Nebraska Wesleyan University

Catalog 2015-2016

Chaos

How does change occur? How does the new come into being? The Chaos thread explores how innovation happens in the arts, in the sciences, and in social institutions, as well as in nations, communities, and individuals. The courses in the thread will look at how existing practices, beliefs, systems, and narratives come under critique, and how their assumptions are challenged; how alternatives to these practices, beliefs, systems, and narratives emerge, and how these alternatives engage the status quo; and how that engagement can lead, or fail to lead, to transformation.

Students in the Chaos thread will learn about the evaluative and critical tools that have in the past been and are in the present being used, in a wide range of political and cultural contexts, to critique existing practices, beliefs, systems, and narratives. Students will be encouraged not only to be open to the new and unfamiliar, but also to recognize the integrity of the otherness of the new and unfamiliar, resisting the urge to re-model it in the image of the already-known with which they are comfortable. The ultimate goal is to enlarge the student's pictures of the world.

This thread is 9 hours.

| Select 9 Hours | |
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| ART-3000 | ART-3000 |
| COMM 3800 Communication through Dialogue | 4 hours |
| ENG 2240 Topics in World Literature: Revolution and Radical Change | 4 hours |
| ENG 3020 Studies in Writing: Risk Fiction | 4 hours |
| ENG-3240 | ENG-3240 |
| ENG-3250 | ENG-3250 |
| ENG-3280 | ENG-3280 |
| GEND 2850/MUSIC-2850 | 4 hours |
| HIST 3700/HIST 4700 Revolutions in Latin America | 4 hours |
| IDS 3200 Experiential Learning - Chaos Thread | 1-2 hours |
| MUSIC 2630 Music Theory IV | 3 hours |
| PHIL 1100 Introduction to Philosophy | 3 hours |
| PHIL 1100FYW Introduction to Philosophy | 4 hours |
| RELIG 2800 Apocalyptic Imagination in America | 3 hours |
| THTRE 2210 Avant-Garde and Art Film | 3 hours |