

# **GENERAL STUDIES**

This program involves interdisciplinary study that includes material that crosses departmental and divisional lines. Occasionally, the program involves fields not regularly offered at the college. A degree plan is not associated with the program.

## **GS 201 Interdisciplinary Topics**

Study abroad experience that is not offered in the language of the country.

## **GS 202 Study Abroad Intercultural Reflection**

This is a 1/4 credit academic course taken the semester a student returns from abroad. Upon return to Austin College, the student will be asked to reflect on the depth upon the study abroad experience. We require this of students to ensure that they can fully appreciate the experience and effectively connect it to their Austin College education. PREQ: Student must have studied abroad for a full semester prior to taking this course. Required the first term back at Austin College. Instructor permission required. 0.25 credit.

## **GS 230 Post-Internship Reflection**

This course follows upon the pre-internship retreat and the successful completion of the internship. It is intended to provide structured time and resources for vocational reflection upon the internship experience. Through readings, lectures, outside speakers, discussions, and written reflections, different voices are brought to bear on the various ways in which work and a meaningful life intersect. The course will draw upon cultural, historical, philosophical, psychological, and religious perspectives in the process of making significant life choices (As needed).

## **GS 240 Trial Advocacy**

Trial Advocacy will train students in the art of courtroom presentation. Students will get the opportunity to step into the shoes of an attorney and/or a witness in a mock trial setting. Students will compete in American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) sanctioned mock trial tournaments. Student attorneys will be expected to learn basic rules of evidence, develop opening and closing statements, prepare witnesses for trial, prepare trial notebooks and exhibits, and be able to present their cases in a courtroom setting. Student witnesses will be expected to have a working knowledge of the rules of evidence, to aid attorneys in the preparation of exhibits, to learn basic acting skills, to develop one or more witnesses for presentation in a mock trial setting. Course may be repeated up to one course credit earned. 0.25 course credit.

## **GS 250 Intermediate Topics in General Studies**

A study of selected topics for beginning students based on faculty and student interests. Offered on an occasional basis. Course may be repeated when topic varies. 1 course credit.

## **GS 260 Intermediate Directed Study in General Studies**

Student investigation of topic of interest working in collaboration with a faculty member resulting in significant oral and written work. See On-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Freshman JanTerm or Sophomore standing. Special permission required. Offered in variable course credit from 0.25-1.00.

**GS 350 Advanced Topics in General Studies**

An investigation of selected topics for more advanced students based on faculty and student interests. Offered on an occasional basis. Course may be repeated when topic varies.

Prerequisites vary. 1 course credit.

**GS 460 Advanced Directed Study in General Studies**

Student investigation of topic of interest related to the major or minor working in collaboration with a faculty member resulting in significant oral and written work. See On-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Junior or Senior standing. Special permission required. Offered for variable course credit from 0.25-1.00.

**GS 490 Independent Study in General Studies**

Student-driven independent work to produce a high quality body of work such as paper, report, art project, etc. See On-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Junior or Senior standing. Special permission required. 1 course credit.