

WINTER 2021

Online and remote course offerings open to students from across the Maple League: Acadia, Bishop's, Mount Allison and St. Francis Xavier

For the Winter 2021 session, we are pleased to offer a diverse roster of courses available through **online/remote learning** across our four institutions. The unprecedented situation brought about by the COVID-19 global pandemic has underscored the deep value of our universities' collaborative partnership in order to offer our students these additional opportunities.

COURSES:

Course: Special Topics in Economics: Freakonomics

Host School: Mount Allison

Course Number: ECON 2991

Course Instructor: Carla VanBeselaere

Cap: 40

Schedule: Online (synchronous), Tuesday, Thursday 2:30 - 3:50 pm ADT/1:30 am -2:50 pm EDT

Description: In this course we will consider how the economic approach can be used to analyze social issues that are beyond the usual scope considered by economists. To achieve this, we will develop a systematic approach to describing how people make decisions in an environment of scarcity. We will look at specific cases in which people face and respond to incentives in non-traditional economic environments. This will involve studying practical applications of empirical tools with occasional deviations to examine underlying theoretical issues. Topics to be discussed include why schoolteachers and sumo wrestlers cheat, why drug dealers live with their mothers, where all the criminals have gone, how prostitutes respond to market pressures, and why people are generous. This course will be primarily based on readings from the books *Freakonomics* and *Super Freakonomics*.

Course: Genocide & Justice

Host School: Acadia

Course Number: HIST 3303

Course Instructor: James Sedgwick

Cap: 30 (24 from Acadia, 6 Maple League Spots)

Schedule: Online (asynchronous), scheduled for Monday 4:00-7:00 pm ADT/3:00-5:00 pm EDT

Description: This course explores atrocity and accountability in the modern world. Using first-hand accounts and academic analyses, students will review historical cases of genocide through two lenses: 1) the lived experiences of mass violence, and 2) international responses to atrocity. The tragic link between genocide and justice will be traced throughout as we confront history's darkest deeds.

Course: Special Topics "This is Sparta": Ancient City & Modern Identity"

Host School: Acadia

Course Number: HIST 3693

Course Instructor: Chelsea Gardner

Cap: 15-18

Schedule: Online (synchronous)

Description: This special topics course is called “‘This is Sparta’: Ancient City & Modern Identity”; it is currently in development and a description follows here. The first portion of the course comprises a close examination of the history and archaeology of Sparta from prehistory through the Roman period, using ancient texts in translation and exploring the material culture and archaeology of the ancient city. The second half of the course involves a post-antique study of the reception of Sparta, from the western European infatuation with Neoclassicism and philhellenism from the 16thcenturyonward, to the misappropriation of ancient Spartan idealism fascist and neofascist politics, both in Europe and North America. The delivery of this course will be seminar-style, wherein students are responsible for weekly readings and subsequent in-class discussions on various themes, including: Spartan art, culture, religious sanctuaries, philosophy, gender roles, political & athletic institutions, and death & commemoration; Sparta at war; the Spartan “mirage”; Sparta in 20th& 21stcenturypopular culture with a focus on television, film, &graphic novels; historical travel to and writings about Sparta; Sparta in international relations; and the legacy of Sparta in modern politics. No textbook is required, and readings will be provided by the instructor.

For more information about any of the Maple League online/remote course offerings for Winter 2021, please visit: <http://mapleleague.ca/student/online-and-remote-shared-courses/>