Instructor: Brian Spector (bhs3@rice.edu), office hours by appointment.

Semester: Spring 2016

Class meeting time: Mondays 7:00 – 8:00 pm (Please note 4 exceptions below.)

Classroom: HUMA 118

Course Description: Companies are looking for candidates with the skills that Humanities students develop at Rice. This workshop provides an overview of how businesses work, which career prospects provide the most opportunity, and how to interview successfully.

Grading: Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory

Requirements: Regular attendance and full participation in the in-class activities. Some reading required for in-class activities. There are no formal writing assignments outside of class.

Please note: This course meets only 8 times. In addition to two Rice holidays on which there are no classes, there are no meetings during 5 additional weeks, including the last three weeks of classes. Also, 4 meetings will last 2 hours, rather than the usual 1 hour. I’m sorry if this is an inconvenience but there is no way to divide the content to carry over to the next class. We will double check these dates during the first class meeting.

Readings:

Read by February 15
"Expanding the Playing Field: Nike’s World Shoe Project." William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan (2002)

Read by March 7

All readings can be found on the COLL 217 Owlspace site under Resources.
Schedule of Class Meetings:

Week 3 – Monday, January 25
Course overview, short vignette exercise, Overview of Business

Week 4 – Monday, February 1
Overview of Business, continued

Week 5 – Monday, February 8
Numeracy

Week 6 – Monday, February 15 – MEET 7-9 PM TODAY
Case Study

Week 7 – Monday, February 22 – MEET 7-9 PM TODAY
Alumni panel on careers in business for humanities majors

Week 8 – Monday, February 29 – NO MEETING – SPRING BREAK

Week 9 – Monday, March 7 – MEET 7-9 P.M. TODAY OR WEEK 11
The Interviewing Process

Week 10 – Monday, March 14 – NO MEETING

Week 11 – Monday, March 21 – MEET 7-9 TODAY OR WEEK 9
The Interviewing Process, continued

Week 12 – Monday, March 28 – MEET 7-8:30 TODAY
Vignette exercise / Wrap up

Week 13 – Monday, April 4 – NO MEETING

Week 14 – Monday, April 11 – NO MEETING

Week 15 – Monday, April 18 – NO MEETING

Disability Policy: If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodation, please confer with me during the first week of class. All arrangements made will be confidential. If you have not already done so, you must contact Disability Support Services in the Allen Center.