

Experiential Learning Course Sample: Spring '10

EL Practicum Courses : CEL Courses : Academic Internships

Selected Experiential Learning Courses

ANTH 112a African Arts and Aesthetics

Professor Mark Auslander, T 4:40 PM–7:30 PM

The visual arts and aesthetics of sub-Saharan Africa and the African Diaspora, with attention to the spiritual, social, and cultural dimensions of art and performance.

ENG 40b The Birth of the Short Story: Gods, Ghosts, and Lunatics

Professor John Plotz, T,F 1:40 PM–3:00

This class takes an in-depth look at three key centers of the genre: Edinburgh, New York, and Moscow. Authors include Melville, Hawthorne, Dickens, Gogol, and Chekov.

ENG 141a: Literature and Geography

Professor Caren Irr, T,F 9:10 AM–10:30 AM

This course studies the arguments of geographers, philosophers, and literary theorists who test spatial categories such as the city, the nation, and the globe.

LGLS 161b Advocacy for Policy Change

Professor Melissa Stimell, T,F 10:30-12:00

This course focuses on policy change at the statehouse level, interacting with elected officials and community organizations to advance key legislation affecting social welfare, health, education, and economic justice.

SOC 114b Utopian Communities (cross-listed by Philosophy)

Professor Sharon Hewitt, T,F 3:10 PM–4:30 PM

Explores historical and contemporary utopian ideals and the communities that have attempted to realize them, while encouraging imaginative thinking about future possibilities. Projects include changing an aspect of one's everyday life and writing about the effects, as well as designing a utopian community. Possible field trips to nearby communities.

SOC 183a: Evaluation of Evidence

Professor David Cunningham, pending

This course focuses on quantitative and qualitative approaches to social science research methodology, with an emphasis on collective engagement with "real world" research projects.

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AAAS/COML: Literacy, Language and Culture (pending)

Professor Jane Hale, pending

*Work with two family literacy projects in Lesotho and Haiti that are developing picture books for young children in Sesotho and Creole; opportunity to work with family literacy projects in Waltham. **This is a community-engaged learning course.***

ED 100b Exploring Teaching (Secondary)

Professor Marya Levenson, pending

Examines the relationship of teaching and learning, the purposes of secondary schooling, and the knowledge requirements for elementary and preschool teaching. Planning, conducting, documenting and analyzing instruction in the real context of classrooms. Course includes child studies and class observations.

FREN 155b French Drama of the Twentieth Century

Professor Jane Hale, T,F 1:40 PM–3:00 PM

The course will include the production of a contemporary play (chosen by students) to be performed in French.

HBRW 170a Take I: Hebrew Through Israeli Cinema

Professor Bracha Azoulay, pending

This course explores the major issues that preoccupied and shaped Israeli society through Israeli cinema. These experiences will improve students' ability to function in Hebrew in all four skills: writing, speaking, reading and listening in the context of Israeli cinema/culture.

JOUR 15a: Writing News for Broadcast and the Internet

Professor Margo Melnicove, M 2:10 PM–5:00 PM

A hands-on workshop designed to teach basic broadcast news-writing skills, as well as techniques for gathering, producing, and delivering radio and television news.

Community-Engaged Learning

AMST102a Women, the Environment, and Social Justice

Professor Laura Goldin, T,F 1:40 PM–3:00 PM

This course focuses on the profound roles women have played in the natural environment and human health. Students will become trained advocates for low income tenants in Waltham.

Academic Internships

BUS 89A: Work in the Global Business Environment: Internship & Seminar

Professor Detlev Suderow, W 6:40 PM–8:00 PM

Please check registrar site for course description.

HSSP 89A: Health: Science, Society, and Policy Internship And Analysis

Professor Tom Mackie, Th 2:10 PM–3:30

A supervised internship in a health care or policy organization. Students are required to attend a weekly internship course and submit a twenty- to twenty-five-page research paper relating to their internship.

ENVS 89A: Environmental Internship

Professor Laura Goldin, Th 5:10 PM–8:00 PM

Provides the opportunity for students to experience firsthand actual environmental challenges in government, industry, public interest organizations, and scientific research institutions. Weekly discussion groups and assignments provide perspective and a substantive basis for the internship experience, and students present their work at the semi-annual Environmental Internship Symposium.

LGLS 89A: Law & Society Internship Seminar

Professor Melissa Stimell, W 6:40 PM–8:00 PM

A biweekly class, a supervised law-related internship in a public agency or nonprofit organization, and a related research paper. Examples of internship activities include investigating discrimination cases, negotiating between consumers and small business, and attending criminal and family courts.

** This is a sample of courses offered; focused on specific listings of practicum, community-engaged, and academic internship courses. A majority of lab, creative arts, and other practical courses are experiential learning. Up to date listing can be found on our website. **

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