



THE
AMERICAN
Semester

TEACHING & LEARNING IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM:

CONTEMPORARY STUDENTS, CONTEMPORARY TECHNIQUES

SUMMER SHORT COURSE JULY 3 – 23, 2016

- ★ The goal of this course is to help participants become master teachers in formal and informal educational settings.
- ★ Students will work on understanding themselves as teachers by considering important questions such as beliefs about a teacher's role in the classroom, relationships with students, and the function of content in instruction.
- ★ Throughout the course, students will look at current theory and practice related to teaching and learning, including:
 - o How to design curriculum
 - o Assess student learning
 - o Use new technologies to enhance learning
 - o Consider different types of teaching spaces
 - o Discuss issues that are of interest to the participants of the course.
- ★ Students will learn through reading, but also participate in classroom activities, go on excursions, and engage in discussion with other master teachers.
- ★ Designed for anyone interested in educational practice and does not require a strong background in educational theory or pedagogy.

Weekend Excursions:

- July 4th: Independence Day activities
- Weekend #1: Niagara Falls
- Weekend #2: Chicago
- July 22nd: Graduation Banquet

Class will generally be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

Each program will have scheduled academic excursions during a weekday to an organization relevant to their studies (i.e. local schools, conferences, etc.)

Students will live on MSU's campus at Owen Hall (<http://liveon.msu.edu/rivertrail/owen>). A meal plan is included.

Examples of other scheduled activities for the afternoon or evenings during the week are:

- ★ Local festivals, concerts or sporting events
- ★ Shopping Trips
- ★ Beach/Pool and BBQ
- ★ MSU's Demmer Shooting Range

When students arrive on campus, they will attend a welcome reception. At the end of the program, a special graduation banquet will take place.



The American Semester Program

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