

Building and Disrupting Community

The ancient philosopher Aristotle defined the human being as a 'political animal,' a creature that lives in a society and creates meaning by cooperating, communicating, and often struggling with others of its kind. Throughout our history, we humans have created communities of a few tens of people—small enough to know everyone by name—and of millions, so large we can only imagine them through symbols like flags, anthems, and idealized leaders. Courses in this discovery explore the processes by which people have created and destroyed communities around the world and across historical periods. What forces bring us together to collaborate for mutual gain? What processes— economic, military, environmental, political, or ideological—tend to tear us apart? You will have the opportunity to explore how different disciplines understand the birth and death of societies, and what different cultures (including art, literature, history,

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

As Martin Luther King explains, “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Human beings differ from each other in a variety of ways, including gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, religion, and nationality. These differences can emerge out of biological features like body shape or sexual attractions, out of individual choices like political views, or out of an individual’s religious identity. These differences are also shaped by larger and less visible historical, political, and economic structures. Sometimes- these differences are celebrated and sometimes they are a source of conflict and even oppression. This discovery looks at human diversity from a range of disciplines- including historical, political, literary, sociological, and religious. With this discovery, you will be able to explore how it is possible to create a just environment where diverse people experience inclusion and equality while maintaining their individuality and unique identity.

Bodies, Mind, and Health

In recent years, healthcare professionals have begun to rethink how we understand health and wellness. Instead of only focusing on the current physiological state of the body, professional organizations and individual practitioners now recognize that psychological, emotional, and sociocultural factors play an equally important role in someone's well-being. This discovery emphasizes how individuals psychologically process cultural definitions of health and philosophically evaluate ethical aspects of healthcare. Since each of these approaches depends on evidence-based scientific research, you will also explore how we analyze data about healthcare, both as a society and as individuals.

Gender and Sexuality

"Women hold up half the sky," a Chinese proverb states. Gender and sexuality are two of the main categories that we use to organize society, but their meaning, and the social structures built around them, vary dramatically in societies across the world. The study of gender and sexuality originated in social movements that were created to pursue gender equality and also to seek social transformation promoting justice for all people. This discovery enables you to understand gender issues across multiple fields of

Challenges to Human Survival

Humanity faces a dizzying array of challenges including ecological and climate, food production, disease and poor health, racial and gendered oppression, authoritarian

Art and Human Expression

“O brave new world, That has such people in’t,” marvels Shakespeare. Although some may question why people need the arts and humanities, many of us enjoy plays and films, go to museums, paint or draw, read books, and write poetry. These creative works take us into imagined worlds that help us to understand how others think and live—and understanding others helps us to become more compassionate and more able to deal with both personal and historical issues. How do we make sense of relationships, of love and suffering, of political and social conflict? How do we view ourselves, compared to those who have come before us and those who will follow us? Art, poetry, drama, philosophy—courses in this discovery will open you to the importance of human creativity as a reflection of our world and help you form your own response.

ART-356 Women in Art
CMP-202 Writing Theory & Practice (WIN2)
CMP-317 Feature Journalism (WIN2)
CMP-318 Writing for Digital Media (WIN2)
FLIT-200 Literature in Translation: Crisis of Identity
in the 20th Century*
HST-229 History and Film
IND-275 History of Art: Ancient-Medieval*
IND-285 History of Art: Renaissance-Modern
IND/WST-217 Women and Girls in Literature & Film
LIT-201 World Literature I*
LIT-202 World Literature II-Myths and Modern Tales
LIT-212 Readings in American Literature II
LIT-219 Literature and Film
LIT-232 Shakespeare Onstage: Character and Conflict
LIT-309 Film Seminar - "Women in Film" topic
LIT-314 Magical Realism in Fiction and Film
LIT-318 English Drama
LIT-321 Gods Heroes Monsters
LIT-325 Major Authors
PHI-216 Ethics*
PHI-314 Philosophy of Art
PSC-321 Politics and Popular Culture in America
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REL-315 Religious Themes in Modern Literature
REL-322 The Gospels (WIN2)
THA-232 Shakespeare in Performance

Making Sense of the News

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“Journalism is the first rough draft of history.” This quote, often attributed to Philip Graham, a one-time publisher and co-owner of The Washington Post, asserts the importance of journalism through the lens of history. The news provides an important bridge between those in power and those they serve. By monitoring those in power, journalists provide the information to help people make decisions and participate in democracy. The First Amendment protects a free press and free speech. Yet, that means we have to determine where and how we get our information and evaluate facts from misinformation and disinformation. By taking courses in this discipline, you will come away with a deeper understanding of how news goes into producing the news and how this news interacts with the political system. Your civic literacy, critical thinking, and communication skills will be strengthened, as they are all necessary in helping you make sense of the news.