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GENERAL STUDIES CAPSTONE PROJECT
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There are no textbooks for this course.

Note: The name of this degree has been changed as of September 1, 2017 to the Bachelor of General Studies in Liberal Studies. You will see this on your degree plans. This degree is now housed in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Course Description: This course is the concluding course for the Bachelor of General Studies Degree in Liberal Studies. The course brings together the chosen minors into one specific analysis, connecting the three minors into one interdisciplinary study. Each minor will be related to another and then the three will form one final composite whole.

Course Requirements: There will be four written papers comparing the minors in at least three ways.

Academic Dishonesty: All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

Americans with Disabilities Act: It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified should not be excluded solely by reason of their disability, from

participation in any academic program of the University. Further, they should not be denied the benefits of these programs, not shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936 294-3512, TDD 936 294-3786, and e-mail disability@shsu.edu). They should then make arrangement with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability which may affect adversely your work for this class, the I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures and disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/814106.pdf>

Religious Holidays: Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment form which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

Sam Houston Writing Center: Writing tutors are available to help with your writing. The center is located in Farrington Building. You may walk in or call 936-294-3680 for an appointment. The Writing Center also offers distance tutoring for off-campus students. E-mail wctr@shsu.edu for more information or access their website at <http://www.shsu.edu/~wctr/>. Using the Writing Center does not guarantee a satisfactory grade on any assignment.

Summary of Assignments:

1. Assignment #1: Students will explain their choices of three minors, bringing into focus the specific topics that were covered in the minors and the overall impact of the minor.
2. Assignments #2 and #3. Students will discuss in detail two of the minors (1 and 2, 1 and 3, or 2 and 3) in two papers, showing comparisons in three ways. Specific courses studied in each minor will be included and the value of these courses. Linking

content from both minors will be an important facet of each of these assignments.

3. Assignment #4. Students will complete the course with one written project bringing the three minors into focus and linking the three minors into a cohesive document.

Submission of Assignments:

1. All papers will be submitted through email to fleming@shsu.edu. Please put in the subject line, the assignment number and your name (Assignment #1: John Doe).
2. I will evaluate your papers online and return your papers with comments and a grade as quickly as possible. The final exam (Assignment #4) will not be returned but you will receive an email with the grade on the final paper and your course average as quickly as possible.

Grading Determination:

1. Assignment #1: 20%
2. Assignments #2 and #3: 20% each
3. Assignment #5: 40%

Assignments and Deadlines:

1. Assignment #1: Friday, September 15, 2017
2. Assignment #2: Friday, October 13, 2017
3. Assignment #3: Friday, November 10, 2017
4. Assignment #4: Friday, December 1, 2017

If, at any time, you have questions about assignments or any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through email. For the students who are on campus, please feel free to come by my office if you have any concerns.