

Wells College Gateway Classes – Spring 2024

BIOL 185 – How do you know?

In this project-based course, students will learn the fundamentals of how to ask questions and use resources to get answers. We will investigate such topics as internet sources and ChatGPT, peer-reviewed and popular articles, art/film, the scientific method, quantitative analyses and graphs, and more! At the end of the course students will be much more prepared to evaluate information and communicate what they find through writing, oral and poster presentations, and creative works.

HIST 103 - Introduction to World History, 1650-Present

This course explores evolving global empires and trade networks; revolutions, wars, and genocides; scientific and philosophical innovations; and the lives of humans, both ordinary and extraordinary. Additionally this course helps hone foundational liberal arts skills, such as thesis writing, using evidence, reading against the grain, and clarifying voice. We will focus on two guiding questions: 1) How can learning about the past inform our understanding of the present? and 2) How do we know about and study the past?

SOC 151 - Principles of Sociology

An introduction to the basic concepts and major perspectives of sociology. Sociology is the study of the way societies are structured, how these structures affect people, and how people affect those structures. The course may focus on such topics as the criminal justice system, environmental racism, socialization, identity, race and class.