CLEAR Program – Expansion Class Descriptions – Fall 2017

20th Century Media: From newspapers and magazines to TV, radio, computers and smart phones, learn the importance of free speech and how the changing technology influences us.

Amazing Places Around the World: Where would you go to find beautiful scenery, awe inspiring structures and wonders of nature? Learn about 10 of the world’s most amazing places.

American History: Westward Expansion: Build geography, vocabulary and research skills as you study the how the US expanded west of the Mississippi. From wagon trains to railroads, heroes vs villains, learn about the Wild West!

Blogging: A blog allows you to share your thoughts, feelings and ideas about events in your life with others. Read some interesting blogs written by others and privately share your own thoughts with your classmates. Learn valuable computer skills as you read and write.

Bunco: Bunco is a dice game totally based on luck. Start a conversation, make friends and interact with your peers while you enjoy a fun game.

Choir: Join the CLEAR choir and learn to blend your voice with others; come prepared to listen, learn and sing! The choir will perform a concert for their peers.

Computer Research Topics: Practice your computer skills as you research and write about topics of interest to you.

Dealing with Feelings: What do you do when you feel sad, anxious, bored, angry or embarrassed? Learn skills to cope with these and many other strong emotions.

History of Advertising: How do companies convince you to buy their products? We’ll learn about all types of commercials and advertising from print ads to computer pop-ups and even product placement in TV and movies.

Introduction to Academic Life: Focus on the skills you will need to be successful in a college academic class. This will include being on time, bringing needed materials as well as study skills and notetaking. Learn what supports the college offers to help you succeed.

Introduction to College Social Life: This course will focus on social opportunities at JCCC outside of the classroom. Explore opportunities to join clubs, attend sporting and social events and cover how to stay safe on campus. Tour the campus to find places to meet friends, dine and relax.

Life Hacks: Hints for Daily Living Skills: Life hacks are ideas for making everyday chores go faster and easier. Find hints online for cooking, shopping, studying and other daily living skills.

Movie Review: What types of movies are there and which ones appeal to you? Students will have the opportunity to discuss movie types, share a favorite clip or trailer, create a movie poster and discuss what professional reviewers look for in blockbuster hits.

Music Appreciation: Learn about great music and composers of all types of music, past and present.

Native American Culture: Study the customs, dress, art and culture of various tribes of Native American Indians.

Neighborhood Nature: Learn about the world around you and how to better enjoy the animals, plants and trees that live and grow nearby.

On My Own: An overview of things you need to know if you plan to be successful on your own: personal finance and budgeting, apartment living, leisure time, cooking, health and safety and more.

Our Lifespan: Birth to Adulthood: How do we grow and how does our life change as we age? We’ll cover everything from infancy to old age.

Personal Finance: Learn to set a budget, use a debit or credit card, read a pay stub, pay your bills and stretch your dollars.

Public Speaking: Learn how to gather information, organize your thoughts and share what you have learned with others. This is an important skill for school, work and life in general.

Reading Comprehension: Interact with text and learn vocabulary in fun new ways. You’ll read better, understand more and remember what you have read.

Science Experiments: Fascinating science experiments and hands-on activities are planned to help you learn about our natural world.

Self-Advocacy at College: How does college differ from high school and what do you need to know to be successful there? We’ll discuss different styles of learning and what accommodations can be provided to make your education successful.

Showing Kindness: Learn simple, fun and creative ways to show kindness to others.

Star Wars: From the original movie to the yet to be released Episode IX, learn the history and future of the franchise, watch and discuss portions of the movies, books and games.

Universal Job Skills: There are some skills which are essential for every job. Learning and practicing these skills will help you get and keep a job.

You Tube “How To’s”: Want to see how to make a scarf, fly a drone or bake a pizza? You can find demonstrations of how to do just about anything on YouTube.

All-In Club: Not a CLEAR class, this is a club for any JCCC student. The goal is to bring college life experiences to all students and promote understanding, advocacy and inclusion in campus activities.