

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. 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 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)

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course will cover the skills and knowledge necessary for college success. Topics to be covered include motivation and self discipline, learning styles, memory development, time management, communication skills, goal-setting, study techniques, critical thinking skills, and personal issues that face many college students. Campus resources and college regulations will also be covered.

HCD 316 Athletic Seminar 1 Unit

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course addresses the concerns and issues of student athletes. Course topics include support services at ARC, educational planning, career planning, study skills, two-year and four-year eligibility rules, recruitment rules, and nutrition.

HCD 318 Transfer: Making It Happen 2 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course provides the necessary tools and skills to successfully transfer from a community college to a four-year college or university. In addition, it demonstrates the applications of knowledge from college research, self-analysis, and differentiation between college selection and majors.

HCD 330 Life and Career Planning 1 Unit

Advisory: ENGWR 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 Volunteer Experience in Health Careers 1.5 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103 or ESLW 320 or ESLL 320, HCD 336.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 9 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course offers an opportunity to obtain a “hands-on” volunteer health career experience. Placement will be in hospitals, dental offices, physical therapy clinics, animal health centers, or other locations utilizing health professionals. May be taken twice for credit.

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.