



ACT Summer 2019 College Courses

Academic Writing 091: Does it take you forever to begin your writing assignment? Are you unsure about how to proceed and whether what you write is “academic” enough? Academic Writing 091 is a course that will help you improve your writing skills while reading enjoyable, contemporary pieces. You will learn basic writing techniques so as to organize your essay and you will also learn how to incorporate outside sources to further advance your writing. By the end of the course you will have a small portfolio to display your advanced writing skills and you will be a more confident writer. (Pass/Fail-Non Credit)

Art 130: Introduction in Photography, from the analog to digital era. This course introduces students to the basic technical skills necessary for using a digital camera and image editing software. Students will develop artistic skills in photography through experience in creating, observation and critical consideration of photography. Throughout the semester, students will be expected to photograph consistently, present assignments and projects in class and develop skill in using photography as a tool for visual communication. Class time will consist of lectures, demonstrations, critique of student work, lab work, museum and studio visits.

Computer Science 130: Introduction to electronics and robotics programming The primary difference between robots and other types of computing devices is their ability to have a physical effect on their environment, rather than to simply gather, process and communicate data. This is particularly apparent in the case of autonomous and semi-autonomous mobile robots: they face the challenge of acquiring data from their surroundings, selecting their own navigation waypoints and dynamically altering their course of action to account for obstacles, power supply restrictions and unexpected events. In this introductory experiential learning course, students will work in teams and be challenged to build both the hardware chassis and software algorithms for such robots, using the Lego Mindstorms robotics kit and additional resources. The course will commence with simple sensor data acquisition, proceed with the use of actuators, basic navigation, obstacle avoidance, sensor data fusion and conclude with several robotic team challenges.

Economics 101: Introductory Macroeconomics An introduction to modern economic analysis and its policy implications. The course centers on the applications of economic theory to national policy problems such as growth, inflation, unemployment, government expenditures and taxation, and the role of money. In addition, it provides a broad introduction to the understanding of the modern national socioeconomic systems in today's globalized economies



Economics 102: Introductory Microeconomics A continuation of the introduction to modern economic analysis concentrating on the factors affecting behavior and decision-making by households, business firms, and institutions operating under a mixed socioeconomic system. It also considers the issues of market failures and introduces basic concepts of international economics.

Nutrition 130: Fundamentals of Human Nutrition The course explores basic concepts of the science of nutrition. Topics include description and role of nutrients, their dietary sources and their fate into the human body (digestion, absorption etc.); energy balance and weight control; eating disorders; nutrition at different developmental stages (childhood, pregnancy, lactation, old age); nutrition in the development/ prevention of human diseases. Emphasis will be given in the use of scientific methodology to explain how nutrients and other food constituents contribute to proper growth, development and health.

Politics 101: Contemporary Politics The purpose of this course is threefold. First, it explores various dimensions of what political scientists call “governance” and what psychologists call “Machiavellian Intelligence,” namely those instances in our daily lives where humans, by their very nature, engage in activity one might call “political.” Second, the course examines different aspects of the formal, systematic study of political phenomena, commonly known as the academic discipline of political science. Finally, it considers basic elements of negotiation, from simple exchanges with neighbors to formal diplomatic relations in contemporary international relations.