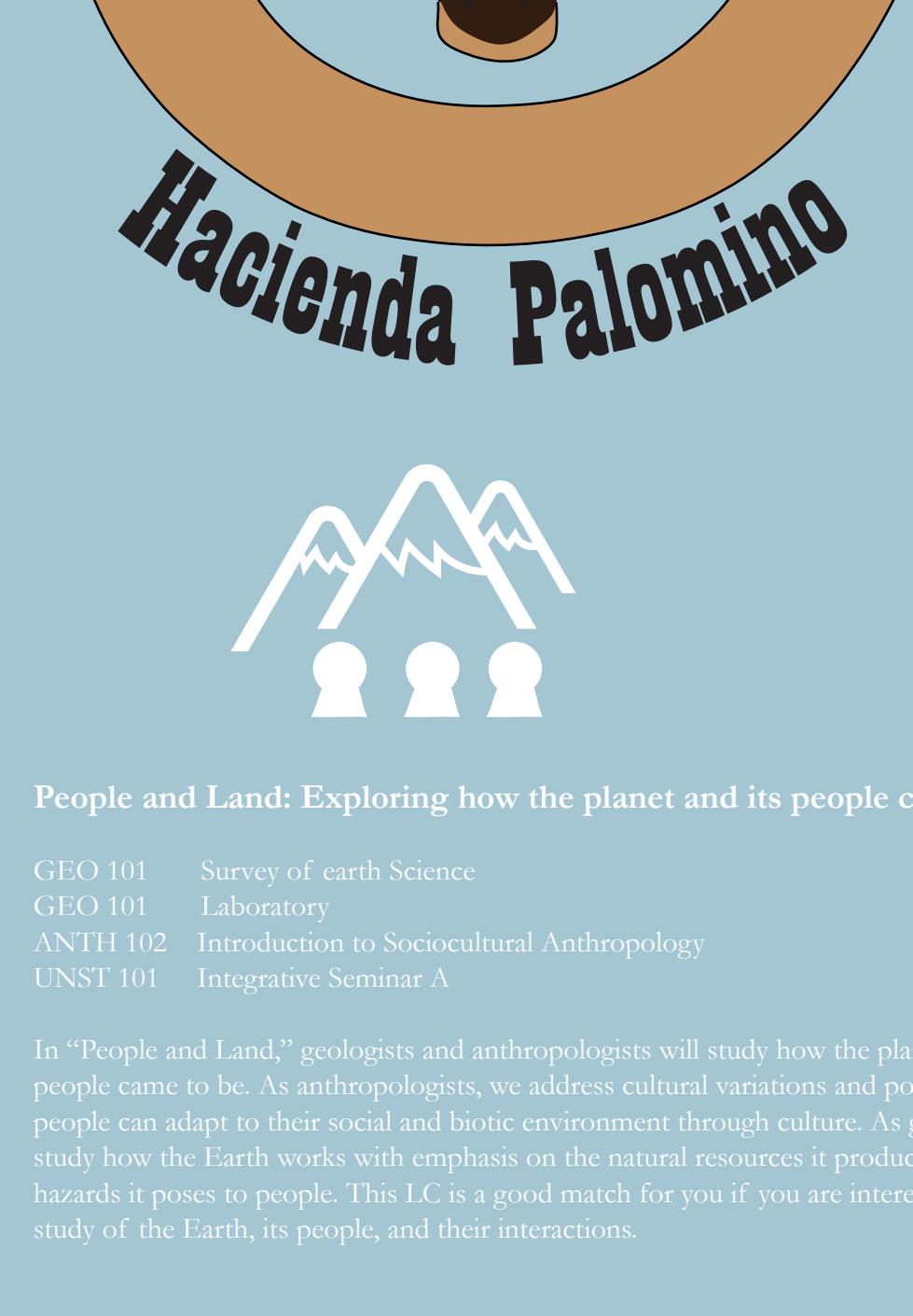


What are Highlands Haciendas?

Each LC is part of a “Highlands Hacienda,” a group of 4-5 LCs that share a common brand and goal to win the “First-Year Competitions.” This structure makes it easy to build relationships, enjoy your first year as Highlands Cowboys/ Cowgirls, and continue to make campus connections until you graduate!



People and Land: Exploring how the planet and its people came to be

GEO 101 Survey of Earth Science
GEO 105 Laboratory
ANTH 102 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
UNST 101 Integrative Seminar A

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Keeping the Books: Discovering profits and losses in business

ACCT 267 Principles of Financial Accounting
ENGL 111 Freshman Composition
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In “Keeping the Books,” we will encounter logical dilemmas and learn to make good decisions. As accountants, we deal with fraud and internal controls, safeguarding assets, bank reconciliations, what happens if we don’t pay our bills, and how to prepare financial statements. As writers, we analyze information and form logical arguments for better communication. This LC is a great match for you if you are interested in accounting, business – or simply want to learn how to manage your money.



Sociology of Language and Identity: Exploring the power of language

SOC 152 Introduction to Sociology
ENGL 111 Freshman Composition
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In “Sociology of Language and Identity,” we explore how the communities we live in shape how we speak and gain a sense of self. We learn to think critically about how issues of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, and social class impact our lives and influence how we communicate with others. As writers, we cavedrill on the chorus of voices all around us and use our own experiences to become stronger writers and thinkers. This Learning Community is a great match for you if you are interested in sociology, criminal justice, or the study of language.



Forces of Nature: Applying ecology & evolution to life experiences

BIO 211 General Biology I
BIO 211 Laboratory
ENGL 111 Freshman Composition
UNST 101 Integrative Seminar A

In “Forces of Nature,” we explore current events in evolution and ecology. We will investigate how climate change is affecting every aspect of life on earth, including the evolution of species. Through environmental query labs and outdoor field work, we will weave our own ecological story about the ecology of our world. This Learning Community is a good match for you if you are interested in biology, ecosystems, or working in a medical field.

Bridging Cultures: Learning language together

SPAN 101 Beginning Spanish
UNST 101 Integrative Seminar A

“Bridging Cultures” is a learning community that will regularly communicate via the web with students at the University of Puerto Rico, Recinto. As one of the most dynamic learning communities at the NMHU campus, students will enhance cultural learning in the Beginning Spanish courses combined with communication with students in the Basic English course at the University of Puerto Rico, Arecibo in which the students are learning English as a Second Language. This learning community is a good match for you if you are interested in culture studies, languages, learning Spanish, or Puerto Rican culture.

Social Workers: Standing for social justice and advocacy of others

SW 218 Intro to Social Work
NAHS 124 Intro to Native American/Hispanic Cultural Studies
UNST 101 Integrative Seminar A

In “Social Workers,” we will explore the evolution of social work and the impact this helping profession has made in the lives of people. We will also research deep cultural formations of communities and individual cultural identity construction, which is the foundation to the social work profession’s ability to help others learn to help themselves. We will focus on empowerment, advocacy, and support for the marginalized groups of NM and the greater southwest. Presenters from different helping professions will discuss with us their real-life experiences, and activities will emphasize the wide range and influence of cultural expression and artistry. This learning community will participate in off-campus field experiences with local social work agencies.

Hello World: You can code, an introduction to computer science & engineering

ENGL 115 Intro to Engineering
CS 144 Intro to Computer Science
CS 144 Laboratory
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Chew on This: The Science of Nutrition

NAHS 123 Nutrition for Exercise and Sport
BIO 131 Human Biology
BIO 131 Laboratory
UNST 101 Integrative Seminar A

In “Chew on This,” we will examine the relationship between human biological systems and nutrition. Students will study their eating patterns and analyze their food intake to determine whether or not they are meeting their nutritional goals and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. In addition, students will learn about current medical and science topics in human biology. Off-campus learning may include a field experience in Albuquerque or Santa Fe to participate in a nutrition seminar or exhibit. This learning community is a good match for you if you are interested in nutrition, health, exercise science, or human performance and sport.

Teachers for Tomorrow: Empowering the next generation of educational leaders

CNED 251 Introduction to Education
ENGL 111 Field Based I
ENGL 111 Freshman Composition
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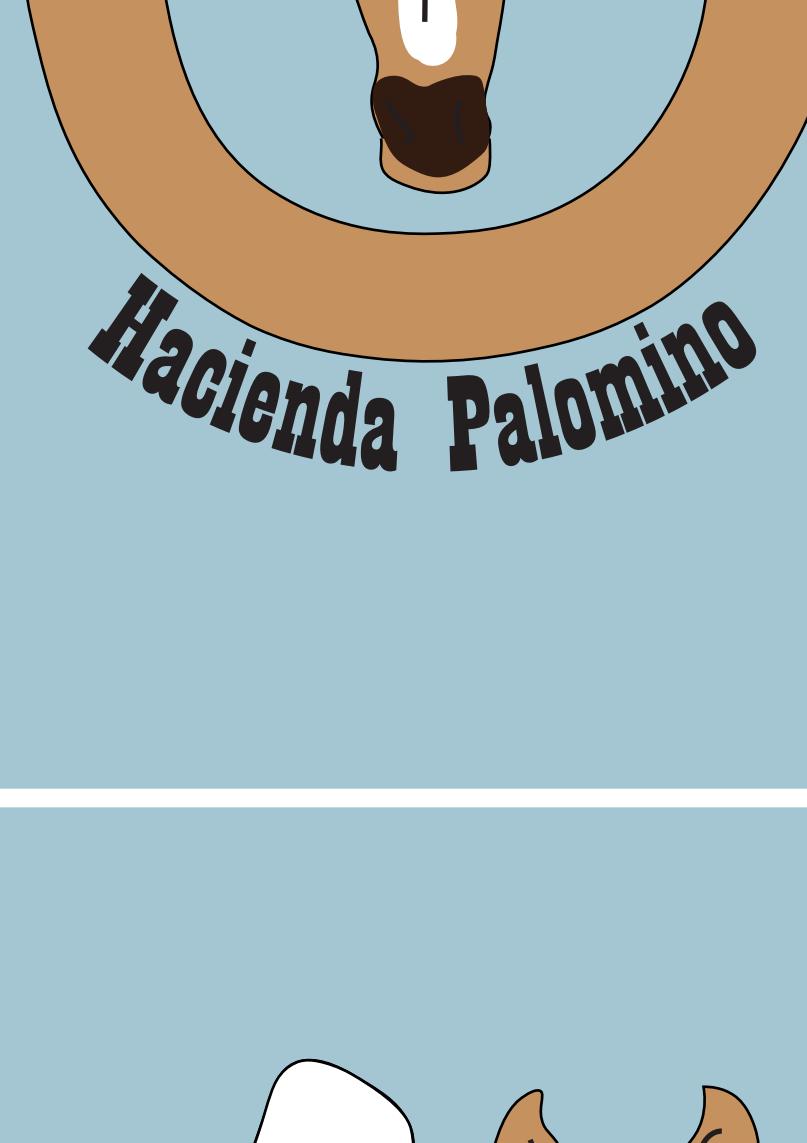
In “Teachers for Tomorrow,” we investigate the rewarding world of teaching by combining field-based observation of real classrooms, discussion of relevant issues in contemporary education, analysis of teacher and student narratives, and investigation of the role literacy plays in various academic disciplines. In this learning community, we use writing as a strategic tool for negotiating our emerging identities as educators and for engaging in academic conversations with specific audiences for particular purposes. “Teachers for Tomorrow” is a great match for you if you are interested in teaching and education. This learning community incorporates visits to classrooms at a variety of educational levels.

Pictures, Places, and Portraits: Written and visual narratives of American history

HIST 202 US History from 1865
ART 100 Intro to Art
UNST 101 Integrative Seminar A

In “Pictures, Places and Portraits,” we will consider American history through the lens of written and visual representations of central themes such as civil rights, industrialization, consumerism, globalization, war, censorship, and democratic capitalism. As historians, we engage the artifacts of the past to create an evolving narrative of our collective heritage, values, and identity. As artists, we create visual images and written media informed by the social and historical context of specific periods and imagine the experiences of an artist. This learning community is a great match for you if you are interested in the way history is imagined. As part of the learning community, we will visit one of the many collections of art and artifacts that connects Northern New Mexico’s history with its creative heritage.

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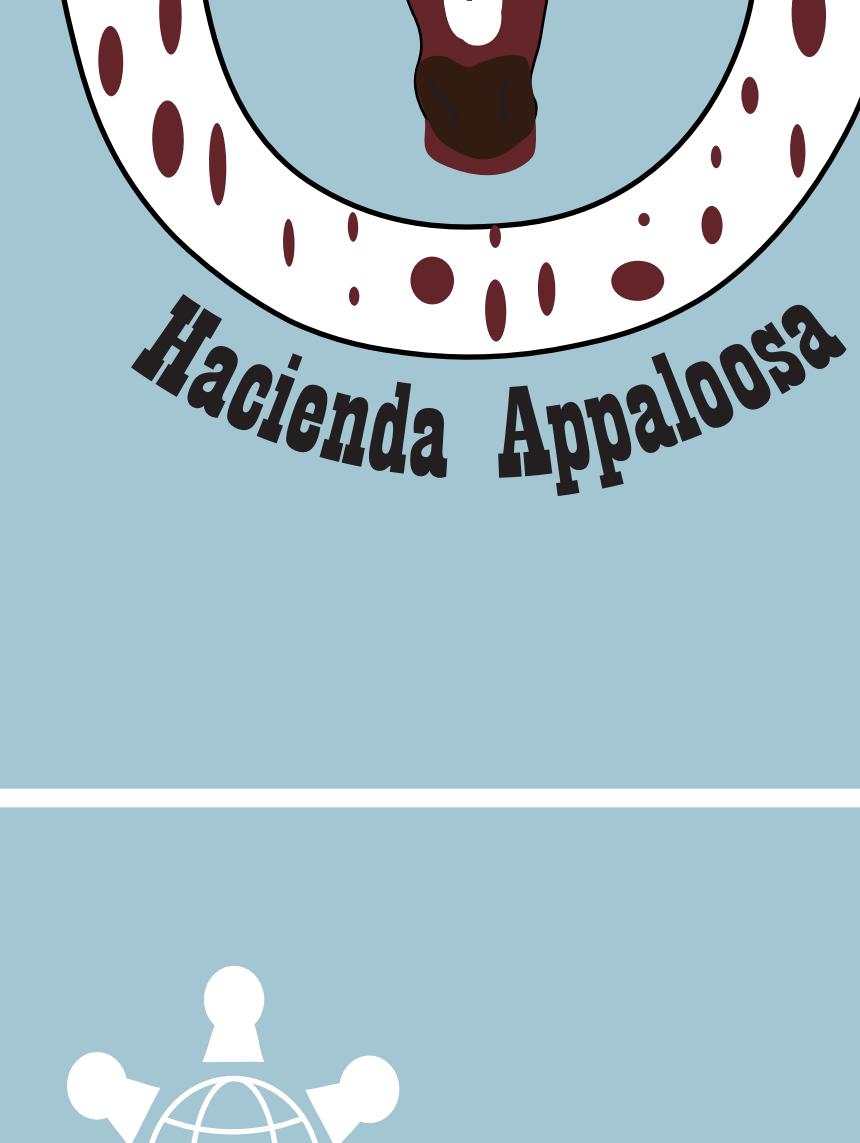
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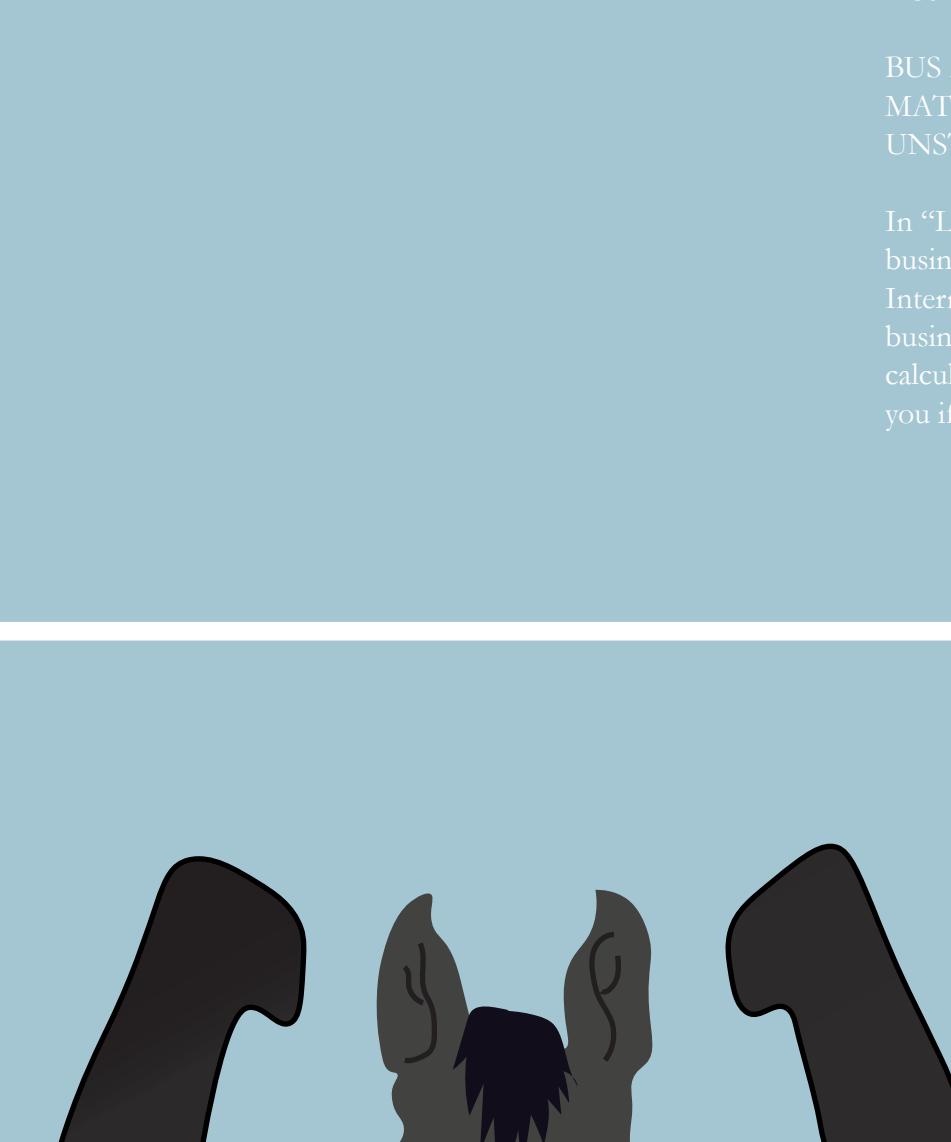
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Media, Poetry, and Visual Thinking: Exploring the poetics of visual thinking

ENGL 272 Introduction to Poetry
MART 243 Digital Photography
UNST 101 Integrative Seminar A

In “Media, Poetry, and Visual Thinking,” we study the relationship between visual media and how we transform our environments through photography and poetry. What happens when poetry becomes part of the self, our communities, and our world? You will keep a journal of visual and written media that captures vignettes of your life. Using tools such as Instagram, Vimeox, and Tumblr, you’ll learn how to do research and observation through images, text, sense, and perception. You’ll explore your curiosity and imagination, your life and aspirations. Techniques from poetry—such as simile, metaphor, and narrative vignettes—will guide your process of self-investigation. Through visual communication, we learn to see the poetics of the everyday. This learning community is a good match for you if you are interested in media arts, photography, or poetry.



Let's Excel in Business Analysis: Applying math to run a successful business

BUS 200 Business Analysis Methods
MATH 120 Intermediate Algebra
UNST 101 Integrative Seminar A

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Get with the Rhythm: The harmony of music and poetry

MUS 101 Rudiments of Music
ENGL 135 STE: Literature, Poetry, Lyrics
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In “Get with the Rhythm,” we explore the connections between music and poetry in terms of rhythm, voice, sound, and words. As students of music, we examine the fundamentals of music theory and form: rhythm, melody, and harmony. As students of literature, we develop our close reading and analytical strategies, focusing on the musical aspects of verse: rhyme, alliteration, and rhythmic patterns. As Learning Community students, we explore how the lyrics creates emotion in a harmonious relationship between words and music. This Learning Community is a good match for you if you are interested in music and literature. This learning community is a great match for you if you are interested in music, writing lyrics, or poetry.



Communities, Resilience, and Ecosystems: Exploring ecology for a better world

FOR 105 Humans and Ecosystems
FOR 105 Laboratory
ENGL 111 Freshman Composition
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In Search of the Extraordinary: Awakening true human potential

UNST 101 Integrative Seminar B

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Stranger than Fiction: Exploring the mind through literature and psychology

PSY 101 Psychology and Society
ENGL 101 Introduction to Fiction
UNST 101 Integrative Seminar A

In “Stranger than Fiction,” we study literature and psychology both explore human motivation, behavior, and experiences. The two fields use different approaches—art and science—but tackle many of the same questions about human nature, including what does it mean to be human, to what degree do biology and culture motivate our behavior, and how do we define and distinguish between what is normal or deviant? Throughout the semester, we will apply scientific knowledge from psychology to the analysis of literary works, and draw on insights from literature to gain a deeper understanding of psychological phenomena. This learning community is a good match for you if you are interested in psychology, fiction, literature, or English.



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