# WINE 125 Course Outline as of Spring 2015

### **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 | <b>Course Hours Total</b> |       |
|---------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 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:**

**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, 7th edition, by Johnson and Robinson, 2013. Instructor prepared materials