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Arts and Humanities

Ancient Near East 19
Kathlyn Kara Cooney, S14
King Akhenaten and Ideological Power

Architecture and Urban Design 19
Diane Favro ●●, W14
Megacities: Past and Future

Arts and Architecture 19
Victoria Vesna ●, S14
Art + Science Dialogs

Asian American Studies 19
King-Kok Cheung ●, W14
Chinese American Shorts

Comparative Literature 19
Kathleen L. Komar ●●●, W14
Short Works of Franz Kafka, or How Modern World Works

Ross Shideler ●●●, F13
Poets and Desire

Design | Media Arts 19
Erkki Huhtamo ●●, W14
What Is Interactive Media?

Victoria Vesna ●, S14
Art + Science Dialogs

English 19
Allison Carruth, S14
Food Writing in Digital Age

Lowell Gallagher, S14
Religion Goes to the Movies: Eating Beauty, Welcoming Strangers

Jascha Kessler ●, F13
What Poems Say: Three Fundamental Modes of Poetry

Joseph Nagy ●●, F13
Cartoons, Folklore, and Myth

Karen Rowe ●●●, F13
Origins of Identity: History and Memory in Women's Poetry

Jenny Sharpe ●, W14
Fantasy, Fairy Tales, and New Worlds of Possibilities

Mona Simpson ●●, F13
How to Live a Literary Life While Pursuing Other Things

Brian Kim Stefans ●, F13
Playful Forms: Creative Writing Workshop

Robert N. Watson ●, W14
Forty Poems

Reed Wilson ●, F13
Great American Poets of the 20th Century

Reed Wilson ●, W14
Poetry Now

Reed Wilson ●, S14
National Poetry Month – and Beyond!

Richard Yarborough ●, F13
Word Up: Oral Tradition in African American Poetry

Ethnomusicology 19
Cheryl L. Keyes, S14
Making of Folk Hero in Hip-Hop Culture

Steven Loza, S14
Religion as Art and Science

Roger Savage ●●, W14
Music Theory through Recorder

The Vasa cube is awarded for every four seminars taught.

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French 19

Jean-Claude Carron ●, S14
How Tasty is My Little Frenchman

Sara Melzer ●, F13

Buddhism and Art of Living Mindfully in the Present

Malina Stefanovska, F13

Films on Early Modern Culture in France

Film and Television 19

William McDonald ●●, W14

Art of Cinematography

German 19

Robert Kirnser ●●, F13

Is a Nonviolent World Possible?

James A. Schultz ●●, S14

Love, Violence, and Courtliness in Medieval Romance and Epic

Honors Collegium 19

Robert Gore, S14

Artists' Books in UCLA Library and Beyond

Chris Hanscom, S14

Clones vs. Zombies: Anxieties Around the Human

Tara Prescott, S14

James Joyce's Ulysses

Islamic 19

Ismail K. Poonwala ●●●, S14

Classical Islamic Civilization Through Documentaries

Jewish 19

William Schniedewind,

Chaim Seidler-Feller ●, S14
Revisiting the Zionist Idea

Linguistics 19

Russell Schuh ●, F13

Amusing and Abusing with Language

Music 19

Juliana Gondek ●, S14

Headline Opera

Guillaume Sutre, F13

Beethoven String Quartets: Excursion to the Everest of Chamber Music

Music History 19

Raymond Knapp ●●, W14

Musicals and Disability

Religion 19

Carol Bakhos ●, W14

Religion, Self, and Society

South Asian Studies 19

Stephanie Jamison ●,

Gyanam Mahajan ●, W14

Indic Scripts: Look, I Can Read and Write New Scripts

Theater 19

Sean Metzger, S14

Screening Sexualities

World Arts and Cultures 19

Janet O'Shea, W14

How to Watch a Martial Arts Movie

David Delgado Shorter ●, F13

Why We Hallucinate

Culture and Society

Afro-American Studies 19

Caroline A. Streeter, S14

Hurricane Katrina: Cultural Representations of a Natural Disaster

American Indian Studies 19

Carole Goldberg, F13

Real Stories Behind Supreme Court Indian Law Cases

Anthropology 19

Daniel Fessler ●●, F13

Animals in Translation: Evolutionary Approaches to Animal Thinking and Autism

Alan Page Fiske, W14

What Does It Mean to Be Moved?

Cheryl Ann Zimmer, F13

Deep-Sea Communities: High Diversity in Extreme Environments

Richard Zimmer, F13, S14

Chemical Communication Across the Tree of Life

Honors Collegium 19

Mike Gresser ●●●●●,

F13, W14

Rise and Fall of a Blockbuster Drug

Mike Gresser ●●●●●, S14

How Drugs are Made

Andrea Kasko, S14

You Are What You Eat: Food and Chemistry

Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology 19

John Merriam ●●●●, F13

Read Science Times on Tuesday and Discuss over Coffee on Wednesday

Neurobiology 19

Edwin L. Cooper ●●●, S14

Links Between Nervous and Immune Systems

Edwin L. Cooper ●●●, S14

Integrative Medicine: Current Topics in Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Neurology 19

Zhefeng Guo, S14

From Mad Cow to Mad Yeast: Stories of Protein Aggregation and Neurodegeneration

Neuroscience 19

Scott Chandler ●●, S14

Shall We Dance? How Brain Controls Movement in Health and Disease

Nader Pouratian, W14

Neuroscience of Mind Reading and Manipulation

Nursing 19

Janet Mentis ●●, W14

Who Wants to Live to 100? Aging in the 21st Century

Physics 19

Katsushi Arisaka, F13

Why Are We Here?: Origin of the Universe, Life, and Consciousness

Jean L. Turner ●, W14

Everyday Physics

Physiological Science 19

Alan Grinnell ●●, W14

What Behavioral Abnormalities Tell Us about How Human Brain Functions

Physiology 19

Nancy Wayne ●●, F13

Biology of Birth Control

Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences 19

David Shapiro ●, F13

Healing and Placebo Effect

Psychology 19

Yuen Huo ●, S14

Getting Along in 21st Century: Insights from Diversity Science

Barbara Knowlton, S14

Memory: A User's Guide

Thomas R. Minor ●●, S14

Psychobiology of Stress Resilience

Society and Genetics 19

Michelle Fox ●●, Christina Palmer ●●, W14

Genetic Counseling: Making Genetics Real

Statistics 19

Nicolas Christou ●●, F13

Statistics and Portfolio Risk Management with Stock Market Applications

Vivan Lew, S14

Open Cities, Open Data

Frederic Paik Schoenberg ●●, S14

Hold 'em or Fold 'em: Poker and Probability

Abigail Saguy ●, W14
Rethinking War on Obesity

Roger Waldinger, F13
Global Migration

Undergraduate Law 19
Frances Elisabeth Olsen ●●, W14
Nonviolence and Women's Self-Defense

Urban Planning 19
Martin Wachs, W14
Traffic Congestion

Rui Wang ●, W14
Cities and Policy in China

Science and Technology

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences 19
Larry Lyons ●, S14
Secrets of the Northern Lights: Earth's Aurora

Richard Thorne ●, F13
Space Weather: Impact of Solar Activity on Earth

Bioengineering 19
Howard Winet ●●, W14
Truth and Science in Orthopaedics

Biomedical Research 19
Anahid Jewett ●, F13
Novel Topics and Discoveries in Oral Biology, Medicine, and Dentistry

Chemistry 19
Stephen Coles ●, F13, W14
Introduction to Gerontology: Secrets of the Oldest Old

Neil Garg, F13
Chemicals: Friends or Foes?

David A. Scott ●●, S14
Chemistry and Art

Computer Science 19
Junghoo Cho, W14
Digital Privacy: Managing Your Online Identity

Dentistry 19
Francesco Chiappelli ●●, W14
Learning to Evaluate Dental Research

Francesco Chiappelli ●●, S14
Scientific Writing in Dental Research

Earth, Planetary, and Space Science 19
Jonathan Aurnou ●, S14
Computer Programming for Haters

William I. Newman ●, W14
Global Climate Change and Societal Response

An Yin ●●, F13
Geological Beauty of Yosemite Valley

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Magnificent Geology of Death Valley

An Yin ●●, S14
Amazing Geologic History of the Grand Canyon

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 19
John Bragin ●●, F13
Self-Organization and Emergence in Biological Systems

Don Buth ●●, F13
Parasites: Eating Us Alive

Malcolm S. Gordon ●, S14
Catastrophic Environmentalism

Peter Nonacs ●●●, F13
Evolutionary Medicine: How Natural Selection Helps Us Understand Why We Get Sick

Linda Garro, W14
Combining Anthropology and Medicine: Paul Farmer and His Mentors

Jennifer Jackson, S14
Found Objects

Paul Kroskirty ●●●●, F13
American Folk Songs: Protest and Social Critique

Joseph Manson, F13
Psychopathy and Human Nature

Susan Perry ●, F13
Long-Term Studies of Animal Behavior

Brooke Scelza, W14
Evolutionary Journey Through the History of Sex

Jason Throop, S14
Oneself as Another: Anthropology, Empathy, and Intersubjectivity

Arabic 19
Nouri Gana ●, S14
Arab Uprising: Contexts, Architects, and Prospects

Archaeology 19
Alexei Vranich, W14
Lost (and Not) Found

Asian American Studies 19
Lucy Burns, F13
Viewing Tomorrow: Sci-Fi Television and Saving the Future

Chicano and Chicana Studies 19
Susan Plann ●●, S14
Undocumented Student Experience

Robert Chao Romero, S14
Being Mixed Race at UCLA

Otto Santa Ana ●●, W14
Immigration Firestorm: Case Study Approach to Anti-Immigrant Legislation

Civic Engagement 19
Douglas Barrera, F13, S14
Social Justice and Democratic Citizenship: Developing a Critical Consciousness

Communications Studies 19
Dee Bridgewater ●, W14, S14
Cinema Therapy: Movies and Mental Health

Greg Bryant, W14
Music and Culture

Martie Haselton ●, S14
Mating in the Modern World

Kerri L. Johnson, W14
Judging a Book by Its Cover: How Physical Appearance Impacts Social Perception

Francis Steen, W14
Mindful Learning: Exploring Your Own Perceptions, Emotions, and Thinking

Community Health Sciences 19
Eve Lahijani ●●●, Gia Marson ●●●, F13
Cosmo Says You're Fat? I Ain't Down with That: Nutrition and Body Image Life Skills

Economics 19
Denis Chetverikov, W14
What We Can and Can Not Learn from Data

Pablo Fajgelbaum, W14
International Trade, Inequality, and Growth

Matthew E. Kahn ●, F13
China's Green Cities

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Winner's Curse

Kathleen McGarry, S14
Your Tax Dollars at Work

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Econometrics in Real Life

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Euro Crisis

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Issues in Transformation of Schooling

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Immigrant Youth, Families, and Education

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Student Activism from the Sixties to Present

Marcelo M. Suarez-Orozco, John Deasy, S14
Reimagining Urban Education

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Land and Society in Latin America

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American Rivers: Geography, History, and Environment

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Perceptions of U.S. Abroad: Discussions with Visiting Fulbright Scholars

Yael Warshel, W14
Sesame Street Meets Israeli and Palestinian Culture

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Introduction to Haitian Creole Lanugage and Culture

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The Arab Uprisings

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Africa in Media: Old Images, New Cliches

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Adventures of Henry Pitman

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Utopias and Dystopias in the Modern World

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World of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice: England in Early 19th Century

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Los Angeles: Architecture and Ethnicity

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China's Modern Youth Culture in Historical Perspective

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Asian American Leaders: Where are They?

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UNESCO's East-West Major Project: Straight Path Toward Friendship Among Nations

Ernesto Guerrero ●●, David Maldonado ●●, W14, S14
Retention Issues in Higher Education

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Legal Aspects of Buying and Selling Commercial Real Estate in U.S.

Daniel Lowenstein ●●, W14
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Mental Illness and Movies

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Alcohol and Society

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Immigration Debate through Film

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Entrepreneurial Process: Starting and Managing New Business Ventures

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Why Sports Matter

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Exploring Public Perception of Navy and Marine Corps Through Hollywood Films

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Health in Hollywood

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Migration as Business: Migration Industry in Global Perspective

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Food, Medicine, and Politics

Kalpen Modi, Stefan Timmermans, S14
Hope, Change, and Fistbumps: Young American and Obama Presidency

Gabriel Rossman, F13
Immoral Exchanges