INTERDISCIPLINARY (IDIS)

IDIS 0100. Fordham Pre-Law Institute. (0 to 3 Credits)
This course will introduce students to the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system and U.S. law. Topics include Introduction to the U.S. Legal System, Constitutional Law and Legislation/Regulation, Foundations of Private Law, Criminal Justice, Civil Procedure and Litigation, Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility, and Legal Research and Writing. Classes are taught by Fordham Law School faculty, who will introduce the Socratic method of teaching common in legal education. Optional sessions will prepare students for the law school admissions process, the first year of law school studies, and legal professional development. One class will feature a conversation with law graduates working in various legal positions in the public and private sectors. This course is designed for those contemplating law school but all are welcome.

IDIS 0800. Pre-College Skills Development. (0 Credits)
This course, for entering first-year students accepted through HEOP, is a developmental course with seminars aimed to enhance college survival skills by focusing on issues related to time management, study skills, personal growth, financial aid, and career planning. It is offered as part of the mandatory HEOP Summer Program for new first-year students.

IDIS 1001. Quantitative Skills Review Workshop for Social Studies. (0 Credits)
This workshop is the perfect opportunity to get a refresher or review of quantitative skills for those pursuing studies in the Sciences. While the workshop is designed for students in the Post-baccalaurate /Pre-Medical/ Pre-Health program, it is open to all students who need or would like instruction or a refresher in the listed subject areas. The workshop will provide students with the necessary foundation for Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Psychology, and other courses needed to prepare for advanced science studies. The 5-session workshop, conducted in a relaxed setting, will cover essential topics that will help prepare you for a rigorous science curriculum. Topics will include a review of basic algebra, refresher on exponents and radicals, functions and graphs, logs and exponents, polynomial and rational equations, calculator use and exponential and logarithmic expressions. An optional trigonometry overview is available. In person lessons, video links and resources will be provided and in-class problem sessions will assist to increase your math skills and confidence.

IDIS 1002. MCAT Problem Solving: A Unique Approach for ESL. (0 Credits)
The purpose of this two-part workshop is to help students effectively handle the reading passages on the MCAT. General preparation strategies for the MCAT will be presented with a focus on the CARS portion of the exam, emphasizing careful and efficient reading of questions, and applying these techniques to the science sections of the test. While this material is designed specifically for pre-med students for whom English is not the first language, the workshop is for anyone who is struggling to handle the large amount of written material on the MCAT. The sessions discuss the structure of the MCAT while helping students identify and address the skills that are being tested. The workshop will provide techniques and strategies that can be adapted for dealing with the verbal aspects of the MCAT.

IDIS 1003. Health Professions Development Seminar. (0 Credits)
The CHP Development Workshop sets the preparatory framework for post-baccalaurate/pre-medical/pre-health students who have been selected to participate in the Committee on Health Professions process. The workshop, intended only for students who are in the Committee on Health Professions program, covers the requisite areas for their aspirant school application cycle, which includes strategies and techniques for MCAT test preparation and test taking, preparing narratives, interviewing skills, and the CHP portfolio process, which will lead to the CHP letter to support school applications. Prior approval from the program director is required.

IDIS 1005. College Skills Development-1. (3 Credits)
This course, open to entering first-year students accepted through HEOP, is designed to enhance student skills related to college composition, critical reading, mathematical analysis, science, and economics. It is offered as part of the mandatory HEOP Summer Program for new entering first-year students. Note: Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 1006. College Skills Development. (4 Credits)
This course, open to entering first-year students accepted through HEOP, is designed to enhance student skills related to college composition, critical reading, mathematical analysis, science, and economics. It is offered as part of the mandatory HEOP Summer Program for new entering first-year students. Note: Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 1007. College Skills Development-2. (3 Credits)
This course will provide students with the critical skills necessary to read successfully and use reference materials at the college level. Selections from disciplines such as literature, psychology, history, and natural sciences will be analyzed for information, main and subordinate ideas, logical structure, inference, tone, and irony. Written exercises and reports will measure students’ comprehension.

IDIS 1100. The Adult Learner: Identity, Change, and Development. (3 Credits)
This seminar has been designed to encourage each student to study his or her own unique identity development in adulthood. Each adult learner will be assisted in examining their skills, values, goals, experience, educational background, learning style and personality. Students can use this information for both short and long term career, educational and life planning. This new self-discovery will be developed through assessment testing, occupational research, informational interviewing and consultations with career development and educational specialists. The course utilizes a combination of readings, lecture, class discussions, presentations, exercises, guest speakers and video material.

IDIS 1200. Seminar: Career Development Leaders. (1 Credit)
Designed to enhance students’ personal/professional understanding of career development and life management skills to transition to a professional/corporate career. The course will assist students to obtain internships in a structured, interactive, open form. It will also offer access and networking with employers.

IDIS 3015. Culture and Community. (4 Credits)
A study of culture and community in contemporary American society and lifestyles. The course will study the entire way of life that is faced by various groups in American life. An interdisciplinary consideration of the concepts of culture and community will be studied. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

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IDIS 3020. War and New York City. (4 Credits)
This course is an explanation of the impact of war on the political, social, economic, and cultural development of New York City. The course will examine wars and times of conflict from several periods in American history, including, but not limited to: the American Revolution, the Civil War, WWI, and September 11th. An integral element of this course will be using the City itself as our classroom. We will be making several field trips to various locations of historical events, museums, etc. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 3025. Social Problems in America. (4 Credits)
This course will examine and study major issues and problems in contemporary American society in the context of individuals and community in a complex society. Research and writing will use an interdisciplinary approach. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 3035. The Helping Professions: Theory and Practice. (4 Credits)
This course will examine the helping professions and the issues related to becoming a well-trained professional, including ethics, burnout, motivation, dual relationships, and boundaries. The class will also examine the major theories and the techniques used by psychoanalysis, cognitive behavioral therapy, group therapy, and others.

IDIS 3040. Gettysburg: A Study Tour. (4 Credits)
Three days and 51,000 casualties ¿ the Battle of Gettysburg was the turning point of the Civil War and a seminal moment in the history of the United States. So striking was the battle, President Abraham Lincoln vowed that the men who died there did not do so in vain ¿ in fact their sacrifice gave ¿a new birth of freedom¿ to the idea of democracy for the world. Robert E. Lee, deeply depressed at his failure, fearing he cost his nation the possibility of independence and peace, offered his resignation to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. This course will examine Gettysburg from several perspectives, including military and political strategy, Lincoln¿s Gettysburg Address, Davis¿ reaction, and the battle¿s long-lasting impact on American society and mythology. The course includes an overnight field trip to the Gettysburg Battlefield. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 3045. Presentation Strategies for Professional Impact. (4 Credits)
Competent and compelling presentations are important in all professional settings. In this class, students develop their public presentation and performance skills by exploring physical and vocal communication techniques. Taught in a workshop format, students explore verbal and nonverbal communication, use of visual aids, organization, and delivery through weekly action-oriented exercises. Students learn strategies to enhance their public persona and gain confidence through instructor and peer feedback, developing the ability to create presentations that have professional impact. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 3050. A Bloody Lane and Forever Free: Antietam, a Study Tour. (4 Credits)
Antietam ¿ September 17, 1862 was the single bloodiest day in American military history. The 23,000 casualties on that single day were four times the number of casualties at Normandy. The number of men who died in combat that day was twice the number who died in combat during the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Spanish-American War combined. Antietam ended the British and French momentum for recognition of the Confederacy and gave President Abraham Lincoln the opportunity to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. This course will examine Antietam from several perspectives, including military and political strategy, Lincoln¿s Emancipation Proclamation, Davis¿ and Lee¿s reactions, and the battle¿s long-lasting impact on American society. The course includes a two-night field trip to the Antietam Battlefield. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 3060. Civil War in Popular Memory. (4 Credits)
The Civil War has been the topic of over 50,000 books, thousands of websites, and hundreds of multimedia sources — ranging from films to television shows to comic books to video games. Americans have long been fascinated by the Civil War, which cost more Americans their lives than WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam War combined. Much of what Americans know about the Civil War did not come from textbooks or scholarly sources or the classroom, but rather from popular culture. This course will explore how the Civil War is portrayed in popular culture and examine how Americans’ perception and memory of the Civil War has changed over time — change that often had more to do with American society at the time than the “facts” of the War itself. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 3070. Baseball - the New York Game. (4 Credits)
Interdisciplinary course that will trace the relationship between baseball and New York society and culture. The course will study the early history of the game and historical developments as the emergence of the New York City professional teams in connection with government, culture, and issues of society. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 3071. Baseball: The American Game. (4 Credits)
Baseball: The American Game is an interdisciplinary course that will trace the relationship between baseball and American society and culture. The course will study the early history of the game and historical developments during the emergence of the American professional teams in connection with government, culture, and issues of society. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

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IDIS 3080. Winners and Losers in Literature and Film. (4 Credits)
Literature and film are filled with so-called “winners” and so-called “losers.” Who can claim these titles and why? Who decides and how? In analyzing these topics, we’ll explore what can be learned about the human condition in the individual and in society. Works discussed will include, Snow White; Goldilocks and the Three Bears; Death of a Salesman; Charlie Chaplin’s Little Tramp; Glengarry Glen Ross; My Left Foot, and others. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
IDIS 3090. Democracy and Social Justice: A Global Perspective. (4 Credits)
Through a multi-disciplinary analysis, this course will explore global definitions of freedom, solidarity and the self within a social context. Readings will lead to discussions on resistance models influencing World Order and the criterion of an underclass, that must organize for transformative change for the sake of survival. Analysis of texts and classroom discourse will explore the development of a nation state, its emphasis on economic globalization, cultural difference and liberationist criticism, in conjunction with an analysis of social ethics and morality. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

IDIS 3800. Internship. (3 Credits)
IDIS 3999. Tutorial. (3 Credits)
IDIS 4999. Tutorial. (1 to 4 Credits)