

Google Shared Courses – Fall 2018

Course Offerings and Descriptions

ENGL 389 – African American Literature (Alma College)

Study of African American Literature as a distinct tradition beginning with the experience of enslavement and influenced by African and African American oral cultural heritage.

GERM 303 -- German Language and Culture for the Professions (Albion College)

Intended to improve students' communicative skills in German and provide knowledge for the professions. Covers aspects of the German business world such as banking, marketing and organizational structures. Assignments include development of marketing strategies and development of a business plan for a start-up venture.

PHIL 325 -- Philosophy of Language (Albion College)

Words and sentences of a language have meanings, thereby allowing us to use sentences to communicate our thoughts, some of which are true. But how do words and sentences get their referents and meanings? What are meanings? This course focuses on central developments in the philosophy of language throughout the twentieth century. Topics include theories of meaning and reference, speech acts, pragmatics, and conversational implicature.

PHYS 389 – Dynamics (Alma College)

Study of motion. Includes particle dynamics, central force motion, rigid body motion, Lagrange's and Hamilton's equations of motion.

RS 389 – Theory and Method in Religious Studies (Alma College)

Upper level seminar addresses current issues in the field of religious studies (such as postmodernism, post colonialism, disability studies, and/or queer theory), approaching these issues with a variety of disciplinary methods (such as historical, theological, phenomenological, ethical, and/or anthropological). Required for, but not limited to, majors and minors in religious studies.

SOC 388 – Religion and Society (Calvin College)

The course will focus on recognizing the social aspects of religion and thinking critically about what influences the ways in which people practice their faith and what role faith plays in shaping human behavior. Particular attention is paid to the North American experience of Christianity. This course will examine beliefs, practices, organizations, and cultures from a sociological perspective, looking as well at the historical and philosophical underpinnings of the perspective and what that means for our study of religion.