

Winter 2024 Open Elective List – St. Clair College

CHATHAM CAMPUS

January 8, 2024, to April 26, 2024

SSC150G – CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL PROBLEMS

The primary goal of this course is to facilitate increased awareness and understanding of problematic social conditions in Canadian society and throughout the world. Students will develop a framework by which to formulate their own opinions, appreciate other's opinions, recognize government's roles and assess national and global issues.

Section: 501 – 3126	Monday: 12:00 – 15:00	Limit: 40	Instructor: C. Goens	Room: TBD
Section: 502 – 3127	Wednesday: 12:00 – 15:00	Limit: 40	Instructor: C. Goens	Room: TBD
Section: 065 – 5717	Online	Limit: 50	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A

SSC190G – CANADA EH?

This course is designed to support new Canadians and international students in their transition to Canada by offering a very broad overview of its geography, history, and government. Students will also deepen their understanding of Canadian culture by exploring its visual art, music, and theatre. This General Education course also affords numerous opportunities for students to continue to develop their Essential Employability Skills.

Section: 501 – 3043	Wednesday: 12:00 – 15:00	Limit: 50	Instructor: T. Gehl	Online - Synchronous
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SSC206G – TRANSITIONING TO CANADIAN CULTURE

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Section: 501 – 3186	Online	Limit: 50	Instructor: K. Spratt	Asynchronous
Section: 502 – 3147	Online	Limit: 50	Instructor: K. Spratt	Asynchronous

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SSC 121G – Celebrating Cultural Diversity				
Students will have a unique opportunity to gain shared cultural understanding through a process of partnered "ambassadors" where they will experience the unique similarities and differences of diverse cultures. They will explore, learn about and teach their cultural birthright to someone who has a cultural birthright different from their own. This is facilitated through a unique blend of delivery methods such as actual and "virtual" cultural field trips, selective classroom activities and "virtual" electronic classroom activities. Students will focus on a variety of cultural topics such as social and festive activities, traditions, politics, art, religion, and language.				
Section 065 - 5789	ONLINE	Limit: 60	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A

SSC 128G – Drugs Society and Human Behaviour				
Provides practical knowledge about legal and illegal drugs and their influence on Canadian society. This course will also examine how different drugs affect the individual and the society in which they live. Topics will include the history of drugs, psychopharmacy of drugs, and consequences of addictions and substance abuse. Examination of special at-risk groups and legal issues will also be explored.				
Section 065 - 5790	ONLINE	Limit: 60	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A

SSC 131G – The Underground Railroad Pioneers				
In this course students will examine the slave trade industry and its impact on our Canadian culture during the 18th century and beyond. By examining the policies, people and events of the day, students will better understand abolitionist and underground activity. Case studies, in-class discussions and learning activities will focus on settlements within our community which have been established to settle escaped slaves/fugitives. Students will develop an awareness of their own personal history, and determine how these roots have helped to bind and shape our community as we know it today.				
Section 065 - 5715	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: I. Moore Davis	Room: N/A

SSC 146G – Human Sexuality				
This course will provide an overview of human sexuality issues and sexual behaviours. Students will examine sexuality in various contexts, relying on: psychological, socio-cultural and biological research. Students will engage in the study of human sexuality as it relates to their interpersonal relationships, health and wellness, and identity and how it differs between cultural, religious and societal contexts. More generally, the course is designed to provide a course in human sexuality, grounded in sound science, for students planning careers in the helping professions as well as for those taking it for personal growth.				
Section 065 - 5716	ONLINE	Limit: 60	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A

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MIT 313G – Law & Ethics – Information Age

This course is designed to expose students to the numerous ways in which information and information technologies in today's society impact our personal, social and business relationships. Students will discover both the ethical and legal aspects and the social impact of various forms and use of intellectual properties. By the end of the course, students will have an increased awareness of the numerous issues impacted by technological developments involving information and communication. Additionally, students will have an improved appreciation for the legal and ethical issues that surround existing and emerging technological advancements.

Section 065 - 5784	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 185G – Wellness, Mind and Body

Wellness is about taking charge of your life, making wise choices and charting a path to a healthier you. In this course, students will explore the dimensions of wellness and pursue practical strategies for developing a healthy lifestyle in all aspects of your life. This course will help you understand how the choices you make impact your evolution, your relationship with others and place in the environment. You will gain awareness of all aspects of your personal wellness so that you can live responsibly and reach your full potential.

Section 065 - 5720	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 189G – To Bee or Not To Bee? An Exploration

Why all the bee buzz? Because bee life matters! The honey bee has been a resourceful friend and contributor to human civilizations since ancient Egypt. But beginning in 2003, worldwide alarms sounded due to the emerging bee decline. It has been predicted that 60 years after the extinction of the honey bee, there will no longer be human life on earth. We must all be part of an important crisis plan. In this course we will investigate the plight of the honey bee. We will explore their history, and what they need to continue to flourish. Their economic contribution and how they benefit society is also examined. We'll discover why these important pollinators are not only essential to their own colony, but to the agricultural industry and the human food system. Loss of honeybees would mean the collapse of the natural ecosystem. Who will care for them? ... To bee or not to bee, that is the question.

Section 065 - 5721	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 184G – Hockey, Culture and Society

This course critically examines the cultural significance of hockey in historical and contemporary Canadian society. Topics include race and gender in hockey cultures, hockey-related violence, and the impact of mass and new media on the sport. The link between hockey and Canadian identity is explored. Students develop a critical perspective concerning the social and political implications of Canada's national pastime.

Section 065 - 5719	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: R. Serviss	Room: N/A
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SSC 174G – Interpersonal Violence in Canadian Society

Provides practical knowledge about facts of interpersonal violence and their influence on Canadian Society. This course will examine how different forms of interpersonal violence affect the individual and the society, in which they live and work. Topics will include interpersonal violence, personal and societal responsibilities, behaviour and lifestyle. Consequences of violence and the examination of special at-risk groups and legal issues will also be explored.

Section 065 - 5718	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: M. Musa	Room: N/A
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January 22, 2024, to April 12, 2024

SSC 134G – CRIMES AND THEIR VICTIMS

Examining different types of crimes and their victims will be the focus of this course. Particular attention is given to victims of crime and its impact on their lives, their families, and on society. Students will learn about crime in the home, the workplace, at schools and public places and the importance of recognizing those at risk. The student will come to appreciate the role that social factors play in the likelihood of victimization and their experience, involvement and treatment within the criminal justice system.

Section 065 - 6019	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 239G – Race, Racism, and Anti-Racism in North American Society

Students will explore the genesis of race as an idea and how the concept has evolved over time. they will discuss the ways in which race has been used to justify unfair practices in North American history as well as forms of discrimination which persist today. Students will learn about a variety of social movements designed to address racism and its impacts and will evaluate contemporary anti-racism approaches. Students will practice recognizing implicit bias in themselves and discuss how to combat racism in daily life.

Section 065 - 6020	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: TBA	Room: N/A
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SSC 125G – SOCIOLOGY & GENDER RELATIONS

This course is intended to familiarize the student with the role that socialization plays in the construction of gender roles and gender-based stereotyping. We will also the power differential between the sexes which serves to keep women in positions of relative disadvantage in our society.

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