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Undergraduate Education Initiatives
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2016-17 FIAT LUX SEMINARS

Arts & Humanities

Ancient Near East 19

Aaron Burke ●●, S17
Ancient Warfare and Modern Concerns

Willeke Wendrich ●●, W17
Tracking Looting from Space

Arts and Architecture 19

Victoria Vesna ●, S17
Art and Science: North and South

Asian 19

John Duncan ●● and Jennifer Jung-Kim ●, F16
East Asian Foodways across the Pacific

Namhee Lee ●, F16
Why South Korea and Japan are Rewriting Their History Books

Civic Engagement 19

Elizabeth Goodhue ●, F16
Humanities at Work

Classics 19

Robert Gurval ●●, W17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: UCLA 1919, The First Professors

Comparative Literature 19

Kathleen Komar ●●●, F16
Short Works of Franz Kafka, or How Modern the World Works

David MacFadyen, S17
Humanities at UCLA: What's the Future

Ross Shideler ●●●, S17
Poets and Desire

Design | Media Arts 19

Erkki Huhtamo ●●●, S17
Media Archaeology and Cross-Cultural Communication

English 19

Matthew Fisher, S17
More is Up: Metaphors, Categories, and Politics of Language

Jascha Kessler ●●●, F16, S17
What a Poem Says: Three Fundamental Modes of Poetry

Karen Rowe ●●●, W17
Origins of Identity: History and Memory in Women's Poetry

Brian Stefans ●●, W17
Playful Forms: Creative Writing Workshop

Brian Stefans ●●, S17
Screenplay Writing: Scene Study

Arvind Thomas, F16
Prison and Literary Production

Justin Torres, F16
Creative Writing: Identity, Politics, Desire, Death, and Empathy

Ethnomusicology 19

Roger Savage ●●●, W17, S17
Music Theory through Recorder

Film and Television 19

Steven Anderson, S17
Technologies of Vision: From Surveillance to Data Visualization

French 19

Sara Melzer ●●, F16
Buddhism and the Art of Living Mindfully in the Present

German 19

Todd Presner ●, W17
Interviewing Holocaust Survivors

Honors Collegium 19

Robert Gore ●, S17
Artists' Books in the UCLA Library and Beyond

Daniel Lowenstein ●●●, W17
(2 seminars)
The Writings of Abraham Lincoln

Tara Prescott ●, S17
James Joyce's Ulysses

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies 19

Alicia Gaspar de Alba ●, F16
Queer Lucha Libre: Masked Mexican Crusaders

Linguistics 19

Jesse Harris, F16
Visual Magic: From Illusions to Reading

Music 19

Michael Dean, F16
The World of Opera

Juliana Gondok ●●, S17
Vocal Arts: Steps to Better Singing

Frank Heuser, W17
Understanding Why Music Moves Us

Ian Krouse, S17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: From Morrison to Schoenberg, 100 Years of Great Composers

Moses Pogossian ●, W17
The Eternal Beauty of J.S. Bach Works for Solo Violin

Moses Pogossian ●, S17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: The Genius of Arnold Schoenberg and His UCLA Legacy

Music History 19

Robert Fink, W17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Pop!, Brief History of Popular Music at UCLA

Raymond Knapp ●●●, W17
Racial Politics in the American Musical

Mitchell Morris ●, F16
Sound and Design in Miyazaki's Anime Films

Jessica Schwartz ●, W17
Listening to Our Era: Nuclear Power and Climate Change

Jessica Schwartz ●, S17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Punk U

Russian 19

Olga Kagan ● and Viktorija Lejko-Lacan, S17
Language, Identity, and Power in a Post-Communist World

Scandinavian 19

James Massengale, S17
Kierkegaard and the Fundamentals of Existentialism

Theater 19

Michelle Carriger, S17
Global Fashion

Sean Metzger ●, W17
Screening Sexualities

World Arts and Cultures 19

Janet O'Shea, S17
Empowerment Self-Defense

David Shorter ●●●, F16
The Art of Being Human: The Philosophy of Martin Buber

David Shorter ●●●, F16
Introduction to Meditation

David Shorter ●●●, W17
Meditation for College Students

Michael Hill ●, F16
Women and Math: A Modern History

Medicine 19

Michael Ong and Linda Sarna, F16
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Breathe Well--Tobacco-Free UCLA Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health

Molecular and Medical Pharmacology 19

Daniel Silverman, W17
Brain Chemistry and Human Behaviors

Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology 19

John Merriam ●●●●●●, S17
Read the Science Times on Tuesday, Discuss over Coffee on Wednesday

Neurobiology 19

Edwin Cooper ●●●●●●, S17
Integrative Medicine: Current Topics in Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Edwin Cooper ●●●●●●, S17
Links between the Nervous and Immune Systems

Neurology 19

Zhefeng Guo ●●, F16, S17
From Mad Cow to Mad Yeast: Stories of Protein Aggregation and Neurodegeneration

Neuroscience 19

Scott Chandler ●●●, S17
Shall We Dance? How the Brain Controls Movement in Health and Disease

Christopher Giza and Mayumi Prins, F16, W17, S17
Sports Concussions and Traumatic Brain Injuries

Nader Pouratian ●, F16
Neurobionics: Past, Present, and Future at UCLA and Beyond

Nursing 19

Janet Mentes ●●●, S17
Who Wants to Live to 100? Aging in the 21st Century

Physics 19

Katsushi Arisaka ●, F16, W17
Why Are We Here? Origin of the Universe, Life, and Consciousness

Physiology 19

Nancy Wayne ●●, F16
The Biology of Birth Control

Physiological Science 19

Alan D. Grinnell ●●●, W17
The Arts and Neuroscience

Psychology 19

Aaron Blaisdell ●●, S17
The Mind of a Dog

Barbara Knowlton, S17
Memory: A User's Guide

Thomas Minor ●●●, W17
Psychobiology of Stress Resilience

Daniel Oppenheimer, F16
When and Why Does Democracy Work?

Catherine Sandhofer, W17
Language and Identity

Tara Scanlan and Karen Givvin, W17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Coach John Wooden: Greatness and Grace

Science Education 19

Todd Yeates, S17
Solving Puzzles and Winning Games: Mathematical Fun from Euler to Gardner

Statistics 19

Nicolas Christou ●●●, F16 (2 seminars)
Statistics and Portfolio Risk Management with Stock Market Applications

Frederic Paik Schoenberg ●●●, F16, S17
Hold 'em or Fold 'em: Poker and Probability

Ruben Hernandez-Leon ●●●, F16
Immigrant Integration: Mexicans in U.S.

Gabriel Rossman ●, W17
How to Get Away with Paying Bribes, Buying Sex, and Selling Corpses

Roger Waldinger ●, W17
Global Migration

Undergraduate Law 19
Steven Bank ●, S17
Soccer Law

Frances Olsen ●●●, F16
Nonviolence and Women's Self-Defense

[Science and Technology](#)

Astronomy 19
Brad Hansen, W17
Asteroid Mining and Threat Mitigation: The Physics of Near-Earth Asteroids

Alex Levine ● and William Newman ●●, S17
The Origin of Life

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences 19
Lawrence Lyons ●, S17
Secrets of the Northern Lights: Earth's Aurora

Tina Treude, S17
Oceanographic Field Trip

Biological Chemistry 19
Timothy Lane, F16, S17
Confronting the Global Movement of Peoples and Disease: Public Perceptions versus Evidence

Biomedical Research 19
Anahid Jewett ●, F16
Novel Topics and Discoveries in Oral Biology, Medicine, and Dentistry

Chemistry 19
Sri Kosuri, S17
Genes, Genetic Engineering, and You

David A. Scott ●●●, F16
Chemistry and Art

Dentistry 19
Francesco Chiappelli ●●●, W17
Evidence-Based Research and Practice in Health Care

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 19
Donald Buth ●●●●, F16, W17, S17
Parasites: Eating Us Alive

Peter Nonacs ●●●●, F16
Evolutionary Medicine: How Natural Selection Helps Us Understand Why We Get Sick

Philip Rundel ●, F16
Botanical Wonders: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Victoria Sork, W17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: The History of UCLA through the Eyes of Trees

Cheryl Ann Zimmer ●●, W17, S17
Deep-Sea Communities: High Diversity in Extreme Environments

Richard Zimmer ●●, W17, S17
Chemical Communication across Tree of Life

Environment 19
Aradhna Tripathi ●●, W17, S17
Communications, Science, and Authoritarianism, Then and Now

Aradhna Tripathi ●●, S17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Women and Minorities in the Geosciences at UCLA

Honors Collegium 19
Michael Gresser ●●●●●●●, F16, W17
The Rise and Fall of a Blockbuster Drug

Michael Gresser ●●●●●●●, S17
How Drugs Are Made

Mathematics 19
Michael Hill ●, F16, W17
Patterns and Symmetry in Art and Nature

[Culture and Society](#)

African American Studies 19
Charles Alexander ●, F16, S17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Social Justice, Student Activism, and the Academic Advancement Program

Patricia Turner ●, F16, W17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Arthur Ashe and Second Half of 20th Century

Patricia Turner ●, S17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Arthur Ashe and John Lewis: Divergent Approaches to African American Activism

Anthropology 19
Jessica Cattelino, S17
#NoDAPL and Cultural Politics of Water

Daniel Fessler ●●●●●, W17, S17
Animals in Translation: Evolutionary Approaches to Animal Thinking and Autism

Alan Fiske ●, W17
What Is Emotion and What Is It For?

Alan Fiske ●, S17
Why am I Crying over These Kittens?

Linda Garro ●, W17
Anthropology and Global Mental Health

Linda Garro ●, W17
Combining Anthropology and Medicine: Paul Farmer and His Mentors

Paul Kroskirty ●●●●, F16
American Folk Songs: Protest and Social Critique

Joseph Manson ●, F16
Character of Characters: Personality Description Using California Q-Sort

Susan Perry ●●, F16
Long-Term Studies of Animal Behavior

Monica Smith ●●●, S17
Invasive Species and You

Russell Thornton ●●, F16
UCLA Centennial Initiative: UCLA's Indian Bones

Jason Throop ●●, F16, S17
Oneself as Another: Anthropology, Empathy, and Intersubjectivity

Asian American Studies 19
Keith Camacho ●, F16
Interrogating Normalcy in the Undergraduate Research Process

Keith Camacho ●, W17
No Children Allowed: Youth Rebellion and Police Violence in Los Angeles

Chicana and Chicano Studies 19
Genevieve Carpio, S17
#ImmigrationSyllabus, or A Nation of Immigrants

Alicia Gaspar de Alba ●, W17
Burn Baby Burn! Short History of Riots, Uprisings, and Protests in Los Angeles

Susan Plann ●●, S17
The Undocumented Student Experience

Robert Romero ●●, W17
Brown Theology: History of Chicano/Latino Religious Activism and Theology

Communication Studies 19
Dee Bridgewater ●●●, W17
Cinema Therapy: Movies and Mental Health

Dee Bridgewater ●●●, S17
Coaching as Teaching, Teaching as Coaching

Tim Groeling ● and Abigail Goldman, S17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: "Loud Bark, Curious Eyes" -- A Century of UCLA Student Media

Kerri Johnson ●, S17
Can You Judge a Book by Its Cover

Economics 19

Matthew Bigio Luks, S17
Monetary and Financial Architectures

Francois Geerolf, F16
Economics of Superstars

Michela Giorcelli, W17
Development and Americanization of European Economies after World War II

Martin Hackmann, S17
Topics in Health Care

Adriana Lleras-Muney, S17
Missing Women: Facts and Controversies

Jay Lu, W17
Cognitive Biases in Decision Making

Kathleen McGarry ●, F16
Your Tax Dollars at Work

Moritz Meyer-Ter-Vehn ●, F16
Games of Strategy

Volker Nocke, S17
Antitrust Economics

Marek Pycia, W17
Game Theory and Martial Arts

Andres Santos, S17
Deviations from Rationality: Introduction to Behavioral Economics

Till Von Wachter, W17
Measuring the Causal Effect of Graduating from College in a Recession

Education 19

Mitchell Chang, S17
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Diversifying Bruin Nation--Where We Were, Where We Are, Where We Are Going

Marjorie Orellana ●●, S17
Border Crossing and the Transnational Movement of Families and Youth

Robert Rhoads ●●●, S17
Student Activism from the Sixties to the Present

Linda Sax ●, F16
Gender and College Student Experience: Trends and Directions for Change

Gender Studies 19

Michelle Erai ●, F16
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Sports Illustrated--Images of Ex-UCLA Athletes

Mishuana Goeman, S17
Media Literacy and the Trump Era: #NoDAPL and Indigenous Social Movements

Purnima Mankekar and Sherene Razack, W17
Anti-Muslim Racism

Sharon Traweek, S17
Bullied by Trump's Tweets? University Students on Edge

Geography 19

Daniela Cusack, S17
Global Change and Forest Ecosystems

Global Studies 19

Ann Kerr ●●●●●●●●, W17, S17
Perceptions of U.S. Abroad: Discussions with Visiting Fulbright Scholars

David Kim, S17
Film, Fiction, and the 2008 Financial Crisis

History 19

Peter Baldwin, W17
Equality

S. Scott Bartchy ●●●●, F16, S17
Honor and Shame in the Clash of World Cultures and Religions

Robin Derby ●●●, W17, S17
Whitelash or Working Class Revolt? Making Sense of the Rise of Trump and New Populism

James Gelvin ●●●●●, F16
ISIS, Syria, and the New Middle East

Tobias Higbie, S17
Reclaiming Higher Education as Public Good

Vinay Lal ●●●●, W17
Political Documentaries and American Society

Vinay Lal ●●●●, S17
Martin Luther King's Sermons and Quest for Social Justice

William Marotti ●, W17
Forms of Violence and Cinema

William Marotti ●, S17
Forms of Violence and Cinema II

David Myers ●, W17
A Brief and Intense History of Anti-Semitism, from Antiquity to the Present

Teofilo Ruiz ●●●●●●●●●●, F16
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Architecture and Ethnicity in Los Angeles

Teofilo Ruiz ●●●●●●●●●●, W17 (2 seminars)
Social World of Jane Austen: Pride and Prejudice

Teofilo Ruiz ●●●●●●●●●●, S17
Dystopias of the 20th Century

Richard von Glahn ●, W17
China's Modern Youth Culture in a Historical Perspective

Honors Collegium 19

David Taylor ●●●●, F16, W17, S17
Mental Illness and Movies

International and Area Studies 19
Yoram Cohen, F16
Contemporary Israel: Strengths and Challenges of the 69-Year-Old Democracy

Ann Kerr ●●●●●●●●, F16
U.S. Values versus U.S. Interests in the Middle East and North African Diplomacy

Management 19

Avanidhar Subrahmanyam ●●, S17
Understanding Financial Markets

Military Science 19

Emily Ives, Katherine Jakle, and Santos Ortiz, F16
UCLA Centennial Initiative: Boots to Bruins, from Combat to Campus Life

Political Science 19

Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, W17
Thriving as a First-Generation College Student

Leslie Johns ●, F16
Contemporary Issues in International Politics

Leslie Johns ●, S17
Trump's Foreign Policy: Change or Continuity?

Susanne Lohmann ●●●, W17
Can't We Make Moral Judgments?

Susanne Lohmann ●●●, S17
Why We Disagree, and Can't Agree to Disagree, on the Trump Presidency

Arthur Stein, S17
Trump Administration Foreign Policy: Behind the Headlines

Sociology 19

Stefan Bargheer, S17
Environmental Sociology

Phillip Bonacich ●●, W17
Still Connected? Has Social Life Declined or Expanded in the Internet Age?

Karida Brown, S17
Readings from Behind the Veil: Evolving Thought of W.E.B. Du Bois

Jeffrey Guhin, F16
Why Do We Have Schools?

Jeffrey Guhin, S17
Evangelicals in America: Sex, Violence, Science, and Also Being Nice