

SENECA courses for GAP students

CAN418BA - Native Studies: First Nations in Canada

Monday periods 3, 4 & Wednesday period 2

This course will explore the history and current affairs of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people in Canada through the eyes of academics, elders, film makers, writers, musicians, and artists. Over thousands of years, the indigenous people of North America developed thriving societies whose rich philosophies, economies, and political systems reflect a harmonious, respectful relationship with their land. Although European contact has introduced often destructive and conflicting values and institutions, Native people in Canada have persistently resisted assimilation, and their contribution to the evolution of Canadian society is far reaching. Students will examine a variety of concerns affecting Native people, including colonization, culture, identity, self-government, land claims, education, health, and justice.

NAT109BA – Introduction to Astronomy

Monday period 3 & Wednesday periods 1, 2

This course is a history of ideas, with special reference to the Universe. We will look at early Greek, Egyptian and Chinese attempts to understand the starry heavens and the earth's place therein. We will follow the work of the great interpreters of the universe and attempt to understand the perceptual, political and religious problems that stood in the way of accuracy. Finally, we will look at modern interpretations of the universe and its use in the art of navigation. Thus an examination of our current understanding of the universe is central to the course.

PSY172BE – Group Dynamics

Monday period 3 & Wednesday periods 1, 2

More than ever before organizations recognize the value of individuals who possess the skills to work effectively with others in cooperative, team-based environments. This subject will assist you in developing and enhancing your abilities to interact effectively in group situations without sacrificing your creative intellect and independence of thought. Different types of group situations will be explored together with the styles of leadership appropriate to each.

PSY222BA - Psychology of Happiness

Monday period 3 & Wednesday periods 1, 2

Happiness is golden; happiness is fleeting; don't worry, be happy; happiness is friends and family; or alternately, happiness is a new smart phone. In contemporary society, there is no shortage of truisms on happiness. Happiness is something that almost everyone wishes to obtain and yet, for most, it remains elusive - forever on the horizon. This course is an introduction to the psychological science of happiness and fulfillment. Through class readings, activities, self-assessments, and discussions, students are introduced to the contemporary field of happiness studies. The knowledge, skills, and insights gained in this course will help students personally as well as professionally as they navigate towards a meaning-based goal-directed life.

FST368BA - Contemporary Global Issues

Tuesday periods 5, 6, 7

The purpose of this course is to provide students the opportunity to explore critical global issues

concerning globalization, conflict, population/health, as well as environmental and natural resources. The course will place these topics within the context of the developing world orders. In the ever-expanding global community, students will come to understand that events taking place in one country seldom remain isolated - let alone the sole concern of the said nation. Nearly every event of significance that occurs in a nation creates repercussions in others. This course intends to study a selection of subjects and attempt to understand their global implications in today's society.

NAT290BB - The Science of Evolution

Tuesday period 6 & Friday periods 5, 6

This course covers the basic concepts behind evolution using plant, animal and human examples. It introduces elementary genetics, the role of chance in evolution and the origins of species. Lecture topics include a discussion of genetic mutations, genetic drift, sexual selection, altruism, mimicry and behavioural ecology which lead to a discussion of biodiversity, why biodiversity is important and current threats to biodiversity. The course closes with an interactive exchange of ideas dealing with conflicting and of views and evolution.

PSY100BA - Introduction to Psychology

Tuesday period 6 & Friday periods 5, 6

The discipline of Psychology is the study of human behaviour. It is concerned with the observable behaviour of an individual and its relationship to unseen mental and physical processes, as well as to external events. Introduction to Psychology will provide a framework within which the student can begin to explore the human personality.

PSY172BA – Group Dynamics

Tuesday periods 5, 6, 7

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PSY206BA - Personality and Abnormal Behaviour

Tuesday periods 5, 6 & Friday period 6

The study of deviant behaviour, the neuroses, psychoses, character disorders, and conditions due to organic brain involvement; methods of treatment, including psychotherapy, group therapy, and others; and the role of the psychologist in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of such behaviour disorders.

SOC145BA - Urban Geography

Tuesday period 5 & Friday periods 5, 6

Most people that now inhabit this planet live in urban areas. The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the themes, concepts, processes and theories that comprise the field of Urban Geography. This course will explore the urbanization process, the morphology of the city,

urban growth and development, as well as the contemporary city in the context of sustainability and livability. Special emphasis will be placed on recent trends in the evolution and revitalization of urban areas in North America.

EAC279BA - The Outcast in Literature

Monday period 10 & Wednesday periods 9, 10

One of the most prevalent figures in literature, the outcast is an archetype for his/her time. In this course, we will study characters that live on the margins of society. Unloved, unwanted, unable or unwilling to integrate into the mainstream, these outcasts hold up a mirror to the human community that excludes them, reflecting the biases, prejudices, and hypocrisy that breed in a context of fear and misunderstanding. Through close readings of selected stories, novels and plays, we will study outcasts from a variety of perspectives, looking at them not only as social misfits or freaks, perceived menaces or threats, but also for what they can tell us about ourselves.

Pre-requisite: EAC150 or equivalent

ENG384BB - The American Short Story

Monday periods 8, 9, 10

This course examines the very popular genre of American Short Fiction. The student will read a good number of short stories from a variety of Contemporary North American writers. The student will learn to recognize some of the generic elements as well as identify the variant attitudes existing among the diverse groups of writers. The student will exercise critical reading skills in order to analyze and discuss the obvious and less obvious use of symbol, metaphor and analogy developed in the short pages of the stories. Students will also read stories with various North American dialects, and recognize a variety of themes according to social and political contexts of the writers.

SOC216BB - Religion & Culture in Canada

Monday period 10 & Wednesday periods 9, 10

This course examines the changing demographics of religious affiliation across Canada since the liberalization of Canada's immigration laws in the late 1960s. In particular, this course will examine the religious affiliations and activities of the Canada-raised children - "second generation" - of post-1970s immigrant families, and the influence of culture (both Canadian and heritage culture) on how members of this sub-group view and practice religion today. Course material will be primarily based on ethnographic studies of second-generation young adults in Canada of various religious backgrounds, including Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus and Christians.

FLM278BA - Introduction To Film Studies

Wednesday periods 4, 5, 6

Film Studies is designed to provide such students with a fundamental knowledge of film theory and cinematic elements to facilitate the critical analysis of film. Students will be taught how to derive meaning from film through the careful analysis and evaluation of cinematic components, devices, and methods. Students will learn to analyze films through lectures, readings and writing assignments, and by viewing and discussing a variety of films.