

Interdisciplinary

IDS 101

Cornerstone Seminar..... 3.00 credits

This course prepares students for success in their online program and beyond. Students will develop or confirm their career/personal goals and create a personalized academic plan to complete their degree at Charter Oak State College. Essential academic skills including digital, information literacy, critical thinking, and research writing will be addressed to prepare students for their subsequent coursework at the college. This course is required of all Charter Oak State College degree-seeking students and should be taken as soon as possible after matriculation. Students must earn an overall, final grade of "C" or higher to pass the course. Prerequisite: ENG 101

IDS 102

Prior Learning Portfolio Developmnt. . 3.00 credits

This course will focus on the principles and methodology of assessing college level learning acquired outside the traditional classroom. Students will analyze personal learning in terms of adult learning theory. They will also identify, articulate, and document personal learning outcomes, and relate that to the knowledge components of courses. The course promotes skill development in organizing information, writing, analyzing, and critical thinking. Students complete a prior learning portfolio challenging one course applicable to the student's degree, which may be submitted for assessment. A grade of "C" or better in this course is required for anyone seeking undergraduate portfolio credit. Prerequisite(s): ENG101.

IDS 103

Acadm Writing & Critical Thinking... 3.00 credits

This course will concentrate on the process of developing writing paragraphs and essays that follow specific patterns of development and on building critical reading skills that enhance writing and critical thinking. Students will analyze readings and create paragraphs with strong thesis statements and specific supporting details. This course is recommended for students who need to review or strengthen these skills. Note: This course does not replace ENG 101 or 102. It is recommended for students who do not successfully complete IDS101, ENG 101, or ENG 102 with a grade of 'C' or better.

IDS 400

Grant Writing..... 3.00 credits

This course will focus on the components of successful grant writing for the nonprofit sector. Research, letter of intent/ executive summary, and the elements of a strong, well-written proposal will be discussed. Prerequisite(s): ENG 101, ENG 102.