

Course Descriptions
University Core B: Social and Behavioral Sciences

ANTH/SOCY 121	Understanding Cultures	Three hours lecture. Introduction to the ways anthropologists view human behavior and the methods they use. Cultures past and present and around the world are explored to study diverse adaptations humans have made.
APST 200	Introducing Appalachia	Three hours lecture. Introduces the Appalachian Mountain region through a survey of its geography, history, cultures, lifestyles, and the arts. Readings, discussions, and multi-media presentations on the above topics will be supplemented by library and field research. The class is designed to create an overall awareness and appreciation of life in Appalachia.
ECON 105	Principles of Economics	Three hours lecture. Macroeconomics. An introduction into the study of scarcity and choice: supply and demand theory, national income accounting, money and banking, monetary and fiscal policy models and how government deals with the problems of inflation, unemployment and economic growth. Principles of Macroeconomics is an introduction to the study of the structure of the U.S. economy. The course will introduce the students to the fundamentals of economic theory and reasoning. This course will focus on understanding, measuring, and analyzing macroeconomic activity and the role of the U.S. government in the economy. The course coverage and material will emphasize historical and contemporary economic issues facing the U.S. economy.
ECON 106	Principles of Economics	Three hours lecture. Microeconomics. Concentrates on microeconomics: elasticity of demand and supply, consumer and producer behavior, market structure, labor market analysis and general equilibrium. Students will be introduced to the science of economics, particularly to the study of markets and degrees of competitive behavior. Students will learn the "economic way of thinking" through studying optimizing behavior. Students will learn basic structures in both the product and factor markets, and relate those concepts to real world activities. Students will build a foundation for the continuing study of economics.
GEOG 101	Europe & the Americas	Three hours lecture. Recommended for students preparing to teach. Comprehensive review of physical and cultural features of Europe, the former Soviet Union, the Americas and Australia.
GEOG 102	Africa & Asia	Three hours lecture. Recommended for students preparing to teach. Comprehensive review of physical features and cultural history of Africa, Southwest, Southeast, South and East Asia.
GEOG 103	Introduction to Human Geography	Three hours lecture. Introduction to concepts and methods of examining human modification of the earth's surface, emphasis on processes fostering differences, similarities and change in cultural patterns through space and time in a comparative framework.
HIST 111	U.S. History to 1865	Three hours lecture. Survey of national history from the colonial period through the American Revolution and early national period through the Civil War. Emphasis on economic, political and social developments and the growth of the representative and democratic process.

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HIST 112	U.S. History since 1865	Three hours lecture. General survey of national history since the Civil War. Explores economic, political and social developments in the United States and growing American involvement in world affairs.
POSC 110	Introduction to Politics	Three hours lecture. Introduces students to the concepts and methods of political science by examining enduring questions and concerns of political life using political philosophy and literature.
POSC 120	Introduction to American Government	Three hours lecture. Introduces students to the study of American government. Philosophical foundations, constitutional development, institutions, and contemporary issues will be examined. There will be an emphasis on the continuing influence of founding principles.
PSYC 121	Introductory Psychology	Three hours lecture. Introduces students to the scientific study of behavior. Topics include essential concepts in brain function, emotion, cognition, learning, personality, social behavior, abnormal psychology, the methods used to generate psychological knowledge, and application of this knowledge in a variety of settings.
RELN 205	Religion and Culture	Three hours lecture. This introduction to the social-scientific study of religion examines religion in its cultural context. Topics such as church and state, religion and race, secularization, and religion and economics are covered through historical cases from around the world. Major sociological theories of religion are considered.
SOCY 110	Introduction to Sociology	Three hours lecture. Introduces basic concepts and methods of sociology. It presents significant research and theory in areas such as culture, social structure, socialization, deviance, social stratification and social institutions.