

Spring 2024 PIO 201 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PIO 201-01 – Legal/ Ethical Issues in Healthcare – Instructor Alexandra Perry 3 credit hours

Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare is an interdisciplinary course that looks at the complex challenges that arise in the provision of care to patients, and in the operational, regulatory, legislative, and administrative spaces of healthcare systems. Issues explored include: public health, end-of-life care; patient autonomy; surrogate decision-making; and mental health and substance use disorder. The course will also explore the impact that broader moral issues such as healthcare reform, diversity, and social justice have on healthcare.

PIO 201- 02 – Digital Fandom – Instructor Dawn Carusi 3 credit hours

Digital fans in the 21st Century do not simply consume the entertainment they love but also participate in it by engaging in fan behavior. Blogging, fanfiction reading/writing, and fan tourism are just some of the ways fans today express their relationship with their fellow fans and their favorite media. The aim of this course is to explore fan studies while learning about the many disciplines that contribute to fan research. Throughout the semester, we will investigate topics including fan identity, fandom hierarchies, and relationships between fans.

PIO 201-03 – Crime & Punishment – Instructor Mitchell Krumm 3 credit hours

This course addresses two related big questions: what causes crime and how should we deal with it? We will look at different theories of crime associated with disciplines like law, political science, psychology, sociology, economics, etc., and how they might help explain several kinds of crime. Also of interest is how the U.S. went from incarcerating people at a similar rate to other developed democracies in the 1970s to today having the world's highest incarceration rate, and whether it might be appropriate or possible to reduce what some have called America's "carceral state." The course will follow a discussion format with lecture kept to a minimum.

PIO 201-04 – Risky Business – Instructor Susan Peterson 3 credit hours

How can we manage our business ventures or projects to reduce risk? All projects are inherently risky because they are unique, constrained, based on uncertain assumptions and forecasts, performed by people, and subject to internal and external influences. The tools and techniques of risk management introduced prepare us to manage proactively the uncertainties, opportunities, and threats. The course explores iterative steps of risk and uncertainty identification, qualitative and quantitative assessment, communication, and mitigation. It integrates probability, statistics (data analytics,) economics, and cost/ schedule estimation with risk analysis to provide proven methods of communicating and managing risks across all disciplines represented in "the project." Examples from diverse industries) will illustrate risks, uncertainty, and the value of the risk management process.