

Course Descriptions Appalachian Studies APAL

APAL 2120 Introduction to Appalachian Literature. This course is designed to	
introduce students to the literature, history, and culture of the southern Appalachian	
region. The course will examine cultural identity, sense of place, regional and racial	
identity of Appalachian people found in current as well as past forms of regional	
literature and scholarship. The course will examine different genres of literature such	
as travelogues, poetry, local color writing, manuscripts, and novels. The course may	
also incorporate sociological, economical, and religious examinations as well. The	
course is designed particularly for Pathways students seeking to fulfill a core	
literature requirement. Although listed in the APAL department, it will not satisfy	
the requirements for the APAL minor4	s.h.

APAL 3130 Introduction to Appalachian Music. This course is designed to broaden students' understanding of musical traditions of the southern Appalachian region. The course will examine the chronological history of music as an oral tradition in Appalachia, its origins, and its progression through modern times. The course will not be strictly limited to a particular type of music or oral tradition in the Appalachian region and will incorporate sociological, economical, and religious examinations of traditional music as well. The history and progression of traditional music from a communal, family entertainment to a consumer-fueled commodity for a mass-produced record industry will be discussed. The role of radio, its influence on traditional musicians, and its impact on southern culture will be addressed. Finally, the influence of 'agents of change' (railroads, rural postal service, and radio) and how these agents affected traditional musicians and their music will be discussed.

APAL 3140 Appalachian Religion. This course is designed to broaden students' understanding of the origins, history, and cultural ethos of southern Appalachian religion. The course will examine cultural origins of Appalachian religion and more importantly, how Appalachian religion is viewed today. The course will not be strictly limited to religious doctrine or creed, but will examine why certain belief systems developed

region, but also may integrate sociological, economical, and spiritual examinations
as well
APAL 3150 History of Appalachia. This course is designed to introduce students
to the history of the southern Appalachia and its inhabitants. The course will examine
the chronological history of Appalachia from the 17 th century to the modern era. The
course focuses on the social, cultural, and political history of the southern Appalachian
region. In addition to discussing and analyzing major events in the region's past, the
course investigates major trends and themes which are vital to an understanding of the
history of the region. The organization of the course is chronological, but within the
chronology the course examines specific topics (e.g. slavery, coal mining, & activist
movements)