WINE 125 Course Outline as of Fall 2009

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:

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Recommended Preparation:

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Transfer Credit:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Effective: Inactive: **CSU GE: Transfer Area** Effective: Inactive:

IGETC: Transfer Area Inactive: Effective:

CSU Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

UC Transfer: Inactive: Effective:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and 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, 6th edition, by Johnson and Robinson, 2008. Instructor prepared materials