Special Courses

The following transferrable courses* are designed for individual study under faculty supervision. They may be offered in the class schedule under each discipline in the college curriculum that is transferrable to the baccalaureate level.

Interested students must have sufficient background in the discipline, from previously completed course work or equivalent experience, to enable them to meet their specific objectives in their individual contracts.

A specific contract for each course must be developed by the student, and approved by a faculty supervisor, department chair and appropriate dean. To register, the contract must be completed and filed with the Admissions and Records Office at the time of registration. Contract forms are available in the Admissions and Records Office.

These courses are also called “Independent Studies”, Special Studies”, “Special Topics”, “Internships”, etc. Credit for variable topics courses is given only after a review of the scope and content of the course by the receiving institution. This usually occurs after transfer and may require recommendations from faculty.

NOTE: Transfer institutions (i.e., UC/CSU) reserve the right to deny credit for special courses. See a counselor for details.

COURSE NUMBER 22*, 122 - Field Work and Service (0.5 or 1 unit)
Supervised field work within the college and/or local agencies. Students serve in useful group activities in leadership roles prescribed for them by the faculty supervisor, and when appropriate, community agencies. A maximum of six units may be earned. These courses do not transfer to UC. They may transfer to CSU. Check with a counselor.

COURSE NUMBER 23*, 123* - Independent Study (1 or 2 units)
Designed to afford students specialized opportunities to continue study in a discipline at the independent study level. Working with faculty supervision, the studies may involve extensive library work, research, laboratory work or special projects. A maximum of six units may be earned.

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COURSE NUMBER 98, 198** - Special Topics (.05 to 3 units)
Special topics courses examine current problems or issues of interest to students within a specific discipline area. For topical content information, consult with the appropriate department chairperson. For transfer status, check with a counselor. May be repeated for credit with different topics.

** These courses may transfer to UC or CSU. Check with a counselor.

Credit Classes

All courses listed here are part of Gavilan College’s approved curriculum. All courses are not offered every semester. Check the Class Schedule for current offerings.

Accounting

ACCT 20  Financial Accounting
Units: 4.0  Hours: 4.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CAN:BUS2, BUS SEQ A
An introduction to accounting principles and concepts. The course includes the application of accounting theory to accumulate and summarize financial data. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250, English 260 and Mathematics 233. Microsoft Excel or other computer spreadsheet knowledge.

ACCT 21  Managerial Accounting
Units: 4.0  Hours: 4.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CAN:BUS4, BUS SEQ A
This course covers internal uses of accounting information for managerial decision making. Includes coverage of managerial control methods, cost accounting, cost-volume-profit relationships, variable costing, budgeting, and other related topics. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. ADVISORY: Accounting 20. Microsoft Excel or other computer spreadsheet knowledge.

ACCT 101  Occupational Accounting
Units: 4.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture and 3.0 Laboratory
Transferable: CSU
An introduction to accounting principles and procedures and their application to service business, including the basic accounting cycle, financial statements, adjustments, specialized journals and ledgers. Emphasis is placed on learning bookkeeping procedures for both manual and computer assisted accounting systems. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. ADVISORY: Eligible for Mathematics 205 or GBUS 102; eligible for English 250 and 260; CSIS 122

ACCT 103  General Office Accounting
Units: 2.0  Hours: 1.5 Lecture and 1.5 Laboratory
Transferable: CSU
This course is designed to prepare students for entry-level office accounting positions. Emphasis is on practical accounting applications. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. ADVISORY: Eligible for Mathematics 205.

ACCT 105  Payroll Accounting
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
This is an introductory course in payroll accounting. Topics include: payroll laws and regulations, computation of wages and salaries, Social Security taxes, income tax withholding, employer taxes, payroll tax filing and reporting, and other related topics. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. ADVISORY: Eligible for Mathematics 205, completion of Accounting 101.

ACCT 111  Introduction to Income Tax
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
A study of theory, philosophy, and principles of income tax law and procedures for computing the tax liability. It includes practice in solving typical individual tax problems. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250, English 260 and Mathematics 205.
ACCT 120  Computerized Accounting - QuickBooks
Units: 2.0  Hours: 1.0 Lecture and 3.0 Laboratory
Transferable: CSU
An introduction to computer-assisted accounting. Hands-on use of a microcomputer menu-driven accounting package to do general ledger, sales journal, cash receipts journal, cash payments journal, purchases journal, payroll, receivables, payables, and related financial reports. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. Repeatable whenever a new software package is adopted. This course is also listed as CSIS 120. ADVISORY: CSIS 1 or CSIS 2 or the equivalent computer experience. ACCT 20 or ACCT 101 or ACCT 103 or ACCT 105 or the equivalent accounting experience.

ACCT 121  Spreadsheet - MS Excel
Units: 1.0 OR 2.0  Hours: 1.0 OR 2.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
Introduction to the computer spreadsheet software. A hands-on approach to learning terms, commands, and applications of a spreadsheet program. This course will help prepare students for taking the Excel MOS (Microsoft Office User Specialist) exams. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. May be repeated once for credit when the software changes. Also listed as CSIS 121. ADVISORY: CSIS 1 or CSIS 2 or equivalent computer experience.

ACCT 190  Occupational Work Experience/Accounting
Units: 1.0 TO 4.0  Hours: 5.0 TO 20.0 Laboratory
Transferable: CSU
Occupational work experience for students who have a job related to their major. A training plan is developed cooperatively between the employer, college and student. (P/NP grading) 75 hours per semester paid work = 1 unit. 60 hours non-paid (volunteer) work per semester = 1 unit. May be taken for a maximum total of 16 units. Minimum 2.00 GPA. REQUIRED: Declared vocational major.

AJ 12  Criminal Procedures
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
Legal processes from pre-arrest, arrest through trial, sentencing and correctional procedures; a review of the history of case and common law; conceptual interpretations of law as reflected in court decisions; a study of case law methodology and case research as the decisions impact upon the procedures of the justice system. ADVISORY: AJ 10; Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

AJ 14  Criminal Law
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CAN:AJ4
Historical development, philosophy of law and constitutional provisions; definitions, classifications of crime, and their applications to the system of administration of justice; legal research, review of case law, methodology, and concepts of law as a social force. Explores crimes against persons, property, and the state. ADVISORY: AJ 10; Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

AJ 16  Introduction to Evidence
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
This course covers the origin, development, philosophy and basis of evidence; constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure; types of evidence and rules governing admissibility; judicial decisions interpreting individual rights and case studies. In addition to the Federal Rules of Evidence, the course also includes the California law regarding the rules of evidence. ADVISORY: AJ 10 and Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

AJ 18  Community Policing
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC
The relationship of criminal justice agents and the community; causal and symptomatic aspects of community understanding; lack of cooperation and mistrust; study of behavioral causes; ways to develop and maintain amicable relationships. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260; AJ 10.

AJ 19  Introduction to Investigation
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
Fundamentals of investigation; techniques of crime scene search and recording; collection and preservation of physical evidence; modus operandi processes; sources of information; interview and interrogation, and follow-up investigation. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

AJ 20  Juvenile Law and Procedure
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
This course covers techniques of handling juvenile offenders and victims; prevention and repression of delinquency; diagnosis and referral; and organization of community resources. The course also includes juvenile law and juvenile court procedure with a strong emphasis on California law, including the California Penal and Welfare and Institution Codes. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

AJ 21  Narcotics and Drug Abuse
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
Designed to explore the Administration of Justice system and the development of drug policy and drug problems. This will include drug identification, drug user recognition, drug effects, narcotic enforcement, drug prosecution, and drug treatment, rehabilitation and education. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.