

# Capital Scholars (CAP)

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## Courses

### **CAP 102. Introduction to Honors. 2 Hours.**

Prepares students in the Capital Scholars Honors Program at UIS for University life and Honors level interdisciplinary coursework. It is both knowledge and skill based. A grade of C or better is required for remaining in the CAP Honors Program. Course Information: Prerequisite: Admission to the Capital Scholars Honors Program. Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students with Freshman standing. Course may not be repeated. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Freshman Seminar.

### **CAP 111. Honors Composition. 3 Hours.**

In the first course of the Capital Scholars Honors First Year Writing sequence, students build critical thinking and writing skills in a workshop environment. A grade of C or better is needed to move into CAP 115. Course Information: Prerequisites: Admission to the Capital Scholars Honors Program. Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Written Communication (IAI Code: C1900R).

### **CAP 115. Interdisciplinary Writing. 3 Hours.**

In the second course of the First Year Writing sequence, students will explore interdisciplinarity and research techniques while producing integrative assignments. Course Information: Prerequisites: CAP 111 with a grade of C or better. Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Written Communication (IAI Code: C1900).

### **CAP 122. Who Am I? Exploring Identity and Community. 3 Hours.**

Explores the concept of self. Major topics include the definition of self in various times and cultures, the relation of self to others and to society, the definition and presentation of self at various stages of life, and other factors affecting understanding of self, self-development, and community. Course Information: Prerequisite: Admission to Capital Scholars Honors Program. Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Social and Behavioral Sciences (IAI Code S9900) or the area of Comparative Societies Humanities.

### **CAP 123. How Do You Know? Exploring Human Knowledge. 3 Hours.**

Use current issues, case studies, and direct experience to explore methods that the humanities and social sciences employ to justify claims to knowledge. Topics: the reliability of sense perception, the influences of culture on science, research methods, fallacious arguments, and poetic truth. Course Information: Prerequisites: CAP 122. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the areas of Humanities (IAI Code H9900) or Social and Behavioral Sciences.

### **CAP 141. Biology and Chemistry of the Environment I. 4 Hours.**

Focuses on the ways humans interact with and affect the environment. Topics include cellular structure and organization and the principal characteristics of the living and non-living components of the environment: atoms, matter, molecular structure, biomolecules, water, and energy. Includes lab. Course Information: Prerequisite: Admission to the Capital Scholars Honors Program. Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Life or Physical Science with Lab. (IAI Code: LP900L).

### **CAP 142. Biology and Chemistry of the Environment II. 4 Hours.**

Includes the diversity of living things, the cell cycle, the energy of living systems, ecosystems, and human transformations of the environment. Course Information: Prerequisite: CAP 141. Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Life or Physical Science with Lab. (IAI Code: LP901L).

### **CAP 225. What Is Good? Exploring Values and Tradeoffs. 3 Hours.**

Seeks to illuminate assumptions of "the good" by attempting to uncover those aspects of life considered to be valuable. Course content is organized around historical and cross-cultural values as they are manifested in politics, economics, culture, science, art, and spirituality. Students will be challenged to examine their own values and will be encouraged to consider ways to change dominant culture consistent with their interpretation of the quality of life. Course Information: Prerequisite: CAP 123. Restricted to Capital Scholar Honors students. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the areas of Humanities (IAI Code H9900) or Social and Behavioral Sciences.

### **CAP 226. What Is Power? Exploring Control, Cooperation, and Self-Determination. 3 Hours.**

Explores various contexts of power by analyzing definitions, concepts, and theories of power and identifying who has power and who lacks it. Major topics will include comparisons of power in specific periods of history, cross-cultural views of power, political economy, new social movements, and/or personal power. Course Information: Prerequisite: CAP 225. Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the areas of Humanities or Social and Behavioral Sciences (IAI Code S9900).

### **CAP 253. ECCE: For Better and For Worse. 3 Hours.**

Explores the gendered nature of post socialist transitions in Central Asia and East Central Europe and examines the role gender has played in shaping the reconstitution of states and social relations in Central Asia and East Central Europe since the collapse of communism in the region. Course Information: Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Global Awareness.

### **CAP 254. Walls. 3 Hours.**

Examines various boundaries that humans perceive and create and their intended and unintended effects. Boundaries include physical manifestations (walls, fences, etc.) and conceptual and perceptual separations (group classifications, self/other/community distinctions, governmental/individual boundaries.) Course Information: Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students.

### **CAP 255. How the World Works. 3 Hours.**

Interdisciplinary exploration of selected topics related to issues that go beyond national boundaries. Topics will address social, political, economic and environmental implications of selected global issues. Course Information: Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students.

**CAP 257. ECCE: Arts and Identity in Pacific Island Cultures. 4 Hours.**

Explores the concept of identity in Pacific/Oceania Island cultures through arts. Topics: indigenous and colonial history and relationships; traditional music, dance, visual arts, and seamanship; diversity among island cultures; contemporary Oceanic arts/artists within a global society. Course Information: Same as ART 367, MUS 367, and SOA 367. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Global Awareness.

**CAP 352. ECCE: Colonial and Post Colonial Identity in South Asia. 3 Hours.**

Studies the relationship of the British to the population of South Asia from the perspective of identity. Course covers the culture and civilization of South Asia; essentialist and social constructivist theories of race/nation/caste; and various strains of identity that emerged from the colonial experience. Course Information: Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Global Awareness.

**CAP 355. ECCE: The Pacific War: World War II in East Asia. 4 Hours.**

This class takes its theme the different ways in which inhabitants of countries bordering the Pacific, particularly China, Japan, Korea, and the United States, experienced World War II in different ways. It also explores how the Second World War became one of the defining elements in understanding relations between these countries today. Themes such as total war, colonialism, race, and memory will be covered. Course Information: Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Global Awareness. Same as HIS 471.

**CAP 356. ECCE: Nationalism and Identity in Vietnam. 3 Hours.**

Prior to 1975 the area of Southeast Asia now home to Vietnam was under one rule by indigenous powers only twice and then for relatively short periods of time. The Chinese, Khmer, Cham and French have controlled portions of or the entire region for extended periods of time. This course will study the region's long history, how the Viet people took control of what is now Vietnam and what it means to be Vietnamese. Course Information: Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Global Awareness.

**CAP 361. ECCE: Peer Tutoring. 1,2 Hour.**

Provides experiential learning for students receiving training in the practical and theoretical aspects of tutoring other students. Course Information: Sophomore standing in Capital Scholars Honors Program. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Engagement Experience. Restricted to Capital Scholars Honor students.

**CAP 371. ECCE: Peer Mentoring. 1,2 Hour.**

Provides an experiential learning environment in which students receive training in the practical and theoretical aspects of mentoring. Students develop interpersonal skills as they mentor in both group and individual settings. Course Information: Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Engagement Experience.

**CAP 402. Senior Seminar. 1 Hour.**

Provides guidance in the development of interdisciplinary papers and presentations for the mandatory Senior Symposium. Minimum grade of C is required for successful completion of CAP 402 and graduation with honors. A 3.0 UIS cumulative GPA at the time of graduation is also needed for Honors designation. Course Information: Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students with 90 or more credit hours and minimum 3.0 UIS cumulative GPA. Exceptions may be approved by the Director.

**CAP 499. Tutorial. 1-4 Hours.**

Intended to supplement, not supplant, regular course offerings. Students interested in a tutorial must secure the consent of the faculty member concerned before registration and submit any required documentation to him or her. Course Information: Restricted to Capital Scholars Honors students.