San José City College

Metas Program: Learning Communities

Information Guide and Schedule

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Students enrolled in a Metas Program learning community will undertake an academically challenging and rigorous semester. Working in a comfortable and supportive learning environment, students will have increased support such as tutoring, peer -led workshops, academic counseling, and other services to ensure that students receive the assistance needed to undertake the challenge.

What is a Learning Community?

- Two or more classes linked together by a common theme or context are known as Learning Communities. For example, one learning community combines English 1A and Health Education 11, integrating reading, writing, and health concepts for students interested in knowing more about their physical well-being or a career in Allied Health.
- Assignments and activities in one class often relate to other classes in a learning community.
- The same students enroll in all classes within a learning community, fostering a sense of "community" among students and faculty.

Why should I participate in a Learning Community?

- Course content is relevant to students' career or personal interests.
- Students meet others who share common goals.
- Faculty and students experience greater interaction.
- Significant numbers of students improve their retention.

Which Learning Community is right for me?

- Know your assessment level and your educational goal. Some learning communities contain transfer-level courses with prerequisites. Other learning communities are designed for entry-level students, requiring no prerequisites. Each learning community's web page will provide this information.
- Review the times/days of all classes within the learning community. When you enroll in one class in a learning community, you are automatically enrolled in ALL classes in that community. Make sure your schedule accommodates each class within your chosen learning community.

How do I enroll?

- When you register for one class in a learning community, you will automatically be enrolled in **ALL** classes within the learning community.
- **If you drop any class in the learning community, you will automatically be dropped from ALL classes within the learning community.**

Please call (408) 288-3124 or (408) 288-3125 for additional information (Metas Center L-114). The seven linked courses coordinated by the Metas Program in the spring of 2012 are as follows:

1 Math + Chem = MatCh
CHEM 32A and MATH 13

2 Math + Chem = MatCh
CHEM 15 and MATH 13

3 Becoming Citizens in an Interlocking World
ENGL 335 and READ 301

4 Power and Culture, Work and Play
HIST 17B and ENGL 1A

5 Writing on the Borderlands of Chicana/o History
Ethnic Studies 30 and English 92

6 Making It in America
ESL 312 and ESL 313

7 Race in America: Keeping It Real
ENGL 1A and Ethnic Studies 27

	Reg ID	Section	Subject	Level	Title	Instructor	Day(s)	Start Time	End Time	RM	Units	Hrs
1	**Chem 32A and Math 13** How do you calculate the correct dosage of medication?Are you curious about painkillers, carbonated beverages and energy drinks?Have you asked, "How will I ever use algebra?" or "Why do I need chemistry?" A seamless integration of Mathematics and Chemistry, this MatCh learning community answers questions that are vital for success in Allied Health.											
	64530	103	CHEM	032A	Intro Gen, Organ & Biol Chem	Adamczeski	TTH	12:15 PM	01:35 PM	S204	4.00	3.2
	64530	103	**Lab**	032A	**Chem Lab**	Adamczeski	T	02:00 PM	05:05 PM	S209	4.00	3.3
	64591	115	MATH	013	Intermediate Algebra	Divinia	MW	12:30 PM	02:55 PM	S204	5.00	5.4
	64531	104	CHEM	032A	Intro Gen, Organ & Biol Chem	Adamczeski	TTH	12:15 PM	01:35 PM	S204	4.00	3.2
	64531	104	**Lab**	032A	**Chem Lab**	Adamczeski	TH	02:00 PM	05:05 PM	S209	4.00	3.3
	64592	116	MATH	013	Intermediate Algebra	Divinia	MW	12:30 PM	02:55 PM	S204	5.00	5.4
2	**Chem 15 and Math 13** Conquer mental blocks in Algebra, and remove the mystery from Chemistry! Have you ever wondered: Why do I need Algebra? Where would I ever use it? Why or how are clouds formed? What causes the colors in a rainbow? This learning community will answer these questions as you discover how to observe, analyze, and think critically about ordinary stuff in extraordinary ways.											
	64523	103	CHEM	015	Fundamentals of Chemistry	Cabrera	MW	11:00 AM	12:20 PM	S202	4.00	3.2
		103	**Lab**	015	**Chem Lab**	Cabrera	M	07:45 AM	10:50 AM	S211	4.00	3.3
	64587	111	MATH	013	Intermediate Algebra	Gonzalez	TTH	09:30 AM	11:55 AM	S202	5.00	5.4
	64524	104	CHEM	015	Fundamentals of Chemistry	Cabrera	MW	11:00 AM	12:20 PM	S202	4.00	3.2
		104	**Lab**	015	**Chem Lab**	Cabrera	W	07:45 AM	10:50 AM	S211	4.00	3.3
	64588	112	MATH	013	Intermediate Algebra	Gonzalez	TTH	09:30 AM	11:55 AM	S202	5.00	5.4
3	**ENGL 335 and READ 301** Please join us this semester as we journey from our local neighborhoods in the Bay Area to different parts of the world, learning more about the similarities and differences that bind us as citizens of the world. On this adventure, we will focus on improving our academic reading, writing, and critical thinking skills.											
	64292	102	ENGL	335	Basic Writing Skills	Rice	TH	09:15 AM	12:15 PM	T212	4.50	6
	64418	102	READ	301	Essentials of Reading	Cruz-Johnson	T	09:15 AM	11:05 AM	T212	4.00	4
4	**ENGL 1A and HIST 17B** In History 17b students will discuss the history of the United States of America as it moved from being a predominantly agricultural, little-populated country to a vigorous urban, industrial nation state. In English 1A essay writing assignments connect student writing and discussion with History 17B and count toward both classes.											
	64226	106	ENGL	001A	English Composition	Knapp	TTH	09:15 AM	10:35 AM	B203	3.00	3.2
	63968	101	HIST	017B	History of the United States	Grzymala	MW	07:45 AM	09:05 AM	GE207	3.00	3.2
5	**ENGL 92 and ETH 30** Writing on the Borderlands is a learning community that combines English 92 and Ethnic Studies 30. Both courses share a similar focus on literature and history of Chicano/a culture. Students will work together in both classes to successfully write essays for both classes.											
	64288	111	ENGL	092	Essay Development	Breheny	TTH	12:15 PM	02:05 PM	GE217	4.00	4
	63932	101	ETH	030	Chicana/o Culture	Covarrubias	TTH	09:15 AM	10:35 AM	GE223	3.00	3.2
6	**ESL 312 and ESL 313** In this learning community you will meet people like yourselves who knew what it took to overcome obstacles and make it in America. Read their stories and contribute your own perspectives, expectations, and experiences in building your life in America. In the process, you will improve your reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. Come and explore with us!											
	64328	103	ESL	312	Introduction to the Essay	Hanson	TTH	09:40 AM	12:05 PM	GE213	5.00	5.4
	64331	101	ESL Lab	312 L	ESL Skill Development Lab					L120	0.50	
	64333	101	ESL	313	Intro to College Reading	Wilson	TTH	08:00 AM	09:20 AM	GE213	3.00	3.2
7	**ENGL 1A and ETH 27** What factors have shaped your identity? What challenges do we have to overcome to create equality in society? In this learning community, you'll have the opportunity to reflect on and write about your own personal story as you explore the literature and history of the major ethnic groups in the United States: African, Mexican, Asian and Native Americans.											
	64230	110	ENGL	001A	English Composition	Alvarez	TTH	09:15 AM	10:35 AM	GE205	3.00	3.2
	63929	102	ETH	027	Intro to Race & Ethnicity	Covarrubias	TTH	10:45 AM	12:05 PM	GE223	3.00	3.2