

Area: Student Services
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American River College's counseling and guidance classes are designed to help the student in achieving success in college through a variety of classes, which include study skills, exploration of careers, and field experience in the disabled student services program.

HCD 111 College Discovery Program 1 Unit
Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course is a review of opportunities and resources relevant to student success at American River College. It will focus on goals and objectives, campus requirements, and skills, techniques, and attitudes compatible with student progress. Examination of student services, instructional area, and campus life. May be taken twice for credit.

HCD 114 Human Potential Seminar 2 Units
Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course provides an in-depth examination of techniques to be used in enhancing one's chances for success in college. It is designed to meet the needs of students who are experiencing difficulty in achieving their goals in higher education. Course topics include: motivation, goal setting, communication skills, time management, exam preparation, note taking and reading college textbooks. It is required for most dismissed students for readmission to the college.

HCD 115 Orientation to College .5 Units
Hours: 9 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to college services and programs at American River College. Topics covered include campus resources, procedures and college requirements. Additionally, a campus tour is required.

HCD 122 Study Skills 1 Unit
Same As: INDIS 100
Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course covers specific study skills strategies. It provides the opportunity to analyze attitudes toward studying, and current study skill habits. Topics include specific learning styles, strategies for time management, goal setting, note-taking, memory improvement, reading skills, and how to prepare for, and take exams. This course is not open to students who have completed INDIS 100.

HCD 136 Career Preparation and the World of Work 3 Units
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course provides career planning based on the assessment of interests, personality traits, values, and skills. It develops strategies for a career campaign, including cover letter/resume writing. It concentrates on the physical and emotional demands of work, the study of work among professional, technical, and laboring groups, as well as large and small companies.

HCD 160 Applied Life and Success Skills 2 Units
General Education: AA/AS Area III(b) (effective Summer 2011)
Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course covers the skills and tools necessary for daily independent living and success as a college student. It focuses specifically on disability management, personal goals and community and campus resources. It also serves as preparation for those individuals who are interested in careers in human services and disability services.

HCD 310 College Success 3 Units

Advisory: ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320; ENGRW 102 or 103 or ESLW 320

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b); CSU Area E1

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course covers the skills and knowledge necessary for college success. Topics include motivation, self discipline, learning styles, memory development, time management, communication skills, goal-setting, career planning, study skills and techniques, and critical thinking skills. Additionally, it covers personal issues that are commonly encountered by many college students. Campus resources, college regulations, and information competency are also addressed. This course is highly recommended for first time college students and/or continuing college students who would benefit. Field trips may be required.

HCD 318 Transfer: Making It Happen 2 Units

Advisory: ENGRW 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course provides a comprehensive study of the university transfer process as it relates to community college students. Topics include an overview of American higher education, transfer admissions requirements, college research, major selection, transfer resources, student support services, transitional issues, the college application process, and preparation for graduate and professional education. Field trips may be required.

HCD 330 Life and Career Planning 1 Unit

Advisory: ENGRW 51, ESLR 310, or ESLW 310

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course is a comprehensive approach to life and career planning based on extensive measurement of aptitude, interests, personality type, values, and skills. Personal and career goals are formulated using career research and decision-making strategies. Course topics include changing career trends and job search techniques.

HCD 331 Career and Job Search Strategies 1 Unit

Advisory: HCD 330

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course is designed to assist in the development of research skills in preparation for future employment in a competitive employment market. Topics include researching career fields, setting specific career/educational goals, and examining employment trends. It also includes resume writing, interview skills, and job search strategies.

HCD 336 Exploring Health Careers 1 Unit*General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)**Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 18 hours LEC*

This course will introduce a wide variety of health-related occupations with particular emphasis on educational programs and career opportunities. Through analysis of interests, personality, and research, an individual college and career plan will be developed.

HCD 337 Exploring Health Careers 1 Unit

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, or ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; and ESLL 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.

*Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 18 hours LEC*

This course provides an opportunity to obtain information about a variety of health professions. This course explores the requirements to enter various health fields, including education, licensures, and volunteer experience. In addition, it offers opportunities to observe and gain knowledge in order to choose an appropriate health career goal.

HCD 380 Specific Learning Skills Assessment 1 Unit*Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 18 hours LEC*

This course is designed for the student with special learning difficulties who may have a specific learning disability. Individual assessment of learning strengths and weaknesses will be completed to determine eligibility for Learning Disabilities services using criteria mandated by the California community college system. Offered on a credit/no credit basis only.

HCD 382 Specific Learning Strategies 3 Units*Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course provides learning support related to specific learning disabilities. It will present academic strategies to compensate for learning disabilities in order to provide for success in other college course work. May be taken twice for credit.

HCD 384 Field Experience in Disabled Student Programs and Services 3 Units*Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103 or ESLW 320 or ESLR 320.**Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 162 hours LAB*

This course provides the student with an in-depth understanding, increased knowledge, and direct application of the techniques and skills required to assist disabled students to be successful in the college setting. The majority of course time will be spent providing support services to students with disabilities. Placement will be determined by the instructor. May be taken three times for credit.

HCD 386 Experiences in Disabled Student Programs and Services .5-3 Units*Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103 or ESLW 320 or ESLL 320.**Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 27-162 hours LAB*

This course allows students an initial opportunity to provide direct, supervised services to disabled college students, thereby assisting in their adaptation to the physical and academic environment of the community college setting. Placement on campus determined by instructor. Course can be entered up to twelfth (12th) week. May be taken for a maximum of nine (9) units.