consult Ms. Schwarz.

**Advisers:** Mr. Challey, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Lombardi, Ms. Schwarz, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Tavel.

**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 240-340, Astronomy 212-320, Astronomy 220-320. The two remaining units must be at the 200- or 300-level in physics. (Note that Physics 200 and 210 is a prerequisite 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

# 113a. Topics in Classical Physics

**(1)** 

An introduction to the basic concepts of physics with emphasis on mechanics, wave motion, and thermodynamics. A working knowledge of calculus is required. Recommended for potential majors in physics and other physical sciences. Mr. Somerville, Mr. Tavel.

Prerequisite: Calculus.

Three 50-minute periods; one 3-hour laboratory.

# 114a and b. Topics in Classical and Modern Physics

(1)

Fundamentals of electricity, magnetism, and optics, with an introduction to atomic, nuclear, and particle physics. A working knowledge of calculus is required. Mr. Challey, Mr. Somerville.

Prerequisite: Physics 113 or by permission of instructor.

Three 50-minute periods; one 3-hour laboratory.

# 165b. Relativity

An introduction to the concepts of special relativity. Discussion of paradoxes, time dilation, black holes, etc. This course followed by Cosmology forms a sequence to give the student an understanding of modern cosmological ideas. Mr. Tavel.

No prerequisite. May not count towards a physics concentration.

#### 168b. A Tour of the Subatomic Zoo

(½)

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.

# 180b. Particles in the Fast Lane

**(1)** 

The discoveries of twentieth century physics, from special/general relativity to the elementary particle nature of the microscopic world are only now beginning to make themselves fully understood. This course provides a conceptual and only slightly technical introduction into the above mentioned and other fascinating and higher counter-intuitive topics. All the math you may need is taught in the course. Ms. Schwarz, Mr. Tavel.

Open to all classes.

#### II. Intermediate

Physics 113 or equivalent is required for all 200-level courses. 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. Somerville.

Prerequisites: Mathematics 125, or permission of instructor.

# 201a. Modern Physics Lab

(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. Somerville.

Prerequisites: Physics 114, Mathematics 125.

Corequisite: Physics 200.

# 202b. Waves

This course explores the nature of waves in a variety of physical systems. Topics include free and forced oscillations; travelling waves in three dimensions; wave packets and modulations; polarization; reflection and interference effects. Mr. Somerville.

Prerequisite: Physics 114.

#### 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.

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. Lombardi.

Prerequisite: Physics 114, 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. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisites: Physics 200 and one 200-level mathematics course.

# [261a. Optics Laboratory]

(1/2)

Hands-on introduction to optical physics and technology, designed to complement Physics 260. Lasers are used to explore a wide range of optical phenomena, including optical fibers, acousto-optics, properties of laser radiation, holography, and basic geometrical and physical optics.

Co- or prerequisite: Physics 260.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

# [270b. Computational Methods in the Sciences]

(1/2)

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. Lombardi.

Prerequisites: Mathematics 125 or permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# III. Advanced

# 300a, 301b. Independent Project or Thesis

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

#### 310a. Advanced Mechanics

(1)

A study of the dynamics of simple and complex mechanical systems using the variational methods of Lagrange and Hamilton. Topics will include the variational calculus, the Euler-Lagrange equations, Hamilton's equations, canonical transformations, and the Hamilton-Jacobi equation. Mr. Lombardi.

Prerequisite: Physics 210, Mathematics 221, 222, and 228.

#### 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. Tavel.

Prerequisites: Physics 200, Mathematics 221, 228.

Recommended: Mathematics 222.

# [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. The department.

Prerequisites: Physics 240, Mathematics 228 or by permission.

Alternate years: not offered in 2000/01.

375a and b. Advanced Topics in Physics

(1)

Course topics will vary from year to year. Topics include High Energy physics, atomic and nuclear physics, solid state physics, chaos, and advanced computational physics. May be taken more than once for different topics. Prerequisites vary depending on topic. Consult with instructor. Only open to juniors and seniors or special permission. The department.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

386. Special Studies

 $(\frac{1}{2}-1)$ 

Special topics in such fields as solid state physics, nuclear physics, or optics, offered at irregular intervals in response to demand.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work

(½ or 1)

# Political Science

**Professors:** Richard Born, Sidney Plotkin, Stephen R. Rock (Chair), Mary L. Shanley, Peter G. Stillman, Adelaide H. Villmoare; **Associate Professors:** Luke C. Harris, Leah Haus<sup>b</sup>; **Assistant Professors:** Andrew Davison<sup>ab</sup>, Katherine Hite, Timothy Longman<sup>ab</sup>, Himadeep Muppidi; **Adjunct Professors:** Richard Reitano,\* Wilfrid Rumble\*.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 10 units, including two of the four introductory courses (Political Science 140, 150, 160, 170); 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 to be taken in senior year). 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.

**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 course in the subfield of American politics. Sequence Advisers: 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 course in the subfield of comparative politics. Sequence Adviser: Mr. Longman.

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 course in the subfield of international politics. Sequence Adviser: Ms. Haus.

**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 course in the subfield of political theory. Sequence Advisers: Ms. Shanley, Mr. Stillman.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

<sup>\*</sup> Part time.

# I. Introductory

The courses listed below are introductions to the four major fields of political science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, and Political Theory. First-year students would normally elect one course each semester. Two introductory courses are required of majors, and it is possible and sometimes desirable to take all four. Introductory courses may be taken either semester.

#### 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, Mr. Harris, Mr. Plotkin, Ms. Villmoare.

# 150a or b. Comparative Politics

(1)

An examination of the political systems of selected foreign societies chosen to illustrate major types: Western and non-Western, democratic and authoritarian, and mature and developing. 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. Ms. Hite, Mr. Longman.

# 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. 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 the classic works of Western political philosophy. The relevance of the ideas of the classical political philosophers to current political developments and scholarship is emphasized. Mr. Davison, Ms. Shanley, Mr. Stillman.

Open to juniors and seniors by permission only.

#### II. Intermediate

Prerequisite: 1 unit of introductory political science, or by permission of instructor which is generally granted to juniors and seniors with sufficient preparation in related disciplines.

#### [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.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

## A. American Politics

## 234. Mass Media and Politics

(1)

This course explores various forms of mass 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 mass 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.

## 236. The Law and Politics of Death in Modern America

(1)

This course proposes to study the political, legal, philosophical, technological, and social dimensions of death in the United States. It begins with an examination of current scientific and moral questions surrounding definitions of death (and life). From there we move to consider assisted suicide, murder, lynching (as a particular form of murder), and killing of batterers with particular attention to issues confronted by the legal and political system. A final portion of the course engages debate surrounding capital punishment. Throughout the course we focus on the role of the state (especially the criminal justice system), legal rights and claims, and political activism. Ms. Villmoare.

## 237. Law of Race and Gender Antidiscrimination in the U.S.

This course explores the history of antidiscrimination law in the United States. We start by examining how people of color and Euro-Americans were defined as "races." Thereafter, we analyze the development of antidiscrimination principles in America by focusing on a range of Supreme Court decisions and Congressional initiatives developed in the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries. An array of interdisciplinary secondary sources as well as writings by lawyers, political scientists, and legal scholars are used in this class. Mr. Harris.

## 238. 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.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

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.

#### 242. 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.

#### 243b. 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.

## 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.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

## [246. African American Politics]

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 246) This course analyzes the diverse ways in which African Americans have engaged in politics in the United States. After briefly considering challenges facing the African American community, the course looks at approaches to politics including active engagement in the political system, Pan-Africanism and Black nationalism, accommodation and assimilation, class-based struggle, and everyday forms of resistance. The course concludes with a consideration of possible policy alternatives advocated by various African American leaders. Writers to be studied may include W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey, Booker T. Washington, Malcom X, Martin Luther King, Jr., William Julius Wilson, bell hooks, Manning Marable, Robin Kelley, Angela Davis, and Patricia Williams. Mr. Longman.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 247. 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, and sexual orientation. Mr. Harris.

# **B.** Comparative Politics

## [250. African Politics]

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 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, 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.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

#### 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 twentieth century social movements on the nature of socioeconomic, gender, racial and ethnic relations today. Ms. Hite

## [253. Transitions In Europe]

(1)

This course considers transitions in Europe, with a focus on Russia and the European Union. An analysis of such changes as the collapse of authoritarianism and emergence of democracy in the former Soviet Union, the emerging democratic deficit in the European Union, marketization in Russia, and the transition to a single European market in the European Union. Ms. Haus.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [254. Western European Politics]

(1)

A comparative analysis of political phenomena in Western Europe, with a focus on Britain, France, and Germany. The course considers institutional, economic and cultural approaches to analyze changes in social coalitions and cleavages, and policy-making. Subjects discussed include unemployment, labour unions, immigrant incorporation, and the rise and decline of radical right wing parties. Ms. Haas.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 255. Government and Politics in South Asia

(1)

A comparative analysis of political phenomena in South Asia with special attention to the interaction between traditional cultural patterns, such as religion, caste, and language, and modern political forms, such as parties, parliamentary institutions, bureaucracy, political associations, and the military. Primary attention is given to India with some reference to Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Instructor to be announced. Mr. Muppidi.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

## [256. Politics and Conflict in the Middle East]

(1)

A comparative analysis of the causes and dynamics of selected intra- and interstate conflicts in the Middle East: the Arab/Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the gulf Wars of the 1980s and 1990s, and the conflicts over Kurdistan and the Western Sahara. Also receiving attention are the various institutional, economic, ideological, cultural, and technological factors shaping these conflicts, their competing interpretations, and questions concerning "just resolution." Mr. Davison.

Not offered in 2001/02.

[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 2001/02.

## 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

## C. International Politics

## [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.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

# 264. 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.

## [265. International Political Economy]

(1)

This course analyzes the relationship between politics and economics, and explores change in the global political economy. Subjects considered include the rise and decline of empires; international institutions and their implications for cooperation and conflict; and globalization and its implications for inequality and democracy. Ms. Haas.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 266. Defense Policy and Arms Control

(1)

An examination of American defense and arms control policy since 1945. Particular atention 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.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

## 268. 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.

## 269. National Model United Nations

**(1)** 

Prepares students to participate in the National Model U.N. in New York. Students represent a country and its policies, research the country's history, its economic and political systems, and its foreign policy. Participation in the Model U.N. occurs in April. Mr. Reitano.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor; requires application early in the atterm.

One 4-hour period.

# D. Political Theory

# 270. 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. American Political Theory]

(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. Mr. Stillman, Ms. Shanley.

Not offered in 2001/02.

[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 2001/02.

## 274. Thorstein Veblen and the Politics of Capitalism

(1)

Among the critics of American capitalism, Thorstein Veblen produced an original and penetrating study of American society. Veblen's critique focused on capitalism as a business culture whose archaic political habits distort its economic promise. This course surveys Veblen's critique as a guide to the politics of contemporary American capitalism. Themes include connections between money and the price system, consumption, waste, absentee ownership, democracy, militarism, and gender. Veblen's influence on such later critics of the system as C. Wright Mills and Herbert Marcuse are examined, along with trenchant critics of Veblen, such as Theodore Adorno. Mr. Plotkin.

# [275. Ideology and Politics in the Muslim Middle East]

In this course we will study various Muslim interpretations of Islam and its role in politics in the Middle East. Readings will focus on different interpretations on the relationship between Islam and politics in the region and the material and institutional contexts of selected states within which those interpretations emerge. These states will include Iran (an Islamic Republic), Turkey (a Laicist Republic), and several states in the Arab world. Readings will also include material on women in Islam and Sufism. Mr. Davison.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 276. Utopian Political Thought

(1)

**(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, such as theme parks, suburbs, and malls, that are utopian or can be analyzed through utopian principles. Central themes include the treatment of change, progress, and ideals; idealism versus realism; and problems of political critique and political programs. Mr. Stillman.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

## 278. Feminism and Political Theory

(1)

Explores selected topics of importance for both political philosophy and feminist theory. Examines disputes surrounding such concepts as equality, liberty, reverse discrimination, autonomy, privacy, and citizenship, and may utilize classic texts as well as contemporary writings. Particular attention is paid to the diversity of experiences and perspectives among American feminists. Ms. Shanley.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

## E. Other

## 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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

Prerequisite for all advanced seminars: permission of the instructor and normally a relevant course at a lower level. Enrollments, in general, are limited to twelve students. 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.

# 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 or a 2-unit thesis written in two semesters.

#### **B. American Politics Seminars**

## 341. Seminar in Congressional Politics

(1)

This seminar focuses on the theme of congresspeople 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 "nation-

alize" the 1994 midterms and win their landslide victory, why divided party control of government has been so pervasive in the U.S., and how congresspeople 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.

## 343. Seminar in Constitutional Theory

Explores the constitutional rights of members of groups that previously were relegated to second-class citizenship in the United States. Forms of discrimination based upon group factors such as gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, national origin, economic class, and religion are considered. Mr. Harris.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

#### 346. Seminar in American Politics

**(1)** 

An examination of selected topics in American politics. Ms. Villmoare.

Prerequisite: by permission, 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.

# C. Comparative Politics Seminars

[352. Seminar on Multiculturalism in Comparative Perspective] (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 2001/02.

# [354. Seminar on the Politics of Religion in Africa and the Diaspora]

(Same as Africana Studies 354) In recent decades the influence of religious organizations and movements on politics has emerged as a major focus within the social sciences. In this course, we consider issues of religion and politics within the specific context of Africa and the African Diaspora. Topics include religious involvement in democratization movements in countries from South Africa to Haiti, the rise of Islamist political movements in places such as Sudan and Algeria; conflicts and interactions between religious traditions; the political implications of syncretic religious movements such as Umbanda and Kitawalism; and the significance of the Black church in African American politics. Mr. Longman.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 355. Seminar on Violence

This seminar explores the many manifestations of political violence. Drawing primarily from cases in the Third World, we examine: 1) how governments and societies address systematic violations of human rights of their pasts; 2) organized insurgency and counterinsurgency response; and 3) 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 American, Africa and Southeast Asia, and students are encouraged to focus on a country case in consultations with the instructor. Ms. Hite.

## [357. Seminar in Political Psychology]

**(1)** 

This seminar explores topics and approaches in the realm of political psychology, including: psychologically-based explanations for both individual and collective citizen political behavior; political psychology studies of political elites; psychologically-understandings of state and nation; and political psychology approaches to inter-state relations. Ms. Hite

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period

Not offered in 2001/02.

## D. International Politics Seminars

## 360. Seminar in International Conflict and Cooperation

An examination of selected topics in international conflict and cooperation. Mr. Rock.

Prerequisite: by permission of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

# 362. Seminar in International Politics: Migration and Citizenship

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.

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

363. Decolonizing International Relations 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.

# E. Political Theory Seminars

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.

One 2-hour period.

[375. The Three Religions of the Book and Political Theory] (1)

An examination of theories underlying contemporary theopolitical thought and practice through an examination of the primary and secondary canons of the Judaic, Christian, and Islamic traditions. Topics include: interpretations of power, authority, obligation, citizenship, justice, peace, war, and the role and function of the state. Readings include contemporary accounts of the persisting of each traditions' view of politics in contemporary political theory and practice. Mr. Davison.

Not offered in 2001/02.

376. Seminar in Feminist Theory In Political Thought

(1)

This seminar studies feminist theory concerning families and public policies affecting family life in the contemporary United States. We examine the impact of reproductive technology on family formation (including "surrogate motherhood," sperm and ovum donation); single motherhood and welfare policy (from the Moynihan Report to the Contract with America); adoption (particularly transracial adoption and "open" adoption); legal and social aspects of same-sex marriage and same-sex parenting; and the philosophical and political aspects of the "family values" debate. We pay particular attention to the impact of race and class on each of the issues we study. Ms. Shanley.

Prerequisite: by permission only of instructor.

One 2-hour period.

[384. Seminar in Political Theory]

(1)

An examination of selected theorists and problems in contemporary political theory. Mr. Davison.

Not offered in 2001/02.

#### F. Other

399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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 (Chair), Gwen J. Broude, Carol Christensen, Anne Constantinople, Randolph Cornelius, Janet Gray, Kenneth Livingston, Richard Lowry; **Associate Professors:** Janet K. Andrews, Jannay Morrow, Carolyn Palmer, Stephen Sadowsky<sup>ab</sup>; **Assistant Professors:** Jennifer Bosson, Jeffrey Cynx, Kevin Holloway<sup>a</sup>, Tiffany Lightbourn, Susan Trumbetta<sup>b</sup>, Debra Zeifman<sup>b</sup>; **Visiting Assistant Professor:** Cantey Land; **Lecturer:** Julie Riess (Director of the Wimpfheimer Nursery School; **Adjunct Assistant Professor:** Nicholas deLeeuw.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 11 units in Psychology including Psychology 105 or 106, and 200 (by permission of the department, either or both of these requirements may be met by examination); 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), personality and individual differences (Psychology 251, 253).

A minimum of 9 graded units is required for the major. For junior transfer students, at least 6 units must be graded. Biopsychology 201 and Cognitive Science 311 may be counted towards the major. Upon departmental approval, 1 unit in appropriate courses 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.

**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.

# 1. Introductory

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, and social psychology. Significant work in the course is devoted to developing skills in quantitative analysis. Students are expected to participate in up to a maximum of three hours of psychological research during the semester. Psychology 105 may NOT be taken if Psychology 106 has already been taken. The department.

Open to all classes. Enrollment limited.

106a or b. 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ab</sup> Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

Significant work in the course is devoted to developing skills in quantitative analysis. Students are expected to participate in up to a maximum of three hours of psychological research during the semester. Psychology 106 may NOT be taken if Psychology 105 has already been taken. The department.

Open to all classes. Enrollment limited.

## II. Intermediate

Prerequisite for 200-level courses: Psychology 105, 106, or demonstration by examination of equivalent background. Students who have received a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement test, or those with 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 corequisite by permission of the instructor.

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. Lowry, 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. Ms. Bosson, Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Lightbourn, Ms. Morrow.

205a and b. Topics in Social Psychology

(1)

This course introduces students to the discipline of social psychology via the indepth 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. Psychology 205 may NOT be taken if Psychology 201 has already been taken.

Topic for 2001/02: Self and Society in the Information Age (Same as Urban Studies 205). This course is designed to introduce students to the basic principles, theories, and research in the field of social psychology, with a focus on defining the self in the "age of information." We explore how urbanization, globalization, and advances in communication technology create an increasingly complex backdrop against which we must regularly redefine ourselves. For example, we discuss how the world wide web brings us closer to both people and things (consumer goods), thus altering the manner in which we identify ourselves. Ms. Bosson

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. Ms. Bosson, Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Lightbourn, Ms. Morrow.

Prerequisites: Psychology 200 and Psychology 201 or 205. Regular laboratory work. Enrollment Limited

## 211a. Perception and Action

(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

(Same as Cognitive Science 215)

Prerequisite: Cognitive Science 100.

## 219b. Research Methods in Cognitive Science

(Same as Cognitive Science 219)

Prerequisite: Psychology 200, and either Cognitive Science 211, 213, or 215. Regular laboratory work. Enrollment limited.

# 221a and b. Learning and Behavior

(1)

**(1)** 

**(1)** 

**(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. Cynx, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Land, Mr. Sadowsky.

## 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. Cynx, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Land.

### 229a. 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. Cynx, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Land.

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. Broude, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Zeifman.

# 236a. Early Childhood Development: Observation and Research (1) Application

(Same as Education 236) What differentiates the behavior of one young child from that of another? What characteristics do preschool 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; theories of mind; language development, humor, and language play; fantasy/reality distinctions; the self and moral development; and social categories. Each student completes a comprehensive study of one child in the Nursery School, based on detailed, extended observation and the application of research findings from the develop-

mental literature. Ms. Riess.

Prerequisite: Psychology 231 and permission of instructor. One 2-hour period; 4 hours of laboratory participation.

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

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. 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.

243b. Topics in Physiological Psychology (1)

An examination of topics of interest in physiological psychology research. Topics will vary from year to year but may include psychopharmacology, human neuropsychology, behavioral endocrinology.

Topic for 2001/02a: *Neuropsychology*. Neuropsychology is the study of the functions of particular brain structures and their relation to behavior and mental activity. Among topics examined are perception, memory, language, emotion, control of action, and consciousness. Neural alterations related to learning disabilities, neurological and psychiatric disorders will be examined as well. Ms. Christensen

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, Ms. Christensen, Ms. Gray, Mr. Holloway.

Prerequisites: Psychology 200, and 241 or 243. Regular laboratory work. Enrollment limited.

251a and b. Personality Theory (1)

An introduction to the concepts, theories, and controversies that have figured most prominently in the ongoing effort of psychologists to understand human

nature and human personality. Emphasis will be placed on understanding and critically evaluating the works of the major theorists. Ms. Constantinople, Mr. Lowry, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Trumbetta.

Open to freshmen only by permission of the instructor.

## [253a or b. Individual Differences in 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 will be placed on understanding behavior in interactions with others; the development of personality over time; and people's intuitive theories about personality, including their own. Ms. Constantinople, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Trumbetta.

Prerequisite: Psychology 200. Not offered in 2001/02.

## 259b. Research Methods in Personality and Individual Differences (I

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. Ms. Constantinople, Mr. Lowry, Ms. Trumbetta.

Prerequisites: Psychology 200 and either 251 or 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. Ms. Morrow, Mr. Sadowsky, 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.

## 264a. 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

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Individuals or group field projects or internships, with prior approval of the adviser and the instructor who will supervise the work. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. The department.

## 298a and b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Individual or group studies with prior approval of the adviser and of the instructor who will supervise 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), and permission of the instructor are prerequisites for these courses. Non-majors and juniors should consult the instructor.

## [300a or b. 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.

Prerequisite: Psychology 200 and one research methods course in Psychology

or any other of the natural sciences.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 301b. Seminar in Social Psychology

(1)

An intensive study of selected topics in social psychology. Emphasis is placed on current theories, issues, and research areas. Ms. Bosson, Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Lightbourn, Ms. Morrow.

Prerequisites: Psychology 201 or 205.

## 321a. 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. Cynx, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Land, Mr. Sadowsky. 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. Cynx.

Prerequisites: Psychology 221 or 223 or Biology 340.

## 331a. Seminar in Developmental Psychology

(1)

Seminar in current issues, research, and theory in developmental psychology. Topics vary and may include laboratory work. Ms. Broude, Mr. Livingston, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Zeifman.

Prerequisites: Psychology 231.

## 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, Ms. Land.

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 blindsight; psychopathologic states. Mr. Bean, Ms. Christensen.

Prerequisites: Psychology 241 or 243.

# 351a and b. 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. Ms. Bosson, Ms. Constantinople, Mr. Lowry, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Trumbetta.

Prerequisites: 251 or 253

362a. 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. Ms. Morrow, Mr. Sadowsky, Ms. Trumbetta

Prerequisites: Psychology 262

[364a or b. Seminar in Gender and Psychology]

(1)

The different ways in which psychologists have studied the influence of sex and gender on behavior are examined. The adequacy of existing theoretical and empirical models to account for the complex interactions of biological, cognitive, and social factors in producing or not producing sex-related differences in behavior is evaluated. Recent feminist critiques of scientific process and method and suggested revisions are explored

Prerequisites: 241, and either 231 or 251

Not offered in 2001/02.

381b. The Psychological Experience of Migration

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies 381) The study of immigrants and immigration is a relatively recent interest of the field of psychology. Theory and research from the major paradigms in social psychology will be utilized to understand: 1) why people migrate to new countries, 2) now people adapt to new environments, 3) how rural/urban migration may affect adaptation, 4) how newcomers become integrated into the fabric of new societies on the macro and micro level, and 5) the challenge of renegotiating notions of identity and citizenship. As such, psychological research will be supplemented by relevant research from the fields of urban studies, sociology, cultural studies, economics and social work. Through readings, films, lectures, discussion and critical writing assignments students will attain an appreciation of the phenomenon of migration and its psychological consequences. Ms. Lightbourn.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor is required for all students, psychology students must have taken one of the department's laboratory courses. Students outside of the department are required to have completed a 200-level psychology course and should have taken a research methods course in their field.

# 388a. Prejudice, Racism and Social Policy

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 388 and Urban Studies 388)

## [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 will participate in the planning of the research and in final evaluation. The Department.

Prerequisite: Psychology 298.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 395a and/or b. Senior Thesis

**(1)** 

Open to seniors by permission of instructor. Prerequisite: 298, 300, or 399

### 399a and/or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Individual or group studies with prior approval of the adviser and of the instructor who will supervise the work. May be elected during the college year or during the summer. The department.

# Religion

**Professors:** Betsy Halpern-Amaru<sup>ab</sup>, Lawrence H. Mamiya<sup>a</sup>, Deborah Dash Moore<sup>ab</sup>; **Associate Professors:** Mark S. Cladis (Chair), Judith Weisenfeld; **Assistant Professors:** Marc Michael Epstein, E.H. Rick Jarow<sup>ab</sup>, Lynn R. LiDonnici, Michael Walsh; **Lecturer:** Tova Weitzman.

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:** 11 units, including Religion 270, 271, three seminars at the 300-level, and a senior thesis or project. It is recommended that students take Religion 270 in the sophomore or junior year. Students are expected to pursue a program of study marked by both breadth and depth. Courses in Hebrew, 206 and 305 may be counted 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 a 300-level senior thesis or project.

It is possible to integrate the study of religion with another concentration by

means of a correlate sequence in religion.

**Requirements for the Correlate Sequence:** 6 units: 1 unit at the 100-level, 3 at the 200-level and two seminars at the 300-level. Various tracks within the correlate sequence may be devised in consultation with a department adviser. After declaring a correlate sequence in religion, no courses taken under the Non-Recorded Option serve to fulfill the requirements.

**Advisers:** Mr. Epstein, Mr. Cladis, Mr. Jarow, Ms. LiDonnici, Mr. Mamiya, Ms. Moore, Mr. Walsh, and Ms. Weisenfeld.

# I. Introductory

## 102a. Love: The Concept and Practice

(1)

A study of love (in classical and modern texts and in film) that explores a host of religious and ethical issues. Topics include the potential conflict between divine and human love, and the nature of friendship, romance, and marriage. Focus is on love in the Western world, but the *Kamasutra* and other Eastern texts furnish a comparative component. Authors include Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Dante, Simone Weil, and Alice Walker. Mr. Cladis.

# 105a. Selected Topics

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 105) Topic for 2001/02: Religion and the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Weisenfeld.

Open only to Freshmen. Satisfies requirement for a Freshman course.

121. In the Beginning...

(1)

Western thought has developed for centuries in spoken and unspoken dialogue with the texts of the Hebrew Bible and Christian Scriptures. Biblical myths and histories still provide for us many basic categories of thought and reaction, whatever our specific religious affiliations might be. In this course, we focus upon some of the most influential narrative sections in Biblical literature, including the Garden of Eden, the Great Flood, the Abraham, Jacob, Saul, and David cycles, the Exodus from Egypt, the Elijah cycle, the Gospels, and the *Revelation of John*. Through study and discussion of these texts, we trace their transformations through the matrix of culture, time, and interpretation. Ms. LiDonnici.

Open only to freshmen. Satisfies college requirements for a Freshman course.

ab Absent on leave for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

## 150a and b. Western Religious Traditions

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. Ms. LiDonnici, and instructor to be announced.

Open to all students.

## 152a and b. Eastern Religious Traditions

An introduction to the religions of Asia (including Hindu, Buddhist, and Taoist traditions) through a study of their basic doctrines, sensibilities, and practices. The focus is comparative as the course explores numerous themes, including creation (cosmology), revelation, action, fate and destiny, human freedom, the existence of evil, and ultimate values. Mr. Walsh.

Open to all students.

## 160b. Religion and American Film

**(1)** 

An examination of relationships between religion and American film, with particular attention to interactions between American religious institutions and the film industry, issues of race and gender, and representations of religious beliefs, practices, individuals, and institutions. Films may include: Broken Blossoms, The Jazz Singer, Hallelujah, The Ten Commandments, Gentleman's Agreement, the Exorcist, Daughters of the Dust, the Apostle. Ms. Weisenfeld.

#### II. Intermediate

## [201b. Religion Gone Wild: Spirituality and the Environment]

(Same as Environmental Studies 201) A study of the dynamic relation between religion and nature. Religion, in this course, includes forms of spirituality within and outside the bounds of conventional religious traditions (for example, Buddhism, Christianity, and Jainism, on the one hand; ecofeminism, the literature of nature, and Australian Aboriginal religion, on the other). Topics in this study of religion, ethics, and ecology may include: religious depictions of creation, nature, and the position of humans in the environment; religious aspects of environmental degradation and contemporary ecological movements; environmental justice; and environmentalism as a religion. Mr. Cladis.

Prerequisite: one unit in religion or permission of instructor. Not offered in 2001/02.

# [203a. The Origins and Development of Islamic Literature]

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 203) Ms. Berkley.

Not offered in 2000/01.

#### [205b. Modern Problems of Belief]

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 in the context of the eclipse of religion in Western culture from the Enlightenment to the present. Kant, Hegel, Kierkegaard, Neitzsche, Freud, and Buber are some of the thinkers whom we study. Mr. Cladis.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in philosophy or religion, or by permission of instructor. Not offered in 2001/02.

## [211a. Religions of the Oppressed and Third-World **Liberation Movements**

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 211) Mr. Mamiya. Not offered in 2001/02.

## 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 postmodernity. May be taken more than once for credit when content changes. Mr. Epstein.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in religion at the 100-level, or by permission of instructor.

## [220. 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.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in religion or by permission of instructor.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 225b. The Hebrew Bible

(1)

The books of the Hebrew Bible (Christian Old Testament) are about a very long and tempestuous relationship between a people and a God. But who are these people, and where did they come from? Why were they chosen, and by whom? What were they chosen for? Where did the biblical books come from, and why are they so influential? In this course we examine these and other questions that relate to the interpretation of one of the most important books of Western civilization. Ms. LiDonnici.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in religion, or by permission of instructor.

## 227a. The New Testament and Early Christianity

(1)

The Christian Scriptures speak with many different voices. Some advocate peace, some rebellion; some praise duty, others a radical rejection of family and all it represents. What was the earliest Christian message, and how did it evolve? How do the texts of the New Testament both reflect and shape the developing Christian communities? This course examines these unique texts and relates them to the religious, cultural, and intellectual realities found by individuals and groups in the Mediterranean world from the first century B.C.E. through the third century C.E. Ms. LiDonnici.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in religion, or by permission of instructor.

## [231. Hindu Traditions]

(1)

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.

Alternate years: not offered in 2001/02.

#### 233b. Buddhist Traditions

(1)

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.

Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

## [236a. Christian Traditions]

(1)

An exploration of the variety of perspectives within Christian self-understanding as it has developed in the course of Western history. Particular attention is paid to expressions of spirituality both in terms of the individual and of the Christian community. Ms. Amaru.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in religion or history, or by permission of instructor. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 243a. Islamic Traditions

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 243). The religion of Islam in its historical expressions, including sectarian developments and Sufi mysticism. Special attention is given to the role of Islam in Africa through Arabic conquest and to the impact of Islam with the Black Muslim movement in American culture. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: Religion 150, 152, or by permission of instructor. Alternate years: offered in 2001/02.

## [248a. Out of the Ghetto]

(1)

(Same as History 248) Starting in the seventeenth century, Jews gradually moved out of the physical, political, social, and religious ghettos to which Christian Europe had consigned them. The course explores the implications of such an exodus. It looks at Jewish piety and politics, individuality and community in Europe, North America and northern Africa. Topics include changing gender roles, migration, hasidism, religious reform, and antisemitism. Ms. Moore.

Prerequisite: Religion 150, or 1 unit in history, or by permission of instructor. Not offered in 2001/02.

## [249a. The Jewish Experience in the Twentieth Century]

(Same as History 249) The twentieth century shattered and transformed Jewish life throughout the world altering our understanding of evil and challenging accepted meanings of modernity. This course explores the rise of political and racial antisemitism and its culmination in the Holocaust; the growth of Zionism and the establishment of the State of Israel; the transformation of Jews from a largely small-town people into a highly urbanized one. The implication of these events—what it has meant for Jews to live in a post-Holocaust world, how Jews interpret political sovereignty, the Jewish response to American life—form the second part of the course. Ms. Moore.

Prerequisite: Religion 150, or 1 unit in history, or by permission of instructor. Not offered in 2001/02.

# 250a and b. 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 2001/02a: to be announced.

Topic for 2001/02b: *Religion and the Body*. What is the importance of the body in different religious traditions? How do "bodies" shape religions and how do religions shape "bodies"? What ideological role do religious traditions have in forming understandings of gender? The concept of a "religious body" is prevalent in many religious practices and beliefs. In this course we examine the creation, imagination, and function of the body in different religious cultures such as Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Daoism, Zoroastrianism, and so forth. We also address the importance of ritual in "creating religious bodies" and shaping the way humans, in diverse cultural contexts, experience and understand this world and other worlds. Mr. Walsh.

Prerequisite: 1 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 and instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: one 100-level course or by permission of instructor.

## 260b. African-American Religion

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 260b.) A survey of the history of religion among Americans of African descent from slavery to the present. Major topics include: African religious backgrounds and transformations in the Atlantic world, religion under slavery, the rise of independent black churches, black women and religion, new religious movements, folk traditions, music, and religion and the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Weisenfeld.

## 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. Ms. Weisenfeld.

Prerequisite: 1 unit in religion, or by permission of instructor.

## [267a. Religion, Culture and Society]

(1)

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 2001/02.

## 268b. Sociology of Black Religion

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 268 and Sociology 268) Mr. Mamiya.

## 270b. Departmental Colloquium

(1/2)

Joint exploration of methods in the study of religion. The department, Mr. Cladis. Permission required.

One two-hour period during the first half of the semester.

## 271a. 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. Cladis.

Senior religion majors only. Permission required.

One two-hour period bi-monthly.

## 285. Religious Traditions of China

(1)

This course introduces the vast range of religious beliefs and practices of China. We look at the myriad worlds of Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism and meet with ghosts, ancestors, ancient oracle bones, gods, demons, Buddhas, dragons, imperial politics, the social, and more, all entwined in what became the traditions of China. Some of the questions we try to answer include: how was the universe imagined in traditional China? What did it mean to be human in China? What was the meaning of life? What cultural impact did religious traditions have on Chinese culture. What do we mean by "Chinese religions"? How should Chinese culture be

represented? What was /is the impact of Chinese religions on the "West" and vice versa? Mr. Walsh.

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.

# **Reading Courses**

Prerequisite: 1 unit in religion or as specified.

Permission required.

# [297.01. Feminism and Theology] (1/2)

Mr. Cladis.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# [297.03. Buddhist Texts in Translation] (1/2)

Mr. Jarow.

Prerequisite: Religion 233. Not offered in 2001/02.

# [297.04. Hindu Texts in Translation] (1/2)

Mr. Jarow.

Prequisite: Religion 231. Not offered in 2001/02.

# 297.06. Religion and the Black Experience (1/2)

Mr. Mamiya.

# 297.07. The Method to Our Madness: Introductory Methods in the $(\frac{1}{2})$ Study of Religion

Ms. LiDonnici.

# 298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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.

# [301b. Religion and Critical Thought] (1

An examination of philosophical and social theoretical issues in religious thought and practice. Topics may include the rationality of religious belief, attempts to explain the origin and persistence of religion, or problems in the interpretation of religion. May be taken more than once for credit when the content changes.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# [310b. Politics and Religion: Tradition and Modernization in the Third World]

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 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 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.

Alternate years: not offered in 2000/01.

## 320b. Studies in Sacred Texts

**(1)** 

Examination of selected themes and texts in sacred literature. May be taken more than once when content changes.

Topic for 2001/02: *Gnostic Literature*. Gnostic belief is based in paradox, and Gnostic groups themselves present an historical paradox; both fiercely exclusive and widely popular; both ascetic and libertine. The debate about Gnosticism shaped the development: of almost every variety of Christianity, altering the direction of many discussions, especially about grace, the human body, belief, and salvation.

In this course, we study the main sources of Gnostic literature in the historical context of the first four Christian centuries, and analyze both the beliefs of the Gnostics themselves, and the sharply negative reactions of their opponents. Through this we work towards an understanding of the nature of Christian Gnosticism and its impact on the shape of the Christian tradition. Instructor to be announced.

Prerequisite: Some study of the Christian tradition or Jewish mysticism. Permission of instructor required.

## 346b. Studies in Jewish Thought and History

(1)

Advanced study in selected aspects of Jewish thought and history. May be taken more than once for credit when the content changes.

## 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 2001/02: The Politics of Sacred Centers. This course examines how "sacred centers" are produced, maintained, and how they function in different religious environments. In focusing on specific cultic objects, temples, sacred places, etc., we study culturally complex centers such as Banares in India, Beijing in China, Jerusalem in Israel, and Washington D.C. in America, and raise questions about their sacrality and role in their respective religious environments. Some of our questions include: what is a sacred center? Are places inherently sacred or are they made that way through human action? What roles do sacred centers play in both local and global cultures? Mr. Walsh.

## 365. Gods of the City: Religion in New York

(1)

An exploration of the relationship between religious expressions and urban life using New York as a case study. Particular attention is given to ethnic and religious diversity in 20th century New York City. Students have the opportunity to visit sites in New York. Ms. Weisenfeld.

[382. Religion and Constructs of Race]

**(1)** An examination of ways in which "race" has functioned in the American context as a prism through which people have understood and experienced their own religious lives and interpreted the religions of others. Topics include American explanations of race in the Bible, religion and slavery, religious constructions of whiteness, religion and race in popular culture, and the comparative example of religion and race in South Africa. Ms. Weisenfeld.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# **Russian Studies**

Professor: Alexis Klimoff (Chair); Assistant Professor: Dan Ungurianu.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 10 units beyond introductory language; including 331/332 or equivalent, 135/235, 152/252, plus 3 units in literature at the 300-level.

**Senior-Year Requirements:** 3 units of advanced course work except for students returning from a full-year JYA program in Russia, who may satisfy this requirement with 2 units of 300-level work. Senior thesis (300) is required only of students who are candidates for departmental honors.

**Recommendations:** Study of the language should be started in the freshman year. Study at an accredited summer school is strongly urged. JYA in Russia through approved exchange programs.

A Teaching Certification program is available.

Advisers: The department.

**Correlate Sequence in Russian Studies:** Four semesters of the Russian language (or equivalent) and three additional courses in culture, literature and/or language, one of which must be at the 300-level.

# I. Introductory

## 105a-106b. Elementary Russian

 $(1\frac{1}{2})$ 

The essentials of grammar with emphasis on the development of oral-aural proficiency. Mr. Ungurianu.

Open to all classes. Five 50-minute periods plus two hours of oral practice.

# 135a. The Russian Classics: The Great Realists of the Nineteenth Century (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 235a. Three 50-minute periods.

#### 152b. The Russian Modernists

(1)

Outstanding works of major twentieth-century Russian writers, with emphasis on those who broke with the realist tradition of the nineteenth century. The department.

Open to all classes. Readings and lectures in English. Russian majors see 252b. Two 75-minute periods.

### 165a. The Faces of Russia

(1)

A survey of selected 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 inroads of secular culture, the challenges of Westernization, and the emergence of national traditions in literature, art, and music. Given in English. Mr. Klimoff.

Open to all classes.

Two 75-minute periods plus one 2-hour screening.

# 169b. Utopia in Power: Russian Culture in the Twentieth Century (1)

A survey of modern Russian culture in its historical context. Topics include cultural and social revolutions, the Red Avant-Garde, Socialist Realism, the creation of the New Man, the Great Terror, the totalitarian system and its collapse, the dissident movement, ethnic identity and ethnic conflicts, Russian rock and pop music, post-Communist Russia. Mr. Ungurianu.

Open to all classes. All readings and discussions are in English.

Three 50-minute periods, plus regular film screenings.

171a. Russia and the Short Story

(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 Course.

Two 75-minute periods.

181b. Dostoevsky and Psychology

(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 profound psychological depth. And after Dostoevsky's death his works have been cited by Freud and other psychologists in support of their views of human behavior. This course involves a close study of a number of works in which the depiction of psychological issues is particularly crucial to an understanding of what Dostoevsky is attempting to convey. Readings include *The Double, Notes From the House of the Dead, Notes from Underground, The Devils, The Idiot,* and a number of short stories. An examination of Dostoevsky's texts is accompanied with some discussion of the nineteenth century psychological and medical literature admired by the writer, as well as a consideration of Dostoevsky's influence on later psychological theory. Mr. Klimoff.

Given in English and open to all classes.

Two 75-minute periods.

## 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 2001/02: Soviet Film: Propaganda, Myth, Modernism. A survey of Soviet cinema from the 1920s to 2000. Films considered include the early masterpieces directed by Eisenstein, Dovzhenko, Vertov and others; the productions of the Stalin era; the movies dating from the "Thaw" and the following two 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 literary scholars. Given in English. The department.

Prerequisite: Sophomore status or above, or one of the following courses: Russian 135, 152, 165, 169, or Film 175.

Two 75-minute periods plus weekly film screening.

# 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 152, 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)

In Eastern Europe in general—and in Russia in particular—the impact of ideology on culture has been experienced more intensely than in other European societies. The intersections of ideology and culture are explored in depth, with a specific focus that varies from year to year.

Not offered in 20001/02, see Russian 181 and 231.

## [271b. 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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 298. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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. Mr. Klimoff.

Three 50-minute periods, plus one hour of conversational practice.

#### 371b. Seminar on Russian Culture

(1)

Advanced seminar on Russian culture. Designed for majors and students with sufficient knowledge of Russian.

Topic for 2001/02: Russian Blockbusters. The culture of the twentieth century 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 the Civil War classic Chapayev, the Soviet "Eastern" entitled The White Sun of the Desert, the Russian equivalent of It's a Wonderful World, The Irony of Fate, and some other comedies. Also included are several episodes from the TV spy serial Seventeen Moments of Spring. In each case an attempt is made to determine the source of the film's popularity in terms of aesthetic and psychological factors, together with the social and political context that may have played a significant role in its reception. Mr. Ungurianu.

Conducted in Russian.

Prerequisite: Russian 331 or equivalent.

Two 75-minute periods plus weekly film screenings.

#### 373a. Seminar on Russian Literature

(1)

Focused analysis of an author, work, theme, genre, or literary school in the nineteenth or twentieth century.

Topic for 2001/02: The Silver Age of Russian Literature. A close study of representative works by Blok, Sologub, Mandelshtam, Akhmatova, Pasternak, and several others. The department.

Conducted in Russian.

Prerequisite: Russian 331 or equivalent.

Two 75-minute periods.

#### 399. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Program to be worked out in consultation with an instructor. The department.

# Science, Technology, and Society (STS)

**Director:** James F. Challey (Physics and Science, Technology and Society); **Steering Committee:** Janet Gray (Psychology), Richard B. Hemmes (Biology), Lucy Lewis Johnson (Anthropology), Robert E. McAulay (Sociology), Leathem Mehaffey III (Biology), Marque Miringoff (Sociology), Leonard Nevarez (Sociology), Nancy Pokrywka (Biology), Morton A. Tavel (Physics).

The multidisciplinary program in Science, Technology, and Society is designed to enable students to pursue three objectives: a) to better understand the central role of science and technology in the emergence of advanced industrial society; b) to consider the social, political, philosophical, and cultural implications of the human experience in a technological society; and c) to explore possible directions of future development, using alternative social theories and perceptions.

Students interested in the program are urged to plan for admission as early as possible in their college careers. Freshmen and sophomores should talk with the director and the staff concerning courses to be taken in the freshman and

sophomore years.

**Course Requirements:** 13½ units including 1 unit from the introductory sequence "Dilemmas of Technological Society"; 3 units (2 units of which must include laboratory work) from the following natural sciences: biology, chemistry, geology, or physics; 1 unit of philosophy chosen from either Philosophy 101 or 102; 1 unit of introductory modern history; 1 unit chosen from anthropology, economics, political science, or sociology; 5 units from the Science, Technology, and Society "Colloquia"; a senior thesis (1 unit); the senior seminar, Science, Technology, and Society 301b, (½ unit) given in the first six weeks of the b-semester.

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 25½ units may be taken within any one division of the college.

290a or b. Field Work	(½ or 1)

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

# 301a or b. 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.

One 2-hour period.

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

# **Dilemmas of Technological Society**

# [131b. 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. Pokrywka.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 135a. Autos and Airplanes: The Transportation Revolution (1

An examination of the history and the impact of the two major transportation technologies of the twentieth century. The particular ways in which the evolution of each technology was shaped, in different ways, by social as well as technical factors are studied. Among the major topics are: Henry Ford and the Model T, the contrast between military and civilian development of aviation, and the environmental and urban impact of the automobile. Mr. Challey.

# Colloquia

Each colloquium is restricted to a maximum of twenty students. Enrollment is open to all interested students in their junior and senior years, with first priority going to Science, Technology, and Society majors. Science, Technology, and Society colloquia are open to sophomores enrolled in Science, Technology, and Society and to all other sophomores on a space-available basis. Unless stated otherwise, the prerequisite for 200-level courses is 1 unit of 100-level course work or permission of the department (program director or course instructor). The prerequisite for 300-level courses is 1 unit of 200-level work or similar permission.

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: 1 unit of science or modern history or permission of instructor.

## 206b. Environmental Biology

(1)

(Same as Biology 206/Environmental Studies 206) Mr. Hemmes.

### 234b. Disability and Society

(1)

(Same as Sociology 234) Ms. Miringoff.

# 241a. Feminist Approaches to Science and Technology

**(1)** 

(Same as Women's Studies 241) Ms. Gray.

## 260a. Health, Medicine, and Public Policy (Same as Sociology 260) Ms. Miringoff.

**(1)** 

**(1)** 

[267a. Environmental and Natural Resource Economics] (Same as Economics 267)

Not offered in 2001/02.

# [273a. High Technology and Society]

**(1)** 

(Same as Sociology 273) Not offered in 2001/02.

281b. Bio-politics of Breast Cancer

(1)

(Same as Women Studies 281) We examine the basic scientific, clinical and epidemiological data relevant to our current understanding of the risks (including environmental, genetic, hormonal and life-style 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 (including the Internet) in shaping research, treatment and policy strategies related to breast cancer. Ms. Gray.

# 288a. Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning

**(1)** 

(Same as Urban Studies 288). Mr. Bunnell.

[302a. History of Science and Technology since World War II]

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.

Two 75-minute periods. Not offered in 2001/02.

[330b. The Intellectual Roots of the Twentieth Century] (1)

(Same as College Course 330) This course lays the groundwork for intellectual, technological, and scientific modernity through an in-depth comparative study of an epoch in European cultural history, the world of "The Magic Mountain" so brilliantly captured by Thomas Mann. A variety of cultural themes are treated. First, the dominant positivist optimism of the late nineteenth century is examined, and then philosophical, sociological, literary, artistic, and psychological challenges to that climate of opinion will be studied. Next, we focus on the revolutionary shift in the entire scientific view of reality that leads from the mechanistic determinism of classical physics to the relativistic and quantum mechanical descriptions that constitute modern physics. The course ends with the mobilization of the summer of 1914, as European cultural achievements dissolve into the apocalypse of total war. Mr. Schalk, Mr. Tavel.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 353a. Bio-Social Controversy

**(1)** 

(Same as Sociology 353) Mr. McAulay.

## 360b. Issues in Bioethics

**(1)** 

Topic for 2001/02: Genetically Shaping Selves. From body piercing and psychotherapy to matchmaking and schools, human beings have always sought to shape themselves and their children. Emerging genetic technologies are new means to pursue ancient ends. In this seminar we ask: Do the new genetic means to achieve those ancient ends make a moral difference? To what extent are we already using, and will we in the future be able to use, genetic technologies to shape ourselves in ethically significant ways? With a view to what conceptions of normality and/or perfection will we pursue such shaping? With a view to what conceptions of human happiness will we pursue such shaping? Ultimately, to what extent ought we use genetic technologies to shape ourselves and our children? Mr. Parens.

Prerequisite note: Though this seminar follows logically from the seminar taught last Spring ("Surgically and Pharmacologically Shaping Selves"), Spring 2001's seminar is not a prerequisite for Spring 2002. The only course prerequisite is a familiarity with or a willingness to become familiar with the idioms of contemporary bio-ethics and biology.

Class requirements include a weekly writing assignment, serious engagement in class discussions and mid-term and final papers.

## 364b. Seminar on Selected Topics in Law and Technology

(Same as Environmental Studies 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. Mr. Otis.

# [367a. Mind, Culture, and Biology] (Same as Sociology 367) Mr. McAulay.

**(1)** 

Not offered in 2001/02.

# **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 Arabic, Hindi, Irish/Gaelic, Korean, Portuguese, Swahili, or Swedish. 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 Arabic, Irish/Gaelic, Hindi, Korean, Portuguese, Swahili, and Swedish 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.

Prerequisite: permission of the coordinator of the Self-Instructional Language Program.

Course numbers for Arabic, Hindi, Irish/Gaelic, Korean, Portuguese, Swahili and Swedish:

# Sociology

**Professors:** Norman Fainstein (Dean of the Faculty), Eileen Leonard, Marque Miringoff; **Associate Professors:** Pinar Batur, Diane Harriford, William Hoynes (Chair), Robert McAulay; **Assistant Professors:** Seungsook Moon, Leonard Nevarez<sup>b</sup>; **Visiting Assistant Professors:** John Cross, Kathy Kaufman.

**Requirements for Concentration:** 10½ units, including Sociology 151, 247, 254, 3 units at the 300-level, including 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.

Open to all classes. Required of majors.

# II. Intermediate

Sociology 151 is a prerequisite for all intermediate courses.

# 206b. Social Change in the Black Community

(1)

(Same as Africana Študies 206b)

215b. Perspectives on Deviance

**(1)** 

This course analyzes the concept of deviance within a historical and comparative framework. Various forms of behavior traditionally labeled as "deviant" are examined. Mr. McAulay.

## 234b. Disability and Society

**(1)** 

(Same as Science, Technology and Society 234b) 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.

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. Ms. Miringoff.

## [236b. Women, Men, and Social Change in East Asia]

(1)

This course examines meanings and practices of femininity and masculinity in the context of rapid social change in East Asia in the twentieth century. Drawing upon case studies from China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, it focuses on such sites of social change as work, marriage/family and popular culture. Its aim is also to gain critical understanding of the politics of cross cultural studies that produce Eastern

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Absent on leave, second semester.

(the self) and Western (the other) representation of East Asia in various forms of knowledge produced about the region. Ms. Moon.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 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.

## 247a and b. Modern Social Theory: Marx, Durkheim, and Weber

(Same as Anthropology 247a and b) 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. Leonard, Ms. Moon.

## 250b. 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.

## 252a. The Family in Technological Society

(1)

We study the family as an intimate group and as a social institution. Topics include: theories of family organization and structure; marriage and divorce; parenthood; reproductive technology; alternative lifestyles. Changing family patterns are examined in the context of economic, cultural, and scientific developments. Ms. Harriford.

### 254a and b. 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. Nevarez, Ms. Kaufman.

## [256b. Mass Media and Society]

(1)

This course takes a critical approach to the study of the production and consumption of mass media, focusing primarily on the United States. Using case studies, the course examines the economic and social organization of mass media, the content of media messages, and the impact various media have on the public. Topics may include: the political economy of television, gender and Hollywood film, music television, competing theories of media spectatorship, the politics of romance novels, the role of noncommercial media. Mr. Hoynes.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# 257b. Re-orienting America: Asians in American History and Society (

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 panethnicity, educational achievement and social mobility, affirmative action, and representation in mass media. Ms. Moon.

## [258a. Race and Ethnicity]

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 258) 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 2001/02.

#### 259a. Social Stratification

(1)

How social prestige and power are unequally distributed in various societies of the past and the present. The role of the propriety of the means of production and of the military is stressed. The formation of classes as subcultural units, status symbols, class consciousness and class struggles are analyzed. Ms. Harriford.

### 260a. Health, Medicine, and Public Policy

(1)

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 260) Topic for 2001/02: Plague! The Anatomy of Infectious Diseases. The Black Death killed approximately one-third of Europe. AIDS has devastated parts of the modern world. Debates over how to prevent the West Nile virus have become a critical component of American public policy. This year, this course includes a special section on infectious disease in order to illustrate the interactions between health, medicine, and public policy. In addition to the Black Death and AIDS, we look at the spread of tuberculosis, the influenza pandemic of 1918, the polio epidemics of the Post World War II era, the fear of contagion (Typhoid Mary), the concept of quarantine, the various religious, supernatural, and medical interpretations of plague, the consequences of plague (scapegoating, labor shortages, technological change, etc.) and the emergence of Public Health policy. This section incorporates a broad range of materials, including fiction, art, history, and film. Additional topic areas that are addressed in the course include the idea of medicine as a social institution, health as a social construct, and the complexities of contemporary health care policy. Ms. Miringoff.

# 263a. 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. "The Nuclear Cage": Environmental Theory and Nuclear Power] (1) (Same as Environmental Studies 264) 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 2001/02.

## 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.

# [267a. Religion, Culture, and Society]

(Same as Religion 267)

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 268b. Sociology of Black Religion

(1)

**(1)** 

(Same as Africana Studies 268 and Religion 268)

## [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.

Not offered in 2001/02.

# [271a. Forms of Social Conflict]

(1)

An analysis of mass social behavior under conditions of stress or unpredictability, with special attention to urban social conflicts. Theorists may include Le Bon, Freud, Smelser, Coser, Feagin. Case materials may include the 1919 Chicago race riots, the Kerner Commission Report, Bensonhurst, Howard Beach, Crown Heights, Korean grocer boycott, Los Angeles riots. Ms. Miringoff.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [272b. Genocide and Social Theory]

(1)

Ralph Lemkin defined a new word, genocide, as a response to the atrocities of World War II. As a crime against humanity, this concept has become integral to the conceptualization of the killing of millions, and massive total destruction. It has also become synonymous with the rise of totalitarianism and the dissolution of the Enlightenment project. As Theodor Adorno asked, "How is poetry possible after Auschwitz?" This course is an examination of the complex discourse on genocide, focusing on debates about understanding the past and preventing genocide in the present and future. Ms. Batur.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [273a. High-Technology and Society]

(1)

(Same as Science, Technology and Society 273a) Technology is not distinct from society; indeed, technology embeds, mediates, and gives meaning to human culture and organization. Although computers and the internet make this ever more apparent, humans have always had this relationship with technology high and low. This course is divided into three sections. First, we engage classic sociological understandings of technologies with case studies of assembly lines, nuclear power, space exploration, and biotechnology. Next, we address the role of technology in various processes of globalization. Finally, we focus on how high-technology has transformed human identity and community. Mr. Nevarez.

Not offered in 2001/02.

## [274a. Urban Sociology: Building the City]

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies 274a) The city is home for many, but it is also a source of profit, a market for goods and services, a site of leisure, and an arena of power. As these environments combine to constitute the city, political, economic, and cultural forces collide, often in conflicting ways. How this happens, and who wins or loses, sit he subject of this course. With a comparative and international focus, we examine the changing roles of urban growth and development, architecture, and planning, urban social movements, the natural environment, crime and security, globalization, and entertainment in the city. Mr. Nevarez.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 281a. Political Sociology

**(1)** 

This course investigates the role of politics in society by focusing on the core sociological debates about the relationship between the state, capital, and social movements. Can grassroots movements change state policy or are state policies determined by ruling elites? We compare classic debates among class, elite, and pluralist perspectives with emerging theories rooted in postmodernism that redefine politics in terms of culture and everyday behavior. Case studies from the United States and abroad explore such developments as the rise of conservative radicalism and the effect of neo-liberal globalization. Mr. Cross.

#### 282b. Cities and Urbanization in Latin America

(1)

(Same as Latin American Studies 282b, and Urban Studies 282b.) This course investigates the role and structure of the city in the context of Latin America. Beginning with a brief review of urban theory, we trace the development of the city from the pre-colonial period through the present day. Particular attention is placed on the challenges of rapid urbanization in the late twentieth century emerging from the dependent development patterns of the region, and the competing role of urban planners and the urban informal sector. Mr. Cross.

### 285a. Immigration to the United States: The Post-1965 Experience (1)

This course examines the post-1965 wave of immigration to the United States in light of scholarly perspectives on the immigration phenomenon. We explore the experiences of recent immigrant groups, highlighting the causes of immigration, the diverse characteristics of immigrant groups in comparison with each other and their historical counterparts at the turn of the century, the impact of immigration on native workers and local communities, and the diversity of modes of incorporation into American society. Ms. Kaufman.

### 286a. Drugs and U.S. Policy in Latin America

**(1)** 

(Same as Latin American Studies 286a and Urban Studies 286a) Over the last two decades, U.S.-Latin American relations have been increasingly defined in terms of the control of illegal drugs consumed largely in the United States. This course studies how this process has continued U.S. domination of the region and affected the internal political and social processes in selected Latin American nations. Issues may include the role of corruption in government, the militarization of society, and the rise of new social classes and social tensions based on illegality. Mr. Cross.

#### 290a or b. Field Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Individual project of reading or research. The department.

May be elected during the college year or during the summer.

Special permission. Unscheduled.

#### III. Advanced

Sociology 151 and 1 unit of 200-level work are prerequisites for all 300-level courses.

### 300a-301b. Senior Thesis

(1/2)

The department.

### 310b. 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.

### 352b. Contemporary Social Movements

(1)

A social analysis of the factors responsible for the development and effectiveness of reform movements in the United States. Special focus on the early labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the modern women's movement. Ms. Harriford.

### 353a. Bio-Social Controversy

**(1)** 

(Same as Science, Technology, and Society 353a) Biological explanations of social phenomena have been frequently criticized as deterministic and politically retrograde. But in recent decades "evolutionary psychologists" have called into question any such simplistic dismissal of biological perspectives. New Darwinian accounts of crime, especially homicide, are often compelling while the concept of rape as an evolved sexual strategy has provoked heated debate. Claims regarding a possible genetic basis for sexual orientation and arguments suggesting evolutionary origins for patriarchy pose challenges to social constructionist as well as prevailing feminist theories of sex and gender. Issues of race and biology continue to surface in forms that invite both careful consideration and unequivocal critique. This course examines recent work bearing on these controversies and juxtaposes sociological approaches with recent Darwinian accounts of crime, sex, and race. Mr. McAulay.

### 356a. Culture, Commerce, and the Public Sphere

(1

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 2001/02.

#### 364a. Social Welfare and Social Policy

(1)

The course examines the social philosophies and social movements underlying the development of social welfare policy. Issues include the English Poor Laws, the ideology of American philanthropy, the Progressive Era, the Settlement House Movement, the New Deal, the Great Society, and "The Safety Net." International comparisons are also used throughout. Contemporary problem areas to be examined include homelessness, hunger, and the "feminization of poverty." Ms. Miringoff.

### [365a. 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 2001/02.

[366b. Racism and Intellectuals]

(1)

Racism is now a global mode of thought, and racial inequality has become a permanent part of global existence through the racial ideologies and discriminatory practices of institutionalized racism. The primary aim of this class is to explore intellectuals' approaches to race and racism, to examine the connection between ideological racism and scientific racism, and the "discourse of confrontation." Ms. Batur.

Not offered in 2001/02.

[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 2001/02.

### 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.

### [369b. Social Construction of Race in the U.S.]

(1)

This course examines the social construction of race in the United States from the beginning of the nineteenth century to the present. The course focuses on changing racial meanings and identities of specific socio-historical groups and the ways in which social institutions interpret and reinterpret race over time. Contemporary issues addressed include: the construction of "whiteness," the making of model minorities, and the emergence of the "mixed race" category. Readings may include Cooper, DuBois, bell hooks, Omni and Winant, Gilroy and Roediger. Ms. Harriford.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 380a. Women's Movements in Asia

(1)

(Same as Asian Studies 380a) 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 postmodern conditions. Ms. Moon.

[382a. Reenvisioning Women in the Third World]

This course examines the forces that have shaped the lives of women, their willful responses in the Third World, defined in terms of historical and social conditions rather than geographical locations. Topics include colonialism, nationalism, politics of representation and the production of knowledge in international development, environmental movement, global factory work, reproductive rights, and the sex industry in international tourism. Ms. Moon.

Not offered in 2001/02.

384a. Black Marxism (1)

The growth of global racism suggests the symmetry of the expansion of capitalism and the globalization of racial hierarchy. In this context, global racism works to shatter possibilities for solidarity, distort the meaning of justice, alter the context of wrong, and makes it possible for people to claim ignorance of past and present racial atrocities, discrimination, exclusion, oppression, and genocide. By concentrating on the works of Black Marxist intellectuals, this course will examine the discourse of confrontation, and the impact of Black Marxist thought in contributing to anti-racist knowledge, theory, and action. Ms. Batur.

[388a. Corporate Power]

(1)

(1)

This seminar investigates how business exerts political power over society. We review the competing theories and methodologies with which social researchers have explained the power of business. With minor departures, the course is divided in two parts. In the first half, we examine corporate power in the national arena: federal government, social policy, the workplace, mass media, and so on. In the second half, we focus on the role of business in community settings, particularly regarding local government, economic development, and civic organizations. Mr. Nevarez.

Not offered in 2001/02.

389b. Enduring Inequality

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies 389b). Despite optimistic forecasts that "rising tides would lift all boats," many Americans have stood on the sidelines during the recent economic boom, mired in persistent poverty. This course critically examines the range of scholarly and popular explanations for poverty and inequality in the U.S. with an eye toward identifying key causes and evaluating policy proposals for remedying social inequities. Ms. Kaufman.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

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 91.

### Spanish

For curricular offerings, see Hispanic Studies, page 218.

### **Urban Studies**

Director: Pinar Batur (Sociology); Steering Committee: Jennifer Bosson (Psychology), Lisa Brawley (Urban Studies), Mario Cesareo (Hispanic Studies), Heesok Chang (English), Mita Choudhury (History), Brian Godfrey (Geography), Tiffany Lightbourn (Psychology), Leonard Nevarez (Sociology), Sidney Plotkin (Political Science), Thomas Porcello (Anthropology), Christopher Roellke (Education), Jonathan Rork (Economics), Christopher J. Smart (Chemistry). Participating Faculty: Nicholas Adams (Art), Joyce Bickerstaff (Africana Studies and Education), Gene Bunnell (Urban Studies), Andrew Bush (Hispanic Studies), James Challey (Science, Technology and Society and Physics), Lisa Collins (Art), John Cross (Sociology), Harvey Flad (Geography), Luke Harris (Political Science), Kathy Kaufman ((Sociology), Peter Leonard (Field Work), Eileen Leonard (Sociology), Marque Miringoff (Sociology), Robin Trainor (Education).

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 275/276, Economics 209, Geography 220, Geography 222, Political Science 207, or Psychol-

ogy 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, or one half unit of Urban Studies 249 (½), plus one half unit in a chosen field work in cooperation with the course instructor.

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 JYA 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.

#### Core Courses

#### 100b. 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. Ms. Batur.

### 200a. 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 cyber-space, with a global comparative focus. Literature and topics examined to include urban ecology, community studies, the public sphere, economy, the global city system and urban cultures. Mr. Nevarez.

Prerequisite: Urban Studies 100.

## [201b. Aesthetics and Urban Social Movements: Reading the Body in Protest]

(1)

The course explores the political practices of social movements as forms of theatricality that display, dramatize, elaborate, and symbolically resolve the social tensions that have brought them into being. Mr. Cesareo.

Prerequisite: Urban Studies 100.

Not offered in 2001/02.

### 205 a and b. Topics in Social Psychology

(1)

(Same as Psychology 205) 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, inter-group conflict, and altruism.

Topic for 2001/02 a and b: Self and Society in the Information Age. Ms. Bosson.

Prerequisites: Psychology 105 or 106.

### 213b. 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. Mr. Akeley.

#### 218b. Urban Economics

(1)

(Same as Economics 218). 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. Mr. Rork.

Prerequisite: Economics 101.

## **245b. Ethnographer's Craft** (Same as Anthropology 245)

(1)

### 249a and b. Field Work As an Urban Experience

 $(\frac{1}{2})$ 

This course requires students to enroll in a half unit of field work in an area of their choice. It provides an interpretive and comparative framework by offering students readings on activism, social organization and community movements and facilitates collective discussions in a classroom setting. The Program.

Co-requisite: ½ unit of field work for a total of 1 unit.

### [265b. Urban Education Reform]

(1)

[Same as Education 265b) Mr. Roellke. Special Permission

Not offered in 2001/02.

273b. Representations of the City

(1)

The neighborhood is the building block of cities, and the quality of urban life is largely determined by the neighborhoods we live in. This course analyzes the changing face of American neighborhoods, by exploring the differing qualities and characteristics of inner city, inner suburb, and outer suburb neighborhoods, and how those neighborhoods are changing according to spatial and temporal variables. Twentieth-century planning experiments that created model suburban neighborhoods, the growing popularity of gated communities, and new urbanist communities that incorporate qualities formerly associated with older neighborhoods are also examined. One of the most important issues addressed is the extent to which the neighborhood fabric of cities has adapted to the growing diversity of American society. In that context, the question of how abandoned neighborhoods can be stabilized and revived without gentrification and displacement of existing residents, and without creating socio-economically homogeneous neighborhoods, becomes an important topic to explore. Mr. Bunnell.

### [274a. Urban Sociology: Building the City]

(1)

(Same as Sociology 274a) Not offered in 2001/02.

275b. Gender and Social Space

(1)

(Same as Women Studies 275) This course explores the ways in which gender informs the spatial organization of daily life. This course explores 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. 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.

Special Permission.

#### 282b. Cities and Urbanization in Latin America

(1)

(Same as the Sociology 282 and Latin American Studies 282). John Cross. Special Permission.

### 286a. Drugs and U.S. Policy in Latin America

**(1)** 

(Same as Sociology 286 and Latin American Studies 286). Mr. Cross.

287b. Feminist Political Ecology

(1)

(Same as Environmental Studies 287 and Women Studies 287) Topic for 2001/02: Gender, Nature, Justice: An Introduction to Feminist Environmentalism. This course is an introduction to feminist environmentalism as a political movement and an emerging critical field. A wide range of critical approaches to understanding gender and the environment—such as feminist political ecology, ecofeminism, ecosocialism, and environmental philosophy—inform an exploration of specific cases of gendered environmental practice. Cases include: nature writing, landscape architecture, wilderness adventure, earth art, vegetarianism, and environmental activism. We examine environmental crises as they relate to processes of urbanization. We pay particular attention to the question of sustainable agriculture and food security. Critically attending to the global food system—and to the gendered and racial inequities in the production and distribution of the planet's most fundamental resources—powerfully reveals the interconnection of the urban and the rural, the global and the local, the planet and the body, and thus calls for a feminist activism and scholarship that is able to traverse these diverse spaces. Reading for this course will be supplemented by guest lectures by area feminist scholars, activists, and farmers. Ms. Brawley.

Special permission.

### 288a. Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning

**(1)** 

(Same as Science, Technology and Society 288) Environmental quality can be threatened by development and urbanization. However, a healthy environment is impossible without healthy cities. This course examines the interrelationship between cities and regions, and points of interconnection between urban policy and planning, and environmental quality are considered, and twentieth-century American urban and environmental policies are reviewed. Recent and emerging policy tools and planning methods for managing land use and development in cities and regions are emphasized. In so doing, a foundational understanding of sustainable land use and sustainable development are developed. Mr. Bunnell.

Prerequisite: Urban Studies 100.

### 289a. Aesthetic and Racial Valuations in American Urban Contexts (1)

The arena of music in the U.S. came to be a central locus for struggles over valuation deemed both social and aesthetic. From 1890 to 1960, music, widely regarded as the most ethereal and the most elemental art, remained at the epicenter of cultural debates over urbanization, modernism, and media, The course examines the limited malleability of race as lived and as represented. Debates focus on the racial utility and urban valence of ragtime, tin pan alley, jazz versus blues, rhythm and blues. Source texts include recordings, radio programs, movies and contemporary criticism associated with New York, Chicago, Kansas City, and Los Angeles. Mr. Moore.

### 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.

### 350a. New York City as a Social Laboratory

(1)

(Same as Sociology 350) 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. Ms. Kaufman.

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

### [370b. Topics in Social and Urban Geography]

**(1)** 

(Same as Geography 370)

Prerequisites: Urban Studies 100, Geography 105, or Geography 250. Not offered in 2001/02.

### 380b. Poughkeepsie Institute

**(1)** 

This course is taught in conjunction with the Poughkeepsie Institute, which is a collaboration of five local colleges: Bard, Dutchess Community, Marist, New Paltz and Vassar. The topics vary but are always on urban issues of local concern (often with national implications). The seminars are team-taught. There are always five professors present, one from each college. The course requires direct community experience and research. It aims to issue a collaborative report to foster community discussion among citizens, the media, and policy making bodies. The topics for the Institute may change from year to year in which case the course may be repeated for credit.

Topic for 2001/02b: *The Poughkeepsie Water Front*. This course aims to discover, analyze, and report on the history, current project and future of the Poughkeepsie Water Front. This team-taught, multi-disciplinary course examines the sociopolitical realities, local environmental issues and economic development policies. There is a strong emphasis on direct community research. Students are involved in traditional classroom work as well as cooperative research projects. Mr. Leonard, Ms. Marzouka.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

Limited to 5 students.

### 381b. Psychology of Migration

(1)

(Same as Psychology 381) Ms. Lightbourn.

### 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 2001a: Globalization and its Discontents. This seminar explores the contemporary phenomena called "globalization," paying particular attention to the changing role of cities within the context of increasingly global networks of trade, migration, information, finance and cultural exchange. We explore the implications of globalization for understandings of place, work, family, cultural identity, citizenship, the nation, and the state. We also consider movements and discourses of resistance formed within and/or in opposition to the new global system. Texts for this course include works by Saskia Sassen, from whose essay collection it takes its title, as well as: David Harvey, Limits to Capital, Antonio Negri and Michael Hardt, Empire, Arjun Appadurai, Modernity at Large; Anthony Giddens, Runaway World; AchilleMoembe, At the Edge of the World; the special issue of Signs on Gender and Globalization; and several of the recent anthologies on globalization. Ms. Brawley, Mr. Godfrey.

Prerequisite: special permission.

388a. Prejudice, Racism, and Social Policy

(1)

(Same as Psychology 388 and Africana Studies 388) Prejudice and racism is one of the most enduring and widespread social problems facing the world today. This course tackles prejudice and racism from a social psychological perspective, and aims to give students an understanding of the theoretical causes, consequences, and 'cures' of this pervasive phenomenon. We review the empirical work on stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination and then explore real-world examples of these principles in action in the policy realm. In particular we examine historical and contemporary cases that relate to ideas about race and ethnicity in a national and global context. Topics covered may include affirmative action, segregation/desegregation, bilingual education, urban policy, US immigration policy, US foreign policy in Rwanda and Yugoslavia, etc. This course is intended to help upper-level students acquire the theoretical tools with which to analyze prejudice and racism research and the development of public policies. Ms. Lightbourn.

389b. Enduring Inequality

(1)

(Same as Sociology 389b). Despite optimistic forecasts that "rising tides would lift all boats," many Americans have stood on the sidelines during the recent economic boom, mired in persistent poverty. This course critically examines the range of scholarly and popular explanations for poverty and inequality in the U.S. with an eye toward identifying key causes and evaluating policy proposals for remedying social inequities. Ms. Kaufman.

### II. Independent Work

298a or b. Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Individual project of reading or research, under supervision of one of the participating instructors.

399a or b. Senior Independent Work

 $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1)$ 

Independent project of reading or research under supervision of one of the participating instructors.

### Victorian Studies

**Coordinator:** Beth Darlington (English); **Advisers:** Brian Lukacher (Art), Susan Brisman, 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 or any of the advisers for a list of such courses). Junior Year Abroad in Britain may be desirable for qualified students.

### **Course Offerings**

### **Required Courses**

At least 3 units from	the following, in two disciplines, plus interdepartm	iental
Victorian Studies 300,		
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.	Modern Europe, from the Fall of Napoleon	(1)
,	to the Present	
History 151b.	British History: James I (1603) to the Great War	(1)
History 254a.	Victorian Britain	(1) (1)
History 355a.	Childhood and Children in Nineteenth-Century	(1)
,	Britain	` ′
Interdepartmental		
Victorian Studies 300a. Senior Thesis (1 or		
		,

#### Recommended Courses

Art 262a.	Art and Revolution in Europe 1789-1848	(1)
Art 263b.	Painters of Modern Life: Realism, Impressionism,	(1)
	Symbolism	
Art 362a.	Seminar in Nineteenth-Century Art	(1)
Economics 260b.	The Economics of Imperialism	(1)
Economics 370b.	History of Economic Thought	(1)
Education 297.04.	Readings in the History of Education	(1)
English 261.	The Literary Revival in Ireland, 1885-1922	(1)
Music 236.	Studies in Music of the Nineteenth/Twentieth	(1)
	Centuries	
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 or any of the advisers.

### Women's Studies

**Director:** Uma Narayan (Philosophy); **Steering Committee:** Rodica Diaconescu-Blumenfeld (Italian), Patricia-Pia Celerier (French), Colleen Ballerino Cohen (Anthropology/Women's Studies), Miriam Cohen (History), Margot Crawford (English), Leslie Dunn (English), Janet Gray (Psychology), Diane Harriford (Sociology), Ann Imbrie (English), Kirsten Menking (Geology), Seungsook Moon (Sociology), Uma Narayan (Philosophy), Mary Shanley (Political Science), Deborah Paredez (Drama), Karen Robertson (English/Women's Studies), Jill Schneiderman (Geography/Geology), Patricia Wallace (English), Susan Zlotnick (English). Members of the Program: Rodica Diaconescu-Blumenfeld (Italian), Lisa Brawley, (Urban Studies/Women's Studies), Margot Crawford (English), Patricia-Pia Celerier (French), Colleen Ballerino Cohen (Anthropology/Women's Studies), Miriam Cohen (History), Lisa Collins (Art), Leslie Dunn (English), Janet Gray (Psychology), Diane Harriford (Sociology), Ann Imbrie (English), Jean Kane (English), Kirsten Menking (Geology), Seungsook Moon (Sociology), Uma Narayan (Philosophy), Deborah Paredez (Drama), Karen Robertson (English/Women's Studies), Jill Schneiderman (Geography/Geology), Mary Shanley (Political Science), Patricia Wallace (English), Susan Zlotnick (English). Participating Faculty: Mita Choudhury (History), Anne Constantinople (Psychology), Rebecca Edwards (History), Gretchen Gerzina (English), Luke Harris (Political Science), Mia Mask (Film), Shirley Lans-Johnson (Economics), Michael Joyce (English), Sarah Kozloff (Film), Eileen Leonard (Sociology), Lisa Paravisini-Gebert (Hispanic Studies), Robin Trainor (Education), Denise Walen (Film), Adelaide Villemoare (Political Science), Yu Zhou (Geology).

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 List.

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
Sophomore and Junior
Junior
Senior

130 Introduction to Women's Studies
200-level courses germane to the sequence
a course in feminist theory
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. Issues in Feminism: Bodies and Texts

(1)

An introduction to issues in feminism with a focus on the body, the representation of the body, and textuality. Possible issues may include reproductive rights, pornography, anorexia, prostitution, women in popular culture and the female voice. Specific attention is paid to the intersection of race, class, and gender. Ms. Zlotnick.

Open only to Freshmen. Two 75-minute sessions.

### 160b. Issues in Feminism: Women, Art and Politics

(1)

An interdisciplinary examination of the Women's Studies Movement of the 1960s and 1970s, particularly the Women's Art Movement. We explore relationships between art, politics, and society during the so-called "second wave" of feminism in the United States. Ms. Collins.

Open only to Freshmen. Two 75-minute sessions.

### 218b. Literary Perspectives on Women

(1)

(Same as English 218) Consideration of women as writers, and the representation of women in literature. The focus varies from year to year and may include works from different historical periods. This year the course focuses on feminist literary theory. Ms. Robertson, Ms. Zlotnick.

Two 75-minute sessions.

## [220. Medieval and Renaissance Culture: Women in Renaissance Culture]

**(1)** 

(Same as Medieval and Renaissance Studies 220) Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 230a. Women and Film

(1)

(Same as Film 230a) Despite the challenges posed by inadequate funding, distribution difficulties and obstacles to exhibition, women filmmakers have successfully directed, scripted and edited commercial, independent and avant-garde filmmakers. The course focuses on a wide variety of international women filmmakers, including films by Chantel Akerman, Mira Nair, Jane Campion, Tracey Moffatt, Agnes Varda and Marleen Gorris. The class emphasizes the diversity (aesthetic, ideological, racial and cultural) among women filmmakers. Filmmaking is viewed as a collaborative process in which the editor, the screenwriter and the actor significantly influence content. Out major text is the anthology, *Multiple Voices in Feminist Film Criticism*, edited by Carson Dittmar, and Welsch, and class

reading assignments delve into a broad range of theoretical perspectives. Ms. Mask. Two 75-minute sessions.

### [231b. Women Making Music]

**(1)** 

(Same as Music 231)

Prerequisites: one unit in music or women's studies, or by permission. Not offered in 2001/02.

#### 240a. Construction of Gender

**(1)** 

Topics vary from year to year. Topic for 2001/02: Representations of Women 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. The course may include the production of an analytical video. Ms. Cohen, Ms. Robertson.

Two 75-minute sessions.

### 241a. Feminist Approaches to Science and Technology

(1)

(Same as Science, Technology and Society 241 a) The course explores science as discourse and practice, looking specifically at the representations and roles of women in science and technology. There is attention to historical issues, but most of the semester is devoted to studying contemporary issues relevant to women living in a highly technological world. Readings are drawn from diverse fields including the natural sciences, literature, philosophy, and the history and sociology of science. Ms. Gray.

Two 75-minute sessions.

### [250b. Women in Japanese and Chinese Literature]

(1)

(Same as Asian Studies 250b) Not offered in 2001/02.

### [251b. Global Feminism]

**(1)** 

Not offered in 2001/02.

## 264b. Black Women in American History: Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

(1)

(Same as Africana Studies 264b)

### 275b. Gender and Social Space

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies 275) 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 periods.

### 281b. Bio-politics of Breast Cancer

**(1)** 

(Same as Science, Technology and Society 281) Ms. Gray. Two 75-minute sessions.

### 287b. Feminist Political Ecology

(1)

(Same as Urban Studies and Environmental Studies 287b) Topic for 2001/02: *Gender, Nature, Justice: An Introduction to Feminist Environmentalism.* This course is an introduction to feminist environmentalism as a political movement and an emerging critical field. A wide range of critical approaches to understanding gender and the environment—such as feminist political ecology, ecofeminism,

ecosocialism, and environmental philosophy—inform an exploration of specific cases of gendered environmental practice. Cases include: nature writing, land-scape architecture, wilderness adventure, earth art, vegetarianism, and environmental activism. We examine environmental crises as they relate to processes of urbanization. We pay particular attention to the question of sustainable agriculture and food security. Critically attending to the global food system—and to the gendered and racial inequities in the production and distribution of the planet's most fundamental resources - powerfully reveals the interconnection of the urban and the rural, the global and the local, the planet and the body, and thus calls for a feminist activism and scholarship that is able to traverse these diverse spaces. Readings for this course are supplemented by guest lectures by area feminist scholars, activists, and farmers. Ms. Brawley.

Two 75-minute sessions.

#### 375a. Seminar in Women's Studies

(1)

Addressing developments in the new scholarship on women, and in feminist theory and methodology, the seminar is team-taught by two faculty members from different disciplines, and affords students the opportunity to present their own scholarly work in the field. The topic varies from year to year.

Topic for 2001/02: Postcolonialism and Third World Feminism. The course focuses on theoretical questions pertaining to feminism and postcolonialism, and on issues affecting women as they are articulated in specific Third world contexts. We begin with texts that mark the theoretical intersections between postcolonial studies, cultural studies and feminist theory. Using literary and philosophical texts, as well as novels and film, we look at the women's public and private lives in the context of issues raised by Third World feminists and feminist movements. We consider issues pertaining to representations of Third World women, and to feminist debates on "cultural practices." We explore the effects of the new global economy on different groups of Third World women, and women's relationships to nationalism. We look at issues of sexuality and sexual identity as they play out in different Third World contexts. Ms Narayan, Ms. Robertson.

Open to junior and seniors majoring in women's studies, taking the correlate sequence or concentrating in related fields.

One 2-hour meeting per week.

## [380b. Queer Theory] Not offered in 2001/02.

**(1)** 

(1/2)

## **381b. Gender, Class, and Region in American Culture** (1) (Same as American Culture 381b) Ms. Constantinople and Ms. Edwards.

## [382a. "Unspeakable Things Unspoken" The Female Voice in the Novels of Toni Morrison]

An exploration of the writings of Toni Morrison as well as critical essays on her work. Class discussions involve close readings of her seven novels as well as her critical work. Ms. Gerzina.

One 2-hour meeting per week. Not offered in 2001/02.

### **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.

### 297.02. Lesbian Sex and Politics in the United States

The program.

## 297.04. Women and Sport The program. (1/2)

### 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)
<b>300a-300b. Senior Thesis or Project</b> A 1-unit thesis or project written in two semesters.	(1/2, 1/2)
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*.

American Culture 275	Ethnicity and Race in America	(1)
Asian Studies 240	Women in China	(1)
Education 260	Child Abuse and Domestic Violence	(1)
English 262 English 319 English 326	Post-Colonial Literatures Race and Its Metaphors Studies in Ethnic American Literature	(1) (1) (1)
Environmental Studies 103	Earth System Science and Environmental Justice	(1)
History 259	The History of the Family in Early	(1)
History 260	Modern Europe Women in the United States to 1890	(1) (1)
Political Science 237	Law of Race and Gender, Antidiscrimination	(1)
Political Science 346	in the U.S. Seminar in American Politics	(1)
Sociology 236 Sociology 257	Women, Men, and Social Change in East Asia Re-orienting America: Asians in American History and Society	(1)
Sociology 369	Social Construction of Race in the U.S.	(1)

### V. General Courses

Consult the list circulated each term by the program, together with the *Women's Studies Handbook*.

## **College Organization 2000/01**



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Kathleen Landry '01, VSA President (2001)

The dates in parentheses indicate the expiration of terms of office.

### Administration

### Office of the President

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Frances D. Fergusson, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
President of the College, Chair of the Faculty, and Professor of Art (1986-)†
Robert L. Pounder, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
Assistant to the President (1989-) and Professor of Classics (1972-74; 1975-)
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### Office of Affirmative Action

Patricia Wallace, A.B., M.A., PhD.

Director of Affirmative Action (2000- ) and Professor of English (1976- )

### Office of the Dean of the Faculty

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<sup>a</sup>Norman Fainstein, B.S., Ph.D.
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Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Sociology (1995- )

Barbara Joan Page, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Acting Dean of the Faculty (July 2000 - January 2001), Associate Dean of the Faculty (1998- ) and Professor of English (1969- ) on the Helen D. Lockwood Chair

Rachel Kitzinger, B.A., Ph.D.

Acting Associate Dean of the Faculty (July 2000 - January 2001) and Professor of Classics (January 1982- ) on the Matthew Vassar, Jr. Chair

Kenneth Livingston, A.B., M.A., Ph.D.

Director of Teaching Development (January 2000- ) and Professor of Psychology (1977- )

Judith B. Hanna, B.A., M.S.

Assistant Dean of the Faculty (1979- ) and Associate Director of Human Resources (Faculty) (2000- )

Kathleen A. Brown, A.B.

Assistant to the Dean of the Faculty (1987-)

**Amanda Thornton,** B.A., M.A.

Director of Grants Administration (2000-)

### **Academic Program Support**

Susan J. Kuyper, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Director of Academic Program Support (1999-)

### Dean of Admission and Financial Aid

David M. Borus, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Dean of Admission and Financial Aid (1996-)

### Office of Admission

Nancy Q. Rubsam, A.B.

Associate Director of Admission and Director of the Alumnae-i Admission Program (1984- )

Mark D. Spencer, B.A., M.A.

Associate Director of Admission, (1994-

John C. "J.C." Tesone, A.B.

Associate Director of Admission, (1995-

**Ilse Abusamra**, A.B.

Senior Assistant Director of Admission (1997-)

<sup>†</sup> The dates in parentheses refer to the beginning of service in the department and not necessarily to the assumption of the current title.

<sup>\*</sup> Part time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absent on leave, first semester.

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Nikki R. Brown, B.A.
  Assistant Director of Admission (1999-), Admission Counselor (1998-99)
Jason Beck, A.B.
  Assistant Director of Admission (2000- ), Admission Counselor (1999-2000)
Timothy Pellett, B.A., M.A.
  Assistant Director of Admission (2000-), Admission Counselor (1999-2000)
Marivel Oropeza, A.B.
  Admission Counselor (2000-
William Tucker, B.S., M.ED.
  Coordinator of Technology (2000-
Office of Financial Aid
Michael P. Fraher, B.A.
  Director of Financial Aid (1980-)
Ellen R. Shilkret, B.S., M.A.
  Associate Director of Financial Aid (1987- )
Jason R. Cookingham, B.A.
  Technical Coordinator (2000-); Programmer/Analyst CIS (1999-2000)
Elaine L. Hughes
  Assistant Director of Financial Aid (1999-
Tylene Rivera-Goldman, B.A., M.A.
  Assistant Director of Financial Aid (2000-
Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center
James Mundy, A.B., M.F.A., Ph.D.
  The Anne Hendricks Bass Director and Lecturer in Art (1991-
Patricia Phagan, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
  The Philip and Lynn Straus Curator of Prints and Drawings (2000-)
Joel Smith, B.A., M.A.
  Emily Hargroves Fisher '57 and Richard B. Fisher Curator (1999-)
Monica Church, B.A., M.F.A.
  Coordinator of Public Education and Programs (1999-)
Joann M. Potter, B.A., B.A., M.A.
  Registrar/Collections Manager (1988- )
Karen Casey Hines, B.A., M.A.
  Assistant Registrar (1995- )
Bruce Bundock, B.F.A.
  Museum Preparator (1994- )
Athletics
Andrew M. Jennings, B.Ed., M.A., Ph.D.
  Director of Athletics (1991- ), and Professor of Physical Education (1981- )
Michael Alton, B.A., M.Ed.
  Men's and Women's Rowing Coach and Instructor in Physical Education (2000-)
Leonard Angelli, B.S., M.Ed.
  Assistant Athletic Trainer (1994-
Andrew Barlow, B.S., M.A.
  Baseball and Cross-Country Coach and Assistant Professor of Physical Education
  (1996-
Tony Brown, B.Ed., B.S., M.S.
  Men's and Women's Rugby Coach, Assistant Director of Athletics—Sports Information,
  and Lecturer in Physical Education (1996-), Director of Intramurals (1995-96)
Steve Buonfiglio, B.S.E., M.S.
  Women's Basketball Coach (1990- ), Assistant Director of Athletics for Intramurals
  and Lecturer in Physical Education (1996-
Kathy Campbell, B.S., M.S.
  Women's Tennis Coach and Professor of Physical Education (1978-
Roman Czula, B.A., M.A.
  Men's Tennis Coach and Professor of Physical Education (1975-)
Mike Dutton, B.S., M.S.
  Men's Basketball Coach (1995- ), Assistant Director of Athletics for Business
  Management and Lecturer in Physical Education (1995-)
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Judy Finerghty, B.S., M.S.
   Women's Field Hockey and Lacrosse Coach and Assistant Professor in Physical Education
   (1993 -
 Michael Levin, B.B.A., M.A.
   Director of Sports Information (2000-)
 Louise McCleary, B.A., M.S.
   Associate Director of Athletics and Lecturer in Physical Education (1997-)
 Jane Parker
   Men's and Women's Squash Coach and Instructor in Physical Education (2000-)
 Chris Parsons, B.A., M.S.
   Men's Soccer Coach, Assistant Director of Athletics for Facilities and Lecturer in
   Physical Education (1997-)
 Jonathan Penn, B.S., M.S.
   Men's and Women's Volleyball Coach and Assistant Professor in Physical Education
   (1995-)
 Rebecca Powell, B.S., M.S.
   Assistant Athletic Trainer (2000-)
 Lisl Prater-Lee, B.A., M.A.
   Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Coach and Assistant Professor in Physical
   Education (1993-
 Richard Sipperly, B.S., M.E.
   Men's Lacrosse Coach, Women's Soccer Coach and Assistant Professor in Physical
   Education (1994- )
 Aimee Tycenski, B.S., M.S. Ed.
   Head Athletic Trainer (2000-
 Kathryn Webster, B.A., M.S.
   Assistant Athletic Trainer (1997- )
 Office of Field Work
 Peter Leonard, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
   Director of Field Work (1995- ) and Lecturer in Urban Studies (1985- )
 Betsy Kopstein, M.A.
   Associate Director of Field Work (November 1982- )
 Libraries
 Sabrina Pape, M.L.S.
   Director of the Libraries (1996-), Associate Director (1980-96)
 Sarah Ransom Canino, M.A., M.L.S.
   Music Librarian (1985-
 Ann E. Churukian, M.M., M.S.
   Assistant Music Librarian (November 1989- )
*Barbara A. Durniak, M.L.S.
   Electronic Reference Services Librarian (1984-)
 Christine W. Fitchett, M.L.S.
   Serial/Documents Librarian (1984- )
 Flora Grabowska, M.L.S.
   Science Librarian (1995-
 Thomas E. Hill, M.L.S., M.A., M. Phil.
   Art Librarian (1986- ) and Collection Development Librarian (1997- )
 Kathleen F. Kurosman, M.L.S.
   Educational Technology Librarian (1989-)
 Gretchen Lieb, M.L.S.
   Reference Librarian (June 2000- )
 Shirley A. Maul, M.L.S.
   Associate Director for Readers Services (1973- )
 James F. Monteith, M.A., M.L.S.
   Slide Librarian (1994- )
 Elizabeth Oktay, M.S.L.S.
   Head Acquisitions Librarian (1966-)
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<sup>\*</sup>Part time.

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Ronald Patkus, M.S., Ph.D.
   Head of Archives and Special Collections (November 2000- )
 Joan Pirie, M.A., M.L.S.
   Head of Cataloging (February 1990- )
* Chiharu Watsky, M.L.S.
   Cataloger (June 2000-
 Kappa A. Waugh, M.L.S.
   Librarian (November 1985- )
 Wimpfheimer Nursery School
 Julie A. Riess, A.B., Ph.D.
   Director of the Wimpfheimer Nursery School and Lecturer in Psychology and Education
   (1994-
 Lois Ingellis, B.S., M.Ed.
   Assistant Director of Wimpfheimer, Nursery School (2000-
 Justine F. Bastian, A.A., A.A.S., B.S.
   Nursery School Assistant Teacher (1995-
 Ann Clare, B.A., M.A.
   Nursery School Teacher (2000-
 Joan DeRito, B.A., M.S.
   Nursery School Teacher (1993-
 Roseanne Di Fate, B.A.
   Nursery School Teacher (1993-
 Gwen Foster, B.A.
   Nursery School Teacher (1992-
 Karin S. Gale, B.S., M.S.Ed.
   Nursery School Teacher (January 1989- )
 Peter Rawson, B.S.
   Nursery School Teacher (1999-
 Dawn M. Timmons, B.S., M.S.
   Nursery School Teacher (1992-
 Sarah Tompkins, A.A.S.
   Nursery School Assistant Teacher (1999-)
 Amy Yarmosky, B.S.
   Nursery School Teacher (1997- )
 Office of the Registrar
 Daniel J. Giannini, M.A.
   Registrar/Director of Academic Records and Research (1986-)
 Colleen Mallet, A.A.S.
   Associate Registrar (1991- )
 Office of the Dean of the College
 Colton Johnson, Ph.D.
   Dean of the College (1994-), Acting Dean of Student Life (1991-94), Dean of Studies
   (1975-94), Professor of English (1965-)
 Andrew Meade, B. S.
   Assistant to the Dean of the College (2000- ), Director of Campus Dining (1992-2000)
 Office of the Dean of Studies
ab Alexander M. Thompson, III, B.S., M.S., M.B.A., Ph.D.
   Dean of Studies (1995-), and Professor of Economics (1977-
 Leslie Dunn, B.A, M.A., Ph.D.
   Dean of Freshmen (1996- ) and Associate Professor of English (1985- )
 Stephen Sadowsky, B.S., Sc.M., Ph.D.
   Acting Dean of Studies (2000-01), Adviser to the Class of 2001 (1995-), and Associate
   Professor of Psychology (1968- )
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ab Absent on leave for the year.

### Jill Schneiderman, B.S., A.M. Ph.D.

Adviser to the Class of 2002 (1999- ) and Professor of Geology (1994- )

### Joanne Long, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Adviser to the Class of 2003 (2000- ) and Adjunct Assistant Professor of English (1978- )

### Susan Correll, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Assistant Dean of Studies and Study Away Adviser (1995- ) and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Education (1991- )

#### Diana Brown. A.B.

Assistant to the Dean of Studies (1999-)

#### Susan L. Davis. B. A.

Director of the Office for Fellowships, Graduate School/Pre-professional Advising (1994- ), Assistant to the Dean of the College (1994-2000), Assistant to the Dean of Studies, Adviser to Special Students and Assistant for Fellowships and Preprofessional Advising (1986-94)

### Karen E. Getter, M.A.

Assistant to the Dean of Studies for Academic Resources (1991- ), Director of the Academic Resource Center/Student Support Services (1987-91), Study Counselor (1983-87)

#### Edward Pittman, A.A., A.B., M.P.S.

Adviser to Special Students and Associate Dean of the College for Campus Community (1998- ), Assistant Dean of the College and Director of the Intercultural Center (1994-98), Assistant Dean of Student Life (1992-94), Director of Multicultural Affairs (1990-92)

#### Academic Resource Center

#### Karen Getter, M.A.

Assistant to the Dean of Studies for Academic Resources (1991- ), Director of the Academic Resource Center/Student Support Services (1987-91), Study Counselor (1983-87)

#### \* Doris Wexler Haas, M.A.

Mathematics Specialist (January 1981- )

### Thomas J. McGlinchey, M.A.

Writing Specialist (January 1978-

### Office of the Dean of Students

#### David H. "DB" Brown, Ph.D.

Dean of Students (1994-), Associate Dean of Student Life/Director of Residential Life (1990-94), Associate Director of Counseling (1978-1990)

### **Counseling Service**

#### **Sylvia R. Balderrama**, Ed.D.

Director of Psychological Services (1992-)

#### **Dee Deporto-Callan**, M.A.

Psychological Counselor (1998-)

#### Richard Hahn, M.D.

Consulting Psychiatrist (1992- )

#### Anton Hart, Ph.D.

Psychological Counseor, Associate Director of Psychological Services (1997- )

#### Maury Lacher, Ph.D.

Psychological Counselor (1977-), Director of Counseling Services (1977-90)

### Ellen Marshall, C.S.W.

Psychological Counselor (1998-

#### Pamela Neimeth, M.SW., C.S.W.

Associate Director of Psychological Services (1998-), Psychological Counselor (1989-91; 1997-98); Assistant Dean of the College/Director of Campus Concerns and Adviser to Special Students (1991-97)

<sup>\*</sup> Part time.

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Lisa Reticker, C.S.W.
   Psychological Counselor (November 2000- )
 Disability and Support Services
 Belinda Guthrie, M.A.
   Director of Disability and Support Services (1997-)
 Office of Health Education
 William Kernan, M.P.A.-H.S.
   Director of Health Education (1999-)
Health Service
 Irena Balawajder, M.D., Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
   Physician and Director of Health Service (1987-)
 John Craig, R.P.A.
   Physician Assistant (1992-)
 Anne C. Dadarria, B.A., M.S.
   Nurse Practitioner (1984-
* Michael J. Maynard, M.D.
   Team Physician (1996-
 Residential Life
 Faith Nichols, A.A.S., B.S., M.P.S.
   Director of Residential Life (1994-), Associate Director of Residential Life (1993-94),
   Director of Halls (1984-93)
 Danielle Knabjiam, B.A., M.A.
   Assistant Director of Residential Life (1999-); House Adviser (1997-99)
 Stacy Cooper Glick, B.A., M.A.
   House Adviser (1998-
 Gary Miller, B.A., M.Ed.
   House Adviser (1999-
 Tikesha Morgan, B.S., M.S.
   House Adviser (2000-
 Michael Patterson, B.S., M.Ed.
   House Adviser (1998- )
 Laura Ryblewski, B.A., M.A.
   House Adviser (1999- )
 Office of Campus Activities
 Raymon P. Parker, B.A., M.A.
   Associate Dean of the College and Director of Campus Activities (1985-)
 Teresa P. Quinn, B.A.
   Director of the College Center and Associate Director of Campus Activities (1985-)
 Lori Nutting, B.A., M.B.A.
   Assistant Director of Campus Activities (1994-)
 Office of Campus Community
 Edward Pittman, A.A., A.B., M.P.S.
   Associate Dean of the College for Campus Community, Adviser to Special Students, and
   Director of the ALANA Center (1998-), Assistant Dean of the College and Director
   of the Intercultural Center (1990-98)
 Campus Dining
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Director of Campus Dining (2000-), Director of Operations (1993-2000)

Associate Director of All Campus Dining Center (1991-)

Maureen King, B.S.

Bruce Harms, A.O.S.

<sup>\*</sup>Part time.

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Diane Dalton, B.S.
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Associate Director of the Retreat (1997-)

### Office of Career Development

### Clare D. Graham, M.S.

Director of Career Development (1984-)

Frederick W. Nagel, Jr., M.S.

Associate Director of Career Development (1996-)

Donna M. Grady, M.S.

Assistant Director of Career Development (2000-; 1990-92)

Frederick A. Burke, B.A.

Assistant Director of Career Development (2000-)

### Office of the ALANA Center

Edward L. Pittman '82, A.A., A.B., M.P.S.

Associate Dean of the College and Director of the ALANA Center (1994-), Assistant Dean of Student Life (1992-94), Director of Multicultural Affairs (1990-92)

Elaine M. Cockerman, B.A., M.A.

Coordinator of the ALANA Center (1999-)

### Office of Religious and Spiritual Life

Samuel H. Speers, B.A., M.Div.

Director of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (1999-)

Efraim Eisen, B.S., M.A.

Advisor to Jewish Students (1998-)

### Security

Donald C. Marsala, B.A., M.S.

Director of Security (1996-), Assistant Director of Security and Associate in the Office of Campus Concerns (1994-96)

Kim Squillace

Assistant Director of Security (1996- )

### Student Employment

Karen Ehlers, B.A.

Director of Student Employment (1996- ), Assistant Director of Financial Aid (1988-96)

### **Financial Administration**

### Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration

#### Vice President for Finance and Administration

To be announced

Stephen R. Dahnert, B.A., M.Ed., M.B.A.

Assistant to the Vice President (1995-)

### **Director of Investments**

To be announced

### Office of the Budget Director

**Bryant T. Morgan**, B.S., M.A., M.B.A. Budget Director (1989-)

E. Mary McGowan, B.A., C.P.A.

Budget Analyst (1991- )

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Office of the Controller
Paul D. Mutone, B.B.A., C.P.A.
  Controller (1989-
Elise L. Centorani, B.B.A., M.P.A.
  Assistant Controller (1989-
Dana J. Sweet, B.S., C.P.A., M.S.
  Assistant Controller (1998-
Maria B. Bottini, A.A.S., B.S.
  Chief Accountant (1985-
Lora Gannon, B.S.
  Staff Accountant (1988-
Nancy L. Klein, B.S., M.S.
  Director of Student Accounts (2000-)
Office of the Business Manager
Business Manager
  To be anounced
C. Arthur Punsoni, B.A., M.A., C.P.M.
  Director of Purchasing (1985-
Rosaleen E. Cardillo, B.S.
  Assistant Director of Purchasing (1991-)
Victor Boshoff, B.A.
  Buyer (1998-
Marjorie Cox
  Manager of the Vassar College Store (1994-
John McCormick, M.Ed.
  Manager of the Computer Store (1997-
Josephine Bernhard, A.A.S.
  Assistant Director of Telephone Services (1990-)
Office of Human Resources Management
Sarah L. Hoger, B.A., M.A.
  Director of Human Resources (1999-
Gary Chasen, B.A.
  Associate Director of Human Resources Administration (1985-)
Kim T. Collier, B.S., M.S.
  Assistant Director of Employee Relations/Training (2000-
Leslie H. Power, B.A.
  Manager, Benefit Programs
Michael Richardson, B.S.
  Assistant Director Employee Relations/Training and Development (January 2001-)
Buildings and Grounds Services
Patrick J. Miller, B.S.M.E., M.P.A.
  Executive Director of Buildings and Grounds Services, Facilities Planning and
  Construction (2000-
Richard E. Cox, P.E., B.S., M.S.C.E.
  Director of Operations (1993-
Jeffrey C. Horst, B.A.
  Director of Grounds (1990-)
Carl Gottschalk, A.I.A., B.F.A., B.Arch.
  Director of Planning and Capital Projects (1999-
George F. Brengel
  Manager for Mechanical Services (1987-)
John F. McEnrue, A.S., B.S., C.E.O.
  Project Manager (1994-
Richard Skinner
  Manager of the Service Response Center (1986-)
Cynthia V. VanTassell
  Manager for Custodial Services (1999-)
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Joseph M. Zepetelli, A.A.S. Manager of Buildings (2000-
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### **Computing and Information Services**

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Diane Balestri, A.B., Ph.D.
   Vice President for Computing and Information Services (2000-), Director of Computing
   and Information Services (1997-2000)
 Frank Archambeault, A.S.
   Associate Director for Network Services (1997-); Manager of Networking and Technical
   Services (1996-1997)
Joanne Boniello
   Programmer/Analyst (2000- )
John Collier, B.S.
   Associate Director for User Services (2000-)
 Aline Elie, B.A.
   User Services Consultant (1999-
 Tami Emerson
   User Services Consultant (2000-
James M. Fitzwilliam, M.M.
   Network Systems Administrator (2000- ); User Services Consultant (1990-2000)
 Nancy Garrison
   Help Desk Manager (1998-), User Services Consultant (1990-98)
* Marjorie Gluck, A.B.
   Programmer/Analyst (1999- )
Judith Husted, A.S.
   Web Programmer (2000-); Programmer/Analyst (1997-2000)
 Virginia Jones, B.S., M.Ed.
   Instructional Computing Consultant (1999-)
* Christopher Kajiwara, A.B.
   Training Consultant (November 2000- )
 E. Jane Livingston, B.A.
   Training and Documentation Coordinator (1999- )
Jasper Long, A.B.
   Multimedia Consultant (2000- )
 Steven Lowe, M.A.
   Programmer-Analyst (2000- )
 Gary Manning, A.A.S.
   Senior Programmer/Analyst (1993- )
*Laura McGowan, B.S.
   Senior Programmer/Analyst (1995-)
 Daniele Milanese, B.S.
   User Services Consultant for the Libraries (1998-)
 Martin Mortenson, B.S., M.S.
   Senior User Services Consultant (1998-
 Cristian Opazo-Castillo, B. S., M.A.
   Instructional Computing Consultant for the Sciences (2000-)
 Maureen Romey, B.S.
   Associate Director for Information Systems (1998-), Project Manager (1994-1997),
   Senior Programmer/Analyst (1989-94)
 Susan Stephens, A.B.
   Assistant to the Vice President for Computing and Information Systems (2001- )
Jeanne Sullivan-Jones, B.S.
   Senior User Services Consultant (1999-), User Services Consultant (1990-99)
 David Susman, B.S.
   Web Manager (1999-), Senior User Services Consultant (1990-99)
 Maria Sutcliffe, B.A., M.L.S.
   Senior Programmer/Analyst (1987- )
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<sup>\*</sup>Part time.

### Steve Taylor, B.A., Ph.D.

Associate Director for Instructional Media Services (1998-), Instructional Computing Consultant (1997-98)

### Richard Versace, A.S.

Database Administrator (1999-), Programmer/Analyst (1996-99)

### Office of College Relations

#### Susan DeKrey, B.A.

Vice President for College Relations (1999-), Director of College Relations (1994-1999), Director of Public Relations (1990-94)

#### **Emery Bernhard**, B.A., M.A.

Staff Writer (1999-

#### Megan Brown

Web Administrator (December 2000- )

### Maryann Bruno, A.B.

Associate Director of College Relations (1990-2000), Assistant Director of College Relations (1989-90), Assistant Press Secretary (1983-89), Publications Manager (1982-83)

### Beth Fargis-Lancaster, B.A., M.P.S.

Executive Producer of the Powerhouse Theater (1986-), Associate Director of Conferences and Summer Programs (1990-), Assistant Director of Conferences and Summer Programs (1986-1990)

### Kara Gough

Web Designer (2000- )

### Carolyn Guyer

Director of Web Development (2000-), Web Editor (1999-00), Staff Writer (1996-1999)

### Alana Johnson, B.F.A.

Web Designer (1999-

### George Laws, B.A., M.F.A.

Graphic Designer and Director of Publications (2000-), Graphic Designer/Publications Manager (1991-00)

### Karen Minturn, A.B., M.A.

Director of Conferences and Summer Programs (1989- ), Secretary of the Board of Trustees (1995-), Assistant Director of Development (1984-89), Assistant for Development (1982-84)

### Charles Mosco, B.S., M.A.

Graphic Designer/Production Manager (1997-)

### Timothy Russell, A.B.

Web Designer (2000-

#### Ronald Samuelson, A.B.

Assistant Director of College Relations (2001-)

#### Julia Van Develder, B.A., M.A.

Editorial Director (1990-

#### Wanda Yueh, B.A.

Designer (2000-); Designer/Production Manager (1993-97)

### Diane Pineiro-Zucker, B.F.A.

Associate Director of College Relations (1996-)

### Office of Development

#### Catherine E. Baer, A.B.

Vice President for Development (1999-)

### **Leadership Gifts**

#### Jennifer Sachs Dahnert, B.A.

Director of Development for Leadership Gifts (1996-), Director of Major Gifts (1990-96)

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Mame Dimock, B.A.
  Associate Director of Leadership Gifts (1996-
Robert Sweet, B.A., M.A., M.B.A.
  Associate Director of Leadership Gifts (1998-)
Peter L. Wilkie, B.A., M.A.
  Associate Director of Leadership Gifts (2000-)
Shelley M. Sherman, B.A.
  Director of Donor Relations (2000-), Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations
  (1999-2000), Associate Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations (1996-99),
  Associate Director of Academic Program Support (1992-96), Assistant Director of
  Academic Program Support (1989-92), Assistant for Foundations and Corporations
  (1981-89)
Andrea Ciminello, B.A., M.P.A.
  Senior Associate Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations (1999-), Associate
  Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations (1996-99), Assistant Director of
  Academic Program Support (1991-96)
Diana Salsberg, B.A.
  Coordinator of Principle Gift Activities and Special Events (2000-), Coordinator of
  Principle Gifts and Stewardship Activities (1998-2000)
Diane Sauter. A.A.
  Associate Director for Donor Relations (1999-), Assistant Director of Donor Relations
  (1995-99)
Lance Ringel, A.B.
  Development Writer (2000- )
Gift Planning
To be announced
  Director of Gift Planning
Heather Gelles Ebner, A.B.
  Assistant Director of Gift Planning (2000-)
Joan C. Kenna, A.A.
  Assistant Director of Gift Planning (1992-)
Reunion and Class Giving
Rvan L. Hart. A.B.
  Director of Reunion and Class Giving (1997- ); Director of Class Giving
  (1996-97), Assistant Director of Annual and Special Gifts (1994-96);
  Coordinator of Annual and Special Gifts Programs (1992-94); Assistant
  Director of Research (1991-92)
Stacy S. Langa, A.B.
  Associate Director of Reunion Giving (1996-)
Lisa L. Magnarella, B.A.
  Assistant Director of Class Giving (1999-), Assistant Director of Reunion Giving
  (1996-99), Donor Planning Officer (1994-96)
Angela Oonk, B.S.
  Assistant Director of Reunion Giving
Janice Fischlein. A.B.
  Associate Director of Class Giving (1996-
Teresa Gatins
  Assistant Director of Reunion and Class Giving (1996-), Coordinator of Annual and
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### **Development Information and Research**

Mary Carole Starke, B.A., M.A.

Special Gifts Programs (1994-96)

Director of Development for Operations (2000- ), Director of Development for Information and Research (1996-2000), Director of Donor Planning (1993-1996)

Kara M. Wern, B.S.

Senior Associate Director of Development Information and Research (1996), Associate Director of Donor Planning (1992-96)

#### Pamela J. Landolt

Development Researcher (2000- )

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PROGRAM	HEGIS CODE	DEGREE(S)
Africana Studies	2211	AB
American Culture	0313	AB
Anthropology	2202	AB
Anthropology-Sociology	2208	AB
Art	1003	AB
Asian Studies	0302	AB
	1911	AB
Astronomy	0401	AB,MA,MS
Biology	0401	AB,MA,MS AB
Biochemistry		AB AB
Biopsychology	2099	
Chemistry	1905	AB,MA,MS
Cognitive Science	4901	AB
Computer Science	0701	AB
Drama	1007	AB
Economics	2204	AB
<b>Environmental Studies</b>	0420	AB
English	1501	AB
Film	1010	AB
French	1102	AB
Geography-Anthropology	2206	$\mathbf{AB}$
Geography	2206	$\mathbf{AB}$
Geology	1914	$\mathbf{AB}$
Geography-Geology	2206	$\mathbf{AB}$
German Studies	1103	AB
Greek	1110	AB
Hispanic Studies	1105	AB
History	2205	AB
Independent Program	4901	AB
International Studies	2210	AB
Italian	1104	AB
Jewish Studies	2299	AB
Latin	1109	AB
Latin American Studies	0308	AB
Mathematics	1701	AB
Medieval and Renaissance Studies	4903	AB
Music	1005	AB AB
Philosophy	1509	AB
Physics	1902	AB
Political Science	2207	AB
Psychology	2001	AB
Religion	1510	AB
Russian Studies	1106	AB
Science, Technology and Society	4903	AB
Sociology	2208	AB
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Victorian Studies	4903	AB
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