

**WINE 125 Course Outline as of Fall 2020****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: WINE 125 Title: NAPA VALLEY

Full Title: Napa Valley Appellations

Last Reviewed: 10/13/2014

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	1.50	Lecture Scheduled	1.50	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	26.25
Minimum	1.50	Lab Scheduled	0	8	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	1.50		Contact Total	26.25
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 52.50

Total Student Learning Hours: 78.75

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

Minimum Age 18 or older

**Recommended Preparation:****Limits on Enrollment:**

Must be 18 years or older

**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit:

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:

<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify the Napa Valley appellations and describe the related geography and climate related to successfully grown grapes.
2. Critically evaluate and compare the sensory characteristics of the wines produced in Napa Valley appellations.

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**Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the appellations of the Napa Valley.
2. Describe the aspects of geography and climate that are critical to the success of the grapes grown in each of the appellations
3. Critically evaluate the various styles of wine produced in the Napa Valley.
4. Compare and contrast the sensory characteristics of appellation specific wines within the Napa Valley.

**Topics and Scope:**

- I. Napa Valley History and Evolution
- II. Principal wine growing regions of Napa Valley
  - A. Carneros
  - B. Stags Leap
  - C. Rutherford
  - D. Oakville
  - E. Howell Mountain
  - F. Mount Veeder
  - G. Spring Mountain
  - H. Diamond Mountain
- III. Other Napa appellations
- IV. Grapes that are grown successfully in each of Napa Valley's winegrowing regions
- V. Wine styles and characteristics produced in the areas studied

VI. Direct examination and evaluation of the sensory characteristics of:

- A. Sparkling wine
- B. Burgundian varietals
- C. Italian varietals and blends
- D. Rhone varietals and blends
- E. Bordeaux varietals and blends
- F. Dessert wines

VII. Napa wine label requirements

**Assignment:**

1. Eight reading and study assignments from texts and handouts.
2. Weekly wine tasting exercises.
3. Journal of wine tasting notes.
4. Written and oral group presentation on Napa Valley styles and regions.
5. One mid-term exam and one comprehensive final examination.

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Wine tasting notes.

Writing  
10 - 25%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Wine tasting exercises

Problem solving  
25 - 35%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations  
0 - 0%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, True/false, Completion, Short answer.

Exams  
20 - 30%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Group presentation

Other Category  
20 - 30%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

The World Atlas Of Wine, 7th edition, by Johnson and Robinson, 2013.  
Instructor prepared materials

