



GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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GCC special summer courses include credits for FESTPAC

The 2016 Festival of the Pacific Arts happening on Guam from May 22 through June 4 is not only a celebration of Pacific cultures; it is also a way for GCC students to earn college credit. Students that enroll in a special Guam Community College FESTPAC session from May 18 – June 7 will earn three credit hours for each course taken. The four courses being offered each contain a service learning component that aligns with one or more of the five disciplines of FESTPAC: Traditional Arts, Demonstrations and Exhibitions; Literary Arts; Performing Arts; Forums, Workshops and Seminars; and Visual Arts.

“The faculty of the Criminal Justice & Social Science (CJSS) Department at GCC views FESTPAC as a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to fulfill student learning outcomes “beyond the classroom” through direct exposure and service learning participation at FESTPAC,” said J. Peter Roberto, chairman of the CJSS Department at GCC.

The four GCC courses being offered during this special FESTPAC session are: Pacific Cultures; Interpersonal Relations; Introduction to Community Services; and Social Values & Criminal Justice Process. The prerequisite for any of these courses is that the person enrolling must be a current GCC student.

Roberto says the classes have been scheduled for three-hour blocks Monday through Friday, to fulfill the accreditation 45 contact hour requirement. During first day of class, the students will be provided the course syllabus and go over student learning outcomes and course requirements. They will receive FESTPAC volunteer information and the name and location of their FESTPAC discipline site coordinator. Also, the students will be provided a rubric of what will be expected for their final paper and class presentation as a capstone project. The GCC course instructors will meet their students at the various discipline sites. The last two days of class will be conducted at GCC, where students and their instructor will discuss the learning experience they have gained as FESTPAC volunteers, and students will complete their final papers and presentations.

“This FESTPAC session is a great example of GCC’s transformative process to an institution that is focused on 100% student success,” Roberto noted. “It is a unique opportunity to offer our students first-hand service learning, bringing to life the very topics and readings discussed in class during a prestigious, cultural learning environment.”

Online registration on MyGCC (this FESTPAC session is offered to current GCC students ONLY) is open through May 8, 2016. For more information please contact J. Peter Roberto at the Office of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences at 735-5622.

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