

Highlighted Continuing Education Courses – Fall 2020

ENG 353 Mythology

Examines archetypes and develops themes from African, Asian, Greco Roman, Northern European, and Native American creation myths, fertility myths, or hero myths. Takes a cultural and historical perspective in examining these myths as they order and connect events, motives, and values in the human experience. **M W F 1 - 1:50 PM**

ENS 312 Environment & Society: Human-Environment Relations

Students learn and apply the concepts of sustainability and Catholic social teaching to some of the most critical issues in human-environment relations in order to understand and address them better. Topics vary, but generally include food, hunger and agriculture, water resources, human population, and urbanization. **M W F 10 - 10:50 AM**

HIS 275 SPECIAL TOPICS: Civil War to Civil Rights

An examination of the major themes in United States history from Reconstruction through the Civil Rights Movement. This course will emphasize the political, economic, social, and diplomatic development of the 20th-century American history that ushered in major transformations in American life, in law, in social relations, and in the role of government. This course will examine the modern African-American freedom struggle, the legacy and modern implications of this movement, and other parallel or connected movements such as women's suffrage and rights, as well as other ethnic and class struggles. **T TH 3:30 - 4:45 PM**

ICS 231 Globalization I

Overview of the major milestones in the history of globalization, human migration, development of trade routes, the formation of colonial empires, the origins and spread of global capitalism, etc. The course also examines the Bretton Woods economic system. Provides an overview of the major milestones in the history of globalization— human migration out of Africa, development of trade routes, the formation of colonial empires, the origins and spread of global capitalism, decolonization and state formation movements after WWII, the rise of US imperialism, and the spread of neoliberalism. The course also examines how the Bretton Woods economic system and global trade impact the poorer nations, the global environment, and the growing inequality between the Global North and the Global South. **T TH 10:30-11:50 AM**

ICS 375-1 SPECIAL TOPICS: Race, Class, & Gender

Surveys intercultural and interdisciplinary topics not covered in other courses at Divine Word College, chosen by an instructor or by arrangement among students and instructor.

Prerequisites: variable, depending on topic. In any society, closely linked to culture are the three core social variables of race, class, and gender. They impact a society's values, norms, beliefs, customs, traditions, and institutions. They determine individual and group identities, social hierarchies, privileges, power structures, and virtually every aspect of life. In this course we will view society through the lenses of race, class, and gender. Although our primary focus is the United States, we will expand our exploration to include the dynamics of race, class, and gender globally. **MWF 2 - 2:50 PM**

ICS 375-2 SPECIAL TOPICS: Just Relationships-Catholic Social Teaching for Mission Today

In today's world, social justice is often understood as taking stands against racism, ethnocentrism, misogyny, heteronormativity and climate change. However, when social justice is defined as being primarily against something it also becomes individuals against other individuals, leading to division and violence. Missionaries seek to find a different path: SVDs speak of Prophetic Dialogue, while SSPS missionaries have spoken of Fostering Life Giving Relationships. This course is designed to study ways for peace in the pursuit of justice through living out visions that lead us to Just Relationships incorporating the wisdom of the social sciences, theology, philosophy and environmental science by bringing them and the participants of this course into dialogue. There will be major reviews of the insights of Pope Francis in his writing of *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Laudato Si*, and other Papal Documents.

M W F 1- 1:50 PM

ICS 375-3 SPECIAL TOPICS: Social Justice in the USA

This course will study three major social justice issues currently dominating the US socio-political scene, namely the environment, gun control, and immigration. As part of the investigation into these issues, students will learn about the historical factors that have helped to shape the issues into their current form. Also included in this study will be how social movements have risen as a response to these issues. **T TH 9-10:15**

PHI 375 SPECIAL TOPICS: Media Communications Ethics

In this course we shall study and evaluate the moral issues that arise in many areas of media communications, especially journalism, marketing/advertising, public relations, the Internet, movies, and television. We will utilize the most important moral standards, including utilitarianism, human rights, justice, care, and Catholic Social Teaching, to examine and evaluate the moral dilemmas that face newspaper editors, public relations professionals, marketing directors, advertising agencies, Hollywood producers, search engine and website operators, editors of college newspapers, and television news departments.

In-class activities will include lectures, discussions, presentations, debates, writing assignments, exams, and guest speakers.

We will use the following textbook: Ethics in Media Communications, Louis Alvin Day (5th edition)

TRS 293 World Religions

An introduction to the major non-Christian religious traditions of the world, and their particular historical evolution with regard to beliefs, practices, institutions, and cultural expressions. Explores diversity of religious beliefs, relevant issues from comparative religious studies, and the socio-cultural impact of religion in various contexts. **M W F 11-11:50 AM**

TRS 312 Mariology

This course is a study of the Blessed Virgin Mary's mediating role in salvation history as the Mother of God as expressed in Scripture, the Tradition of the Church, contemporary Marian documents from the Magisterium, and through popular intercultural Marian devotions; also, an exploration of the Virgin Mary's relevance for contemporary ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. **M W F 10-10:50 AM**

TRS345 Synoptic Gospels: Mark

This course describes the Synoptic Problem regarding the interrelationship among the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke—and the coherence of the Four-Source Hypothesis. Explores the convergences and divergences in narrative, theology, and Christology in each of the Synoptic Gospels regarding their respective portraits of Jesus Christ utilizing historical and literary critical methods, in particular redaction criticism. Detailed exegesis of some significant narratives and parables. **T TH 10:30 - 11:45 AM**