

Course Descriptions of Pierce Dual Enrollment Classes

Junior Year

Fall Semester

- Communication Studies C1000 – Introduction to Public Speaking (3 units: UC/CSU)

Students analyze the theory and techniques of public speaking in a democratic society. Students will discover, develop, and critique ideas in public discourse through research, reasoning, organization, composition, presentation, and evaluation of various types of speeches including informative and persuasive speeches.

- Soc 001 – Introduction to Sociology (3 units: UC/CSU)

Students are introduced to the discipline of sociology through examining its main theoretical and research approaches and applying them to a variety of social phenomena. Students analyze issues including social interaction, culture, social structure, deviance, social inequality, and social institutions.

Spring Semester

- History 012 – Political and Social History of the United States from 1865 (3 units: UC/CSU)

Students survey the political, economic, social, and intellectual history of the United States from the Civil War to present.

- Chicano/a Studies 004 – Introduction to Chicana/o Studies (3 units: UC/CSU)

This course is an introductory inter-disciplinary study of the field of Chicana/o Studies. It examines race, ethnicity, and culture in relation to Chicana/o and Latina/o communities and their social justice movements and struggles. The course provides a basis for better understanding of the socioeconomics, cultural, and political conditions among Chicanas/os/Latinas/os and other minority groups through historical consideration of the creation and development of Ethnic Studies programs in the United States.

Summer School

- Political Science 1 – American Government and Politics (3 units: UC/CSU)

This course is an introduction to government and politics in the United States and California. Students examine the constitutions, structure, and operation of governing institutions, civil liberties and civil rights, political behaviors, political issues, and public policy using political science theory and methodology.

- Cinema 107 – Understanding Motion Pictures (3 units: UC/CSU)

Students examine a survey of motion pictures as a communication medium via screenings and lectures. Assigned readings analyze classic and contemporary films, American and foreign-made films, and theatrical and non-theatrical releases.

Senior Year

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- English C1000 – Academic Reading & Writing (3 units: UC/CSU)

Students gain proficiency in reading and writing through application of the principles of rhetoric and the techniques of critical thinking. A formal research paper is required. An understanding of the elements of grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure is crucial to successful of English C1000.

- Stats C1000 – Introduction to Statistics (4 units: UC/CSU)

This course is an introduction to statistical thinking and processes, including methods and concepts for discovery and decision-making using data. Topics include descriptive statistics; probability and sampling distributions; statistical inference; correlation and linear regression; analysis of variance, chi-squared, and t-test; and application of technology for statistical analysis including the interpretation of the relevance of the statistic findings. Students apply methods and processes to applications using data from a broad range of disciplines.

Spring Semester

- Psychology C1000 – Introduction to Psychology (3 units: UC/CSU)

This course is an introduction to psychology, which is the study of the mind and behavior. Students focus on theories and concepts of biological, cognitive, developmental, environmental, social, and cultural influences; their applications; and their research foundations.

- Anthropology 101 – Human Biological Evolution (3 units: UC/CSU)

This course explores the field of physical anthropology emphasizing the evolution of the human species. Topics will include human heredity, mechanisms of evolutionary change, human variation, and the reconstruction of human evolutionary history through the study of the fossil record and the study of our closest biological relatives, the living monkeys and apes.

