Interdisciplinary Studies


An introductory course that presumes no previous knowledge of Arabic. Students begin to acquire an integrated command of speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills in Modern Standard Arabic. Some exposure to Egyptian Colloquial Arabic as well. Class sessions conducted primarily in Arabic.


A study of the concept, principles, practice, and significance of leadership. Content is presented through case studies intended to illustrate and illuminate various characteristics of leaders and their constituencies. Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Joshua Chamberlain, Margaret Thatcher, Pope John XXIII, Adolph Hitler, and Ernest Shackleton are among those studied. “An army of deer led by a lion is more to be feared than an army of lions led by a deer.”


A hands-on, semester-long research experience in the local community. Students design and carry out research on elements of a longer-term research project focused on affordable housing, homelessness, hunger, and economic insecurity in the Brunswick-Topsham area in coordination with local agencies. Uses a variety of research methodologies, including quantitative analysis, in-depth interviewing, observation, and analysis of available data and historical records. Students with methodological training in a variety of disciplines are welcome. May be repeated for credit with permission of the instructor.

Prerequisite: One of the following: Anthropology 201, Economics 257, Education 203, Psychology 251, or Sociology 201, or permission of the instructor.