

2024 Spring Open Elective List – SOUTH CAMPUS and ONLINE

SSC 125G – Sociology & Gender Relations

This course is intended to familiarize the student with the role that socialization plays in the construction of gender roles and gender-based stereotyping. We will also the power differential between the sexes which serves to keep women in positions of relative disadvantage in our society.

Section 001-1119	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 70	Instructor: K. Jackson/A. Bake	Room: N/A
Section 065-3286	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A

SSC 128G – Drugs Society and Human Behaviour

Provides practical knowledge about legal and illegal drugs and their influence on Canadian society. This course will also examine how different drugs affect the individual and the society in which they live. Topics will include the history of drugs, psychopharmacy of drugs, and consequences of addictions and substance abuse. Examination of special at-risk groups and legal issues will also be explored.

Section 001-1116	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: A. Dinardo/Danine DePauw	Room: N/A
Section 002-1397	Tuesdays 13:00-17:00	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: A. Dinardo/Sheila Gordon	Room: A0340

SSC 134 G – Crimes and their Victims

Examining different types of crimes and their victims will be the focus of this course. Particular attention is given to victims of crime and its impact on their lives, their families, and on society. Students will learn about crime in the home, the workplace, at schools and public places and the importance of recognizing those at risk. The student will come to appreciate the role that social factors play in the likelihood of victimization and their experience, involvement and treatment within the criminal justice system.

Section 001-1050	Thursdays 13:00-17:00	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: E. Revenberg/J. Conrad	Room: A0340
Section 002-1415	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: E. Revenberg/S. Fields	Room: N/A

SSC 146G – Human Sexuality

This course will provide an overview of human sexuality issues and sexual behaviours. Students will examine sexuality in various contexts, relying on: psychological, socio-cultural and biological research. Students will engage in the study of human sexuality as it relates to their interpersonal relationships, health and wellness, and identity and how it differs between cultural, religious and societal contexts. More generally, the course is designed to provide a course in human sexuality, grounded in sound science, for students planning careers in the helping professions as well as for those taking it for personal growth.

Section 001-1414	Wednesdays 13:00-17:00	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: A.Peirone/D. Koresky	Room: A0117
Section 065-3373	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A

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SSC 150G– Contemporary Social Problems

The primary goal of this course is to facilitate increased awareness and understanding of problematic social conditions in Canadian society and throughout the world. Students will develop a framework by which to formulate their own opinions, appreciate other's opinions, recognize government's roles and assess national and global issues.

Section 001-1051	Thursdays 13:00-17:00	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: L. Hill/D. Koresky	Room: A3206
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SSC 165G – How To Be Who I Want to Be

This course is designed to help students learn how to take charge of one's own life by developing an understanding of the factors that influence behaviour. The focus will be on increasing self-awareness and facilitating a growth mindset as stepping stones to personal growth. The class will promote the development of personal strengths, coping strategies, self-management, and personal goal attainment. Students will also explore strategies for sparking curiosity and academic engagement.

Section 001-1298	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: L. Kapetanov/A. Diluca	Room: N/A
Section 002-1299	Tuesdays 13:00-17:00	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: K. Henley/TBA	Room: A3103

SSC 177G – Society and Me

The primary goal of this course is to facilitate an increased awareness and understanding of our social roles, how we are influenced by culture and how we as an individual, or groups, can impact society.

Section 001-1427	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: L. Hill/TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 181G – Society & the Environment

How serious are current environmental and social problems? Why should we care about them? How are governments, corporations, activists, and ordinary citizens responding to these problems? Human activities have significant impacts on our planet. In this course, students explore the role of human daily living habits and the contribution they've made to our current global environmental problems.

Section 001-1466	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: J. Morris/B. Croft	Room: N/A
Section 002-1118	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: J. Morris/TBA	Room: N/A

SSC 185G – Wellness, Mind and Body

Wellness is about taking charge of your life, making wise choices and charting a path to a healthier you. In this course, students will explore the dimensions of wellness and pursue practical strategies for developing a healthy lifestyle in all aspects of your life. This course will help you understand how the choices you make impact your evolution, your relationship with others and place in the environment. You will gain awareness of all aspects of your personal wellness so that you can live responsibly and reach your full potential.

Section 001-1470	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: C. Angileri/C. Martin	Room: N/A
Section 002-1081	Wednesdays 13:00-17:00	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: C. Angileri/TBA	Room: A0603
Section 003-1082	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: K. Henley/V. Small	Room: N/A
Section 065-3532	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 50	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A

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SSC 184G – Hockey, Culture and Society

This course critically examines the cultural significance of hockey in historical and contemporary Canadian society. Topics include race and gender in hockey cultures, hockey-related violence, and the impact of mass and new media on the sport. The link between hockey and Canadian identity is explored. Students develop a critical perspective concerning the social and political implications of Canada's national pastime.

Section 065-3393	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 40	Instructor: L. Hill/TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 174G – Interpersonal Violence

This course provides practical knowledge about the facts of interpersonal violence and their influence on Canadian Society. This course will examine how different forms of interpersonal violence affect the individual and society, in which they live and work. Topics will include interpersonal violence, personal and societal responsibilities, behaviour, and lifestyle. Consequences of violence and the examination of special at-risk groups and legal issues will also be explored.

Section 065-3352	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 239G – Race, Racism, and Anti-Racism in North American Society

Students will explore the genesis of race as an idea and how the concept has evolved over time. They will discuss the ways in which race has been used to justify unfair practices in North American history as well as forms of discrimination which persist today. Students will learn about a variety of social movements designed to address racism and its impacts and will evaluate contemporary anti-racism approaches. Students will practice recognizing implicit bias in themselves and discuss how to combat racism in daily life.

Section 065-3444	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 500G – Incredible Human Mind

The human mind can do extraordinary things, and it can also make incredible mistakes. In this course we will figure out what's going on in both cases. What's involved when we have a 'hunch' about something based on very little evidence? How can two people witness the same event and walk away with two completely different interpretations? Why do some people believe in conspiracy theories? We'll also look at the incentives that influence our behaviour, sometimes in strange ways and we'll conclude the course with a look at the factors that affect our own happiness, and how we tend to confuse those factors in ways that make happiness difficult for us to achieve.

Section 001-1413	Thursdays 13:00-17:00	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: J. Freer/D. Potocek	Room: A3103
Section 002-1117	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 60	Instructor: J. Freer/Z. Konjicija	Room: N/A

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SSC 189G – To Bee or Not To Bee? An Exploration

Why all the bee buzz? Because bee life matters! The honey bee has been a resourceful friend and contributor to human civilizations since ancient Egypt. But beginning in 2003, worldwide alarms sounded due to the emerging bee decline. It has been predicted that 60 years after the extinction of the honey bee, there will no longer be human life on earth. We must all be part of an important crisis plan. In this course we will investigate the plight of the honey bee. We will explore their history, and what they need to continue to flourish. Their economic contribution and how they benefit society is also examined. We'll discover why these important pollinators are not only essential to their own colony, but to the agricultural industry and the human food system. Loss of honeybees would mean the collapse of the natural ecosystem. Who will care for them? ... To bee or not to bee, that is the question.

Section 001-1034	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 70	Instructor: L. Kapetanov/A. Bake	Room: N/A
Section 065-3410	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A

SSC 121G – Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Students will have a unique opportunity to gain a shared cultural understanding of various cultural and diverse populations. They will explore and learn about their own culture in a way that allows a broader acceptance of others. This is facilitated through a blend of delivery methods such as lectures, videos, discussion and cultural exploration projects. The focus will be on a variety of cultural topics such as multiculturalism, race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity and more specific focus on language, traditions and norms of various groups/populations.

Section 065-3260	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 212G – Intro to Canadian Popular Culture

Popular culture, or culture for mass consumption is heavily influenced by the mass media. The media's powerful presence in our culture influences us mentally, emotionally and socially. We'll examine elements of popular culture and reflect on the media's role in shaping our values, perceptions of "self," relationships, freedom, rights, etc.

Section 065-3276	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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MIT 313G – Law & Ethics – Information Age

This course is designed to expose students to the numerous ways in which information and information technologies in today's society impact our personal, social and business relationships. Students will discover both the ethical and legal aspects and the social impact of various forms and use of intellectual properties. By the end of the course, students will have an increased awareness of the numerous issues impacted by technological developments involving information and communication. Additionally, students will have an improved appreciation for the legal and ethical issues that surround existing and emerging technological advancements.

Section 065-3325	ONLINE	12 weeks	Limit: 30	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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