

Delta College
Learning Community Courses
Winter Semester 2009

What are Learning Communities?

Learning Communities are closely connected combinations of two or more courses that students normally take separately. Teachers plan the courses with a common theme to help students explore related ideas and interests and develop skills that will benefit them in college and beyond. In learning communities, students are with the same group of classmates, which helps them meet and work successfully with other students.

Some Advantages of Learning Communities:

- *Your teachers work together to help you succeed*
- *Your classes are linked together with interesting themes*
- *You will meet and get to know classmates easily*
- *Your schedule of classes is simple to make and fits your needs*
- *Student grades and overall success levels are typically much higher in learning communities*

A complete description of Winter 2009 learning communities follows this page. Learning communities are also listed in the printed schedule book and in the online class registration webpage.

If you have any questions, contact Learning Communities Coordinator Drew Colenbrander at ajcolenb@delta.edu or 989-686-9165.

Learning Communities for Developing Academic Success Skills

The following three learning communities are designed to help students improve academic skills needed for success in college, careers, and life.

"Successful Beginnings"

No matter what your major is, this learning community is for you! It combines three essential skills you will need for success: college reading, college writing, and beginning computer. You will learn how to understand your textbooks, how to write papers, and how to create, save, and manage your documents. You can apply what you learn here to other classes. A great way to begin your college career!

ENG 090	51	TR	8:0A-10:55A	O'Connor	5
Intro to Academic Writing and Reading					
CST 091	51	TR	12:00-1:25P	Barber	1
Beginning Computer: Starts 1/13, Ends 2/19					
CST 093	51	TR	12:00-1:25P	Barber	0.5
Beginning Internet: Starts 2/24, Ends 3/19					
CST 094	51	TR	12:00-1:25P	Barber	0.5
Beginning Applications: Starts 3/24, Ends 4/9					

"Personal Responsibilities and Political Choices"

The reading, writing, thinking, and life skills you will learn in these courses will assist you in understanding not only how the government works but also your role as a citizen.

ENG 098	51	TR	11:30A-1:25P	King	4
Prep College Reading and Writing					
POL 104CW	51	TR	9:30-10:55A	Ullrich	4
Intro American Government					

"Read Deep...to...Speak Out"

Students in this learning community will learn to conduct research and apply active reading strategies in order to develop, and successfully deliver, different types of speeches. Reading, critical listening, and effective presentation and delivery skills will be emphasized.

ENG 109W	51	M	9:00-11:55A	Haller	3
Academic Reading					
SPH 112W	51	W	9:00-11:55A	Howell	3
Fundamentals of Oral Communication					

General Education Learning Communities

The following learning communities will help you fulfill the general education course requirements for nearly all Delta College degree programs and for students planning to transfer to a university.

“Resolutions to Results: Using Psychology to Increase Health and Wellness”

Need help following through on your New Year’s resolutions? We can help! We will use psychology to help keep you motivated to reach your individual goals. The emphasis of this learning community is on healthy living for your mind and body.

PSY 101W	51	MW	12:00A-1:55P	Watson	3
Applied Psychology					
LW 221W	51	MW	10:0A-11:25A	Murphy	2
Fitness and Health					

“Sticks and Stones: The Power of Words in Society”

This course will introduce students to the scientific study of society and social behavior while exploring how culture is constructed through language. Students will get a chance to research, understand, and explore different perspectives on the world in which they live.

ENG 112	53	R	9:00-11:55A	Stevenson	3
College Composition II					
SOC 211W	53	T	9:00-11:55A	Giuliani	3
Principles of Sociology					

“The Power of the Past”

Explore how the story that is history and the stories that we write ourselves help us understand who are. Join us for this trip to the Ancient World, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and today. Both courses are available for Honors credit or standard credit.

ENG 112H	51	TR	12:00-1:25P	Colenbrander	3
College Composition II (Honors)					
HIS 111HW	51	TR	2:00-3:55P	Wiley	4
Survey of Early Western Civilization (Honors)					
OR					
ENG 112	51	TR	12:00-1:25P	Colenbrander	3
College Composition II					
HIS 111W	51	TR	2:00-3:55	Wiley	4
Survey of Early Western Civilization					

"Food, Fat & Fitness: Good Choices vs. Bad Obsessions"

Through classroom experience and wellness activity, this course promotes student understanding and experience with the direct correlation between positive lifestyle habits and overall well being and encourages student exploration of political and cultural influences that just might be attempting to discourage that understanding.

ENG 112	55	TR 1:30-2:55P	Stevenson	3
College Composition II				
LW 221W	55	TR 3:30-4:55P	Hoppe	2
Fitness and Health				

Interest Group Learning Communities

Interest Groups are specially designed learning communities for students who share a common career goal or other interest. As you complete courses required for your programs, you will be with a group of fellow students exploring the same interests.

Some courses in these learning communities, such as English 112, also meet general education requirements for most students.

"Nutrition and Food: Friend or Foe"

SCI 299-54 with ENG 112-54: Americans are rapidly being pegged as both the most overweight and body conscious people in the world. This learning community will help you find out why. We will look at the history of food, nutrition, and diet in America; quantitative analysis of food ingredients; debate on popular diet/weight loss programs; and major concepts in food science and nutrition.

ENG 112	54	Internet	Davis	3
College Composition II				
SCI 299	54	M 2-4:55P	Mowlavi/Schultz	3
Food Science and Nutrition				

"Crime in a Social World "

How does our perception of difference influence our interactions with others? We will look at issues such as difference and diversity through the perspectives of Criminal Justice, English, and Sociology, and discuss how these issues play out in police operations.

CJ 112-52		TR 11:00A-12:25P	Teter	3
Police Operations				
ENG 112-52		TR 1:00-2:25P	Starkey	3
College Composition II				
SOC 215-52		TR 2:30-3:55P	Cornelius	3
Sociology of Minority Groups				