Fall 2016 – Upper Division GE Course Sections for New Transfer Students

In Fall 2016, California State University, Northridge will offer special sections of four popular upper-division General Education (GE) courses reserved exclusively for new transfer students. The sections will combine traditional course content with assignments and information about the University as an institution, a culture and an intellectual experience. The courses introduce academic and co-curricular resources and link students to each other and to the campus community.

Taking one of these courses, reserved just for new transfer students, will help you make a smooth transition to the University and enhance your academic experience.

Eligibility
If you are a new transfer student who has successfully completed 60 or more units including the four basic subjects before being admitted to CSUN, you are eligible to enroll in one or more of the special course sections below.

Course Sections
Each of the course sections listed below provides 3 units of academic credit. Some courses are not offered every semester, so you may want to take advantage of them now to satisfy upper-division GE requirements. Please see “How to Register” below for enrollment information and course descriptions.

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How to Register

1. In May or thereafter, you will receive a Fall 2016 Registration Access Mailer that includes your registration appointment. Your appointment also displays in myNorthridge Portal > My Checklist. For registration dates, see the Semester Bulletin at [http://www.csun.edu/admissions-records/registration-calendar](http://www.csun.edu/admissions-records/registration-calendar)

   You are strongly encouraged to meet with the academic advisor in the College of your major before enrolling in classes. University rules will differ from those at your transfer institution.

   - To locate the advisor in your academic department, visit [www.csun.edu/academic](http://www.csun.edu/academic)
   - To prepare for advisement, see the Fall 2016 Transfer Student Checklist at [http://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/first-time-transfer-advising-checklist](http://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/first-time-transfer-advising-checklist). Review the prerequisites for the course(s) you want to take in the descriptions below. Be sure to satisfy the prerequisites before enrolling in the course. Enrollment in any of these upper-division GE courses requires you to have completed your lower division writing requirement.

   To enroll in PSY 365, you should have already completed an introductory psychology course at your transfer institution. Check [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) to see if the class will transfer to CSUN as a PSY 150 equivalent.

2. You can register in classes on your own, but first check the Degree Road Map for your major and catalog year (2016) at [http://www.csun.edu/catalog/resources/road-map](http://www.csun.edu/catalog/resources/road-map). The suggested sequence of courses in these plans will streamline your path to graduation, saving time and money.

   To add classes, log into myNorthridge with your CSUN User ID and Password. From the Home tab in the Quick Links box, click Register for Classes. See the Add a Class tutorial at [www.csun.edu/anr/soc/guides](http://www.csun.edu/anr/soc/guides).

   Have this flyer handy to look up the class quickly by entering its five-digit Class Number on the Select Classes to Add page. No permission numbers are required. The registration system will recognize you as a new transfer student and allow you to enroll in the classes listed here.

3. Pay your tuition and other fees on time. To view payment due dates, fees and related information, visit the University Cash Services website at [http://www.csun.edu/stufin](http://www.csun.edu/stufin), or call (818) 677-8000, option 3.

4. To learn about student loans, grants, scholarships, work study and more, visit the Cal State Northridge Financial Aid and Scholarships website at [www.csun.edu/financialaid](http://www.csun.edu/financialaid).

Course Descriptions

**ART 315 – World Perspectives in Art History (3)** Prerequisite: Completion of the lower-division writing requirement. An introduction to the analysis of art in the context of world cultures. Illustrated lectures explore the artistic responses to universal human needs and experiences: food and shelter, identity, community and death. Art majors may take this course for university elective credit.

**COMS 356 – Intercultural Communication (3)** Prerequisite: Completion of the lower division writing requirement. Cultural factors in interpersonal communication, such as perception, roles, language codes, and nonverbal communication. Students will apply and evaluate theories of intercultural communication. (IC)

**POLS 355 – American National, State, and Local Governments (3)** Not open to students who have taken POLS 155 [or its equivalent]. Detailed study of the structures and functions of the national government and California state and local governments. Special attention is given to the legislative and executive branches in the policy-making and administrative processes as well as the constitutional bases for these processes. Satisfies the Title V United States Constitution requirement and the California State and local governments requirement. (IC)

**PSY 365 – Introduction to Gerontology (3)** Prerequisites: PSY 150 and completion of the lower-division writing requirement. Recommended preparation: PSY 301. Analysis of the physical, cognitive, social and emotional changes from puberty to adulthood. Study of the changes occurring with age as a result of alterations in physical conditions, economic status, role changes, etc. and the accompanying psychological effects. Students may engage in volunteer activities or advocacy work in community agencies for persons over 55, or in research in memory, quality of life issues, physical health, exercise, etc. This course may be used to fulfill the 300-level Developmental Psychology Cluster Requirement for Psychology majors. (IC)

**RS 304 – Women and Religion (3)**

Examination of religious views of women in oral and literary cultures, focusing on the roles, symbols, and concepts of women within an international, historical framework. Also addresses women’s own perspectives on religion, as reflected in historical sources and in contemporary theology and religious life. (An Information Competence course. (IC)