Winter 2027 Breadth Electives

Lower-Level Breadth Electives

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Option	Course Code	Course Title	Category	Course Description	CRN	Location	Day	Time	Programs Restricted
1.	ANTH 10000	Anthropology	Culture, Arts, Humanities and Self	Anthropology is the study of humans from our evolutionary origins ~65 million years ago as very simple primates, through to today. Traditional Anthropology focuses on using 4-Subfields to study humans. These are Archaeology, Evolutionary Anthropology, Linguistics and Socio-Cultural Anthropology. In this course we will examine the past and present history of humans using a 4-field anthropological lens. Students will learn about primate and human evolutionary history, use archaeology to study what our ancestors left behind, the origins and evolution of language and finally, about our species' socio-cultural nature that can be seen as defining humanity. We will conclude the course with some reflections about the future of humanity and how Anthropology can help lead us to a more sustainable future.	11317	Oshawa	Friday	10:10 – 12:00	
2.	ECOL 10000	Introduction to Ecology	Science and Technology	This course introduces the principles of ecology and focuses on the factors that influence ecosystems. After a general discussion of aquatic and terrestrial environments, individual components of an ecosystem are examined and their interrelationship with the environment. Populations and species interaction are examined as the course takes a broader view of ecology. The course content broadens into community and ecosystem ecology. In acquiring knowledge of the individual components and factors initially, it is easier to grasp the concepts of larger ecosystems. The course culminates with the study of human impacts on ecology with the study of resource use, habitat loss, biodiversity, and conservation.	11841	Online	Tuesday	12:10 - 14:00	
3.	INDG 10000	Decolonizing Knowledge: Introducing Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being	Society and Commerce	Focusing on decolonization, let's engage with Indigenous epistemologies and worldviews as a means to critically examine Western knowledge systems and re-evaluate our respective roles with Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. This introductory course invites students to build their respective knowledge bases by engaging with Indigenous Voices from across Turtle Island through a variety of vetted media and readings. A Two-Eyed Seeing framework will include selected authentic Indigenous approaches to Teaching and Learning alongside Western pedagogical practices. Students will better appreciate their roles and responsibilities as Treaty People towards Reconciliation in what is now Canada.	12256	Oshawa	Tuesday	12:10 - 14:00	BDBH
4.	PHIL 10000	Classical Philosophy - Ideas that Matter	Culture, Arts, Humanities and Self	Ancient Greek philosophy is the first chapter of Western philosophy, and in many ways an unparalleled one. We will discuss the emergence of Western thought (philosophy and science) about 2600 years ago in the city of Miletus. Then we will study the philosophers who followed: Parmenides, the Sophists, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, among others. Some of the questions we are going to explore are: What is the nature of reality? What does it take to know something? What is man's place in the universe? What is the best political system? What is a life worth living? We shall attempt to find answers through lectures and class discussion. Students will be evaluated by a variety of written assignments, discussions, and tests.	12774	Whitby	Wednesday	14:10 - 16:00	
5.	PSYC 10003	Introduction to Psychology	Culture, Arts, Humanities and Self	Following a brief history of psychology, this course introduces students to the basic concepts and issues of modern psychology including the scientific study of behaviour, motivation and emotion, learning, memory, sensation and perception, the biological basis of behaviour, psychological disorders and their treatments, and social psychology. Connections to everyday experiences will ground the exploration of psychology through student-centred learning activities.	12835	Online-asynchronous			HBBB/C/D/K HBBS HBMC HBMH HBMS
6.	PSYC 22001	Personality Psychology	Culture, Arts, Humanities and Self	Students will explore motivation, self-concept, the stability of personality, and individual differences as some of the foundational concepts and theories in personality psychology. Following key theorists and concepts, students will review and examine personality theory, assessments, as well as empirical research in the current approaches to understanding personality.	15072	Oshawa	Tuesday	10:10 - 13:00	HBMH
7.	SOCI 10000	Introduction to Sociology	Society and Commerce	Sociology is the study of people and how they interact with each other and various social groups. This course deals with the study of people's lives, their relationship to society as a whole, and how people are affected by the society in which they live. The concepts, theories and methods of the discipline will be introduced and discussed with particular emphasis on the dynamics of Canadian society and Canadian social problems.	12930	Online	Wednesday	14:10 - 16:00	
8.	SOCI 12000	Cultural Humility	Culture, Arts, Humanities and Self	Students will develop a deep understanding of cultural humility through an exploration of diverse populations and experiences. Students explore Indigenous people, women, LGBTQ+ experience, the immigrant and refugee perspective, poverty, homelessness, race, and stigmatized people and experiences across the Canadian cultural landscape.	15073	Oshawa	Monday	18:10 - 21:00	HBMH HBBS

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Upper-level Breadth Electives

Note: to be eligible to register in an upper-level breadth course, students must have successfully completed one lower-level breadth course.

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1.	ENVI 20002	Green and Alternative Energy Sources	Science and Technology	The climate crisis is creating a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in the energy transition – a movement towards more sustainable energy sources. Investigate the demand for and expanding interest in green and alternative energy systems and their current contribution to the electricity grid in Ontario. Discuss the fundamentals of energy generation and electricity in Ontario and the drivers for the transition to alternative energy sources. Analyze the significance of hydroelectric and nuclear energy generation to meet Ontario's growing energy demand. Other renewable energy sources including solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, wave and tidal energy are also explored, including opportunities for residential, small- and large-scale applications. Through the combination of fundamental principles and case studies, different green and alternative energy sources will be identified and compared. As well as an introduction to the fundamentals of energy storage, energy conservation and other emerging innovations in the rapidly growing energy sector will be explored.	15114	Online-asynchronous			
2.	HIST 22000	History and Philosophy of Law	Society and Commerce	Students will explore the historical, moral and cultural basis of legal concepts to understand the law as a social institution. Examining the differences among various schools of thought and comparing approaches to jurisprudence will provide students with an opportunity to assess the tension between law as a protector of individual liberty and a tool of democratic self-rule. Students will analyze contemporary issues such as civil liberties, definitions of equality rights and the different approaches to the rule of law in understanding how law functions as a social institution differently for various populations.	15070	Oshawa	Tuesday	14:10 - 17:00	HBPL HBPP
3.	HURS 22001	Integrative Leadership	Society and Commerce	Are you wondering how you can develop your leadership capacity toward an integral, sound, and sustainable shared leadership approach that addresses challenges together? This course explores a holistic or integrative theory and practice of leadership formation and enrichment: where "success" is not only determined by control, efficiency and outcomes, but by the conscious way people learn, collaborate and flourish toward the betterment of self, others and the world. Students will explore their own orientation to leadership and life – as they engage in self, other and system reflection to formulate a practice of integrative leadership that supports individual growth and a more balanced society and environmentally sustainable planet.	12251	Oshawa	Friday	10:10 - 12:00	BDBH BDHH
4.	PSYC 16005	Developmental Psychology **(requires PSYC 10003 pre-req)**	Culture, Arts, Humanities and Self	This course introduces students to the theory and research of developmental psychology. Students will develop an understanding of the language, research methods, theories and concepts of developmental psychology including biological, cognitive, social, and linguistic aspects of development across the lifespan from conception to older adulthood. *To enrol in this course, students must have successfully completed PSYC 10003: Introduction to Psychology.	15071	Oshawa	Thursday	10:10 - 13:00	HBBS HBMH
5.	SOCI 20001	Issues in Sociology	Society and Commerce	This course expands on sociology's unique perspectives, key concepts, and modes of exploring the social world. Issues in sociology will explore the interaction of people with each other and various social groups. Students will explore social stratification, poverty, group dynamics, government and power, media and technology, aging, urbanization, the environment, and social change.	12942	Online-asynchronous			

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