L&S Second-Year Career Development Course

Taking Initiative

Inter-L&S 210, Professor Greg Downey, Fall 2015, 1 credit

L&S alumni are innovators, entrepreneurs, educators, and leaders.

To achieve this success with the high unemployment and underemployment rates for recent grads, undergraduates must get started on their career development earlier.

Join the movement. Tell your students about this great opportunity. Help us help them.

Enrolling in this course is Taking Initiative.

GOALS

In this course, students will learn:

• Why a liberal arts degree is valuable for their personal and professional development
• What career development is and how to apply it to their daily lives
• What strengths they have and how to develop practical skills in and out of class
• What employers are looking for when hiring interns and employees
• Strategies for researching companies and organizations
• How to apply and interview for an internship

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

• Students in their second-year of college (regardless of credits)
• Students pursuing or exploring liberal arts degrees, major declared or not
• Students who know EXACTLY what they want to pursue for a career (even if graduate school is part of the plan), but want to make sure they have an edge in the job market
• Students who MIGHT KNOW what they want to do or AREN’T SURE where to start with their career exploration
• Students who want support in their career exploration, planning, and decision-making
• Students who want to learn how to conduct and effective job search using 21st century job search strategies and tools
• Students thinking about taking a career course in their major (this course will help prepare them!)

QUICK FACTS

• Register for Inter-L&S 210
• 1-credit course, taught by Professor Greg Downey (School of Journalism)
• Enrollment: initially 235 (spring 2015) and increase semester-to-semester thereafter to reach thousands
• Set-up: alternating lecture & lab (one week you’re in a lecture hall, the next week you’re in a lab)
• Format: Lectures--students learn new material (e.g., why networking is critical to finding a job) and labs--students apply the new material in a practical way (e.g., how to build a professional network)
• A Career Mentor is assigned to each lab (career mentors assist students with career advising needs, such as writing resumes and cover letters)
• An L&S alum will Skype into the lab three times to discuss how the course subjects apply in the world of work

The College of Letters & Science will launch its students higher, sooner.
Help our liberal arts students soar!