

Spring 2019 Experimental and Special Topics Course Descriptions

FIN 494 Student Investment Fund

Credit hours TBD

The purpose of this course is to provide each student with real world and hands-on experience in security analysis and portfolio construction through the management of the Marietta College Student Managed Investment Fund. Class participants will collectively be in charge of the investment decisions of the fund, the overall portfolio composition, and will employ, various financial models used to assess sector, industry and individual security strength/weakness in their decision-making. Each student will be required to perform the necessary quantitative and qualitative work, financial statement analysis, and present their research to all other fund members, faculty members, and invited guests each semester. Security selection will be based on the value investing philosophy.

PETR 394 Applied Reservoir Simulation

3 credit hours

Understanding reservoir simulation along with the use of commercial and free reservoir simulation software. Reservoir description, creating reservoir model, production forecasting and optimization, waterflooding, economic analysis and decision making.

PHIL 294 Evil and the Holocaust

3 credit hours

Introduction to some of the most movingly accessible accounts of the Holocaust as the singular abyssal event of recent history. Philosophical accounts of the nature of evil in theory and practice will be covered throughout the semester. Historical and literary texts, including survivor accounts, will be taken up mostly in order of publication. Including World at War (videos), Sophie's Choice (text and video), Shoah (videos), Maus (graphic novel), and weekly philosophical readings on the Holocaust as a unique event and the related difficulties it presents to our understanding of it.

POLS 294 Laws & Courts

3 credit hours

The course provides a survey of U.S. law and courts. Law is a method for resolving conflict through enforced solutions. In that framework courts make decisions affecting the lives of individuals, and those decisions sometimes affect policy more broadly. The course focuses on the actors, structure, and norms of the justice system in the United States.

SPAN 294/394 Latin American Cinema

3 credit hours

This course is an introductory study of Latin American societies through the lens of cinema. Through the examination of films from countries such as Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico, the largest film producers in the region, we will explore thematic issues related to complex socio-economic, political, historical, and cultural dynamics that have shaped these diverse societies. Among other things, we will discuss how films depict urban life and social relations. Issues of race and gender are directly relevant to our examination of how cinema comments on and attempts to modify how spectators self-identify. Crucial as well for our course will be the question of modernization, and the challenges of globalization for the region. The course will provide students with a panoramic view of Latin American societies as well as basic understanding of film language.

SMGT 481 Special Topics in Sports: Women in Sports

3 credit hours

This course will examine Title IX and the affects it had on sports. Students will also learn and explore the history of sports for women, the influential female figures in sports, and conduct interviews and complete projects centered on successful women in the sports industry.

WRIT 094 Accelerated Writing and Reading

3 credit hours

This course provides a supplemental instructional environment for WRIT 103. It is designed for students whose test scores determine a need for additional assistance in writing and reading skills (i.e. those who would currently place into WRIT 060). Writing and reading tasks in WRIT 094 help students in better understanding material presented in WRIT 103.