

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINE		
TERM: Fall 2015	COURSE NO: LBST 100	
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE NAME: Approaching Knowledge	
OFFICE: LOCAL: E-MAIL:	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3
OFFICE HOURS:		

COURSE FORMAT: Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course frames the basic approaches to research and knowledge production in the arts, sciences and related fields of study. Through an introduction to interdisciplinary studies, the course encourages students to start thinking across disciplinary boundaries and develop an appreciation of the ways in which many contemporary problems require thinking from two or more academic disciplines.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- compare and contrast different ways of structuring knowledge;
- articulate the underlying premise and value of interdisciplinary studies;
- think more deeply about the interdisciplinary combinations they are interested in and why;
- select and begin using an e-portfolio platform to archive and showcase their coursework

COURSE WEBSITE: TBA

REQUIRED TEXTS: Textbook and readings will be chosen by the term instructor(s) with reference to the Liberal Studies term theme -- e.g. Fall 2015 / Sustainability.

COURSE CONTENT:

Topic I	Why interdisciplinarity now? (1 week)
Topic II	A history of the disciplines (1 week)
Topic III	Different ways of knowing? (4 weeks)
Topic IV	Different ways of structuring knowledge: Super concepts (4 weeks)
Topic V	Asking questions and finding methods (3 weeks)

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments will consist of an essay, research review and mini project along with required reflection questions and blog posts over the course of the term. There is also a grade for participation.

EVALUATION PROFILE:

Essay	25%
Research Review	25%
Mini Project	15%
Blog posts / Reflections questions (via e-portfolio platform)	25%
Participation	10%
TOTAL	100%

GRADE PROFILE:

A+ = 90 - 100%	B+ = 77 - 79%	C+ = 67 - 69%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 85 - 89	B = 73 - 76	C = 63 - 66	F = 0 - 49
A- = 80 - 84	B- = 70 - 72	C- = 60 - 62	

OPERATIONAL DETAILS: Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken. Failure to attend classes regularly will inevitably result in poor grades.

Participation: The grade for class participation is based on both the frequency and the quality of the students' comments, questions and observations, with the emphasis on quality. The quality is determined by, among other things, the relevance, insight, and clarity of remarks.

Late Assignments: Late assignments will be penalized, unless a formal extension is given in advance of the deadline. An extension is given only under exceptional circumstances, usually requiring a doctor's note.

Missed Exams: Make-up tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crisis. Students should be prepared to provide proof of inability to write the test on the scheduled date (e.g. letter from doctor).

English Usage: It is the responsibility of students to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Marks will be deducted for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

Incomplete Grades: Given at the discretion of the instructor. Generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises.

Electronic Devices: No personal electronic devices (cell phones, laptops) may be used during an exam. During class, please turn off all cell phones. Laptops can be used for note-taking purposes only.

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.