FDLA 20101.06  
FOUNDATIONS IN LIBERAL ARTS: DEATH BY ZIP CODE  
Fall 2016 (201610) 12 week  
CRN: 1940  
Prerequisites: None  
INSTRUCTOR: Sally Missimi  
4 Credit Hours

**Course Description:** Death By Zip Code - Your address could at best allow you to live longer than your neighbor across town - or, it could kill you. Is a zip code just a set of 5 numbers for mail distribution or do those 5 numbers represent the state of your past, present, and/or future health. A person's zip code appears to be a greater predictor of health outcomes than a person's race, gender or genetic composition. During this class we will explore why a person's zip code may be at least as equal to or a better predictor of a person's health. Included in class presentations and research will be discussions of health equity, health disparities, health culture, social determinants of health and other factors influencing health outcomes. The Health Belief Model will be examined along with other theoretical models regarding health, health access, health compliance and health outcomes. All students will be expected to participate in one or more formal oral presentations along with writing 3 formal essays as well as a multi-sourced 8-10 page research paper.