

# New Collegiate Division

The New Collegiate Division offers a variety of interdisciplinary courses in addition to those particularly related to specific programs of study. One of the purposes of the division is to provide a forum for new ideas in teaching: certainly only one such forum among many in the College and the University, but for some teachers, and for some subjects cutting across familiar academic lines, the most convenient one. These courses are as a rule open to all students. Indeed, they usually aspire to attract students with different interests and backgrounds.

## Courses: New Collegiate Division (NCDV)

**21201. Human Impact on the Environment.** (=ENST 21201) The goal of this course is to analyze the impact of the human enterprise on the world that sustains it. Topics include human population dynamics, historical trends in human well-being, and our use of natural resources—especially in relation to the provision of energy, water, and food—and the impacts that these activities have on the range of goods and services provided by geological/ecological systems. We read and discuss diverse sources and write short weekly papers. *R. Keller. Autumn*

**27300. Is Development Sustainable?** (=BPRO 23400, ENST 24400, HIPS 23400, PBPL 24400) *PQ: Third- or fourth-year standing required; background in environmental issues not required.* This discussion course grapples with the “big problem” of sustainable development. We analyze problematical issues underlying population growth, resource use, environmental transformation, and the plight of developing nations through a consideration of economic, political, scientific, and cultural institutions and processes. *Spring.*

**27401. American Originals, Franklin/Lincoln.** (=FNDL 24401, LLSO 27401) *PQ: Third-or fourth-year standing, and consent of instructor.* We study readings from two American originals, Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln, with attention to their distinctive understandings of the worlds they inhabited, prudence and statesmanship, moral virtues and vices, the power and limits of language, and wit. *D. Hutchinson, R. Lerner. Autumn. Not offered 2010–11; will be offered 2011–12.*

**29700. Reading Course.** *PQ: Consent of faculty supervisor and program chairman. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Must be taken for a quality grade.* This course is designed for New Collegiate Division students whose program requirements are best met by study under a faculty member’s individual supervision. The subject, course of study, and requirements are arranged with the instructor. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

**29800. Reading Course.** *PQ: Consent of faculty supervisor and New Collegiate Division master. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Available for either quality grades or for P/F grading.* Students in divisions other than the New Collegiate Division may arrange a tutorial with

a member of the New Collegiate Division faculty. Registration for this course and information about the tutorial arrangement must be reported to the office of the New Collegiate Division master. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

**29900. Independent Study.** *PQ: Open only to New Collegiate Division students with consent of faculty supervisor and program chairman. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Must be taken for P/F grading. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*