Welcome Class of 2021 to Stevenson College’s First Core Plenary!

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- Responsible for college academic programs & courses
  - Core Course
- Advising
  - General Education Requirements
  - Planning for the Major
- Academic Standing & Misconduct
  - Suspension for Plagiarism & Cheating
- Academic Honors and Awards
  - Faculty & Student Research Projects
Stevenson Core Course: Goals

- Read intellectual classics of our civilization, as well as contemporary books, and grapple with the ideas.
- Question, explore, discuss, and debate
- Develop critical reading, writing and verbal self-presentation skills.
- Learn to work on ideas in groups.
- Become inspired
Stevenson Core Course: Themes

- What is human nature?
- How does society influence the individual?
- How should the individual influence society?
- What role should religion have in society?
- What role should science have?
- What are ways to create a more just society?
Society and Social Justice Questions:

- What is the relationship between morality and power? Does “might” make “right?”
- What are our obligations to others who have been exploited by society?
- Does everyone have the same human rights, or do your rights depend on your society?
- What is it to be a moral person? What do moral terms like “justice,” “goodness” mean?
- What are the moral obligations of one society to another, one country to another?
Core Course Books:

- Students who cannot buy the core books for financial reasons should talk to Caren Camblin
Core Course Library:

- Reservation request form (submitted one business day earlier) on [http://stevenson.ucsc.edu/academics/stevenson-core/core-library.html](http://stevenson.ucsc.edu/academics/stevenson-core/core-library.html)
- Books are checked out on a "first come first serve" basis for a maximum of 7 days
- $5 late fee will be charged per day a book is overdue (lost or damaged books will be charged a replacement fee)
Tips for Success at UCSC:

- Use support services:
  - Faculty Office Hours
  - RAs and CREs
  - Writing Assistants
  - Academic Advisers
  - Counseling and Psychological Services
- Keep up with registrar’s deadlines
- Keep up with opportunities (scholarships, workshops, OPERS programs)
Scholars Program

- Special seminars, colloquia, experiential learning, and research projects during the first two years
- 25 students - acceptance based on fall performance (3.3 GPA), essay, and faculty endorsement
- 1st year spring speaker series & dinners (2 units)
- 2nd year fall seminar on research methods (2 units)
- 2nd year winter research proposal (2 units)
- 2nd year spring research collaboration with faculty and students (2-5 units)
Some Tips for Student Success:

- Keep the big picture in mind.
- Stay focused.
- Don’t get behind in your work.
- Get to know your professors, TAs, and fellow students.
- Talk about what you are studying.
- Ask for help/advice from staff, faculty, and me whenever you need it.
- Check your UCSC email & your Portal!!
Listen carefully, take good notes, and think of relevant questions

- Check out: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~acskills/success/notes.html

Don’t distract others or yourself

- Keep cell phones off
- Laptops to be used only for note-taking
- No other electronic devices

ascd.org/publications/books/106009/chapters/Summarizing-and-Note-Taking.aspx
Deportment at Presentations & Discussions:

- Come on time and remain for entire lecture or discussion section
- Bring assigned reading, assignments, and
- Show respect to presenters and fellow students

$50 DOWN THE DRAIN...

EVERY TIME YOU SKIP CLASS.

YOUR CHOICE, YOUR MONEY!
WE WANT YOU TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR EDUCATION.

WITH LOVE,
STEVENSON COLLEGE

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UCSC Principles of Community

embrace diversity
be open
be purposeful
be caring
be just
be disciplined
be celebrative

UCSC Diversity & Inclusion Programs
College, Housing and Educational Services CHES
Cracking the Codes: The Systems of Inequity

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F05HaArLV44
Impact of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class & disability on community members

5th Element 2016 performance of “Exotification”:
https://youtu.be/MVeeoYewVFQ
Satiric Responses to the Fear of Ethnic Studies

- 2010 Tucson Ban of Mexican American Studies
Debating and Discussing Multiple Points of View: Pros and Cons

- How can we construct community agreements that will promote free speech, our principles of community, and an inclusive environment for discussion?

artsjournal.com/dewey21c/2008/10/hey_wait_theres_one_more_importhtml