

Lifebridge – Salem State University Educational Partnership Fall 2012

Syllabus for Lifebridge Partners

Courses

Seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies
World History I
Health & Wellness

Instructors

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Description of Involvement

Welcome. We are excited to welcome you into a unique learning community for the fall 2012 semester.

For the past two years Salem State University has partnered with Lifebridge to develop a collaborative venture that combines educational opportunities for you with service-learning activities for the students (where students learn through structured reflection exercises tied directly to service activities in the community) SSU course objectives are designed not only around traditional delivery of each course listed above but also from invaluable contributions from community partner individuals also in pursuit of formal learning opportunities.

During the next three months we (you, three faculty members, and a group of first year university students) will be using the lens of Food, Culture and Society to explore knowledge from three fields of study, pursue personal and interpersonal growth and develop some practical solutions to enhancing the dining experience at Lifebridge. You will be exploring art, movement, history, culture, personal wellness, film and social structures through a set of activities and assignment we trust you will find engaging and thought-provoking. We ask that you bring yourself, your experiences, your energy and your questions to each piece of this “course”.

Responsibilities & schedule

- Attend each of the class sessions scheduled below and prepare (as needed) for those sessions. If there is advance work to be done, instructors will share that information with you at least one week in advance. It will never consist of more than one hour of advance work.
 - 9/19 session with SSU faculty at Lifebridge: The faculty will introduce themselves and invite you to introduce yourself. We will also talk about our partnership with Lifebridge, and tell you a bit about Salem State University.
 - 9/21 orientation and icebreaker/introductory session with students at Lifebridge (10:00 – 12:15)
 - The 3 class sessions taught by individual faculty members at Lifebridge (times TBD)
 - Tues, Oct 2nd w/ Prof Duclos-Orsello Why Do so Many Artists and Writers Fixate on Food?: An Interactive Exploration of Food Metaphors in Art and Literature.
 - Mon, Oct 15th w/ Prof Schoen – Health benefits from movement.
 - Thur, Nov. 1 w/ Prof Chapman-Adisho (Fewer & Fewer Choices: The Shrinking Diversity in our Food Supply)
 - Three Learning Community/Lifebridge Community class sessions
 - 9/28 – LC/LB Day – PEM Ansel Adams exhibit (10-12:15)
 - 10/26 – LC/LB Day: Tortilla Soup (film) and lunch at SSU (10-12:15)
 - 11/28 – LC/LB Day PEM historic houses and culture of eating over time in art (10-12:15)
 - Final event – Wed, Dec 19th @ 2pm. SSU students and Lifebridge clients unveil new “dining space atmosphere”. This culminating event will showcase the collaborative work students and Lifebridge partners have co-produced during the semester term.
- Be paired with and agree to meet once (as a consultant) with SSU students to facilitate their understanding of the dining room environment at Lifebridge as it currently exists and assist them in developing suggestions for future improvements. You will make these arrangements directly with the students to whom you are serving as a consultant.
- Clients (or Lifebridge staff) will let faculty know in advance if there is a conflict that will keep them from attendance/participation in one of the items above.