

2022 FALL Open Elective List – Downtown Campuses

SSC 110G – Global Human Diversity

In this course, students will explore various cultural groups through five themes: Environmental Geography, Population & Settlement, Culture Coherence & Diversity, Geopolitical Framework and Economic & Social Development. These themes explore the magnitude of human diversity and how that diversity was created. An opportunity to practice group interaction is provided during the course.

Section 002 3237	Tuesdays 14:00-17:00	Limit: 60	Instructor: V. Barris	Room: B013
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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 001 2242	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: J. Barkey	Room: N/A
Section 002 2243	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: J. Barkey	Room: N/A
Section 003 1978	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: K. Reimer-Jones	Room: N/A
Section 004 2665	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: N. Pettit	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 001 1786	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: A. Dinardo	Room: N/A
Section 002 2650	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: A. Dinardo	Room: N/A
Section 003 3238	Wednesdays 14:00-17:00	Limit: 60	Instructor: L. Mastellotto	Room: B013

SSC 134 G – 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 003 1268	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: E. Revenberg	Room: N/A
Section 004 1269	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: J. Williams	Room: N/A
Section 005 2504	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: J. Williams	Room: N/A

SSC 150G– 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 001 3207	Wednesdays 14:00-17:00	Limit: 60	Instructor: E. Revenberg	Room: 101
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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 002 2654	ONLINE	Limit: 70	Instructor: A. Bake	Room: N/A
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SSC 177G – Society and Me

The primary goal of this course is to facilitate an increased awareness and understanding of our social roles, how we are influenced by culture and how we as an individual, or groups, can impact society.

Section 002 2248	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: B. Berlasty	Room: N/A
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SSC 181G Society and the Environment

How serious are current environmental and social problems? Why should we care about them? How are governments, corporations, activists, and ordinary citizens responding to these problems? Human activities have significant impacts on our planet. In this course, students explore the role of human daily living habits and the contribution they've made to our current global environmental problems.

Section 001 1843	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: K. Henley	Room: N/A
Section 002 2258	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: K. Henley	Room: N/A

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 001 1979	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: S. Janisse	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 002 2307	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: E. Yaworsky	Room: N/A
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SSC 188G – Food, Politics, and Choices

This course is intended to familiarize students with issues surrounding the sources of their food. The politics of imported food, and domestic concerns such as factory farming, genetically modified foods, and the organic movement, are also examined.

Section 001 2306	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: S. Fields	Room: N/A
Section 002 1270	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: S. Fields	Room: N/A

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SSC 212G – Introduction to Canadian Pop Culture

Popular culture will be explored through the study of television, music, literature, sports and movies. Students will examine how and why people select their entertainment, what such things as television programs and movies mean to the people who watch them, how popular products such as compact discs are marketed and how all aspects of our daily lives influence our basic values and beliefs.

Section 001 2424	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: V. Small	Room: N/A
Section 003 2310	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: V. Small	Room: N/A
Section 004 2311	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: K. Reimer-Jones	Room: N/A

SSC 223G – Hip-Hop Culture and Social Change

This course is an exploration of hip-hop culture and its impact on the world. Students will discover how hip-hop developed as well as the various forms it has taken over time and depending on the locale and cultural background of the performer. Particular attention will be paid to the impact of hip-hop culture on music, fashion, popular culture, language, social movements, and political activism in North America and around the world.

Section 001 1271	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: K. Mio	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 of race 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 negative effects, 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 001 1272	ONLINE	Limit: 40	Instructor: K. Mio	Room: N/A
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SSC 500G – The Incredible Human Mind

The human mind can do extraordinary things, and it can also make incredible mistakes. In this course we will figure out what's going on in both cases. What's involved when we have a 'hunch' about something based on very little evidence? How can two people witness the same event and walk away with two completely different interpretations? Why do some people believe in conspiracy theories? We'll also look at the incentives that influence our behaviour, sometimes in strange ways and we'll conclude the course with a look at the factors that affect our own happiness, and how we tend to confuse those factors in ways that make happiness difficult for us to achieve.

Section 002 3236	Thursdays 14:00-17:00	Limit: 60	Instructor: J. Morris	Room: 101
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LBS 110G – Communication Across Cultures

Students will discover the importance of social qualifiers (such as gender, race, and class) and social agencies (such as family, school, and workplace) to better understand the various elements of both intercultural and intracultural communication. The course provides students with opportunities to explore several cultural environments both within the classroom and within the community; to write reflectively about what they have learned; and to make interactive group presentations about their own cultural research. By the end of the course, students will have improved their ability to both appreciate the complexity of cross-cultural communication and to be effective cross-cultural communicators.

Section 004 3211	Tuesdays 14:00-17:00	Limit: 60	Instructor: S. Branton	Room: 101
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STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE: Online sections are an additional \$49 (unless noted otherwise)

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