

UNST Core Courses

UNST 100: University Experience (1 credit)

This seminar emphasizes the role of the University Studies program and presents a broad overview of the curriculum structure and rationale, including an introduction to a variety of interdisciplinary themes within the UNST program. Introductory discussions on ethics, wellness and healthy lifestyles, diversity and civic engagement are included.

UNST 110: Critical Writing (3 credits)

This course introduces students to reading comprehension and the writing process. Students read and evaluate selected texts and develop critical thinking abilities through writing and speaking. Students engage in formal and informal writing, pay attention to grammar and conventions of standard written English, revise drafts and respond to constructive feedback. All students develop a writing portfolio for course assessment.

UNST 120: Contemporary World (3 credits)

This course examines the social, economic, political, and cultural roots of the contemporary world. It focuses on the major developments, events, and ideas that have shaped world societies since the beginning of the twentieth century. Close attention is given to concepts and categories that allow students to grasp the nature and development of the contemporary world, thus providing them with a framework to understand the global experience in modern times. The course helps students to develop critical thinking skills in their oral and written work and to learn to use information technology effectively. (This course satisfies the SACS requirement of one social/behavioral course).

UNST 130: Analytical Reasoning (3 credits)

This survey course gives students an overview of scientific, quantitative, and logical reasoning to prepare them to interpret and solve problems encountered in everyday life. Students consider concepts from logic and the scientific disciplines including life, social and physical sciences. The scientific method and a variety of analytical approaches are explored, including numerical, graphical, verbal/logical, and algebraic approaches. (This course satisfies the SACS requirement of one mathematics/science course).

UNST 140: The African American Experience: An Interdisciplinary Perspective (3 credits)

This course provides an interdisciplinary perspective to the important contributions made and the challenges faced by people of African descent in America and the Global Community. This course focuses on oral, written and visual means of expression as a basis for discussion, analysis and debate. (This course satisfies the SACS requirement of one humanities/fine arts course).