WRITING SKILLS (WS)

The Writing Skills (WS) requirement is to improve student writing proficiency across disciplines. Students in these courses will receive guidance on structure, style, argumentation, and other significant aspects of writing throughout the semester. This may be achieved through brief assignments spaced over the semester, sequenced assignments leading to a longer final paper, etc. WS courses may also include multiple drafts, peer review, conferences or class discussions designed to improve writing skills. (A course with a single long paper due at the end of the semester, but with no required or structured means of addressing writing issues, would not be considered a writing skills course.)

The primary function of the WS designation is to indicate that the course will provide consistent and ongoing feedback on students' writing. Thus, the amount of writing should be substantial and well spaced, followed by timely evaluation and suggestions for improvement. Specifically, a WS course should require multiple assignments, each returned with comments which address writing problems and strategies, as appropriate. Because WS course instructors must pay attention to students' writing skills as well as to their mastery of the content of the course, WS courses have a maximum enrollment of 19.

All students are required to take TWO WS courses: one by the end of sophomore year and one by the end of junior year. Students will benefit most from WS courses by taking them early in their college careers and are strongly encouraged to complete the requirement by the end of sophomore year.

AFR 104 (S) Race and a Global War: Africa during World War II (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: AFR 104 HIST 104 GBST 104

Secondary Cross-listing

This course highlights African experiences of World War II. Although most histories have excluded Africa's role in the war, the continent and its people were at the center of major developments during in this global conflict. In fact, many Africans remember the Italian invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 as the start of the war. African servicemen fought alongside the Allied and Axis forces on major warfronts in Europe, Africa and Asia. African communities and individuals also established war charity campaigns to collect funds, which they sent to war ravaged societies in Europe. Indeed, African economies, despite their colonial statuses, kept European imperial nations afloat in their most hour of need. At the same time, African colonial subjects faced severe food shortages, the loss of working-age men to labor and military recruiters, and dramatically increased taxes. We will examine the impact of these and other wartime pressures on different African communities. How did African societies meet such challenges and how did they view the war? In this course we will examine the roles that women played during the war, and the various other ways that African communities met wartime demands. Other topics we will explore include the role of African women; colonial propaganda; political protest against the war; race and racial thought in the wartime era; war crimes; African American support for the liberation of Ethiopia; and the war's impact on decolonization across the continent. We will further study how Africans and outsiders have differently conceptualized the continent's role in the war by analyzing a variety of sources, including scholarly writings, archival materials, films, former soldiers' biographies, and propaganda posters.

Requirements/Evaluation: active participation in discussion, map quiz, 2 reading responses, and 3 essays (of about 5 pages)

Prerequisites: first-year or sophomore standing; juniors or seniors with permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 19

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AFR 104 (D2) HIST 104 (D2) GBST 104 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write two 3-5-page essays each written in two drafts with instructor comments. They will also write an 8-12-page research paper with required submission of a proposed topic, an annotated bibliography, an outline, and a draft before the final paper itself. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course explores the colonial relationship during a major global crisis. Students will examine existing narratives of African contributions to the war and to come up with their own interpretations, and will be called to critically engage the question of why and how colonies made significant contributions to the Allied cause by producing needed materials and resources or by joining the fight. Africans made these contributions spite of various and complex inequities.
AFR 158  (S)  North of Jim Crow, South of Freedom (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: HIST 158  AFR 158
Secondary Cross-listing

This course analyzes the freedom struggle in the North during the twentieth century. Whereas black northerners drew from broader campaigns and traditions of black resistance, we will explore territorial distinctions in the region that otherwise have been flattened within the long history of civil rights discourse. To accomplish this aim, we will engage the following themes: black culture and radicalism; community formation and residential segregation; demographic and migratory transitions; deindustrialization and the war; gender and respectability politics; labor tensions and civil rights unionism; northern racial liberalism; and the influence of world affairs--all with an eye toward scrutinizing the freedom struggle in its northern variety.

Requirements/Evaluation: Students are expected to participate actively and will write three short essays (3-4 pages), all of which will be letter-graded and returned with comments. In addition, students will write a final research paper (8-10 pages) in consultation with the instructor and will be required to submit a topic proposal.

Prerequisites: first-year or sophomore standing; juniors or seniors with permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students and then sophomores who have not previously taken a 100-level seminar. If the course is overenrolled, students with junior and/or senior status will be removed automatically. Other students will complete a questionnaire.

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2)  (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 158 (D2)  AFR 158 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write three short essays (3-4 pages), all of which will be letter-graded and returned with comments. In addition, students will write a final research paper (10-12 pages) in consultation with the instructor and will be required to submit a topic proposal and outline, an annotated bibliography, and a peer-reviewed draft of the final paper. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course analyzes the long black freedom struggle in the North during the twentieth century. It examines black northerners' efforts to achieve citizenship and equality as well as their challenges and involvements with northern racial liberalism. It offers students the opportunity to think critically about how black resistance campaigns emerged and evolved as discriminatory racial practices persisted in spite of legal and legislative remedies.

Attributes:  HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada  JLST Interdepartmental Electives

AFR 159  (F)  Crossing the Color Line: A History of Passing (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: AFR 159  HIST 159
Secondary Cross-listing

In June 2015, Rachel Dolezal emerged as a media spectacle and the subject of national scrutiny after her white parents stated publicly that Dolezal is a white woman passing as black. Their insistence that Dolezal is white came in the wake of her reports to local news media and police that she had been the victim of several hate crimes. To critics, Dolezal is a fraud who has committed cultural appropriation. Yet, for her supporters, Dolezal's racial identification as a black woman is authentic and indisputable, since race is not based on biology but rather is a social construction. For both groups as well as impartial observers, many wondered curiously why a white woman had chosen to pass as black, especially given that historically it has been African Americans who opted to become white. Inspired by the controversy surrounding Dolezal, this tutorial will explore the history of passing in the
United States. Whereas our attention will primarily be focused on black-to-white passing, we will expand our understandings of passing by emphasizing the variety of ways that identities have been shaped through the crossing of boundaries—class, ethnic, gender, intellectual, political, religious, and sexual. To accomplish our goals, we will read and cross-examine fictional and nonfictional as well as primary and secondary historical accounts of boundary-crossers. We will also screen several films that engage the theme of passing.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Weekly formal response papers and written critiques.

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** First and second-year students will be prioritized, followed by history majors. Should the course be overenrolled, students will be asked to complete an enrollment questionnaire.

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AFR 159 (D2) HIST 159 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will be required to complete formal writing assignments each week, alternating between response papers (4 pages) and written critiques (2-pages) of their peers' work. Students will receive substantial feedback on their writing skills, with verbal and written suggestions for improvement. Students also will receive feedback from their tutorial partners.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** Narratives of racial passing provocatively raise questions about the construction, logics, reinforcement, and subversion of racial categories and identities. Tutorial students will have the opportunity to deconstruct the meanings of race and identity in addition to thinking culturally, historically, and ontologically about the implications and value of these constructs. In essence, we will theorize racial identity, reconsidering, if not challenging, its stable notions of identity intelligibility.

**Attributes:** HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada

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**AFR 329 (S) Marxist Feminisms: Race, Performance, and Labor (DPE) (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** THEA 402 WGSS 402 AMST 402 AFR 329

**Secondary Cross-listing**

This seminar provides an overview of queer, women of color feminist, decolonial, and critical ethnic studies critiques of orthodox Marxism. Beginning with core texts from the tradition, we will examine a range of forms of labor and social positions that complicate Marx's emphasis on the white male industrial factory worker. In the first part of the seminar, we will study seminal texts that center reproduction, racial slavery, care and domestic work, indentured servitude, sex work, and migrant labor, and in the second half, we will turn to an array of practices that respond to and offer strategies to survive under racial capitalism. This seminar will equip students with critical understandings of the ways racial capitalism has centrally relied on the mass elimination, capture, and recruitment of different racialized and gendered bodies in and beyond the U.S. and how, through performance, the capitalist system of value and life under these conditions can be undone and reimagined.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** in-class discussion, short weekly posts, class presentation, final project

**Prerequisites:** previous coursework in AMST, WGSS, AFR, THEA, or LATS

**Enrollment Limit:** 12

**Enrollment Preferences:** senior AMST majors; juniors or seniors with previous experience in AMST, WGSS, AFR, and THEA

**Expected Class Size:** 12

**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

THEA 402 (D1) WGSS 402 (D2) AMST 402 (D2) AFR 329 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will present on and submit a 5-8 pg paper that rigorously analyzes and expands on a keyword. They will receive detailed feedback from me and one other student regarding grammar, structure, style, and argument. Using written and classroom feedback, students
will then revise and resubmit their keyword papers to add to our final classroom keyword toolbox. For the final assignment, students will have the option to write a 8-10 page final research paper or manifesto.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** This course satisfies the DPE requirement as it explores difference, power, and equity by asking how racial, gendered, sexual, and class differences are produced, whose voices are centered and whose are excluded, and what forms of labor is valued over other forms.

**Attributes:** WGSS Theory Courses

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01   W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm   Kelly I. Chung

**AFR 367  (F)  Black History Is Labor History  (DPE) (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** AFR 367  HIST 367

**Secondary Cross-listing**

This seminar explores labor history in relation to black people, spanning the colonial period to the early twenty-first century. It racializes the history of work by tracing the long story of black labor in the U.S. from the plantation to the plant. Whereas the bulk of the course will analyze black labor and labor movements in the twentieth century, specifically focusing on the push for economic inclusion and mobility amid employment, societal and union-related racial discrimination, we will examine what involuntary black labor meant in the context of slavery and the construction of a capitalist economy. Likewise, we will devote attention to black workers with regard to such topics as antunionism, deindustrialization, economic inequality, Fordism, informal economies, Jim and Jane Crow, labor radicalism and violence, New Deal and welfare, the rise of civil rights unionism, and slavery and capitalism, among other themes.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Students are expected to participate actively and will write two comparative essays (5-7 and 6-8 pages) and two primary source analyses (1-2 pages), all of which will be letter-graded and returned with comments. In addition, students will write a final research paper (10-12 pages) in consultation with the instructor and will be required to submit a topic proposal and outline, an annotated bibliography, and a peer-reviewed draft of the final paper.

**Prerequisites:** Recommended for students with sophomore standing or above and first-year students who both have taken a 200-level history course and have received instructor permission to enroll into the course.

**Enrollment Limit:** 25

**Enrollment Preferences:** HIST and AFR majors followed by students with sophomore, junior, or senior standing. If the course is overenrolled, students will be given a questionnaire and only first-year students who have completed a 200-level history course will be enrolled.

**Expected Class Size:** 20

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2)  (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AFR 367 (D2) HIST 367 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will be required to write two comparative essays (5-7 and 6-8 pages) and two primary source analyses (1-2 pages), all of which will be letter-graded and returned with comments. In addition, students will write a final research paper (10-12 pages). Throughout the semester, these writing assignments will total roughly 22-30 pages. Students can expect to have line-edited feedback on their papers with substantial and timely, writing-related suggestions for improvement.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** This course racializes the study of labor history, focusing on black people and their experiences in the United States from the plantation to the plant. It challenges students to confront and to redefine what it means to labor, grasping how slavery, segregation, and systemic inequalities amid black people's pursuit of citizenship, equality, and freedom have shaped their economic, political, and social conditions and identities.

**Attributes:** HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01   MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm   Tyran K. Steward
AFR 369  (S)  African Art and the Western Museum  (DPE)  (WS)

Cross-listings:  AFR 369  ARTH 308

Secondary Cross-listing

This tutorial provides a focused study of the issues associated with the exhibition of African objects within Western institutions from the formative period of the practice in the early 19th century to the modern era. Covering topics ranging from early collection and display methodologies to exhibition-based practice in the current digital era, this tutorial will provide an opportunity for robust discussion about the interactions that have occurred between the arts of Africa and the Western museum over the lengthy history of their engagement. Students will investigate the nature of the cross-cultural dialogues taking place and the politics of display at work in regional museum spaces that display African art towards fleshing out how exhibitions function through the strategic organization and display of objects. Further, students will explore how the dialogues created between objects, individuals, and space often speak to the voices and agendas that collide, collaborate, and even compete with each other within the environment of the museum.

Requirements/Evaluation: Targeted bi-monthly writing assignments (3-5 pages in length) and bi-monthly peer response paper (1 page in length)

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Art History and African Studies Majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions:  (D2)  (DPE)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AFR 369 (D2)  ARTH 308 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Targeted bi-monthly writing assignments (3-5 pages in length) and bi-monthly peer response paper (1 page in length). Students can expect to receive timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement from the instructor.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course explores issues of agency, authenticity, and appropriation as it applies to African artifacts displayed within the contexts of Western art museums. Through discussions of cultural capital, rights of seeing, and the politics of representation, students will analyze how the meaning of "African art" has been largely dictated by a Western museum culture and how this hegemony is currently being disrupted through strategic exhibition and display practices and narratives.

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1  TBA  Michelle M. Apotsos

AFR 381  (F)  Media and Society in Africa  (DPE)  (WS)

Cross-listings:  HIST 480  GBST 480  AFR 381

Secondary Cross-listing

The Media have long played important roles in African societies. As early as the second half of the 19th century, African intellectuals were using print technology to address the people. As radio technology was in its infancy during the first half of the twentieth century, Africans were gathering around re-diffusion stations and later around single receivers to listen to news and entertainment programing. In this tutorial, we will examine these histories of media and media technologies on the continent. Ultimately, we will explore the roles that media played in serving particular community needs and how communities also adapted new media technologies to fit local conditions. Media content has historically been determined based on standards beyond viewers', readers' and listeners' control. We will examine the influences that editors and political leaders on the continent have exerted on content as well as what forces they responded to. We will also further explore the media's role in major events on the continent, from governmental changes to the ending of apartheid in South Africa and the role that media have played in areas of conflict.

Requirements/Evaluation: Students will be evaluated based on a series of 5-7-page tutorial response papers and 2-page critiques, as well as preparedness for and performance in weekly tutorial discussions.

Prerequisites: This course open to all students

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Preference will be given to history majors and students with prior experience with African history. If the course is over-enrolled, students may be asked to complete a questionnaire to determine enrollment.
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 480 (D2) GBST 480 (D2) AFR 381 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will alternate weekly between writing 5-7-page tutorial papers and 2-page critiques of their peers' writing. Formal writing assignments throughout the semester will total at least 40 pages. Students will receive regular feedback and critiques - both oral and written - from the professor, as well as oral critiques from tutorial partners.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Modern media developed in Africa as means of control and cultivating dutiful colonial subjects. However, media then emerged as sites of contestation and even tools with which colonial subjects challenged colonial rule. They have continued to be revealing sites for issues of gender, race, class, and ethnicity. As such, this course immensely explores diversity, power and equity and how these all-important societal concerns are expressed through the media in Africa.

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Benjamin Twagira

AMST 113 (F) The Feminist Poetry Movement (DPE) (WS)
Cross-listings: ENGL 113 AMST 113 WGSS 113

Secondary Cross-listing
Feminist poetry and feminist politics were so integrated in the 1960s and 1970s in America that critical essays on poets, such as Adrienne Rich and Audre Lorde, appeared in the same handbook that listed such resources for women as rape crisis centers and health clinics. This course will map the crucial alliance between feminist politics (and its major cultural and political gains) and the feminist poetry movement that became a major "tool" for building, organizing, and theorizing second-wave feminism. In order to track this political and poetic revolution, we will take an interdisciplinary approach that brings together historical, critical, and literary documents (including archival ones) and visual products (through the Object Lab of the Williams College Art Museum) that recreate the rich context of the period and help us consider the important social nature of aesthetic production. At the center of the course will be writings of major poets of the period, as well as anthologies and feminist periodicals that published their work and created a significant forum and shared space for women to articulate the politics and poetics of change. These periodicals and anthologies will also help us track the diversity of the feminist poetry movement and its intersection with issues of race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality. Ultimately, we will want to consider how poetry serves as an important tool for thinking through questions of power and injustice and what role it plays in creating necessary imaginative space in the world for expression, critique, and change.

Class Format: discussion, some lecture, project work in archives and art gallery
Requirements/Evaluation: two-three short analysis papers, creative (1-2 pages), discussion posts, curated final project (archival exhibit and digital project), presentations
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: first years
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ENGL 113 (D1) AMST 113 (D2) WGSS 113 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Writing skills taught through a series of assignments evenly spaced throughout the semester: weekly p/f discussion posts, three four-to-five-page graded papers, one creative assignment, and a final digital research project (10-page equivalent; peer reviewed). Students receive critical feedback on written assignments a week prior to due date through conferences and Google Docs and on final graded assignments within one week with sufficient time between assignments to improve the next assignment.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The course examines the effects of class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality on both poetry and the movement and how women negotiated their differences within the movement, as well as in response to the dominant patriarchal culture. This course employs critical tools (feminist theory, archival research, poetics, close reading, comparative approaches) to help students question and articulate the
social injustices that led to the poetry and poetics of the Women's Liberation Movement.

**Attributes:** AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives  ENGL Criticism Courses  EXPE Experiential Education Courses  WGSS Racial Sexual + Cultural Diversity Courses  WGSS Theory Courses

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**Fall 2022**

**SEM Section:** 01  **TR 8:30 am - 9:45 am**  Bethany Hicok

**AMST 252  (S)  Im/mobilities**  (DPE)  (WS)

**Cross-listings:** AMST 252  SOC 252

**Secondary Cross-listing**

We think of the freedom to move as a mark of privilege. In the United States, passing a driving test, owning a car, and getting a passport are milestones that signal modernity and freedom. Likewise, we think of restrictions on movement as the domain of the underprivileged, such as the current and formerly incarcerated. But as the Covid-19 pandemic reveals, there have always been two sides to immobility: privileged as well as involuntary immobility. There are correspondingly two sides to mobility: those who move because they want to and others because they have no choice. In this class, students will explore conceptions of mobility as adventurous, free, and modern (as with jet-setting international elites). They will compare and contrast when mobility can be threatening, exclusionary, and limited (as recognized by the Black Lives Matter movement). This class invites students to interpret their environment through the lens of mobility and inequality in the time of coronavirus. Drawing on sociology, anthropology, cultural studies, geography, and migration studies, this interdisciplinary course offers a beginning conversation on the causes and consequences of the freedom to move—or to stay still.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Thoughtful and consistent class participation, several short reflection papers, two drafts of an opinion essay, class presentation

**Prerequisites:** None

**Enrollment Limit:** 15

**Enrollment Preferences:** Given to first-year students and sophomores

**Expected Class Size:** 15

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:**  (D2)  (DPE)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AMST 252  (D2) SOC 252  (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Emphasis on the processes of writing and revising, several short papers on which students will receive close feedback, and drafts of a final paper

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** This course explores a politics of im/mobilities: how we move through space through different bodies at the intersection of race, class, gender, ability, and citizenship. Students will use their own bodies as research sites for deepening their understanding of how we navigate the freedom to move or stay still.

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**Spring 2023**

**SEM Section:** 01  **MWF 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**  Phi H. Su

**AMST 308  (S)  The Impact of Black Panther Party Intellectuals on Political Theory**  (DPE)  (WS)

**Cross-listings:** LEAD 319  PSCI 376  INTR 320  AMST 308

**Secondary Cross-listing**

This seminar examines the historical and contemporary impact of the Black Panther Party—and key allies such as Angela Davis—on political theory. Texts include: narratives from 1966-2016; memoirs; political critiques; theoretical analyses; interviews; speeches; government documents. The seminar will examine: original source materials; academic/popular interpretations and representations of the BPP; hagiography; iconography; political rebellion, political theory. Readings: Liberation, Imagination and the Black Panther Party; Soledad Brother: The Prison Writings of George Jackson; Mao's Little Red Book; The Communist Manifesto; Still Black, Still Strong; Imprisoned Intellectuals; Comrade Sisters: Women in the Black Panther Party.
Requirements/Evaluation: Requirements: students attend each seminar class and come prepared to discuss the readings; participate in discussions; present a collective analysis with Q/A for the seminar; submit a mid-term paper and a final paper or a group project.

Prerequisites: None.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Juniors and Seniors with previous courses taken in Africana Studies, American Studies, Political Science, Philosophy.

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
LEAD 319 (D2) PSCI 376 (D2) INTR 320 (D2) AMST 308 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: An analytical outline of collective presentation; a mid-term paper and a final paper.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The course focuses on African Americans and political resistance to racism and capitalism, as well as support for impoverished, under-resourced communities grappling with police violence.

Attributes: AFR Core Electives AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives PHIL Contemporary Value Theory Courses PSCI Political Theory Courses

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 M 7:00 pm - 9:40 pm Joy A. James

AMST 333 (S) An American Family and "Reality" Television (WS)

Cross-listings: ARTH 310 WGSS 312 AMST 333

Secondary Cross-listing

An American Family was a popular documentary series that featured the Loud family from Santa Barbara, California, whose everyday lives were broadcast on national television. The series generated an enormous amount of media attention, commentary, and controversy when it premiered on PBS in 1973. Today, it is regarded as the origin of so-called "Reality TV." In addition to challenging standard rules for television programming, the show challenged social conventions and asked viewers to think seriously about family relations, sexuality, domesticity, and the "American dream." Documenting the family's life over the course of eight months, the series chronicled the dissolution of the Louds' marriage and broadcast the "coming out" of eldest son Lance Loud, the first star of reality television. In this class, we will view the An American Family series in its entirety, research the program's historical reception, and analyze its influence on broadcast and film media, particularly on "reality" television. A final 14- to 18-page research paper will be prepared in stages, including a 6- to 8-page midterm essay that will be revised and expanded over the course of the semester.

Requirements/Evaluation: class presentations, research assignments and annotated bibliographies, and final 14- to 18-page research paper.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 14

Enrollment Preferences: junior Art majors, followed by senior majors

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ARTH 310 (D1) WGSS 312 (D2) AMST 333 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: There will be considerable focus on writing and peer-editing as a means of shaping critical thinking. We will treat writing as a process; revision is built into the syllabus. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: AMST Arts in Context Electives ARTH post-1800 Courses FMST Core Courses

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 Cancelled
AMST 366 (F) Music in Asian American History (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: MUS 316 AMST 366

Secondary Cross-listing

Is "Asian American music" all music made by Asian Americans, music by Asian Americans specifically drawing on Asian heritage, or music engaging with Asian American issues? This course embraces all three definitions and the full diversity of Asian American musical experience. We will study the historical soundscapes of immigrant communities (Chinese opera in North America; Southeast Asian war refugees) and how specific traumatic political events shaped musical life (Japanese American internment camps). We will encounter works by major classical composers (Chou Wen-Chung; Chen Yi; Tan Dun; Bright Sheng) and will investigate the careers and reception of prominent classical musicians (Midori; Seiji Ozawa; Yo-Yo Ma). Afro-Asian fusions, inspired by civil rights protest movements, manifested in jazz (Jon Jang; Fred Ho; Anthony Brown; Hiroshima; Vijay Iyer) and hip hop (MC Jin; Awkwafina; Desi rappers). Asian Americans have been active in popular music at home and abroad (Don Ho; Yoko Ono; Wang Lee Hom; Mitski). Finally, we will investigate communal forms of Asian American music making that have crossed racialized and gendered boundaries (taiko drumming; Indonesian gamelan; belly dance; Suzuki method). This seminar is designed to develop research skills, as we pursue original fieldwork, archival research, and oral history interviews.

Requirements/Evaluation: Active class participation; two short papers (5-6 pp.) and a research term paper (12-15 pp.).

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Students with curricular experience in Asian American history or music studies.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

MUS 316 (D1) AMST 366 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write three papers during the semester: two 5-6 page papers and a 12-15 page research paper, written in stages. Students will receive detailed comments on each paper and at each stage of the research paper process, allowing them to build upon those comments in subsequent writing assignments.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Political and cultural forces of exclusion not only determined Asian American musical participation in American music history but have shaped Asian American styles of music. We will study the history of Asian American political struggles as they have intersected with music and how Asian Americans have at certain points sought allegiance through music with other marginalized groups. We will explore as well popular media representations of Asian American musicians revealing race-based assumptions.

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SEM Section: 01 W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm W. Anthony Sheppard

AMST 402 (S) Marxist Feminisms: Race, Performance, and Labor (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: THEA 402 WGSS 402 AMST 402 AFR 329

Primary Cross-listing

This seminar provides an overview of queer, women of color feminist, decolonial, and critical ethnic studies critiques of orthodox Marxism. Beginning with core texts from the tradition, we will examine a range of forms of labor and social positions that complicate Marx's emphasis on the white male industrial factory worker. In the first part of the seminar, we will study seminal texts that center reproduction, racial slavery, care and domestic work, indentured servitude, sex work, and migrant labor, and in the second half, we will turn to an array of practices that respond to and offer strategies to survive under racial capitalism. This seminar will equip students with critical understandings of the ways racial capitalism has centrally relied on the mass elimination, capture, and recruitment of different racialized and gendered bodies in and beyond the U.S. and how, through performance, the capitalist system of value and life under these conditions can be undone and reimagined.

Requirements/Evaluation: in-class discussion, short weekly posts, class presentation, final project

Prerequisites: previous coursework in AMST, WGSS, AFR, THEA, or LATS

Enrollment Limit: 12
Enrollment Preferences: senior AMST majors; juniors or seniors with previous experience in AMST, WGSS, AFR, and THEA

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
THEA 402 (D1) WGSS 402 (D2) AMST 402 (D2) AFR 329 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will present on and submit a 5-8 pg paper that rigorously analyzes and expands on a keyword. They will receive detailed feedback from me and one other student regarding grammar, structure, style, and argument. Using written and classroom feedback, students will then revise and resubmit their keyword papers to add to our final classroom keyword toolbox. For the final assignment, students will have the option to write a 8-10 page final research paper or manifesto.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course satisfies the DPE requirement as it explores difference, power, and equity by asking how racial, gendered, sexual, and class differences are produced, whose voices are centered and whose are excluded, and what forms of labor is valued over other forms.

Attributes: WGSS Theory Courses

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm     Kelly I. Chung

AMST 407 (S) Colonialism and Critical Theory  (DPE) (WS)
French philosopher Michel Foucault argued that "racism first develops with colonization, or in other words, with colonizing genocide." Many prominent philosophers have developed intellectual tools that can help us better understand the ongoing colonialisms that impact our world. At the same time, many of these same theorists—Foucault included—are criticized for failing to pay adequate attention to the colonialism that shaped their historical moments. Taking this paradox as our jumping-off point, this course will examine prominent philosophical and theoretical texts and assess their utility for understanding processes of colonialism, imperialism, and militarism. We will also explore how the interventions of Postcolonial Theory and Critical Indigenous Theory highlight gaps in prominent theories of political-economy, ideology, biopower, race, gender, sexuality, and more. How do ideas like orientalism, settler-colonialism, sovereignty, or decolonization challenge the traditional "canon" of critical theory? How do intellectual ideas evolve over time, and how can we use these tools to make sense of a complex world too-often organized around fundamental inequalities? In our class meetings students will develop the reading and discussion practices necessary to parse dense theoretical texts, and practice deploying theoretical concepts to better understand complex philosophical, ethical, and political questions.

Requirements/Evaluation: Assignments will include participatory discussion, weekly responses to assigned readings, a midterm essay exam, and a final paper.

Prerequisites: Introductory course in American Studies, History, Native and Indigenous Studies, English, or Philosophy; or some prior coursework on colonialism, postcolonial theory, or critical theory

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: AMST senior major, but anyone with upper-level humanities training welcome

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: This course will develop student writing skills through short reading-response papers and smaller "low stakes" writing assignments, combined with a semester-long project that will break the research and writing process into manageable components, including revision and peer review.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course explores the intersections of race, gender, sexuality, class, and other social structures often organized around inequality. Students will develop tools to analyze how power shapes the differences produced by colonialism and similar historical processes.

Attributes: AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives AMST 400-level Senior Seminars

Spring 2023
AMST 490 (S) The Suburbs (WS)
Cross-listings: AMST 490 ENVI 491 HIST 491

Secondary Cross-listing
The suburbs transformed the United States. At the broadest level, they profoundly altered spatial residential geography (especially in terms of race), consumer expectations and behavior, governmental policies, cultural norms and assumptions, societal connections, and Americans’ relationship to nature. More specifically, the different waves of post-World War II suburban development have both reflected large-scale shifts in how power and money have operated in the American political economy; and set in motion deep-seated changes in electoral politics, in Americans’ understandings of how their income should be used, and in how the built landscape should be re-imagined. This tutorial will explore the rich historical literature that has emerged over the last twenty years to provide students with a history of the suburbs, to see the suburbs as more than simply collections of houses that drew individual homeowners who wanted to leave urban areas. We will focus most of our attention on the period from 1945 through the 1980s. Some of the questions we will consider include: how did the first wave of suburban development bring together postwar racial and Cold War ideologies? Is it possible, as one historian has argued, that suburbs actually created the environmental movement of the 1960s? And how have historians understood the role that suburbs played in America’s conservative political turn, leading to the election of Ronald Reagan?

Class Format: Students will be assigned a tutorial partner, and tutorial pairs will meet with the professor for one hour each week at a regularly scheduled meeting time.

Requirements/Evaluation: typical tutorial format; every other week, students will write and present orally a 5- to 7-page essay on the assigned readings; on alternate weeks, students will write a 2-page critique. During two of the weeks of the semester (around the middle of the semester and at the end), all students will write papers that explore a common question or theme.

Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: History majors and students with previous coursework in History
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
AMST 490 (D2) ENVI 491 (D2) HIST 491 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will reflect on what their writing goals are for the semester, and they will receive weekly feedback on their writing from the professor and from their tutorial partner. The final writing assignment will afford students the chance also to reflect back on their previous papers and the semester’s course content.

Attributes: AMST Space and Place Electives ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada

Spring 2023
TUT Section: T1 TBA Karen R. Merrill

ANTH 217 (S) Indigeneity Today: Comparative Indigenous Identities in the US and Russia (DPE) (WS)
Cross-listings: RUSS 217 GBST 219 ANTH 217

Secondary Cross-listing
Indigenous movements for land, rights, and cultural preservation have spread to and originated in all corners of the world. However, the global nature of these movements at times obscures ways of being Indigenous in differing contexts. This course analyzes Indigeneity in both the United States and Russia today. Through reading and analyzing ethnography, theory, and literature, it focuses on Indigenous peoples in a comparative context. Rather than prioritizing concern with Indigenous peoples emerging from the US, it attempts to demonstrate what Indigeneity has been in both the United States and Russia and what it is and means today. It asks the following questions: what is Indigeneity and who is Indigenous; how is Indigenous identity constructed and by whom; and what convergences and divergences exist in Indigeneity between the US and Russia or for that matter in other contexts? To help answer these questions, in this course we will grapple with Indigeneity as a social category and other social formations, especially ethnicity, nationality, and race. Topics include: Indigeneity and the State, Revitalization and Resurgence, Indigenous People and Nature Protection, and Hemispheric and Global Indigeneities.
Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly post to course Glow discussion page, 1 or 2 times leading class discussion on the assigned readings, 1 short presentation, 1 extended project with regular short writing submissions, 1 final paper and final presentation

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 16

Enrollment Preferences: Majors and certificate-seekers in Russian, then majors in Anthropology and Sociology, and then Global Studies concentrators

Expected Class Size: 10-12

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
RUSS 217 (D1) GBST 219 (D2) ANTH 217 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This course has the following assignments: Weekly post to the Glow discussion page, 1 short presentation, 1 extended project with regular writing submissions, 1 final paper and final presentation. For the extended project, we will have both peer-review and instructor feedback for all project assignments. In peer-review and instructor feedback, comprehension of the material and the content of the writing, improvement in writing style and clarity, and development of voice will be discussed.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: In the course, students will learn about Indigeneity as a context-specific social formation. It understands Indigeneity as a category of difference with past and present importance. We will read about, discuss, and write about Indigeneity as a social category, along with other social categories it arose alongside (such as race, ethnicity, and nationality), and how it has been mobilized by both those who identify as Indigenous and by those who designate others as Indigenous.

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Kamal A. Kariem

ANTH 269 (F) Mindfulness Examined: Meditation, Emotion, and Affective Neuroscience (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: REL 269 STS 269 ASIA 269 ANTH 269

Secondary Cross-listing

This course provides a social analysis of and practical engagement with mindfulness in the US today. It considers the modern applications of Buddhist meditation as a tool to improve awareness of the related processes of mind, behavior, and emotions within landscapes structured by racism, sexism, and other systemic inequalities. We consider how mindfulness relates to Buddhist discourses as well as the rapid rise of fields like contemplative neuroscience, affective neuroscience, and integrative neurobiology. How can mindfulness help people communicate more effectively--be they doctors or patients, teachers or students? How has the exploding research on mindfulness and meditation since 2000 help us understand the intersection of human emotions, behaviors, and relationships? We train in a variety of Buddhist meditation practices through the semester including forest bathing, mindfulness, compassion meditation, while unpacking the subjective experience of our minds and emotions first-hand. Students will be asked to train in mindfulness practices the entire semester while studying models of the mind developed by research in clinical and evolutionary psychology, affective neuroscience, and interpersonal neuroscience.

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly tutorial papers and discussion

Prerequisites: A prior class or some experience with meditation is recommended

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: ANTH, SOC, REL, ASST majors; PHLH, STS concentrators; seniors and juniors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
REL 269 (D2) STS 269 (D2) ASIA 269 (D2) ANTH 269 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This class will involve weekly tutorial essays or oral responses, intensive written feedback on every essay, and a mid-semester 'writing chat' with the instructor.
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This class fulfills the Difference, Power, and Equity requirement because it will explore the ways that mindfulness can address the growing epidemic of anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues we find in the US today. We study mindfulness from an intersectional perspective and relate its benefits to intersecting inequities and intergenerational trauma in the US today.

Attributes: GBST South + Southeast Asia Studies Electives  PHLH Social Determinants of Health

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1  TBA  Kim Gutschow

ANTH 371  (F)  Campus and Community Health in Disruptive Times  (DPE)  (WS)

Cross-listings:  WGSS 371  ANTH 371  STS 370

Primary Cross-listing

This class engages with the methods of medical anthropology & medical sociology to help students design and implement ethnographic projects that explore health on campus or our wider community. Along the way we consider how disruptive moments like COVID-19 can reveal underlying social inequalities of healthcare access, health outcomes, and well-being; for which we propose innovative and student-focussed solutions. Students will learn and use design thinking, data visualization, and participatory ethnography while engaging with a variety of qualitative methods such as semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and qualitative surveys. We situate and explore our ethnographic projects within a campus and wider communities that are always already structured by power, privilege, and intersectional identities that shape health and well-being. We explore the field of narrative medicine and medical anthropology by developing and practicing skills in active listening, open dialogue, mindfulness, empathy, and curiosity that can profoundly shape ethnographic as well as the patient/provider encounters. For context, we read ethnographic case studies that explore a variety of topics including how structural racism and implicit bias shape clinical medicine & medical education in the US, how concepts of sexual citizenship can reshape our understanding of campus sexual assault, how the spread of US psychiatry has shaped a global landscape of mental health, and how queer activism responded to the HIV/AIDS crisis in the US. Our goals are to create participatory research projects that both explore and alter our habitual practices and individual ways of seeing the world around us.

Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly attendance, 3 written fieldnotes (3000 words), weekly writing & fieldwork exercises in class and out of class, a final presentation that includes data visualizations and analysis of research findings.

Prerequisites: A course in Anthropology, Sociology, STS or in DIV II is strongly recommended

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences:  Majors in Anthropology, Sociology, WGSS; Concentrators in PH, STS, ASIA, ENVI

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading:  yes pass/fail option,  no fifth course option

Distributions:  (D2)  (DPE)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

WGSS 371  (D2)  ANTH 371  (D2)  STS 370  (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This class assignments includes over 9,000 words of essay assignments, and will help students develop critical writing skills, including use of rhetoric, evidence, argument, synthesizing data, logic, and anticipating counter-arguments.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This class uses experiential learning to examine the intersectionality of race, class, gender, & sexuality in impacting healthcare and health outcomes. It explores the ways that intersectionality and implicit bias shapes health and well-being in patient/provider encounters as well as ethnographic research. It engages with and critiques efforts to 'improve' community and individual health outcomes in the US and elsewhere across the globe.

Attributes:  ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives  EXPE Experiential Education Courses  PHLH Methods in Public Health  WGSS Racial Sexual + Cultural Diversity Courses

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01  W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm  Kim Gutschow
SEM Section: 02  Cancelled

ARAB 109  (S)  The Iranian Revolution  (DPE)  (WS)
The Iranian Revolution was a major turning point in world history that resulted in the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran. This tutorial will evaluate the causes and impact of the revolution and how this seminal event continues to have widespread repercussions around the globe. The first weeks will explore the history of pre-revolutionary Iran with special attention to religious and intellectual trends such as the ideas of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Jalal al-e Ahmad, and Ali Shariati. We will then evaluate the revolution itself including the US hostage crisis, the downfall of the Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi Shah, and how Khomeini’s vision of society became paramount. Finally, we will explore the aftermath of the revolution including Iran’s geopolitics, the nature of the theocratic system in Iran as well as how the revolution impacted every day lives of Iranians in Iran and abroad particularly how they reflect on the revolution in memoirs, films, and literature.

Requirements/Evaluation:  Weekly meetings. Weekly papers - either a 5 page primary paper or a 2-3 page response paper.
Prerequisites:  No prerequisites.
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences:  First Years and Sophomores.
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading:  no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 109 (D2) ARAB 109 (D2)
Writing Skills Notes:  As a tutorial, students are expected to regularly write analytical and critical papers on the readings. They will receive regular and consistent feedback from the instructor and their partner and will be given the opportunity to re-write some of their assignments.
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:  The Iranian Revolution, like other major social movements, offered a compelling critique of the status quo and promised a more just society that would be more equitable for all Iranians. The tutorial will consider the relationship between the rhetoric of the Revolution and the lived reality, especially how this seminal event impacted the lives ordinary Iranians. Was the Revolution simply a change in the composition of the political elite or did it yield new realities and more access for Iranians
Attributes:  HIST Group E Electives - Middle East

Spring 2023
TUT Section: T1  TBA  Magnús T. Bernhardsson

ARAB 201 (F) Intermediate Arabic I (DPE) (WS)
This course will build on the students' acquisitions in Arabic 102 to consolidate their learning of the Modern Standard Arabic and one variety of spoken Arabic. In addition to expanding students' vocabulary and enhancing their communication skills, the course will deepen their knowledge and use of grammar in both speaking and writing. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to hold conversations in Arabic with some fluency on a variety of topics while developing cultural appreciation of Arabic-speaking countries.
Requirements/Evaluation:  quizzes, tests, homework, and active class participation
Prerequisites:  ARAB 102 or placement test
Enrollment Limit: 14
Enrollment Preferences:  If the course is overenrolled preference will be given to those who intend to major or do a certificate in Arabic.
Expected Class Size: 14
Grading:  no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions:  (D1) (DPE) (WS)
Writing Skills Notes:  This course involves a great deal of writing, ranging from vocabulary and grammar-focused exercises to written assignments about a variety of topics. Students will receive extensive and timely feedback on this written work.
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:  Any language is the locus of issues of difference, power, and equity. Students will learn about gender and pronouns. They will wonder why Arabic does not have a gender neutral pronoun. Students will understand how Arabic acts as a dominant language in places minority languages in the Middle East and North Africa. Students will emerge from the course with a critical understanding of Arabic language's politics.
ARAB 209  (F) Saharan Imaginations  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings:  ARAB 209  ENVI 208  COMP 234

Primary Cross-listing

Deconstructing reductive Saharanism, which the course conceptualizes as a universalizing discourse about deserts, this course seeks to critically examine the myriad assumptions that are projected upon deserts across times and cultures. In addition to their depiction as dead and empty, deserts have become a canvas for the demonstration of religiosity, resilience, heroism and athleticism. Cultural production, particularly literature and film, do, however, furnish a critical space in which important questions can be raised about deserts' fundamental importance to different cultures and societies. Drawing on novels, films, and secondary scholarship, the course will help students understand how myth, memory, history, coloniality/postcoloniality, and a strong sense of ethics are deeply intertwined in the desert sub-genre of African, Euro-American, and Middle Eastern literatures. Whether grappling with transcontinental issues of climate change, cannibalization of biodiversity or overexploitation of natural resources, desert-focused cultural production invites us to interrogate the politics of space and place as well as mobility and spatial control as they relate to this supposedly dead nature.

Requirements/Evaluation:  active participation, short presentation, short weekly responses on GLOW, midterm exam, and final paper

Prerequisites:  none

Enrollment Limit:  14

Enrollment Preferences:  Students are admitted into the course on a first-come-first-serve basis. If the course is over-enrolled, preference will be given to Arabic Studies and Comparative Literature majors and certificates.

Expected Class Size:  14

Grading:  yes pass/fail option,  yes fifth course option

Distributions:  (D1)  (DPE)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARAB 209 (D1)  ENVI 208 (D1)  COMP 234 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes:  Students will receive constant and extensive feedback on their written work. Students will write regular weekly responses on Glow, a reflection statement, two 5pp. papers for midterms, and one 10pp. final paper.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:  Students will gain critical awareness of the imbrication of power, hegemony, economic injustice, and colonial policies in the disruption of indigenous conceptions of the Saharan space. Students will also be able to question representations of the Sahara as a dead or empty space by engaging with locally produced alternative conceptualizations of place. Finally, students will produce written assignments that address issues of power and environmental discrimination.

Attributes:  ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives

ARAB 214  (S) Divas and Dervishes: Introduction to Modern Arab Music and Performance  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings:  MUS 214  ARAB 214  COMP 270

Primary Cross-listing

From Sufi rituals to revolutionary uprisings, music has long played a central role in the social, political, and religious life of the Arab world. This is especially audible in the modern era, when new technologies and institutions began to record, amplify, and broadcast the region's sounds, preserving centuries-old traditions while also producing new forms of popular music. This course introduces students to Arab musical genres and practices as they developed from the late nineteenth century. We will cover a broad geographical range, exploring the classical Andalusian repertoires of Algeria, ecstatic dervish chants in Egypt, patriotic pop tunes from Lebanon, and other topics. To highlight connections between musical traditions as well as their unique local features, we will ask questions such as: What can music tell us about interactions between sacred and secular life? How is music used to define social groups and negotiate identity, gender, and class? Which musical characteristics are associated with Arab "heritage" and "modernity," and how are these performed? In what ways does music shape everyday life in the Arab world? Class sessions and discussion will be based on academic readings and at-home listening assignments. No previous knowledge of Arabic or Arab music are required.
Requirements/Evaluation: In-class participation, short essays (1 page) every two weeks, midterm presentation, and a final paper (12-14 pages).
Prerequisites: None
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: Arabic Studies and Music majors
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
MUS 214 (D1) ARAB 214 (D1) COMP 270 (D1)
Writing Skills Notes: Students will develop their writing skills by submitting one-page unit responses every two weeks and a final paper of 12-14 pages on a topic of their choice. Students will receive feedback on each writing assignment and have opportunities for multiple drafts and peer review during the semester.
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Through the lens of music, this course critically examines modern Arab society and power dynamics related to politics, gender, race, and class.

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01  MW 11:00 am - 12:15 pm  Nicholas R Mangialardi

ARAB 301  (F)  Advanced Arabic 1  (DPE)  (WS)
A continuation of Intermediate Arabic, ARAB 301 aims to expand students' listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills in Arabic. The course will also stimulate students' intellectual curiosity about the Arabic-speaking regions and enhance their intercultural competence. Using Al-Kitaab as well as a variety of authentic written and audiovisual materials, the course will advance their proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic. The course will also encourage enrolled students to engage critically with a wide variety of topics in Arabic language as they enrich their knowledge of the different aspects of Arabic language and culture. Students at this stage will also be assisted to generate more complex written and oral assignments.
Requirements/Evaluation: active class participation, daily assignments, presentations, quizzes, midterm exam, final exam
Prerequisites: ARAB 202 or equivalent
Enrollment Limit: 12
Enrollment Preferences: Arabic majors and anyone who has a level-appropriate knowledge of Arabic language.
Expected Class Size: 8
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)
Writing Skills Notes: Students will be writing multiple drafts in Arabic; the weekly written work expected from students is 800 words in Arabic language, students will also be doing translations from Arabic into English or vice-versa; and all written work from students will evaluated, and students will receive feedback to rework it. Students will receive detailed and consistent feedback about their writing in Arabic language.
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The texts taught in this course will help students understand gender dynamics, power issues and economic crises as well as discursive power in the Maghrebi and Middle Eastern contexts. Additionally, the students will learn about the situation of women and children and understand how discourses of human rights and equality are affected by traditions, cultures, and different particularisms, which students are invited to deconstruct in their writing and discussions.

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01  MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm  Brahim El Guabli

ARAB 302  (S)  Advanced Arabic 2  (DPE)  (WS)
A continuation of Advanced Arabic 1, ARAB 302 aims to reinforce students' listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills in Arabic through a deeper engagement with authentic materials. Built around a plethora of texts and audiovisual materials, the course seeks to assist students to develop their language and critical thinking skills in Arabic. Situated at the intersection of language learning and content teaching, this course will prepare students
for more scholarly engagement with Arabic in the fourth year. Like ARAB 301, the course will be conducted entirely in Arabic.

Requirements/Evaluation: Reflections, discussions, essays, reading and writing project, quizzes, exams, and presentations.

Prerequisites: ARAB 301 or equivalent

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Arabic Studies, or students who completed ARAB 301

Expected Class Size: 7

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will engage in daily writing and reflections involving prose responses (blogs, commentaries, etc.) to discussion prompts, movies, YouTube videos, comic analysis and articles. The students will also work on a portfolio with entries that will involve a careful process of revisions as well as rigorous research in Arabic recourses, summaries and essays. The instructor will give daily feedback on students' writing as well as training in writing skills to advance their writing abilities.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The students will engage in an exploration of social, political, and economic realities in Arab societies across state and community boundaries. They will examine similarities and differences across a variety of contexts involving differential power dynamics, biases, and gender roles. The selected texts will also expose students to issues of power and inequality based on internal and external factors in Arab societies as well as the social struggles of immigrants and refugees.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01  MWF 11:00 am - 12:15 pm  Amal Eqeiq

ARAB 369 (S) Indigenous Narratives: From the Fourth World to the Global South  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: HIST 306  GBST 369  COMP 369  ARAB 369

Secondary Cross-listing

In the late 20th century, world literature has witnessed a "boom" in indigenous literature. Many critics and historians describe this global re-emergence of the subaltern and the indigenous in terms of literary justice fostered by post-colonial studies and the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, by the UN General Assembly on December 18, 1992. In this course, we will investigate this "indigenous boom" by reading novels and short stories from the Americas, the Middle East and North Africa from the 1970s to the present. Through these trans-regional and trans-historical peregrinations, our principal goal will be to examine and compare narratives about conquest, settler colonialism, colonial nationalism, indigeneity, sovereignty, indigenous epistemology and philosophy. At the same time, we will consider the following questions: How did pioneering indigenous women writers, such as the Laguna Pueblo Leslie Marmon Silko in the US and the Mayan playwrights of La Fomma in Chiapas, Mexico lead the feminist front of the indigenous literary renaissance? How did Palestinian folktales, Amazigh poetics in the Maghreb, and Mayan dream narratives in Mexico and Guatemala produce narratives of decolonial history? What does the aesthetics of magical realism in Arabic, Quechua and Spanish, respectively, as evident in the works of the Kurdish writer Salim Barakat (Syria) and the mestizo writer José María Arguedas (Peru) tell us about the intersection of race, ethnicity, and indigenous epistemology? What is the connection between the recent "boom" of English translations of Indigenous texts and neoliberalism, multiculturalism and neo-colonialism? Ultimately, our goal is to trace how these texts contributed to global indigenous literature and the trans-historical and trans-geographical connections between them.

Requirements/Evaluation: active class participation, several short response assignments (3-4 pages), two film reviews (1 page), a performance project, and a final paper (7- to 10-pages)

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Comparative Literature majors

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

HIST 306 (D2) GBST 369 (D2) COMP 369 (D1) ARAB 369 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: This course will enable students to write weekly while engaging with various forms of writing skills: articulating arguments in
short response papers (3-4 pages each), developing visual criticism through writing two film reviews, (1 page each), journaling through writing a personal reflections on a performance project, and honing research language in producing a final paper of 7-10 pages. Instructor's feedback and peer review sessions will include review of drafts and argumentative structures.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** At the heart of this course is the history of global Indigenous struggle for liberation and decolonization. The various novels, short stories, poems, films and other texts that students will engage with narrate histories of colonial dispossession, racial oppression, economic subjugation and dehumanization of minoritized Indigenous communities in the Americas, North Africa and the Middle East.

**Attributes:** GBST Borders, Exiles + Diaspora Studies Electives

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**ARAB 402 (S) Travel Literature in Arabic: The World through Arab/Amazigh Eyes** (DPE) (WS)

Arabic travel literature is a very rich genre that spans different periods and geographies, reflecting Arab/Amazigh writers' understanding of themselves and the world around them. From India to Russia to Cuba and Namibia, Arabs/Amazighs have traveled the world and inscribed their observations about different people and cultures in a significant literary output. This course draws on poems, dictionary entries, short stories, novels, films, and memoirs to initiate students to the various ways Arab/Amazigh travelers—ancient and contemporary—made sense of other cultures through their experience-based or fictionalized travel accounts. Reading travel writings about West Asia, Turkey, Africa, Europe, and the Americas, students will have a complicated understanding not only of the Arabic-speaking world, but also of the forces that shaped travelers' representations of other people and their cultures. The course will build students' linguistic autonomy and provide them with the analytical skills they need to examine copious literary texts independently. Students enrolled in this course are required to use the language resources available on campus to improve their language skills in order to benefit maximally from the literary and intellectual opportunities offered in the texts under study.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Weekly responses on Glow, active participation in class, one five-page essay, and one ten-page final paper. There is no exam in this course.

**Prerequisites:** 302 or equivalent.

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** Arabic major or students intending to major in Arabic. Students whose Arabic is strong enough to pursue a literary course in Arabic.

**Expected Class Size:** 6

**Grading:** Yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (DPE) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will improve their writing in Arabic by: 1. Writing weekly responses on Glow (500 words per week; 250 words per session) 2. One five-page essay for the mid-term 3. one ten-page final research paper

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** The course will help students understand how travel is enmeshed in power relations and discursive production about other people. Of all literary genres, travel literature is more likely to slip into exoticism, essentialization, and overgeneralization about people and place. However, an active reading that is aware of these slippages will also open up literary texts to a rich learning about geography, politics, history, landscape, and culture.

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**ARAB 404 (F) Topics in Contemporary Arab Cultures** (DPE) (WS)

What issues do contemporary Arab societies and cultures face? Through an exploration of various current issues, this course will introduce you to questions that engage Arab thought in modern times. What issues are central to women and young people today? How do the Arabic language and Arab identity intersect within increasingly multilingual and multicultural communities? What issues do minority communities in Arab countries face? How does globalization impact Arab societies? How do literature and art continue to reflect aspirations, challenges, and defiance? The course will explore these and other issues as represented in the language of print, internet, television, movies, and social media, and we will employ linguistic and paralinguistic analysis of these resources. Taught in Arabic.

**Class Format:** The course involves two main sessions and a third to be organized as a group or broken into conversation sessions.
**Requirements/Evaluation:** Class participation, daily writing and reflections, blogs, quizzes, leading a class presentation and discussion, and a final project.

**Prerequisites:** ARAB 302 or equivalent.

**Enrollment Limit:** 18

**Enrollment Preferences:** If the course is overenrolled, preference will be given to Arabic majors.

**Expected Class Size:** 7

**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (DPE) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will engage in daily writing and reflections involving prose responses to discussion prompts, movies, YouTube videos, and articles. The students will also write blogs, commentaries, and a final project. The instructor will give daily feedback on students’ writing as well as training in writing skills to advance their writing abilities.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** The students will engage in an exploration of social, political, and economic realities in Arab societies across state and community boundaries. They will examine similarities and differences across a variety of contexts involving differential power dynamics, biases, and gender roles. They will reflect on issues of power based on internal and external factors in Arab societies as positioned in a diverse region with unfolding political, social, and religious changes.

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 Cancelled

**ARAB 405 (F) From Page to Stage: Singers and Songwriters of Modern Arab Music** (DPE) (WS)

Since its earliest history, Arab music has accorded special status to the singing of poetry. Over the last century, many of the most popular songs across the Arab world were the result of poets, composers, and singers collaborating to turn written words into performable masterpieces. In this course, we will explore a variety of famous Arabic songs, examining how they were written, edited, performed, and, sometimes, censored and banned. Questions that we will ask in this course include: What is the process through which Arabic songs are made? Who is the “author” of the final song? How are song texts transformed when prepared for concert stages and recording studios? And what, in this process, shapes the success and popularity of a song? We will read song lyrics (poems) as literary texts to consider their language and poetic characteristics while also analyzing how songs can be used as a lens to think about politics, identity, religion, class, gender and broader topics related to modern Arab society. Students will become familiar with the lives and works of major singers, such as Umm Kulthum, Fairuz, and Marcel Khalife, and poets, such as Ahmad Shawqi, Nizar Qabbani, and Mahmoud Darwish. Readings and discussion will be in Arabic.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Regular participation in class discussion; weekly listening assignments; biweekly one-page unit responses; final project/paper on a singer or songwriter from the twentieth or twenty-first century.

**Prerequisites:** ARAB 302 or equivalent.

**Enrollment Limit:** 19

**Enrollment Preferences:** If course is overenrolled, preference will be given to Arabic majors.

**Expected Class Size:** 8

**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (DPE) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will develop their Arabic writing skills by submitting one-page unit responses every two weeks and a final paper of 8-10 pages on a topic of their choice.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** Through the lens of music, this course critically examines topics such as media censorship, power dynamics related to gender, and representations of race and class.

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SEM Section: 01 TF 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Nicholas R Mangialardi

**ARAB 413 (F) The Big Ideas: Intended and Unintended Consequence of Human Ambition** (DPE) (WS)

**Cross-listings:** ARAB 413 GBST 413 HIST 413 ENVI 413
Secondary Cross-listing

What have been the most consequential ideas of the last 100 years? This course will explore some of the more audacious and ambitious plans to alter natural and urban environments in the late 19th century to the early part of the 21st, specifically those that sought to improve the human condition through science, engineering, and technology. By building big bold things, politicians around the globe sought to bring prosperity to their nation and embark on a path of modernity and independence. Through an intellectual, political and environmental history of major construction projects such as the building of the Suez Canal and the Aswan Dam, extensive river valley developments in Iran, Turkey and Iraq, and utopian and futuristic city planning in western Asia, students will consider how, with the benefit of hindsight, to best evaluate the feasibility of such bold schemes. Who has benefitted and who has not, what have been some of the unanticipated consequences, what was sacrificed or neglected, and what do these projects tell us about the larger processes of global capitalism, decolonization, and climate change?

Requirements/Evaluation: A presentation, shorter writing assignments and a longer research paper (20-25 pages) in the end. Students will submit shorter drafts of final paper in order to receive constructive feedback prior to final submission.

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Seniors, especially History, Arabic and Environmental Studies majors.

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARAB 413 (D2) GBST 413 (D2) HIST 413 (D2) ENVI 413 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: A 20-25 page research paper will be required at the end of the semester. Prior to getting to that point, students will submit an annotated bibliography, a two page proposal, a five and eventually a 10 page draft. Each draft will receive extensive comments and suggestions from peers and instructor. In this way, the student will think about the process of writing and the best way to set themselves up for success.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course examines how a number of different nations in Africa and Asia sought to improve the living conditions of the masses through major construction project. Though ostensibly these schemes were supposed to improve the livelihood of all, often they primarily benefitted the few - the urban elite - and not the general population. This course will therefore explore how certain class, gender and racial lines were solidified and maintained through economic development plans.

Attributes: HIST Group E Electives - Middle East

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01  M 7:00 pm - 9:40 pm  Magnús T. Bernhardsson

ARTH 206  (S)  What is Islamic Art?  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: REL 204  ARTH 206

Primary Cross-listing

Through a deep engagement with primary sources--visual, performative and textual--this tutorial introduces students to global cultures that have participated in the production of Islamic art and culture through the centuries. Through a diverse set of readings, we will discuss how Islamic art is viewed today. How did, for instance, Colonialism and Orientalism from the 18th to the 20th centuries create an entrenched narrative for the study of the field, that continues to hold sway to this day? How have Muslim cultures defined their own artistic production? In particular, how can specific artworks, such as figural painting or palace architecture, be understood as “Islamic”? What are some key scholarly debates around the term “Islamic Art”? The tutorial is specifically designed keeping in mind the period of soul-searching the field is currently going through, even to the point of questioning the very term “Islamic art” and its epistemological parameters. By familiarizing students to an important discipline in art history, the aim of the tutorial is to provide alternate methodologies as well as epistemologies that run parallel to more mainstream or familiar avenues of study.

Requirements/Evaluation: focused bi-monthly writing assignments, 5-7 pages in length, and bi-monthly peer response papers, 2 pages in length.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Art History majors and seniors, Religion majors

Expected Class Size: 8
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
REL 204 (D2) ARTH 206 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: This tutorial helps students develop writing skills in terms of grammar, structure, and organization. It is designed to teach students how to make clear, well-articulated arguments. Students will receive extensive feedback every other week on their writing assignments from the instructor and their peers. There will also be a comprehensive mid-semester review from the instructor.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: In addition to introducing students to an important field of art history, the tutorial analyzes how Islamic art was codified and examined during the colonial and post-colonial periods, and how that understanding has come to define the field over the last century. The course will encourage students to challenge longstanding biases and assumptions when studying these artworks.

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TUT Section: T1 TBA Murad K. Mumtaz

ARTH 301  (F) Methods of Art History  (WS)
This course on the methods and historiography of art history offers art-history majors an overview of the discipline. The course surveys influential definitions of the discipline, the evolving tasks it has set itself, and the methods it has developed for implementing and executing them. Works of art will inevitably enter into our discussions, but the main objects of study will be texts about art as well as texts about methods for an historical study of art. The course is designed to offer a pluralistic perspective on key theoretical and methodological approaches to art history. Readings will regularly compare the Western discipline with frameworks from other parallel cultures. Topics include: style and periodization; iconography, narratology, and phenomenology; the social functions of images and the social history of art; the materiality of art; race, gender, and sexuality; the global scope of art and art history.

Class Format: In the fall of 2022, this class will meet in person. We will meet altogether once per week for a lecture. We will meet a second time each week in a seminar format.

Requirements/Evaluation: six 1,000-word analytical essays plus one 2,000-word writing project. Participation in class discussion. Attendance.

Prerequisites: any prior ARTH course (one or more 100-level ARTH course[s] recommended). In the absence of prior coursework in art history, permission of instructor is necessary for admission.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: The course is limited to art-history and (with permission) art history/studio majors. If the course is over-enrolled, preference will be given to senior AH majors, then juniors. Second-year students intending to major in art may enroll with permission.

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: Satisfies the ARTH 301 requirement for the art-history major. Will satisfy the methods/junior seminar requirement for the history/studio major, but students wishing to do so must have permission of instructor to enroll.

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students submit one 1,000-word essay every other week, for a total of six short essays. In addition, they submit a 2,000 writing project at the end of term. The purpose of the essays is to analyze the arguments and rhetoric of influential art-historical scholarship and criticism. The subject of the course, then, is how to write as an art historian. We discuss not only the content of the essays we read and write but also the form, both in class and in office hours.

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Murad K. Mumtaz

ARTH 308  (S) African Art and the Western Museum  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: AFR 369 ARTH 308

Primary Cross-listing
This tutorial provides a focused study of the issues associated with the exhibition of African objects within Western institutions from the formative
period of the practice in the early 19th century to the modern era. Covering topics ranging from early collection and display methodologies to exhibition-based practice in the current digital era, this tutorial will provide an opportunity for robust discussion about the interactions that have occurred between the arts of Africa and the Western museum over the lengthy history of their engagement. Students will investigate the nature of the cross-cultural dialogues taking place and the politics of display at work in regional museum spaces that display African art towards fleshing out how exhibitions function through the strategic organization and display of objects. Further, students will explore how the dialogues created between objects, individuals, and space often speak to the voices and agendas that collide, collaborate, and even compete with each other within the environment of the museum.

Requirements/Evaluation: Targeted bi-monthly writing assignments (3-5 pages in length) and bi-monthly peer response paper (1 page in length)

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Art History and African Studies Majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AFR 369 (D2) ARTH 308 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Targeted bi-monthly writing assignments (3-5 pages in length) and bi-monthly peer response paper (1 page in length). Students can expect to receive timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement from the instructor.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course explores issues of agency, authenticity, and appropriation as it applies to African artifacts displayed within the contexts of Western art museums. Through discussions of cultural capital, rights of seeing, and the politics of representation, students will analyze how the meaning of "African art" has been largely dictated by a Western museum culture and how this hegemony is currently being disrupted through strategic exhibition and display practices and narratives.

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Michelle M. Apotsos

ARTH 310 (S) An American Family and "Reality" Television (WS)

Cross-listings: ARTH 310 WGSS 312 AMST 333

Primary Cross-listing

An American Family was a popular documentary series that featured the Loud family from Santa Barbara, California, whose everyday lives were broadcast on national television. The series generated an enormous amount of media attention, commentary, and controversy when it premiered on PBS in 1973. Today, it is regarded as the origin of so-called "Reality TV." In addition to challenging standard rules for television programming, the show challenged social conventions and asked viewers to think seriously about family relations, sexuality, domesticity, and the "American dream." Documenting the family's life over the course of eight months, the series chronicled the dissolution of the Louds' marriage and broadcast the "coming out" of eldest son Lance Loud, the first star of reality television. In this class, we will view the An American Family series in its entirety, research the program's historical reception, and analyze its influence on broadcast and film media, particularly on "reality" television. A final 14- to 18-page research paper will be prepared in stages, including a 6- to 8-page midterm essay that will be revised and expanded over the course of the semester.

Requirements/Evaluation: class presentations, research assignments and annotated bibliographies, and final 14- to 18-page research paper.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 14

Enrollment Preferences: junior Art majors, followed by senior majors

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARTH 310 (D1) WGSS 312 (D2) AMST 333 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: There will be considerable focus on writing and peer-editing as a means of shaping critical thinking. We will treat writing as a
process; revision is built into the syllabus. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

**Attributes:** AMST Arts in Context Electives  ARTH post-1800 Courses  FMST Core Courses

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**Spring 2023**

**SEM Section: 01  Cancelled**

**ARTH 322  (F)  Cold War Aesthetics  (DPE)  (WS)**

The Cold War was far more complex than a military conflict, with battles waged more in the symbolic than in the physical realm. The Cold War was therefore "everywhere and nowhere," as new superpowers maneuvered to maintain geopolitical balance. Through a transnational lens this course considers the Cold War as an aesthetic phenomenon with many facets, to recover how artistic practices unfolded myriad—and often conflicting—ideas regarding power, cultural influence, modernization, and revolution.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Active participation, leading discussion, and five four-page writing assignments.

**Prerequisites:** One ARTH course.

**Enrollment Limit:** 12

**Enrollment Preferences:** If overenrolled, preference will be given to Art History majors.

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1)  (DPE)  (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** This course foregrounds writing and peer reviews to develop critical thinking. We will have five four-page writing assignments, spaced throughout the semester, which will incorporate our class discussions and research. Students will receive critical feedback on both form and content from their professor and from their peers.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** This course fulfills DPE requirements through historical and visual analyses that examine the contestations of power that defined the Cold War era and their ramifications in the shaping of notions such as modernism, modernization, progress, citizenship, and resistance. The course takes a transnational perspective to analyze diverse artistic practices in relation to race, gender, and class dynamics, and to issues of cultural imperialism, nationalism, revolutionary politics, and globalization.

**Attributes:** ARTH post-1800 Courses

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**Fall 2022**

**SEM Section: 01  Cancelled**

**ARTH 324  (F)  Japanese Art and Visual Culture: Private/Public/Pop  (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** ARTH 525  COMP 324  ARTH 324  ASIA 324

**Secondary Cross-listing**

This tutorial offers a survey of Japanese art and visual culture across time and media, with particular attention to two areas: the links between different artistic media, and the relationship between art and its audience. We'll begin with early court diaries and related scroll paintings as examples of "private" art. Then we'll move through progressively more public visual media of the 17th through 21st centuries: Kanô screen painting; nô, kabuki, and puppet theater; premodern architecture; popular woodblock prints; turn-of-the-century photography; and finally some examples of contemporary popular culture like comics, animation, and/or film. We will focus on the specificities of each medium while simultaneously developing formal visual reading skills that can work across different media.

**Class Format:** Students will meet with the instructor in pairs or trios for 75 minutes each week. This tutorial is offered simultaneously at the 300 level for undergraduates and at the 500 level for graduate students: graduate students will be paired with other graduate students and undergraduates with undergraduates.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** For undergraduates: weekly participation, 5 short written assignments in alternate weeks (ranging from 1 to 5 pages), and several 1-page peer critiques. For graduate students: weekly participation and 3-4 short written exercises that build toward a final 15-page research paper.

**Prerequisites:** No previous knowledge of Japanese art or culture is required. Students with similar preparation and interests will be paired with one
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: Graduate Art students, followed by undergraduates majoring in Art History or Comparative Literature.
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ARTH 525 (D1) COMP 324 (D1) ARTH 324 (D1) ASIA 324 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write several regularly spaced papers that build on one another by tackling similar problems from different angles. Students will receive detailed feedback from the instructor on each paper, addressing argument, organization, and style, as well as peer feedback. (See requirements for details about the number and type of assignments.)

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Christopher A. Bolton

ARTH 325 (S) The Arts of the Book in Asia (WS)
Cross-listings: ASIA 325 ARTH 325
Primary Cross-listing
From palm leaf manuscripts to scrolls to Islamic codices, books have long served as vehicles of religious, cultural and artistic exchange in Asia. Owing both to their portability and status as finely crafted art objects, books have transmitted ideas across the continent, spreading courtly styles of painting from China to India, esoteric Buddhist teachings from Kashmir to Tibet and Mongolia, as well as the Quranic arts of calligraphy and illumination from Islamic South Asia to Southeast Asia. This co-taught seminar will highlight the interwoven history of book arts as it developed and disseminated across different regions of Asia. The course will also introduce students to the major art forms of the book, such as painting, calligraphy and illumination. The aim of the seminar is to understand the book as object while also investigating its content and its larger cultural significance. A number of class meetings will take place in the Chapin Library, where students will have the opportunity to study original manuscripts from the Special Collections. The course will culminate in an exhibition at Chapin Library which the students will curate using the Special Collections holdings.
Requirements/Evaluation: 3 essays, a final project/paper based on museum objects, wall label
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 16
Enrollment Preferences: preference will be given to Art and Asian Studies Majors, and then to students of any major interested in the art and culture of Asia
Expected Class Size: 12
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ASIA 325 (D1) ARTH 325 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Over the course of the semester students will write three papers at five pages each, culminating in a well-developed, focused final project. Students will be given extensive feedback on each assignment regarding grammar, style, and argument. The final paper will be part of a larger project in which students will work together to curate a small exhibition using the Chapin Library's Asian holdings. Each student will be asked to write a wall label for their selected object.

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 MW 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Murad K. Mumtaz, Anne Peale

ARTH 332 (S) Abstraction in Action: Global Modern and Contemporary Art (WS)
Abstraction, be it gestural or geometrical, was a protagonist in the story of global modernisms and continues to be a powerful visual language in
contemporary art. The term "abstraction" may first appear straightforward, but its associations are quite complex: in varying historical contexts, abstraction has signaled formalist rupture, cultural co-optation, revolutionary politics, as well as racial, feminist, and queer critique. This object-oriented course will delve deeply into non-representation in global modern and contemporary art; we will supplement our careful study of artworks with primary documents, as well as with canonical theoretical frameworks and the reassessments that have sought to complicate these. This seminar is organized into two weekly sessions--a lecture and a discussion-to introduce key concepts and issues and to allow for ample group dialogue on these. Ultimately, the course seeks to revise and expand the cartographies and ontologies of abstraction in the 20th and 21st centuries. As such, it welcomes students with an interest in modern and contemporary art, yet does not require previous coursework in either.

Class Format: biweekly seminar, with one lecture session and one discussion session
Requirements/Evaluation: participation, weekly assignments, final 12- to 15-page paper written in stages throughout the semester
Prerequisites: must have previously taken one Art History course in any area
Enrollment Limit: 19
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)
Writing Skills Notes: Students will complete short written assignments and will prepare a final paper in three stages throughout the semester. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.
Attributes: ARTH post-1800 Courses

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01   W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm   Mari Rodriguez Binnie

ARTH 358  (S) Latinx Installation and Site-Specific Art   (WS)
Cross-listings: LATS 358  ARTH 358
Secondary Cross-listing
This course will explore the various forms of installation and site-specific artworks created by Latinx artists for both museums and public space. We will examine the ways in which Latinx artists have used space as a material in the production of artworks and how this impacts the works' meanings and the viewer's experience. Within the context of U.S. Latinx culture and history, we will connect notions of space with ideas about cultural citizenship, civil rights, and social justice. A variety of art forms will be studied, from traditional to experimental, including murals, sculpture, performance, video, and several multimedia, interactive, or participatory projects. While establishing a historical lineage and theoretical frameworks for analyzing this growing genre, we will pay particular attention to how these works engage urban space and often challenge the institutional assumptions of museums and curatorial practice. Likewise, we will examine the important debates associated with various public art and museum installation controversies.
Class Format: discussion
Requirements/Evaluation: two short papers, periodic research reports, final research paper, and presentation
Prerequisites: LATS 105 or ARTH 102 or permission of instructor; GRADART exempt from ARTH 102 prerequisite
Enrollment Limit: 12
Enrollment Preferences: Latina/o Studies concentrators and Art majors
Expected Class Size: 12
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ARTH 358  (D2) ARTH 358  (D1)
Writing Skills Notes: There will be considerable focus on writing and peer-editing as a means of shaping critical thinking. We will treat writing as a process; revision is built into the syllabus. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.
Attributes: AMST Arts in Context Electives  AMST Space and Place Electives  ARTH post-1800 Courses  LATS Core Electives

Spring 2023
ARTH 440  (F) Contemporary Exhibitions: Los Angeles and Latin America  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: ARTH 440 LATS 440

Primary Cross-listing

This seminar examines connections between Latinx and Latin American art through a series of recent exhibitions organized as part of a Getty initiative entitled Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA that opened in 2017. While the chronological span for the overall project reaches from Pre-Colombian art to present, we will focus on modern and contemporary art after the 1960s and consider key themes of art and activism, borders and diaspora, globalization and modernism, and popular culture and science fiction in the visual arts. Diverse in scope, these shows explored important developments in the arts of the Americas from the late-20th and 21st centuries, including, abstraction, Chicano muralism, Conceptual art, craft, feminist art, Kinetic art, Modernist design and architecture, social practice, and queer activism. Students will pursue individual research projects directly related to the art exhibitions we study, and examine photography, performance, painting, sculpture (including installation and participatory art), and video by artists both canonical and lesser known. Student projects will analyze the critical responses to the exhibitions while also exploring the roles of archives, art criticism, and curatorial practice in contemporary art history.

Requirements/Evaluation: several short writing and research assignments, oral presentations, class participation, and a final research paper of 16-20 pages

Prerequisites: ARTH 102 (graduate students are exempt from the prerequisite)

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: senior Art majors and senior Latina/o Studies concentrators

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions:  (D1)  (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARTH 440 (D1) LATS 440 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: There will be considerable focus on writing and peer-editing as a means of shaping critical thinking. We will treat writing as a process; revision is built into the syllabus. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Course themes of art and activism, borders and diaspora, globalization and modernism in the visual arts and how they intersect with the exploration of difference, power, and equity and the various ways that artists have produced works and developed practices that critically probe this intersection. Through discussion, presentations, and writing assignments students will develop skills in analyzing artworks and exhibitions that respond to and/or document social inequality and social injustice.

Attributes: ARTH post-1800 Courses   LATS Countries of Origin + Transnationalism Elect

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01    MW 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm     C. Ondine  Chavoya

ARTH 525  (F) Japanese Art and Visual Culture: Private/Public/Pop  (WS)

Cross-listings: ARTH 525 COMP 324 ARTH 324 ASIA 324

Secondary Cross-listing

This tutorial offers a survey of Japanese art and visual culture across time and media, with particular attention to two areas: the links between different artistic media, and the relationship between art and its audience. We'll begin with early court diaries and related scroll paintings as examples of "private" art. Then we'll move through progressively more public visual media of the 17th through 21st centuries: Kanô screen painting; nô, kabuki, and puppet theater; premodern architecture; popular woodblock prints; turn-of-the-century photography; and finally some examples of contemporary popular culture like comics, animation, and/or film. We will focus on the specificities of each medium while simultaneously developing formal visual reading skills that can work across different media.

Class Format: Students will meet with the instructor in pairs or trios for 75 minutes each week. This tutorial is offered simultaneously at the 300 level for undergraduates and at the 500 level for graduate students: graduate students will be paired with other graduate students and undergraduates with
undergraduates.

Requirements/Evaluation: For undergraduates: weekly participation, 5 short written assignments in alternate weeks (ranging from 1 to 5 pages), and several 1-page peer critiques. For graduate students: weekly participation and 3-4 short written exercises that build toward a final 15-page research paper.

Prerequisites: No previous knowledge of Japanese art or culture is required. Students with similar preparation and interests will be paired with one another.

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Graduate Art students, followed by undergraduates majoring in Art History or Comparative Literature.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARTH 525 (D1) COMP 324 (D1) ARTH 324 (D1) ASIA 324 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write several regularly spaced papers that build on one another by tackling similar problems from different angles. Students will receive detailed feedback from the instructor on each paper, addressing argument, organization, and style, as well as peer feedback. (See requirements for details about the number and type of assignments.)

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Christopher A. Bolton

ASIA 117 (F) Bombay/Mumbai: Making of a Modern Metropolis (WS)

Cross-listings: GBST 117 HIST 117 ASIA 117

Secondary Cross-listing

Bombay or Mumbai is India's foremost urban center and is well known today as a truly global city. It is the heart of India's commercial life comparable in vibrancy and multiculturalism with the world's emerging cities like Shanghai, Hong Kong and Sao Paulo. What are the historical elements that contributed to the making of India's most modern and global metropolis? What are the antecedents of the modernity, the vibrant culture, dark underbelly and economic diversity that characterize Bombay today? What does the history of Bombay tell us about modernity in India and the emerging countries of the third world in general? This seminar will help students to answer these questions through historical materials on Bombay as well a wide range of multimedia sources including cinema, photography and literature. With a focus on the 19th and 20th centuries, we will explore themes like the commercial culture of a colonial port city, the modern public sphere, theatre and film, labor migration, public health and prostitution to understand what went into the making of this modern metropolis. The primary objective of this course is to introduce students to a wide range of historical sources and ways of interpreting them. The other objective is facilitating their understanding of the history of colonial and modern India through the history of its most important city.

Requirements/Evaluation: assessment will be based on class participation and weekly written responses to readings (2 pages), 2-3 short papers (4-5 pages), leading to an oral presentation and final paper (8-10 pages). All writing assignments are structured to build up the final paper.

Prerequisites: First years and sophomores only

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-years, and then sophomores who have not previously taken a 100-level seminar.

Expected Class Size: 12-15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

GBST 117 (D2) HIST 117 (D2) ASIA 117 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly reading response (2 pages), several short papers leading to a final research paper. Peer reviews and instructor feedback of all written work to improve writing skills and opportunities to write several drafts.

Attributes: GBST South + Southeast Asia Studies Electives GBST Urbanizing World Electives HIST Group B Electives - Asia
ASIA 215 (S) Foundations of Confucian Thought (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: REL 295 ASIA 215 CHIN 215

Secondary Cross-listing

How should people treat each other? What constitutes human nature and does it tend towards good or evil? How should we organize society, by focusing on laws and regulations, or on ritual and moral guidance? What is the nature of moral rulership? What is the proper relationship between the individual and larger units of society, from the family to the state? These are some of the key questions that the school of thought that has come to be known as "Confucianism" addresses. As the dominant moral and political philosophy for thousands of years in much of East Asia, Confucianism has shaped our world, past and present, in innumerable ways. In this class we will focus on the foundational texts of the Confucian tradition: the Analects (purported to record the words of Confucius himself), the Mengzi (often romanized as "Mencius"), the writings of Xunzi, and the Classic of Filial Piety. Beyond those questions noted above, we will further examine how these texts construct their arguments; how they were first composed, compiled, and circulated; how they employ such key concepts as "humaneness" (ren), "moral power" (de), and "ritual propriety" (li); and how they functioned as part of the larger philosophical, linguistic, political, and historical context that we now think of as "early China."

Requirements/Evaluation: Evaluation is based on 4 short papers (3-4 pages each), one longer final paper (10-12 pages), and participation in class discussions.

Prerequisites: None.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Enrollment priority goes to current or prospective majors in the Department of Asian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; current or prospective Asian Studies concentrators; and Religion majors.

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

REL 295 (D2) ASIA 215 (D1) CHIN 215 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Writing will include 4 short papers (3-4 pages) that will involve drafts, feedback and revision, and one longer final paper of 10-12 pages that will involve close consultation with the instructor during the writing process.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Throughout the course we will examine how these texts deal with issues of differentials of power, both political and social, in a range of contexts. In particular, we will discuss how these texts conceptualize political and social power and how they see hierarchy functioning in both beneficial and deleterious ways in society.

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SEM Section: 01 MWF 10:00 am - 10:50 am Christopher M. B. Nugent

ASIA 228 (S) Present Pasts: The Politics of Memory in Contemporary Chinese Literatures and Films (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: ASIA 228 COMP 297 CHIN 428

Secondary Cross-listing

What happens when memories, already slippery, are further massaged by literary and cinematic narrative strategies? How is the historical "pasts" remembered, forgotten, and subverted in a literary "presence"? This tutorial explores the politics of memory in contemporary literatures and films from the People's Republic of China (post-socialist era, 1978), Taiwan (post-martial law, 1987), and Hong Kong (postcolonial era, 1997). We will look at how literary and cinematic works in each of these "post" societies represent state-sponsored narratives of remembrance, dissidents' collective amnesia, and at the popular level, a playful yet cynical flirtation with politics. With close- and distant- readings of textualized and visualized memories, we will examine themes of nation and locality, public and private, mesology and mythology, amnesia and nostalgia, and diaspora and settlement in the PRC, Taiwan, and Hong Kong from the late 1980s until to today. Course readings include "root-seeking", "new realist", "avant-garde" and "hooligan" novels, examples from the Taiwanese small theater movement, and the transnational cinemas made by the fifth, sixth, and second new wave filmmakers from these three "post" societies. This tutorial is conducted in either Chinese or English. Students wishing to take the course in English should register under ASST or COMP and language learners wishing to take the course in Chinese should register under CHIN.
Requirements/Evaluation: attendance and participation, five 5-page papers, five peer-review and critique papers, revisions on selected papers.

Prerequisites: None for students taking the course under ASST and COMP 297; CHIN 402 or permission of the instructor for students taking CHIN 428

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: current or prospective majors in the Department of Asian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; COMP majors; Asian Studies Concentration

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ASIA 228 (D1) COMP 297 (D1) CHIN 428 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write a 5-page paper every other week for a total of five papers. On weeks when they are not writing papers, they are expected to critique their tutorial partner's paper as peer reviewers. Detailed writing prompts will be provided to students to generate and organize ideas for each essay. Students are also required to revise key paragraphs, sections, and papers throughout the semester.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course provides students with the opportunity to analyze and critique the following entangled modernist dualisms: present and pasts; memory and representations; diaspora and settlement; transnationalism and localism. By discussing texts produced from the PRC, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other diaspora areas in these "post" societies, this course asks students to explore how literary and cinematic narratives invoke (and erase) differences, and challenge (and consolidate) borders.

Attributes: FMST Core Courses

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Man He

ASIA 269 (F) Mindfulness Examined: Meditation, Emotion, and Affective Neuroscience (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: REL 269 STS 269 ASIA 269 ANTH 269

Secondary Cross-listing

This course provides a social analysis of and practical engagement with mindfulness in the US today. It considers the modern applications of Buddhist meditation as a tool to improve awareness of the related processes of mind, behavior, and emotions within landscapes structured by racism, sexism, and other systemic inequalities. We consider how mindfulness relates to Buddhist discourses as well as the rapid rise of fields like contemplative neuroscience, affective neuroscience, and integrative neurobiology. How can mindfulness help people communicate more effectively—be they doctors or patients, teachers or students? How has the exploding research on mindfulness and meditation since 2000 help us understand the intersection of human emotions, behaviors, and relationships? We train in a variety of Buddhist meditation practices through the semester including forest bathing, mindfulness, compassion meditation, while unpacking the subjective experience of our minds and emotions first-hand. Students will be asked to train in mindfulness practices the entire semester while studying models of the mind developed by research in clinical and evolutionary psychology, affective neuroscience, and interpersonal neuroscience.

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly tutorial papers and discussion

Prerequisites: A prior class or some experience with meditation is recommended

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: ANTH, SOC, REL, ASST majors; PHLH, STS concentrators; seniors and juniors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
REL 269 (D2) STS 269 (D2) ASIA 269 (D2) ANTH 269 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This class will involve weekly tutorial essays or oral responses, intensive written feedback on every essay, and a mid-semester 'writing chat' with the instructor.
**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** This class fulfills the Difference, Power, and Equity requirement because it will explore the ways that mindfulness can address the growing epidemic of anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues we find in the US today. We study mindfulness from an intersectional perspective and relate its benefits to intersecting inequities and intergenerational trauma in the US today.

**Attributes:** GBST South + Southeast Asia Studies Electives  PHLH Social Determinants of Health

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**ASIA 324 (F) Japanese Art and Visual Culture: Private/Public/Pop (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** ARTH 525  COMP 324  ARTH 324  ASIA 324

**Secondary Cross-listing**

This tutorial offers a survey of Japanese art and visual culture across time and media, with particular attention to two areas: the links between different artistic media, and the relationship between art and its audience. We'll begin with early court diaries and related scroll paintings as examples of "private" art. Then we'll move through progressively more public visual media of the 17th through 21st centuries: Kanô screen painting; nô, kabuki, and puppet theater; premodern architecture; popular woodblock prints; turn-of-the-century photography; and finally some examples of contemporary popular culture like comics, animation, and/or film. We will focus on the specificities of each medium while simultaneously developing formal visual reading skills that can work across different media.

**Class Format:** Students will meet with the instructor in pairs or trios for 75 minutes each week. This tutorial is offered simultaneously at the 300 level for undergraduates and at the 500 level for graduate students: graduate students will be paired with other graduate students and undergraduates with undergraduates.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** For undergraduates: weekly participation, 5 short written assignments in alternate weeks (ranging from 1 to 5 pages), and several 1-page peer critiques. For graduate students: weekly participation and 3-4 short written exercises that build toward a final 15-page research paper.

**Prerequisites:** No previous knowledge of Japanese art or culture is required. Students with similar preparation and interests will be paired with one another.

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** Graduate Art students, followed by undergraduates majoring in Art History or Comparative Literature.

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (WS)

**This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:**

ARTH 525 (D1)  COMP 324 (D1)  ARTH 324 (D1)  ASIA 324 (D1)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will write several regularly spaced papers that build on one another by tackling similar problems from different angles. Students will receive detailed feedback from the instructor on each paper, addressing argument, organization, and style, as well as peer feedback. (See requirements for details about the number and type of assignments.)

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**ASIA 325 (S) The Arts of the Book in Asia (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** ASIA 325  ARTH 325

**Secondary Cross-listing**

From palm leaf manuscripts to scrolls to Islamic codices, books have long served as vehicles of religious, cultural and artistic exchange in Asia. Owing both to their portability and status as finely crafted art objects, books have transmitted ideas across the continent, spreading courtly styles of painting from China to India, esoteric Buddhist teachings from Kashmir to Tibet and Mongolia, as well as the Quranic arts of calligraphy and illumination from Islamic South Asia to Southeast Asia. This co-taught seminar will highlight the interwoven history of book arts as it developed and disseminated across different regions of Asia. The course will also introduce students to the major art forms of the book, such as painting, calligraphy and illumination. The
aim of the seminar is to understand the book as object while also investigating its content and its larger cultural significance. A number of class meetings will take place in the Chapin Library, where students will have the opportunity to study original manuscripts from the Special Collections. The course will culminate in an exhibition at Chapin Library which the students will curate using the Special Collections holdings.

Requirements/Evaluation: 3 essays, a final project/paper based on museum objects, wall label
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 16
Enrollment Preferences: preference will be given to Art and Asian Studies Majors, and then to students of any major interested in the art and culture of Asia
Expected Class Size: 12
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ASIA 325 (D1) ARTH 325 (D1)
Writing Skills Notes: Over the course of the semester students will write three papers at five pages each, culminating in a well-developed, focused final project. Students will be given extensive feedback on each assignment regarding grammar, style, and argument. The final paper will be part of a larger project in which students will work together to curate a small exhibition using the Chapin Library's Asian holdings. Each student will be asked to write a wall label for their selected object.

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 MW 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Murad K. Mumtaz, Anne Peale

ASIA 481 (F) History of Taiwan (WS)
Cross-listings: ASIA 481 HIST 481
Secondary Cross-listing
Almost all discussions of contemporary Taiwan reference the fierce debate over its sovereignty and international status: is the island of Taiwan an independent nation, or an "inalienable part" of the much larger and more powerful People's Republic of China? Part of the argument for Taiwan's separate nationhood derives from its claim to a unique history different from that of the P.R.C.. In this tutorial course, we will look closely at the distinctive aspects of Taiwan's history that underlie this claim, including its aboriginal populations, maritime history, experience of Japanese colonialism, settlement by mainland Chinese after World War II, role in the Cold War, and the development of a Taiwanese ethnic and political identity in the postwar period. We will also examine contemporary arguments for Taiwan as part of China. The goal of the course is neither to debate nor resolve the "Taiwan question", but to explore the history and historical arguments that inform it.
Requirements/Evaluation: weekly papers and critiques
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: History and Asian Studies majors/concentrators
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ASIA 481 (D2) HIST 481 (D2)
Writing Skills Notes: In this tutorial course, students will write bi-weekly 5- to 7-page papers with feedback from both the instructor and tutorial partner. Students will revise one of their tutorial papers as a final assignment. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.
Attributes: HIST Group B Electives - Asia

Fall 2022
ASTR 240  (F)  Great Astronomers and Their Original Publications  (WS)

Cross-listings:  ASTR 240  STS 240  LEAD 240

Primary Cross-listing

In this course we will study some of the greatest figures in astronomy and consider their leadership in advancing progress in the field. We will consider their lives and works, especially as represented by original copies of their books and other publications. These great astronomers include: 16th century, Nicolaus Copernicus (heliocentric universe); Tycho Brahe (best pre-telescopic observations); 17th century, Galileo (discoveries with his first astronomical telescope, 1610; sunspots, 1613; Dialogo, 1632); Johannes Kepler (laws of planetary motion, 1609, 1619, Rudolphine Tables 1627); Johannes Hevelius and Elisabeth Hevelius (atlases of the Moon and of stars, 1647, and 1687); Isaac Newton (Principia Mathematica: laws of universal gravitation and of motion, 1687); 18th century, Edmond Halley (Miscellanea curiosa, eclipse maps, 1715, 1724); John Flamsteed and Margaret Flamsteed (Atlas Coelestis, 1729); and William Herschel and Caroline Herschel (1781, 1798). Also, from more recent times in which original works are often articles rather than books: 20th century, Albert Einstein (special relativity, 1905; general relativity, 1916); Marie Curie (radioactivity); Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin (hydrogen dominating stars, 1929), Edwin Hubble (Hubble's law, 1929); George Ellery Hale (Mt. Wilson Observatory 100" telescope, 1917; Palomar Observatory 200" telescope, 1948), Vera Rubin (dark matter, 1970s); Jocelyn Bell Burnell (pulsar discovery, 1968); and 21st century: Wendy Freedman (Universe's expansion rate, 2000s). First editions will be available in Williams' Chapin Library of rare books, where we will meet in an adjacent classroom. We will also consider how such original materials are collected and preserved, and look at examples from the wider world of rarities, such as a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible (c. 1453) and a Shakespeare First Folio (1623, with a discussion of astronomical references in Shakespeare's plays). The course will be taught in collaboration between an astronomer and a rare-books librarian, with remote lectures by experts from around the world.

Class Format: Meeting on campus in the Chapin Library classroom (Sawyer 452)

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, two 5-page intermediate papers, and a final 15-page paper; student choice of additional readings from a provided reading list

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: if overenrolled, preference by written paragraph of explanation of why student wants to take the course

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions:  (D3)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ASTR 240  (D3)  STS 240  (D2)  LEAD 240  (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Comments on submitted papers will aid in writing skills

Attributes: LEAD Facets or Domains of Leadership

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01  W 1:10 pm - 3:00 pm  Jay M. Pasachoff
CON Section: 02  W 3:10 pm - 4:00 pm  Jay M. Pasachoff

BIMO 401  (S)  Topics in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  (WS)

This seminar course involves critical reading, analysis, and discussion of papers from the current biochemistry and molecular biology literature. Specific topics vary from year to year but are chosen to illustrate the importance of a wide range of both biological and chemical approaches to addressing important questions in the biochemical and molecular biological fields. To facilitate discussion, students will prepare written critiques analyzing the data and conclusions of the chosen literature.

Class Format: three hours per week

Requirements/Evaluation: class presentations and discussion, frequent short papers, and a final paper

Prerequisites: BIOL 202 and BIMO 321

Enrollment Limit: 12
Enrollment Preferences: those completing the BIMO concentration; open to others with permission of instructor

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D3) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: The critical analysis of published papers in the biochem literature, as expressed in clear and succinct writing, is a key learning goal for the course. The students write seven literature critiques (typically 5-6 pages long) throughout the semester. While the specific topic each week differs, the parameters of the assignment are the same each time, allowing students to progressively improve their writing. I provide extensive written feedback on each critique, returned before the next due date

Attributes: BIMO Required Courses

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01  W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm  Steven J. Swoap

CHIN 215 (S) Foundations of Confucian Thought (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: REL 295  ASIA 215  CHIN 215

Primary Cross-listing

How should people treat each other? What constitutes human nature and does it tend towards good or evil? How should we organize society, by focusing on laws and regulations, or on ritual and moral guidance? What is the nature of moral rulership? What is the proper relationship between the individual and larger units of society, from the family to the state? These are some of the key questions that the school of thought that has come to be known as "Confucianism" addresses. As the dominant moral and political philosophy for thousands of years in much of East Asia, Confucianism has shaped our world, past and present, in innumerable ways. In this class we will focus on the foundational texts of the Confucian tradition: the Analects (purported to record the words of Confucius himself), the Mengzi (often romanized as "Mencius"), the writings of Xunzi, and the Classic of Filial Piety. Beyond those questions noted above, we will further examine how these texts construct their arguments; how they were first composed, compiled, and circulated; how they employ such key concepts as "humaneness" (ren), "moral power" (de), and "ritual propriety" (li); and how they functioned as part of the larger philosophical, linguistic, political, and historical context that we now think of as "early China."

Requirements/Evaluation: Evaluation is based on 4 short papers (3-4 pages each), one longer final paper (10-12 pages), and participation in class discussions.

Prerequisites: None.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Enrollment priority goes to current or prospective majors in the Department of Asian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; current or prospective Asian Studies concentrators; and Religion majors.

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
REL 295 (D2) ASIA 215 (D1) CHIN 215 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Writing will include 4 short papers (3-4 pages) that will involve drafts, feedback and revision, and one longer final paper of 10-12 pages that will involve close consultation with the instructor during the writing process.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Throughout the course we will examine how these texts deal with issues of differentials of power, both political and social, in a range of contexts. In particular, we will discuss how these texts conceptualize political and social power and how they see hierarchy functioning in both beneficial and deleterious ways in society.

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SEM Section: 01  MWF 10:00 am - 10:50 am  Christopher M. B. Nugent

CHIN 428 (S) Present Pasts: The Politics of Memory in Contemporary Chinese Literatures and Films (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: ASIA 228  COMP 297  CHIN 428
Primary Cross-listing

What happens when memories, already slippery, are further massaged by literary and cinematic narrative strategies? How is the historical "pasts" remembered, forgotten, and subverted in a literary "presence"? This tutorial explores the politics of memory in contemporary literatures and films from the People's Republic of China (post-socialist era, 1978), Taiwan (post-martial law, 1987), and Hong Kong (postcolonial era, 1997). We will look at how literary and cinematic works in each of these "post" societies represent state-sponsored narratives of remembrance, dissidents' collective amnesia, and at the popular level, a playful yet cynical flirtation with politics. With close- and distant- readings of textualized and visualized memories, we will examine themes of nation and locality, public and private, mesology and mythology, amnesia and nostalgia, and diaspora and settlement in the PRC, Taiwan, and Hong Kong from the late 1980s until to today. Course readings include "root-seeking", "new realist", "avant-garde" and "hooligan" novels, examples from the Taiwanese small theater movement, and the transnational cinemas made by the fifth, sixth, and second new wave filmmakers from these three "post" societies. This tutorial is conducted in either Chinese or English. Students wishing to take the course in English should register under ASST or COMP and language learners wishing to take the course in Chinese should register under CHIN.

Requirements/Evaluation: attendance and participation, five 5-page papers, five peer-review and critique papers, revisions on selected papers.

Prerequisites: None for students taking the course under ASST and COMP 297; CHIN 402 or permission of the instructor for students taking CHIN 428

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: current or prospective majors in the Department of Asian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; COMP majors; Asian Studies Concentration

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ASIA 228 (D1) COMP 297 (D1) CHIN 428 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write a 5-page paper every other week for a total of five papers. On weeks when they are not writing papers, they are expected to critique their tutorial partner's paper as peer reviewers. Detailed writing prompts will be provided to students to generate and organize ideas for each essay. Students are also required to revise key paragraphs, sections, and papers throughout the semester.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course provides students with the opportunity to analyze and critique the following entangled modernist dualisms: present and pasts; memory and representations; diaspora and settlement; transnationalism and localism. By discussing texts produced from the PRC, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other diaspora areas in these "post" societies, this course asks students to explore how literary and cinematic narratives invoke (and erase) differences, and challenge (and consolidate) borders.

Attributes: FMST Core Courses

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Man He

CLAS 214 (S) Athletics and Literature in Ancient Greece (WS)

Cross-listings: COMP 284 CLAS 214

Primary Cross-listing

The modern Olympic games are one of the most visible traces of ancient Greek influence on contemporary culture. Less well-known, however, are the complex and challenging poems (originally songs) of Pindar and Bacchylides that celebrated the victors of the archaic Greek games. These victory odes are a rich source for the study of Greek culture, from their vivid descriptions of heroic feats to their philosophical claims about human life and divine favor. Athletic competition provides the impetus for these songs and constitutes one of their major themes, yet their significance extends far beyond a single athlete or festival. In this course, we will interrogate the relationship between athletics and literary production in the ancient Greek world. We will use both primary and secondary sources to develop familiarity with major festivals, games, events, and figures, and use that knowledge to contextualize our analysis of Greek literature. Ancient Greek athletic discourse will thus provide an entry point to broader reflections on the literary construction and representation of the body and its movement, as well as the interplay between literature and its cultural contexts.

Requirements/Evaluation: brief writing assignments, essays, class participation

Prerequisites: none
CLAS 330  (S)  Plato  (WS)

Cross-listings:  PHIL 330  CLAS 330

Secondary Cross-listing

Plato is one of the most important and influential thinkers in the history of the western tradition. His depiction of the trial and death of Socrates is one of the classics of western literature, and his views on ethics and politics continue to occupy a central place in our discussions 2400 years after they were written. It is, in fact, quite difficult to get through any course of study in the liberal arts without some familiarity with Plato. Nevertheless, comparatively few people realize that the views we commonly think of as "Platonic" represent only one strand in Plato's thought. For example, we commonly attribute to Plato a theory of the Forms on the basis of his claims in the so-called "middle dialogues" (mainly Republic, Phaedo, and Symposium). However, in his philosophically more sophisticated and notoriously difficult later dialogues (such as the Parmenides, Philebus, Sophist and Statesman), Plato engages in radical criticism and revision of his earlier views. In this course, we will spend the first third of the semester attempting to understand the metaphysics and epistemology in Plato's middle dialogues. We will spend the balance of the semester coming to grips with Plato's arguments in the later dialogues. We will read several complete dialogues in translation, and will also read a wide variety of secondary source material.

Class Format: lecture/discussion; this class will be a roughly equal mixture of lectures, student presentations, and seminar discussion

Requirements/Evaluation:  students will be expected to prepare a seminar presentation, to write several focused short analytical pieces, and to write a 15- to 20-page term paper in multiple drafts

Prerequisites:  PHIL 101, PHIL 102 or permission of instructor; a prior course in logic will be extremely helpful, but is not necessary

Enrollment Limit:  15

Enrollment Preferences:  upper-level Philosophy and Classics majors

Expected Class Size:  15

Grading:  yes pass/fail option,  yes fifth course option

Distributions:  (D1)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PHIL 330 (D2) CLAS 330 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes:  Instructor will provide regular commentary on papers.

Attributes:  PHIL History Courses
Consciousness is considered as the 'last great mystery of science.' In this course we are going to delve into one of the most well-studied areas of this mystery, that is visual consciousness. Do you really perceive everything you look at? Are you aware of everything you see? Is our visual experience a grand illusion? We will start our investigation of such questions by reading about various approaches in understanding human consciousness. Then, we are going to apply these approaches to perception, and discuss theoretical and empirical controversies in visual consciousness. Finally, we are going to focus on evaluating empirical studies that attempt to resolve such controversies. The goal of this course is to build a bridge between theory and experimentation by learning how to interpret the results of scientific studies to shed light on theoretical and philosophical debates in the literature.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** 5 - 7 page essays every other week, and 2-page response papers to their partner's essays in alternate weeks

**Prerequisites:** COGS 222 (same as PHIL 222 or PSYC 222); or permission of instructor

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** Cognitive Science concentrators and Psychology majors

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PSYC 323 (D3) COGS 323 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** In a tutorial format, students will receive detailed feedback on their writing each week from the professor, as well as from their partner. Students will receive timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement. The written essays will be discussed during tutorial meetings.

**Attributes:** COGS Interdepartmental Electives  PSYC Area 2 - Cognitive Psychology
writing style. These will be designed to include sections that, upon revision in light of comments, can be incorporated into the longer midterm and final papers (5-7 pages and 6-8 pages respectively). Students will be required to meet with the instructor before the midterm and final papers to discuss outlines and revisions of short papers.

Attributes: COGS Interdepartmental Electives COGS Related Courses Linguistics PHIL Contemp Metaphysics + Epistemology Courses

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    TF 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm     Christian De Leon

COMP 106  (S)  Temptation  (WS)

Cross-listings:  COMP 106  ENGL 107

Secondary Cross-listing

We want most those things we can’t--or shouldn't--have. Or, to put it another way, it is when limitations are placed on our actions by law, religion, or the facts of our own biology that we experience desire most acutely. In this course, we will examine fictional narratives, lyric poems, and philosophical meditations in which people are tempted to act against their better judgement. Free will, ambition, temperament, suspense, despair, and repression will be our conceptual preoccupations. We will get to know such writers and artists as Homer, Euripides, Ovid, Augustine, Shakespeare, Donne, Milton, Laclos, Mozart, Freud, Frost, and Scorsese.

Requirements/Evaluation: Four five-page papers, in-class presentation, thoughtful participation in discussions

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: First-year students who have not taken or placed out of a 100-level ENGL course

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
COMP 106 (D1) ENGL 107 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write four five-page papers, each of which will receive timely and extensive written feedback from the instructor. Students will be invited to discuss their papers with the instructor at the draft stage.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    TR 11:20 am - 12:35 pm     Emily Vasiliauskas

COMP 111  (F)(S)  The Nature of Narrative  (WS)

Cross-listings:  ENGL 120  COMP 111

Primary Cross-listing

Stories are one way that we make sense of the world; but how you tell a story is just as important as the events it relates. This course will examine literary narratives from a wide range of traditions, media, and genres, and work on reading them in more informed, more sophisticated, and more interesting ways. Texts will span classics (e.g. Homeric epic and/or The Tale of Genji), fiction ranging from nineteenth-century realism to postmodern experimentation (possibly including Tolstoy, Zola, Garcia Marquez, Toni Morrison, and/or Colson Whitehead), and visual literature from film and drama to graphic memoir (possibly including Art Spiegelman, Tezuka Osamu, and Alison Bechdel). We will also read some short works of literary theory from around the world to help us broaden our idea of what literature can be and do. All readings in English.

Class Format: The second half of the course may have a modified tutorial format, where small groups meet with the instructor once a week, with students' papers and responses forming the basis of the discussion.

Requirements/Evaluation: Regular attendance and participation in class; short and mid-length writing assignments spaced throughout the semester; revision of selected assignments after receiving instructor feedback.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 18
**Enrollment Preferences:** Students considering a major in Comparative Literature

**Expected Class Size:** 18

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (WS)

**This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:**
ENGL 120 (D1) COMP 111 (D1)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Multiple writing assignments that build upon each other, including drafts and revisions, with substantial individualized feedback on writing from the instructor.

**Attributes:** FMST Related Courses

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**Fall 2022**

SEM Section: 01 MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm  
Sarah M. Allen

**Spring 2023**

SEM Section: 01 TR 11:20 am - 12:35 pm  
Christopher A. Bolton

**COMP 117 (F) Introduction to Cultural Theory** (WS)

**Cross-listings:** ENGL 117  COMP 117

**Secondary Cross-listing**

This course has a clear purpose. If you had signed up for a course in biology, you would know that you were about to embark on the systematic study of living organisms. If you were registered for a course on the American Civil War, you would know that there had been an armed conflict between the northern and southern states in the 1860s. But if you decide you want to study "culture," what exactly is it that you are studying? The aim of this course is not to come up with handy and reassuring definitions for this word, but to show you why it is so hard to come up with such definitions. People fight about what the word "culture" means, and our main business will be to get an overview of that conceptual brawl. We will pay special attention to the conflict between those thinkers who see culture as a realm of freedom or equality or independence or critical thought and those thinkers who see culture as a special form of bondage, a prison without walls. The course will be organized around short theoretical readings by authors ranging from Matthew Arnold to Laura Mulvey, but we will also, in order to put our new ideas to the test, watch several films (mostly of the class's choosing) and listen to a lot of rock and roll. Why do you think culture matters? Once you stop to pose that question, there's no turning back.

**Class Format:** discussion

**Requirements/Evaluation:** four formal writing assignments totaling 20 pages (three full essays + one lead-in assignment), informal writing twice weekly, class attendance and participation

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 19

**Enrollment Preferences:** first-year students who have not taken or placed out of a 100-level ENGL course

**Expected Class Size:** 19

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (WS)

**This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:**
ENGL 117 (D1) COMP 117 (D1)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will write three five- to seven-page papers, on which I will provide extensive feedback. Before writing their first papers, students will submit theses and introductions, which I will help them refine. We will hold three extra writing sessions, to discuss how best to organize arguments. Students will write informally before every class.

**Attributes:** AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives

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**Fall 2022**

SEM Section: 01 TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm  
Christian Thorne
First uttered by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev in 1956, the phrase "cult of personality" was formulated to discredit the hero-worship that accompanied Joseph Stalin's iron-fisted rule of the Soviet Union. Since then, the phrase has gained currency as a condemnation of a variety of seemingly all-powerful leaders in oppressive political regimes, including China's Mao Zedong, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, and the ruling Kim family in North Korea. In this course, we will examine the phenomenon of the cult of personality from a variety of perspectives, beginning with the cult surrounding Stalin and ending with that of Vladimir Putin. Our course material will encompass scholarship from multiple disciplines, including history, sociology, political science, cultural and media studies, as well as artistic expression typically labeled propaganda in literature, the visual arts, and film. Although our course will begin in the Soviet Union and end in contemporary Russia, we will explore how the cult of personality has been adapted and updated for different cultural and political purposes in fascist Germany and Spain, China, Iran, North Korea, and Cuba. All readings will be in English, and all films will have English subtitles.

Requirements/Evaluation: completion of weekly reading and writing assignments, as well as active engagement during tutorial sessions

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

COMP 215 (D1) RUSS 219 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will be writing papers (5-6 pages) every other week and receiving detailed feedback on their writing with the expectation that they will identify areas in need of improvement and work on these throughout the semester. The course will also require that students write one paper together with their tutorial partner and that they rewrite two different papers, one at midterm and the other at the end of the term.

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Julie A. Cassiday

COMP 230 (F) The Renaissance in England and the European Continent: Self and World (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: ENGL 228 COMP 230

Secondary Cross-listing

At the same time as the individual human being in possession of a distinctive personality was taking on enormous importance in politics, philosophy, literature, and the visual arts, early modern Europeans were encountering unprecedented levels of cultural diversity. In this interdisciplinary course, we will consider these two developments both separately and together. As Renaissance humanists were acquiring a sophisticated understanding of the distance between the present and various European pasts (the recent medieval past and the remote history of antiquity), they were also coming into contact with non-European cultures in Africa, the Americas, and Asia via trade and economic development, imperial expansion, and religious conversion. Always at stake in these encounters was the question of who counted as an individual; the self was not considered to be intrinsic to human nature but rather the product of historical and cultural developments. Themes will include religious pluralism, the sacred and the secular, vernacularity, exploration and empire, the relationship between mind and body, slavery, trade, wealth, gender, self-fashioning, and style. We will consider such English writers as the Pearl poet, More, Marlowe, Spenser, Shakespeare, Browne, and Milton; such continental intellectuals as Descartes, Erasmus, Las Casas, and Castiglione; and such continental artists as Michelangelo, Velázquez, Bruegel, and Rembrandt.

Requirements/Evaluation: Five four-page papers, in-class presentation, thoughtful participation in discussions

Prerequisites: A 100-level ENGL course, a score of 5 on the AP English Literature exam, a score of 6 or 7 on the Higher Level IB English exam, or permission of the instructor

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: First- and second-year students, and English majors who have yet to take a Gateway course

Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ENGL 228 (D1) COMP 230 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: The course asks students to write five four-page papers and offers exposure to a range of humanistic modes, from close reading to visual analysis to the exposition of philosophical claims. One paper will involve independent research. The instructor will provide frequent and extensive written feedback on student work. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course examines the role of historical and cultural difference within and beyond Europe at the very beginning of globalization. Students will become acquainted with the origins of colonialism and the global traffic in slaves, as well as with the complex role of writers and intellectuals in questioning, defending, and imagining these practices. We will consider the epistemological challenges of accessing the testimony of subordinated persons.

Attributes: ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses ENGL Literary Histories A

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 TR 11:20 am - 12:35 pm Emily Vasiliauskas

COMP 234 (F) Saharan Imaginations (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: ARAB 209 ENVI 208 COMP 234

Secondary Cross-listing
Deconstructing reductive Saharanism, which the course conceptualizes as a universalizing discourse about deserts, this course seeks to critically examine the myriad assumptions that are projected upon deserts across times and cultures. In addition to their depiction as dead and empty, deserts have become a canvas for the demonstration of religiosity, resilience, heroism and athleticism. Cultural production, particularly literature and film, do, however, furnish a critical space in which important questions can be raised about deserts’ fundamental importance to different cultures and societies. Drawing on novels, films, and secondary scholarship, the course will help students understand how myth, memory, history, coloniality/postcoloniality, and a strong sense of ethics are deeply intertwined in the desert sub-genre of African, Euro-American, and Middle Eastern literatures. Whether grappling with transcontinental issues of climate change, cannibalization of biodiversity or overexploitation of natural resources, desert-focused cultural production invites us to interrogate the politics of space and place as well as mobility and spatial control as they relate to this supposedly dead nature.

Requirements/Evaluation: active participation, short presentation, short weekly responses on GLOW, midterm exam, and final paper

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 14

Enrollment Preferences: Students are admitted into the course on a first-come-first-serve basis. If the course is over-enrolled, preference will be given to Arabic Studies and Comparative Literature majors and certificates.

Expected Class Size: 14

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ARAB 209 (D1) ENVI 208 (D1) COMP 234 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will receive constant and extensive feedback on their written work. Students will write regular weekly responses on Glow, a reflection statement, two 5pp. papers for midterms, and one 10pp. final paper.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Students will gain critical awareness of the imbrication of power, hegemony, economic injustice, and colonial policies in the disruption of indigenous conceptions of the Saharan space. Students will also be able to question representations of the Sahara as a dead or empty space by engaging with locally produced alternative conceptualizations of place. Finally, students will produce written assignments that address issues of power and environmental discrimination.

Attributes: ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives
COMP 244 (S) Black Mediterranean (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: GBST 244 COMP 244

Primary Cross-listing

Though European border management today seeks to limit and control movement, the Mediterranean region is a historical site of mediation between cultural differences and religious views. This course centers primarily on the works of migrant intellectuals and artists from North Africa and the Middle East, who have emerged from the Mediterranean region to become a significant part of the new voice of Europe. Borrowing from Deleuze and Guattari's definition of "minor literature" as literature that a "minority constructs within a major language" and in which "language is affected with a high coefficient of deterritorialization," we explore the political, cultural and anthropological effects of such literature in today's European public discourse. Today the Mediterranean has become a graveyard where black and brown bodies transit a hostile and deadly passage. Therefore, a centerpiece of this course will be an examination of the racist discourse in Europe in the light of the Black Lives Matter's quest for decolonizing knowledge. In this interdisciplinary course, we read both literary works (Ali Farah, Khatibi, Lakhous, Scego), and critical theory (Cassano, Chambers, Fanon, Hall, Theo Goldberg); we also analyze films, documentaries, podcasts, exhibits and museums of colonialism in Europe.

Class Format: Students will meet twice a week with me.

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly writing assignments, midterm and final exams, final paper, oral presentation

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Comparative Literature majors

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

GBST 244 (D2) COMP 244 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: This course is designed to be writing-intensive, as it requires weekly response papers, midterm, and final papers, and blog discussions.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Within the theoretical framework of postcolonial studies, this course examines themes such as: race; Europe and its postcolonial legacy; power imbalances in the current European policies of migration; the urban space of Rome as site of conflictual representations of center/periphery.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Michele Monserrati

COMP 256 (S) Stop Making Sense: Absurd(ist) Theatre in Historical Context (WS)

Cross-listings: THEA 252 COMP 256 ENGL 256

Secondary Cross-listing

We want to make sense of things. In nearly all of our academic pursuits, the point of analysis is to find meaning, to explain intricate or confusing phenomena, to provide clarity from complexity. What happens when we can't do this, indeed, when the objects of our analytical attention seem willfully designed to thwart the attempt? Such is the challenge of "understanding" the traditions of the absurd. In this tutorial course, we will engage this challenge within the realm of Western theatre and performance from 1900 to the present. Beginning with selected readings from writers who have engaged the absurd in theoretical fashion (Albert Camus, Soren Kierkegaard, Jean-Paul Sartre, Martin Esslin), the course will move swiftly to original artworks for contemplation and analysis. Some questions we will grapple with include: How do we, can we, should we respond to art that specifically defies meaning? Can art that seems pointless have a point? Playwrights will range from canonical (Samuel Beckett, Eugene Ionesco) to more obscure but equally engaging (as well as baffling) artists (Peter Handke, Slavomir Mrocek). We will follow standard practice in tutorial pairs, as each week one student will prepare original analysis of the assigned reading, and the other will craft a response to prompt an hour-long discussion. Whether we "make sense," or perhaps discover different ways of appreciating the varied works of art, will depend on the nature of those weekly attempts.
Requirements/Evaluation: Evaluation will be based on weekly tutorial papers/response papers, and active participation in weekly tutorial sessions. 
Prerequisites: None
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: Theatre, English, and Comparative Literature majors.
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
THEA 252 (D1) COMP 256 (D1) ENGL 256 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly tutorial papers and response papers, plus regular feedback on writing/argumentation skills. The course will provide consistent and ongoing feedback on students' writing, and will require multiple assignments, each prompting comments which address writing problems and strategies, as appropriate.

Spring 2023
TUT Section: T1 TBA Robert E. Baker-White

COMP 265 (S) Theories of Language and Literature (WS)
Cross-listings: COMP 265 ENGL 209

Secondary Cross-listing
This course is made up of questions: What is literature and why would anyone want to study it? What can you figure out by examining language that you can't figure out by studying history or psychology? Do students of literature have distinctive ways of asking questions about the world? Why do we call some language literary? Can any language be literary if it appears in the right kind of book? Is there a difference between verbal forms of art and visual or auditory ones? Can novels do things that plays and poetry cannot? Why does anyone read poetry anyway?

Requirements/Evaluation: informal writing every week; three 6-page papers; class attendance and participation
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: first- and second-year students, and English majors who have yet to take a Gateway course
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
COMP 265 (D1) ENGL 209 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Informal writing before every class (about 500 words); three 6-page essays, plus a lead-in assignment on which the professor comments; two special writing sessions; fifteen pages of writing advice. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: ENGL Criticism Courses ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Christian Thorne

COMP 270 (S) Divas and Dervishes: Introduction to Modern Arab Music and Performance (DPE) (WS)
Cross-listings: MUS 214 ARAB 214 COMP 270

Secondary Cross-listing
From Sufi rituals to revolutionary uprisings, music has long played a central role in the social, political, and religious life of the Arab world. This is especially audible in the modern era, when new technologies and institutions began to record, amplify, and broadcast the region's sounds, preserving centuries-old traditions while also producing new forms of popular music. This course introduces students to Arab musical genres and practices as
they developed from the late nineteenth century. We will cover a broad geographical range, exploring the classical Andalusian repertoires of Algeria, ecstatic dervish chants in Egypt, patriotic pop tunes from Lebanon, and other topics. To highlight connections between musical traditions as well as their unique local features, we will ask questions such as: What can music tell us about interactions between sacred and secular life? How is music used to define social groups and negotiate identity, gender, and class? Which musical characteristics are associated with Arab “heritage” and “modernity,” and how are these performed? In what ways does music shape everyday life in the Arab world? Class sessions and discussion will be based on academic readings and at-home listening assignments. No previous knowledge of Arabic or Arab music are required.

Requirements/Evaluation: In-class participation, short essays (1 page) every two weeks, midterm presentation, and a final paper (12-14 pages).

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Arabic Studies and Music majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

MUS 214 (D1) ARAB 214 (D1) COMP 270 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will develop their writing skills by submitting one-page unit responses every two weeks and a final paper of 12-14 pages on a topic of their choice. Students will receive feedback on each writing assignment and have opportunities for multiple drafts and peer review during the semester.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Through the lens of music, this course critically examines modern Arab society and power dynamics related to politics, gender, race, and class.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    MW 11:00 am - 12:15 pm    Nicholas R Mangialardi

COMP 284 (S) Athletics and Literature in Ancient Greece (WS)

Cross-listings: COMP 284 CLAS 214

Secondary Cross-listing

The modern Olympic games are one of the most visible traces of ancient Greek influence on contemporary culture. Less well-known, however, are the complex and challenging poems (originally songs) of Pindar and Bacchylides that celebrated the victors of the archaic Greek games. These victory odes are a rich source for the study of Greek culture, from their vivid descriptions of heroic feats to their philosophical claims about human life and divine favor. Athletic competition provides the impetus for these songs and constitutes one of their major themes, yet their significance extends far beyond a single athlete or festival. In this course, we will interrogate the relationship between athletics and literary production in the ancient Greek world. We will use both primary and secondary sources to develop familiarity with major festivals, games, events, and figures, and use that knowledge to contextualize our analysis of Greek literature. Ancient Greek athletic discourse will thus provide an entry point to broader reflections on the literary construction and representation of the body and its movement, as well as the interplay between literature and its cultural contexts.

Requirements/Evaluation: brief writing assignments, essays, class participation

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: majors, first-years, sophomores

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

COMP 284 (D1) CLAS 214 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly (pass/fail) writing assignments (1-2 pages), five graded essays (two of which will be revisions and expansions of previous work, 4-5 pages each), regular in-class workshops on writing style and essay structure. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.
COMP 293 (F) Great Big Books (WS)

Cross-listings: COMP 293 ENGL 233

Secondary Cross-listing

Some of the greatest novels are really, really long—so long that they are too seldom read and taught. This course takes time to enjoy the special pleasures of novels of epic scope: the opportunity to immerse oneself in a wide and teeming fictional world; to focus sustained attention on the changeable fortunes of characters and societies over a long span of time; to appreciate the detailed grounding of lives in their social environment and historical moment; to experience the leisurely and urgent rhythms, with their elaborate patterning of build-ups and climaxes, that are possible in such works. We will read but two novels, both preoccupied with the disruption and evolution of lives and loves at moments of historic upheaval: War and Peace (1869), Leo Tolstoy's epic of the Napoleonic Wars, and Parade's End (1924-28), Ford Madox Ford's modernist masterpiece about World War I and its traumatic impact on English social life. Set a century apart, the novels are distinguished by vivid and scrupulous representation of their respective wars, by their shrewd accounts of political and social pressures informing the crises, and by their insight into the struggles of those whose lives are engulfed in global crisis. Tolstoy's and Ford's approaches to fictional representation, however, provide intriguing contrasts: one favors the lucidity of classic realism, the other the challenges of modernist innovation; one deploys a single multiplot novel, the other a tetralogy of shorter novels developing a single plot. We will discuss the differing strategies and effects of these two approaches, as well as the more general difficulties of reading and interpreting long fiction.

Requirements/Evaluation: regular class participation and four 5-page papers, two of them submitted in both a draft and a revision

Prerequisites: a 100-level English course, or a score of 5 on the Advanced Placement examination in English Literature or a 6 or 7 on the International Baccalaureate

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first- and second-year students, and English majors who have yet to take a Gateway course

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

COMP 293 (D1) ENGL 233 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Four 5-page papers, two of them submitted in both a draft and a revision; two mandatory paper conferences to discuss the drafts; occasional in-class discussion of issues of writing and argumentation.

Attributes: ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses ENGL Literary Histories B ENGL Literary Histories C

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 TR 9:55 am - 11:10 am Stephen J. Tifft

COMP 295 (S) Utopia and the Idea of America(s) (WS)

Cross-listings: ENGL 264 COMP 295

Secondary Cross-listing

What value does the utopian/dystopian text hold in the development of alternative thought? This course, primarily grounded in science fiction and the African American and Latin American contexts, will address this question via the thoughtful examination of a range of theoretical, fictional, and cinematic texts from, among others, Thomas More, John Akomfrah, Samuel Delany, Octavia Butler, Jorge Luis Borges, Alfonso Cuadrón, José Vasconcelos, Eduardo Urzaiz, and Fredric Jameson.

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly reading responses, active class participation, two close readings (500 words each), annotated bibliography, class presentation, final paper (8-10 pages)

Prerequisites: a 100-level ENGL course, or a score of 5 on the AP English Literature exam, or a score of 6 or 7 on the Higher Level IB English exam

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first- and second-year students, and English majors who have yet to take a Gateway course
COMP 297 (S) Present Pasts: The Politics of Memory in Contemporary Chinese Literatures and Films (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: ASIA 228 COMP 297 CHIN 428

Secondary Cross-listing

What happens when memories, already slippery, are further massaged by literary and cinematic narrative strategies? How is the historical “pasts” remembered, forgotten, and subverted in a literary “presence”? This tutorial explores the politics of memory in contemporary literatures and films from the People’s Republic of China (post-socialist era, 1978), Taiwan (post-martial law, 1987), and Hong Kong (postcolonial era, 1997). We will look at how literary and cinematic works in each of these “post” societies represent state-sponsored narratives of remembrance, dissidents’ collective amnesia, and at the popular level, a playful yet cynical flirtation with politics. With close- and distant- readings of textualized and visualized memories, we will examine themes of nation and locality, public and private, mesology and mythology, amnesia and nostalgia, and diaspora and settlement in the PRC, Taiwan, and Hong Kong from the late 1980s until today. Course readings include “root-seeking”, “new realist”, “avant-garde” and “hooligan” novels, examples from the Taiwanese small theater movement, and the transnational cinemas made by the fifth, sixth, and second new wave filmmakers from these three “post” societies. This tutorial is conducted in either Chinese or English. Students wishing to take the course in English should register under ASST or COMP and language learners wishing to take the course in Chinese should register under CHIN.

Requirements/Evaluation: attendance and participation, five 5-page papers, five peer-review and critique papers, revisions on selected papers.

Prerequisites: None for students taking the course under ASST and COMP 297; CHIN 402 or permission of the instructor for students taking CHIN 428

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: current or prospective majors in the Department of Asian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; COMP majors; Asian Studies Concentration

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ASIA 228 (D1) COMP 297 (D1) CHIN 428 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write a 5-page paper every other week for a total of five papers. On weeks when they are not writing papers, they are expected to critique their tutorial partner’s paper as peer reviewers. Detailed writing prompts will be provided to students to generate and organize ideas for each essay. Students are also required to revise key paragraphs, sections, and papers throughout the semester.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course provides students with the opportunity to analyze and critique the following entangled modernist dualisms: present and pasts; memory and representations; diaspora and settlement; transnationalism and localism. By discussing texts produced from the PRC, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other diaspora areas in these “post” societies, this course asks students to explore how literary and cinematic narratives invoke (and erase) differences, and challenge (and consolidate) borders.

Attributes: FMST Core Courses

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Man He
"It's so Kafkaesque!" We love to use the most famous Austro-Hungarian-Czech-Jewish writer of all time to characterize puzzling and dispiriting situations. But close examination of Franz Kafka's work and life reveals a multi-dimensional world that goes far beyond the cliché. Jewish in an increasingly anti-Semitic environment, German-speaking surrounded by Czech-speakers, deeply alone in a family that didn't understand him, Kafka produced texts that simultaneously demand and refuse to be interpreted. In this tutorial we will begin with intensive readings of selected short stories and parables, then move on to an exploration of Kafka's own words from diaries and letters, as well as secondary sources. The course will conclude with discussions of how Kafka's texts and their contexts might relate to contemporary conditions and/or to students' own lives and thoughts. This will be a modified tutorial, with five groups of three students apiece. Conducted in English.

Class Format: the class will be divided into groups of 3. At each weekly meeting, one of the 3 will present a 5-page paper, another will present a formal response, and the third will participate actively in discussion. Students will incorporate at least one of their papers into a final project that links their discussions of Kafka to their own interests and/or to contemporary issues.

Requirements/Evaluation: Three 5-page papers, three 1-2 page responses, one final project, discussion leading. Evaluation: Tutorial papers will receive extensive comments, but no grade; the instructor will meet with individual students at least twice during the semester to discuss how things are going for them. Responses will not be evaluated by the instructor, but instead will function well or less well in the context of the discussion. The final project will receive a grade, and the final grade will be determined by the overall trajectory of the student's learning.

Prerequisites: One college literature course

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: majors or prospective majors in Comparative Literature or German

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Modified tutorial. Students will write 3 five-page papers apiece, plus the same number of 1-2-page response papers, and will revise and expand one of their papers for a final project. Each paper will receive extensive comments.

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Gail M. Newman

COMP 324 (F) Japanese Art and Visual Culture: Private/Public/Pop (WS)

Cross-listings: ARTH 525 COMP 324 ARTH 324 ASIA 324

Primary Cross-listing

This tutorial offers a survey of Japanese art and visual culture across time and media, with particular attention to two areas: the links between different artistic media, and the relationship between art and its audience. We'll begin with early court diaries and related scroll paintings as examples of "private" art. Then we'll move through progressively more public visual media of the 17th through 21st centuries: Kanô screen painting; nô, kabuki, and puppet theater; premodern architecture; popular woodblock prints; turn-of-the-century photography; and finally some examples of contemporary popular culture like comics, animation, and/or film. We will focus on the specificities of each medium while simultaneously developing formal visual reading skills that can work across different media.

Class Format: Students will meet with the instructor in pairs or trios for 75 minutes each week. This tutorial is offered simultaneously at the 300 level for undergraduates and at the 500 level for graduate students: graduate students will be paired with other graduate students and undergraduates with undergraduates.

Requirements/Evaluation: For undergraduates: weekly participation, 5 short written assignments in alternate weeks (ranging from 1 to 5 pages), and several 1-page peer critiques. For graduate students: weekly participation and 3-4 short written exercises that build toward a final 15-page research paper.

Prerequisites: No previous knowledge of Japanese art or culture is required. Students with similar preparation and interests will be paired with one another.

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Graduate Art students, followed by undergraduates majoring in Art History or Comparative Literature.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARTH 525 (D1) COMP 324 (D1) ARTH 324 (D1) ASIA 324 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write several regularly spaced papers that build on one another by tackling similar problems from different angles. Students will receive detailed feedback from the instructor on each paper, addressing argument, organization, and style, as well as peer feedback. (See requirements for details about the number and type of assignments.)

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Christopher A. Bolton

COMP 369 (S) Indigenous Narratives: From the Fourth World to the Global South (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: HIST 306 GBST 369 COMP 369 ARAB 369

Primary Cross-listing

In the late 20th century, world literature has witnessed a “boom” in indigenous literature. Many critics and historians describe this global re-emergence of the subaltern and the indigenous in terms of literary justice fostered by post-colonial studies and the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, by the UN General Assembly on December 18, 1992. In this course, we will investigate this “indigenous boom” by reading novels and short stories from the Americas, the Middle East and North Africa from the 1970s to the present. Through these trans-regional and trans-historical peregrinations, our principal goal will be to examine and compare narratives about conquest, settler colonialism, colonial nationalism, indigeneity, sovereignty, indigenous epistemology and philosophy. At the same time, we will consider the following questions: How did pioneering indigenous women writers, such as the Laguna Pueblo Leslie Marmon Silko in the US and the Mayan playwrights of La Forma in Chiapas, Mexico lead the feminist front of the indigenous literary renaissance? How did Palestinian folktales, Amazigh poetics in the Maghreb, and Mayan dream narratives in Mexico and Guatemala produce narratives of decolonial history? What does the aesthetics of magical realism in Arabic, Quechua and Spanish, respectively, as evident in the works of the Kurdish writer Salim Barakat (Syria) and the mestizo writer José María Arguedas (Peru) tell us about the intersection of race, ethnicity, and indigenous epistemology? What is the connection between the recent “boom” of English translations of Indigenous texts and neoliberalism, multiculturalism and neo-colonialism? Ultimately, our goal is to trace how these texts contributed to global indigenous literature and the trans-historical and trans-geographical connections between them.

Requirements/Evaluation: active class participation, several short response assignments (3-4 pages), two film reviews (1 page), a performance project, and a final paper (7-10 pages)

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Comparative Literature majors

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

HIST 306 (D2) GBST 369 (D2) COMP 369 (D1) ARAB 369 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: This course will enable students to write weekly while engaging with various forms of writing skills: articulating arguments in short response papers (3-4 pages each), developing visual criticism through writing two film reviews, (1 page each), journaling through writing a personal reflections on a performance project, and honing research language in producing a final paper of 7-10 pages. Instructor's feedback and peer review sessions will include review of drafts and argumentative structures.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: At the heart of this course is the history of global Indigenous struggle for liberation and decolonization. The various novels, short stories, poems, films and other texts that students will engage with narrate histories of colonial dispossession, racial oppression, economic subjugation and dehumanization of minoritized Indigenous communities in the Americas, North Africa and the Middle East.

Attributes: GBST Borders, Exiles + Diaspora Studies Electives

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Amal Eqeiq
Some electric utilities and other CO2 emission polluters are allowed to purchase carbon offsets to achieve a portion of their mandated emissions cuts, in effect, to pay others to reduce carbon emissions in their stead. Some individuals, college and universities, and for-profit and non-profit institutions have chosen voluntarily to purchase carbon offsets as a way of reducing their carbon footprint. But do offsets actually succeed in reducing carbon emissions? What separates a legitimate offset from one that is not? How should we measure the true impact of an offset? How do carbon offsets compare to other policies for reducing carbon emissions in terms of efficiency, equity, and justice? Is there something inherently wrong about "commodifying" the atmosphere? Is there something inherently wrong about selling or buying the right to pollute? Should colleges and universities be using the purchase of offsets to achieve "carbon neutrality?"

Class Format: Each student will be the tutorial partner of one other student, and each pair of tutorial partners will meet with the instructor for 75 minutes each week.

Requirements/Evaluation: a 5- to 7-page paper every other week; a 3-page written critique every other week; one re-write paper
Prerequisites: ECON 110 or the equivalent, permission of instructor
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: first-year students and sophomores intending to major in Economics and/or to major or concentrate in Environmental Studies
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ENVI 212 (D2) ECON 214 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write five 5-7 page papers on which I will provide written feedback regarding grammar, style, and argument. Each student will write five 3-page critiques of their partner's papers. As the final assignment, each student will revise one of their five papers.
Attributes: ENVI Environmental Policy POEC Comparative POEC/Public Policy Courses

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Ralph M. Bradburd

Capital, tradable ownership shares in long-lived corporations, invented in the 17th century, has connected people of different races, religions, and geographies. There are huge profits from such economic interactions, but also risks: of being cheated, deceived, or coerced. This course uses insights from the economics of incentives (principal-agent models, contracts, mechanism design) to investigate the interplay between capital, coercion, and resistance. The role of prejudice will be central, as will the rise of middlemen as enforcers of coercion. Case studies span the 17th century to the 20th and include: the spice trade and conflict in the Indian Ocean, capital markets and fraud in Amsterdam and London, the Atlantic trade in enslaved people, the Dutch "cultivation system" in Java, the slow end of slavery in Brazil, and colonial control and independence in Kenya. Required readings for this class will be fifty or more pages per week, and will include historical case studies and excerpts from novels and diaries.

Requirements/Evaluation: Students will be evaluated based on class participation and on four essays.
Prerequisites: Econ 110
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: If overenrolled, students will be asked to submit a short statement of interest.
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

GBST 218 (D2) ECON 218 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will receive guidelines on writing drafts and self-editing for clarity and structure. There will be four 5-7 page writing assignments for the class, spaced throughout the semester, with instructor feedback and an opportunity to revise one for final submission. We will also carefully analyze several beautifully written non-fiction articles that explore topics related to this class written for a general audience.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course analyzes the evolution of economic inequity. It analyzes how global market opportunities have been shaped by race, religion, wealth, and power.

Attributes: POEC International Political Economy Courses

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    MWF 8:30 am - 9:45 am     Ashok S. Rai

ENGL 103  (W)  The Art of the Undergraduate Essay  (WS)

Writing papers for college courses feels different -- and, for most people, more challenging -- than writing papers in high school. No longer can you get away with papers written according to the old formula,"tell-'em-what-you're-going-to-tell-'em, tell 'em, tell-em-what-you-told-'em" formula. Professors now assume that you will design complex arguments supported by subtle evidence and in-depth analysis. In this course, we will study and practice the art of the college essay. We will work in three disciplines or fields: literature, interdisciplinary social studies, and visual art/film. At the end of this intensive course, you will feel comfortable answering the prompts and assignments in a wide range of courses. Readings will be relatively short; assignments will be frequent; drafts and revisions will be built into the curriculum.

Class Format: During the visual art unit, we may visit local museums. Drop-in office hours will be available several afternoons every week.

Requirements/Evaluation: attendance and active classroom participation (including occasional field trips); daily writing exercises and several short papers; regular one-on-one meetings with professor for writing critiques.

Prerequisites: permission of a dean

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: students who need to make up a deficiency

Expected Class Size: NA

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: This course is designed to count for both full semester and Winter Study credit. Once a dean approves enrollment, the Registrar's Office will register students in ENGL 103 and ENGL 42.

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: This in-person class will include regular time for writing with plenty of feedback during the drafting process.

Attributes: ENGL Criticism Courses

Winter 2023

SEM Section: 01    M-F 10:00 am - 1:00 pm     Cassandra J. Cleghorn

ENGL 104  (S) Creative Non-fiction  (WS)

In this course we will read some of the most prominent practitioners of creative non-fiction--writers like John McPhee, Joan Didion, Malcolm Gladwell, Susan Orlean, Janet Malcolm, Joshua Foer, Zadie Smith and Oliver Sacks. Students will also write in a variety of non-fiction modes--explainers, profiles, essays, memoirs. We will probe the border between invention and fact and consider the ways that narratives are constructed.

Class Format: workshop

Requirements/Evaluation: four short exercises of three pages or less; three longer assignments of five pages; and a final assignment, which is a revision and expansion of an earlier essay

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 14
Enrollment Preferences: first-year students who have not taken or placed out of a 100-level ENGL course

Expected Class Size: 14

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Four short exercises of three pages or less; three longer assignments of five pages; and a final assignment, which is a revision and expansion of an earlier essay. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01  MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm  John E. Kleiner

ENGL 105  (F)(S)  American Girlhoods  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: ENGL 105  WGSS 105

Primary Cross-listing

The image of the girl has captivated North American writers, commentators, artists, and creators of popular culture for at least the last two centuries. What metaphors, styles of writing, ideas of "manners and morals" does literature about girls explore? What larger cultural and aesthetic concerns are girls made to represent? And how is girlhood articulated alongside and/or intertwined with other identities and identifications, such as race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality? These are some of the issues we will explore in this course.

Requirements/Evaluation: at least 20 pages of writing; short, more informal writing assignments; GLOW posts; class participation

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students who do not have a 5 on the AP and/or have not previously taken a 100-level English class

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ENGL 105 (D1) WGSS 105 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students do at least 20 pages of writing (4-5 papers) and are required to revise several papers. We also devote significant class time to talking about successful academic writing. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course considers the construction of girlhood in the United States along the axes of race, gender, sexuality, class and more, and the literary history of who, in various moments in America, has even been allowed to claim the privileges of and/or be burdened with the idea of being a girl. It examines how girlhood is represented in relation to (in)equality and power and what kinds of literary and cultural forms writers utilize to illuminate these differences.

Attributes: AMST Arts in Context Electives

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01  MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm  Kathryn R. Kent

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01  MW 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm  Kathryn R. Kent

ENGL 107  (S)  Temptation  (WS)

Cross-listings: COMP 106  ENGL 107

Primary Cross-listing

We want most those things we can’t--or shouldn’t--have. Or, to put it another way, it is when limitations are placed on our actions by law, religion, or the facts of our own biology that we experience desire most acutely. In this course, we will examine fictional narratives, lyric poems, and philosophical meditations in which people are tempted to act against their better judgement. Free will, ambition, temperance, suspense, despair, and repression will
be our conceptual preoccupations. We will get to know such writers and artists as Homer, Euripides, Ovid, Augustine, Shakespeare, Donne, Milton, Laclos, Mozart, Freud, Frost, and Scorsese.

Requirements/Evaluation: Four five-page papers, in-class presentation, thoughtful participation in discussions

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: First-year students who have not taken or placed out of a 100-level ENGL course

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

COMP 106 (D1) ENGL 107 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write four five-page papers, each of which will receive timely and extensive written feedback from the instructor. Students will be invited to discuss their papers with the instructor at the draft stage.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 TR 11:20 am - 12:35 pm Emily Vasiliauskas

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ENGL 109 (F)(S) Narrating Change (WS)

How do we narrate change? Change is radical (from radix, "root," thus pertaining to what is essential) when it alters how we experience, think, and act. If we change radically, and the structure of our experience is altered, how are we then to connect what comes before to what comes after? On the other hand, if change does not cause such a transformation in the self, then how is it experienced? In this class we will read memoirs (Mirza Ghalib), novels (Virginia Woolf; Chinua Achebe), lyric poetry (Charles Baudelaire; Faiz Ahmad Faiz; Teji Grover), historical narrative (W.E.B. DuBois), psychoanalytic theory (Sigmund Freud; Jean Laplanche), and philosophy of science (Thomas Kuhn; Reinhart Koselleck), to examine the ways human beings fashion to work through, think about, and represent change.

Requirements/Evaluation: Five response essays (1 page), three critical essays (5 pages), one revision plus expansion (8 pages)

Prerequisites: no prerequisites

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students who do not have a 5 on the AP and/or have not previously taken a 100-level English class

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write more than 20 pages. They will receive extensive feedback on their writing from me and will revise and expand one essay. Texts read in class will also be examined as models for how to organize thought through writing.

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 MWF 8:30 am - 9:45 am Paresh Chandra

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 MWF 8:30 am - 9:45 am Paresh Chandra

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ENGL 111 (F) Poetry and Politics (WS)

"Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world" wrote Shelley in his 1821 "Defence of Poetry," countering the widely held view of poetry's airy irrelevance to the material progress of humanity. His claims are echoed a century and a half later in Audre Lorde's "Poetry is Not a Luxury," in which she argues that poetry is a vital and essential part of her own political struggle as a Black lesbian feminist. But when W.B. Yeats--himself a very politically involved poet--writes in 1917 that "from the quarrel with others comes rhetoric; from the quarrel with ourselves comes poetry," he implies that poetry would suffer from too much involvement with the "quarrel with others" that is politics. And when W. H. Auden writes in 1939 that "poetry makes nothing happen" he appears to locate poetry's value precisely in its irrelevance to politics as such. This course will focus on the vexed relationship
between poetry and political struggle, reading predominantly poetry and poetics (writings about poetry) of the last two centuries in an effort to answer the questions: what can poetry do for politics? what does politics do for (or to) poetry? Is poetry essential to political struggle, or do poetry and politics mix only to the detriment of both, producing, on the one hand, bad poetry, and on the other, mere distractions from the "real" work of politics? The primary goal of the course is to make students better readers and appreciators of poetry, and better readers and writers of argumentative prose.

Class Format: discussion
Requirements/Evaluation: graded essays, final in-class team project
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 14
Enrollment Preferences: first-year students who have not taken or placed out of a 100-level ENGL course
Expected Class Size: 14
Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write 5 essays total. After each essay, students meet individually with the professor to discuss their writing and plan specific improvements in their writing skills. Two of the essays will be revised after peer-review tutorials.

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 TF 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Alison A. Case

ENGL 112 (F) Introduction to Literary Criticism (WS)
What determines meaning? How we interpret is inevitably inflected by our own priorities and preoccupations, by the contexts in which we read, by literary and other conventions, and by the historical and personal circumstances of a work's composition, as well as deriving from the particular words of a text and from the mutable life of language itself. So how to go about the task of reading literature well, and reading critically? This course will focus on key introductory methods and critical approaches, and is intended to develop your skills in reading, writing about, discussing and interpreting literary texts. Our readings--mainly short fiction and poetry, along with selected introductory work in critical theory--will invite increased self-consciousness about literary form, the functions of criticism, and the process of reading and interpretation. In the last weeks of the course, we will read longer texts, including at least one play and one novel.

Requirements/Evaluation: Three papers rising from 3-6 pages, discussion board postings, and contribution to class discussions.
Prerequisites: None
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: First-year students who have not taken or placed out of a 100-level ENGL course
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Three papers, rising from 3 pages for the first, to 6 pages for the last. Postings on Glow discussion boards. Extensive written feedback on longer papers, plus the option of revision.

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 MWF 10:00 am - 10:50 am James L. Pethica

ENGL 113 (F) The Feminist Poetry Movement (DPE) (WS)
Cross-listings: ENGL 113 AMST 113 WGSS 113
Primary Cross-listing
Feminist poetry and feminist politics were so integrated in the 1960s and 1970s in America that critical essays on poets, such as Adrienne Rich and Audre Lorde, appeared in the same handbook that listed such resources for women as rape crisis centers and health clinics. This course will map the crucial alliance between feminist politics (and its major cultural and political gains) and the feminist poetry movement that became a major "tool" for building, organizing, and theorizing second-wave feminism. In order to track this political and poetic revolution, we will take an interdisciplinary approach that brings together historical, critical, and literary documents (including archival ones) and visual products (through the Object Lab of the
Williams College Art Museum) that recreate the rich context of the period and help us consider the important social nature of aesthetic production. At the center of the course will be writings of major poets of the period, as well as anthologies and feminist periodicals that published their work and created a significant forum and shared space for women to articulate the politics and poetics of change. These periodicals and anthologies will also help us track the diversity of the feminist poetry movement and its intersection with issues of race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality. Ultimately, we will want to consider how poetry serves as an important tool for thinking through questions of power and injustice and what role it plays in creating necessary imaginative space in the world for expression, critique, and change.

Class Format: discussion, some lecture, project work in archives and art gallery

Requirements/Evaluation: two-three short analysis papers, creative (1-2 pages), discussion posts, curated final project (archival exhibit and digital project), presentations

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first years

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ENGL 113 (D1) AMST 113 (D2) WGSS 113 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Writing skills taught through a series of assignments evenly spaced throughout the semester: weekly p/f discussion posts, three four-to-five-page graded papers, one creative assignment, and a final digital research project (10-page equivalent; peer reviewed). Students receive critical feedback on written assignments a week prior to due date through conferences and Google Docs and on final graded assignments within one week with sufficient time between assignments to improve the next assignment.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The course examines the effects of class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality on both poetry and the movement and how women negotiated their differences within the movement, as well as in response to the dominant patriarchal culture. This course employs critical tools (feminist theory, archival research, poetics, close reading, comparative approaches) to help students question and articulate the social injustices that led to the poetry and poetics of the Women’s Liberation Movement.

Attributes: AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives ENGL Criticism Courses EXPE Experiential Education Courses WGSS Racial Sexual + Cultural Diversity Courses WGSS Theory Courses

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 TR 8:30 am - 9:45 am Bethany Hicok

ENGL 114 (F) Literary Speakers (WS)

The general purpose of this course is to develop students’ skills as interpreters of poetry and short fiction. Its particular focus is on how—and with what effects—poets create the voices of their poems, and fiction writers create their narrators. We’ll consider the ways in which literary speakers inform and entice, persuade and sometimes deceive, their audiences. Readings will include texts from various historical periods, with particular emphasis on twentieth-century writers (including works by James Joyce, Henry James, Vladimir Nabokov, Robert Frost, Toni Cade Bambara, Raymond Carver, and Seamus Heaney).

Requirements/Evaluation: 4 or 5 papers, of varying lengths, spaced throughout the term (about 15-20 pages total); detailed feedback will be provided on each paper, along with opportunities for revision. There will be no examinations in this course.

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students and then sophomores who have not yet taken a 100-level course in English

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: There will be 4-5 papers assigned, spaced evenly throughout the term, ranging in length from 1-2 pages to about 5 pages. Detailed feedback will be provided on each paper. There will be opportunities for revisions, and for conferences before and after each paper. At least
two classes during the term will be specifically devoted to issues related to paper writing.

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01  Cancelled

**ENGL 116 (F) The Remix: Adaptation and Revelation (WS)**

This course explores the ideas of remaking and adaptation. We examine twentieth and twenty-first-century fiction, poetry, film, and hybrid texts that interact with subject matter stretching from Greek mythology to New World castaway stories to global pandemics. What is the nature of the work they attempt? What is lost and gained in these re-visions? In response to these questions, emphasis is placed on critical reading and writing (and rewriting), as well as on research skills. Works considered throughout the term come from, among others, Jorge Luis Borges, Anne Carson, J.M. Coetzee, Alfonso Cuarón, and Natasha Trethewey.

Requirements/Evaluation: at least 20 pages of writing; GLOW posts; class participation

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 14

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students who do not have a 5 on the AP and/or have not previously taken a 100-level English class

Expected Class Size: 14

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will do at least 20 pages of writing (4 papers) and will be required to significantly revise one paper. Students will also provide two detailed editorial responses to the work of another student. Significant class time will be spent covering strategies for effective and persuasive academic writing. Throughout the semester, students will receive written feedback from the instructor with specific suggestions for revision and improvement.

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 MWF 10:00 am - 10:50 am Ricardo A Wilson

**ENGL 117 (F) Introduction to Cultural Theory (WS)**

Cross-listings: ENGL 117  COMP 117

Primary Cross-listing

This course has a clear purpose. If you had signed up for a course in biology, you would know that you were about to embark on the systematic study of living organisms. If you were registered for a course on the American Civil War, you would know that there had been an armed conflict between the northern and southern states in the 1860s. But if you decide you want to study "culture," what exactly is it that you are studying? The aim of this course is not to come up with handy and reassuring definitions for this word, but to show you why it is so hard to come up with such definitions. People fight about what the word "culture" means, and our main business will be to get an overview of that conceptual brawl. We will pay special attention to the conflict between those thinkers who see culture as a realm of freedom or equality or independence or critical thought and those thinkers who see culture as a special form of bondage, a prison without walls. The course will be organized around short theoretical readings by authors ranging from Matthew Arnold to Laura Mulvey, but we will also, in order to put our new ideas to the test, watch several films (mostly of the class's choosing) and listen to a lot of rock and roll. Why do you think culture matters? Once you stop to pose that question, there's no turning back.

Class Format: discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: four formal writing assignments totaling 20 pages (three full essays + one lead-in assignment), informal writing twice weekly, class attendance and participation

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students who have not taken or placed out of a 100-level ENGL course

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ENGL 117 (D1) COMP 117 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write three five- to seven-page papers, on which I will provide extensive feedback. Before writing their first papers, students will submit theses and introductions, which I will help them refine. We will hold three extra writing sessions, to discuss how best to organize arguments. Students will write informally before every class.

Attributes: AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Christian Thorne

ENGL 120 (F)(S) The Nature of Narrative (WS)
Cross-listings: ENGL 120 COMP 111
Secondary Cross-listing
Stories are one way that we make sense of the world; but how you tell a story is just as important as the events it relates. This course will examine literary narratives from a wide range of traditions, media, and genres, and work on reading them in more informed, more sophisticated, and more interesting ways. Texts will span classics (e.g. Homerian epic and/or The Tale of Genji), fiction ranging from nineteenth-century realism to postmodern experimentation (possibly including Tolstoy, Zola, Garcia Marquez, Toni Morrison, and/or Colson Whitehead), and visual literature from film and drama to graphic memoir (possibly including Art Spiegelman, Tezuka Osamu, and Alison Bechdel). We will also read some short works of literary theory from around the world to help us broaden our idea of what literature can be and do. All readings in English.

Class Format: The second half of the course may have a modified tutorial format, where small groups meet with the instructor once a week, with students’ papers and responses forming the basis of the discussion.

Requirements/Evaluation: Regular attendance and participation in class; short and mid-length writing assignments spaced throughout the semester; revision of selected assignments after receiving instructor feedback.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 18

Enrollment Preferences: Students considering a major in Comparative Literature

Expected Class Size: 18

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ENGL 120 (D1) COMP 111 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Multiple writing assignments that build upon each other, including drafts and revisions, with substantial individualized feedback on writing from the instructor.

Attributes: FMST Related Courses

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Sarah M. Allen

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 TR 11:20 am - 12:35 pm Christopher A. Bolton

ENGL 123 (F)(S) The Short Story (WS)
The reading for this course will consist entirely of short stories by such writers as Poe, Hawthorne, James, Doyle, Hemingway, Faulkner, Gilman, Chopin, Cather, Toomer, McCullers, O’Connor, Borges, Nabokov, Kincaid, Saunders, Diaz, and Shepard. We will read one or two per class meeting; at the end of the course, we’ll be reading one collection, by Raymond Carver. Reading short stories will allow us to pay close attention to the form of our texts, and to paragraphs, sentences, and words. The premise of the essays you will write is that short stories and short essays are both arts based on controlling the release of information and meaning, and that studying the two genres together will have reciprocal benefits for reading and writing.
Class Format: class meetings will be devoted almost entirely to discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: grades will be based on the five formal writing assignments, with rewards for improvement, plus class participation

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students who have not taken a 100-level English course; then sophomores who have not taken a 100-level English course

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: There will be five formal writing assignments, totaling about twenty pages. My response to each paper will include extensive marginal comments on technical issues, and a typed page of comments on the ideas and structure of the paper as a whole. Final grades will be determined by both the student's intellectual engagement and his or her increasing mastery of the art of writing essays.

Attributes: ENGL Creative Writing Courses

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 TR 9:55 am - 11:10 am John K. Limon

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 TR 9:55 am - 11:10 am John K. Limon

ENGL 131 (S) All About Sonnets (WS)

Fourteen lines in a fixed pattern. When Sir Thomas Wyatt introduced the sonnet to England in the 1500s with his translations of Petrarch, the form quickly became entrenched in English, and has been in regular use ever since. Originally penned as expressions of idealized love, sonnets soon expanded to address other kinds of emotionally intense relationships—to God, Nature, art, a particular place, the State, oppressors—while still, obsessively, returning to love in all its myriad forms. This makes the sonnet, deeply personal though it is, also a kind of pocket-sized literary tradition, as each new generation of poets extends, disrupts, and comments upon the whole history of sonnets. "A sonnet is a moment’s monument," wrote D.G. Rossetti (in, of course, a sonnet)—speaking of the sonnet's tendency to offer just a snapshot of the poet's mental and emotional state—but the tradition of producing numbered sequences of sonnets can also string those moments into a kind of narrative. Similarly, while the sonnet is founded in strong feeling, it is also obsessed with logic, delighting in logical argumentation, contradictions and paradoxes. This course will focus on a broad range of sonnets, historically, geographically and thematically, as well as criticism and theory relating to sonnets. Studying sonnets that are variously inspiring, devastating, and lol funny, we will become Sonnet Experts, while developing broadly useful skills in careful reading, concise writing and sound argumentation. Poets will include Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Keats, Elizabeth Barret Browning, DG and Christina Rossetti, Claude McKay, Edna St. Vincent Millay, John Berryman, Seamus Heaney, Vikram Seth, and many, many more. No prior experience with poetry is presumed.

Class Format: first week in regular class meetings, followed by weekly tutorial meetings in pairs

Requirements/Evaluation: five tutorial essays 3-5 pages; five responses to partners tutorial essays; 10 sonnet paraphrases and/or "prose sonnets;" thoughtful participation in tutorial meetings

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Bi-weekly short analytic papers (1000 words) which will be critiqued in tutorial meetings and revised as needed. Bi-weekly critique of partner's paper. Regular sonnet paraphrases and or "prose sonnets" that will be critiqued for linguistic precision and succinctness.

Spring 2023
TUT Section: T1 TBA Alison A. Case
ENGL 138 (F) What is a Self? Investigations in Literature, Philosophy, and Psychology (WS)

The experience of having a self (or a subjective point of view) informs and colors literally everything we think, see, and feel. And yet what is a self? Is it the unchanging essence of who we are as individuals? Or is it the historically contingent product of ever-changing cultural and political forces (like the media, gender norms, and ideologies about race, to name just a few)? Or, perhaps, is the belief that we have a self just one big illusion, as the Buddha suggested millennia ago and as modern philosophers and scientists have argued in their own different ways more recently? In this class, we'll explore the deep mystery of human existence that we call "the self" or "subjectivity," looking at various attempts to capture, represent, and explain it (even escape it!). Our investigations will be wide-ranging, looking at examples from literature, philosophy, religion, and psychology. Works we'll study include: Tim O'Brien's The Things They Carried, Toni Morrison's Beloved, and theoretical writings on the self by Plato, Thoreau, and Jean-Paul Sartre among others. We'll even try our hand at meditation, while learning about the Buddhist idea of "no self." Students who genuinely find the experience of the self puzzling and fascinating will get the most out of this class. Bring an open mind about what it is to have a mind in the first place.

Requirements/Evaluation: four essays totaling 18-20 pages; active class participation; participation in other short informal writing assignments.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students who have not taken or placed out of a 100-level ENGL course

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Four essays (ranging in length from 4-6 pages long) in multiple drafts, adding up to 18-20 pages total. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Bernard J. Rhie

ENGL 150 (F)(S) Expository Writing (WS)

Writing clearly is the most important skill you can learn in college. Do you suffer from writer's block? Do you receive consistent criticism of your writing without also learning strategies for how to improve? This course is for students who want to learn how to write a well-argued, intelligible essay based on close, critical analysis of texts. We will derive our method for mastering the complex art of writing from Atul Gawande's bestselling book, The Checklist Manifesto. In addition to sharpening your skills in reading, note-taking and literary analysis, this class will give you tools for generating drafts, peer editing, revising, and polishing your writing. The majority of the readings for this course will be literary essays, mostly contemporary, mostly American.

Requirements/Evaluation: Requirements include active class participation (including peer-editing), drafts and revisions of four to five papers totaling at least 20 pages. Overall evaluation will include improvement and effort.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students, especially students with demonstrated need for help with analytical writing

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: This course is devoted to the study of writing, focusing especially on expository essays. Four to five papers are assigned, totaling at least 20 pages. Special attention will be paid to drafts, revision and building peer editing skills. Regular, one-on-one meetings with professor will be encouraged.

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 MWF 10:00 am - 10:50 am Cassandra J. Cleghorn

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 Cancelled
ENGL 158 (F) Expository Writing: Contemporary Linked Stories (WS)

In this expository writing and writing intensive course, we will read and write about several collections of linked short stories about altered states of mind and body, immigrant experiences, and the magic of everyday life. We will examine linked stories as a form organizing narratives that can stand alone, but that resonate powerfully with one another, sharing themes, settings, and sometimes even characters. Texts may include Denis Johnson's *Jesus' Son*, Bryan Washington's *Lot*, Carmen Maria Machado's *Her Body and Other Parties*, and Alice Munro's *Juliet* stories. Class time will be split nearly equally between analysis of the assigned texts and active work with student writing, including freewriting, rewriting, sentence and paragraph workshops, peer editing, and writing strategy sessions.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** 4 or 5 two-page assignments, two with required revisions; 4 five-page papers, all with required revisions; discussion participation; attendance.

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 12

**Enrollment Preferences:** First preference goes to first-year students who have not received a 5 on AP LITERATURE or a 6 or 7 on the IB. Additional rules via English Department Website.

**Expected Class Size:** 12

**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** This course is dedicated to the teaching of college-level expository writing. Students will complete several assignment sequences that build from 2-page response papers to 5-page argumentative essays and that include required revisions at multiple stages. About half the class time will be spent discussing and practicing writing strategies and mechanics.

**Attributes:** ENGL Literary Histories C

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 TR 8:30 am - 9:45 am Ezra D. Feldman

ENGL 159 (F) Other People's Lives: Contemporary American Memoir (WS)

The goal of this course is to teach you how to write a clear, well-argued, intelligible and interesting analytical paper. We will spend most of our class time actively engaged in a variety of techniques to improve your critical reasoning and analytical skills, both written and oral. Though the skills you learn will be applicable to other disciplines, and a central purpose of the course is to improve all aspects of your writing, this is a literature class, designed partly to prepare you for upper level courses in the English Department, so we will, therefore, spend equal time on the interpretation of literature, in this case, contemporary American memoir, examining the ways in which recent American memoirists represent themselves through prose and the choices they make in shaping their life stories. Given the techniques shared by novelists and memoirists, how firm is the line between fiction and non-fiction? What are the sources of a memoirist's authority? What are the ethics of memoir-writing? What kind of relationships do memoirists seek with their readers, and how do they go about achieving them?

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Several short essays, most with drafts and revisions, one student-led class discussion, written comments on published and student work, active participation in discussions.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Enrollment Limit:** 12

**Enrollment Preferences:** Preference to First Year students who do not have a 5 on the AP Lit exam or a 6 or 7 on the IB and have not previously taken a 100-level course.

**Expected Class Size:** 12

**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Five papers, of varying lengths, most of which will go through multiple drafts. Extensive time spent in and out of class on every stage of the writing process. Opportunities to meet with professor outside of class at any stage of writing. Revision built into the course assignments. Commenting on published and peer work as a way to further develop one's own editorial eye.

**Attributes:** ENGL Literary Histories C
ENGL 162  (F)  Robots, Puppets, and Dolls  (WS)

Is Pinocchio alive? How about the Terminator, or the operating system in Her? This course explores our persistent interest in human simulacra (robots, puppets, dolls; but also automata and cyborgs) and what they suggest about human identity, independence, and free will. We’ll look at a wide range of simulacra as they appear in literature, film, and, increasingly, in the actual world (“reborn” dolls, therapy robots). We will frame our explorations with readings in artificial intelligence, neurology, and psychoanalysis (Freud on the uncanny; Winnicott on transitional objects). Throughout, we will wonder: why this fascination with the almost living? How is it that we often care more for Wall-E or the Velveteen Rabbit than we do for real people?

Requirements/Evaluation:  students write five essays over the course of the term, in addition to a number of ungraded but required exercises
Prerequisites:  none
Enrollment Limit:  19
Enrollment Preferences:  first-year students who have not taken or placed out of a 100-level English course
Expected Class Size:  19
Grading:  no pass/fail option,  no fifth course option
Distributions:  (D1)  (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: The course requires frequent and serious written work: six exercises, and five essays of between 750 and 1500 words, over the course of the semester. All the essays receive letter grades, and comments addressed to their design and execution.

ENGL 209  (S)  Theories of Language and Literature  (WS)

Cross-listings:  COMP 265  ENGL 209
Primary Cross-listing

This course is made up of questions: What is literature and why would anyone want to study it? What can you figure out by examining language that you can't figure out by studying history or psychology? Do students of literature have distinctive ways of asking questions about the world? Why do we call some language literary? Can any language be literary if it appears in the right kind of book? Is there a difference between verbal forms of art and visual or auditory ones? Can novels do things that plays and poetry cannot? Why does anyone read poetry anyway?

Requirements/Evaluation:  informal writing every week; three 6-page papers; class attendance and participation
Prerequisites:  none
Enrollment Limit:  19
Enrollment Preferences:  first- and second-year students, and English majors who have yet to take a Gateway course
Expected Class Size:  19
Grading:  no pass/fail option,  no fifth course option
Distributions:  (D1)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
COMP 265 (D1)  ENGL 209 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Informal writing before every class (about 500 words); three 6-page essays, plus a lead-in assignment on which the professor comments; two special writing sessions; fifteen pages of writing advice. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.
Attributes:  ENGL Criticism Courses  ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses
ENGL 222  (S) Lyric Poetry  (WS)
The goal of this writing-skills gateway course is to advance our abilities as rigorous, subtle, and imaginative interpreters of poetry. Our focus will be on lyrics--relatively short poems in which a single speaker describes (often in intense language) his or her emotions, attitudes, or state of mind. Our readings will be drawn from a range of historical periods from the seventeenth century forward, with particular emphasis on poems written since the mid-nineteenth century. Among the poets likely to be studied are: Jonson, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Keats, Dickinson, Hardy, Owen, Yeats, Auden, Frost, Gluck, and Heaney. We will also discuss works by two poets at Williams: Lawrence Raab and Jessica Fisher.

Requirements/Evaluation:  active participation in seminar discussions, and four or five papers (about 20 pages total)
Prerequisites: a 100-level ENGL course, or a score of 5 on the AP English Literature exam, or a score of 6 or 7 on the Higher Level IB English exam
Enrollment Limit:  19
Enrollment Preferences:  sophomores and first-year students who have not yet taken an ENGL Gateway course
Expected Class Size:  19
Grading:  yes pass/fail option,  yes fifth course option
Distributions:  (D1)  (WS)
Writing Skills Notes: There will be 4 or-5 papers assigned, ranging in length from 4-6 pages, spaced evenly throughout the term. Total writing will be about 20 pages. Detailed feedback will be provided on each paper. There will be opportunities for revisions, and for conferences related to the papers.
Attributes:  ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses  ENGL Literary Histories B

ENGL 228  (F) The Renaissance in England and the European Continent: Self and World  (DPE) (WS)
Cross-listings:  ENGL 228  COMP 230
Primary Cross-listing
At the same time as the individual human being in possession of a distinctive personality was taking on enormous importance in politics, philosophy, literature, and the visual arts, early modern Europeans were encountering unprecedented levels of cultural diversity. In this interdisciplinary course, we will consider these two developments both separately and together. As Renaissance humanists were acquiring a sophisticated understanding of the distance between the present and various European pasts (the recent medieval past and the remote history of antiquity), they were also coming into contact with non-European cultures in Africa, the Americas, and Asia via trade and economic development, imperial expansion, and religious conversion. Always at stake in these encounters was the question of who counted as an individual; the self was not considered to be intrinsic to human nature but rather the product of historical and cultural developments. Themes will include religious pluralism, the sacred and the secular, vernacularity, exploration and empire, the relationship between mind and body, slavery, trade, wealth, gender, self-fashioning, and style. We will consider such English writers as the Pearl poet, More, Marlowe, Spenser, Shakespeare, Browne, and Milton; such continental intellectuals as Descartes, Erasmus, Las Casas, and Castiglione; and such continental artists as Michelangelo, Velázquez, Bruegel, and Rembrandt.

Requirements/Evaluation:  Five four-page papers, in-class presentation, thoughtful participation in discussions
Prerequisites:  A 100-level ENGL course, a score of 5 on the AP English Literature exam, a score of 6 or 7 on the Higher Level IB English exam, or permission of the instructor
Enrollment Limit:  19
Enrollment Preferences:  First- and second-year students, and English majors who have yet to take a Gateway course
Expected Class Size:  19
Grading:  no pass/fail option,  yes fifth course option
Distributions:  (D1)  (DPE) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ENGL 228 (D1) COMP 230 (D1)
Writing Skills Notes: The course asks students to write five four-page papers and offers exposure to a range of humanistic modes, from close
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course examines the role of historical and cultural difference within and beyond Europe at the very beginning of globalization. Students will become acquainted with the origins of colonialism and the global traffic in slaves, as well as with the complex role of writers and intellectuals in questioning, defending, and imagining these practices. We will consider the epistemological challenges of accessing the testimony of subordinated persons.

Attributes: ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses ENGL Literary Histories A

Fall 2022

ENGL 233 (F) Great Big Books (WS)
Cross-listings: COMP 293 ENGL 233
Primary Cross-listing

Some of the greatest novels are really, really long--so long that they are too seldom read and taught. This course takes time to enjoy the special pleasures of novels of epic scope: the opportunity to immerse oneself in a wide and teeming fictional world; to focus sustained attention on the changeable fortunes of characters and societies over a long span of time; to appreciate the detailed grounding of lives in their social environment and historical moment; to experience the leisurely and urgent rhythms, with their elaborate patterning of build-ups and climaxes, that are possible in such works. We will read but two novels, both preoccupied with the disruption and evolution of lives and loves at moments of historic upheaval: War and Peace (1869), Leo Tolstoy's epic of the Napoleonic Wars, and Parade's End (1924-28), Ford Madox Ford's modernist masterpiece about World War I and its traumatic impact on English social life. Set a century apart, the novels are distinguished by vivid and scrupulous representation of their respective wars, by their shrewd accounts of political and social pressures informing the crises, and by their insight into the struggles of those whose lives are engulfed in global crisis. Tolstoy's and Ford's approaches to fictional representation, however, provide intriguing contrasts: one favors the lucidity of classic realism, the other the challenges of modernist innovation; one deploys a single multiplot novel, the other a tetralogy of shorter novels developing a single plot. We will discuss the differing strategies and effects of these two approaches, as well as the more general difficulties of reading and interpreting long fiction.

Requirements/Evaluation: regular class participation and four 5-page papers, two of them submitted in both a draft and a revision
Prerequisites: a 100-level English course, or a score of 5 on the Advanced Placement examination in English Literature or a 6 or 7 on the International Baccalaureate
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: first- and second-year students, and English majors who have yet to take a Gateway course
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
COMP 293 (D1) ENGL 233 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Four 5-page papers, two of them submitted in both a draft and a revision; two mandatory paper conferences to discuss the drafts; occasional in-class discussion of issues of writing and argumentation.
Attributes: ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses ENGL Literary Histories B ENGL Literary Histories C

Fall 2022

ENGL 256 (S) Stop Making Sense: Absurd(ist) Theatre in Historical Context (WS)
Cross-listings: THEA 252 COMP 256 ENGL 256
Secondary Cross-listing
We want to make sense of things. In nearly all of our academic pursuits, the point of analysis is to find meaning, to explain intricate or confusing phenomena, to provide clarity from complexity. What happens when we can't do this, indeed, when the objects of our analytical attention seem willfully designed to thwart the attempt? Such is the challenge of "understanding" the traditions of the absurd. In this tutorial course, we will engage this challenge within the realm of Western theatre and performance from 1900 to the present. Beginning with selected readings from writers who have engaged the absurd in theoretical fashion (Albert Camus, Soren Kierkegaard, Jean-Paul Sartre, Martin Esslin), the course will move swiftly to original artworks for contemplation and analysis. Some questions we will grapple with include: How do we, can we, should we respond to art that specifically defies meaning? Can art that seems pointless have a point? Playwrights will range from canonical (Samuel Beckett, Eugene Ionesco) to more obscure but equally engaging (as well as baffling) artists (Peter Handke, Slavomir Mrocek). We will follow standard practice in tutorial pairs, as each week one student will prepare original analysis of the assigned reading, and the other will craft a response to prompt an hour-long discussion. Whether we "make sense," or perhaps discover different ways of appreciating the varied works of art, will depend on the nature of those weekly attempts.

Requirements/Evaluation: Evaluation will be based on weekly tutorial papers/response papers, and active participation in weekly tutorial sessions.

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Theatre, English, and Comparative Literature majors.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

THEA 252 (D1) COMP 256 (D1) ENGL 256 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly tutorial papers and response papers, plus regular feedback on writing/argumentation skills. The course will provide consistent and ongoing feedback on students' writing, and will require multiple assignments, each prompting comments which address writing problems and strategies, as appropriate.

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1  TBA  Robert E. Baker-White

ENGL 257 (F) The Personal Essay (WS)

The personal essay as a literary form includes a wide range of genres including literary journalism, creative nonfiction and the lyric essay. (Note the exclusion of "memoir" or "autobiography" in this list. This course is NOT a course in memoir or autobiography.) As a Gateway to the English major, this course we will focus on critical methods and analytical writing skills that will serve students who want to pursue more advanced work in the department. We will consider the literary history of the personal essay from Montaigne to yesterday, attending primarily to writers from the 20th and 21st centuries, and from the U.S. The reading list may include: James Baldwin, James Agee, Annie Dillard, Audre Lorde, John McPhee, Joan Didion, Adrian NicholeLeBlanc, Jennifer S. Cheng, Anne Carson, Samuel Delaney, Maggie Nelson, Alexander Chee, Lydia Yuknavitch, Saidiya Hartman and Karen Green.

Requirements/Evaluation: Evaluation will be based on class participation, peer editing, writing and revision, with special attention given to the student's engagement in every aspect of the writing process.

Prerequisites: a 100-level ENGL course, or a score of 5 on the AP English Literature exam, or a score of 6 or 7 on the Higher Level IB English exam, or permission of the instructor.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first- and second-year students, and English majors who have yet to take a Gateway course

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: This course will demand weekly writing and critical responses, drafts and revisions of essays, as well as peer editing. There will be 4-5 essays required, for a total of approximately 25-30 pages. One-on-one meetings with the professor will be a regular feature.

Attributes: ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses
ENGL 258 (F) Poetry and the City (WS)

In this course we will consider poems generated out of the experiences of urban life. The city provides for poets a vivid mental and imaginative landscape in which to consider the relation of vice and squalor to glamour; the nature of anonymity and distinction; and the pressure of myriad bodies on individual and mass consciousness. We will explore ways in which the poet's role in the body politic emerges in representations of the city as a site both of civilized values and/or struggles for power marked by guile and betrayal. Taking into account the ways in which cities have been transformed over time by changing social and economic conditions, we will consider such issues as what the New York of the 1950s has to do with the London of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and why poetry as a genre might be particularly suited to representing the shifting aspects and populations of urban life. Poets will include Dante, Pope, Swift, Blake, Wordsworth, Whitman, Baudelaire, Yeats, Crane, Moore, Hughes, Brooks, Lorca, Bishop, Ginsberg, Baraka, Ashbery, Yau, Bitsui, Rankine, and Diaz. We will also draw on essays by Simmel, Benjamin, Williams, and Canetti, photographs by Hines, Weegee, Abbott, and Nishino; the blues, as sung by Holliday and Vaughan; and films such as Man with a Movie Camera, Rear Window, and Breathless.

Class Format: discussion-based

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation; the course will require four 5-page essays in multiple drafts

Prerequisites: 100-level English course or a 5 on the AP literature exam, or permission of the instructor.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-year and sophomore students who are thinking of majoring in English, and majors who have not yet taken a Gateway course.

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: The course will require four 5-page essays in multiple drafts. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses ENGL Literary Histories B ENGL Literary Histories C

ENGL 264 (S) Utopia and the Idea of America(s) (WS)

Cross-listings: ENGL 264 COMP 295

Primary Cross-listing

What value does the utopian/dystopian text hold in the development of alternative thought? This course, primarily grounded in science fiction and the African American and Latin American contexts, will address this question via the thoughtful examination of a range of theoretical, fictional, and cinematic texts from, among others, Thomas More, John Akomfrah, Samuel Delany, Octavia Butler, Jorge Luis Borges, Alfonso Cuarón, José Vasconcelos, Eduardo Urzaiz, and Fredric Jameson.

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly reading responses, active class participation, two close readings (500 words each), annotated bibliography, class presentation, final paper (8-10 pages)

Prerequisites: a 100-level ENGL course, or a score of 5 on the AP English Literature exam, or a score of 6 or 7 on the Higher Level IB English exam

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first- and second-year students, and English majors who have yet to take a Gateway course

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ENGL 264 (D1) COMP 295 (D1)
Writing Skills Notes: Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses  ENGL Literary Histories C

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01    MWF 10:00 am - 10:50 am     Ricardo A Wilson

ENGL 279  (F)  Introduction to Latinx Literature: From 'I Am Joaquin' to Borderless-Future Dreams  (DPE) (WS)
This course is designed to introduce you to Latinx literary and cultural production from the 1930s through the present. We will read and encounter some of the most urgent and exciting literary-artistic texts produced by Latinxns in the U.S., focusing our attention on the post-war period and the flourishing of the Chicano Movement-related cultural renaissance of the late 1960s and early 70s, along with the Movement's significant aftermaths. This focus highlights the significant contributions Chicano voices have made to Latinx literary studies and creates space for the incorporation of other Latin American-descended peoples (including Nuyorican, Cubano, Central American, Afro-Latinx, and more). In addition to traditional narrative forms, we will also study poetry, films, photography, plays, murals, and performance art. In this way, you will gain a critical awareness of how Latinxes have historically engaged in various modes of artistic experiment to better question some of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries’ most pressing global and local political issues (from migration to racism to coloniality to heterosexism to gentrification to U.S. imperialism and more). The course, at its core, will explore issues of identity-formation, particularly as they relate to Latinx struggles for equality on the fault lines of race, class, and gender/sexuality. Who and/or what is the Latinx subject, and how does the question of identity relate to struggles for cultural recognition and political equality? To what extent does the Latinx subject's political freedom rest upon practices and processes of identify-formation or, alternatively, dis-identification? As we explore these questions, we will also examine how Latinxns come to inhabit and articulate a sense of space and place in the shifting landscapes of culture--from the city to the campo to the cultural in-between of the border.
Requirements/Evaluation: Active participation in in-class and online discussion, four 4-5 page essays, writing-related homework assignments, and an in-class presentation.
Prerequisites: a 100-level ENGL course, or a score of 5 on the AP English Literature exam, or a score of 6 or 7 on the Higher Level IB English exam, or permission of the instructor.
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: Sophomores considering the English major, but juniors and seniors are also welcome.
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading:  no pass/fail option,   yes fifth course option
Distributions:  (D1)  (DPE) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: The instructor will provide written feedback on student work. Students will receive timely feedback on essay assignments with suggestions for improvement and will revise their essays.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course offers students the opportunity to learn and think critically about Latinx community struggles throughout U.S. social history while examining the forms of cultural expression that arise out of and in relation to those struggles. It also delves into the intersectional nature of Latinx community struggles as they emerge along the fault lines of race, class, and gender/sexuality.
Attributes: ENGL 200-level Gateway Courses  ENGL Literary Histories C  LATS Countries of Origin + Transnationalism Elect

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01    MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm     Matthew Gonzales

ENGL 343  (S) Whitman and Dickinson in Context  (WS)
In this tutorial, we will read closely the works of two of the most influential and experimental poets in the nineteenth-century U.S., Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson. In addition to studying in depth their poems and other writings--in Whitman's case, his essays, in Dickinson's, her letters--we will delve into some of the major critical debates surrounding their work, both individually and when compared to one another. For example, Whitman is often viewed as perhaps the most public nineteenth-century American poet, whereas Dickinson is regarded as perhaps the most "private." We will interrogate this assumption, exploring how each poet represents publicity and privacy in their work, as well as their efforts to "perform" and/or reform an American self. We will also examine how each poet engages questions of gender and sexuality, as well as contemporary debates surrounding such issues as abolition, slavery, women's suffrage, temperance, and settler colonialism. We will consider what role their whiteness plays in their poetry and
personas. Finally, we will explore Whitman and Dickinson's relation to significant literary and philosophical movements of the period, including transcendentalism and the culture of sentiment. Throughout the course, emphasis will be on analyzing and generating interpretations of Whitman and Dickinson's works, constructing critical arguments in dialogue with other critics, formulating cogent written critiques, and carrying on an oral debate about a variety of interpretations. Students will meet with the instructor in pairs for an hour each week. They will alternate between writing 5- to 7-page papers and commentaries on their partner's papers.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** five 5- to 7-page papers, final paper, oral presentation and critique

**Prerequisites:** a 100-level ENGL course, or a score of 5 on the AP English Literature exam, or a score of 6 or 7 on the Higher Level IB English exam

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** English majors

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will write at least five 5-7 page papers, five responses to their partner's writing, and on-going commentary from the instructor on their writing skills.

**Attributes:** ENGL Literary Histories B

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ENGL 493 (F) **Honors Colloquium: English** (WS)

A colloquium for students pursuing critical theses and critical specializations. Students will present and critique their work in progress, and discuss issues particular to researching and structuring a long analytical thesis. We will also discuss the work of a variety of recent critics representing a range of methods of literary study. Satisfactory completion of the course will be required for students to continue on in the honors program. The course will meet sometimes as a full seminar and other times in tutorial-style small groups.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** participation and individual progress on the thesis project, which will be determined in consultation with each student's honors advisor

**Prerequisites:** admission to the department Honors program

**Enrollment Limit:** none

**Expected Class Size:** 15

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D1) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will write a 20-page thesis chapter in stages and over multiple drafts. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing, with suggestions for improvement.

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ENVI 208 (F) **Saharan Imaginations** (DPE) (WS)

**Cross-listings:** ARAB 209  ENVI 208  COMP 234

**Secondary Cross-listing**

Deconstructing reductive Saharanism, which the course conceptualizes as a universalizing discourse about deserts, this course seeks to critically examine the myriad assumptions that are projected upon deserts across times and cultures. In addition to their depiction as dead and empty, deserts have become a canvas for the demonstration of religiosity, resilience, heroism and athleticism. Cultural production, particularly literature and film, do, however, furnish a critical space in which important questions can be raised about deserts' fundamental importance to different cultures and societies. Drawing on novels, films, and secondary scholarship, the course will help students understand how myth, memory, history, coloniality/postcoloniality, and a strong sense of ethics are deeply intertwined in the desert sub-genre of African, Euro-American, and Middle Eastern literatures. Whether
grappling with transcontinental issues of climate change, cannibalization of biodiversity or overexploitation of natural resources, desert-focused cultural production invites us to interrogate the politics of space and place as well as mobility and spatial control as they relate to this supposedly dead nature.

Requirements/Evaluation:  active participation, short presentation, short weekly responses on GLOW, midterm exam, and final paper
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 14
Enrollment Preferences: Students are admitted into the course on a first-come-first-serve basis. If the course is over-enrolled, preference will be given to Arabic Studies and Comparative Literature majors and certificates.
Expected Class Size: 14
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ARAB 209 (D1) ENVI 208 (D1) COMP 234 (D1)
Writing Skills Notes: Students will receive constant and extensive feedback on their written work. Students will write regular weekly responses on Glow, a reflection statement, two 5pp. papers for midterms, and one 10pp. final paper.
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Students will gain critical awareness of the imbrication of power, hegemony, economic injustice, and colonial policies in the disruption of indigenous conceptions of the Saharan space. Students will also be able to question representations of the Sahara as a dead or empty space by engaging with locally produced alternative conceptualizations of place. Finally, students will produce written assignments that address issues of power and environmental discrimination.
Attributes: ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Brahim El Guabli

ENVI 212  (F) The Economics and Ethics of CO2 Offsets  (WS)
Cross-listings: ENVI 212 ECON 214
Secondary Cross-listing
Some electric utilities and other CO2 emission polluters are allowed to purchase carbon offsets to achieve a portion of their mandated emissions cuts, in effect, to pay others to reduce carbon emissions in their stead. Some individuals, college and universities, and for-profit and non-profit institutions have chosen voluntarily to purchase carbon offsets as a way of reducing their carbon footprint. But do offsets actually succeed in reducing carbon emissions? What separates a legitimate offset from one that is not? How should we measure the true impact of an offset? How do carbon offsets compare to other policies for reducing carbon emissions in terms of efficiency, equity, and justice? Is there something inherently wrong about "commodifying" the atmosphere? Is there something inherently wrong about selling or buying the right to pollute? Should colleges and universities be using the purchase of offsets to achieve "carbon neutrality?"
Class Format: Each student will be the tutorial partner of one other student, and each pair of tutorial partners will meet with the instructor for 75 minutes each week.
Requirements/Evaluation: a 5- to 7-page paper every other week; a 3-page written critique every other week; one re-write paper
Prerequisites: ECON 110 or the equivalent, permission of instructor
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: first-year students and sophomores intending to major in Economics and/or to major or concentrate in Environmental Studies
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ENVI 212 (D2) ECON 214 (D2)
Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write five 5-7 page papers on which I will provide written feedback regarding grammar, style, and argument.
Each student will write five 3-page critiques of their partner's papers. As the final assignment, each student will revise one of their five papers.

Attributes: ENVI Environmental Policy  POEC Comparative POEC/Public Policy Courses

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1   TBA   Ralph M. Bradburd

ENVI 244 (S) Environmental Ethics   (WS)
Cross-listings: ENVI 244 PHIL 244

Primary Cross-listing
What ethical standards should guide our individual and societal choices when those choices affect current and future environmental conditions? This course will introduce students to fundamental concepts, methods, and issues in environmental ethics. Initial tutorial meetings will focus on theoretical materials that will background later discussions and will include classic readings from the environmental ethics literature (e.g., Leopold, Taylor, Rolston). Most sessions will pair readings about key concepts with specific cases that raise complex ethical issues, including the concept of moral standing and, e.g., people who do not yet exist, non-human individuals, species, and complex living systems; the concept of moral responsibility and complicity in environmentally damaging practices; the legitimacy of cost-benefit analysis as an environmental policy tool; and the valuation of human lives.

Requirements/Evaluation: five essays (5-7 pages each) and five prepared oral responses to partners' essays; evaluation will be based on essays, oral responses, and quality of discussion

Prerequisites: ENVI 101 or one course in PHIL

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: declared and prospective Environmental Studies majors and concentrators

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: meets Value Theory requirement only if registration is under PHIL

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ENVI 244 (D2) PHIL 244 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write five tutorial papers of 5-7 pages in length, one of which they will revise and submit at the end of the term. In each of the tutorial papers students will describe and evaluate arguments that appear in the assigned readings, and will develop arguments in support of their own ethical positions. Students will receive written and oral feedback, concentrated particularly in the first half of the semester, to improve their ability to present clear and effective written arguments.

Attributes: ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives  EVST Culture/Humanities  PHIL Contemporary Value Theory Courses

Spring 2023
TUT Section: T1   TBA   Julie A. Pedroni

ENVI 291 (S) Religion and Ecology in America   (WS)
Cross-listings: SOC 291 REL 291 ENVI 291

Primary Cross-listing
This course examines the relationship between religious and environmental thought in America. Exploring a broad range of practices, symbols, and beliefs, we will examine the religious roots and branches of modern environmentalism. Rather than survey the formal teachings of organized religious groups, we will explore the creation and contestation of environmental meaning in the public sphere through literature, art, philosophy, and popular culture. How have writers, thinkers, and artists from different religious and cultural backgrounds shaped the way we think about nature? How have they shaped the way we think about politics, science, and social justice? How have they influenced each other to produce distinctively American forms of eco-spirituality? In pursuit of these questions, we will consider a diverse array of topics and cases, including struggles to protect Native American sacred places, the role of Black churches in fighting environmental racism, Protestant outdoorshspmanship, Catholic climate activism, Jewish eco-mysticism, atheist biology, Buddhist therapy, and more.
Requirements/Evaluation: Each week each student will either write a 5- to 7-page essay on assigned readings or offer a 2-page critique of their partner’s paper.

Prerequisites: ENVI 101 or instructor permission

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Environmental Studies majors and concentrators

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
SOC 291 (D2) REL 291 (D2) ENVI 291 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write five five-page papers and five two-page papers in this class. They will be given extensive weekly feedback on their writing in the form of one-on-one meetings and written comments, and they will be given multiple opportunities for revision. Emphasis will be placed on the mechanics of argumentation, logic and rhetoric, and the development of a distinctive voice.

Attributes: AMST Space and Place Electives ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 Cancelled

ENVI 351 (F)(S) Marine Policy (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: MAST 351 ENVI 351 PSCI 319

Secondary Cross-listing
Coastal communities are home to nearly 40% of the U.S. population, but occupy only a small percentage of our country's total land area. Intense population density, critical transportation infrastructure, significant economic productivity, and rich cultural and historic value mark our coastal regions as nationally significant. But, coastal and ocean-based climate-induced impacts such as sea level rise, ocean warming and acidification pose extraordinary challenges to our coastal communities, and are not borne equally by all communities. This seminar considers our relationship with our ocean and coastal environments and the foundational role our oceans and coasts play in our Nation's environmental and economic sustainability as well as ocean and coastal climate resiliency. Through the lens of coastal and ocean governance and policy-making, we critically examine conflict of use issues relative to climate change, climate justice, coastal zone management, fisheries, ocean and coastal pollution and marine biodiversity.

Class Format: This class is taught only at Williams-Mystic in Mystic, Connecticut and includes coastal and near-shore interdisciplinary field seminars, and 10 days offshore.

Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly Readings; Class Participation; Small and large group strategy exercises (written and oral); Written Research Project: issues paper and draft research paper; Final Research Project: multiple formats available

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 23

Enrollment Preferences: must be enrolled at Williams-Mystic in Mystic, Connecticut

Expected Class Size: 22

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: must be enrolled at Williams-Mystic in Mystic, Connecticut

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
MAST 351 (D2) ENVI 351 (D2) PSCI 319 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write one 3-5 page research issues paper and one 8-10 page draft research paper as well as a final project with written components equaling 5-8 pages. Each submission receives written feedback from the professor, including research guidance, input on grammar, structure, language, analysis. Students also receive verbal feedback in individual conferences to discuss research paper organization, analysis, structure and grammar as well as final project input.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Coastal and ocean policy issues relating to climate change, coastal zone management, fisheries, ocean pollution and marine biodiversity impact environmental and climate justice. Students examine coastal governance while considering the
disproportionate burdens on underrepresented populations in U.S. coastal communities caused by climate change and coastal policies. Students analyze multi-disciplinary evidence and work to strengthen their integrative, analytical, writing, and advocacy skills.

Attributes: ENVI Environmental Policy  EXPE Experiential Education Courses  POEC Comparative POEC/Public Policy Courses

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01  F 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  Catherine Robinson Hall

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01  TBA  Catherine Robinson Hall

ENVI 355  (F)  Animals and Society  (WS)
How do humans and animals shape each other’s lives? People encounter animals in farms, laboratories, zoos, wildernesses, and backyards, on purpose and by chance. They treat animals as family members, entertainment, food, vectors of disease, and objects of scientific wonder. Drawing on the works of biologists, philosophers, and feminist science and technology studies scholars, this tutorial will examine our relationships with animals and help clarify our responsibilities to them. We will ask: What are the social and environmental consequences of consuming animals? Should humans swim with dolphins, feed manatees, use gene-editing to create species that can survive climate change? Should moral standing depend upon the ability to communicate or the ability to experience emotions like grief and joy? What can animal models tell us about human health and society, and when is animal otherness too large a gap to bridge? What might human violence toward animals tell us about sexism, racism, or capitalism, and what will human-animal relationships look like in the future?

Requirements/Evaluation: one 5- to 7-page essay every other week and carefully prepared oral responses to partners' essays in alternate weeks

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: juniors and seniors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option,  no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2)  (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly tutorial paper or response paper for which the instructor will provide feedback on writing skills as well as content. Opportunities to revise.

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1  TBA  Laura J. Martin

ENVI 413  (F)  The Big Ideas: Intended and Unintended Consequence of Human Ambition  (DPE)  (WS)

Cross-listings: ARAB 413  GBST 413  HIST 413  ENVI 413

Secondary Cross-listing
What have been the most consequential ideas of the last 100 years? This course will explore some of the more audacious and ambitious plans to alter natural and urban environments in the late 19th century to the early part of the 21st, specifically those that sought to improve the human condition through science, engineering, and technology. By building big bold things, politicians around the globe sought to bring prosperity to their nation and embark on a path of modernity and independence. Through an intellectual, political and environmental history of major construction projects such as the building of the Suez Canal and the Aswan Dam, extensive river valley developments in Iran, Turkey and Iraq, and utopian and futuristic city planning in western Asia, students will consider how, with the benefit of hindsight, to best evaluate the feasibility of such bold schemes. Who has benefitted and who has not, what have been some of the unanticipated consequences, what was sacrificed or neglected, and what do these projects tell us about the larger processes of global capitalism, decolonization, and climate change?

Requirements/Evaluation: A presentation, shorter writing assignments and a longer research paper (20-25 pages) in the end. Students will submit shorter drafts of final paper in order to receive constructive feedback prior to final submission.

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Seniors, especially History, Arabic and Environmental Studies majors.
Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ARAB 413 (D2) GBST 413 (D2) HIST 413 (D2) ENVI 413 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: A 20-25 page research paper will be required at the end of the semester. Prior to getting to that point, students will submit an annotated bibliography, a two page proposal, a five and eventually a 10 page draft. Each draft will receive extensive comments and suggestions from peers and instructor. In this way, the student will think about the process of writing and the best way to set themselves up for success.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course examines how a number of different nations in Africa and Asia sought to improve the living conditions of the masses through major construction project. Though ostensibly these schemes were supposed to improve the livelihood of all, often they primarily benefitted the few - the urban elite - and not the general population. This course will therefore explore how certain class, gender and racial lines were solidified and maintained through economic development plans.

Attributes: HIST Group E Electives - Middle East

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 M 7:00 pm - 9:40 pm Magnús T. Bernhardsson

ENVI 491 (S) The Suburbs (WS)

Cross-listings: AMST 490 ENVI 491 HIST 491

Secondary Cross-listing

The suburbs transformed the United States. At the broadest level, they profoundly altered spatial residential geography (especially in terms of race), consumer expectations and behavior, governmental policies, cultural norms and assumptions, societal connections, and Americans’ relationship to nature. More specifically, the different waves of post-World War II suburban development have both reflected large-scale shifts in how power and money have operated in the American political economy; and set in motion deep-seated changes in electoral politics, in Americans’ understandings of how their income should be used, and in how the built landscape should be re-imagined. This tutorial will explore the rich historical literature that has emerged over the last twenty years to provide students with a history of the suburbs, to see the suburbs as more than simply collections of houses that drew individual homeowners who wanted to leave urban areas. We will focus most of our attention on the period from 1945 through the 1980s. Some of the questions we will consider will include: how did the first wave of suburban development bring together postwar racial and Cold War ideologies? Is it possible, as one historian has argued, that suburbs actually created the environmental movement of the 1960s? And how have historians understood the role that suburbs played in America’s conservative political turn, leading to the election of Ronald Reagan?

Class Format: Students will be assigned a tutorial partner, and tutorial pairs will meet with the professor for one hour each week at a regularly scheduled meeting time.

Requirements/Evaluation: typical tutorial format; every other week, students will write and present orally a 5- to 7-page essay on the assigned readings; on alternate weeks, students will write a 2-page critique. During two of the weeks of the semester (around the middle of the semester and at the end), all students will write papers that explore a common question or theme.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: History majors and students with previous coursework in History

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
AMST 490 (D2) ENVI 491 (D2) HIST 491 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will reflect on what their writing goals are for the semester, and they will receive weekly feedback on their writing from the professor and from their tutorial partner. The final writing assignment will afford students the chance also to reflect back on their previous papers and the semester's course content.

Attributes: AMST Space and Place Electives ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada
GBST 104  (S)  Race and a Global War: Africa during World War II  (DPE)  (WS)

Cross-listings:  AFR 104  HIST 104  GBST 104

Secondary Cross-listing

This course highlights African experiences of World War II. Although most histories have excluded Africa's role in the war, the continent and its people were at the center of major developments during this global conflict. In fact, many Africans remember the Italian invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 as the start of the war. African servicemen fought alongside the Allied and Axis forces on major warfronts in Europe, Africa and Asia. African communities and individuals also established war charity campaigns to collect funds, which they sent to war ravaged societies in Europe. Indeed, African economies, despite their colonial statuses, kept European imperial nations afloat in their most hour of need. At the same time, African colonial subjects faced severe food shortages, the loss of working-age men to labor and military recruiters, and dramatically increased taxes. We will examine the impact of these and other wartime pressures on different African communities. How did African societies meet such challenges and how did they view the war? In this course we will examine the roles that women played during the war, and the various other ways that African communities met wartime demands. Other topics we will explore include the role of African women; colonial propaganda; political protest against the war; race and racial thought in the wartime era; war crimes; African American support for the liberation of Ethiopia; and the war's impact on decolonization across the continent. We will further study how Africans and outsiders have differently conceptualized the continent's role in the war by analyzing a variety of sources, including scholarly writings, archival materials, films, former soldiers' biographies, and propaganda posters.

Requirements/Evaluation:  active participation in discussion, map quiz, 2 reading responses, and 3 essays (of about 5 pages)

Prerequisites: first-year or sophomore standing; juniors or seniors with permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit:  19

Enrollment Preferences:  first-year students and then sophomores who have not previously taken a 100-level seminar

Expected Class Size:  19

Grading:  no pass/fail option,  no fifth course option

Distributions:  (D2)  (DPE)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AFR 104 (D2)  HIST 104 (D2)  GBST 104 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes:  Students will write two 3-5-page essays each written in two drafts with instructor comments. They will also write an 8-12-page research paper with required submission of a proposed topic, an annotated bibliography, an outline, and a draft before the final paper itself. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:  This course explores the colonial relationship during a major global crisis. Students will examine existing narratives of African contributions to the war and to come up with their own interpretations, and will be called to critically engage the question of why and how colonies made significant contributions to the Allied cause by producing needed materials and resources or by joining the fight. Africans made these contributions spite of various and complex inequities.

Attributes:  AFR Core Electives  GBST African Studies Electives  HIST Group A Electives - Africa
themes like the commercial culture of a colonial port city, the modern public sphere, theatre and film, labor migration, public health and prostitution to understand what went into the making of this modern metropolis. The primary objective of this course is to introduce students to a wide range of historical sources and ways of interpreting them. The other objective is facilitating their understanding of the history of colonial and modern India through the history of its most important city.

Requirements/Evaluation: assessment will be based on class participation and weekly written responses to readings (2 pages), 2-3 short papers (4-5 pages), leading to an oral presentation and final paper (8-10 pages). All writing assignments are structured to build up the final paper.

Prerequisites: First years and sophomores only

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-years, and then sophomores who have not previously taken a 100-level seminar.

Expected Class Size: 12-15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

GBST 117 (D2) HIST 117 (D2) ASIA 117 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly reading response (2 pages), several short papers leading to a final research paper. Peer reviews and instructor feedback of all written work to improve writing skills and opportunities to write several drafts.

Attributes: GBST South + Southeast Asia Studies Electives GBST Urbanizing World Electives HIST Group B Electives - Asia

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 MWF 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Aparna Kapadia

GBST 218 (S) Capital and Coercion (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: GBST 218 ECON 218

Secondary Cross-listing

Capital, tradable ownership shares in long-lived corporations, invented in the 17th century, has connected people of different races, religions, and geographies. There are huge profits from such economic interactions, but also risks: of being cheated, deceived, or coerced. This course uses insights from the economics of incentives (principal-agent models, contracts, mechanism design) to investigate the interplay between capital, coercion, and resistance. The role of prejudice will be central, as will the rise of middlemen as enforcers of coercion. Case studies span the 17th century to the 20th and include: the spice trade and conflict in the Indian Ocean, capital markets and fraud in Amsterdam and London, the Atlantic trade in enslaved people, the Dutch "cultivation system" in Java, the slow end of slavery in Brazil, and colonial control and independence in Kenya. Required readings for this class will be fifty or more pages per week, and will include historical case studies and excerpts from novels and diaries.

Requirements/Evaluation: Students will be evaluated based on class participation and on four essays.

Prerequisites: Econ 110

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: If overenrolled, students will be asked to submit a short statement of interest.

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

GBST 218 (D2) ECON 218 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will receive guidelines on writing drafts and self-editing for clarity and structure. There will be four 5-7 page writing assignments for the class, spaced throughout the semester, with instructor feedback and an opportunity to revise one for final submission. We will also carefully analyze several beautifully written non-fiction articles that explore topics related to this class written for a general audience.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course analyzes the evolution of economic inequity. It analyzes how global market opportunities have been shaped by race, religion, wealth, and power.

Attributes: POEC International Political Economy Courses
Indigenous movements for land, rights, and cultural preservation have spread to and originated in all corners of the world. However, the global nature of these movements at times obscures ways of being Indigenous in differing contexts. This course analyzes Indigeneity in both the United States and Russia today. Through reading and analyzing ethnography, theory, and literature, it focuses on Indigenous peoples in a comparative context. Rather than prioritizing concern with Indigenous peoples emerging from the US, it attempts to demonstrate what Indigeneity has been in both the United States and Russia and what it is and means today. It asks the following questions: what is Indigeneity and who is Indigenous; how is Indigenous identity constructed and by whom; and what convergences and divergences exist in Indigeneity between the US and Russia or for that matter in other contexts? To help answer these questions, in this course we will grapple with Indigeneity as a social category and other social formations, especially ethnicity, nationality, and race. Topics include: Indigeneity and the State, Revitalization and Resurgence, Indigenous People and Nature Protection, and Hemispheric and Global Indigenities.

Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly post to course Glow discussion page, 1 or 2 times leading class discussion on the assigned readings, 1 short presentation, 1 extended project with regular short writing submissions, 1 final paper and final presentation

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 16

Enrollment Preferences: Majors and certificate-seekers in Russian, then majors in Anthropology and Sociology, and then Global Studies concentrators

Expected Class Size: 10-12

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
RUSS 217 (D1) GBST 219 (D2) ANTH 217 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This course has the following assignments: Weekly post to the Glow discussion page, 1 short presentation, 1 extended project with regular writing submissions, 1 final paper and final presentation. For the extended project, we will have both peer-review and instructor feedback for all project assignments. In peer-review and instructor feedback, comprehension of the material and the content of the writing, improvement in writing style and clarity, and development of voice will be discussed.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: In the course, students will learn about Indigeneity as a context-specific social formation. It understands Indigeneity as a category of difference with past and present importance. We will read about, discuss, and write about Indigeneity as a social category, along with other social categories it arose alongside (such as race, ethnicity, and nationality), and how it has been mobilized by both those who identify as Indigenous and by those who designate others as Indigenous.
interdisciplinary course, we read both literary works (Ali Farah, Khatibi, Lakhous, Scego), and critical theory (Cassano, Chambers, Fanon, Hall, Theo Goldberg); we also analyze films, documentaries, podcasts, exhibits and museums of colonialism in Europe.

Class Format: Students will meet twice a week with me.

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly writing assignments, midterm and final exams, final paper, oral presentation

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Comparative Literature majors

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

GBST 244 (D2) COMP 244 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: This course is designed to be writing-intensive, as it requires weekly response papers, midterm, and final papers, and blog discussions.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Within the theoretical framework of postcolonial studies, this course examines themes such as: race; Europe and its postcolonial legacy; power imbalances in the current European policies of migration; the urban space of Rome as site of conflictual representations of center/periphery.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm     Michele Monserrati

GBST 348 (F) Altering States: Post-Soviet Paradoxes of Identity and Difference (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: RUSS 348  SOC 348  GBST 348

Secondary Cross-listing

Critics and apologists of Soviet-style socialism alike agree that the Soviet ideology was deeply egalitarian. Putting aside for a moment the very reasonable doubts about how justified this perception actually was, it is still worth asking, how did people who lived in the world in which differences in rank, class, gender or ethnicity were not supposed to matter, make sense of their postsocialist condition, one in which new forms of difference emerged, and old ones assumed greater prominence? And how do these encounters with difference impact current events, such as the war Russia is currently waging on Ukraine, or the persistent tensions between East and West Germans? This tutorial will examine new dilemmas through ethnographic studies and documentary films that aim to capture in real time the process of articulating and grappling with newly discovered divides.

We will focus especially closely on Russia, but will also read studies on East Germany, Bulgaria, Poland, and Ukraine. This course fulfills the DPE requirement by exploring comparatively the ways in which people in different countries made sense of the social, cultural and political heterogeneity of the postsocialist condition.

Requirements/Evaluation: 5-page paper every other week, written comments on the partner's paper in alternate weeks

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Anthropology, Sociology, and Russian majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

RUSS 348 (D1) SOC 348 (D2) GBST 348 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This is a tutorial course, with plenty of opportunities to work on writing and argumentation. Tutorial papers receive written feedback from both the instructor and the tutorial partner, and are workshopped during the tutorial meetings.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Students will learn to identify and interrogate processes of social differentiation and exclusion as they take place across Russia and Eastern Europe. We will also train ourselves to identify parallels, as well as differences, between responses to the social and economic uncertainty ushered by the fall of socialism, and the discontents triggered by similar conditions closer to home.
GBST 369 (S) Indigenous Narratives: From the Fourth World to the Global South (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: HIST 306 GBST 369 COMP 369 ARAB 369

Secondary Cross-listing

In the late 20th century, world literature has witnessed a "boom" in indigenous literature. Many critics and historians describe this global re-emergence of the subaltern and the indigenous in terms of literary justice fostered by post-colonial studies and the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, by the UN General Assembly on December 18, 1992. In this course, we will investigate this "indigenous boom" by reading novels and short stories from the Americas, the Middle East and North Africa from the 1970s to the present. Through these trans-regional and trans-historical peregrinations, our principal goal will be to examine and compare narratives about conquest, settler colonialism, colonial nationalism, indigeneity, sovereignty, indigenous epistemology and philosophy. At the same time, we will consider the following questions: How did pioneering indigenous women writers, such as the Laguna Pueblo Leslie Marmon Silko in the US and the Mayan playwrights of La Fomma in Chiapas, Mexico lead the feminist front of the indigenous literary renaissance? How did Palestinian folktales, Amazigh poetics in the Maghreb, and Mayan dream narratives in Mexico and Guatemala produce narratives of decolonial history? What does the aesthetics of magical realism in Arabic, Quechua and Spanish, respectively, as evident in the works of the Kurdish writer Salim Barakat (Syria) and the mestizo writer José María Arguedas (Peru) tell us about the intersection of race, ethnicity, and indigenous epistemology? What is the connection between the recent "boom" of English translations of Indigenous texts and neoliberalism, multiculturalism and neo-colonialism? Ultimately, our goal is to trace how these texts contributed to global indigenous literature and the trans-historical and trans-geographical connections between them.

Requirements/Evaluation: active class participation, several short response assignments (3-4 pages), two film reviews (1 page), a performance project, and a final paper (7- to 10-pages)

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Comparative Literature majors

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 306 (D2) GBST 369 (D2) COMP 369 (D1) ARAB 369 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: This course will enable students to write weekly while engaging with various forms of writing skills: articulating arguments in short response papers (3-4 pages each), developing visual criticism through writing two film reviews, (1 page each), journaling through writing a personal reflections on a performance project, and honing research language in producing a final paper of 7-10 pages. Instructor's feedback and peer review sessions will include review of drafts and argumentative structures.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: At the heart of this course is the history of global Indigenous struggle for liberation and decolonization. The various novels, short stories, poems, films and other texts that students will engage with narrate histories of colonial dispossession, racial oppression, economic subjugation and dehumanization of minoritized Indigenous communities in the Americas, North Africa and the Middle East.

Attributes: GBST Borders, Exiles + Diaspora Studies Electives
What have been the most consequential ideas of the last 100 years? This course will explore some of the more audacious and ambitious plans to alter natural and urban environments in the late 19th century to the early part of the 21st, specifically those that sought to improve the human condition through science, engineering, and technology. By building big bold things, politicians around the globe sought to bring prosperity to their nation and embark on a path of modernity and independence. Through an intellectual, political and environmental history of major construction projects such as the building of the Suez Canal and the Aswan Dam, extensive river valley developments in Iran, Turkey and Iraq, and utopian and futuristic city planning in western Asia, students will consider how, with the benefit of hindsight, to best evaluate the feasibility of such bold schemes. Who has benefitted and who has not, what have been some of the unanticipated consequences, what was sacrificed or neglected, and what do these projects tell us about the larger processes of global capitalism, decolonization, and climate change?

Requirements/Evaluation: A presentation, shorter writing assignments and a longer research paper (20-25 pages) in the end. Students will submit shorter drafts of final paper in order to receive constructive feedback prior to final submission.

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Seniors, especially History, Arabic and Environmental Studies majors.

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ARAB 413 (D2) GBST 413 (D2) HIST 413 (D2) ENVI 413 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: A 20-25 page research paper will be required at the end of the semester. Prior to getting to that point, students will submit an annotated bibliography, a two page proposal, a five and eventually a 10 page draft. Each draft will receive extensive comments and suggestions from peers and instructor. In this way, the student will think about the process of writing and the best way to set themselves up for success.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course examines how a number of different nations in Africa and Asia sought to improve the living conditions of the masses through major construction project. Though ostensibly these schemes were supposed to improve the livelihood of all, often they primarily benefitted the few - the urban elite - and not the general population. This course will therefore explore how certain class, gender and racial lines were solidified and maintained through economic development plans.

Attributes: HIST Group E Electives - Middle East

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 M 7:00 pm - 9:40 pm Magnús T. Bernhardsson

GBST 480 (F) Media and Society in Africa (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: HIST 480 GBST 480 AFR 381

Secondary Cross-listing

The Media have long played important roles in African societies. As early as the second half of the 19th century, African intellectuals were using print technology to address the people. As radio technology was in its infancy during the first half of the twentieth century, Africans were gathering around re-diffusion stations and later around single receivers to listen to news and entertainment programing. In this tutorial, we will examine these histories of media and media technologies on the continent. Ultimately, we will explore the roles that media played in serving particular community needs and how communities also adapted new media technologies to fit local conditions. Media content has historically been determined based on standards beyond viewers', readers' and listeners' control. We will examine the influences that editors and political leaders on the continent have exerted on content as well as what forces they responded to. We will also further explore the media's role in major events on the continent, from governmental changes to the ending of apartheid in South Africa and the role that media have played in areas of conflict.

Requirements/Evaluation: Students will be evaluated based on a series of 5-7-page tutorial response papers and 2-page critiques, as well as preparedness for and performance in weekly tutorial discussions.

Prerequisites: This course open to all students

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Preference will be given to history majors and students with prior experience with African history. If the course is over-enrolled, students may be asked to complete a questionnaire to determine enrollment

Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 480 (D2) GBST 480 (D2) AFR 381 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will alternate weekly between writing 5-7-page tutorial papers and 2-page critiques of their peers' writing. Formal writing assignments throughout the semester will total at least 40 pages. Students will receive regular feedback and critiques - both oral and written - from the professor, as well as oral critiques from tutorial partners.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Modern media developed in Africa as means of control and cultivating dutiful colonial subjects. However, media then emerged as sites of contestation and even tools with which colonial subjects challenged colonial rule. They have continued to be revealing sites for issues of gender, race, class, and ethnicity. As such, this course immensely explores diversity, power and equity and how these all-important societal concerns are expressed through the media in Africa.

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Benjamin Twagira

GEOS 111 (F) Radical Science- How Geology Changed the Way We See the World (WS)

Copernicus shocked Europe when he suggested that the Earth is not the center of the universe. Hutton and other geologists made an equally radical proposal more than two centuries later when they introduced the concept of deep time and argued that the Earth was much older than 6,000 years, as determined by biblical scholars. Several decades later, Darwin and Wallace shook the foundation of western philosophy once more when they proposed that organisms evolved. When geologists reinterpreted landscape features once attributed to the great flood as evidence for past continental glaciation, the concept of extreme climate change through time sprang to life. During the 20th century, the permanence of Earth's geography was challenged by the continental drift hypothesis, which was initially rejected for decades until it reemerged as plate tectonic theory. This tutorial explores how geologic breakthroughs challenged western views of humans as the center of creation living in a world with limited change. There will be weekly tutorial meetings with pairs of students, and students will alternate writing papers on assigned topics. This course is in the Solid Earth group for the Geosciences major.

Requirements/Evaluation: five 5-page papers and five oral critiques of partner's papers
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: First year students then second year students
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D3) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write five 5-page papers and will receive peer and instructor feedback on how to improve their writing skills and formulate sound arguments.

Attributes: GEOS Group C Electives - Solid Earth

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Paul M. Karabinos

GEOS 201 (F) Field Methods and Structural Geology (WS)

Geologic history is preserved in rocks and it can be deciphered using fundamental principles such as superposition and cross-cutting relationships. Field observations are essential to understanding the rock record, and data and interpretations are encoded in geologic maps. This course introduces students to topographic and geologic maps, best practices for geologic field work, the field identification of common minerals and rocks, geologic contacts, and structures such as folds, and faults. Students will develop skills for presenting field data in papers, figures, and oral presentations. This course is in the Solid Earth group for the Geosciences major.

Class Format: lecture and discussion, three hours per week and laboratory, three hours per week
Requirements/Evaluation: short weekly writing assignments will form the basis for two 10-page papers based on field trips and a final independent
**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 16

**Enrollment Preferences:** Geosciences majors or students with a strong interest in geosciences

**Expected Class Size:** 12

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Materials/Lab Fee:** $15 for field supplies

**Distributions:** (D3) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** There will be two 10-page papers, each based on four field trips. Students will submit short field descriptions and figures with captions after each field trip. The shorter assignments will be incorporated in two papers. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

**Attributes:** GEOS Group C Electives - Solid Earth

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**Fall 2022**

**LEC Section:** 01  MWF 11:00 am - 12:15 pm  Paul M. Karabinos

**LAB Section:** 02  M 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Paul M. Karabinos

**GEOS 312 (F) Mass Extinctions: Patterns and Processes (WS)**

Over the last 541 million years of Earth history, five major mass extinctions have occurred, each dramatically changing the makeup and course of life on our planet. During some of these events, over 75% of all marine animal species went extinct; during others, groups like the dinosaurs vanished from the planet after tens of millions of years of ecological dominance. This tutorial course will explore the idea of extinction from the evolution of the concept in human thought to current research on the mechanisms and patterns of extinctions through time. We will examine what makes an extinction "mass", delve into the causes and consequences of the major mass extinction events of the Phanerozoic, and discuss the potential human-induced "6th extinction" event occurring in the present day. This course is in the Sediments and Life group for the Geosciences major.

**Class Format:** Weekly 1-hour tutorial meetings with pairs of students; one required all-day field trip.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** four 4-5-page papers, one revision, tutorial presentations, the student's effectiveness as a critic, and 1 problem set

**Prerequisites:** GEOS 107 or GEOS 212; or permission of instructor + any 200 level GEOS course

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** Geosciences majors

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D3) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** This is a tutorial that involves students writing 4 original response papers and one substantial revision to their writing.

**Attributes:** GEOS Group B Electives - Sediments + Life

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**Fall 2022**

**TUT Section:** T1  TBA  Phoebe A. Cohen

**HIST 104 (S) Race and a Global War: Africa during World War II (DPE) (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** AFR 104  HIST 104  GBST 104

**Primary Cross-listing**

This course highlights African experiences of World War II. Although most histories have excluded Africa’s role in the war, the continent and its people were at the center of major developments during in this global conflict. In fact, many Africans remember the Italian invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 as the start of the war. African servicemen fought alongside the Allied and Axis forces on major warfronts in Europe, Africa and Asia. African communities and individuals also established war charity campaigns to collect funds, which they sent to war ravaged societies in Europe. Indeed, African economies, despite their colonial statuses, kept European imperial nations afloat in their most hour of need. At the same time, African colonial subjects
faced severe food shortages, the loss of working-age men to labor and military recruiters, and dramatically increased taxes. We will examine the impact of these and other wartime pressures on different African communities. How did African societies meet such challenges and how did they view the war? In this course we will examine the roles that women played during the war, and the various other ways that African communities met wartime demands. Other topics we will explore include the role of African women; colonial propaganda; political protest against the war; race and racial thought in the wartime era; war crimes; African American support for the liberation of Ethiopia; and the war's impact on decolonization across the continent. We will further study how Africans and outsiders have differently conceptualized the continent's role in the war by analyzing a variety of sources, including scholarly writings, archival materials, films, former soldiers' biographies, and propaganda posters.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** active participation in discussion, map quiz, 2 reading responses, and 3 essays (of about 5 pages)

**Prerequisites:** first-year or sophomore standing; juniors or seniors with permission of instructor

**Enrollment Limit:** 19

**Enrollment Preferences:** first-year students and then sophomores who have not previously taken a 100-level seminar

**Expected Class Size:** 19

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AFR 104 (D2) HIST 104 (D2) GBST 104 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will write two 3-5-page essays each written in two drafts with instructor comments. They will also write an 8-12-page research paper with required submission of a proposed topic, an annotated bibliography, an outline, and a draft before the final paper itself. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** This course explores the colonial relationship during a major global crisis. Students will examine existing narratives of African contributions to the war and to come up with their own interpretations, and will be called to critically engage the question of why and how colonies made significant contributions to the Allied cause by producing needed materials and resources or by joining the fight. Africans made these contributions spite of various and complex inequities.

**Attributes:** AFR Core Electives GBST African Studies Electives HIST Group A Electives - Africa

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 MWF 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Benjamin Twagira

**HIST 109 (S) The Iranian Revolution** (DPE) (WS)

**Cross-listings:** HIST 109 ARAB 109

**Primary Cross-listing**

The Iranian Revolution was a major turning point in world history that resulted in the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran. This tutorial will evaluate the causes and impact of the revolution and how this seminal event continues to have widespread repercussions around the globe. The first weeks will explore the history of pre-revolutionary Iran with special attention to religious and intellectual trends such as the ideas of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Jalal al-e Ahmad, and Ali Shariati. We will then evaluate the revolution itself including the US hostage crisis, the downfall of the Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi Shah, and how Khomeini’s vision of society became paramount. Finally, we will explore the aftermath of the revolution including Iran’s geopolitics, the nature of the theocratic system in Iran as well as how the revolution impacted every day lives of Iranians in Iran and abroad particularly how they reflect on the revolution in memoirs, films, and literature.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Weekly meetings. Weekly papers - either a 5 page primary paper or a 2-3 page response paper.

**Prerequisites:** No prerequisites.

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** First Years and Sophomores.

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

HIST 109 (D2) ARAB 109 (D2)
Writing Skills Notes: As a tutorial, students are expected to regularly write analytical and critical papers on the readings. They will receive regular and consistent feedback from the instructor and their partner and will be given the opportunity to re-write some of their assignments.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The Iranian Revolution, like other major social movements, offered a compelling critique of the status quo and promised a more just society that would be more equitable for all Iranians. The tutorial will consider the relationship between the rhetoric of the Revolution and the lived reality, especially how this seminal event impacted the lives of ordinary Iranians. Was the Revolution simply a change in the composition of the political elite or did it yield new realities and more access for Iranians?

Attributes: HIST Group E Electives - Middle East

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Magnús T. Bernhardsson

HIST 117 (F) Bombay/Mumbai: Making of a Modern Metropolis (WS)

Cross-listings: GBST 117 HIST 117 ASIA 117

Primary Cross-listing

Bombay or Mumbai is India's foremost urban center and is well known today as a truly global city. It is the heart of India's commercial life, comparable in vibrancy and multiculturalism with the world’s emerging cities like Shanghai, Hong Kong and Sao Paulo. What are the historical elements that contributed to the making of India's most modern and global metropolis? What are the antecedents of the modernity, the vibrant culture, dark underbelly and economic diversity that characterize Bombay today? What does the history of Bombay tell us about modernity in India and the emerging countries of the third world in general? This seminar will help students to answer these questions through historical materials on Bombay as well as multimedia sources including cinema, photography and literature. With a focus on the 19th and 20th centuries, we will explore themes like the commercial culture of a colonial port city, the modern public sphere, theatre and film, labor migration, public health and prostitution to understand what went into the making of this modern metropolis. The primary objective of this course is to introduce students to a wide range of historical sources and ways of interpreting them. The other objective is facilitating their understanding of the history of colonial and modern India through the history of its most important city.

Requirements/Evaluation: assessment will be based on class participation and weekly written responses to readings (2 pages), 2-3 short papers (4-5 pages), leading to an oral presentation and final paper (8-10 pages). All writing assignments are structured to build up the final paper.

Prerequisites: First years and sophomores only

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-years, and then sophomores who have not previously taken a 100-level seminar.

Expected Class Size: 12-15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

GBST 117 (D2) HIST 117 (D2) ASIA 117 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly reading response (2 pages), several short papers leading to a final research paper. Peer reviews and instructor feedback of all written work to improve writing skills and opportunities to write several drafts.

Attributes: GBST South + Southeast Asia Studies Electives GBST Urbanizing World Electives HIST Group B Electives - Asia

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 MWF 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Aparna Kapadia

HIST 122 (S) The Black Death (WS)

In what ways does a pandemic change society? Historians and scientists still debate the development and impact of the second plague pandemic, also known as the Black Death, which decimated the people of Asia, Africa, and Europe in the mid-fourteenth century. For many medieval people, the plague was experienced as a terrifying judgment of God upon the world. In this class, we will see how the plague exposed and exacerbated divisions within society, encouraging new political movements, economic changes, and new forms of expression in art and literature. We will read multiple first-hand accounts of the plague, with an eye to seeing how medieval people tried to understand the calamity through science and religion, and how
modern scholars have interpreted the evidence of both written records and archaeology and related sciences. The Black Death is the first global pandemic that produced an extensive written record, and the sources offer us a detailed look at how multiple complex societies handled the crisis.

Requirements/Evaluation: Attendance and participation, three short (3- to 5-page) papers, a final 8-10-page research paper

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: First- and second-year students. Others will need the permission of the instructor.

Expected Class Size: 10-15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write three short (3-5 page) papers and a longer (8-10 page) research paper. They will receive feedback on all of these. The research paper will be produced in several stages, with the instructor commenting on each step.

Attributes: HIST Group C Electives - Europe and Russia  HiST Group P Electives - Premodern

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 MWF 8:30 am - 9:45 am Joel S. Pattison

HIST 128 (F) Protest after Fascism: Youth, Revolution, and Protest in 1960s West Germany (DPE) (WS)

The 1960s was a decade of youth and protest. University students in Paris, Belgrade, and Dar es Salaam took to the streets to call for political, economic, and social transformation. This first-year seminar dives into this decade of heady revolutionary fervor, by focusing on the stakes of political protest in postwar West Germany. It evaluates how West Germans formulated their political protests while living in a post-totalitarian and post-genocidal society and considers the extent to which West Germans youths -- despite operating in the international milieu of the "Global Sixties" -- displayed a specifically national set of anxieties. Students can expect to gain an introduction to postwar German history, as well as experience working with primary sources.

Requirements/Evaluation: Active participation in discussion, weekly 500-word discussion posts, two 5-6-page reading responses, and a final 10-12-page research paper

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: First-year students and then sophomores who have not previously taken a 100-level seminar

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: This is an intensive writing seminar for first- and second-year students. We focus on the structure of historical argument, the process of revision, and research skills. Students receive detailed feedback on their writing on each of the shorter writing assignments and on all steps of the crafting of the final paper.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course investigates how West German youths wrestled with questions of national belonging and racial difference in the years after the Holocaust. In addition to evaluating how racial difference operated within after the Federal Republic of Germany after the Nazis' racial genocide of European Jewry, this course explores West German activists' conceptions of two populations that were seen to be racially different: the peoples of the 'Third World' and West Germany's Turkish migrants.

Attributes: HIST Group C Electives - Europe and Russia

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 MWF 8:30 am - 9:45 am Charlotte A. Kiechel

HIST 135 (F) The Coffeehouse from Arabia to the Enlightenment (WS)

Invented in sixteenth-century Arabia, the coffeehouse soon made its way to Egypt and Istanbul and then to Western Europe. This institution offered a social space where men (and women) could congregate to discuss politics and ideas. Everywhere, it was an object of suspicion, yet its onward march proved unstoppable, and it even became one of the central spaces of the European Enlightenment, the eighteenth-century movement that laid the
foundations of modern Western secular thought. In this course, we will reconstruct the progress of the coffeehouse in order to understand what made it so special. Through its prism we will explore a crucial period in the history of Europe and the Middle East, and investigate how intercultural interactions and intellectual exchange shaped the modern world at a time of religious and political polarization.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Attendance and participation; two 5-7-pp. papers (and a revision of each); final research project proposal and bibliography; a final, 10-12 pp. research paper; a final research presentation.

**Prerequisites:** First-year standing.

**Enrollment Limit:** 19

**Enrollment Preferences:** First-year students,

**Expected Class Size:** 19

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** This class is designed as an intensive expository writing seminar for first-year students. We focus on the structure of expository argument, the importance of revision, on library and research skills, etc. Students receive detailed feedback on their writing throughout the semester and are expected to use the opportunity to hone their craft.

**Attributes:** HIST Group C Electives - Europe and Russia HIST Group G Electives - Global History HIST Group P Electives - Premodern

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Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Alexander Bevilacqua

**HIST 158 (S) North of Jim Crow, South of Freedom** (DPE) (WS)

**Cross-listings:** HIST 158 AFR 158

**Primary Cross-listing**

This course analyzes the freedom struggle in the North during the twentieth century. Whereas black northerners drew from broader campaigns and traditions of black resistance, we will explore territorial distinctions in the region that otherwise have been flattened within the long history of civil rights discourse. To accomplish this aim, we will engage the following themes: black culture and radicalism; community formation and residential segregation; demographic and migratory transitions; deindustrialization and the war; gender and respectability politics; labor tensions and civil rights unionism; northern racial liberalism; and the influence of world affairs—all with an eye toward scrutinizing the freedom struggle in its northern variety.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Students are expected to participate actively and will write three short essays (3-4 pages), all of which will be letter-graded and returned with comments. In addition, students will write a final research paper (8-10 pages) in consultation with the instructor and will be required to submit a topic proposal.

**Prerequisites:** first-year or sophomore standing; juniors or seniors with permission of instructor

**Enrollment Limit:** 19

**Enrollment Preferences:** first-year students and then sophomores who have not previously taken a 100-level seminar. If the course is overenrolled, students with junior and/or senior status will be removed automatically. Other students will complete a questionnaire.

**Expected Class Size:** 19

**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (DPE) (WS)

**This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:**

HIST 158 (D2) AFR 158 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will write three short essays (3-4 pages), all of which will be letter-graded and returned with comments. In addition, students will write a final research paper (10-12 pages) in consultation with the instructor and will be required to submit a topic proposal and outline, an annotated bibliography, and a peer-reviewed draft of the final paper. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** This course analyzes the long black freedom struggle in the North during the twentieth century. It examines black northerners’ efforts to achieve citizenship and equality as well as their challenges and involvements with northern racial liberalism. It offers students the opportunity to think critically about how black resistance campaigns emerged and evolved as discriminatory racial practices persisted in spite of legal and legislative remedies.
In June 2015, Rachel Dolezal emerged as a media spectacle and the subject of national scrutiny after her white parents stated publicly that Dolezal is a white woman passing as black. Their insistence that Dolezal is white came in the wake of her reports to local news media and police that she had been the victim of several hate crimes. To critics, Dolezal is a fraud who has committed cultural appropriation. Yet, for her supporters, Dolezal’s racial identification as a black woman is authentic and indisputable, since race is not based on biology but rather is a social construction. For both groups as well as impartial observers, many wondered curiously why a white woman had chosen to pass as black, especially given that historically it has been African Americans who opted to become white. Inspired by the controversy surrounding Dolezal, this tutorial will explore the history of passing in the United States. Whereas our attention will primarily be focused on black-to-white passing, we will expand our understandings of passing by emphasizing the variety of ways that identities have been shaped through the crossing of boundaries—class, ethnic, gender, intellectual, political, religious, and sexual. To accomplish our goals, we will read and cross-examine fictional and nonfictional as well as primary and secondary historical accounts of boundary-crossers. We will also screen several films that engage the theme of passing.

Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly formal response papers and written critiques.

Prerequisites: None.

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: First and second-year students will be prioritized, followed by history majors. Should the course be overenrolled, students will be asked to complete an enrollment questionnaire.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AFR 159 (D2) HIST 159 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will be required to complete formal writing assignments each week, alternating between response papers (4 pages) and written critiques (2-pages) of their peers’ work. Students will receive substantial feedback on their writing skills, with verbal and written suggestions for improvement. Students will also receive feedback from their tutorial partners.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Narratives of racial passing provocatively raise questions about the construction, logics, reinforcement, and subversion of racial categories and identities. Tutorial students will have the opportunity to deconstruct the meanings of race and identity in addition to thinking culturally, historically, and ontologically about the implications and value of these constructs. In essence, we will theorize racial identity, reconsidering, if not challenging, its stable notions of identic intelligibility.

Attributes: HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada

Fall 2022

TUT Section: T1 TBA Tyran K. Steward

HIST 166 (F) Cold War Films (WS)

This history tutorial utilizes popular film as a vehicle to explore American Cold War culture. The Cold War was an intense period of political, ideological, cultural, and military struggle between the United States and the Soviet Union that took place after the Second World War. For every nuclear test, arms sale, or military operation, there was a propaganda ploy, rhetorical barb, or diplomatic ultimatum to match. Amidst this hostile competition between two incompatible ways of life—communism and capitalism; totalitarianism and democracy—an atmosphere marked by panic, secrecy, insecurity, paranoia, surveillance, and conformity pervaded American life. Given the vast cultural influence of movies, film during this era served as a vital ideological battleground. Moreover, cinema offers us a window into the cultural landscape of Cold War America, for film reflects, interprets, and shapes national identity in complex ways. The films examined in this course (for the most part, Hollywood productions from the
mid-1940s to the mid-1960s) serve as unique historical documents and as cultural texts illuminating the ways filmmakers and audiences negotiated the challenges presented by the Cold War struggle. The films assigned for this course focus on a range of topics, including anticommunism, competing visions of Americanism, religion, the Hollywood Ten, J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI, the nuclear arms race, brainwashing, gender, race relations, and the eventual unravelling of the Cold War consensus. The historical analysis of film requires not only a close reading of the movies themselves, but also a clear understanding of the historical context in which they appeared. The readings paired with each film will help to clarify this context and offer interpretations of the films with which we will engage.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Students will be required to complete formal writing assignments each week, alternating between 4-page reading response papers and 2-page critiques of their peers' work. These writing assignments will be evaluated alongside preparedness for and performance in tutorial discussions.

**Prerequisites:** None, open to all students.

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** First and second year students will be given priority. If the course is overenrolled, students will be asked to complete an enrollment questionnaire.

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will be required to complete formal writing assignments each week, alternating between 4-page reading response papers and 2-page critiques of their peers' work. They will receive feedback on each of these papers—in writing and in person—from both the professor and their tutorial partners. Throughout the semester these writing assignments will total 25-30 pages.

**Attributes:** HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada

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**HIST 306 (S) Indigenous Narratives: From the Fourth World to the Global South**

**Cross-listings:** HIST 306 GBST 369 COMP 369 ARAB 369

**Secondary Cross-listing**

In the late 20th century, world literature has witnessed a "boom" in indigenous literature. Many critics and historians describe this global re-emergence of the subaltern and the indigenous in terms of literary justice fostered by post-colonial studies and the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, by the UN General Assembly on December 18, 1992. In this course, we will investigate this "indigenous boom" by reading novels and short stories from the Americas, the Middle East and North Africa from the 1970s to the present. Through these trans-regional and trans-historical peregrinations, our principal goal will be to examine and compare narratives about conquest, settler colonialism, colonial nationalism, indigeneity, sovereignty, indigenous epistemology and philosophy. At the same time, we will consider the following questions: How did pioneering indigenous women writers, such as the Laguna Pueblo Leslie Marmon Silko in the US and the Mayan playwrights of La Fomma in Chiapas, Mexico lead the feminist front of the indigenous literary renaissance? How did Palestinian folktales, Amazigh poetics in the Maghreb, and Mayan dream narratives in Mexico and Guatemala produce narratives of decolonial history? What does the aesthetics of magical realism in Arabic, Quechua and Spanish, respectively, as evident in the works of the Kurdish writer Salim Barakat (Syria) and the mestizo writer José María Arguedas (Peru) tell us about the intersection of race, ethnicity, and indigenous epistemology? What is the connection between the recent "boom" of English translations of Indigenous texts and neoliberalism, multiculturalism and neo-colonialism? Ultimately, our goal is to trace how these texts contributed to global indigenous literature and the trans-historical and trans-geographical connections between them.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** active class participation, several short response assignments (3-4 pages), two film reviews (1 page), a performance project, and a final paper (7- to 10-pages)

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 19

**Enrollment Preferences:** Comparative Literature majors

**Expected Class Size:** 15

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (DPE) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 306 (D2) GBST 369 (D2) COMP 369 (D1) ARAB 369 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: This course will enable students to write weekly while engaging with various forms of writing skills: articulating arguments in short response papers (3-4 pages each), developing visual criticism through writing two film reviews, (1 page each), journaling through writing a personal reflections on a performance project, and honing research language in producing a final paper of 7-10 pages. Instructor's feedback and peer review sessions will include review of drafts and argumentative structures.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: At the heart of this course is the history of global Indigenous struggle for liberation and decolonization. The various novels, short stories, poems, films and other texts that students will engage with narrate histories of colonial dispossession, racial oppression, economic subjugation and dehumanization of minoritized Indigenous communities in the Americas, North Africa and the Middle East.

Attributes: GBST Borders, Exiles + Diaspora Studies Electives

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Amal Eqeiq

HIST 352 (F)(S) American Maritime History (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: HIST 352 MAST 352

Secondary Cross-listing

This course explores themes in American maritime history from the colonial era to the 21st century. We will consider the dynamic relationship between the sea and American life, and the broad influence that each has had on the other. This relationship led to interactions with the water as a highway for the transportation of not just people and goods, but powerful new forces and ideas. The water creates a unique space for the formation of new communities and identities, while also acting as an important, and often exploited, resource. We will sample from different fields of inquiry including labor, environmental, cultural, and political history to gain a deeper understanding of diverse people's complex interactions with the oceans and seas.

Class Format: Seminars, discussions, and field seminars

Requirements/Evaluation: Participation in class discussions, activities, and presentations, regular papers, and a final independent research project

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 27

Enrollment Preferences: If course over-enrolls, preference will be given to sophomores and juniors

Expected Class Size: 22

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: Offered only at Mystic Seaport

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 352 (D2) MAST 352 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students must complete regular writing assignments including a final 10- to 15-page paper. Additionally, students will participate in several in-class writing workshops and peer critiques. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Maritime activity has long provided opportunities for some while creating tremendous hardships for others. From the slave trade and the encounters between native and European mariners to the power wielded by multi-national shipping conglomerates, this course investigates contests over power, empire, and capitalism as they played out on the maritime stage.

Attributes: AMST Space and Place Electives ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives EXPE Experiential Education Courses HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada HIST Group P Electives - Premodern

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 MW 9:00 am - 10:15 am Sofia E. Zepeda

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 MW 9:00 am - 10:15 am Sofia E. Zepeda
HIST 367 (F) Black History is Labor History (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: AFR 367 HIST 367

Primary Cross-listing

This seminar explores labor history in relation to black people, spanning the colonial period to the early twenty-first century. It racializes the history of work by tracing the long story of black labor in the U.S. from the plantation to the plant. Whereas the bulk of the course will analyze black labor and labor movements in the twentieth century, specifically focusing on the push for economic inclusion and mobility amid employment, societal and union-related racial discrimination, we will examine what involuntary black labor meant in the context of slavery and the construction of a capitalist economy. Likewise, we will devote attention to black workers with regard to such topics as antunionism, deindustrialization, economic inequality, Fordism, informal economies, Jim and Jane Crow, labor radicalism and violence, New Deal and welfare, the rise of civil rights unionism, and slavery and capitalism, among other themes.

Requirements/Evaluation: Students are expected to participate actively and will write two comparative essays (5-7 and 6-8 pages) and two primary source analyses (1-2 pages), all of which will be letter-graded and returned with comments. In addition, students will write a final research paper (10-12 pages) in consultation with the instructor and will be required to submit a topic proposal and outline, an annotated bibliography, and a peer-reviewed draft of the final paper.

Prerequisites: Recommended for students with sophomore standing or above and first-year students who both have taken a 200-level history course and have received instructor permission to enroll into the course.

Enrollment Limit: 25

Enrollment Preferences: HIST and AFR majors followed by students with sophomore, junior, or senior standing. If the course is overenrolled, students will be given a questionnaire and only first-year students who have completed a 200-level history course will be enrolled.

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
AFR 367 (D2) HIST 367 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will be required to write two comparative essays (5-7 and 6-8 pages) and two primary source analyses (1-2 pages), all of which will be letter-graded and returned with comments. In addition, students will write a final research paper (10-12 pages). Throughout the semester, these writing assignments will total roughly 22-30 pages. Students can expect to have line-edited feedback on their papers with substantial and timely, writing-related suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course racializes the study of labor history, focusing on black people and their experiences in the United States from the plantation to the plant. It challenges students to confront and to redefine what it means to labor, grasping how slavery, segregation, and systemic inequalities amid black people's pursuit of citizenship, equality, and freedom have shaped their economic, political, and social conditions and identities.

Attributes: HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Tyran K. Steward

HIST 385 (F) Latinx Activism: From the Local to the Transnational (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: LATS 385 HIST 385

Primary Cross-listing

Latinas/os/x's have long sought inclusion in the U.S. polity and society, while the meanings of inclusion and the means to achieve it have shifted historically. For Latinxs, activism is often shaped by the specific dynamics of each group's migration to the United States and by their arrival into a particular context. Home country politics and transnational connections can remain important. Yet local activism to meet immediate needs and to address critical issues becomes important as well. Working within existing structures, Latinx communities have at times questioned and challenged those existing structures, as activists have addressed a wide variety of often intersecting issues. This course roots itself in the historical progression of Puerto Rican and Mexican-American activism, before turning to the social and political movements of the late 1960s and 1970s, as shaped by Puerto
Ricans, Chicanos/as, Cubans, and Dominicans. The 1980s witnessed increased immigration from several Central and South American countries, arriving in the context of reactions to those political and social movements, as well as increased U.S. intervention in their countries of origin—a context that again shaped both local and transnational activism. Students' final projects will be anchored within this historical framing and within the lens of local and transnational activism, while moving forward in time to consider more contemporary dimensions of Latinx activism.

Class Format: This is a discussion-based and writing intensive course, so reading and full participation is important. Students will be expected to read each other's work and to provide thoughtful and constructive feedback.

Requirements/Evaluation: Class participation and presentations; several 3-4 page essays; final paper of 12-15 pages, as well as proposal, bibliography, and drafts

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: History majors and Latina/o Studies concentrators, seniors

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

LATS 385 (D2) HIST 385 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Several writing assignments of 3-4 pages provide the foundation for 12-15 page final papers. In consultation with the professor, students select a topic and submit a 3-4 page proposal with a bibliography. Students submit a draft for a workshop session with other students. A final presentation is another opportunity to hone arguments and use of evidence, as well as to receive feedback on revised drafts from the professor.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course examines how Latinx communities have sought inclusion in U.S. society and polity, in the face of marginalization based on race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, and/or political perspective, as well as other intersecting markers of difference. Questions of difference, power, and equity are analyzed at the structural, community, and individual levels.

Attributes: HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada LATS Core Electives

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Carmen T. Whalen

HIST 413 (F) The Big Ideas: Intended and Unintended Consequence of Human Ambition (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: ARAB 413 GBST 413 HIST 413 ENVI 413

Primary Cross-listing

What have been the most consequential ideas of the last 100 years? This course will explore some of the more audacious and ambitious plans to alter natural and urban environments in the late 19th century to the early part of the 21st, specifically those that sought to improve the human condition through science, engineering, and technology. By building big bold things, politicians around the globe sought to bring prosperity to their nation and embark on a path of modernity and independence. Through an intellectual, political and environmental history of major construction projects such as the building of the Suez Canal and the Aswan Dam, extensive river valley developments in Iran, Turkey and Iraq, and utopian and futuristic city planning in western Asia, students will consider how, with the benefit of hindsight, to best evaluate the feasibility of such bold schemes. Who has benefitted and who has not, what have been some of the unanticipated consequences, what was sacrificed or neglected, and what do these projects tell us about the larger processes of global capitalism, decolonization, and climate change?

Requirements/Evaluation: A presentation, shorter writing assignments and a longer research paper (20-25 pages) in the end. Students will submit shorter drafts of final paper in order to receive constructive feedback prior to final submission.

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Seniors, especially History, Arabic and Environmental Studies majors.

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
**Writing Skills Notes:** A 20-25 page research paper will be required at the end of the semester. Prior to getting to that point, students will submit an annotated bibliography, a two page proposal, a five and eventually a 10 page draft. Each draft will receive extensive comments and suggestions from peers and instructor. In this way, the student will think about the process of writing and the best way to set themselves up for success.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** This course examines how a number of different nations in Africa and Asia sought to improve the living conditions of the masses through major construction project. Though ostensibly these schemes were supposed to improve the livelihood of all, often they primarily benefitted the few - the urban elite - and not the general population. This course will therefore explore how certain class, gender and racial lines were solidified and maintained through economic development plans.

**Attributes:** HIST Group E Electives - Middle East

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**HIST 430 (S) Postcolonial Reparations: Trauma, History, and Memory after European Imperialism** (DPE) (WS)

**Cross-listings:** JWST 430 HIST 430

**Primary Cross-listing**

How have European states responded to calls to acknowledge and atone for the crimes of Empire? This course places recent calls for reparations in a historical context. Weaving together a wide-range of historical and contemporary case studies -- including the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (1951), Germany's official recognition of the Herero Genocide (2021), and ongoing debates in France about the restitution of colonial-era looted art, this course investigates how the language and mechanisms of restorative justice have historically developed, evaluates which past efforts of restorative justice were successful and why, and examines what role historical memory and historians-as-activists should play in campaigns that seek reparations for colonial injustices. In doing so, it evaluates how activists have deployed scholarly vocabularies on memory, justice, and violence in a number of national and international contexts.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Class participation, weekly 500-word discussion posts and a 20-page research paper

**Prerequisites:** None

**Enrollment Limit:** 15

**Enrollment Preferences:** History majors, seniors, and then juniors

**Expected Class Size:** 10-15

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

JWST 430 (D2) HIST 430 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** This is an intensive writing seminar for advanced history majors. We focus on how to write a journal-length piece of original historical research, while evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of other scholarly pieces. Students receive feedback on multiple drafts of their final research papers and participate in two workshop seminars in which they provide feedback on the papers of their peers.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** This course asks how contemporary political and social justice movements can -- or ought to -- address political and economic inequities between the Global South and North, introduces students to how questions of race and national belonging have informed contemporary debates on restorative justice, and exposes the persistence of some global and historically-situated inequities.

**Attributes:** HIST Group C Electives - Europe and Russia

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**HIST 433 (F) Colonialism and the Jews** (DPE) (WS)

**Cross-listings:** HIST 433 JWST 433

**Primary Cross-listing**

Where are Jews in colonial history? Where is colonialism in Jewish history? In many ways, these questions haunt contemporary Jewish and often
world politics. Indeed, in the twenty-first century, the relationship between Jews and colonialism has been present in debates about Zionism, the history of capitalism, Jewish-Muslim relations, the wider Middle East, the future of European identity, the aims and roots of American empire, and the intersections of race and religion in colonial domination. And yet, typically, the subject of Jews and colonialism is more polemicized or avoided than probed. This course will seek to address this lacunae by introducing students to new historical scholarship that has begun tracing these questions. Students will consider the ways in which imperial legal forms, economic structures, and cultural and intellectual underpinnings shaped Jewish lives from the British antipodes to French North Africa, and throughout the Russian and Ottoman Empires, as well as in metropolitan Europe. Among other issues, we will ask: How did Jews become defined and define themselves in the colonial venture? In their various roles in colonial empires, are Jews best understood as subjects or agents of empire or are there more fruitful ways to conceptualize their engagement? What was the impact of anti-colonial struggles on modern Jewish politics and historical development? The course will approach this topic thematically rather than as a comprehensive survey. By introducing students to some of the key debates in this emerging field, we will consider what it takes to construct a successful historical argument and how to engage critically with works in an emerging field. A semester-long writing project will expand students capacities to pose thoughtful historical questions; conduct research and gather compelling evidence; read deeply and critically; carefully assess evidence; and write inquiry-based essays.

Requirements/Evaluation: Class participation; brief weekly writing on the readings; a final research paper written in stages, including two "research updates"; an analysis of a source; a research proposal; a rough draft of one paper section; a rough draft of the paper; and a final 25-page paper.

Prerequisites: None; open to all students (however, a background in European history and/or Jewish Studies will be helpful).

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Junior and Senior History Majors and Jewish Studies Concentrators

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 433 (D2) JWST 433 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Before each course, students will submit a 2-3 paragraph critique and a list of 3 questions for discussion. The final assignment will be a research paper (approximately 25 pages) or historiographical essay. Assignments en route to the final deadline, include: 1) two early "research updates" to document process and progress; 2) analysis of a source; 3) research proposal; 4) rough draft of a section; 5) draft of the paper; 6) final paper. Only some work will graded, but all will receive feedback.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course considers the complex ways that religion, ethnicity and national identities shaped the colonial and post-colonial world. Never controlling or collectively representing a European power, Jews were also rarely situated at the bottom of any colonial hierarchy, sometimes occupying more than one social or political role in a single colonial territory. This course provides insight into the many ways hierarchies of power could operate in colonial and post-colonial settings.

Attributes: HIST Group C Electives - Europe and Russia JWST Capstone Course

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm Maud Mandel

HIST 462 (S) For the Soul of Mankind: The Cold War and American Foreign Relations (WS)

The United States emerged from the Second World War with unprecedented power and influence; for the first time it was poised to take on a level of global leadership that it had long shirked. Yet the U.S. faced an uncertain world, marked by the ascendance of the communist-led Soviet Union as a rival superpower, the impending decolonization of European empires, the emergence of a nuclear arms race, and a host of changes to domestic American life. What ensued was a 45-year Cold War--a battle for the soul of mankind--marked by American officials' relentless determination to combat the threat of communism at home and abroad. This course explores a range of scholarly approaches to that conflict, focusing on high-level diplomacy, hot wars, propaganda, the cultural cold war, and more. In addition to reading and discussing works that exemplify key approaches to studying America's Cold War, students will develop an original research topic and research and write a 20- to 25-page paper, based in primary sources, on a Cold War-related topic of their choosing.

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on class participation, several short papers, and a 20- to 25-page research paper

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 15
**Enrollment Preferences:** Advanced history majors

**Expected Class Size:** 10-20

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will produce a 20-25 page final paper through a series of scaffolded assignments, each of which will receive feedback from the professor as well as a group of peers. Assignments leading up to the final research paper include a 4-6 page historiography paper, a 2-3 page draft introduction, and a completed initial draft.

**Attributes:** HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada

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**Spring 2023**

**SEM Section:** 01 W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm  
**Jessica Chapman**

**HIST 470 (S) Latinx Migrations: Stories and Histories** (WS)

**Cross-listings:** HIST 470 LATS 470

**Primary Cross-listing**

Latinx migration histories are often told with sweeping data and within broad historical contexts. While these are important, the voices of the people leaving their home countries and coming to the United States can be lost or buried. During the 1970s, the emerging subfield of social history asserted the need to craft histories that took into consideration the everyday lives of everyday people. Oral history emerged a key tool in capturing the personal stories too often missed in historical archives. At the same time, Puerto Rican Studies, Chicano Studies, and later, Latinx Studies emerged to tell the histories of groups too often omitted from or misrepresented in the scholarship. These fields relied on traditions of testimonios or storytelling. This course focuses on Latinx oral histories, autobiographies, and other first person narratives to explore how people are impacted by and experience those broad historical contexts, as well as how the decisions they make and the actions they take shape those broad historical contexts. This course examines first person narratives in the context of specific Latinx groups in particular historical, geographical, and social contexts, while interrogating the methodological and interpretive challenges of working with oral histories and other first-person primary sources.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** class participation and presentations; short writing assignments; proposal, bibliography, and drafts of final paper; final paper of 15 to 20 pages

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 19

**Enrollment Preferences:** History majors and Latina/o Studies concentrators, seniors

**Expected Class Size:** 15

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:**

HIST 470 (D2) LATS 470 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** This research seminar supports students as they define an appropriate topic, identify and use primary and secondary sources, and complete a 15-20 page final paper. Several short writing assignments focus on interpretations of primary sources and on honing in on scholars’ key arguments in secondary sources. The final paper is written in stages, including a proposal with a bibliography, a draft for workshopping with other students, and a final presentation along a revised draft.

**Attributes:** HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada LATS 400-level Seminars

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**Spring 2023**

**SEM Section:** 01 TR 9:55 am - 11:10 am  
**Carmen T. Whalen**

**HIST 480 (F) Media and Society in Africa** (DPE) (WS)

**Cross-listings:** HIST 480 GBST 480 AFR 381

**Primary Cross-listing**
The Media have long played important roles in African societies. As early as the second half of the 19th century, African intellectuals were using print technology to address the people. As radio technology was in its infancy during the first half of the twentieth century, Africans were gathering around re-diffusion stations and later around single receivers to listen to news and entertainment programing. In this tutorial, we will examine these histories of media and media technologies on the continent. Ultimately, we will explore the roles that media played in serving particular community needs and how communities also adapted new media technologies to fit local conditions. Media content has historically been determined based on standards beyond viewers', readers' and listeners' control. We will examine the influences that editors and political leaders on the continent have exerted on content as well as what forces they responded to. We will also further explore the media's role in major events on the continent, from governmental changes to the ending of apartheid in South Africa and the role that media have played in areas of conflict.

Requirements/Evaluation:  Students will be evaluated based on a series of 5-7-page tutorial response papers and 2-page critiques, as well as preparedness for and performance in weekly tutorial discussions.

Prerequisites:  This course open to all students

Enrollment Limit:  10

Enrollment Preferences:  Preference will be given to history majors and students with prior experience with African history. If the course is over-enrolled, students may be asked to complete a questionnaire to determine enrollment

Expected Class Size:  10

Grading:  no pass/fail option,   no fifth course option

Distributions:  (D2)  (DPE)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

HIST 480  (D2)  GBST 480  (D2)  AFR 381  (D2)

Writing Skills Notes:  Students will alternate weekly between writing 5-7-page tutorial papers and 2-page critiques of their peers' writing. Formal writing assignments throughout the semester will total at least 40 pages. Students will receive regular feedback and critiques - both oral and written - from the professor, as well as oral critiques from tutorial partners.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:  Modern media developed in Africa as means of control and cultivating dutiful colonial subjects. However, media then emerged as sites of contestation and even tools with which colonial subjects challenged colonial rule. They have continued to be revealing sites for issues of gender, race, class, and ethnicity. As such, this course immensely explores diversity, power and equity and how these all-important societal concerns are expressed through the media in Africa.

Fall 2022

TUT Section:  T1    TBA    Benjamin Twagira

HIST 481  (F) History of Taiwan  (WS)

Cross-listings:  ASIA 481  HIST 481

Primary Cross-listing

Almost all discussions of contemporary Taiwan reference the fierce debate over its sovereignty and international status: is the island of Taiwan an independent nation, or an "inalienable part" of the much larger and more powerful People's Republic of China? Part of the argument for Taiwan's separate nationhood derives from its claim to a unique history different from that of the P.R.C.. In this tutorial course, we will look closely at the distinctive aspects of Taiwan's history that underlie this claim, including its aboriginal populations, maritime history, experience of Japanese colonialism, settlement by mainland Chinese after World War II, role in the Cold War, and the development of a Taiwanese ethnic and political identity in the postwar period. We will also examine contemporary arguments for Taiwan as part of China. The goal of the course is neither to debate nor resolve the "Taiwan question", but to explore the history and historical arguments that inform it.

Requirements/Evaluation:  weekly papers and critiques

Prerequisites:  none

Enrollment Limit:  10

Enrollment Preferences:  History and Asian Studies majors/concentrators

Expected Class Size:  10

Grading:  no pass/fail option,   no fifth course option

Distributions:  (D2)  (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ASIA 481 (D2) HIST 481 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: In this tutorial course, students will write bi-weekly 5- to 7-page papers with feedback from both the instructor and tutorial partner. Students will revise one of their tutorial papers as a final assignment. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: HIST Group B Electives - Asia

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Anne Reinhardt

HIST 487 (F) Archive Stories (WS)

What is an archive? What stories are to be found in the archives and what stories do we tell ourselves about the meaning and function of the archive? For many years now, and certainly since the publication of the French theorist Jacques Derrida's essay, Archive Fever, historians, archivists, and cultural theorists have been asking questions about the archive as much as they have been engaged in the actual practice of archiving, or making use of material found in archives. This tutorial considers some of those questions. It is not a hands-on course about how to use an archive, nor a celebration of material found in archives. Rather it consists of a series of broad enquiries into the history of the archive, the politics of collecting, and the political and social function of the archive in various societies. Each week a specific topic will be addressed, collectively illustrative of the breadth of recent enquiries into the logic of the archive. Topics will include, amongst others: the urge to archive in the Renaissance; the nature of the historian’s encounter with "the past" in the archive; the function of the archive in the creation of the modern nation state; the power relations embodied in the colonial archive; the construction of contemporary group identities through the practices of archiving; the recent desire to archive everything, not merely the written document; and the new archives of cyberspace.

Requirements/Evaluation: each student will write five 6- to 7-page essays, prepare five critiques of their tutorial partner’s work, and write a final paper about their work on the Williams archives

Prerequisites: open to all junior and senior History majors and others with permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: History majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write five 6- to 7-page essays (one every other week) that will be critiqued, both in writing and orally, by the instructor and the student's tutorial partner. The student will also write a final 6- to 7-page essay reflecting on the nature of Williams archival practices in the context of the readings undertaken during the course of the tutorial. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing practices, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: HIST Group G Electives - Global History

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Chris Waters

HIST 488 (F) Sites of Memory and American Wars (WS)

This tutorial will examine the ways that U.S. military ventures have been memorialized through a variety of physical sites, including landscapes, monuments and statues, museums, and other depictions. Given the enormous national conversation and reconsideration of many of these sites over the last decade, we will ask such questions as: How and why has the memorialization of U.S. wars changed since the country’s founding? Who determines what is preserved and what stories are told? What is the relationship between individual experiences, collective memories, and national narratives? What do "sites of memory" tell us about society’s views of wars and soldiers and about the United States? Throughout, we will pay attention to how these sites reflect historical understandings of the time and have also served as focal points of social and political protests.

Class Format: Students will be assigned a tutorial partner, and tutorial pairs will meet with the professor for one hour each week at a regularly scheduled meeting time.

Requirements/Evaluation: This course follows a typical tutorial format; every other week, students will write and present orally a 5- to 7-page essay
on the assigned readings; on alternate weeks, students will write a 2-page critique. During two of the weeks of the semester (around the middle of the semester and at the end), all students will write papers that explore a common question or theme.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** History majors and students with previous coursework in History.

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** At the start of the semester, students will outline what their writing goals are for the semester, and they will receive weekly feedback on their writing from the professor and from their tutorial partner. The final writing assignment will afford students the chance to reflect on their previous papers and the semester's course content.

**Attributes:** HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada

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Fall 2022

TUT Section: T1 TBA Karen R. Merrill

**HIST 491 (S) The Suburbs (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** AMST 490 ENVI 491 HIST 491

**Primary Cross-listing**

The suburbs transformed the United States. At the broadest level, they profoundly altered spatial residential geography (especially in terms of race), consumer expectations and behavior, governmental policies, cultural norms and assumptions, societal connections, and Americans’ relationship to nature. More specifically, the different waves of post-World War II suburban development have both reflected large-scale shifts in how power and money have operated in the American political economy; and set in motion deep-seated changes in electoral politics, in Americans’ understandings of how their income should be used, and in how the built landscape should be re-imagined. This tutorial will explore the rich historical literature that has emerged over the last twenty years to provide students with a history of the suburbs, to see the suburbs as more than simply collections of houses that drew individual homeowners who wanted to leave urban areas. We will focus most of our attention on the period from 1945 through the 1980s. Some of the questions we will consider will include: how did the first wave of suburban development bring together postwar racial and Cold War ideologies? Is it possible, as one historian has argued, that suburbs actually created the environmental movement of the 1960s? And how have historians understood the role that suburbs played in America’s conservative political turn, leading to the election of Ronald Reagan?

**Class Format:** Students will be assigned a tutorial partner, and tutorial pairs will meet with the professor for one hour each week at a regularly scheduled meeting time.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** typical tutorial format; every other week, students will write and present orally a 5- to 7-page essay on the assigned readings; on alternate weeks, students will write a 2-page critique. During two of the weeks of the semester (around the middle of the semester and at the end), all students will write papers that explore a common question or theme.

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** History majors and students with previous coursework in History

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:**

AMST 490 (D2) ENVI 491 (D2) HIST 491 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will reflect on what their writing goals are for the semester, and they will receive weekly feedback on their writing from the professor and from their tutorial partner. The final writing assignment will afford students the chance also to reflect back on their previous papers and the semester’s course content.

**Attributes:** AMST Space and Place Electives ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada
In recent years, scholars have turned increasing attention to global history in the pre-modern period. This tutorial takes as its focus the global Middle Ages: roughly speaking, the period between 500 and 1500 CE. This was a period that saw mass-produced consumer goods cross from China to India, East Africa, and the Middle East, inspiring admiration and imitation in multiple different markets. It saw games, music, and forms of literature become popular across continents, and saw religious communities forge networks spanning thousands of kilometers. To study the global Middle Ages is to place exchange and networks, both commercial and cultural, at the heart of our analysis. We will read and analyze many accounts by medieval travelers, merchants, and pilgrims who crossed Afro-Eurasia, alongside works by modern historians and archaeologists who have pieced together the patterns of movement and exchange that tied together the diverse societies of pre-modern Afro-Eurasia.

Requirements/Evaluation: Students will meet in pairs with the instructor once a week. Every other week each student will present a paper of approximately 5-7 pages on a topic determined by the instructor, due by 5pm the day before the tutorial meeting. The student not writing the paper will critique the paper written by their tutorial partner. Each student will write six papers and serve as a critic on the six papers of their tutorial partner.

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Junior and senior History majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will meet in pairs with the instructor once a week. Every other week each student will present a paper of approximately 5-7 pages on a topic determined by the instructor, due by 5pm the day before the tutorial meeting. The student not writing the paper will critique the paper written by their tutorial partner. Each student will write six papers and serve as a critic on the six papers of their tutorial partner.

Attributes: HIST Group G Electives - Global History HIST Group P Electives - Premodern

This seminar examines the historical and contemporary impact of the Black Panther Party--and key allies such as Angela Davis--on political theory. Texts include: narratives from 1966-2016; memoirs; political critiques; theoretical analyses; interviews; speeches; government documents. The seminar will examine: original source materials; academic/popular interpretations and representations of the BPP; hagiography; iconography; political rebellion, political theory. Readings: Liberation, Imagination and the Black Panther Party; Soledad Brother: The Prison Writings of George Jackson; Mao's Little Red Book; The Communist Manifesto; Still Black, Still Strong; Imprisoned Intellectuals; Comrade Sisters: Women in the Black Panther Party.

Requirements/Evaluation: Requirements: students attend each seminar class and come prepared to discuss the readings; participate in discussions; present a collective analysis with Q/A for the seminar; submit a mid-term paper and a final paper or a group project.

Prerequisites: None.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Juniors and Seniors with previous courses taken in Africana Studies, American Studies, Political Science, Philosophy.

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

LEAD 319 (D2) PSCI 376 (D2) INTR 320 (D2) AMST 308 (D2)
Writing Skills Notes: An analytical outline of collective presentation; a mid-term paper and a final paper.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The course focuses on African Americans and political resistance to racism and capitalism, as well as support for impoverished, under-resourced communities grappling with police violence.

Attributes: AFR Core Electives AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives PHIL Contemporary Value Theory Courses PSCI Political Theory Courses

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 M 7:00 pm - 9:40 pm Joy A. James

JWST 430  (S) Postcolonial Reparations: Trauma, History, and Memory after European Imperialism  
(DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: JWST 430 HIST 430

Secondary Cross-listing

How have European states responded to calls to acknowledge and atone for the crimes of Empire? This course places recent calls for reparations in a historical context. Weaving together a wide-range of historical and contemporary case studies -- including the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (1951), Germany's official recognition of the Herero Genocide (2021), and ongoing debates in France about the restitution of colonial-era looted art, this course investigates how the language and mechanisms of restorative justice have historically developed, evaluates which past efforts of restorative justice were successful and why, and examines what role historical memory and historians-as-activists should play in campaigns that seek reparations for colonial injustices. In doing so, it evaluates how activists have deployed scholarly vocabularies on memory, justice, and violence in a number of national and international contexts.

Requirements/Evaluation: Class participation, weekly 500-word discussion posts and a 20-page research paper

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: History majors, seniors, and then juniors

Expected Class Size: 10-15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

JWST 430 (D2) HIST 430 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This is an intensive writing seminar for advanced history majors. We focus on how to write a journal-length piece of original historical research, while evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of other scholarly pieces. Students receive feedback on multiple drafts of their final research papers and participate in two workshop seminars in which they provide feedback on the papers of their peers.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course asks how contemporary political and social justice movements can -- or ought to -- address political and economic inequities between the Global South and North, introduces students to how questions of race and national belonging have informed contemporary debates on restorative justice, and exposes the persistence of some global and historically-situated inequities.

Attributes: HIST Group C Electives - Europe and Russia

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm Charlotte A. Kiechel

JWST 433  (F) Colonialism and the Jews  
(DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: HIST 433 JWST 433

Secondary Cross-listing

Where are Jews in colonial history? Where is colonialism in Jewish history? In many ways, these questions haunt contemporary Jewish and often world politics. Indeed, in the twenty-first century, the relationship between Jews and colonialism has been present in debates about Zionism, the history of capitalism, Jewish-Muslim relations, the wider Middle East, the future of European identity, the aims and roots of American empire, and the intersections of race and religion in colonial domination. And yet, typically, the subject of Jews and colonialism is more polemicized or avoided than
probed. This course will seek to address this lacunae by introducing students to new historical scholarship that has begun tracing these questions. Students will consider the ways in which imperial legal forms, economic structures, and cultural and intellectual underpinnings shaped Jewish lives from the British antipodes to French North Africa, and throughout the Russian and Ottoman Empires, as well as in metropolitan Europe. Among other issues, we will ask: How did Jews become defined and define themselves in the colonial venture? In their various roles in colonial empires, are Jews best understood as subjects or agents of empire or are there more fruitful ways to conceptualize their engagement? What was the impact of anti-colonial struggles on modern Jewish politics and historical development? The course will approach this topic thematically rather than as a comprehensive survey. By introducing students to some of the key debates in this emerging field, we will consider what it takes to construct a successful historical argument and how to engage critically with works in an emerging field. A semester-long writing project will expand students capacities to pose thoughtful historical questions; conduct research and gather compelling evidence; read deeply and critically; carefully assess evidence; and write inquiry-based essays.

Requirements/Evaluation: Class participation; brief weekly writing on the readings; a final research paper written in stages, including two “research updates”; an analysis of a source; a research proposal; a rough draft of one paper section; a rough draft of the paper; and a final 25-page paper.

Prerequisites: None; open to all students (however, a background in European history and/or Jewish Studies will be helpful).

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Junior and Senior History Majors and Jewish Studies Concentrators

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

HIST 433 (D2) JWST 433 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Before each course, students will submit a 2-3 paragraph critique and a list of 3 questions for discussion. The final assignment will be a research paper (approximately 25 pages) or historiographical essay. Assignments en route to the final deadline, include: 1) two early "research updates" to document process and progress; 2) analysis of a source; 3) research proposal; 4) rough draft of a section; 5) draft of paper; 6) final paper. Only some work will graded, but all will receive feedback.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course considers the complex ways that religion, ethnicity and national identities shaped the colonial and post-colonial world. Never controlling or collectively representing a European power, Jews were also rarely situated at the bottom of any colonial hierarchy, sometimes occupying more than one social or political role in a single colonial territory. This course provides insight into the many ways hierarchies of power could operate in colonial and post-colonial settings.

Attributes: HIST Group C Electives - Europe and Russia JWST Capstone Course
Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: LATS concentrators or those intending to become LATS concentrators; juniors interested in a senior honors thesis;

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will have five writing assignments that build upon each other, from the statement of research topic, initial research questions, annotated bib, draft lit review, and proposed methodology. Students receive critical feedback on grammar, style, and argument and submit revised versions of their assignments. Students submit a completed research project proposal as their final paper.

Attributes: LATS Core Electives

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm     Edgar Sandoval

LATS 358  (S) Latinx Installation and Site-Specific Art  (WS)

Cross-listings: LATS 358 ARTH 358

Primary Cross-listing

This course will explore the various forms of installation and site-specific artworks created by Latinx artists for both museums and public space. We will examine the ways in which Latinx artists have used space as a material in the production of artworks and how this impacts the works' meanings and the viewer's experience. Within the context of U.S. Latinx culture and history, we will connect notions of space with ideas about cultural citizenship, civil rights, and social justice. A variety of art forms will be studied, from traditional to experimental, including murals, sculpture, performance, video, and several multimedia, interactive, or participatory projects. While establishing a historical lineage and theoretical frameworks for analyzing this growing genre, we will pay particular attention to how these works engage urban space and often challenge the institutional assumptions of museums and curatorial practice. Likewise, we will examine the important debates associated with various public art and museum installation controversies.

Class Format: discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: two short papers, periodic research reports, final research paper, and presentation

Prerequisites: LATS 105 or ARTH 102 or permission of instructor; GRADART exempt from ARTH 102 prerequisite

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: Latina/o Studies concentrators and Art majors

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

LATS 358 (D2) ARTH 358 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: There will be considerable focus on writing and peer-editing as a means of shaping critical thinking. We will treat writing as a process; revision is built into the syllabus. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: AMST Arts in Context Electives AMST Space and Place Electives ARTH post-1800 Courses LATS Core Electives

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    Cancelled

LATS 385  (F) Latinx Activism: From the Local to the Transnational  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: LATS 385 HIST 385

Secondary Cross-listing

Latinas/os/x's have long sought inclusion in the U.S. polity and society, while the meanings of inclusion and the means to achieve it have shifted historically. For Latinxs, activism is often shaped by the specific dynamics of each group's migration to the United States and by their arrival into a
particular context. Home country politics and transnational connections can remain important. Yet local activism to meet immediate needs and to
address critical issues becomes important as well. Working within existing structures, Latinx communities have at times questioned and challenged
those existing structures, as activists have addressed a wide variety of often intersecting issues. This course roots itself in the historical progression of
Puerto Rican and Mexican-American activism, before turning to the social and political movements of the late 1960s and 1970s, as shaped by Puerto
Ricans, Chicanos/as, Cubans, and Dominicans. The 1980s witnessed increased immigration from several Central and South American countries,
arriving in the context of reactions to those political and social movements, as well as increased U.S. intervention in their countries of origin—a context
that again shaped both local and transnational activism. Students’ final projects will be anchored within this historical framing and within the lens of
local and transnational activism, while moving forward in time to consider more contemporary dimensions of Latinx activism.

Class Format: This is a discussion-based and writing intensive course, so reading and full participation is important. Students will be expected to read
each other’s work and to provide thoughtful and constructive feedback.

Requirements/Evaluation: Class participation and presentations; several 3-4 page essays; final paper of 12-15 pages, as well as proposal,
bibliography, and drafts

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: History majors and Latina/o Studies concentrators, seniors

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

LATS 385 (D2) HIST 385 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Several writing assignments of 3-4 pages provide the foundation for 12-15 page final papers. In consultation with the professor,
students select a topic and submit a 3-4 page proposal with a bibliography. Students submit a draft for a workshop session with other students. A final
presentation is another opportunity to hone arguments and use of evidence, as well as to receive feedback on revised drafts from the professor.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course examines how Latinx communities have sought inclusion in U.S. society and polity, in the face of
marginalization based on race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, and/or political perspective, as well as other intersecting markers of difference.
Questions of difference, power, and equity are analyzed at the structural, community, and individual levels.

Attributes: HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada LATS Core Electives
in the digital humanities; students who have met their other curricular requirements

Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Two five-page papers (each receiving critical feedback from professor on grammar, style, and argument); a midterm project proposal with critical feedback from professor and peers; one taxonomy glossary based on course readings and proposed project; one annotated bibliography; artist statement and notes on craft; one final paper submitted with corresponding creative project.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course examines various forms of difference, power, and equity related to creating and engaging archives. In exploring and creating archives themselves, students pay close attention to any omissions and concealments in the documentation of historical memory, particularly in relation to diverse Latinx experiences.

Attributes: LATS 400-level Seminars

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01  W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm  Nelly A. Rosario

LATS 440 (F) Contemporary Exhibitions: Los Angeles and Latin America (DPE) (WS)
Cross-listings: ARTH 440  LATS 440

Secondary Cross-listing
This seminar examines connections between Latinx and Latin American art through a series of recent exhibitions organized as part of a Getty initiative entitled Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA that opened in 2017. While the chronological span for the overall project reaches from Pre-Colombian art to present, we will focus on modern and contemporary art after the 1960s and consider key themes of art and activism, borders and diaspora, globalism and modernism, and popular culture and science fiction in the visual arts. Diverse in scope, these shows explore important developments in the arts of the Americas from the late-20th and 21st centuries, including, abstraction, Chicano muralism, Conceptual art, craft, feminist art, Kinetic art, Modernist design and architecture, social practice, and queer activism. Students will pursue individual research projects directly related to the art exhibitions we study, and examine photography, performance, painting, sculpture (including installation and participatory art), and video by artists both canonical and lesser known. Student projects will analyze the critical responses to the exhibitions while also exploring the roles of archives, art criticism, and curatorial practice in contemporary art history.

Requirements/Evaluation: several short writing and research assignments, oral presentations, class participation, and a final research paper of 16-20 pages
Prerequisites: ARTH 102 (graduate students are exempt from the prerequisite)
Enrollment Limit: 15
Enrollment Preferences: senior Art majors and senior Latina/o Studies concentrators
Expected Class Size: 12
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
ARTH 440 (D1) LATS 440 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: There will be considerable focus on writing and peer-editing as a means of shaping critical thinking. We will treat writing as a process; revision is built into the syllabus. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Course themes of art and activism, borders and diaspora, globalism and modernism in the visual arts and how they intersect with the exploration of difference, power, and equity and the various ways that artists have produced works and developed practices that critically probe this intersection. Through discussion, presentations, and writing assignments students will develop skills in analyzing artworks and exhibitions that respond to and/or document social inequality and social injustice.

Attributes: ARTH post-1800 Courses  LATS Countries of Origin + Transnationalism Elect

Fall 2022
Latinx migration histories are often told with sweeping data and within broad historical contexts. While these are important, the voices of the people leaving their home countries and coming to the United States can be lost or buried. During the 1970s, the emerging subfield of social history asserted the need to craft histories that took into consideration the everyday lives of everyday people. Oral history emerged a key tool in capturing the personal stories too often missed in historical archives. At the same time, Puerto Rican Studies, Chicano Studies, and later, Latinx Studies emerged to tell the histories of groups too often omitted from or misrepresented in the scholarship. These fields relied on traditions of testimonios or storytelling. This course focuses on Latinx oral histories, autobiographies, and other first person narratives to explore how people are impacted by and experience those broad historical contexts, as well as how the decisions they make and the actions they take shape those broad historical contexts. This course examines first person narratives in the context of specific Latinx groups in particular historical, geographical, and social contexts, while interrogating the methodological and interpretive challenges of working with oral histories and other first-person primary sources.

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation and presentations; short writing assignments; proposal, bibliography, and drafts of final paper; final paper of 15 to 20 pages
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: History majors and Latina/o Studies concentrators, seniors
Expected Class Size: 15
Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 470 (D2) LATS 470 (D2)
Writing Skills Notes: This research seminar supports students as they define an appropriate topic, identify and use primary and secondary sources, and complete a 15-20 page final paper. Several short writing assignments focus on interpretations of primary sources and on honing in on scholars’ key arguments in secondary sources. The final paper is written in stages, including a proposal with a bibliography, a draft for workshoping with other students, and a final presentation along a revised draft.
Attributes: HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada LATS 400-level Seminars

In this course we will study some of the greatest figures in astronomy and consider their leadership in advancing progress in the field. We will consider their lives and works, especially as represented by original copies of their books and other publications. These great astronomers include: 16th century, Nicolaus Copernicus (heliocentric universe); Tycho Brahe (best pre-telescopic observations); 17th century, Galileo (discoveries with his first astronomical telescope, 1610; sunspots, 1613; *Dialogo*, 1632); Johannes Kepler (laws of planetary motion, 1609, 1619, Rudolphine Tables 1627); Johannes Hevelius and Elisabeth Hevelius (atlases of the Moon and of stars, 1647, and 1687); Isaac Newton (*Principia Mathematica*: laws of universal gravitation and of motion, 1687); 18th century, Edmond Halley (*Miscellanea curiosa*, eclipse maps, 1715, 1724); John Flamsteed and Margaret Flamsteed (*Atlas Coelestis*, 1729); and William Herschel and Caroline Herschel (1781, 1798). Also, from more recent times in which original works are often articles rather than books: 20th century, Albert Einstein (special relativity, 1905; general relativity, 1916); Marie Curie (radioactivity); Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin (hydrogen dominating stars, 1929), Edwin Hubble (Hubble's law, 1929); George Ellery Hale (Mt. Wilson Observatory 100” telescope, 1917; Palomar Observatory 200” telescope, 1948), Vera Rubin (dark matter, 1970s); Jocelyn Bell Burnell (pulsar discovery, 1968); and 21st century: Wendy Freedman (Universe’s expansion rate, 2000s). First editions will be available in Williams’ Chapin Library of rare books, where we will meet in an adjacent classroom. We will also consider how such original materials are collected and preserved, and look at examples from the wider
world of rarities, such as a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible (c. 1453) and a Shakespeare First Folio (1623, with a discussion of astronomical references in Shakespeare's plays). The course will be taught in collaboration between an astronomer and a rare-books librarian, with remote lectures by experts from around the world.

Class Format: Meeting on campus in the Chapin Library classroom (Sawyer 452)

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, two 5-page intermediate papers, and a final 15-page paper; student choice of additional readings from a provided reading list

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: if overenrolled, preference by written paragraph of explanation of why student wants to take the course

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ASTR 240 (D3) STS 240 (D2) LEAD 240 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Comments on submitted papers will aid in writing skills

Attributes: LEAD Facets or Domains of Leadership

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 W 1:10 pm - 3:00 pm Jay M. Pasachoff

CON Section: 02 W 3:10 pm - 4:00 pm Jay M. Pasachoff

LEAD 319 (S) The Impact of Black Panther Party Intellectuals on Political Theory (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: LEAD 319 PSCI 376 INTR 320 AMST 308

Secondary Cross-listing

This seminar examines the historical and contemporary impact of the Black Panther Party--and key allies such as Angela Davis--on political theory. Texts include: narratives from 1966-2016; memoirs; political critiques; theoretical analyses; interviews; speeches; government documents. The seminar will examine: original source materials; academic/popular interpretations and representations of the BPP; hagiography; iconography; political rebellion, political theory. Readings: Liberation, Imagination and the Black Panther Party; Soledad Brother: The Prison Writings of George Jackson; Mao's Little Red Book; The Communist Manifesto; Still Black, Still Strong; Imprisoned Intellectuals; Comrade Sisters: Women in the Black Panther Party.

Requirements/Evaluation: Requirements: students attend each seminar class and come prepared to discuss the readings; participate in discussions; present a collective analysis with Q/A for the seminar; submit a mid-term paper and a final paper or a group project.

Prerequisites: None.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Juniors and Seniors with previous courses taken in Africana Studies, American Studies, Political Science, Philosophy.

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

LEAD 319 (D2) PSCI 376 (D2) INTR 320 (D2) AMST 308 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: An analytical outline of collective presentation; a mid-term paper and a final paper.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The course focuses on African Americans and political resistance to racism and capitalism, as well as support for impoverished, under-resourced communities grappling with police violence.

Attributes: AFR Core Electives AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives PHIL Contemporary Value Theory Courses PSCI Political Theory Courses
LEAD 320  (F) Heroes and Villains: Iconic Leadership and the Politics of Memory  (WS)

Cross-listings:  PSCI 320  LEAD 320

Primary Cross-listing

Americans have been arguing intensely in recent years about how we should remember the leaders from our nation's past. Does Thomas Jefferson's statue belong on a university campus? Should college dorms be named for John C. Calhoun and Woodrow Wilson? Should Harriet Tubman's portrait replace Andrew Jackson's on the $20 bill? In this course we will look at how people in the United States and elsewhere have used their leaders' images to hash out larger political issues of national identity, purpose, and membership. Why has historical commemoration gotten so contentious--or has it always been contentious? What's really at stake when we depict our leaders? How (if at all) should we reconcile contemporary morality with historical context in assessing the leaders from our past? To address these questions, we will study portrayals of some of the most famous leaders in American history--including Alexander Hamilton, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Our sources will include political speeches, literature, film, and journalism as well as monuments and museum exhibits; though our examples will be drawn mostly from the United States, our conceptual framework will be transnational. As a final assignment, students will write an 18-20 page research paper on a topic of their choice related to the core themes of the course.

Requirements/Evaluation: Seminar participation, research proposal, peer workshop, research paper, in-class research presentation

Prerequisites: previous course in Leadership Studies, or Political Science, or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 14

Enrollment Preferences: Leadership Studies concentrators, Political Science majors

Expected Class Size: 14

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
PSCI 320 (D2) LEAD 320 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will receive consistent and ongoing feedback as they develop, propose, and complete a substantial research paper. Feedback will take the form primarily of written comments from the instructor, in-class workshopping, and peer feedback.

Attributes: LEAD American Domestic Leadership  LEAD Facets or Domains of Leadership  PSCI Research Courses

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01  MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm  Mason B. Williams

MAST 351  (F)(S) Marine Policy  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings:  MAST 351  ENVI 351  PSCI 319

Primary Cross-listing

Coastal communities are home to nearly 40% of the U.S. population, but occupy only a small percentage of our country's total land area. Intense population density, critical transportation infrastructure, significant economic productivity, and rich cultural and historic value mark our coastal regions as nationally significant. But, coastal and ocean-based climate-induced impacts such as sea level rise, ocean warming and acidification pose extraordinary challenges to our coastal communities, and are not borne equally by all communities. This seminar considers our relationship with our ocean and coastal environments and the foundational role our oceans and coasts play in our Nation's environmental and economic sustainability as well as ocean and coastal climate resiliency. Through the lens of coastal and ocean governance and policy-making, we critically examine conflict of use issues relative to climate change, climate justice, coastal zone management, fisheries, ocean and coastal pollution and marine biodiversity.

Class Format: This class is taught only at Williams-Mystic in Mystic, Connecticut and includes coastal and near-shore interdisciplinary field seminars, and 10 days offshore.

Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly Readings; Class Participation; Small and large group strategy exercises (written and oral); Written Research Project: issues paper and draft research paper; Final Research Project: multiple formats available

Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 23

Enrollment Preferences: must be enrolled at Williams-Mystic in Mystic, Connecticut

Expected Class Size: 22

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: must be enrolled at Williams-Mystic in Mystic, Connecticut

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
MAST 351 (D2) ENVI 351 (D2) PSCI 319 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write one 3-5 page research issues paper and one 8-10 page draft research paper as well as a final project with written components equaling 5-8 pages. Each submission receives written feedback from the professor, including research guidance, input on grammar, structure, language, analysis. Students also receive verbal feedback in individual conferences to discuss research paper organization, analysis, structure and grammar as well as final project input.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Coastal and ocean policy issues relating to climate change, coastal zone management, fisheries, ocean pollution and marine biodiversity impact environmental and climate justice. Students examine coastal governance while considering the disproportionate burdens on underrepresented populations in U.S. coastal communities caused by climate change and coastal policies. Students analyze multi-disciplinary evidence and work to strengthen their integrative, analytical, writing, and advocacy skills.

Attributes: ENVI Environmental Policy EXPE Experiential Education Courses POEC Comparative POEC/Public Policy Courses

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 F 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Catherine Robinson Hall

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 TBA Catherine Robinson Hall

MAST 352 (F)(S) American Maritime History (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: HIST 352 MAST 352

Primary Cross-listing

This course explores themes in American maritime history from the colonial era to the 21st century. We will consider the dynamic relationship between the sea and American life, and the broad influence that each has had on the other. This relationship led to interactions with the water as a highway for the transportation of not just people and goods, but powerful new forces and ideas. The water creates a unique space for the formation of new communities and identities, while also acting as an important, and often exploited, resource. We will sample from different fields of inquiry including labor, environmental, cultural, and political history to gain a deeper understanding of diverse people's complex interactions with the oceans and seas.

Class Format: Seminars, discussions, and field seminars

Requirements/Evaluation: Participation in class discussions, activities, and presentations, regular papers, and a final independent research project

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 27

Enrollment Preferences: If course over-enrolls, preference will be given to sophomores and juniors

Expected Class Size: 22

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: Offered only at Mystic Seaport

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
HIST 352 (D2) MAST 352 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students must complete regular writing assignments including a final 10- to 15-page paper. Additionally, students will participate in several in-class writing workshops and peer critiques. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Maritime activity has long provided opportunities for some while creating tremendous hardships for others. From the slave trade and the encounters between native and European mariners to the power wielded by multi-national shipping conglomerates, this course investigates contests over power, empire, and capitalism as they played out on the maritime stage.

Attributes: AMST Space and Place Electives ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives EXPE Experiential Education Courses HIST Group F Electives - U.S. + Canada HIST Group P Electives - Premodern

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 MW 9:00 am - 10:15 am Sofia E. Zepeda

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 MW 9:00 am - 10:15 am Sofia E. Zepeda

MATH 393 (S) Research Topics in Combinatorics (WS) (QFR)
Combinatorics provides techniques and tools to enumerate, examine, and investigate the existence of discrete mathematical structures with certain properties. There are numerous areas of applications including algebra, discrete geometry, and number theory. In this project-based research course students will work in small groups to learn combinatorial techniques and tools in order to develop research questions and begin tackling unsolved problems in combinatorics.

Requirements/Evaluation: Students will be evaluated through written drafts of a manuscript and its revisions and multiple in-class presentation.

Prerequisites: Math 355

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Post-core mathematics majors

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D3) (WS) (QFR)

Writing Skills Notes: The main goal of this course is to undertake original research in combinatorics, as such student assessment is based on developing positive collaboration skills, and improving technical written and oral skills in mathematics through manuscript draft submissions and in-class presentations. Students will provide multiple drafts of their manuscript and in right of this the course will be writing intensive.

Quantitative/Formal Reasoning Notes: The main goal of this course is to undertake original research in the math field of mathematics. See above for more details.

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 Cancelled

MUS 214 (S) Divas and Dervishes: Introduction to Modern Arab Music and Performance (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: MUS 214 ARAB 214 COMP 270

Secondary Cross-listing

From Sufi rituals to revolutionary uprisings, music has long played a central role in the social, political, and religious life of the Arab world. This is especially audible in the modern era, when new technologies and institutions began to record, amplify, and broadcast the region's sounds, preserving centuries-old traditions while also producing new forms of popular music. This course introduces students to Arab musical genres and practices as they developed from the late nineteenth century. We will cover a broad geographical range, exploring the classical Andalusian repertoires of Algeria, ecstatic dervish chants in Egypt, patriotic pop tunes from Lebanon, and other topics. To highlight connections between musical traditions as well as their unique local features, we will ask questions such as: What can music tell us about interactions between sacred and secular life? How is music used to define social groups and negotiate identity, gender, and class? Which musical characteristics are associated with Arab "heritage" and "modernity," and how are these performed? In what ways does music shape everyday life in the Arab world? Class sessions and discussion will be based on academic readings and at-home listening assignments. No previous knowledge of Arabic or Arab music are required.

Requirements/Evaluation: In-class participation, short essays (1 page) every two weeks, midterm presentation, and a final paper (12-14 pages).

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: Arabic Studies and Music majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

MUS 214 (D1) ARAB 214 (D1) COMP 270 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will develop their writing skills by submitting one-page unit responses every two weeks and a final paper of 12-14 pages on a topic of their choice. Students will receive feedback on each writing assignment and have opportunities for multiple drafts and peer review during the semester.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Through the lens of music, this course critically examines modern Arab society and power dynamics related to politics, gender, race, and class.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    MW 11:00 am - 12:15 pm    Nicholas R Mangialardi

MUS 316  (F) Music in Asian American History  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: MUS 316  AMST 366

Primary Cross-listing

Is "Asian American music" all music made by Asian Americans, music by Asian Americans specifically drawing on Asian heritage, or music engaging with Asian American issues? This course embraces all three definitions and the full diversity of Asian American musical experience. We will study the historical soundscapes of immigrant communities (Chinese opera in North America; Southeast Asian war refugees) and how specific traumatic political events shaped musical life (Japanese American internment camps). We will encounter works by major classical composers (Chou Wen-Chung; Chen Yi; Tan Dun; Bright Sheng) and will investigate the careers and reception of prominent classical musicians (Midori; Selji Ozawa; Yo-Yo Ma). Afro-Asian fusions, inspired by civil rights protest movements, manifested in jazz (Jon Jang; Fred Ho; Anthony Brown; Hiroshima; Vijay Iyer) and hip hop (MC Jin; Akwafina; Desi rappers). Asian Americans have been active in popular music at home and abroad (Don Ho; Yoko Ono; Wang Leehom; Mitski). Finally, we will investigate communal forms of Asian American music making that have crossed racialized and gendered boundaries (taiko drumming; Indonesian gamelan; belly dance; Suzuki method). This seminar is designed to develop research skills, as we pursue original fieldwork, archival research, and oral history interviews.

Requirements/Evaluation: Active class participation; two short papers (5-6 pp.) and a research term paper (12-15 pp.).

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Students with curricular experience in Asian American history or music studies.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

MUS 316 (D1) AMST 366 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write three papers during the semester: two 5-6 page papers and a 12-15 page research paper, written in stages. Students will receive detailed comments on each paper and at each stage of the research paper process, allowing them to build upon those comments in subsequent writing assignments.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Political and cultural forces of exclusion not only determined Asian American musical participation in American music history but have shaped Asian American styles of music. We will study the history of Asian American political struggles as they have intersected with music and how Asian Americans have at certain points sought allegiance through music with other marginalized groups. We will explore as well popular media representations of Asian American musicians revealing race-based assumptions.

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01    W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm    W. Anthony Sheppard
MUS 475 (S) Hearing Through Seeing: Music and Visuality (WS)

We hear music, but seldom is the experience purely aural -- the visual also plays a crucial role. Sound and sight converge when we observe musicians performing in concert venues, patterns of notes and rhythms on the musical score, pictures and text on album and sheet music covers, moving images on screens in films, music videos, and video games. A programmatic work conjures specific images, even whole narratives, in our "mind's eye," or imagination. A work of absolute music, such as a fugue or symphony, can do so as well, although what we envision here may be largely abstract. With hybrid genres, such as opera, musical theater, and dance, the musical and the visual jointly command our attention, often in a spectacular display. This seminar explores myriad ways that "seeing" mediates our experience of hearing, making, and understanding music. We will examine a broad range of topics, including synesthesia; visuality in performance and interpretation; visual metaphors such as line, color, and space in music analysis and criticism; music and representation; intersections between music and painting, sculpture, and architecture; operatic staging; illuminated music manuscripts; eye music and graphic notation; and sound and image in digital media.

Class Format: Students will give four presentations based on the subjects of their papers.

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on three 5-6 page papers and presentations, a final 8-10 page paper and presentation, and class participation

Prerequisites: ability to read music

Enrollment Limit: 8

Enrollment Preferences: junior and senior music majors, and any student with a demonstrated interest in music

Expected Class Size: 8

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Unit Notes: satisfies the 400-level course requirement for the music major

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write three 5-6 page papers and a final 8-10 page paper. They will receive detailed feedback on their writing and will have the opportunity to revise their work.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm Marjorie W. Hirsch

NSCI 319 (F) Neuroethics (WS)

Cross-listings: PSYC 319 NSCI 319 STS 319

Secondary Cross-listing

Neuroscience studies the brain and mind, and thereby some of the most profound aspects of human existence. In the last decade, advances in our understanding of brain function and in our ability to manipulate brain function have raised significant ethical challenges. This tutorial will explore a variety of important neuroethical questions. Potential topics will include pharmacological manipulation of "abnormal" personality; the use of "cosmetic pharmacology" to enhance cognition; the use of brain imaging to detect deception or to understand the ability, personality or vulnerability of an individual; the relationship between brain activity and consciousness; manipulation of memories; the neuroscience of morality and decision making. In addition to exploring these and other ethical issues, we will explore the basic science underlying them.

Requirements/Evaluation: six 5-page position papers and five 2-page response papers as well as participation in discussions

Prerequisites: PSYC 212 (same as BIOL 212 or NSCI 201); or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Psychology majors and Neuroscience concentrators

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D3) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PSYC 319 (D3) NSCI 319 (D3) STS 319 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: In alternating weeks, each student in a tutorial pair will write a 5-page essay based on the assigned readings. Essays will be discussed during tutorial meetings and written feedback from the professor will be provided for each essay. At the end of the semester, students will
choose one of their prior essays to revise as their final submission. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: NSCI Group B Electives PSYC Area 1 - Behavioral Neuroscience

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Noah J. Sandstrom

PHIL 109 (F) Skepticism and Relativism (WS)

Intellectually, we are ready skeptics and relativists. We doubt, we point out that no one can be certain in what she believes, and we are suspicious of declarations of transcendent reason or truth (unless they are our own). Emboldened by our confidence in skeptical arguments, we claim that knowledge is inevitably limited, that it depends on one's perspective, and that everything one believes is relative to context or culture. No domain of inquiry is immune to this destructive skepticism and confident relativism. Science is only "true" for some people, agnosticism is the only alternative to foolish superstition, and moral relativism and, consequently, nihilism are obvious. But is the best conclusion we can come to with respect to our intellectual endeavors that skepticism always carries the day and that nothing at all is true? In this tutorial, we will investigate the nature of skepticism and the varieties of relativism it encourages. Our readings will come primarily from philosophy, but will be supplemented with material from anthropology, physics, psychology, and linguistics. We will look at relativism with respect to reason and truth in general as well as with respect to science, religion, and morality. Along the way, we will need to come to grips with the following surprising fact. With few exceptions, thoroughgoing skepticism and relativism have not been the prevailing views of the greatest minds in the history of philosophy. Were they simply too unsophisticated and confused to understand what is for us the irresistible power of skepticism and relativism? Or might it be that our skepticism and relativism are the result of our own laziness and failure? Of course, this question cannot really be answered, nor is there any value in trying to answer it, and any "answer" will only be "true" for you. Right?

Requirements/Evaluation: participants will present substantial written work in the tutorial every other week, and will be responsible for commenting on their tutorial partner's work.

Prerequisites: none; this tutorial is an appropriate first course in PHIL.

Enrollment Limit: 8

Enrollment Preferences: This tutorial was specifically designed for first-year students, and they will be given preference. Do not write to the instructor indicating a special interest, this will make no difference. If oversubscribed, students will be selected randomly.

Expected Class Size: 8

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: meets 100-level PHIL major requirement

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write a tutorial essay every other week and will receive written feedback on composition and structure. Essays later in the semester will reflect the writing lessons of earlier in the semester.

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Joseph L. Cruz

PHIL 116 (S) Perception and Reality (WS)

This course is an introduction to philosophy through three major themes: The nature of the universe, the existence of gods, and the mind/body problem. Throughout, we will appeal to reason and evidence in forming our best beliefs. Our discussions will range over historical and contemporary works in the Western tradition.

Requirements/Evaluation: active participation; four (5-6 page) essays

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Strong preference given to first-years and sophomores; there is no need to email the professor in advance to indicate a special interest in the course.

Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: meets 100-level PHIL major requirement

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will craft 4 six page essays, and each will receive extensive comments on structure and composition with an eye toward developing skills in philosophical writing.

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 TR 11:20 am - 12:35 pm Joseph L. Cruz

PHIL 117 (F)(S) Arguing about God (WS)

"Faith is a fine invention," according to Emily Dickinson's poem, "when gentlemen can see; but microscopes are prudent in an emergency." This introduction to philosophy will see how far the microscopes of reason and logic can carry us in traditional arguments about the existence and nature of God. We will closely analyze classical arguments by Augustine, Avicenna, Aquinas, Anselm, Maimonides, Descartes, and others. Pascal's wager is a different approach: it argues that even though proof of the existence of God is unavailable, you will maximize your expected utility by believing. We will examine the wager in its original home of Pascal's Pensees, and look at William James' related article, "The Will to Believe." The millennia old problem of whether human suffering is compatible with God's perfection is called "the problem of evil." We will examine this issue in Hume's Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion, classic sources and contemporary articles. Students should be aware that, in the classic tradition, this class resembles a logic course.

Class Format: seminar

Requirements/Evaluation: 5 short papers

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-years and sophomores

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Unit Notes: meets 100-level PHIL major requirement

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Five 4 or 5 page papers, evenly spaced throughout the semester. Students will receive timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 TR 9:55 am - 11:10 am Steven B. Gerrard

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 TR 9:55 am - 11:10 am Steven B. Gerrard

PHIL 118 (F)(S) Meaning, Communication and Society (DPE) (WS)

The primary way we interact with others is through the use of language. We use language to communicate meanings in order to accomplish a variety of goals: to convey information, make requests, establish rules, utilize power, issue protests, and much more. We coordinate our lives through sounds from mouths, signs from hands, and squiggles on paper because somehow sounds, signs, and squiggles have meanings. This course is an investigation into how language is used to express meaning, and how such expression can have real interpersonal and societal impact. Using resources from philosophy and linguistics, we will study various ways in which literal and non-literal uses of language influence our social lives. Of particular interest will be how language can be used to establish, reinforce, and resist power relationships involving race and gender.

Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly short papers (500-1000 words), take-home midterm paper (5-6 pages), take-home final paper (7-8) pages, with comments on writing given on short papers and midterm

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Preference given to first year students and philosophy majors.
PHIL 119  (S)  Why Obey the Law?:  On Justice and Freedom in Western Political Philosophy  (WS)

What social and political arrangements are most conducive to fostering human well-being and the common good? Are we legitimately bound by a social contract? What makes governmental and legal authority legitimate? Is democratic rule always best? What are some of the necessary conditions for democracy? We turn first to two of Plato's most famous dialogues, The Apology and, The Republic. The remainder of the course is devoted to political writings by other figures in the Western philosophical tradition (e.g.s. Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Marx, J.S. Mill, W.E.B Dubois, John Rawls, Charles Mills, Jurgen Habermas). While engaging these texts, we will continually reflect on their relevance for thinking about the problems facing liberal democracies today, particularly in the U.S.

Class Format: Class participation will consist of various individual and group exercises designed to give students hands on experiences thinking on their feet, collaborating with others, etc.

Requirements/Evaluation: Six short responses, 300-500 words each (first two are pass/fail), in which students will be asked to engage a particular part of the assigned text (e.g.s., explaining what a passage means, drawing connections between different parts of the text, identifying an argument, responding to an argument, etc); two 6-page papers based on professors prompts; participation in a panel discussion, and general class participation.

Prerequisites: None. Open to any student interested in the sources of our current understandings of justice, freedom and the strengths and weaknesses of democratic governance structures.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: In the case of over enrollment preference will be given to majors, first years and sophomores

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: meets 100-level PHIL major requirement

Distributions: (D) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: The professor and the teaching assistant will provide detailed comments on short and longer essays and provide occasional peer review opportunities, handouts and discussions of frequent types of errors, different possible approaches to writing and drafting, and the importance of editing and seeking the assistance of writing tutors. Students will be encouraged, but are not required, to make appointments to discuss ideas and drafts.

Attributes: JLST Interdepartmental Electives  LEAD Ethical Issues of Leadership
that fall under such headings as euthanasia, conscientious eating, abortion, the ethics of protest, and Covid-19. The course will use a case-based approach to examine these issues, and so in most weeks we will (1) read philosophical articles focused on a key concept or set of arguments central to the issue, and (2) consider in detail one morally complex case in which the concept or arguments have special application or relevance. In addition, we will devote several class meetings interspersed throughout the semester to reading foundational sources in ethical theory.

**Class Format:** Groups of three students (rather than the more conventional two students) will meet weekly with the professor.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** three tri-weekly tutorial papers and two short papers, oral commentaries, and tutorial discussion

**Prerequisites:** none; this course is suitable for first-year students

**Enrollment Limit:** 15

**Enrollment Preferences:** first-year students, sophomores, Philosophy majors, and those who have previously been dropped from the course for over-enrollment

**Expected Class Size:** 15

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will write three tutorial papers of 5-7 pages in length, one of which they will revise and resubmit, as well as two 2-3 page papers. In each, students will describe and evaluate arguments that appear in the assigned readings, and will develop arguments in support of their own positions. Students will receive written and oral feedback, concentrated particularly in the first half of the semester, to improve their ability to present clear and effective written arguments.

**Attributes:** JLST Interdepartmental Electives

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**Fall 2022**

**TUT Section:** T1 TBA Julie A. Pedroni

**PHIL 126 (F) Paradoxes (WS)**

There are three grains of sand on my desk. This is unfortunate, but at least there isn’t a heap of sand on my desk. That would be really worrisome. On the other hand, there is a heap of sand in my backyard. I don’t know how exactly how many grains of sand are in this heap, but let’s say 100,000. My daughter removes one grain of sand. I don’t know why, she just does. It seems like there is still a heap of sand in my backyard. In fact, it seems like you can’t change a heap of sand into something that isn’t a heap of sand by removing one grain of sand. Right? But now we have a problem. By repeated application of the same reasoning, it seems that even after she removes 99,997 grains of sand—I don’t know what she wants with all this sand, but I’m starting to worry about that girl—there is still a heap of sand in my backyard. But three grains isn’t enough for a heap. So there is not a heap in my backyard. Now I’m confused. Where did my reasoning go wrong? What we have here is an example of the *sorites* paradox. It is a paradox, because I started with seemingly true statements and used valid reasoning to arrive at contradictory conclusions. We can learn a lot about logic, language, epistemology and metaphysics by thinking through and attempting to resolve paradoxes. In this class, we’ll work together to think through some ancient and contemporary paradoxes. We’ll also work on writing lucid prose that displays precisely the logical structure of arguments, engages in focused critique of these arguments, and forcefully presents arguments of our own. Other topics could include: Zeno’s paradoxes of motion and plurality, the liar’s paradox, the surprise-exam paradox, paradoxes of material constitution, Newcomb’s *Problem*, and the *Prisoner’s Dilemma.*

**Requirements/Evaluation:** (i) short response papers; (ii) midterm paper (~5-6 pages) (iii) Final term-paper (~10 pages) in multiple drafts; (iv) Active and informed participation in class discussions.

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 19

**Enrollment Preferences:** First and second year students. Prospective philosophy majors.

**Expected Class Size:** 15-19

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Unit Notes:** Meets 100-level PHIL major requirement

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will write a number of short papers. Both the content and the writing will be evaluated. These papers will focus on clear and precise presentation and evaluation of arguments. There will be a midterm paper revising an earlier short paper. There will be a final term-paper written in multiple drafts.
PHIL 127 (S) Meaning and Value (WS)

What gives an individual life meaning? Pleasure? Success in fulfilling desires? Flourishing in ways distinctive to a rational agent or a human being (including, for example, developing rational capacities and self-mastery, succeeding in worthwhile projects, cultivating relationships, living morally, developing spiritually)? Can we be mistaken about how well our lives are going, or about what has value? What are the main sources of uncertainty here? Does the fact that our lives will end threaten their meaning? Can science contribute to our understanding of these issues? We'll examine these and related questions through historical and contemporary readings.

Class Format: This tutorial will meet on a fixed weekly schedule agreed to by the instructor and participants.

Requirements/Evaluation: Four or five tutorial papers (5-6 pages in length), five or six critiques (2-3 pages in length), and one rewrite.

Prerequisites: None. This tutorial is an appropriate first course in PHIL.

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: First-years and sophomores, and students who need to fulfill their 100-level requirement for the philosophy major

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: This course meets the 100-level PHIL major requirement.

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will meet in pairs or trios for this tutorial. Each student will write a lead tutorial paper (5-6 pages in length) or a peer critique (2-3 pages) in alternating weeks. The instructor will provide timely comments on writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Melissa J. Barry

PHIL 211 (S) Ethics of Public Health (WS)

From questions about contact tracing apps to racial and age disparities in health risk and outcomes, the COVID-19 pandemic has foregrounded the importance of ethics as a key concern in public health policies and activities. Moreover, the ethical issues that are implicated in responses to the pandemic reflect the range of those manifested across the field of public health as a whole. In this course, we will survey the ethics of public health through the lens of the COVID-19 pandemic, investigating concepts and arguments that are central to the ethics of public health research and practice. For example, we will examine the ethics of disease surveillance, treatment and vaccine research, resource allocation and rationing, compulsion and voluntariness in public health measures, and social determinants of health outcomes, among other topics. To do this, we will need to become familiar with key ethical theories; think deeply about such concepts as privacy, paternalism and autonomy, exploitation, cost-benefit analysis and justice; and compare the function of these concepts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic with the way they work in responses to other public health concerns.

Requirements/Evaluation: Biweekly 5-7 page papers, oral commentaries, and tutorial discussions.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: declared and prospective Philosophy majors and Public Health concentrators, students with a specific curricular need for the course, and students with a high level of interest who are unlikely to have an opportunity to take the course in a future term

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: Public Health concentrators may use either PHIL 211T Ethics of Public Health or PHIL 213T Biomedical Ethics to fulfill their 3-elective requirement, but they may not use both courses to do so.

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write five biweekly papers of 5-7 pages in length, one of which they will revise and resubmit. In each of the tutorial papers students will describe and evaluate arguments in the assigned readings, and will develop arguments in support of their own ethical positions. Students will receive written and oral feedback, concentrated particularly in the first half of the semester, to improve their ability to present clear and
Much like the construction of medical knowledge itself, it is from specific cases that general principles of biomedical ethics arise and are systematized into a theoretical framework, and it is to cases they must return, if they are to be both useful and comprehensible to those making decisions within the biomedical context. In this tutorial we will exploit this characteristic of biomedical ethics by using a case-based approach to examining core concepts of the field. The first portion of the course will be devoted to developing and understanding four moral principles which have come to be accepted as canonical: respect for autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice. The remainder of the course will consider key concepts at the core of medical ethics and central issues for the field, such as privacy and confidentiality, the distinction between killing and “letting die,” and therapy vs. research. To this end, each week we will (1) read philosophical material focused on one principle or concept, and (2) consider in detail one bioethics case in which the principle or concept has special application or relevance. In some weeks, students will be asked to choose from a small set which case they would like to address; in others the case will be assigned.

Requirements/Evaluation: bi-weekly papers, oral commentaries, and tutorial discussions

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: PHIL majors, PHLH concentrators, those who have a curricular need for the course, those who have been dropped from the course in previous semesters due to over enrollment

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write six tutorial papers of 5-7 pages in length, one of which they will revise and resubmit. In each of the tutorial papers students will describe and evaluate arguments that appear in the assigned readings, and will develop arguments in support of their own ethical positions. Students will receive written and oral feedback, concentrated particularly in the first half of the semester, to improve their ability to present clear and effective written arguments.
Enrollment Preferences: declared and prospective Environmental Studies majors and concentrators

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: meets Value Theory requirement only if registration is under PHIL

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ENVI 244 (D2) PHIL 244 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write five tutorial papers of 5-7 pages in length, one of which they will revise and submit at the end of the term. In each of the tutorial papers students will describe and evaluate arguments that appear in the assigned readings, and will develop arguments in support of their own ethical positions. Students will receive written and oral feedback, concentrated particularly in the first half of the semester, to improve their ability to present clear and effective written arguments.

Attributes: ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives EVST Culture/Humanities PHIL Contemporary Value Theory Courses

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Julie A. Pedroni

PHIL 321 (S) Introduction to Critical Theory: The Enlightenment and Its Critics (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: PHIL 321 WGSS 322

Primary Cross-listing

We often associate modern faith in the prospects of universal human dignity, rational autonomy, the rights of man, individual liberty, democracy, open scientific inquiry and social and political progress with the Enlightenment. How can we reconcile this faith with the persistence of domination today? Critical theory aims not merely to understand the "struggles and wishes of the age" as Marx one described it, but with emancipation from domination. Understood in this way, critical theory is identified closely with the intellectual tradition of the Frankfurt School. In this tutorial, will read works in critical theory from the 18th century to the present, some from the Frankfurt tradition, and some not. We will focus on particular topics, examples of which are the following: normative critique, capitalism, authoritarianism, mass culture, enlightenment and reason, progress, violence, the domination of nature, white supremacy, patriarchy and colonialism.

Class Format: students will work in pairs and meet for 75 minutes each week with the professor

Requirements/Evaluation: Each student will write and present a 5 or 6-page paper every other week and a commentary on their partner's essay on alternate weeks; evaluations are based on written work as well as level of preparation and the quality of intellectual engagement in tutorial meetings

Prerequisites: PHIL 202, Kant course, modern political theory, or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Philosophy majors and students with background in modern political theory, or other relevant demonstrated background.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PHIL 321 (D2) WGSS 322 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: The tutorial format requires significant writing (six 2500-3000 word papers, and six 1000-1250 word commentaries), weekly commentary on writing, and instructor comments on papers.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: In this course power, difference, domination and the prospects of and obstacles to liberatory political struggle are central topics.

Attributes: PHIL History Courses WGSS Theory Courses

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 Cancelled
Cross-listings: WGSS 336 PHIL 326

Primary Cross-listing

If we think of Michel Foucault as engaged in writing histories, or genealogies, of his own present designed to undercut the sense of the obviousness of certain practices and ways of thinking, categorizing, and knowing, we can easily imagine that he might now be questioning different aspects of our contemporary "present" than the ones standardly associated with his name, namely, panopticons and surveillance, discipline, criminalization, the biopolitics of health, the normal and the abnormal, etc. In this course we address the question: How is the present we find ourselves living today different from the one that the author Foucault wrote about in the 1960s, 70s and early 80s before his untimely death in 1984? What differentiates today from yesterday? And what present practices and ways of thinking and knowing might be questioned using Foucault's tools, genealogy in particular, for resisting unnecessary constraints on freedom and the perpetuation of unnecessary suffering? What is his legacy today? In this tutorial you will read from a selection of Foucault's texts (books, lectures, interviews) in order to acquire a firm grasp of his method of "critique" and his way of looking at the interconnections between forms of power and the knowledge associated with particular disciplines. We will also read more recent work by Foucault inspired scholars on topics such as the biopolitics of gender, the genealogy of terrorism, the informational person (how we become our data), and neoliberal subjects.

Class Format: I may use a seminar format at least twice during the semester.

Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on written work (six 5- to 6-page papers, and six 2-3 page commentaries on their partner's papers) as well as the quality and level of preparation and intellectual engagement in our weekly meetings.

Prerequisites: Relevant background in critical theory, social theory, political theory or philosophy.

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: I will give preference to philosophy majors and to upper class students with a demonstrated background in critical theories. Some sophomores may be eligible.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

WGSS 336 (D2) PHIL 326 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This is a tutorial. Students will write five or six 5-6-page papers during the course of the semester and receive significant feedback on each paper. At the end of each tutorial meeting the student is asked to reflect on how they would approach the paper differently if they were to rewrite it.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: In this course we address power and domination, reflect on the difference between them, and treat power relations as not only an inevitable feature of any society, but as both enabling and constraining. Moreover, we will read material that uses Foucauldian tools to address contemporary issues involving sexism and racism, digital surveillance, and the abolition of prisons.

Attributes: PHIL History Courses

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Jana Sawicki

PHIL 329 (F) Four Challenging Moral Philosophers (DPE) (WS)

Elizabeth Anscombe, Philippa Foot, Amelie Rorty, and Cora Diamond all challenged the prevailing philosophical tenets of their times. Anscombe and Foot resurrected virtue ethics for Anglo-American philosophy and made moral psychology academically respectable. (Foot also invented the infamous trolley car thought experiment.) Rorty challenged the very concept of morality and questioned all moral theory. Diamond investigated the methodology of moral philosophy, paying special attention to the role of literature. In order to hit the ground running, students will be expected to read The Women Are Up to Something: How Elizabeth Anscombe, Philippa Foot, Mary Midgley, and Iris Murdoch Revolutionized Ethics by Benjamin J. B. Lipscomb before the first meeting, preferably over the summer.

Requirements/Evaluation: Tutorial papers and rewrites

Prerequisites: At least three PHIL courses, including at least one in moral philosophy.

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Philosophy majors, seniors, juniors in that order
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)
Writing Skills Notes: Students will meet with the instructor in pairs for an hour each week; a 5- to 7-page paper every other week (6 in all), prepare and present a written critique of their partners' papers in alternate weeks, and revise and re-write one of their five papers
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Our four challenging moral philosophers are all women in a field dominated by men. They all challenged the prevailing philosophical tenets of their times.
Attributes: PHIL Contemporary Value Theory Courses

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Steven B. Gerrard

PHIL 330 (S) Plato (WS)
Cross-listings: PHIL 330 CLAS 330
Primary Cross-listing
Plato is one of the most important and influential thinkers in the history of the western tradition. His depiction of the trial and death of Socrates is one of the classics of western literature, and his views on ethics and politics continue to occupy a central place in our discussions 2400 years after they were written. It is, in fact, quite difficult to get through any course of study in the liberal arts without some familiarity with Plato. Nevertheless, comparatively few people realize that the views we commonly think of as "Platonic" represent only one strand in Plato's thought. For example, we commonly attribute to Plato a theory of the Forms on the basis of his claims in the so-called "middle dialogues" (mainly Republic, Phaedo, and Symposium). However, in his philosophically more sophisticated and notoriously difficult later dialogues (such as the Parmenides, Philebus, Sophist and Statesman), Plato engages in radical criticism and revision of his earlier views. In this course, we will spend the first third of the semester attempting to understand the metaphysics and epistemology in Plato's middle dialogues. We will spend the balance of the semester coming to grips with Plato's arguments in the later dialogues. We will read several complete dialogues in translation, and will also read a wide variety of secondary source material.
Class Format: lecture/discussion; this class will be a roughly equal mixture of lectures, student presentations, and seminar discussion
Requirements/Evaluation: students will be expected to prepare a seminar presentation, to write several focused short analytical pieces, and to write a 15- to 20-page term paper in multiple drafts
Prerequisites: PHIL 101, PHIL 102 or permission of instructor; a prior course in logic will be extremely helpful, but is not necessary
Enrollment Limit: 15
Enrollment Preferences: upper-level Philosophy and Classics majors
Expected Class Size: 15
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
PHIL 330 (D2) CLAS 330 (D1)
Writing Skills Notes: Instructor will provide regular commentary on papers.
Attributes: PHIL History Courses

Spring 2023
LEC Section: 01 Cancelled

PHIL 390 (S) Discourse Dynamics (WS)
Cross-listings: COGS 390 PHIL 390
Secondary Cross-listing
It'd be perfectly natural to say "I might've left the stove on", then check the stove, then say "I didn't leave the stove on". But perform those exact same steps in a different order--check the stove, say "I didn't leave the stove on", then say "I might've left the stove on"--and something's gone quite wrong.
Conversation is dynamic—the back and forth exchange of information is a process that grows and adapts to the surrounding context. The order in which you say things matters, and it matters for what you communicate what actions you take and what events happen around you. In this course, we will investigate dynamic communicative phenomena and discuss competing theoretical explanations about how they’re interpreted. Of particular interest will be the extent to which discourse dynamics are built into the meanings of linguistic expressions vs. the extent to which they’re consequences of our rational cognition. Is a sentence’s relation to previously uttered sentences similar to its relation to extra-linguistic events? How much inference goes into interpreting what’s said? In pursuing the answers to these questions, we will discuss both classic and contemporary theories from philosophy and linguistics.

Requirements/Evaluation: Four short papers (3-4 pages), take-home midterm paper (5-7) pages, take-home final paper (6-8 pages)
Prerequisites: At least one philosophy or cognitive science course (any level), or permission of instructor.
Enrollment Limit: 19
Enrollment Preferences: Preference given to seniors and philosophy/cognitive science majors, then to students who have taken 200-Level Intro to Formal Linguistics
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
COGS 390 (D2) PHIL 390 (D2)
Writing Skills Notes: There will be four short papers (3-4 pages each) that will receive written comments on substance, argument structure, and writing style. These will be designed to include sections that, upon revision in light of comments, can be incorporated into the longer midterm and final papers (5-7 pages and 6-8 pages respectively). Students will be required to meet with the instructor before the midterm and final papers to discuss outlines and revisions of short papers.
Attributes: COGS Interdepartmental Electives COGS Related Courses Linguistics PHIL Contemp Metaphysics + Epistemology Courses

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01 TF 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Christian De Leon

PSCI 160 (F) Refugees in International Politics (DPE) (WS)
Globally, refugees seem to create, and be caught up in, chronic crisis. This course evaluates how this can be--how a crisis can be chronic, and for whom this chronic crisis is a solution. We investigate who refugees are, in international law and popular understanding; read refugee stories; examine international and national laws distinguishing refugees from other categories of migrants; evaluate international organizations' roles in managing population displacement; look at the way that images convey stereotypes and direct a type of aid; consider refugee camps in theory and example; and reflect on what exclusion, integration, and assimilation mean to newcomers and host populations. In whose interest is the prevailing system? Who might change it, and how?
Requirements/Evaluation: Ten essays: five lead, five response. The first two weeks’ essay grades will be unrecorded.
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: first-year students, to be selected randomly from list of those enrolled.
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)
Writing Skills Notes: In addition to writing every week, students will have a chance work on specific skills cumulatively.
Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course examines the way in which home states categorize people and oppress some, producing refugees; the way that host states categorize people and oppress some, using immigration to shore up the prevailing ethnic hierarchy; and why we worry about some of these categories of oppression more than others.
Attributes: PSCI International Relations Courses

Fall 2022
This tutorial will cover the Arab-Israeli dispute—from both historical and political science perspectives—from the rise of the Zionist movement in the late nineteenth century to the present day. It will examine the various explanations that scholars have offered for why the conflict has persisted for so long, how it has evolved over time, the role that outside powers have played in shaping it, and how its perpetuation (or settlement) is likely to impact Middle East politics in the future. More specifically, the class will examine the origins of the Zionist movement; the role that the First World War played in shaping the dispute; the period of the British mandate; the rise of Palestinian nationalism; the Second World War and the creation of the state of Israel; the 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973 Arab-Israeli wars; Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon and its consequences; the promise and ultimate collapse of the Oslo peace process during the 1990s and early 2000s; the rise of groups such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad; the rightward shift in Israeli politics since 2000; the intensification of Israeli-Iranian antagonism and its implications; the shift in Israel's relations with the Sunni Arab world that has occurred in recent years; and the future of the conflict.

Requirements/Evaluation: Biweekly response papers; Biweekly critiques of partner's response papers; Class participation; Final analytical essay

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Political Science Majors

Expected Class Size: 8

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: This class will require students either to write a paper or critique their partner's paper on a weekly basis. Students will also be required to redraft their papers--based on feedback from both their partner and the instructor--with the goal of improving their ability to make compelling arguments in writing.

Attributes: PSCI International Relations Courses

Fall 2022

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Requirements/Evaluation: Five 5-page papers; five 2-page responses; participation

Prerequisites: One introductory course in political science and/or permission of the instructor.

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Preference will be given to sophomores and juniors majoring in PSCI and POEC.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write essays each week. In addition, students will read each others' work and engage in structured critique.

Attributes: POEC Comparative POEC/Public Policy Courses  PSCI Comparative Politics Courses
Scandals. Wars and assassinations. Contested elections, Supreme Court decisions, and constitutional amendments. As large as they loom in our daily experience and our historical memory, these sorts of events—concrete, discrete things that happen in and around the political world—are often underestimated as catalysts of political change. Indeed, in the study of American political development, we often look to complex processes and underlying causes as explanations for how and why ideas, institutions, and policies both emerge and evolve. Yet for all our focus on long-term and subtle causal mechanisms, events often serve as political turning points in ways that vary over time, last for extended periods of time, and are not always entirely predictable at the time. Beginning from the presumption that change often has proximate as well as latent causes, this tutorial focuses on events as critical junctures in American politics. Our concern with these events is not with why they happened as or when they did but, rather, with how they altered the American political order once they did—with how they caused shifts in political alignments, created demands for political action, or resulted in a reordering of political values. Over the course of the semester, we will look at ten different types of events, ranging from those that seem bigger than government and politics (economic collapse) to those that are the daily grist of government and politics (speeches), in each instance juxtaposing two different occurrences of a particular category of event. In so doing, we will seek to use controversial and consequential moments in American politics as a window into deeper questions about political change and the narratives we tell about it.

Requirements/Evaluation: five 5-to 7-page essays, five 2- to 3-page critiques, and a recorded oral final reflection

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: first-years and sophomores considering a major in Political Science

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly writing with extensive attention to feedback, revision, and improvement.

Attributes: PSCI American Politics Courses


Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: must be enrolled at Williams-Mystic in Mystic, Connecticut

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

MAST 351 (D2) ENVI 351 (D2) PSCI 319 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write one 3-5 page research issues paper and one 8-10 page draft research paper as well as a final project with written components equaling 5-8 pages. Each submission receives written feedback from the professor, including research guidance, input on grammar, structure, language, analysis. Students also receive verbal feedback in individual conferences to discuss research paper organization, analysis, structure and grammar as well as final project input.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Coastal and ocean policy issues relating to climate change, coastal zone management, fisheries, ocean pollution and marine biodiversity impact environmental and climate justice. Students examine coastal governance while considering the disproportionate burdens on underrepresented populations in U.S. coastal communities caused by climate change and coastal policies. Students analyze multi-disciplinary evidence and work to strengthen their integrative, analytical, writing, and advocacy skills.

Attributes: ENVI Environmental Policy EXPE Experiential Education Courses POEC Comparative POEC/Public Policy Courses

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01    F 9:00 am - 12:00 pm    Catherine Robinson Hall

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    TBA    Catherine Robinson Hall

PSCI 320  (F) Heroes and Villains: Iconic Leadership and the Politics of Memory  (WS)

Cross-listings: PSCI 320 LEAD 320

Secondary Cross-listing

Americans have been arguing intensely in recent years about how we should remember the leaders from our nation's past. Does Thomas Jefferson's statue belong on a university campus? Should college dorms be named for John C. Calhoun and Woodrow Wilson? Should Harriet Tubman's portrait replace Andrew Jackson's on the $20 bill? In this course we will look at how people in the United States and elsewhere have used their leaders’ images to hash out larger political issues of national identity, purpose, and membership. Why has historical commemoration gotten so contentious--or has it always been contentious? What's really at stake when we depict our leaders? How (if at all) should we reconcile contemporary morality with historical context in assessing the leaders from our past? To address these questions, we will study portrayals of some of the most famous leaders in American history—including Alexander Hamilton, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Our sources will include political speeches, literature, film, and journalism as well as monuments and museum exhibits; though our examples will be drawn mostly from the United States, our conceptual framework will be transnational. As a final assignment, students will write an 18-20 page research paper on a topic of their choice related to the core themes of the course.

Requirements/Evaluation: Seminar participation, research proposal, peer workshop, research paper, in-class research presentation

Prerequisites: previous course in Leadership Studies, or Political Science, or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 14

Enrollment Preferences: Leadership Studies concentrators, Political Science majors

Expected Class Size: 14

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PSCI 320 (D2) LEAD 320 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will receive consistent and ongoing feedback as they develop, propose, and complete a substantial research paper. Feedback will take the form primarily of written comments from the instructor, in-class workshopping, and peer feedback.

Attributes: LEAD American Domestic Leadership LEAD Facets or Domains of Leadership PSCI Research Courses

Fall 2022
**PSCI 376 (S) The Impact of Black Panther Party Intellectuals on Political Theory** (DPE) (WS)

**Cross-listings:** LEAD 319  PSCI 376  INTR 320  AMST 308

**Secondary Cross-listing**

This seminar examines the historical and contemporary impact of the Black Panther Party--and key allies such as Angela Davis--on political theory. Texts include: narratives from 1966-2016; memoirs; political critiques; theoretical analyses; interviews; speeches; government documents. The seminar will examine: original source materials; academic/popular interpretations and representations of the BPP; hagiography; iconography; political rebellion, political theory. Readings: *Liberation, Imagination and the Black Panther Party; Soledad Brother: The Prison Writings of George Jackson; Mao's Little Red Book; The Communist Manifesto; Still Black, Still Strong; Imprisoned Intellectuals; Comrade Sisters: Women in the Black Panther Party.*

**Requirements/Evaluation:** Requirements: students attend each seminar class and come prepared to discuss the readings; participate in discussions; present a collective analysis with Q/A for the seminar; submit a mid-term paper and a final paper or a group project.

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Enrollment Limit:** 19

**Enrollment Preferences:** Juniors and Seniors with previous courses taken in Africana Studies, American Studies, Political Science, Philosophy.

**Expected Class Size:** 19

**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2)  (DPE)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

LEAD 319  PSCI 376  INTR 320  AMST 308

**Writing Skills Notes:** An analytical outline of collective presentation; a mid-term paper and a final paper.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** The course focuses on African Americans and political resistance to racism and capitalism, as well as support for impoverished, under-resourced communities grappling with police violence.

**Attributes:** AFR Core Electives  AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives  PHIL Contemporary Value Theory Courses  PSCI Political Theory Courses

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**PSYC 319 (F) Neuroethics** (WS)

**Cross-listings:** PSYC 319  NSCI 319  STS 319

**Primary Cross-listing**

Neuroscience studies the brain and mind, and thereby some of the most profound aspects of human existence. In the last decade, advances in our understanding of brain function and in our ability to manipulate brain function have raised significant ethical challenges. This tutorial will explore a variety of important neuroethical questions. Potential topics will include pharmacological manipulation of "abnormal" personality; the use of "cosmetic pharmacology" to enhance cognition; the use of brain imaging to detect deception or to understand the ability, personality or vulnerability of an individual; the relationship between brain activity and consciousness; manipulation of memories; the neuroscience of morality and decision making. In addition to exploring these and other ethical issues, we will explore the basic science underlying them.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** six 5-page position papers and five 2-page response papers as well as participation in discussions

**Prerequisites:** PSYC 212 (same as BIOL 212 or NSCI 201); or permission of instructor

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** Psychology majors and Neuroscience concentrators

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D3)  (WS)
**PSYC 323  (F) Visual Consciousness  (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** PSYC 323 COGS 323

**Secondary Cross-listing**

Consciousness is considered as the 'last great mystery of science.' In this course we are going to delve into one of the most well-studied areas of this mystery, that is visual consciousness. Do you really perceive everything you look at? Are you aware of everything you see? Is our visual experience a grand illusion? We will start our investigation of such questions by reading about various approaches in understanding human consciousness. Then, we are going to apply these approaches to perception, and discuss theoretical and empirical controversies in visual consciousness. Finally, we are going to focus on evaluating empirical studies that attempt to resolve such controversies. The goal of this course is to build a bridge between theory and experimentation by learning how to interpret the results of scientific studies to shed light on theoretical and philosophical debates in the literature.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** 5 - 7 page essays every other week, and 2-page response papers to their partner's essays in alternate weeks

**Prerequisites:** COGS 222 (same as PHIL 222 or PSYC 222); or permission of instructor

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** Cognitive Science concentrators and Psychology majors

**Expected Class Size:** 10

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PSYC 323 (D3) COGS 323 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: In a tutorial format, students will receive detailed feedback on their writing each week from the professor, as well as from their partner. Students will receive timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement. The written essays will be discussed during tutorial meetings.

Attributes: COGS Interdepartmental Electives  PSYC Area 2 - Cognitive Psychology

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**REL 110  (S) Religion in Everyday Life  (WS)**

When studying religions, people generally turn to studying scriptures, the life and teachings of the religion's founder, and the fundamental doctrines of the religion. What this approach does not allow us to understand, however, is the way that such religious traditions actually manifest themselves in the world. This course introduces students to an alternative approach to studying religion, by exploring the way these religions are lived and experienced by individuals and communities in a variety of contexts. We will see how religion intersects with people's lived experiences of gender, race, class, sexuality, and broader socio-cultural and political contexts. We will explore this approach to religion through an engagement with ethnography (the qualitative research method in the social-sciences generally described as "participant-observation"). Students will not only learn about the theory and practice of this methodology, but will also conduct their own ethnographic research project over the course of the semester. This will involve: designing...
a feasible project and research question, selecting local research sites and subjects, taking field-notes and conducting interviews, and finally analyzing data and writing an ethnographic essay.

**Class Format:** Semester-long community-based field research. Regular in-class peer-review exercises.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** regular reading responses, semester-long research project with frequent small assignments building up to the final product (class presentation and approximately 10-page paper)

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 15

**Enrollment Preferences:** first-year students and sophomores; students interested in Religious Studies

**Expected Class Size:** 10-12

**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Students will learn a specific mode of qualitative/ethnographic writing through a semester-long field-based project. This involves many scaffolded assignments of field-based research and writing, for which they receive very regular feedback from the instructor, as well as extensive peer-review exercises. There will be a number of readings on writing style and technique, as well as class discussion and workshop activities. The final essay will itself be developed in multiple steps.

**Attributes:** EXPE Experiential Education Courses

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Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    TR 11:20 am - 12:35 pm     Zaid Adhami

**REL 204 (S) What is Islamic Art?** (DPE) (WS)

**Cross-listings:** REL 204 ARTH 206

**Secondary Cross-listing**

Through a deep engagement with primary sources--visual, performative and textual--this tutorial introduces students to global cultures that have participated in the production of Islamic art and culture through the centuries. Through a diverse set of readings, we will discuss how Islamic art is viewed today. How did, for instance, Colonialism and Orientalism from the 18th to the 20th centuries create an entrenched narrative for the study of the field, that continues to hold sway to this day? How have Muslim cultures defined their own artistic production? In particular, how can specific artworks, such as figural painting or palace architecture, be understood as "Islamic"? What are some key scholarly debates around the term "Islamic Art"? The tutorial is specifically designed keeping in mind the period of soul-searching the field is currently going through, even to the point of questioning the very term "Islamic art" and its epistemological parameters. By familiarizing students to an important discipline in art history, the aim of the tutorial is to provide alternate methodologies as well as epistemologies that run parallel to more mainstream or familiar avenues of study.

**Requirements/Evaluation:** focused bi-monthly writing assignments, 5-7 pages in length, and bi-monthly peer response papers, 2 pages in length.

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 10

**Enrollment Preferences:** Art History majors and seniors, Religion majors

**Expected Class Size:** 8

**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

REL 204 (D2) ARTH 206 (D1)

**Writing Skills Notes:** This tutorial helps students develop writing skills in terms of grammar, structure, and organization. It is designed to teach students how to make clear, well-articulated arguments. Students will receive extensive feedback every other week on their writing assignments from the instructor and their peers. There will also be a comprehensive mid-semester review from the instructor.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** In addition to introducing students to an important field of art history, the tutorial analyzes how Islamic art was codified and examined during the colonial and post-colonial periods, and how that understanding has come to define the field over the last century. The course will encourage students to challenge longstanding biases and assumptions when studying these artworks.
REL 269 (F) Mindfulness Examined: Meditation, Emotion, and Affective Neuroscience (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: REL 269 STS 269 ASIA 269 ANTH 269

Primary Cross-listing

This course provides a social analysis of and practical engagement with mindfulness in the US today. It considers the modern applications of Buddhist meditation as a tool to improve awareness of the related processes of mind, behavior, and emotions within landscapes structured by racism, sexism, and other systemic inequalities. We consider how mindfulness relates to Buddhist discourses as well as the rapid rise of fields like contemplative neuroscience, affective neuroscience, and integrative neurobiology. How can mindfulness help people communicate more effectively—be they doctors or patients, teachers or students? How has the exploding research on mindfulness and meditation since 2000 help us understand the intersection of human emotions, behaviors, and relationships? We train in a variety of Buddhist meditation practices through the semester including forest bathing, mindfulness, compassion meditation, while unpacking the subjective experience of our minds and emotions first-hand. Students will be asked to train in mindfulness practices the entire semester while studying models of the mind developed by research in clinical and evolutionary psychology, affective neuroscience, and interpersonal neuroscience.

Requirements/Evaluation: weekly tutorial papers and discussion

Prerequisites: A prior class or some experience with meditation is recommended

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: ANTH, SOC, REL, ASST majors; PHLH, STS concentrators; seniors and juniors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
REL 269 (D2) STS 269 (D2) ASIA 269 (D2) ANTH 269 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This class will involve weekly tutorial essays or oral responses, intensive written feedback on every essay, and a mid-semester ‘writing chat’ with the instructor.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This class fulfills the Difference, Power, and Equity requirement because it will explore the ways that mindfulness can address the growing epidemic of anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues we find in the US today. We study mindfulness from an intersectional perspective and relate its benefits to intersecting inequities and intergenerational trauma in the US today.

Attributes: GBST South + Southeast Asia Studies Electives PHLH Social Determinants of Health

REL 291 (S) Religion and Ecology in America (WS)

Cross-listings: SOC 291 REL 291 ENVI 291

Secondary Cross-listing

This course examines the relationship between religious and environmental thought in America. Exploring a broad range of practices, symbols, and beliefs, we will examine the religious roots and branches of modern environmentalism. Rather than survey the formal teachings of organized religious groups, we will explore the creation and contestation of environmental meaning in the public sphere through literature, art, philosophy, and popular culture. How have writers, thinkers, and artists from different religious and cultural backgrounds shaped the way we think about nature? How have they shaped the way we think about politics, science, and social justice? How have they influenced each other to produce distinctively American forms of eco-spirituality? In pursuit of these questions, we will consider a diverse array of topics and cases, including struggles to protect Native American sacred places, the role of Black churches in fighting environmental racism, Protestant outdoorsmanship, Catholic climate activism, Jewish eco-mysticism, atheist biology, Buddhist therapy, and more.

Requirements/Evaluation: Each week each student will either write a 5- to 7-page essay on assigned readings or offer a 2-page critique of their partner’s paper.
REL 295  (S)  Foundations of Confucian Thought  (DPE)  (WS)

Cross-listings:  REL 295 ASIA 215 CHIN 215

Secondary Cross-listing

How should people treat each other? What constitutes human nature and does it tend towards good or evil? How should we organize society, by focusing on laws and regulations, or on ritual and moral guidance? What is the nature of moral rulership? What is the proper relationship between the individual and larger units of society, from the family to the state? These are some of the key questions that the school of thought that has come to be known as "Confucianism" addresses. As the dominant moral and political philosophy for thousands of years in much of East Asia, Confucianism has shaped our world, past and present, in innumerable ways. In this class we will focus on the foundational texts of the Confucian tradition: the Analects (purported to record the words of Confucius himself), the Mengzi (often romanized as "Mencius"), the writings of Xunzi, and the Classic of Filial Piety.

Beyond those questions noted above, we will further examine how these texts construct their arguments; how they were first composed, compiled, and circulated; how they employ such key concepts as "humaneness" (ren), "moral power" (de), and "ritual propriety" (li); and how they functioned as part of the larger philosophical, linguistic, political, and historical context that we now think of as "early China."

Requirements/Evaluation:  Evaluation is based on 4 short papers (3-4 pages each), one longer final paper (10-12 pages), and participation in class discussions.

Prerequisites:  None.

Enrollment Limit:  19

Enrollment Preferences:  Enrollment priority goes to current or prospective majors in the Department of Asian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; current or prospective Asian Studies concentrators; and Religion majors.

Expected Class Size:  15

Grading:  yes pass/fail option,  yes fifth course option

Distributions:  (D2)  (DPE)  (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

REL 295 (D2) ASIA 215 (D1) CHIN 215 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes:  Writing will include 4 short papers (3-4 pages) that will involve drafts, feedback and revision, and one longer final paper of 10-12 pages that will involve close consultation with the instructor during the writing process.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:  Throughout the course we will examine how these texts deal with issues of differentials of power, both political and social, in a range of contexts. In particular, we will discuss how these texts conceptualize political and social power and how they see hierarchy functioning in both beneficial and deleterious ways in society.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01  MWF 10:00 am - 10:50 am  Christopher M. B. Nugent
RLSP 202 (S) Introduction to the Analysis of Literature in Spanish (WS)

This course is intended for students who are considering a major in Spanish, including those who have recently completed RLSP 105, 107, or 200. Using a textbook, *Aproximaciones al estudio de la literatura hispánica*, we will study the fundamentals of genre analysis while reading selected works of prose, poetry, and drama from Latin America and Spain. In addition to studying the principles and techniques of literary analysis, this course will continue to develop your speaking, oral, writing, and reading comprehension skills. *Conducted in Spanish.*

Class Format: Students are expected to be active participants at all scheduled class meetings, which will be used for discussion and collaborative analysis of literary texts.

Requirements/Evaluation: Assignments will include four essays (from 4 to 6 pages each); a number of short writing assignments; a mid-term and a final exam; and consistent preparation and class participation.

Prerequisites: RLSP 105, 107, 200, 209, or placement exam results indicating readiness for a 200-level course

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: first- and second-year students who are considering the major in Spanish

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write four essays on which I will provide written feedback regarding grammar, style, and argument. Each student will also provide three 2-page critiques of their partner's papers as a form of feedback. After receiving my feedback and the feedback of their peers, each student will revise each of the papers and submit a final version.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01  MWF 11:00 am - 11:50 am  Jennifer L. French

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RLSP 231 (F) Indigenous Writers of Colonial Mexico and Peru (DPE) (WS)

This course examines the writings of 16th and 17th Century Indigenous authors of New Spain and colonial Peru. We will study the works of well-known Indigenous writers such as Hernando de Alvarado Tezozomoc, Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl, El "Inca" Garcilaso de la Vega, and Guaman Poma de Ayala, as well as writings by lesser-known and anonymous Indigenous authors. Our focus on the historical contexts and formal aspects of their works will be supplemented and enhanced by a study of the critical methods of textual analysis that are particularly relevant to Indigenous texts, as facilitated by a set of selected critical readings. The course, in short, will aim to interrogate the idea of a "Spanish lettered city" (a colonial city dominated by Spanish men of letters) and will explore the possibilities of an "alter-native" lettered city, one in which Indigenous writing flourishes during times of crisis. *Conducted in Spanish.*

Requirements/Evaluation: Each student will write four 4- to 5-page papers on which I will provide written feedback regarding grammar, style, and argument. Each student will also provide three 2-page critiques of their partner's papers as a form of feedback. After receiving my feedback and the feedback of their peers, each student will revise the first three papers and submit a final version. Excellent preparation and active, engaged participation in class discussions is required.

Prerequisites: RLSP 105, 107, 200, or 202, placement exam results, or permission of instructor.

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Spanish majors and certificate students, current and potential; LATS concentrators

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write four 4- to 5-page papers on which I will provide written feedback regarding grammar, style, and argument. Each student will also provide three 2-page critiques of their partner's papers as a form of feedback. After receiving my feedback and the feedback of their peers, each student will revise each of the papers and submit a final version.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course will introduce students to the rich and varied cultural production of colonial Mexico and Peru. It will highlight the often marginalized and neglected intellectual histories of Indigenous peoples and other minoritized sectors of colonial society. As such, students will acquire critical tools to examine and understand the rich and varied cultural production of Mexico and Peru during the Spanish colonial
ERA.

Attributes: GBST Latin American Studies Electives  LATS Countries of Origin + Transnationalism Elect

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01    TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm    Carlos Macias Prieto

RLSP 342 (S) Reading Sor Juana: “única poetisa americana, musa décima,”  (DPE) (WS)

This course focuses on the writings of one of the most revered women writers in Hispanic Letters, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, who was regarded by her contemporaries as the Tenth Muse. Our exploration and study of Sor Juana's writings will focus on the different genres in which she wrote--prose, poetry, and drama--and it will include a survey and analysis of the historical context in which she wrote, the formal aspects of her writings, and critical essays about her work written by leading scholars in the field of Latin American literature. Near the end of the semester, the course will conclude by expanding its focus to examine the ways in which Sor Juana's work has influenced contemporary Latin American and U.S. Latina authors. Conducted in Spanish.

Requirements/Evaluation: Each student will write three 5-7 page papers on which I will provide written feedback regarding grammar, style, and argument. Each student will also provide two 2-page critiques of their partner's papers as a form of feedback. After receiving my feedback and the feedback of their peers, each student will revise each of the papers and submit a final version. Excellent preparation and class participation is required.

Prerequisites: One RLSP course at the 200-level or above or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: Spanish majors

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)  (DPE) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write three 5-7 page papers on which I will provide written feedback regarding grammar, style, and argument. Each student will also provide two 2-page critiques of their partner's papers as a form of feedback. After receiving my feedback and the feedback of their peers, each student will revise each of the papers and submit a final version.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course will highlight the intellectual production of one of the most revered women writers in Hispanic Letters. It will explore the challenges women writers faced as well as the social critiques Sor Juana makes in her writings about the exclusion of women and other racial minorities in Spanish colonial society. As such, students will gain critical skills to analyze and understand the diversity of Spanish-American society through Sor Juana's texts.

Attributes: GBST Latin American Studies Electives  LATS Countries of Origin + Transnationalism Elect

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01    TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm    Carlos Macias Prieto

RUSS 217 (S) Indigeneity Today: Comparative Indigenous Identities in the US and Russia  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: RUSS 217  GBST 219  ANTH 217

Primary Cross-listing

Indigenous movements for land, rights, and cultural preservation have spread to and originated in all corners of the world. However, the global nature of these movements at times obscures ways of being Indigenous in differing contexts. This course analyzes Indigeneity in both the United States and Russia today. Through reading and analyzing ethnography, theory, and literature, it focuses on Indigenous peoples in a comparative context. Rather than prioritizing concern with Indigenous peoples emerging from the US, it attempts to demonstrate what Indigeneity has been in both the United States and Russia and what it is and means today. It asks the following questions: what is Indigeneity and who is Indigenous; how is Indigenous identity constructed and by whom; and what convergences and divergences exist in Indigeneity between the US and Russia or for that matter in other contexts? To help answer these questions, in this course we will grapple with Indigeneity as a social category and other social formations, especially ethnicity, nationality, and race. Topics include: Indigeneity and the State, Revitalization and Resurgence, Indigenous People and Nature Protection, and Hemispheric and Global Indigeneities.

Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly post to course Glow discussion page, 1 or 2 times leading class discussion on the assigned readings, 1 short presentation, 1 extended project with regular short writing submissions, 1 final paper and final presentation
Prerequisites: None
Enrollment Limit: 16
Enrollment Preferences: Majors and certificate-seekers in Russian, then majors in Anthropology and Sociology, and then Global Studies concentrators
Expected Class Size: 10-12
Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
RUSS 217 (D1) GBST 219 (D2) ANTH 217 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This course has the following assignments: Weekly post to the Glow discussion page, 1 short presentation, 1 extended project with regular writing submissions, 1 final paper and final presentation. For the extended project, we will have both peer-review and instructor feedback for all project assignments. In peer-review and instructor feedback, comprehension of the material and the content of the writing, improvement in writing style and clarity, and development of voice will be discussed.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: In the course, students will learn about Indigeneity as a context-specific social formation. It understands Indigeneity as a category of difference with past and present importance. We will read about, discuss, and write about Indigeneity as a social category, along with other social categories it arose alongside (such as race, ethnicity, and nationality), and how it has been mobilized by both those who identify as Indigenous and by those who designate others as Indigenous.

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01    MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm     Kamal A. Kariem

RUSS 219 (F) Cults of Personality (WS)
Cross-listings: COMP 215 RUSS 219

Primary Cross-listing
First uttered by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev in 1956, the phrase "cult of personality" was formulated to discredit the hero-worship that accompanied Joseph Stalin's iron-fisted rule of the Soviet Union. Since then, the phrase has gained currency as a condemnation of a variety of seemingly all-powerful leaders in oppressive political regimes, including China's Mao Zedong, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, and the ruling Kim family in North Korea. In this course, we will examine the phenomenon of the cult of personality from a variety of perspectives, beginning with the cult surrounding Stalin and ending with that of Vladimir Putin. Our course material will encompass scholarship from multiple disciplines, including history, sociology, political science, cultural and media studies, as well as artistic expression typically labeled propaganda in literature, the visual arts, and film. Although our course will begin in the Soviet Union and end in contemporary Russia, we will explore how the cult of personality has been adapted and updated for different cultural and political purposes in fascist Germany and Spain, China, Iran, North Korea, and Cuba. All readings will be in English, and all films will have English subtitles.

Requirements/Evaluation: completion of weekly reading and writing assignments, as well as active engagement during tutorial sessions
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: first-year students
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
COMP 215 (D1) RUSS 219 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will be writing papers (5-6 pages) every other week and receiving detailed feedback on their writing with the expectation that they will identify areas in need of improvement and work on these throughout the semester. The course will also require that students write one paper together with their tutorial partner and that they rewrite two different papers, one at midterm and the other at the end of the term.

Fall 2022
RUSS 348  (F) Altering States: Post-Soviet Paradoxes of Identity and Difference  (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: RUSS 348  SOC 348  GBST 348

Secondary Cross-listing

Critics and apologists of Soviet-style socialism alike agree that the Soviet ideology was deeply egalitarian. Putting aside for a moment the very reasonable doubts about how justified this perception actually was, it is still worth asking, how did people who lived in the world in which differences in rank, class, gender or ethnicity were not supposed to matter, make sense of their postsocialist condition, one in which new forms of difference emerged, and old ones assumed greater prominence? And how do these encounters with difference impact current events, such as the war Russia is currently waging on Ukraine, or the persistent tensions between East and West Germans? This tutorial will examine new dilemmas through ethnographic studies and documentary films that aim to capture in real time the process of articulating and grappling with newly discovered divides. We will focus especially closely on Russia, but will also read studies on East Germany, Bulgaria, Poland, and Ukraine. This course fulfills the DPE requirement by exploring comparatively the ways in which people in different countries made sense of the social, cultural and political heterogeneity of the postsocialist condition.

Requirements/Evaluation:  5-page paper every other week, written comments on the partner's paper in alternate weeks
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 10
Enrollment Preferences: Anthropology, Sociology, and Russian majors
Expected Class Size: 10
Grading:  no pass/fail option,  no fifth course option
Distributions: (D1)  (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

RUSS 348 (D1) SOC 348 (D2) GBST 348 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This is a tutorial course, with plenty of opportunities to work on writing and argumentation. Tutorial papers receive written feedback from both the instructor and the tutorial partner, and are workshopped during the tutorial meetings.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: Students will learn to identify and interrogate processes of social differentiation and exclusion as they take place across Russia and Eastern Europe. We will also train ourselves to identify parallels, as well as differences, between responses to the social and economic uncertainty ushered by the fall of socialism, and the discontents triggered by similar conditions closer to home.

Attributes: GBST Russian + Eurasian Studies Electives

Fall 2022

TUT Section: T1  TBA  Olga Shevchenko

SOC 221  (S) Money and Intimacy  (WS)

Does money matter in affectionate relationships? Can dollars buy love and care? What impact does market economics have on intimate relationships? This course will examine these questions and their relevance over the course of history, considering what forces have contributed to the shift in thinking about them, and, most importantly, how sociological research and knowledge helps us understand their current status. We will look into a wide range of aspects of private life that require actors to mix personal affairs with financial transactions, including romantic encounters, marriages (and divorces), families of various kinds and compositions, child adoptions, and outsourced care for dependents to name just a few. Intimacy carries different value and content in these contexts, as so does handling exchanges within them, and negotiating the balance of intimate and economic exchanges also necessitates applying diverse strategies vis-à-vis the external social world. The course will simultaneously look into the changing character of the economy as it has responded to shifting social values. We will specifically focus on how previously private concerns have penetrated the public sphere and shaped the evolution of what has been dubbed 'emotional capitalism'. People skills, teamwork, emotional labor, commodification of intimacy, care, sex, and body parts, are only few examples of the central concepts at stake. Naturally, a reflection on the growth of new technologies and social media will enrich many of the discussed themes.

Requirements/Evaluation: Each student will be expected to submit five or six 5-6-page essays and five or six brief responses. In addition, each student will be expected to actively participate in tutorial discussions. There will be no final paper or exams.
Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Anthropology and Sociology majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will be required to submit a 4-5 page essay every other week. During the week when students are not submitting essays, they will submit a brief (1-2 page) response to their partner's essay.

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Marketa Rulikova

SOC 252 (S) Im/mobilities (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: AMST 252 SOC 252

Primary Cross-listing

We think of the freedom to move as a mark of privilege. In the United States, passing a driving test, owning a car, and getting a passport are milestones that signal modernity and freedom. Likewise, we think of restrictions on movement as the domain of the underprivileged, such as the current and formerly incarcerated. But as the Covid-19 pandemic reveals, there have always been two sides to immobility: privileged as well as involuntary immobility. There are correspondingly two sides to mobility: those who move because they want to and others because they have no choice. In this class, students will explore conceptions of mobility as adventurous, free, and modern (as with jet-setting international elites). They will compare and contrast when mobility can be threatening, exclusionary, and limited (as recognized by the Black Lives Matter movement). This class invites students to interpret their environment through the lens of mobility and inequality in the time of coronavirus. Drawing on sociology, anthropology, cultural studies, geography, and migration studies, this interdisciplinary course offers a beginning conversation on the causes and consequences of the freedom to move--or to stay still.

Requirements/Evaluation: Thoughtful and consistent class participation, several short reflection papers, two drafts of an opinion essay, class presentation

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Given to first-year students and sophomores

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

AMST 252 (D2) SOC 252 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Emphasis on the processes of writing and revising, several short papers on which students will receive close feedback, and drafts of a final paper

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course explores a politics of im/mobilities: how we move through space through different bodies at the intersection of race, class, gender, ability, and citizenship. Students will use their own bodies as research sites for deepening their understanding of how we navigate the freedom to move or stay still.

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 MWF 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Phi H. Su

SOC 291 (S) Religion and Ecology in America (WS)

Cross-listings: SOC 291 REL 291 ENVI 291

Secondary Cross-listing

This course examines the relationship between religious and environmental thought in America. Exploring a broad range of practices, symbols, and
beliefs, we will examine the religious roots and branches of modern environmentalism. Rather than survey the formal teachings of organized religious groups, we will explore the creation and contestation of environmental meaning in the public sphere through literature, art, philosophy, and popular culture. How have writers, thinkers, and artists from different religious and cultural backgrounds shaped the way we think about nature? How have they shaped the way we think about politics, science, and social justice? How have they influenced each other to produce distinctively American forms of eco-spirituality? In pursuit of these questions, we will consider a diverse array of topics and cases, including struggles to protect Native American sacred places, the role of Black churches in fighting environmental racism, Protestant outdoorsmanship, Catholic climate activism, Jewish eco-mysticism, atheist biology, Buddhist therapy, and more.

Requirements/Evaluation: Each week each student will either write a 5- to 7-page essay on assigned readings or offer a 2-page critique of their partner’s paper.

Prerequisites: ENVI 101 or instructor permission

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Environmental Studies majors and concentrators

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
SOC 291 (D2) REL 291 (D2) ENVI 291 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Each student will write five five-page papers and five two-page papers in this class. They will be given extensive weekly feedback on their writing in the form of one-on-one meetings and written comments, and they will be given multiple opportunities for revision. Emphasis will be placed on the mechanics of argumentation, logic and rhetoric, and the development of a distinctive voice.

Attributes: AMST Space and Place Electives ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 Cancelled

SOC 348 (F) Altering States: Post-Soviet Paradoxes of Identity and Difference (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: RUSS 348 SOC 348 GBST 348

Primary Cross-listing

Critics and apologists of Soviet-style socialism alike agree that the Soviet ideology was deeply egalitarian. Putting aside for a moment the very reasonable doubts about how justified this perception actually was, it is still worth asking, how did people who lived in the world in which differences in rank, class, gender or ethnicity were not supposed to matter, make sense of their postsocialist condition, one in which new forms of difference emerged, and old ones assumed greater prominence? And how do these encounters with difference impact current events, such as the war Russia is currently waging on Ukraine, or the persistent tensions between East and West Germans? This tutorial will examine new dilemmas through ethnographic studies and documentary films that aim to capture in real time the process of articulating and grappling with newly discovered divides. We will focus especially closely on Russia, but will also read studies on East Germany, Bulgaria, Poland, and Ukraine. This course fulfills the DPE requirement by exploring comparatively the ways in which people in different countries made sense of the social, cultural and political heterogeneity of the postsocialist condition.

Requirements/Evaluation: 5-page paper every other week, written comments on the partner’s paper in alternate weeks

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Anthropology, Sociology, and Russian majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
RUSS 348 (D1) SOC 348 (D2) GBST 348 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This is a tutorial course, with plenty of opportunities to work on writing and argumentation. Tutorial papers receive written
feedback from both the instructor and the tutorial partner, and are workshopped during the tutorial meetings.

**Difference, Power, and Equity Notes:** Students will learn to identify and interrogate processes of social differentiation and exclusion as they take place across Russia and Eastern Europe. We will also train ourselves to identify parallels, as well as differences, between responses to the social and economic uncertainty ushered by the fall of socialism, and the discontents triggered by similar conditions closer to home.

**Attributes:** GBST Russian + Eurasian Studies Electives

**Fall 2022**

**TUT Section:** T1  TBA  Olga Shevchenko

**STS 240 (F) Great Astronomers and Their Original Publications (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** ASTR 240  STS 240  LEAD 240

**Secondary Cross-listing**

In this course we will study some of the greatest figures in astronomy and consider their leadership in advancing progress in the field. We will consider their lives and works, especially as represented by original copies of their books and other publications. These great astronomers include: 16th century, Nicolaus Copernicus (heliocentric universe); Tycho Brahe (best pre-telescopic observations); 17th century, Galileo (discoveries with his first astronomical telescope, 1610; sunspots, 1613; *Dialogo*, 1632); Johannes Kepler (laws of planetary motion, 1609, 1619, Rudolphine Tables 1627); Johannes Hevelius and Elisabeth Hevelius (atlases of the Moon and of stars, 1647, and 1687); Isaac Newton (*Principia Mathematica*: laws of universal gravitation and of motion, 1687); 18th century, Edmond Halley (*Miscellanea curiosa*, eclipse maps, 1715, 1724); John Flamsteed and Margaret Flamsteed (*Atlas Coelestis*, 1729); and William Herschel and Caroline Herschel (1781, 1798). Also, from more recent times in which original works are often articles rather than books: 20th century, Albert Einstein (special relativity, 1905; general relativity, 1916); Marie Curie (radioactivity); Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin (hydrogen dominating stars, 1929), Edwin Hubble (Hubble's law, 1929); George Ellery Hale (Mt. Wilson Observatory 100" telescope, 1917; Palomar Observatory 200" telescope, 1948), Vera Rubin (dark matter, 1970s); Jocelyn Bell Burnell (pulsar discovery, 1968); and 21st century: Wendy Freedman (Universe's expansion rate, 2000s). First editions will be available in Williams' Chapin Library of rare books, where we will meet in an adjacent classroom. We will also consider how such original materials are collected and preserved, and look at examples from the wider world of rarities, such as a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible (c. 1453) and a Shakespeare First Folio (1623, with a discussion of astronomical references in Shakespeare's plays). The course will be taught in collaboration between an astronomer and a rare-books librarian, with remote lectures by experts from around the world.

**Class Format:** Meeting on campus in the Chapin Library classroom (Sawyer 452)

**Requirements/Evaluation:** class participation, two 5-page intermediate papers, and a final 15-page paper; student choice of additional readings from a provided reading list

**Prerequisites:** none

**Enrollment Limit:** 12

**Enrollment Preferences:** if overenrolled, preference by written paragraph of explanation of why student wants to take the course

**Expected Class Size:** 12

**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

**Distributions:** (D2) (WS)

**This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:**

ASTR 240 (D3) STS 240 (D2) LEAD 240 (D2)

**Writing Skills Notes:** Comments on submitted papers will aid in writing skills

**Attributes:** LEAD Facets or Domains of Leadership

**Fall 2022**

**SEM Section:** 01  W 1:10 pm - 3:00 pm  Jay M. Pasachoff

**CON Section:** 02  W 3:10 pm - 4:00 pm  Jay M. Pasachoff

**STS 269 (F) Mindfulness Examined: Meditation, Emotion, and Affective Neurosciences (DPE) (WS)**

**Cross-listings:** REL 269  STS 269  ASIA 269  ANTH 269
Secondary Cross-listing

This course provides a social analysis of and practical engagement with mindfulness in the US today. It considers the modern applications of Buddhist meditation as a tool to improve awareness of the related processes of mind, behavior, and emotions within landscapes structured by racism, sexism, and other systemic inequalities. We consider how mindfulness relates to Buddhist discourses as well as the rapid rise of fields like contemplative neuroscience, affective neuroscience, and integrative neurobiology. How can mindfulness help people communicate more effectively—be they doctors or patients, teachers or students? How has the exploding research on mindfulness and meditation since 2000 help us understand the intersection of human emotions, behaviors, and relationships? We train in a variety of Buddhist meditation practices through the semester including forest bathing, mindfulness, compassion meditation, while unpacking the subjective experience of our minds and emotions first-hand. Students will be asked to train in mindfulness practices the entire semester while studying models of the mind developed by research in clinical and evolutionary psychology, affective neuroscience, and interpersonal neuroscience.

Requirements/Evaluation:
weekly tutorial papers and discussion

Prerequisites: A prior class or some experience with meditation is recommended

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: ANTH, SOC, REL, ASST majors; PHLH, STS concentrators; seniors and juniors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
REL 269 (D2) STS 269 (D2) ASIA 269 (D2) ANTH 269 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This class will involve weekly tutorial essays or oral responses, intensive written feedback on every essay, and a mid-semester ‘writing chat’ with the instructor.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This class fulfills the Difference, Power, and Equity requirement because it will explore the ways that mindfulness can address the growing epidemic of anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues we find in the US today. We study mindfulness from an intersectional perspective and relate its benefits to intersecting inequities and intergenerational trauma in the US today.

Attributes: GBST South + Southeast Asia Studies Electives PHLH Social Determinants of Health

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Kim Gutschow

STS 319 (F) Neuroethics (WS)

Cross-listings: PSYC 319 NSCI 319 STS 319

Secondary Cross-listing

Neuroscience studies the brain and mind, and thereby some of the most profound aspects of human existence. In the last decade, advances in our understanding of brain function and in our ability to manipulate brain function have raised significant ethical challenges. This tutorial will explore a variety of important neuroethical questions. Potential topics will include pharmacological manipulation of "abnormal" personality; the use of "cosmetic pharmacology" to enhance cognition; the use of brain imaging to detect deception or to understand the ability, personality or vulnerability of an individual; the relationship between brain activity and consciousness; manipulation of memories; the neuroscience of morality and decision making. In addition to exploring these and other ethical issues, we will explore the basic science underlying them.

Requirements/Evaluation:
six 5-page position papers and five 2-page response papers as well as participation in discussions

Prerequisites: PSYC 212 (same as BIOL 212 or NSCI 201); or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Psychology majors and Neuroscience concentrators

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
PSYC 319 (D3) NSCI 319 (D3) STS 319 (D2)
Writing Skills Notes: In alternating weeks, each student in a tutorial pair will write a 5-page essay based on the assigned readings. Essays will be discussed during tutorial meetings and written feedback from the professor will be provided for each essay. At the end of the semester, students will choose one of their prior essays to revise as their final submission. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: NSCI Group B Electives PSYC Area 1 - Behavioral Neuroscience

Fall 2022
TUT Section: T1 TBA Noah J. Sandstrom

STS 370 (F) Campus and Community Health in Disruptive Times (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: WGSS 371 ANTH 371 STS 370

Secondary Cross-listing
This class engages with the methods of medical anthropology & medical sociology to help students design and implement ethnographic projects that explore health on campus or our wider community. Along the way we consider how disruptive moments like COVID-19 can reveal underlying social inequalities of healthcare access, health outcomes, and well-being; for which we propose innovative and student-focused solutions. Students will learn and use design thinking, data visualization, and participatory ethnography while engaging with a variety of qualitative methods such as semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and qualitative surveys. We situate and explore our ethnographic projects within a campus and wider communities that are already shaped by power, privilege, and intersectional identities that shape health and well-being. We explore the field of narrative medicine and medical anthropology by developing and practicing skills in active listening, open dialogue, mindfulness, empathy, and curiosity that can profoundly shape ethnographic as well as the patient/provider encounters. For context, we read ethnographic case studies that explore a variety of topics including how structural racism and implicit bias shape clinical medicine & medical education in the US, how concepts of sexual citizenship can reshape our understanding of campus sexual assault, how the spread of US psychiatry has shaped a global landscape of mental health, and how queer activism responded to the HIV/AIDS crisis in the US. Our goals are to create participatory research projects that both explore and alter our habitual practices and individual ways of seeing the world around us.

Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly attendance, 3 written fieldnotes (3000 words), weekly writing & fieldwork exercises in class and out of class, a final presentation that includes data visualizations and analysis of research findings.

Prerequisites: A course in Anthropology, Sociology, STS or in DIV II is strongly recommended

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: Majors in Anthropology, Sociology, WGSS; Concentrators in PH, STS, ASIA, ENVI

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
WGSS 371 (D2) ANTH 371 (D2) STS 370 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This class assignments includes over 9,000 words of essay assignments, and will help students develop critical writing skills, including use of rhetoric, evidence, argument, synthesizing data, logic, and anticipating counter-arguments.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This class uses experiential learning to examine the intersectionality of race, class, gender, & sexuality in impacting healthcare and health outcomes. It explores the ways that intersectionality and implicit bias shapes health and well-being in patient/provider encounters as well as ethnographic research. It engages with and critiques efforts to 'improve' community and individual health outcomes in the US and elsewhere across the globe.

Attributes: ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives EXPE Experiential Education Courses PHLH Methods in Public Health WGSS Racial Sexual + Cultural Diversity Courses

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01 W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm Kim Gutschow
SEM Section: 02 Cancelled
THEA 252 (S) Stop Making Sense: Absurd(ist) Theatre in Historical Context (WS)

Cross-listings: THEA 252 COMP 256 ENGL 256

Primary Cross-listing

We want to make sense of things. In nearly all of our academic pursuits, the point of analysis is to find meaning, to explain intricate or confusing phenomena, to provide clarity from complexity. What happens when we can't do this, indeed, when the objects of our analytical attention seem willfully designed to thwart the attempt? Such is the challenge of "understanding" the traditions of the absurd. In this tutorial course, we will engage this challenge within the realm of Western theatre and performance from 1900 to the present. Beginning with selected readings from writers who have engaged the absurd in theoretical fashion (Albert Camus, Soren Kierkegaard, Jean-Paul Sartre, Martin Esslin), the course will move swiftly to original artworks for contemplation and analysis. Some questions we will grapple with include: How do we, can we, should we respond to art that specifically defies meaning? Can art that seems pointless have a point? Playwrights will range from canonical (Samuel Beckett, Eugene Ionesco) to more obscure but equally engaging (as well as baffling) artists (Peter Handke, Slavomir Mrocek). We will follow standard practice in tutorial pairs, as each week one student will prepare original analysis of the assigned reading, and the other will craft a response to prompt an hour-long discussion. Whether we "make sense," or perhaps discover different ways of appreciating the varied works of art, will depend on the nature of those weekly attempts.

Requirements/Evaluation: Evaluation will be based on weekly tutorial papers/response papers, and active participation in weekly tutorial sessions.

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Theatre, English, and Comparative Literature majors.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

THEA 252 (D1) COMP 256 (D1) ENGL 256 (D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly tutorial papers and response papers, plus regular feedback on writing/argumentation skills. The course will provide consistent and ongoing feedback on students' writing, and will require multiple assignments, each prompting comments which address writing problems and strategies, as appropriate.

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Robert E. Baker-White

THEA 402 (S) Marxist Feminisms: Race, Performance, and Labor (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: THEA 402 WGSS 402 AMST 402 AFR 329

Secondary Cross-listing

This seminar provides an overview of queer, women of color feminist, decolonial, and critical ethnic studies critiques of orthodox Marxism. Beginning with core texts from the tradition, we will examine a range of forms of labor and social positions that complicate Marx's emphasis on the white male industrial factory worker. In the first part of the seminar, we will study seminal texts that center reproduction, racial slavery, care and domestic work, indentured servitude, sex work, and migrant labor, and in the second half, we will turn to an array of practices that respond to and offer strategies to survive under racial capitalism. This seminar will equip students with critical understandings of the ways racial capitalism has centrally relied on the mass elimination, capture, and recruitment of different racialized and gendered bodies in and beyond the U.S. and how, through performance, the capitalist system of value and life under these conditions can be undone and reimagined.

Requirements/Evaluation: in-class discussion, short weekly posts, class presentation, final project

Prerequisites: previous coursework in AMST, WGSS, AFR, THEA, or LATS

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: senior AMST majors; juniors or seniors with previous experience in AMST, WGSS, AFR, and THEA

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
Writing Skills Notes: Students will present on and submit a 5-8 pg paper that rigorously analyzes and expands on a keyword. They will receive detailed feedback from me and one other student regarding grammar, structure, style, and argument. Using written and classroom feedback, students will then revise and resubmit their keyword papers to add to our final classroom keyword toolbox. For the final assignment, students will have the option to write a 8-10 page final research paper or manifesto.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course satisfies the DPE requirement as it explores difference, power, and equity by asking how racial, gendered, sexual, and class differences are produced, whose voices are centered and whose are excluded, and what forms of labor is valued over other forms.

Attributes: WGSS Theory Courses

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01    W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm     Kelly I. Chung

WGSS 101  (F)(S)  Introduction to Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies  (DPE) (WS)
This course is designed to initiate you into the pleasures, pains and perplexities of critical thinking about gender and the situations of women across the globe. We will survey a wide variety of writers and issues--historical and contemporary, theoretical and practical. Above all, the course is intended as an exploration of the tremendous diversity of thought contained under the general rubrics of feminist and gender studies and a vehicle for developing skills in writing and research as well as analytical tools for further work in the field. The goal is not to bring about a specific point of view, but rather to learn to analyze issues critically using the methods and frameworks that feminist theory and queer theory have developed as academic disciplines.

Class Format: Mix of lectures and seminars

Requirements/Evaluation: Participation during class and in online forums, weekly reading responses, two short essays with revisions, and a final research paper

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: WGSS majors and potential WGSS majors

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Unit Notes: required course for the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies major

Distributions:  (D2)  (DPE) (WS)

Writing Skills Notes: This course requires significant attention to the craft of writing. Essential to this craft is the process of editing and rewriting materials with feedback from peers and professors. Students are expected to focus on improving analytical skills, critical thinking, and argumentation through attention to the writing process. They are also expected to give meaningful critical feedback on the writing of their peers.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course meets the DPE requirement because it asks students to reflect critically on issues of gender and sexuality around the world in a comparative contextual framework. Students will be asked in seminar space to discuss the operation of difference and power within as well as across different gender, class, racial, and sexual identities while learning in lecture meetings about feminist and queer studies' history, activism, and theory.

Attributes: WGSS Theory Courses

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01    MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm     Greta F. Snyder
SEM Section: 02    TR 8:30 am - 9:45 am     Kiaran Honderich

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01    MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm     Greta F. Snyder
SEM Section: 02    TR 8:30 am - 9:45 am     Marshall Green

WGSS 105  (F)(S)  American Girlhoods  (DPE) (WS)
The image of the girl has captivated North American writers, commentators, artists, and creators of popular culture for at least the last two centuries. What metaphors, styles of writing, ideas of "manners and morals" does literature about girls explore? What larger cultural and aesthetic concerns are girls made to represent? And how is girlhood articulated alongside and/or intertwined with other identities and identifications, such as race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality? These are some of the issues we will explore in this course.

Requirements/Evaluation: at least 20 pages of writing; short, more informal writing assignments; GLOW posts; class participation

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students who do not have a 5 on the AP and/or have not previously taken a 100-level English class

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ENGL 105 (D1) WGSS 105 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students do at least 20 pages of writing (4-5 papers) and are required to revise several papers. We also devote significant class time to talking about successful academic writing. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course considers the construction of girlhood in the United States along the axes of race, gender, sexuality, class and more, and the literary history of who, in various moments in America, has even been allowed to claim the privileges of and/or be burdened with the idea of being a girl. It examines how girlhood is represented in relation to (in)equity and power and what kinds of literary and cultural forms writers utilize to illuminate these differences.

Attributes: AMST Arts in Context Electives

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Kathryn R. Kent

Spring 2023

SEM Section: 01 MW 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm Kathryn R. Kent

WGSS 113 (F) The Feminist Poetry Movement (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: ENGL 113 AMST 113 WGSS 113

Secondary Cross-listing

Feminist poetry and feminist politics were so integrated in the 1960s and 1970s in America that critical essays on poets, such as Adrienne Rich and Audre Lorde, appeared in the same handbook that listed such resources for women as rape crisis centers and health clinics. This course will map the crucial alliance between feminist politics (and its major cultural and political gains) and the feminist poetry movement that became a major "tool" for building, organizing, and theorizing second-wave feminism. In order to track this political and poetic revolution, we will take an interdisciplinary approach that brings together historical, critical, and literary documents (including archival ones) and visual products (through the Object Lab of the Williams College Art Museum) that recreate the rich context of the period and help us consider the important social nature of aesthetic production. At the center of the course will be writings of major poets of the period, as well as anthologies and feminist periodicals that published their work and created a significant forum and shared space for women to articulate the politics and poetics of change. These periodicals and anthologies will also help us track the diversity of the feminist poetry movement and its intersection with issues of race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality. Ultimately, we will want to consider how poetry serves as an important tool for thinking through questions of power and injustice and what role it plays in creating necessary imaginative space in the world for expression, critique, and change.

Class Format: discussion, some lecture, project work in archives and art gallery

Requirements/Evaluation: two-three short analysis papers, creative (1-2 pages), discussion posts, curated final project (archival exhibit and digital project), presentations

Prerequisites: none
Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: first years

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ENGL 113 (D1) AMST 113 (D2) WGSS 113 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Writing skills taught through a series of assignments evenly spaced throughout the semester: weekly p/f discussion posts, three four-to-five-page graded papers, one creative assignment, and a final digital research project (10-page equivalent; peer reviewed). Students receive critical feedback on written assignments a week prior to due date through conferences and Google Docs and on final graded assignments within one week with sufficient time between assignments to improve the next assignment.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: The course examines the effects of class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality on both poetry and the movement and how women negotiated their differences within the movement, as well as in response to the dominant patriarchal culture. This course employs critical tools (feminist theory, archival research, poetics, close reading, comparative approaches) to help students question and articulate the social injustices that led to the poetry and poetics of the Women's Liberation Movement.

Attributes: AMST Critical and Cultural Theory Electives ENGL Criticism Courses EXPE Experiential Education Courses WGSS Racial Sexual + Cultural Diversity Courses WGSS Theory Courses

Fall 2022

SEM Section: 01 TR 8:30 am - 9:45 am Bethany Hicok

WGSS 312 (S) An American Family and “Reality” Television (WS)

Cross-listings: ARTH 310 WGSS 312 AMST 333

Secondary Cross-listing

An American Family was a popular documentary series that featured the Loud family from Santa Barbara, California, whose everyday lives were broadcast on national television. The series generated an enormous amount of media attention, commentary, and controversy when it premiered on PBS in 1973. Today, it is regarded as the origin of so-called “Reality TV.” In addition to challenging standard rules for television programming, the show challenged social conventions and asked viewers to think seriously about family relations, sexuality, domesticity, and the “American dream.” Documenting the family’s life over the course of eight months, the series chronicled the dissolution of the Lounds’ marriage and broadcast the “coming out” of eldest son Lance Loud, the first star of reality television. In this class, we will view the An American Family series in its entirety, research the program’s historical reception, and analyze its influence on broadcast and film media, particularly on “reality” television. A final 14- to 18-page research paper will be prepared in stages, including a 6- to 8-page midterm essay that will be revised and expanded over the course of the semester.

Requirements/Evaluation: class presentations, research assignments and annotated bibliographies, and final 14- to 18-page research paper.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 14

Enrollment Preferences: junior Art majors, followed by senior majors

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARTH 310 (D1) WGSS 312 (D2) AMST 333 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: There will be considerable focus on writing and peer-editing as a means of shaping critical thinking. We will treat writing as a process; revision is built into the syllabus. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Attributes: AMST Arts in Context Electives ARTH post-1800 Courses FMST Core Courses

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01      Cancelled

WGSS 322 (S) Introduction to Critical Theory: The Enlightenment and Its Critics (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: PHIL 321  WGSS 322

Secondary Cross-listing

We often associate modern faith in the prospects of universal human dignity, rational autonomy, the rights of man, individual liberty, democracy, open scientific inquiry and social and political progress with the Enlightenment. How can we reconcile this faith with the persistence of domination today? Critical theory aims not merely to understand the "struggles and wishes of the age" as Marx once described it, but with emancipation from domination. Understood in this way, critical theory is identified closely with the intellectual tradition of the Frankfurt School. In this tutorial, will read works in critical theory from the 18th century to the present, some from the Frankfurt tradition, and some not. We will focus on particular topics, examples of which are the following: normative critique, capitalism, authoritarianism, mass culture, enlightenment and reason, progress, violence, the domination of nature, white supremacy, patriarchy and colonialism.

Class Format: students will work in pairs and meet for 75 minutes each week with the professor

Requirements/Evaluation: Each student will write and present a 5 or 6-page paper every other week and a commentary on their partner's essay on alternate weeks; evaluations are based on written work as well as level of preparation and the quality of intellectual engagement in tutorial meetings

Prerequisites: PHIL 202, Kant course, modern political theory, or permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit: 10

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PHIL 321 (D2) WGSS 322 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: The tutorial format requires significant writing (six 2500-3000 word papers, and six 1000-1250 word commentaries), weekly commentary on writing, and instructor comments on papers.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: In this course power, difference, domination and the prospects of and obstacles to liberatory political struggle are central topics.

Attributes: PHIL History Courses  WGSS Theory Courses

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1      Cancelled

WGSS 336 (S) Foucault Now (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: WGSS 336  PHIL 326

Secondary Cross-listing

If we think of Michel Foucault as engaged in writing histories, or genealogies, of his own present designed to undercut the sense of the obviousness of certain practices and ways of thinking, categorizing, and knowing, we can easily imagine that he might now be questioning different aspects of our contemporary "present" than the ones standardly associated with his name, namely, panopticons and surveillances, discipline, criminalization, the biopolitics of health, the normal and the abnormal, etc. In this course we address the question: How is the present we find ourselves living today different from the one that the author Foucault wrote about in the 1960s, 70s and early 80s before his untimely death in 1984? What differentiates today from yesterday? And what present practices and ways of thinking and knowing might be questioned using Foucault's tools, genealogy in particular, for resisting unnecessary constraints on freedom and the perpetuation of unnecessary suffering? What is his legacy today? In this tutorial you will read from a selection of Foucault's texts (books, lectures, interviews) in order to acquire a firm grasp of his method of "critique" and his way of looking at the interconnections between forms of power and the knowledge associated with particular disciplines. We will also read more recent work by Foucault inspired scholars on topics such as the biopolitics of gender, the genealogy of terrorism, the informational person (how we become our data), and neoliberal subjects.

Class Format: I may use a seminar format at least twice during the semester.
Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation will be based on written work (six 5- to 6-page papers, and six 2-3 page commentaries on their partner's papers) as well as the quality and level of preparation and intellectual engagement in our weekly meetings.

Prerequisites: Relevant background in critical theory, social theory, political theory or philosophy.

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: I will give preference to philosophy majors and to upper class students with a demonstrated background in critical theories. Some sophomores may be eligible.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
WGSS 336 (D2) PHIL 326 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: This is a tutorial. Students will write five or six 5-6-page papers during the course of the the semester and receive significant feedback on each paper. At the end of each tutorial meeting the student is asked to reflect on how they would approach the paper differently if they were to rewrite it.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: In this course we address power and domination, reflect on the difference between them, and treat power relations as not only an inevitable feature of any society, but as both enabling and constraining. Moreover, we will read material that uses Foucauldian tools to address contemporary issues involving sexism and racism, digital surveillance, and the abolition of prisons.

Attributes: PHIL History Courses

Spring 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Jana Sawicki

WGSS 371 (F) Campus and Community Health in Disruptive Times (DPE) (WS)

Cross-listings: WGSS 371 ANTH 371 STS 370

Secondary Cross-listing

This class engages with the methods of medical anthropology & medical sociology to help students design and implement ethnographic projects that explore health on campus or our wider community. Along the way we consider how disruptive moments like COVID-19 can reveal underlying social inequalities of healthcare access, health outcomes, and well-being; for which we propose innovative and student-focussed solutions. Students will learn and use design thinking, data visualization, and participatory ethnography while engaging with a variety of qualitative methods such as semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and qualitative surveys. We situate and explore our ethnographic projects within a campus and wider communities that are always already structured by power, privilege, and intersectional identities that shape health and well-being. We explore the field of narrative medicine and medical anthropology by developing and practicing skills in active listening, open dialogue, mindfulness, empathy, and curiosity that can profoundly shape ethnographic as well as the patient/provider encounters. For context, we read ethnographic case studies that explore a variety of topics including how structural racism and implicit bias shape clinical medicine & medical education in the US, how concepts of sexual citizenship can reshape our understanding of campus sexual assault, how the spread of US psychiatry has shaped a global landscape of mental health, and how queer activism responded to the HIV/AIDS crisis in the US. Our goals are to create participatory research projects that both explore and alter our habitual practices and individual ways of seeing the world around us.

Requirements/Evaluation: Weekly attendance, 3 written fieldnotes (3000 words), weekly writing & fieldwork exercises in class and out of class, a final presentation that includes data visualizations and analysis of research findings.

Prerequisites: A course in Anthropology, Sociology, STS or in DIV II is strongly recommended

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: Majors in Anthropology, Sociology, WGSS; Concentrators in PH, STS, ASIA, ENVI

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D2) (DPE) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
WGSS 371 (D2) ANTH 371 (D2) STS 370 (D2)
Writing Skills Notes: This class assignments includes over 9,000 words of essay assignments, and will help students develop critical writing skills, including use of rhetoric, evidence, argument, synthesizing data, logic, and anticipating counter-arguments.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This class uses experiential learning to examine the intersectionality of race, class, gender, & sexuality in impacting healthcare and health outcomes. It explores the ways that intersectionality and implicit bias shapes health and well-being in patient/provider encounters as well as ethnographic research. It engages with and critiques efforts to 'improve' community and individual health outcomes in the US and elsewhere across the globe.

Attributes: ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives  EXPE Experiential Education Courses  PHLH Methods in Public Health  WGSS Racial Sexual + Cultural Diversity Courses

Fall 2022
SEM Section: 01  W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm  Kim Gutschow
SEM Section: 02  Cancelled

WGSS 402  (S)  Marxist Feminisms: Race, Performance, and Labor  (DPE)  (WS)
Cross-listings: THEA 402  WGSS 402  AMST 402  AFR 329
Secondary Cross-listing
This seminar provides an overview of queer, women of color feminist, decolonial, and critical ethnic studies critiques of orthodox Marxism. Beginning with core texts from the tradition, we will examine a range of forms of labor and social positions that complicate Marx’s emphasis on the white male industrial factory worker. In the first part of the seminar, we will study seminal texts that center reproduction, racial slavery, care and domestic work, indentured servitude, sex work, and migrant labor, and in the second half, we will turn to an array of practices that respond to and offer strategies to survive under racial capitalism. This seminar will equip students with critical understandings of the ways racial capitalism has centrally relied on the mass elimination, capture, and recruitment of different racialized and gendered bodies in and beyond the U.S. and how, through performance, the capitalist system of value and life under these conditions can be undone and reimagined.

Requirements/Evaluation: in-class discussion, short weekly posts, class presentation, final project

Prerequisites: previous coursework in AMST, WGSS, AFR, THEA, or LATS
Enrollment Limit: 12
Enrollment Preferences: senior AMST majors; juniors or seniors with previous experience in AMST, WGSS, AFR, and THEA
Expected Class Size: 12
Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option
Distributions: (D2)  (DPE)  (WS)
This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:
THEA 402 (D1)  WGSS 402 (D2)  AMST 402 (D2)  AFR 329 (D2)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will present on and submit a 5-8 pg paper that rigorously analyzes and expands on a keyword. They will receive detailed feedback from me and one other student regarding grammar, structure, style, and argument. Using written and classroom feedback, students will then revise and resubmit their keyword papers to add to our final classroom keyword toolbox. For the final assignment, students will have the option to write a 8-10 page final research paper or manifesto.

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course satisfies the DPE requirement as it explores difference, power, and equity by asking how racial, gendered, sexual, and class differences are produced, whose voices are centered and whose are excluded, and what forms of labor is valued over other forms.

Attributes: WGSS Theory Courses

Spring 2023
SEM Section: 01  W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm  Kelly I. Chung