

First Year Learning Communities 2016-17

The EcoProject

Professor Andrea Libin | English 14.015 | TTH 2-4:50 p.m.)
Professor Stacey Horstmann Gatti | History 1.005 | MW 2:30-3:45 p.m.



Are you an advocate for our Earth? Join the EcoProject and discover how civilizations and societies transformed and adapted to the natural environment. Find out what role economics, race, and class play. Consider what impact you can have on the issue. Field trips will include visits to the Manhattan High Line, Fort Greene and Prospect Parks, farmers markets, and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Exploring the City

Professor Tony Iantosca | English 14.007 | TTH 2-4:50 p.m.
Professor Halbert Barton | Anthropology 4.001 | TTH 9:30-10:45 a.m.



In Exploring the City, you will learn about the fascinating culture, economy, and politics of New York City from the local bodega to Wall Street. Discover the city's history and explore its streets, museums, and underground system of transportation. Through readings, photographs, films, and field trips, you will encounter the diverse people and places that define this "Global City."

Build Your Own Business

Professor John Killoran | English 14.016 | TTH 1-3:50 p.m.
Professor Hugh Marriott | Business 101.002 | TTH 4:30-5:45 p.m.



In the Build Your Own Business learning community, you will learn how to develop an entrepreneurial project and to persuade others to believe in it. Working in groups, you and your collaborators will plan and deliver a persuasive business proposal for a new product or service of your own devising. Field trips include visits to the Brooklyn Navy Yard and local startups in the community.

Journeys: Past, Present, and Future

Professor Morgan Schulz | English 14.008 | MW 3-5:50 p.m.
Professor John Sannuto | Speech 3.033 | MW 1:30-2:45 p.m.



In this learning community, you will trace your family's journey to the U.S. and learn how America has been a place of both hope and dreams and despair and defeat since the "discovery" of the "New World." Then, journey—through story and science—to new

worlds within reach like Mars and ones beyond. Explore these worlds on fieldtrips to the American Museum of Natural History, Ellis Island, and an observatory to gaze at Mars.

Pathways to Freedom 1

Professor Deborah Mutnick | English 14.004 | MW 12-2:50 p.m.
Professor Kimberly Jones | History 1.010 | TTH 12-1:15 p.m.



In Pathways to Freedom, you will explore how world history shaped places like Brooklyn. Join us to discover how the idea of freedom inspired revolutionary change as you sharpen your critical thinking, reading, writing, and research skills. Learn how the aftermaths of colonialism and slavery play out in the history of freedom struggles of Native Americans, African Americans, and women in Brooklyn and beyond, past and present. Field trips include museums, theater, neighborhoods, and historic sites.

Pathways to Freedom 2

Professor Sara Campbell | English 14.005 | MW 12-2:50 p.m.
Professor Kimberly Jones | History 1.011 | TTH 1:30-2:45 p.m.



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Childhood & Society

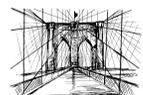
Professor Michael Sohn | English 14.001 | MW 9-11:50 a.m.
Professor Chris Araujo | Philosophy 62.004 | TTH 3-4:15 p.m.



In this learning community, you will explore the role of children in society and conceptions of the child in literature and philosophy. Through different stories—graphic novels, fairytales, and film—and the study of logic, ethics, and the psychology of how we come to form our beliefs about the world, you will examine the imaginative world of a child.

Exploring Brooklyn

Professor Liz Dalton | English 16C.001 | TTH 12-2:50 p.m.
Professor Barbara Parisi | Speech 3.034 | TTH 9:30-10:45 a.m.



In this learning community, you will discover what Brooklyn has to offer. You'll go on field trips to museums, parks and neighborhoods. Consider the uses of public space in urban communities. Next you will look at the shared experience of the neighborhood block, and head out of the classroom for a street-level view of neighborhoods surrounding LIU that

are in the midst of radical and rampant gentrification. Research the effects of gentrification on Fulton Mall and tell your story about Brooklyn.

Health & Society

Professor Eric Lehman | English 16C.002 | MW 2-4:50 p.m.
Professor Joanne Hyppolite | Psychology 3.009 | TTH 9:30-10:45 a.m.



In Health & Society, you will learn about the state of health care in America. Why are over 30% of American children obese? Is grandma's cooking always healthy? Why do so many Americans lack health insurance, even in the era of Obamacare? Explore these and other questions through the literature and psychology of health and sickness. This learning community will be of particular interest to prospective health science majors.

Imagining Community

Professor Sara Campbell | English 16C.003 | MW 9-11:50 a.m.
Professor Amy Robinson | Philosophy 61.022 | MW 3-4:15 p.m.



If you have ever been unhappy with your world and wished for a better one, you'll want to join "Imagining Community." This learning community examines diverse societies' failures and the ways people have sought to correct them. In Philosophy 61 and English 16C you'll investigate the ways people have thought about and created past, present and future worlds—for better and for worse—through readings, films, and fieldtrips.

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