

Fall 2008/Spring 2009 Experimental Course Descriptions

ART 294: Experimental Drawing Practices

3 credit hours

Drawing beyond pencil and paper. Students will read contemporary theory and execute said concepts in experimental media.

ASN 294: Asia Today

3 credit hours

Using major English language newspapers in the States, Europe, and Asia, this course takes a current events approach to raise students' awareness of culture, education, health, politics, and business among the 13 nations in the "ASEAN+3" group of countries. Based on current coverage in the global media, certain countries of the 13 are likely to receive more attention, namely China, Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam. This course satisfies the Global Issues and Diversity general education distribution requirement and can be used as an elective for the Asian Studies minor. **Prereq: WRIT 101 and COMM 101 with a C- or better and sophomore standing. SPECIAL NOTE: Students receiving credit for FYSE 101 11 in the Fall 2006 semester cannot take this course for credit.**

COLL 294: Internships for Undecided Students

3 credit hours

This course is designed for any student who is undecided about an academic major but has an internship opportunity. Students develop goals for their internship, maintain an internship journal, develop their résumé and make a final presentation about their internship experience. This course is intended for students who are about to begin an internship.

GRPH 394: Motion & Interaction on the Web

3 credit hours

This course uses current software and methodologies to introduce students to two artistic and commercial phenomena: animation and interactivity. Both disciplines are designed and delivered via the World Wide Web. The course work allows students to learn the basics of Flash Animation, Graphics Production, Interactive Design and Web-based communication. Students will purchase, produce, design and maintain their own website, a self-promotional Web portfolio.

HIST 394: Family & Sex Roles in Modern Western Civilization

3 credit hours

This course explores the evolution of the family, gender and sex roles, marriage, parenting and aging in the western world. Course topics include the impact of race, gender, religion, class status and sexual orientation on western family structure throughout modern history.

POLS 194: Model United Nations

1 credit hours

This course will provide students with an academic and experiential overview of the United Nations. It is intended for students who want to participate in a Model United Nations conference toward the end of the semester. After gaining an understanding of the purposes and operations of the United Nations, students will concentrate on preparing to represent a country by researching its foreign policy and studying the issues under discussion in the student's assigned UN committee for the simulation.

POLS 294: Latin American Politics

3 credit hours

This course provides a broad overview of the politics of Latin America and examines in more depth several countries in the region: Mexico, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela and Cuba. While the region encompasses a great deal of geographical, ethnic and class diversity, some common themes for consideration will include the neo-liberal versus more populist paths taken to achieve economic development, the consolidation (or decline) of democracy, the challenges posed by new social movements and inter-American relations.

**In presenting this schedule, the College reserves the right to withdraw and/or change any class.
*Please refer to the Marietta College webpage to view current course schedule information.***

POLS 294: History of Injustice in the United States

3 credit hours

The course provides a socio-legal-historical perspective on the patterns of injustice in various areas of African-American life. Examining the interaction between law and racial oppression in America from colonial times to the present, the course focuses on the US judicial system. Topics include the right to vote, the struggle for desegregated public education and public accommodations, reform of the criminal justice system and the role of the political and judicial systems in the civil rights movement.

POLS 394: Politics of War and Peace

3 credit hours

This course will delve into how politics, both international and domestic, can trigger the occurrence of war as well as shape its conduct. Of particular interest in this class will topics such as: the causes of great power conflicts; domestic politics as a cause of warfare; the role that individual leaders can play in war; strategic restraint and means of establishing international stability. The course will use both case studies and theoretical concepts to study the relationships between politics and the outbreak of war and the causes of durable and lasting peaces.

RELI 194: Five Big Religions: Five Big Questions

3 credit hours

This course will explore the five major world religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. We will also discuss some of the big religious questions that human beings have continually struggled with and explore how representatives of the major religions have dealt with them.

RELI/HIST 394: Hebrew Bible

3 credit hours

This course will be an introduction to and exploration of the Jewish Tanakh, or Hebrew Bible, which Christians call their Old Testament. We will read substantial portions of the three major sections of the Hebrew Bible (law, prophets and writings) in English translation with the help of a number of secondary sources. We will focus mainly on understanding the biblical texts in their own historical contexts but we will also explore how biblical themes resonate in other periods, including the present.

SPAN 394: Medical Spanish

3 credit hours

This course is intended for current and future health care professionals and individuals whose professional and/or personal activities would be enhanced by knowledge of Spanish in the context of health care. The main goal of the course is to improve students' language skills in order to allow them to communicate with patients, to gain their trust and to be able to help them recover and maintain themselves in good health. **Prereq: SPAN 202 or instructor permission.**

THEA 294: Stage Management

3 credit hours

The course introduces students to the field of stage management. Students learn and then practice in a production environment the skills associated with stage management.