

Fall 2022 Course Descriptions

History of US Presidents #1179 - In this class we will review American Presidents. We will compare and contrast different generations and discuss their administrative policies. Students will learn about the women behind the men who made an impact as First Lady and the key campaigns which changed the shape of our nation.

People of Influence #1192 – The world is full of people who make a difference; some are celebrated in the media, film and books, while others are lesser known. In this class we will discuss what motivates these influential people and identify their contributions to society both past and present.

Topics in Review #1159 The objective of this class is to encourage students to discuss issues which have the greatest importance to them. Topics can include current events, previous class discussion or personal interests.

Discovering Anime #1193 – In this course we will explore the world of Japanese comic books and video cartoon animation that has taken the world by storm since the 1960s. We will learn what influenced Japanese animation styles, discover the history and genres of animation, create our own animations and explore why anime frequently trends on social media.

World According to the Simpsons #1194 – How has the longest running sitcom threaded its way through American pop culture? In this course we will discuss the themes of a working-class family as seen through the eyes of these iconic characters. Philosophy, societal norms, and stereotypes collide as these characters navigate their daily lives, 30 minutes at a time. Join us in discovering what the trials and tribulations of the Simpson family can teach us about our own lives and the lives of others in America.

History's Greatest Mysteries #1195 – In this class we will step back in time to investigate the mysteries that have captivated and stumped some of the greatest minds in history. Students will learn about the wonders of the natural world, lost cities, treasures, strange locations, and famous disappearances, both past and present.

Science 101 #1196 – This class is an introduction to the main branches of science. Through experimentation and observation, students will discuss how science influences everyday life. We will demonstrate and discuss basic scientific principles such as gravity and density and the interactions between matter and energy.

The Hollywood Story #1197 – From silent films to billion dollar box office hits, Hollywood has shaped what we see and feel through movies. In this class students will learn about the Golden Era of Hollywood. We will review iconic films, learn about the actors behind their legendary roles and discuss the dark side of Hollywood.

Current Events #1007 - This course will enable students to strengthen their critical thinking skills through discussion of current events topics. Group discussion and written assignments will focus on such topics as politics, environmental issues, human rights and global events which affect everyday life.

Wildlife Ecology and the Environment #1091 – This course will introduce students to a variety of ecosystems and the diverse wildlife that inhabit our planet. We will discuss the relationship between animals and humans and the environmental factors that impact their lives in both an urban setting and in the wild.

Self-Advocacy #1019 - Working collaboratively with others, effectively advocating for personal rights and expressing individual needs are the three goals for this course in communication. Through oral presentations, small group activities and role playing these skills will be explored and developed.

Children's Literature for College Students #1083 - This course will explore different genres in children's literature such as fairy tales, fantasy and poetry. Students will discuss and write how literature plays a role in the lives of children.

Musical Story Telling #1198 – The focus of this course will be to identify the impact that music has on film. A musical score helps the audience gain a better understanding of the scene. As a group we will compare and contrast the lyrics and accompanying music with the feelings and emotions depicted in the film.

Famous Artists #1165 This class will explore art museums of the world and learn about famous artists from past and present. Students will discover the stories behind the art and have a chance to virtually tour exhibits across the world.

What's your story? #1047 - What makes a good story poem or even a song? Every story needs a beginning middle and end. Through class discussions, working individually and in small groups we will write, edit and create our own stories. The goal of this course is to enhance writing skills.

Art and Journaling #1099 - This course will explore journaling as a form of self-expression. Individuals will explore their interests, goals, skills, strengths and weaknesses. We will use art to enhance and explore these topics.