

COMMUNITY STUDIES CLUSTER

This cluster explores the nature of the communities we live in, whether defined spatially (such as a neighborhood) or as a set of ties based on sharing a common interest. Building community has become a central debate in a number of social sciences, including sociology, political science, economics, and psychology. In a culture emphasizing individualism and individual rights, how can needs for community and responsibility to others be balanced? Thus, in this cluster, students have the opportunity to gain practical as well as theoretical experience with building communities.

SOPH INQ: UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITIES (UNST 220)

This course addresses social-structural issues of communities embedded in their spatial, political, and economic contexts. Specific themes that may be explored include (a) community and identity (community formation and change; conflict and cooperation within and between communities; balancing individualism and community; social control), (b) historical development and current conditions of the American city, and (c) balancing individual rights with community responsibility.

CLUSTER COURSE OFFERINGS

CHLA 301U Chicano/Latino Communities
CHLA 380U Latinos in the Economy & Politics
CHLA 399U Working with Latino Youth
CHLA 450U Latinos in the Educational System
EC 314U Private and Public Investment
EC 419U Economics of Race & Ethnicity
ENG 410U Literary Utopian Communities
ESR 355U Understanding the Environment
ESR 356U Understanding Environmental Conservation
GEOG 332U Urban Geography
GEOG 410U Urban Natural Resources
GEOG 462U Sense of Place
PHE 444U Global Health
PHE 452U Gender, Race, Class and Health
SOC 420U Urbanization and Community
SOC 436U Social Movements
SP 437U Urban Communication
USP 311U Introduction to Urban Planning
USP 312U Urban Housing and Development
USP 385U/HST 337U History of American Cities
USP 425U Community and the Built Environment
USP 426U Neighborhood Conservation and Change

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KNOWLEDGE, RATIONALITY AND UNDERSTANDING CLUSTER

Knowledge, rationality and understanding are at once the chief goals of the academic enterprise and the subject of much current academic discussion. This study of their natures and the methods of achieving them have both theoretical interest and a practical benefit. Logic, science and certain mathematical disciplines aim to discover rational methods of achieving knowledge and understanding. Assessments of these methods call upon the disciplines of epistemology, psychology and philosophy of science.

SOPH INQ: KNOWLEDGE, RATIONALITY, AND UNDERSTANDING (UNST 238)

An introduction to the cluster Knowledge, Rationality and Understanding, the course deals briefly with the nature of these, with the techniques of achieving them and with general criticisms of the techniques. Its main aim is to promote the kind of critical inquiry that has been so successful in advancing modern science, both physical and social.

CLUSTER COURSE OFFERINGS

AJ 320U Theories of Crime & Justice
EAS 399U Problems, Solutions, & Systems Thinking
EC 314U Private and Public Investment
PHL 300U Philosophical Methods & Concepts
PHL 303U Critical Thinking
PHL 306U Science & Pseudoscience
PHL 324U Introduction to Formal Logic
PHL 325U Predicate Logic
PHL 327U Introduction to Quantitative Literacy
PHL 399U Practical Epistemology
PSY 300U Personal Decision Making
PSY 491U Decision Making I
PSY 492U Decision Making II

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PROFESSIONS AND POWER CLUSTER

One of the least understood elements in the making of the modern world is the role of professions like law, medicine, engineering, education, architecture, and accounting. The people who work in such occupations form a major leadership class in society. As a group and as individuals, they play critical roles in preserving the public health, defining justice and who can obtain it, designing safe buildings, bridges, and roads, educating us for life's challenges, and regulating of our economic and financial systems. In short, they often make life-and-death decisions that affect each of us. Courses in this cluster examine the critical responsibilities professions and professionals have in our society and culture, the special training they require, the ethical dilemmas they face as a consequence of their roles, why they enjoy and how they protect their elite status, who can join their ranks, and why we are so dependent on them.

SOPH INQ: PROFESSIONS IN THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD (UNST 256)

This course is about how and why professions have become among the most important forces in modern society. Those who practice medicine, law, architecture, engineering, and experts in science, economics, and other key areas of knowledge have immense influence in our lives. We examine the sources of their power and authority in society, the ethics that govern their activities, the nature and extent of their knowledge, and who joins their ranks.

CLUSTER COURSE OFFERINGS

ARCH 340U Profession of Architecture
ARCH 341U/ASC 410U Developing as a Professional
EAS 399U Problems, Solutions, & Systems Thinking
EC 314U Private and Public Investment
EC 316U Introduction to Health Care Economics
ENG 308U Literature & Medicine in the Community
ENG 308U Literature Medicine Health
EPFA 410U Socialization Across Professions
HST 387U Science in Society
MKTG 340U Introduction to Advertising
PHL 455U Morality & Health Care
PHL 481U Biomedical Ethics
SCI 359U/HON 407U Biopolitics
SCI 361U/HON 407U Science: Power/Knowledge
SP 313U Communication in Groups
SW 407U Helping Professions & the Welfare State
USP311U Introduction to Urban Planning
WR 410U Discourse of the Professions

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