Centennial College
Degree Liberal Studies Elective Courses

HIS-301  History: The Twentieth Century
This course will cover the major political, social, and artistic movements of the past 100 years. The great conflicts that have characterized this century are analyzed and their meaning as various groups have struggled to achieve either dominance or greater freedom studied. In the last few generations, we have seen unprecedented change: world wars, political revolutions, technological revolutions, social revolutions, and artistic revolutions as people struggle to give meaning to their lives. We will attempt to understand this change and its implications for the future. While global in scope, this course will examine many of these issues from a uniquely Canadian perspective.

HIS-302  Canadian Studies
Canadian Studies is a study of contemporary Canada which explores the themes of nation, regional diversity, French-English relations, and international relations. In the context of these themes, Canadian geography, history, peoples, social and political institutions, and national and international relationships will be examined. You will learn about, reflect upon, and discuss Canadian issues, their roots, their meaning today, and their influence on our future. Throughout the course, you will find that the topics take you through an exploration of the challenges that we face as Canadians (How are we going to govern ourselves? How are we going to survive beside the U.S.? How are we going to resolve the English/French duality? How are we going to resolve native issues? How are we going to deal with the changing face of Canada? How are we going to fit into the world of the 21st century?)

LIT-301  Caribbean Literature
This course offers students the opportunity to build on their reading, critical thinking and writing skills by sampling the significant body of Caribbean literature by writers who live at home, in Canada, the United States and England. The course seeks to reflect the diversity of literary voices, a unique mixture of Native, African, Asian, and European, as well as a myriad of other cross-cultural influences. Through the fiction, especially short stories, poetry and novels, the students will better understand the legacies of colonialism, issues of cultural identity, immigration and economic poverty, even as the writers celebrate one of the most beautiful landscapes of the world.

LIT-302  Propaganda Literature
This course guides students into a world where facts are manipulated, where thought is shaped by persuasion not fact and where opinion is dictated not developed. Following an exploration of examples of mass manipulation, principally from the 20th century, the course then helps students construct a means of seeing through the propaganda smokescreen – a propaganda filter. It then guides students back to their own world with a greater awareness of how propaganda works and how it can be combated.
LIT-303  Canadian Multicultural Literature
The focus of this course is the diversity in experience and response that exists among Canada’s contemporary multicultural voices. Several prominent themes will emerge from the survey: the cultural fact of racism in Canada, both historically and currently; the inner conflict of the immigrant between a desire to assimilate and a desire to remain culturally distinct; and, finally, the realization that behind all the differences among human beings lies the universal experience of being human.

PHL-110  Applied Ethics
This course is an introduction to some of the classical problems of Ethics. It will present some of the greatest thinkers on the question of Ethics in the western tradition from ancient, medieval and modern times through their own writings and thoughts. It will look at the foundations for ethics, but also address contemporary dilemmas with a challenging view to acquiring a set of principles to guide students’ ethical decision making.

PHL-120  Science and Technology in Society
This course examines the rise and development of the scientific method, the changes caused in society by various scientific theories and technological applications in the past and the challenges facing contemporary society as a result of the present state of scientific and technological developments.

Participants will examine the methods of science and their social, economic, political and ethical implications.

PHL-181  Philosophy – Ethical Reasoning for Today’s World
This course examines the theories, skills and applications of moral philosophy and is offered to B.Sc.N. students at Centennial College. Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- Describe and discuss three influential approaches to morality, namely, character ethics, consequences-based ethics, and principle-based ethics.
- Identify, critique, and review their own preferred ethical orientation in relation to these moral bases.
- Recognize these bases in personal and public discourse, and adapt to frameworks other than their own by applying this knowledge.
- Practice the reasoning skills necessary for rational debate in matters of both personal and social morality.
- Confront the important moral issues of today’s world with appropriate reasoning skills.

PHL-182  Logical Self Defense
Ordinary language is highly deceptive, filled with tricks for the unwary and sophisticated uses of subtle words and phrases which often mislead the unsuspecting. Learn how to distinguish types of language, such as descriptive, explanation, and argument, to see how arguments are used to persuade and convince. Sharpen your thinking skills by examining good and poor arguments as used in everyday life - in advertising, science, and law.
Develop skill by practicing with the three conditions of good argument: acceptability, relevance, and good grounds.

**PHL-401 Logical Self-Defence**
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**POL-180 Political & Contemporary Issues**
The course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the social, political, and economic factors currently shaping Canada. Towards this end, the course will cover the purposes and functions of various components within Canadian government by focusing on current constitutional, sovereignty, immigration, and security issues.

**PSY-301 Social Psychology**
This course is designed to provide the student with a detailed introduction to the major theories, research, and applications within the field of Social Psychology. This course will cover a wide variety of topics including but not limited to: Social Perception and Cognition, Conformity, Prejudice and Discrimination, Aggression and Violence, and Intimacy and Interpersonal Attraction.

**PSY-303 Consumer Psychology**
Why do we buy goods and services? What environmental factors influence the individual in the social setting of the market place? This course examines key concepts, research procedures and findings of consumer behaviour.

**PSY-304 Principles of Human Behaviour**
This course is designed to introduce the student to the discipline of Psychology. The goal of the course is to show, using methods of science, how phenomena such as learning, personality and abnormal psychology can be studied and explained. Theoretical perspectives such as behaviorism, psychoanalysis, psychobiology, and humanism are used where applicable to demonstrate how diverse human phenomena are being studied.

**MTH-350 Calculus with Applications**
This is an accelerated course which is specially designed for students who have had several degree-level mathematics courses. As preparation, students are expected to review precalculus independently prior to the course (a handout is available from the professor). The course exposes students to most of the fundamental concepts covered in Calculus I and Calculus II. The course begins with an introduction to limits, continuity and derivatives before proceeding to differentiation rules; differentiation of rational functions, exponential functions, logarithmic functions, trigonometric functions and inverse trigonometric functions is covered. After some applications of differentiation,
students are introduced to integration with applications, and integration techniques. The course then introduces differential equations, and concludes with a section on sequences and series.