UNIVERSITY STUDIES (UNIV)

UNIV Courses

UNIV 100. University Studies. 1 unit
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F, SU
Course supports the successful student transition to Cal Poly.
Establishes links between student needs and campus resources. Covers
goal setting, degree planning, campus and academic policies, time
management, college and campus culture, growth mindset and effective
learning strategies. Not open to students with credit in EDUC/UNIV 125.
Credit/No Credit grading only. 1 lecture.

UNIV 125. First Year Seminar. 2 units
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F
Issues associated with the successful transition from high school or
community college to Cal Poly. Links fostered between student needs
and campus resources. Coverage of academic policies and procedures,
university study skills, goal setting, career planning, wellness and other
topics relevant to student success. Not open to students with credit in
UNIV 100. Credit/No Credit grading only. 1 lecture, 1 activity. Crosslisted
as EDUC/UNIV 125.

UNIV 321. Undergraduate Research Methods and Practice. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A with a grade of C- or better; GE
Area B1; and consent of instructor.
Research methods and tools for sciences and humanities, including
formulating a research question, designing a study, using the scientific
method to conduct and analyze surveys, and analyzing data. Emphasis
on working in interdisciplinary research teams. Total credit limited to 8
units. 2 lectures, 2 activities. Crosslisted as HNRS/UNIV 321.

GE Area F
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with a grade of C-
or better; and completion of GE Area B.
Scientific investigation of the natural features of the Cal Poly landscape
and their transformations by land management technology. Analysis of
the environmental, economic, social, and political effects of agriculture,
resource extraction, and construction technology on that landscape.
Emphasis on the educational, land-use, and long term planning issues of
technology presented by this case study. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as AG/
ISLA/UNIV 330. Fulfills GE Area F.

UNIV 333. World Food Systems. 4 units
GE Area F
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of GE Area B.
Integrated, interdisciplinary study of the technologies of global food
production, environmental and social issues related to the application of
those technologies, and moral and ethical issues associated with global
food production and distribution. Emphasis on the politics of change. 4
lectures. Crosslisted as POLS/UNIV 333. Fulfills GE Area F.

UNIV 350. The Global Environment. 4 units
GE Area F
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with a grade of C-
or better; and completion of GE Area B.
Interdisciplinary investigation of how human activities impact the Earth’s
environment on a global scale. Examination of population, resource use,
climate change, and biodiversity from scientific/technical and social/
economic/historical/political perspectives. Use of remote sensing maps.
Sustainable solutions. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as AG/EDES/ENGR/EGEO/
ISLA/SCM/UNIV 350. Fulfills GE Area F.

UNIV 391. Appropriate Technology for the World’s People: Development. 4 units
GE Area D5
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with a grade of C-
or better; and two courses from GE D1-D4.
A broad overview of international development and appropriate design
for sustainability. Besides traditional classroom work, students work
in teams to address problems with technical solutions. Collaboration
with mentors from the university, private sector, and nonprofits serves
to provide diverse background and project mentorship. 4 lectures.
Crosslisted as HNRS/PSC/UNIV 391. Fulfills GE D5.

UNIV 392. Appropriate Technology for the World’s People: Design. 4 units
GE Area F
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of GE Area B, or graduate
standing. Recommended: UNIV 391, GE Area D2, and GE Area D3.
Addresses the needs of international impoverished communities with
technological solutions, which are inexpensive, ecologically sustainable,
and socially appropriate. Group study of target communities, and design
and construction of an appropriate technology prototype. Not open to
students with credit in PSC/UNIV/HNRS 492. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.
Crosslisted as HNRS/PSC/UNIV 392. Fulfills GE Area F.

UNIV 424. Design of Museum Displays of Science, Engineering and Technology. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GE Area B.
The design and creation of educational museum displays that highlight
science, engineering, and technology. Projects done by multidisciplinary
teams and for clients in the community. Emphasis on design, teamwork,
service learning and project management. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.
Crosslisted as HNRS/PSC/UNIV 424.

UNIV 470. Selected Advanced Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to
undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list
title selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.
UNIV 491. Appropriate Technology for the World's People: Development. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor, and senior or graduate standing.
Corequisite: GE Area D5.

A broad overview of international development and appropriate design for sustainability. Besides traditional classroom work, students work in teams to address problems with technical solutions. Collaboration with mentors from the university, private sector, and nonprofits serves to provide diverse background and mentorship. Seminar paper required. Not open to students with credit in PSC/UNIV/HNRS 391. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as PSC/UNIV 491.

UNIV 492. Appropriate Technology for the World's People: Design. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of GE Area B, or graduate standing. Recommended: UNIV 391, GE Area D2, and GE Area D3.

Addresses the needs of international impoverished communities with technological solutions, which are inexpensive, ecologically sustainable, and socially appropriate. Group study of target communities, and design and construction of an appropriate technology prototype. Seminar paper required. Not open to students with credit in PSC/UNIV/HNRS 392. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Crosslisted as PSC/UNIV 492.