

**First Year Experience Program Course Offerings  
Fall 2010**

**Inquiry 190 Courses**

BUSA 190

**Introduction to Business in a Global Environment**

Understanding economic value creating activities and the demands of enterprise stakeholders in competitive markets within the global environment. Additionally, an introduction to documenting professional development.

CHIN 190

**China through Film**

An exploration of the history and recent directions of Chinese cinema, the relationship between film and other Chinese media, film and the Chinese government, and the particular appeal of Chinese film on the international market.

COMA 190

**Introduction to Communication**

Introduces the study of communication. Surveys the contexts and applications of study of these disciplines. Introduces the use of rhetorical theory as a means of understanding communication behavior.

CSCE 190

**Privacy and Technology**

This course will explore the impact of technology on privacy. The goal is to provide students with insight into the importance of privacy in their daily lives and how to protect that privacy as it comes under attack from new technology. It will explore these issues from several different perspectives including a look at the history of privacy, the development of law as related to privacy, methods used to protect privacy, and developments in technology that threaten privacy. In the process, students will study concepts from mathematics, computer science, history, political science, English, and military science.

ENGL 190

**Bridges, Borders, & Journeys: Children in Today's World.**

TBA

GEOS 190

**Global Climate Change**

A survey of current climate change research. Students will develop and apply a fundamental understanding of earth systems through evaluation of geologic and other scientific evidence for long- and short-term climate change.

GERM 190

**20<sup>th</sup> Century German Literature**

Representative works of German Literature from about 1750 to 1890, including Sturm and Drang, Classicism and Romanticism. Readings will include such authors as Goethe, Schiller, Buchner, and Keller.

PHED 190

**Healing Arts of the Mind and Body**

Designed to introduce alternative therapies of mind-body processes. History, roots, practice, and cultural significances of several therapies and practices.

PHIL 190

**God, Faith, and Reason**

This course offers an introduction to the discipline of philosophy. By “discipline,” I mean of course the subject matter – what topics or questions are explored – but also the way of doing that exploring: the

methods involved in doing philosophy. So this course provides an introduction to a set of questions and to a way of attempting to answer those questions. We will do this through exploring an area of philosophy that has grown in quality and reputation over the past fifty years: the philosophy of religion, which involves “the critical examination of basic religious beliefs and concepts.”

PHIL 190

**Ethics & the Good Life**

Ethics & The Good Life is an introduction to ethics, focusing on two elements: general theoretical ethical theories, and more specific ethical dilemmas. By investigating what the good life is (or should be), you will be in a better position to then decide how to approach and attempt to resolve particular ethical dilemmas. More importantly, you can grapple with how to incorporate these values into your own life, and which values might be more important than others to respect. Another important goal of the course is to help you improve your ability to write persuasive, consistent arguments for and against thoughtful claims. Being able to clearly set out an argument will help you in turn more clearly understand your own position and will also help those who disagree with you nevertheless understand what you believe and why. Understanding why you value what you value, why the good life is what it is, and how you apply those value systems to your individual decisions will help you to in turn determine what kind of life you should lead as a person, citizen, and community member.

RELI 190

**Religion & Science**

The course is designed to be a discussion-based course, and involves skills of critical thinking, writing, and ability to lead and participate in small group and larger class discussions. The course will be divided into the following main sections, addressing key conversations in the science and religion dialogue: the History of the Science and Religion Conversation; Darwin, Creationism, Evolution and the Pope; Physics, Metaphysics and Religion; Natural Theology; the Natural Sciences, Environmentalism and Religion; Genetics - Religion, Creation and Ethics; and World Religions and the Sciences.

SOCI 190

**Introduction to Sociology**

An introduction to the discipline of sociology. Features and analysis of contemporary American Society with emphasis on the interconnections of race, class, and gender. Sociological concepts include socialization, social roles, stereotypes, power, and stratification.

SOCW 190

**Introduction to Social Work**

An introduction to human need and the field of social work. Provides an overview of services, models of service delivery, and professional social work values. Students visit agency settings and meet with social work practitioners.

SPED 190

**Individuals with Disabilities**

This course is designed for student exploration of current issues related to the inclusion of persons in schools and communities. The needs and characteristics of persons with special needs, including the impact of Federal and State Legislation, will be part of the course content. This course contains a service Learning component with opportunities to work with the Washington Special Olympics, Head Start, the Boys and Girls Club, or the Tacoma Schools Communities in the Schools Project.