Honors Seminars

Spring 2023
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Cults/Secret Societies/Conspiracy Theories have been blamed for unspeakable acts. We’ll see if proof may be found to substantiate these accusations. Wondered about the moon landing, Templar’s Treasure, JFK’s assassination, deaths of Marilyn Monroe or Houdini, or Area 51… this course is for you.

Meets: TR 9:30 – 10:45am
Professor: Peter Cohen
Credits: 3
CRN: 10406
HON 2030
Cultural Theory & Pop Culture

From music, movies, and video games to clothing, toys, and advertisements, popular culture shapes the way we think about ourselves and the world around us. Students will learn the fundamental theoretical approaches to the study of popular culture and apply them to everyday life.

Meets: TR 12:30-1:45 p.m.
Professor: Briana Pocratsky
Credits: 3
CRN: 18681
HON 2030
Ancient Views of History

This course of comparative studies examines various views of history in the four ancient traditions: the Indian, the Greco-Roman, the Chinese, and the Judeo-Christian. It studies also their influence on the global challenges today.

Meets: TR 11 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
Professor: Yanming An
Credits: 1
CRN: 18810
This course will explore the related cultures of settler colonialism and gentrification. We will read both primary and secondary texts that explore what scholars Tuck & Yang call "settler moves to innocence." Our texts will include books, statues, housing developments and cartoons.

Meets: TR 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Professor: Jonathan Beecher Field
Credits: 3
CRN: 15620
HON 2050
Architects Doing Architectures

What is it that architects actually do? And how do they do it? What motivates them? What worries them? What challenges does designing today’s built environment pose? This seminar will offer a look into the field of architecture as it rapidly, and radically, changes.

Meets: W 6:15-7:05 p.m.
Professor: Timothy Burl Brown
Credits: 1
CRN: 14617
HON 2050
Social Entrepreneurship

 Presents the foundational principals of conventional entrepreneurship and then moves on to explore how difference makers are changing the world by starting socially conscious companies and organizations relying on these creative, efficient, and profit seeking principles. All majors. All years.

Meets: T 6-7 p.m.
Professor: John Michael Hannon
Credits: 1
CRN: 15575
HON 2050
University-Industry Connection

Description forthcoming

Meets: W 11:15 a.m. -12:05 p.m.
Professor: Yuri Freeman
Credits: 1
CRN: 21013
You may have heard of Ada Lovelace or Sophie Germain. You might even have heard of Hypatia or Maryam Mirzakhani. But what about Mariel Vázquez or Emilie du Châtelet? We will explore the lives, mathematical contributions, and historical context of women whose songs may or not be widely sung.

Meets: MWF 12:20-1:10 p.m.
Professor: Eliza Gallagher and Neil Calkin
Credits: 1
CRN:
Tourism is one of the world’s largest industries with clear sustainability implications: Environmental, Socioeconomic, and Cultural.

Meets: TR 2 - 3:15 p.m.
Professor: Alexander Billinis
Credits: 3
CRN: 10407
How does the South build infrastructure to accommodate its demographic challenges and opportunities? What role does culture play in this, and how can experiences elsewhere in the US and the world provide relevant and culturally acceptable solutions for the South?

Meets: TR 12:30-1:45 p.m.
Professor: Alexander Billinis
Credits: 3
CRN: 12457
HON 2060
The Science of Ethics

How is ethical knowledge like and unlike "scientific" knowledge of the world around us? Are ethical judgments responses to ethical facts out there in the world, or merely records of our own biases and preferences? In this course we'll consider how knowledge of the natural world around us ("scientific" knowledge) is like and unlike ethical knowledge. We'll also look at the ways that science can change or improve ethical knowledge, and the ways that ethics can improve and expand scientific knowledge.

Meets: TR 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Professor: Charles Starkey

Credits: 3

CRN: 17881
HON 2090
French Discussion Group

This course is open to Honors students in FREN 2020 and above. We will explore and discuss a wide range of topics concerning French culture, history, art, and literature. Group discussions will be mainly in French (but in English when appropriate). Course materials will also be in French.

Meets: M 11:05-11:55 a.m.
Professor: Kenneth David Widgren
Credits: 1
CRN: 13370
HON 2090
Democracy in Crisis

Description forthcoming

Meets: TR 3:30-4:45 p.m.
Professor: Vladimir Matic
Credits: 3
CRN: 12961
In this Honors seminar, students will analyze short stories, articles, short films, and other authentic texts from the Spanish-speaking world. Also, they will apply their Spanish language and culture knowledge and use problem-solving techniques to design and solve virtual escape rooms in Spanish.

Meets: T 9:00 – 9:55 a.m.
Professor: Rosa Pillcurima
Credits: 1
CRN: 14145
HON 2090
Global History of Slavery

We will explore what it meant to be an enslaved person and the ways in which slaves’ experiences varied over time and space. In addition to discussing our class readings, students will investigate an aspect of slavery or unfreedom in an era and place that interests them.

Meets: MW 2:30-3:45 p.m.
Professor: Stephanie Hassell
Credits: 3
CRN: 18566
HON 2200
Geography of Race & Gender

Description forthcoming

Meets: TR 12:30-1:45 p.m.
Professor: Christa Smith
Credits: 3
CRN: 20920
HON 2210
Grand Masters: American SciFi/Fantasy

The SFWA Awards highlight American authors such as Isaac Asimov, Ursula K Le Guin, Peter Beagle, Ray Bradbury, Octavia Butler, Connie Willis, Gene Wolfe, & others, who have preserved a sense of wonder about the universe. You will study their science fiction & fantasy and write your own short story.

Meets: TR 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Professor: Brett C. Patterson
Credits: 3
CRN: 10410
Worldbuilding — the act of creating a complex, fully realized fictional world — is at the heart of fantasy and science fiction. Together, we will visit a variety of imaginary worlds, examining not only their construction, but also exploring how and why they emulate and deviate from the world we inhabit.

Meets: M 4:40-7:25 p.m.
Professor: April Susanne Pelt
Credits: 3
CRN: 12960
HON 2210
The French Fantastic

In 19th-century France, stories about vampires, haunted houses, and the supernatural, a genre called the “Fantastic” explode in popularity. Together we will read and discuss a selection of texts (all in translation) to explore this genre from historical, theoretical, and analytical points of view.

Meets: MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m.
Professor: Kenneth David Widgren
Credits: 3
CRN: 20922
HON 3960
Debunking Health Pseudoscience

This course explores pseudoscience and scientific misinformation and its effect on society. We will explore how charlatans have used pseudoscience and misinformation to dupe consumers, ways to spot deception, and how to evaluate their claims. We will also explore why pseudoscience is so popular.

Meets: MWF 10:10-11:00 a.m.
Professor: Elliot Ennis
Credits: 3
CRN: 20970
HON 3960
Leadership/Social Justice

In this course, you will learn more about leadership and your own leader identity. You will become more aware of the world around you and social justice issues we face as citizens in order to become a more self-aware, well-informed leader.

Meets: T 4-6 p.m.
Professor: Leslie A. Lewis
Credits: 2
CRN: 20994
HON 3960
Is Democracy Dying?

Are the world’s democracies in decline, or even in a death spiral? Recent books and articles, with titles like “How Democracies Die” and “The Strange Death of American Democracy,” would seem to suggest so. This course will examine this question from the perspectives of political science and history, with particular attention to the state of democracy in the United States.

Meets: TR 2-3:15 p.m.
Professor: William Lasser
Credits: 3
CRN: 21011
The Youth Scholars Program (YSP) Creative Inquiry is the primary organizing body for partnership between the Clemson University Honors College and local elementary, middle, and high schools in nearby school districts. CI Members will get hands-on experience with mentoring and tutoring students from 5th-12th grade through bi-weekly school visits during the class time and at various other times throughout the week (flexible times to be determined). Students will also be the primary organizers in strengthening partnerships between larger groups of Clemson students and local schools, through various research endeavors that directly inform programmatic and logistic decisions of the YSP.

Meets: W 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Professor: Michael L. LeMahieu and Sarah Winslow

Credits: 2

CRN: 19189

*Note: requires permission of instructor
HON 3980
Representations of Greek Life

This course explores media representations and experiences of Greek Life using sociological and feminist methods.

Meets: W 4-6:00 p.m.
Professor: Briana Pocratsky
Credits: 1-3
CRN: 20923