Nebraska Wesleyan University

Democracy

Catalog

2016-2017

Program Description

Democracy is both one thingâ??a form of government based on the principle of popular sovereigntyâ??and many things: a wide array of structures and institutions, a development in human history, an animating spirit in culture and the fine arts, a philosophical ideal, a source of conflict. This thread seeks to acknowledge that multiplicity by including the perspectives on democracy of several different disciplines, ranging over both its abstract principles and its immediate, lived realities, over both its grounds of possibility and its varied realizations. At the same time, the thread seeks to honor democracy as a unified phenomenon, an ongoing, still-emerging answer to the question of how societies and communities can best sustain themselves. The thread aspires to assist in the production of what every democracy indispensably needs: informed, engaged participants.

This thread can be 9 or 18 hours.

Students must take courses from at least two course levels: 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000.
Courses in a 9-hour thread must be from a minimum of two disciplines. Courses in an 18-hour thread must be from a minimum of four disciplines, with no more than nine credits from any one discipline.

Required Thread Course	
POLSC 1000/POLSC 1000FYW United States Government and Politics	3-4 hours
Select Additional Courses to meet Thread Requirements	
COMM 2600 Mass Media	4 hours
CRMJS 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice	4 hours
EDUC 2850 Education in a Pluralistic Society	3 hours
ENG 2070 Introduction to U.S. Literature	4 hours
ENG 2230 Topics in World Literature: Democracy	4 hours
ENG 2400 Moby-Dick and Democracy	2 hours
ENG 3310 Tocquevilleâ??s Democracy in America	2 hours
HIST 1010/HIST 1010FYW Topics in United States History to 1877	4 hours
HIST 1020/HIST 1020FYW United States Society and Culture Since 1877	4 hours
IDS 3210 Experiential Learning - Democracy Thread	1-2 hours
JOURN 2610 News Reporting	4 hours
MATH 1010 Mathematics and Democracy	3 hours
PHIL 2040 Ancient Philosophy	3 hours
PHIL 2400 Social-Political Philosophy	3 hours
POLSC 2200 Minority Politics	4 hours
RELIG 2340 Religious Diversity in the United States	3 hours
THTRE 2010 Dramatic Literature: Pulitzer Prize	2 hours

Select Additional Courses to meet Thread Requirements	
THTRE 2020 Dramatic Literature: Tony Awards	2 hours
THTRE 2030 Dramatic Literature: American Comedy	2 hours
THTRE 2060 Dramatic Literature: Banned and Censored	2 hours
THTRE 2230 U.S. Cinema/U.S. Culture	3 hours
THTRE 3800 World Theatre History I	3 hours
THTRE 3810 World Theatre History II	3 hours
THTRE 3830 U.S. Theatre and Cultural Pluralism	3 hours