INTERDISCIPLINARY (IDIS)

IDIS 0800. PRE-COLLEGE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. (0 Credits)
For pre freshmen students accepted through HEOP. This 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 freshmen.

IDIS 1005. COLLEGE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT-1. (3 Credits)
IDIS 1006. COLLEGE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. (4 Credits)
For pre freshmen students accepted through HEOP. This is a developmental course 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 freshmen. 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)
IDIS 1010. CRITICAL READING - DISCIPLINES. (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 TRANSITION 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.

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, WWII, 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 3040. GETTYSBURG: A STUDY TOUR. (4 Credits)
Three days and 51,000 casualties during 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. The battle gave the Union victory, the battle 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¿ and Lee¿s reactions, 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 3050. A BLOODY LANE AND FOREVER FREE: ANTETIAM, 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 WW I, 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.

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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 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. (1-4 Credits)