First-Year Seminars Offered Spring 2013

AFRICANA STUDIES

Examines issues of racism in the United States, with attention to the social psychology of racism, its history, its relationship to social structure, and its ethical and moral implications. (Same as Sociology 10 {1010}.)

ART HISTORY

Art History 10 {1016} c. The Museum World. Linda Docherty. TTh 11:30am-12:55pm.
An introduction to the history, theory, and practice of the art museum as a cultural phenomenon from the Enlightenment to the present day. Using the Bowdoin College Museum of Art and selected case studies, students will consider issues surrounding selection, display and interpretation of objects; competing claims to cultural property; costs and benefits of designer buildings; challenges posed by war, theft, and censorship; and the ever-expanding and contested definition of art.

BIOLOGY

Biology 27 {1027} c. Evolutionary Links. William Jackman. TTh 11:30am-12:55pm.
Seminar exploring our deep evolutionary history from the first multicellular animals to Homo sapiens. Emphasizes the living and fossil species that illustrate important transitions that resulted in the evolution of new anatomical features, physiology, and behavior. Includes an embryo observation unit with data collection and analysis. Readings from online media, popular science books, and primary scientific articles. Frequent writing with an emphasis on styles used in modern biology.

ENGLISH

English 10 {1034} c. Lesbian Personae. Peter Coviello. TTh 10:00-11:25am.
A study of the varied representations of same-sex desire between women across a range of twentieth-century novels and films. Concerned with questions of the visibility, and invisibility, of lesbian life; of the contours of lesbian childhood and adolescence; of the forms of difference between and among lesbians; and of the tensions, as well as the affinities, that mark relations between queer women and queer men. Authors may include Nella Larsen, Willa Cather, Carson McCullers, Ann Bannon, and others. (Same as Gay and Lesbian Studies 20 {1034} and Gender and Women's Studies 23 {1034}.)

GAY and LESBIAN STUDIES

Gay and Lesbian Studies 20 {1034} c. Lesbian Personae. Peter Coviello. TTh 10:00-11:25am.
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GENDER and WOMEN'S STUDIES

Gender and Women's Studies 23 {1034} c. Lesbian Personae. Peter Coviello. TTh 10:00-11:25am.
A study of the varied representations of same-sex desire between women across a range of twentieth-century novels and films. Concerned with questions of the visibility, and invisibility, of lesbian life; of the contours of lesbian childhood and adolescence; of the forms of difference between and among lesbians; and of the tensions, as well as the affinities, that mark relations between queer women and queer men. Authors may include Nella Larsen, Willa Cather, Carson McCullers, Ann Bannon, and others. (Same as English 10 {1034} and Gay and Lesbian Studies 20 {1034}.)
PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy 18 {1038} c. Love. Sarah Conly. TTh 2:30-3:55pm.

Love. What is the nature and value of love? Why is love so important to us? Is love necessary for a successful life? If so, why? Is life-long love possible? Is love selfish or unselfish? Is the search for love destructive? Uses philosophical texts and some fictional representations to examine these and other questions.

SOCIOLOGY


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