

Experiential Learning Course Sample: Fall 2010

Includes EL, Academic Internships, and Community-Engaged Learning

Experiential Learning Courses

AMST 106B: Food and Farming in America **Professor Brian Donahue**

American food is abundant and cheap. Yet many eat poorly, and some argue that our agriculture may be unhealthy and unsustainable. Explores the history of American farming and diet and the prospects for a healthy food system. Includes extensive fieldwork.

BIO32A: Field Biology **Professor Dan Perlman**

Introduces students to the biodiversity of southern New England, emphasizing woody plants. Course work primarily takes place on field trips to various terrestrial and aquatic habitats.

MATH 3A: Mathematics for Elementary & Middle School Teachers **Professor Ruth Charney**

The goal of the course is to introduce students to the abstract ideas underlying elementary and middle school mathematics, and to enable them to articulate these ideas clearly. All classes are run workshop-style with students working in small groups on exploratory activities.

PSYC 160B: Seminar in Sex Differences **Professor Ellen Wright**

Considers research evidence bearing on sex differences in the cognitive domain and in the social domain, evaluating this evidence in light of biological, cultural, and social-cognitive theories as well as methodological issues.

SOC 165A: Living and Dying in America: The Sociology of Birth and Death **Professor Wendy Cadge and Chaplain Katherine Mitchell, Brigham and Women's Hospital**

This course introduces the tools and concepts central to the sociological study of birth and death in the United States. Discussion-based, includes speakers, field trips, & interactive assignments.

EL 94a Practicum Options

Hebrew 164: Israeli Theater – 2+Option **Professor Sara Hascal**

An advanced course that enhances advanced language skills through reading and analysis of plays. The student's creativity is developed through participation in acting and creative writing lab. In reading plays, students can also participate in Hebrew acting lab.

COML 166B: Literacy, Language and Culture – 2+ Option **Professor Jane Hale**

Considers emergent literacy in cultures where different languages are spoken at home and school. Students will work directly on projects in Haiti and Lesotho designed to develop picture books for young children in their home languages.

Community-Engaged Learning

AMST 191B: Greening the Ivory Tower – 6-credit EL **Course Professor Laura Goldin**

In this hands-on course, students design and implement environmental sustainability initiatives to benefit the campus and the local community. Students analyze the environmental impact of human activities within the existing legal, political, and social structure; learn basic research strategies for auditing and assessing the effect of these activities; and contribute to the overall understanding of the environmental impact of the Brandeis community on its surroundings.

Academic Internships

SJSP 89A: Social Justice, Social Policy Internship **Professor Melissa Stimell**

Supervised internship in a social justice, social service, social policy, or social research organization. Students will meet as a group and will complete research assignments.

WGS 89A: When Violence Hits Home: Internship in Domestic Violence **Professor Deidre Hunter**

Combines fieldwork in domestic and sexual violence prevention programs with a fortnightly seminar exploring cultural and interpersonal facets of violence from a feminist perspective.

** This is a sampling of courses, the full listing of experiential courses can be found on our website. **

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