

Liberal Studies

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Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

IDS – Interdisciplinary Studies.

F-Fall semester offering; S-Spring semester offering

IDS 6931 Great Ideas Seminar: The Age of Science (3). Great ideas from the natural sciences. Study of the historical development, the evidential basis, and the broader implications of those ideas. Reflection on the nature and methods of modern science. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

IDS 6937 Great Ideas Seminar: Special Topics (3). Intensive interdisciplinary investigation of a single great idea such as natural selection or infinity. Study of that idea's cross-disciplinary development, its impact, and its uses and misuses. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

IDS 6938 Great Ideas Seminar: Human Nature (3). Great religious, philosophical, and scientific ideas about human nature. Discussion of the view that human beings have no nature. Study of such thinkers as Confucius, Plato, Darwin, Freud, Skinner, and Sartre. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

IDS 6939 Great Ideas Seminar: Politics and Society (3). Great ideas in political and social thought from Plato to the present. Topics include political obligation, the nature of the state, social and economic justice, social contract, liberty, the rule of law, and community. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

IDS 6972 Master's Essay (1-3). For students working on a master's essay. Oral presentation required. Prerequisite: All other coursework for the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Degree.

IDS 6973 Master's Thesis (1-6). For students working on a master's thesis. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission of the instructor.