
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MCNAIR SCHOLARS | UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC CATALOG | WESTMINSTER UNIVERSITY

MCNR 200 McNair Scholars Seminar 0 to 1 CREDITS

This class introduces students to high-impact graduate school preparation, and includes GRE preparation, library instruction, graduate application preparation, and information about publishing.

MCNR 301 Writing for Professional Research 2 CREDITS

Involvement in the McNair program shows your engagement not only with academic inquiry in general, but with a specific discipline. This course will give you the opportunity to reflect on and develop your writing within that discipline as you prepare for your summer research project. Our readings and class discussions will examine what it means to be part of a discipline, how scholars in various fields do their work, and how writing functions within your own field. Written assignments will involve a literacy narrative of your experience learning to write academically, a review of the scholarly literature you will draw on in your project, and the research proposal itself. You will also give and receive feedback on your writing in class workshops and receive feedback in individual draft conferences.

MCNR 311 Introduction to Research Methods I 2 CREDITS

For students preparing for their first McNair Summer Research Intensive, in which they will participate in a group research project. Students will develop a short list of projects for collaborative research. Class will also cover research ethics and human subjects.

MCNR 312 Introduction to Research Methods II 2 CREDITS

For students participating in the McNair sophomore group interdisciplinary research project. Students will develop a research proposal and prepare to present their research.

MCNR 411 Advanced Research Methods I 2 CREDITS

For students preparing for their final McNair Summer Research Intensive, in which they will conduct an individual research project. Students may work on discipline-specific research methods and tools.

MCNR 412 Advanced Research Methods II 2 CREDITS

For students participating in their final McNair Summer Research Intensive. Students will complete a research project and present it at the McNair Symposium.