

## 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, psychological, and biological problem. The course considers poverty in both its domestic and international contexts. *Beckley.*

*Fall, Spring*

### INTERDEPARTMENTAL 102 (1)—Field Work in Poverty Studies

*Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Corequisite: Interdepartmental 101.* Sustained critical reflection on pivotal issues in poverty studies based on supervised volunteer work, journals, and weekly discussions in relation to the reading in Interdepartmental 101. The course culminates with a paper integrating readings and field work. *Beckley*

*Fall*

### ★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. The course begins with a discussion of the development of environmental thought, focusing on the relationship between humans and the environment. Participants then discuss alternative criteria for environmental decision-making, including sustainability, equity, ecological integrity, economic efficiency, and environmental justice. The course concludes with an examination of contemporary environmental issues, including global warming, invasive species, energy and the environment, tropical deforestation, and the relationship between the environment and economic development in developing countries. *Kahn.*

*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. *Cooper, Stewart.*

*Spring*

### 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. *Cooper.*

*Winter*

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

*Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.* A study of the moral issues arising from the practice of modern journalism and communications. Includes examination of philosophical and theoretical foundations of ethics, the place and role of journalism in the larger society, and moral choices in the newsroom. Topics include: First Amendment freedoms, privacy, confidentiality of sources, conflicts of interest, cooperation with law enforcement, free press/fair trial, photojournalism, and issues of accountability. *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, Cooper.*

*Fall*

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL 395 (3)—Special Topics in  
Environmental Ethics**

This course explores areas of topical concern within the field of environmental ethics. The issues explored may vary from year to year. May be repeated for degree credit with permission and if the topics are different. *Cooper.*

*Spring*

**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 (Law 391) (3)—  
Poverty: A Research Seminar**

*Prerequisite: Junior standing, Interdepartmental 101, and permission of the instructor.* 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. Law student participation is expected. *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*