



PARAMI COURSES I FALL MODULAR PERIOD 2
(October 18 - December 10, 2021)

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00am - 10:30am	Democracy and Civil-Military Relations Win Min	Democracy and Civil-Military Relations Win Min	Taking Your First Steps as a Social Impact Leader (8:30am -11:30 am) Dr. Kazutoh Ishida		
	Community-Based Film as Art & Research: A Practice Workshop (8:30am - 10:00am) Courtney Wittekind			Community-Based Film as Art & Research: A Practice Workshop (8:30am - 10:00am) Courtney Wittekind	
11:00am - 12:30pm	Green Chemistry for Sustainable Development Dr. Win Maw Hlaing Oo	Linear Programming in Real-World Problems Dr. Win Maw Hlaing Oo	Green Chemistry for Sustainable Development Dr. Win Maw Hlaing Oo	Linear Programming in Real-World Problems Dr. Win Maw Hlaing Oo	
	Social Entrepreneurship Ye Pyae Thu		Social Entrepreneurship Ye Pyae Thu		
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Learning and Development Dr. Romina de Jong	Science of the Universe Dr. Win Maw Hlaing Oo	Learning and Development Dr. Romina de Jong	Science of the Universe Dr. Win Maw Hlaing Oo	
	Supply Chain Fundamentals* Aung Myo Lwin			Supply Chain Fundamentals* Aung Myo Lwin	

3:00pm - 4:30pm	Results-based Management for Development Projects Dr. Mark Brown	Human Rights Issues Dr. Mark Brown	Results-based Management for Development Projects Dr. Mark Brown	Human Rights Issues Dr. Mark Brown	Community Meeting
		Equality and Equity - One Size Fits All? Dr. Romina de Jong		Equality and Equity - One Size Fits All? Dr. Romina de Jong	
6:00pm - 7:30pm	Writing with Clarity Alaire Rieffel		Writing with Clarity Alaire Rieffel		
	Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet (6pm - 7pm) Dr. Jennifer Huntington	Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences Dr. Linda Fulponi	Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet (6pm - 7pm) Dr. Jennifer Huntington	Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences Dr. Linda Fulponi	Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet (6pm - 7pm) Dr. Jennifer Huntington
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Development as Freedom. Part 1 Dr. Mark Brown	The World of Economics and Finance Lex Rieffel	Development as Freedom. Part 1 Dr. Mark Brown	The World of Economics and Finance Lex Rieffel	
		The Environment and Public Health Dr. Laura Rozek	What is Human Nature? A Cross-Cultural Approach Dr. Will Buckingham	The Environment and Public Health Dr. Laura Rozek	What is Human Nature? A Cross-Cultural Approach Dr. Will Buckingham
		Design and Society* Zaw Lin Myat		Design and Society* Zaw Lin Myat	

*these courses will be taught bilingual

All the courses are 1.5 credit-hour modular courses. One credit hour in Parami University is defined as having 16 contact hours with the expectation that students spend 32 outside-class hours completing readings, homework, and assignments.

COMMUNITY-BASED FILM AS ART & RESEARCH: A PRACTICE-BASED WORKSHOP

Instructor's Name : Courtney T. Wittekind, Ph.D. Candidate

Course : Community-Based Film as Art & Research: A Practice-Based Workshop

Course Descriptors : Critical Thinking, Innovative Thinking & Mindsets, Ethics, Social Justice, Community Development, Sustainable Development

Course Description : This course offers students an introduction to documentary and fiction film-making, as a community-based practice. It will include screenings, film-making exercises, and discussions around authorship and social impact. Theoretically, course sessions will introduce community-oriented frameworks at the intersection of film-making, participatory research, and documentary studies. Practically, students will gain hands-on skills in film production applicable to future work in the creative arts, as well as to participatory research processes, social impact campaigns, and multimedia journalism. Students will end the course with written and recorded materials for a rough cut of a short film. Basic technical training for cell phone-based shooting and for introductory video editing will be provided.

Day & Time : Monday and Thursday (8:30am - 10:00am)

DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS

Instructor's Name : Win Min, M.A.

Course : Democracy and Civil-Military Relations

Course Descriptors : Critical Thinking, Innovative Thinking & Mindsets, Ethics, Social Justice, Leadership

Course Description : Today's students must have an understanding of democratic government and relations between civilians and the military under different political settings. This course is designed for students who would like to study how democracy works, as well as how the military's domination over politics is established, sustained and ended. The goal is to introduce the students to an analytical and comparative study of civil-military relations which have a direct impact on democracy. The course will begin with what is democracy, how governments work, how to check the abuse of power, and citizen participation. It will then introduce the concepts and different models of civil-military relations and military prerogatives. This will be followed by a discussion of the factors contributing to military regimes' take over, survival and fall. The course will later explain the framework of different democratic transitions from military/authoritarian rule. It will end with a discussion of case studies from countries in Asia, Latin America and Africa.

Day & Time : Monday and Tuesday (9:00am - 10:30am)

DESIGN AND SOCIETY

Instructor's Name : Zaw Lin Myat, M. Arch

Course : Design and Society (*Mode of Instruction: Bilingual*)

Pre-requisites : Intermediate English Reading and Writing

Course Descriptors : Critical Thinking, Innovative Thinking & Mindsets, Writing Skills, Diversity, Science & Society, STEAM Education, Sustainable Development

Course Description : This course is to provide students with a basic but critical understanding of major changes and developments throughout history from architectural perspective. Discussion topics will include changes within architecture itself or other times by external forces. The readings and lectures will investigate the inter-relationship of architecture and broader cultural, social and political context. The course will explore some of the significant moments of change in architecture that results from economic, technological, or institutional in nature. Through collection of historical precedents, we will learn about how change of course in history, is often required and/or imposed by the demands of societal and technological pressures that challenge and disrupt the status-quo.

Day & Time : Tuesday and Thursday (7:30pm - 9:00pm)

DEVELOPMENT AS FREEDOM. PART 1

Instructor's Name : Mark Brown, Ph.D.

Course : Development as Freedom. Part 1

Course Descriptors : Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration, Diversity, Gender, Ethics, Social Justice, Community Development, Sustainable Development

Course Description : Reading at its best involves actively interpreting, reflecting, discussing, and adapting big ideas to the world in which we live. This critical analysis is key to intellectual growth. This in-depth reading stream selects one text that will be carefully read, discussed, and analyzed over a two-module time-frame (16 weeks). The target text for the 2021-2022 academic year is Amartya Sen's Development as Freedom. This highly acclaimed book, written by a recipient of the Nobel Prize for Economics, has not only changed the way international development projects are conceived, designed, and implemented, it has also reframed human rights debates to include human capabilities and functionings. As a reading group, the format for the modules in this stream is that of a discussion-based "community of enquiry". For this, students must read designated texts before each class, and are expected to actively contribute to discussions in each class. These discussions are key to our analysis of the target text. They are also an immensely valuable basis for learning. This module is Part 1 of a 2-part reading group stream.

Day & Time : Tuesday and Thursday (6:00pm - 7:30pm)

GREEN CHEMISTRY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Instructor's Name : Win Maw Hlaing Oo, Ph.D.

Course : Green Chemistry for Sustainable Development

Course Descriptors : Critical Thinking, Innovative Thinking & Mindsets, Science & Society, STEAM Education, Sustainable Development

Course Description : Chemistry plays an important role in determining the quality of modern life and provides new solutions to problems in health, materials and energy usage. This course aims to introduce the basic concepts of green chemistry and sustainable development in the chemical and energy industries. You will explore modern approaches to manufacture and use of safe and more environmentally benign chemical products and processes. Throughout the course, you will understand how chemistry can be used without harm to the environment.

Day & Time : Monday and Wednesday (11:00am - 12:30pm)

HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

Instructor's Name : Mark Brown, Ph.D.

Course : Human Rights Issues

Course Descriptors : Critical Thinking, Diversity, Gender, Ethics, Social Justice, Community Development, Sustainable Development

Pre-requisites : "Human Rights Theory" is recommended, though not essential.

Course Description : There are 9 core human rights treaties. In this module, we will examine a selection of those treaties and consider the real-world issues that those treaties seek to address. First, we will look at the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, followed by the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. Then, we will study the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Lastly, we will examine one final treaty of the students choice. Case studies and a practical understanding of human rights issues are key to this module.

Day & Time : Tuesday and Thursday (3:00pm - 4:30pm)

INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Instructor's Name : Linda Fulponi, Ph.D.

Course : Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences

Pre-requisites : Introduction to basics statistics (can be adjusted)

Course Descriptors : Critical Thinking, Quantitative Reasoning, Practicum Skills, Sustainable Development

Course Description : The main objectives are to provide students with 1) how to apply basic quantitative techniques to analyze real-world issues in social sciences, in particular economics; 2) understand assumptions and analytical techniques used in addressing diverse policy issues; and 3) introduce students to the use of standard statistical packages.

Day & Time : Tuesday and Thursday (6:00pm - 7:30pm)

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Instructor's Name	: Romina de Jong, Ph.D.
Course	: Learning and Development
Pre-requisites	: Ability to communicate in English, Ability to work online, Ability to work together
Course Descriptors	: Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration, Writing Skills
Course Description	: In this course we will explore human development and developmental theories, pedagogy, and main learning theories, as well as state of the art views on the role of education in a world that is ever changing and now more than ever challenging.
Day & Time	: Monday and Wednesday (1:00pm - 2:30pm)

LINEAR PROGRAMMING IN REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS

Instructor's Name	: Win Maw Hlaing Oo, Ph.D.
Course	: Linear Programming in Real-World Problems
Course Descriptors	: Critical Thinking, Quantitative Reasoning, STEAM Education, Business Planning
Course Description	: Linear programming is a mathematical method that can be used to allocate resources in an optimal way. It is used in business, industry, transportation and other applications. The course focuses on the understanding of the mathematical modeling process and how mathematics is used in real-world applications. Throughout the course you will gain mathematical background and ability to interpret, formulate, solve the linear programs arising in practical applications.
Day & Time	: Tuesday and Thursday (11:00am - 12:30pm)

EQUALITY AND EQUITY - ONE SIZE FITS ALL?

Instructor's Name	: Romina de Jong, Ph.D.
Course	: Equality and Equity - One Size Fits All?
Course Descriptors	: Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration, Gender
Pre-requisites	: Ability to communicate in English, Ability to work online, Ability to work in teams, Willingness to critically reflect on self and culture
Course Description	: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medicines, crash dummies and so forth are all tested with the average, white, young male in mind. This doesn't just put women at a disadvantaged position, but also the average Asian man. In this course we will look into social psychology and gender research to understand how inequalities arise and persist between men and women and between cultures. Students will be invited to actively participate and challenge their own assumptions.
Day & Time	: Tuesday and Thursday (3:00pm - 4:30pm)

RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Instructor's Name	: Mark Brown, Ph.D.
Course	: Results-based Management for Development Projects
Course Descriptors	: Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration, Diversity, Gender, Ethics, Social Justice, Community Development, Sustainable Development, Leadership
Pre-requisites	: 'International Development' and/or 'Community Development' are recommended, but not essential.
Course Description	: Development projects, at international or local community levels, all have goals. These projects also have a variety of stakeholders, from implementing organizations to donors and local community beneficiaries. To help successfully achieve stakeholder project goals, development projects therefore require careful planning, organizing, leading, and controlling. This is the focus of "results-based management". Topics we will cover include, for example: project cycle, strategic and operational planning, situation and problem analyses, logical frameworks, monitoring and evaluation, and sustainability.
Day & Time	: Monday and Wednesday (3:00pm - 4:30pm)

SCIENCE OF THE UNIVERSE

Instructor's Name	: Win Maw Hlaing Oo, Ph.D.
Course	: Science of the Universe
Course Descriptors	: Critical Thinking, Quantitative Reasoning, STEAM Education, Science & Society
Course Description	: This course provides a general introduction to astronomy and cosmology for non-science majors. Throughout the course you will explore the latest discoveries about stars, galaxies and the universe as a habitat for life. You will also learn the laws of physics to address some of the most fundamental questions: How old is the universe? How did galaxies and stars form?
Day & Time	: Tuesday and Thursday (1:00pm - 2:30pm)

SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO AND JULIET

Instructor's Name	: Jennifer Huntington, Ph.D.
Course	: Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet
Course Descriptors	: Critical Thinking, Writing Skills, Ethics, Social Justice
Course Description	: William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is a timeless and classic drama. It has universal themes of love, rivalry, hatred, and loyalty which resonate in our world today. We will read a modernized version of the script before listening to Shakespeare's original language on video. Students will be expected to engage in discussion.
Day & Time	: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (6:00pm - 7:00pm)

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP: RAISING CAPITALS AND OPERATING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Instructor's Name : Ye Pyae Thu, Ed.D Candidate
Course : Social Entrepreneurship: Raising Capitals and Operating for Sustainability
Course Descriptors : Innovative Thinking & Mindsets, Communication and Collaboration, Management Skills, Community Development, Sustainable Development, Social Entrepreneurship, Corporate Social Responsibility, Business Planning, Leadership
Course Description : This course is a general introduction to social entrepreneurship, an exciting and emerging field that combines entrepreneurship with social change. It will examine factors critical in the development and growth of sustainable social businesses to generate economic, social, and environmental changes. It will also include the social value proposition, sustainable business models, and management practices related to resource acquisition, organization, and performance management frameworks.
Day & Time : Monday and Wednesday (11:00am - 12:30pm)

SUPPLY CHAIN FUNDAMENTALS

Instructor's Name : Aung Myo Lwin, Ph.D Candidate
Course : Supply Chain Fundamentals (*Mode of Instruction: Bilingual*)
Course Descriptors : Critical Thinking, Innovative Thinking & Mindsets, Quantitative Reasoning, Communication and Collaboration, Management Skills, Practicum Skills, Community Development, Sustainable Development, Corporate Social Responsibility, Business Planning, Leadership
Course Description : Supply Chain Management is about the management of material, information, and finance flows in multi-stage production-distribution networks. This course will provide students the basic concepts of supply chain management and the tools necessary to develop, implement, and sustain strategies to handle supply chain problems. This course will also cover a theoretical management perspective of logistics areas with some in-depth case studies regarding distribution, transportation, international logistics, inventory control and sustainable logistics practices.
Day & Time : Monday and Thursday (1:00pm - 2:30pm)

TAKING YOUR FIRST STEPS AS A SOCIAL IMPACT LEADER

Instructor's Name : Kazutoh Ishida, Ph.D.
Course : Taking Your First Steps as a Social Impact Leader
Course Descriptors : Innovative Thinking and Mindsets, Community Development, Social Entrepreneurship, Leadership
Pre-requisites : Intermediate written and spoken English or above.
Course Description : Through this course, students will 1) explore the social innovation field and paths of becoming a social impact leader; 2) foster an innovative mindset and learn innovation tools, including design-thinking; 3) reflect on and develop their leadership skills; and 4) deepen their understanding of civic engagement and community development to bring positive social change. Students will be encouraged to connect the themes of this course to social issues that they care about in their communities. At the end of the course, students will reflect on their learning and share actions that they can take to make positive social change.
Day & Time : Wednesday (8:30 am - 11:30 am)

THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Instructor's Name	: Laura Rozek, M.A., M.S., Ph.D.
Course	: The Environment and Public Health
Pre-requisites	: Introductory biology and science is helpful.
Course Descriptors	: Critical Thinking, Writing Skills, Science & Society, Sustainable Development
Course Description	: This course is intended to serve as an introduction to the major issues of environmental health science world. We will examine what those issues are, what determines them, and how they can be altered. As a survey of the many facets of environmental health, the course provides a broad overview for students wishing no more than an introduction to the field, as well as good grounding for students who wish to pursue additional coursework in environmental health.
Day & Time	: Tuesday and Thursday (7:30pm - 9:00pm)

THE WORLD OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Instructor's Name	: Lex Rieffel, M.A.L.D.
Course	: The World of Economics and Finance
Course Descriptors	: Critical Thinking, Quantitative Reasoning, Writing Skills, Science & Society, Sustainable Development
Course Description	: We live in a world shaped by the economic and financial architecture designed by the Allies at the end of World War II. This course will introduce students to the global landscape of economics and finance today. It will begin with some basic demographic facts. It will look at how income is measured for individuals and nations. It will focus on key concepts in macroeconomics and microeconomics that are the foundations for economic policy. It will explore the origins and functions of essential economic institutions: central banks, finance ministries, and capital markets at the national level; the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank at the global level. It will also examine international trade, private investment, and official financing.
Day & Time	: Tuesday and Thursday (7:30pm - 9:00pm)

WHAT IS HUMAN NATURE? A CROSS-CULTURAL APPROACH

Instructor's Name	: Will Buckingham, Ph.D.
Course	: What is Human Nature? A Cross-Cultural Approach
Pre-requisites	: Intermediate written and spoken English or above.
Course Descriptors	: Critical Thinking, Innovative Thinking & Mindsets, Ethics, Science & Society
Course Description	: In this course, we will look at some of the deepest questions of human nature, drawing on history, literature, global philosophy, anthropology and the sciences. We will explore the political and ethical implications of how we think about human nature. And we will look at both the limits and the possibilities that are ours by virtue of being human.
Day & Time	: Wednesday and Friday (7:30pm - 9:00pm)

WRITING FOR CLARITY

Instructor's Name : Alaire Rieffel, B.A., J.D.

Course : Writing for Clarity

Course Descriptors : Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration, Writing Skills, Management Skills

Course Description : Effective communication is vital to success in the world of work. This course will focus on communicating effectively through e-mail, memoranda, reports, and other forms of writing in the workplace. Because spelling and grammatical errors detract from meaning, emphasis will also be placed on editing and proofreading. Extensive writing and reading will be required.

Day & Time : Monday and Wednesday (6:00pm - 7:30pm)
