

INTERDEPARTMENTAL

★INTERDEPARTMENTAL 101 (3)—Poverty: An Introduction

An exploration of the nature, scope, causes, effects and possible remedies for poverty as a religious, moral, political, economic, legal and biological problem. The course considers poverty in both its domestic and international contexts. *Beckley.*

Fall, Spring

★INTERDEPARTMENTAL 110 (3)—Introduction to Environmental Studies

Prerequisite: Freshman or sophomore standing or permission of the instructor. An interdisciplinary introduction to environmental studies with an emphasis on how societies organize themselves through their social, political and economic institutions to respond to environmental problems. Topics include sustainability, property and land, intergenerational justice, biodiversity, risk, and institutional analysis. Case studies of contemporary issues and discussion of the development of ecological ideas. *Ruscio.*

Fall, Winter

INTERDEPARTMENTAL 341 (Psychology 341) (3)—Bio-Medical Ethics

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. An examination of the issues arising out of the human impact of modern bio-medical research and practice. Specific issues are selected from among the following: abortion, contraception, death and dying, experimentation/research, genetics, *in vitro* fertilization, mental retardation, public health/community medicine, science/technology, transplantation and patients rights. *Staff.*

Not offered in 1999-2000

INTERDEPARTMENTAL 342 (3)—Legal Ethics

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. An examination of the issues associated with lawyers' roles in society and their impact upon and obligations to the client, the court, and the legal profession. The course also addresses questions of the role and function of law and the adversary system. *Staff.*

Fall

INTERDEPARTMENTAL 344 (Journalism 344) (3)—Ethics of Journalism

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. An examination of the moral issues arising out of the impact of modern journalism and communications. Includes discussion of First Amendment freedoms, confidentiality of sources, social role and obligations of professional journalists, and professional self-regulation. *Hodges, Richardson.*

Fall, Winter

INTERDEPARTMENTAL 345 (Management 345) (3)—Business Ethics

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. An examination of the moral and ethical issues associated with management policy and executive decisions. The course examines the basic approaches to moral reasoning, macro-moral issues concerning the justice of economic systems, and micro-moral issues such as the following: conflict of interest, whistle blowing, discrimination in employment, product safety, environment, and advertising. *Cass.*

Fall

INTERDEPARTMENTAL 387 (3-3)—Cultural History and Natural Philosophy of Greece

Required corequisite: All students must register for three additional credits (Art/Classics 285, Geology 397 or Philosophy 221, having satisfied appropriate prerequisites). The course has three components—cultural history, Greek philosophy and regional geology. The **cultural history** component consists in providing thematic and chronological perspective for considering the examples of Greek art and architecture seen in museums and at archaeological sites. Stylistic development of Greek art and architecture within religious, social and political settings are examined for the Cycladic, Mycenaean, Geometric, Archaic, Classical and Hellenistic periods. The **philosophy** component concerns Plato's writings, particularly the *Timaeus* and the unfinished *Critias*, dialogues written not long before his death. These fictions about Atlantis and the cataclysm which sank it beneath the sea may stem from an actual event, a huge volcanic explosion of about 1500 BC on the island of Thera (Santorini). The philosophical problem is to puzzle out why Plato told such a tale at the beginning of what is now called philosophy of science. The **geology** component emphasizes features and processes seen in Greece and the Greek islands. Particular attention is given to climatological effects on shaping the landscape through such agents as weathering, stream action and mass movement; volcanic activity at Thera; seismic activity in the Mediterranean; and structure and plate tectonics of the Alpine-Himalayan Mountain system and the processes of subduction occurring south of Crete. *Taylor, Pemberton, Spencer.*

Spring 1999 only

INTERDEPARTMENTAL 397 (3)—Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies

Prerequisites: Geology 150, Interdepartmental 110, Philosophy 260, and Politics 233, or permission of the instructor. An interdisciplinary capstone course intended for students in the program in environmental studies. Students analyze a particular environmental issue and attempt to integrate scientific inquiry, political and economic analysis and ethical implications. The particular issue changes each year. *Staff.*

Winter

INTERDEPARTMENTAL 423 (3)—Poverty: A Research Seminar

Prerequisite: Junior standing and permission of the instructor. Interdepartmental 101 is recommended. An inquiry into the principal factors or agents responsible for the causes, effects and remedies of poverty. This examination is conducted through reading appropriate in-depth studies from various disciplines and perspectives, and it culminates with an independent research project into specific aspects of poverty, drawing on students' respective areas of study. *Beckley.*

Winter

INTERDEPARTMENTAL 493 (3-3)—Honors Thesis

Open only to members of the University Scholars program completing interdisciplinary honors work or majoring in a department without an honors program. All departments involved must review and approve the final thesis.

Fall-Winter