This module discusses Arts & Science Perspective at RIT. This presentation is for students in the Game Design & Development and New Media Interactive Development majors.
This module will provide you with an overview of Arts & Science perspectives at RIT, how to search for them, and other important information.
There are eight courses designed to introduce students to seven key areas of inquiry. The perspective courses introduce students to fundamentals of liberal arts and sciences discipline (methods, concepts, and theories) while addressing specific general education learning outcomes.

Check your program requirements first to see if you need to take any specific perspective course(s) or have to complete a minimum number of credits, see your academic advisor for any questions. This module will explain the perspectives in general and the requirements for students in the Game Design and Development and New Media Interactive Development programs.
Perspective 1 (ethical): Courses focus on ethical aspects of decision-making and argument, whether at the individual, group, national, or international level.

Perspective 2 (artistic): Courses focus on the analysis of forms of artistic expression in the context of the societies and cultures that produced and sustained them.

Perspective 3 (global): Courses in this category encourage students to see life from a perspective wider than their own and to understand the diversity of human cultures within an interconnected global society.

Perspective 4 (social): Courses focus on the analysis of human behavior within the context of social systems and institutions.
An Introduction to Perspectives

- **Perspective 5: Natural Science Inquiry**
  - Process of science inquiry
  - Game Design & Development students must take PHYS 111: College Physics for their Natural Science Inquiry perspective

- **Perspective 6: Scientific Principles**
  - Apply methods of scientific inquiry in the natural or social sciences

**Perspective 5 (natural science inquiry):** Science is more than a collection of facts and theories, so students are expected to understand and participate in the process of science inquiry. In these classes, students apply methods of scientific inquiry and problem solving in a laboratory or field experience. Please note that Game Design & Development students must take PHYS 111: College Physics for their Natural Science Inquiry Perspective

**Perspective 6 (scientific principles):** Courses focus on the foundational principles of a natural science or provide an opportunity to apply methods of scientific inquiry in the natural or social sciences. Courses may or may not include a laboratory experience.
Perspective 7A, 7B (mathematical): Courses focus on identifying and understanding the role that mathematics plays in the world.

Here you can see that we require two courses for the Mathematical Perspective – MATH 131, and MATH 185. All students in Game Design & Development and New Media Interactive Development are required to take these courses.
Log in to the Student Center in the Student Information System (SIS).
Once you’re in the Student Center,
Click the “search for classes” tab
Change the “Course Number” drop down to “Greater Than or Equal to” and enter the number “1” in the “Course Number Field”
Click the “Course Career” dropdown menu and select “undergraduate”
Check the “Show Open Classes Only” box
Under “additional search criteria” section:
Type PERS in the Course Attribute field
Click the magnifying glass by the Course Attribute Value field to bring up a list of all perspectives categories
Select the perspective you wish to search
Note: At the bottom of this screen, under Campus, you can filter out our global campuses by selecting “RIT Main”.

In the mode of instruction field, you can search for In Person courses or Online courses.

Click the “Search” button to display all scheduled open courses –to add a class to your shopping cart, click the “Select” button next to the class (some classes may have seats reserved till a certain date for students in a specific program - please contact the home department of the course, such as Liberal Arts, for any questions)
You can also use TigerCenter to find Arts & Science Perspective courses. You can access TigerCenter via the website tigercenter.rit.edu.
Hover over the toggle button and click “Search” then, click “Class Search”

In the class search type in the course number, course name, or course subject code – such as Comm for a communication class. Hit “search”. If a course fulfills a perspective, it will show it under the Attributes section of the course description. An example is listed here.
You can also use the advanced search function to find all perspective courses. In “advanced Search” check the “General Education – Perspectives Category” box and all of the Arts & Science Perspective categories will appear and will be able to be searched.
If you received Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or transfer credit, you’ll want to check your AAR in SIS to see where this credit has been articulated to. Any questions on the placement of this credit please see your academic advisor.

We like to suggest that you look over the different categories of Immersions ahead of time, and if you find one of interest to you, check to see if it has a prerequisite that may fulfill one of your Arts & Science perspectives. One example is the Economics Immersion. The prerequisite for that Immersion is either ECON-101 Principles of Microeconomics or ECON-101H Honors Principles of Microeconomics. One of those courses may fulfill your Global or Social Perspective.
Final Words

• Don’t forget that your academic advisor is here to help you with any questions or concerns you may have!

• Check out the IGM website for advisor contact information and availability!

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