



Winter 2016 Honors Seminars

Seminars are restricted to students currently enrolled in the College Honors Program through College of Letters and Science.

These **two-unit** courses provide an opportunity for research exploration in various disciplines and consider advanced studies beyond college. To earn honors credit, seminars must be completed with a **letter grade** of B or higher. **Eligible students may take 8 units maximum of INT 84 seminars and 8 units maximum of INT 184 seminars.**

Add Codes for enrollment are made available only by the professor of the course. Please contact them directly for add codes during your assigned pass time.

**All Honors Seminars are 2 units.
Consult GOLD for additional course details.**

**Please note if your class is not a 10-week course the add/drop deadline
may be earlier.**

Lower-Division Seminars:

*****FIELD TRIP INCLUDED*****

**INT 84ZB: Causes and Consequences of Sea-Level Change: A Geologic Perspective
Professor Alex Simms – Earth Science**

**Day: Thursdays
Time: 3:30-4:20 PM
Location: GIRV 1108**

Enrollment Code: 60749

This seminar will meet once a week for 50 minutes. We will also go on a 3-day (January 28-30) fieldtrip to Anza-Borrego State Park (camping required) to examine rocks recording changing sea levels almost 5 million years ago.

Dr. Alex Simms is an associate professor in the Department of Earth Science. He is a sedimentologist/stratigrapher by training whose research focuses on studying how coastlines have responded to past changes in sea level, climate, and tectonics.

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INT 84JC: Drinking Water for the 21st Century
Professor Jordan Clark, Earth Science

Days: Wednesdays and Fridays
Time: 1:00-1:50pm
Location: HSSB 1228

Enrollment Code: 61671

The demand for drinking and irrigation water has soared creating supply problems globally. The 20th century solutions have lost their place among planners. New solutions are needed to meet the new demand. This class will examine a book by David Sedlak, 'Water 4.0' that offers solutions from increasing water supplies.

Dr. Clark is an environmental scientist who works in geochemistry and hydrology. Much of his current research relates to water supply problems in California. In particular, he investigates groundwater flow near Managed Aquifer Recharge sites. He has taught a version of this class numerous times.

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INT 84ZD: Memory & History in Contemporary Spanish Literature & Film
Professor Silvia Bermudez – Spanish and Portuguese

Day: Mondays
Time: 2:00-3:50 PM
Location: HSSB 1237

Enrollment Code: 60756

This course will examine how contemporary Spanish authors and filmmakers have assessed the political and historical events of the past 100 years.

Professor Bermúdez' areas of research and teaching are Contemporary Iberian and Latin American Studies. She is currently researching on Mediterranean Studies, Galician authors, and contemporary Spanish pop music.

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INT 84ZE: Crime and Punishment
Professor Sara Pankenier Weld – Germanic and Slavic Studies

Day: Thursdays
Time: 1:00-2:50 PM

Location: HSSB 4201

Enrollment Code: 60764

Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky knew much about the criminal mind and experience since he spent years in a Siberian prison camp himself. His writings grapple with big questions that still plague us today. We will discuss issues raised by *Crime and Punishment* as we immerse ourselves in Dostoevsky's captivating novel.

Sara Pankenier Weld is an assistant professor of Russian and Comparative Literature at UCSB. She teaches and researches Russian literature, comparative literature, and children's literature. She has traveled extensively in Russia, including as far north as the Arctic Ocean and across this fascinating and vast country on the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

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Upper-Division Seminars:

INT 184JP: Law and Disobedience
Professor John Park – Asian American Studies

Day: Fridays
Time: 10:00-11:50 am
Location: see GOLD for details

Enrollment Code: 27961

This seminar explores how Americans have often disobeyed laws and rules to assist people who've been regarded as unlawful or illegal. The course begins with a discussion of slavery and the American constitution, and then proceeds to topics like slavery, illegal Asian migration, miscegenation rules, and finally, illegal immigrants after 1965.

John Park is Chair and Professor of Asian American Studies. He teaches and conducts research on immigration law and policy, migration trends, and comparative ethnic studies.

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INT 184PD: Introduction to Clinical Medicine

This course is designed to provide students interested in a medically related career an introduction to clinical medicine. Upper-division standing and consent of instructor required. The selection process is competitive. Honors students interested in INT 184PD should review the course requirements (see link below) and if eligible, email Dr. Stephen Blain, sblain@ltsc.ucsb.edu

<http://www.duels.ucsb.edu/honors/advantages/health>

INT 184DH: Introduction to Clinical Medicine **(This course is for those who have already taken INT 184PD)**

This course is designed to provide students interested in a medically related career an introduction to clinical medicine. Upper-division standing and consent of instructor required. The selection process is competitive. Honors students interested in INT 184DH should review the course requirements (see link below) and if eligible, email Dr. Stephen Blain, sblain@ltsc.ucsb.edu

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Students: Please remember to read through the course requirements for INT 184PD and INT 184DH prior to contacting our office about enrollment.

INT 184PS: The Mystery of the Iron Mask: History as a Detective Story **Professor Paul Sonnino – History**

Day: Tuesdays
Time: 5:00-6:50 pm
Location: LSB 1101

Enrollment Code: 60707

Professor Sonnino is in the process of publishing his latest book "On the Trail of the Iron Mask," which contains the solution of the mystery. In previous seminars we began by analyzing key documents and proceeded to read a number of chapters from the book. But in this seminar, as in the most recent one offered during Spring 2015, after we work on the documents, students will go on to the entire book and discover the solution. Professor Sonnino has received special dispensation from his publisher to present hard copies of each chapter on Gaucho Space for the personal use of the students enrolled without any copyright infringement

Paul Sonnino has been teaching at UCSB since 1967. He has taught the survey in Western Civilization, upper division courses in early modern European history, and graduate courses in Historiography and has managed to be extremely outspoken about his

opinions by taking advantage of the wonderful diversity afforded by the University of California.

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INT 184VW: What is Beauty?

Professor Volker M. Welter – History of Art & Architecture

Day: Fridays
Time: 9:00-10:50 am
Location: HSSB 4201

Enrollment Code: 60715

Many of us recognize beauty when we see it, yet when we try to describe it, it often eludes us. This seminar will read and discuss classic texts on beauty by philosophers, artists, and art historians like, for example, Plotinus, Johann Joachim Winkelmann, Edmund Burke, Ralph Waldo Emerson, George Santayana, Jun'ichir? Tanizaki, and Elaine Scarry.

Professor Volker M. Welter PhD (Univ Edinb) teaches modern architectural history in the Dept. of the History of Art & Architecture. His teaching focuses in particular on the aesthetics of architecture, the often strenuous relationship between architecture and the natural world, and the beauty architecture can add to the latter.

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INT 184ZC: How to build a Habitable Planet: The Story of Earth from the Big Bang to Humankind

Professor Frank Spera – Earth Science

Day: Fridays
Time: 9:00-10:50 am
Location: GIRV 2124

Enrollment Code: 60723

Interweaving physics, astronomy, chemistry, geology and biology we can outline a sweeping account of Earth's complete history, from synthesis of chemical elements in stars, the formation of the Solar System, the evolution of a habitable climate on Earth, to the origin of Life and Humankind. This birds-eye-view informs us how to keep the planet habitable to future generations of Isla Vista aliens.

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Professor Frank J. Spera has taught Earth Science at the University level since 1977 and at UCSB since 1985. His interests include volcanology, the properties of molten rocks and the origin and evolution of the Earth and other objects in the Solar System and beyond. He is especially interested in applying physical chemistry and fluid mechanics to Earth Science problems including geothermal resources and the origins of some mineral resources.

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INT 184ZJ: “Digital Humanities” Case Study in the Performing Arts
Professor Katherine Saltzman-Li – East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

Day: 1st 5 Monday and Wednesdays
Time: 5:30-7:20 pm
Location: HSSB 4201

Enrollment Code: 60731

What are the digital humanities? What can online resources and presentations offer that improve scholarly research and the dissemination and teaching value of research results? We will address these questions through actual practice: by developing and improving an existing website devoted to the performing arts, we will combine practical experience with analysis of the pluses and minuses of digital approaches in the humanities, particularly in presenting performing arts.

Professor Katherine Saltzman-Li teaches in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies. Her teaching and research focus on Japanese theatre, Japanese literature, Japanese folklore, classical Japanese, and Japanese cultural studies. She is Director, Global Performing Arts Consortium (GloPAC), a website devoted to the performing arts.

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We encourage you to continue to check our website for additions to our **Honors Seminars** offerings.

<http://www.duels.ucsb.edu/honors/curriculum/courses>

Please see the Section list online Winter 2016 Honors Sections.