

ASP Elective Course Descriptions

Summer Semester 2018

TIER A

American History: Civil Rights Era (Christopher Foss)

This is a course on the history of the American civil rights movement from the 1940s to the present day. We will mainly examine the goals and accomplishments of the Black (African American) Civil Rights Movement. The course will, however, also look at the civil rights struggles of other groups living in the U.S. and in Oregon, including Oregon's Japanese community.

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American Politics (David Gutterman)

This course is an introductory overview of American politics and government. We will examine the people and landscape of America, the central ideas and structure of American political institutions, and current political events and controversies in the United States.

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American Studies – A: Romance in American Media (Huike Wen)

The goal of this course is to study American culture and society through an analysis of traditional and contemporary American values, social institutions, and means of expression.

This course is designed to introduce students to the representation of romantic love in American media including the myths and expectations of love cultivated and promoted by the media. Students will compare and discuss the representations, interpretations, expectations and experiences depicted in the selected media products with expectations and experiences from their own lives. They will consider the effects of romantic love as told by the media. Students will watch several popular romance films such as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Maid in Manhattan* (2002), *The Rebound* (2009), and others.

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Introduction to Linguistics (Miho Fujiwara)

Language is central to our identity as social and cultural beings. It is pervasive, complex and creative and at the same time, elusive, effortless and rule-governed. At some level, everyone is fascinated by language and, yet most of its proficient users have little understanding of the intricacies of how it works. The study of language touches a variety of academic disciplines from sociology and anthropology to psychology and neurology, but the one discipline solely devoted to it is the field of linguistics.

This course provides students with a survey of the basic issues in the field of linguistics. Topics studied include phonetics, phonology, morphology and syntax. The course will focus primarily on English (and to some extent Japanese) to provide examples of the topics and issues covered and will attempt to draw attention to linguistic comparisons between the two languages.

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Applied English (Summer and Fall Semesters)

The main focus of Applied English is the development of English language skills. The course is closely coordinated with a specific ASP elective course. Students will use all skills in this course: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Discussions, presentations, listening activities, and reading/writing assignments will focus on the topics of the ASP elective course—but the purpose of the activities is to help the student develop greater oral and written fluency in English. It will also help students to better understand the subject matter being taught in the ASP elective course.