

## \* DESCRIPTIONS AND PREREQUISITES FOR SPECIAL TOPIC COURSES - ALL LU LOCATIONS

<b>ED 780 K1</b>	<b>Special Topics: Leadership &amp; Action</b>	<b>MAIN</b>	<b>Master 1</b>	<b>3 sem hrs</b>
<p>A seminar-style course that focuses on the following topics: reading strategies, classroom strategies for interactive learning, primary source documents, discipline-based reading interventions, creating and using anchor charts, and discipline-based writing.</p> <p>Prerequisites: consent of the Director of the Graduate Education Programs.</p>				
<b>ED 780 K2</b>	<b>Special Topics: Disciplinary Literacy and Writing</b>	<b>MAIN</b>	<b>Master 1</b>	<b>3 sem hrs</b>
<p>A seminar-style course in which the content changes in response to current trends in education and/or to meet certification requirements. Prerequisites: consent of the Director of the Graduate Education Programs.</p>				
<b>ENG 190 01</b>	<b>Approaching Literature: Whodunits and Other Mysteries</b>	<b>MAIN</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>3 sem hrs</b>
<p>Stories are how we make sense of the world. They structure our art, but also our politics, our society, and our sense of self. This course introduces students to the ways stories—particularly whodunits and other mysteries—shape our understanding of truth, knowledge, and justice. Through classic and contemporary works of detective fiction, from “The Murders in the Rue Morgue” through Murder, She Wrote to Knives Out, we will explore how writers use language, narrative, and perspective to conceal and reveal meaning, guiding readers through puzzles of identity, motive, and morality. Students will learn to analyze and interpret how mystery stories work on both structural and symbolic levels, considering what their investigations uncover not only about the crimes at their center but also about the societies that produce them—and about us as readers trying to solve them.</p> <p>Pre or Co-requisites: GEN 110: Composition I: Academic Writing or consent of the instructor.</p>				
<b>GEN 380 01</b>		<b>MAIN</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>3 sem hrs</b>
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**HIS 280 01** **MAIN Undergraduate 3 sem hrs**

American Environmental History course with a Wisconsin Focus. Students will explore how humanity has interacted with each other and other life in the United States of America, primarily during the 20th century. Particular attention will be given to how these interactions have transformed the environment and the emerging political and cultural struggles and compromises. Students will be expected to read both primary and secondary sources with regular writing assignments. Education students will be exposed to resources to bring the environmental history story into their classrooms. History scholars will see how historians have told American history through an environmental lens.

This course will provide an elective opportunity for history majors and non-majors to study topics of historical special interest or importance at the 200 level. Possible topics include history on film, Latin American film, genealogy, archaeology, presidential history, and popular culture. Offered occasionally.

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**SPA 280 01 Special Topics: Court & Federal Interpreting: Skills, Ethics, & Prac** **MAIN Undergraduate 3 sem hrs**

Special Topics in Spanish — Court and Federal Interpreting: Skills, Ethics, and Practice

Advanced study of Spanish–English court and community interpreting. Emphasis on federal standards, professional ethics, and interpreting techniques (consecutive, simultaneous, and sight translation). Conducted entirely in Spanish for advanced students.

Offered: occasionally