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ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Building on Professional Communications, this course challenges students in developing highly advanced presentation skills — far beyond the average PowerPoint. Students gain skills essential for leaders through intensive and practical training. Topics include interviewing, running, and participating in high-level meetings, networking in a variety of situations, dealing with professional communication issues, adapting to interactive environments, & presenting with visuals. Throughout the course, students also learn how to perfect their personal communications style.

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

This course weaves together the grand design of the Gospel from Genesis to Revelation. Students discuss the grand themes of God and his nature, the purpose of creation, man as the “Image Bearer,” the impact and consequences of man’s rebellion, God’s Covenant of Redemption, the person of Christ, the Church, and the final consummation of the cosmos and the eternal reign of God.

BOOKS TO KEEP SANE BY

This course surveys books and authors everyone should read if they desire a whole and healthy life. We read, dialogue, and contemplate the life-shaping principles from several classic works. Someone once said that our modern world is a thousand miles wide and an inch deep. We have rejected practices and lifestyles that make life full of ideas that ultimately hinder our humanity and joy.

BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

This course introduces basic accounting principles for business. Topics include the complete accounting cycle with end-of-period statements, bank reconciliation, and petty cash. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of accounting principles and apply those skills to a business or organization.

BUSINESS AS MISSION

Is there more to a business than net profit? Can Christian mission and business be the same thing? What is a Christian philosophy of Business? These are some of the questions covered during this class. Students discuss how running a business can fit into God’s great plan for the world. They dialogue about “Multiple Bottom Lines,” culture, leadership, money, and the greater good of society. This course is important for all entrepreneurs, leaders, and those interested in cross-cultural missions.

BUSINESS ETHICS

This course focuses on the ethical teachings of the Bible as applied to business conduct, corporate ethics, individual ethics, and mutual responsibilities of employers and employees. The use of case studies, role play, discussion, and roundtable talks with Christian professionals create the foundation of this course.

CAREER ORIENTEERING

In this intensive career mapping course, students prepare for the world of career opportunities of the future. Through our custom-designed curriculum, students participate in experiential learning activities that help them understand how the volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) world is changing the landscape of careers. As part of this course, students take many personality assessments and learn to utilize the information they provide. Students also network with experienced professionals from a variety of industries.

CHURCH HISTORY

The heroes, villains, and the battle for truth in church history. This class surveys the church throughout the centuries. Students focus on the major turning points and individuals who shaped their time. The class also reads excerpts from ancient church history, attempting to understand the original thoughts of the day.

CRITICAL THINKING THROUGH CURRENT EVENTS

Current Events is a course intended to engage students in a way that fosters awareness of major issues of the day and draws relevancy between the student and events on the local, national, and global stages. Students focus on the sphere of influence, which drives the story, and the sphere of impact, which relates an event's impact on the human story. Engaging in current events on a near-daily basis, students can expect a heavy emphasis on critical thinking skills.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

We will encounter a culture other than your own, internationally, or in your own country, neighborhood, or workplace. Trying to thrive in a different culture without making some form of adaptation to it is nearly like trying to communicate in a different language. In this course, we will first learn to better understand our own culture and values before discovering those of others. Finally, we will develop a framework to decipher culture while preparing ourselves for behavioral changes that will help us flourish wherever we find ourselves facing a culture other than our own.

DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Learn the art of telling a compelling story with video by discovering the fundamentals of storytelling, video production, and digital distribution — using only smartphone cameras and apps. Delve into film terminology, theory, and technique in the pursuit of telling impactful stories that change people.

DSLR VIDEO PRODUCTION

Using the knowledge learned from Digital Storytelling, delve deeper into video production theory and techniques by using DSLR cameras to tell compelling stories. Learn how to control and manipulate aperture, depth of field, frame rates, and focal lengths to craft an advanced interview-driven capstone project. Make use of basic 3- and 4-point lighting setups and external microphones to give your interview a more professional feel. And use entry-level non-linear computer software to edit together your finished piece on the computer.

DYSTOPIAN LITERATURE

Course description coming soon.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is a set of emotional and social skills that influence the way we perceive and express ourselves, develop and maintain social relationships, cope with challenges, and use emotional information in an effective and meaningful way. Fortunately, one's EQ can change over time and be developed in targeted areas. Understanding EQ can help enhance success on the job and in life.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This course teaches how to rapidly develop and test ideas by gathering marketplace feedback and searching for the unmet needs of customers. Students learn the fundamentals of innovation and entrepreneurship along with the skills necessary to commence running a competitive business able to flourish in today's global economy. For the capstone project, students choose from their weekly international and domestic opportunities and prepare, practice, and pitch their business plan to a panel of professionals in the Apprentice University Sweat Tank.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE MASTERMIND COHORT

This cohort is all about taking the next step in exercising the Emotional Intelligence subscales. The Emotional Intelligence Mastermind group would help each other develop their use of one or more of the subscales as part of a coordinated effort. Each member would commit to development objectives and an action plan. Weekly sessions would center around discussion regarding experiments, results, and lessons learned.

EVERYDAY "MATH" IN A TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD

Technology has ushered in a whole new realm of measures that everyone will need to understand and use in their daily lives and careers as we head into the future. As we navigate the demand for more internet bandwidth, batteries that never need recharging, and Internet of Things systems that connect autonomously, it's crucial to understand the math and science behind them. This course provides instruction and application for the math you will personally use regularly.

EXPLORING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This is a great starting point for students interested in being self-employed or those who just want to learn what it takes to start a business. Students will develop a deep understanding of the entrepreneurial mindset while developing the skills necessary to pursue opportunities. Building upon starter businesses like lawn care, pet watching, or lemonade stands (not a pre-requisite), students will develop their innate entrepreneurial intuition by onboarding skills in opportunity identification, human-centered design (a.k.a. design thinking), market selection, persona development, risk analysis, and basic financial modeling. Students will pitch their opportunity worthy of pursuit as the capstone for the course.

FAITH, FILM & DIALOGUE

Film & Dialogue is a systematic analysis of cinema as a modern art form, its impact on today's culture, and the Christian's engagement with film. This course combines Biblical principles with rational insights to address ethical, theological, and worldview issues in cinema from a Christian perspective.

GOVERNMENT & ECONOMICS

Many believe the study of America's government and economics will be boring and even depressing. Some have the impression that government is mainly about laws and that many of our nation's leaders (past and present) are self-serving and hungry for power. Others feel powerless to change the system, so they ignore the government until it directly affects them, which is usually when it hurts their pocketbook. This course studies both government and economics in unison, as they both directly impact these mindsets.

HUMANITIES

Humanities is a course intended to take students through the ideas, events, people, philosophies, and motivations associated with the early years of the United States. This humanities-rich course covers elements of political and social history, and influences of literature and highlights elements of the fine arts for the period beginning with exploration, colonization the revolution and culminating with the ratification of the United States Constitution.

INNOVATION ESSENTIALS

Challenges arise every day, often in unexpected places. How do you develop the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world? In this course, you will learn how to confidently and capably tackle difficult problems, reframe how you approach challenges, and build your innovative mindset.

INTERNET OF THINGS

If it's an electronic device made in the last couple of years, chances are it's connected to the Internet. We call this the "Internet of Things" - or IoT. Today, everything from your washing machines to your sunglasses is connected to the Internet. This IoT course, combined with Artificial Intelligence (AI), is for anyone who wants to understand the basics of technology and how IoT & AI impact our daily lives today and will increasingly impact our lives and work for years to come. Note: This course is not a programming course and does not require a programming background.

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

What do all the religions in the world have in common? What about evolution? Is there proof of God? Is there proof the Bible is true and correct? If it is, what does that mean? Why do bad things happen to good people? In Know What You Believe and Why, you'll gain insight into how to answer these questions for yourself and how to explain those answers to others.

LIVE PRODUCTION

Course description coming soon.

LOGICAL REASONING

How to navigate in today's world of VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, & Ambiguity)? How to find truth covered by lies and facts distorted by misinterpretation in order to navigate? Today's young adults, more than previous generations, need to master logical reasoning and critical thinking because traditional authorities have lost their credibility. This course provides students with an introduction to logical reasoning and critical thinking, in the hope that they will be intrigued and convinced to do further study on this subject. Examples from theology, philosophy, history, literature, culture, politics, economics, mathematics, and natural science are used to demonstrate how to use these reasoning skills to dialogue with others in the pursuit of truth. The course instructor developed this course based on his life experience in China, Canada, and the U.S., along with his lifelong study of various subjects, especially the Bible. He hopes to pass on ancient wisdom and tools to his students so they can avoid pitfalls, dead ends, and wrong turnings in today's rapidly changing world.

THE MAN IN THE ARENA

This course focuses on what it means to be a truly great leader, along with the principles and practices of Biblical and successful leadership. Students discuss the dangers of always confronting leaders and strategies for long-term success. It highlights the characteristics of great leaders and where they find their inspiration. If leadership is "influence," then everyone is called to be a leader.

MODERNISM

Through art, literature, philosophy, and culture, this course looks at the shifts in history that have shaped the way we think and live today. We dialogue about what we've gained & lost in our modern worldview. This course is vital to understanding how we relate to the world and how easily we can fall victim to its dehumanizing ideas. Modernism shapes our views of business, church, education, & family.

NETWORKING & SALES

In addition to an overview and basic sales terminology, students learn the sales process, types of sales, sales mindsets, sales pitch, sales prospecting, and networking.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Students discover ways to maximize their earning potential, develop strategies for managing their resources, and understand the fundamentals of tax and insurance. They explore options for wise use of credit and gain insight into various ways of saving and investing money. Current issues consumers face in today's marketplace are used to enhance the learning experience. A student-created life plan and budget serves as the capstone of this necessary skills course.

PODCASTING

This course provides an understanding of audio storytelling, recognizing the podcast medium as an intimate form of storytelling. Learn the essentials of quality sound and podcast production, while improving broadcast skills, including writing, research, interviews, editing, and on-air presentation. Appraise and establish protocols to launch and distribute podcasts and use the power of podcasting to benefit ourselves and society.

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Providing instruction in essential communication skills required in the business environment, this course focuses on the preparation and delivery of effective visual information designed to capture and compel an audience. Activities emphasize communication in real-world business situations and enable students to begin developing their ability to write and speak effectively in the workplace. Course participation includes the delivery of purposeful presentations and peer critique.

PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL TOOLS & APPLICATIONS

Have you ever found yourself thinking, "If only I had X tool, this task would be easier"? During this course, students learn how to use many tools and hidden gems for professional and personal success, particularly in the areas of communications, research, project management, content creation, and lifelong learning.

PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS WRITING

This course offers an introduction to the essential techniques and types of professional writing and is designed to strengthen skills of effective written business communication. We cover writing in a variety of workplace genres, including emails, memos, business letters, and reports, while also addressing the foundations of quality writing, editing, and research.

RHETORIC: THE ART OF PERSUASION

Rhetoric is all around us in conversation, written communication, television and movies, advertisements, books, art, music, and body language. We cannot escape it. Every individual uses rhetoric on a daily basis, even if they do not recognize it. In this course, students will learn and explore Aristotle's rhetorical framework and learn to become a good rhetorician both in the professional realm and in life.

TO CHANGE THE WORLD: MISSION, CALLING & CULTURE

What is your mission in life? How do you find your calling? Is it possible to make a difference? And why should we care? This course focuses on our place in the world. We discuss our purpose in life and finding meaning in everything. We cover the topics of creativity, leadership, work, business, and the true nature of God's mission in the world.

TRUTH, BEAUTY & GOODNESS (NARNIA)

This course focuses primarily on a chosen book list (for example, the Narnia series). During the course, students read this set of books and discuss the author's vision when he wrote the books, the principles and themes found in each book, the links between the author's life and the stories, and their enduring theological and life applications.

WELLNESS FOR LIFE

Being personally "well" is the starting point to a life well-lived. In this course, we will better understand and develop different dimensions of personal wellness including mental, emotional, physical, social, occupational, and others. This will be a very practical course aimed at inspiring you to set a trajectory towards personal wellness that will serve you for a lifetime.