FIRST YEAR SEMINARS  
FALL 2022

COURSE OFFERINGS AS OF 03/25/2022

CRN: 62177
LIVING IN THE PAST: EXPERIMENTAL ARCAEOLOGY
Professor Andrew Gurstelle, Department of Anthropology

This course introduces students to the basic principles of experimental archaeology, a branch of archaeological research that balances experimental data collection with embodied learning. Experimental archaeology investigates the past by recreating and testing ancient practices and technologies. These were fundamental to the survival of ancient cultures, but have since become archaic or obsolete in the modern era and have dropped out of our cultural consciousness. Experimental archaeology allows us to engage with ancient cultures by replicating their way of life—gaining a unique perspective on how people in the past lived.

MW 12:30 – 1:45  TBD  Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 61851
SAVE THE WORLD IN ONE CLICK: HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIANISM IN THE FACEBOOK ERA
Professor Karin Friederic, Department of Anthropology

Humanitarianism and human rights activism are growing forms of action to alleviate social problems in our contemporary world. Young people, in particular, are inundated by appeals to participate in charitable efforts through social media networks. Through ethnographic case studies, this seminar will investigate the uses, significance, and limitations of such campaigns that harness human rights discourse in a variety of humanitarian initiatives. This course gives students the critical tools to study these campaigns and interventions as a political process with an array of diverse cultural actors and often unexpected outcomes.

MW 2:00 – 3:15  CARSWELL 018  Fall 2022

CRN: 62131
LOST CONTINENTS, ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS, AND MYSTERIOUS MOUNDBUILDERS: PSEUDOSCIENCE, EPISTEMOLOGY AND THE HUMAN PAST
Professor Paul Thacker, Department of Anthropology

The human past often is portrayed as full of mystery, with Moundbuilders, mummy curses, lost arks and refugees from Atlantis eluding discovery. This course explores these archaeological problems while critically examining how scientific archaeologists build knowledge about the
past. Case studies including the peopling of the Americas, prehistoric cannibals, and the African civilization of Great Zimbabwe provide students with an opportunity to evaluate archaeological evidence and arguments of interpretations. Discussions about archaeological ethics demonstrate the social context of scientific archaeology and the politics of the past in the present.

TR 2:00 – 3:15        CARSWELL 018        Fall 2022

CRN: 63082
DISCOVERING THE AVANT GARDE
Professor Leigh Ann Hallberg, Department of Art

This seminar will explore the art and historical context of the visual avant-garde through readings, research, videos, discussion, and related activities. The course will provide methods for compositional and conceptual analysis of art and an understanding of the context of their creation.

TR 2:00 – 3:15        SFAC 103        Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled.
Registration is limited.

CRN: 63300
BEWARE THE IDES, BEWARE THE HEMLOCK: ROLEPLAYING CRISIS IN ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME
Professor THM Gellar-Goad, Department of Classics

The Thirty Tyrants have at long last been expelled from Athens, and now it is up to you and your closest friends and enemies to determine the future of the greatest city-state in the Mediterranean - and the future of the gadfly philosopher Socrates. The conspiracy of Catiline has been uncovered, and the fate of the conspirators and of Rome rests in your hands. Two decades later, the dictator Julius Caesar has been assassinated, and it falls upon you to maneuver through the wrangling in the Senate to decide what the People of Rome should do. You will play in three “Reacting to the Pase” scenarios set in ancient Greece and Rome: you will become a stakeholder in these world-changing crises and you will fight, speak, study, sweet-talk, and coerce your way to power over your classmates, be they allies or adversaries. This course is suitable for all students of all kinds, interests, and backgrounds, and will offer fun, low-pressure opportunities to develop writing, public speaking, critical thinking, and persuasion skills. This is a service-learning course in which all students will spend time working with community partners to help address local needs and aid reflection on course material.

MWF 2:00 – 2:50        TRIB A 303        Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled.
Registration is limited.
CRN: 61789
TRAGIC LOVE STORIES, ANCIENT AND MODERN
Professor Brain Warren, Department of Classics

Two civilizations in particular have shaped our understanding of political life and civic responsibility in deep and profound ways: Greece and Rome. We are heavily indebted to the ancient world for our ideas about not only the structure and operation of government but also what it means for the individual to be a citizen and to act like one. This course will aid students in returning to the intellectual roots of our beliefs about citizenship. We will also investigate how classical history and literature influenced modern Western political thought, especially in the late medieval and early modern periods.

MW 11:00 – 12:15
TBD
Fall 2022

CRN: 63301
NO GREATER GLORY: ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN ATHLETICS
Professor Amy Lather, Department of Classics

From the founding of the Olympic games to gladiators in the arena, ancient Greeks and Romans were obsessed with athletic feats. Through analysis of a wide range of sources (literary, epigraphical, archaeological) spanning the 7th-century BCE Homeric world to the 3rd-century CE Roman empire, in this course we will investigate the world of athletics and athletic competition in ancient Greece and Rome.

TR 11:00 – 12:15
TRIB A 303
Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 62134
THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM INCARCERATION TO RE-INTERGRATION UNDERSTANDING EX-OFFENDER RE-ENTRY
Professor Mark Scholl, Department of Counseling

Ex-offenders returning to the community in Forsyth County, following a period of incarceration, face a host of challenges in their efforts to become re-integrated into the local community. This course will promote student understanding of the special barriers and challenges faced by ex-offenders, understanding of evidence-based theoretical models supporting successful re-integration, and knowledge of professional change agents, and existing community support programs. We will examine cases of successful re-entry from real life and in fiction, in writing and in movies. Students will articulate a personal philosophy of community engagement.

TR 2:00 – 3:15
TBD
Fall 2022
THRIVE: CREATING A LIFE OF POSITIVE WELL-BEING
Professor Allison Forti, Department of Counseling

What makes people happy? Why do some people seem to thrive in life despite their challenging circumstances? This seminar course will seek to answer those questions and more, as students are introduced to the exciting world of strength-based wellness and positive psychology. Students will learn about relevant strength-based concepts including positive emotions, mindfulness, resilience, post-traumatic growth, optimism, positive health, among others. This course will offer the opportunity to engage in lively debate (e.g., Can money buy happiness?) and transformative experiences that, hopefully, will increase students’ ability to thrive at Wake Forest University and beyond.

TR 12:30 – 1:45 TBD Fall 2022

CRN: 61775
BECOMING AN ETHICAL CONSUMER
Professor Marina Krcmar, Department of Communication

Our consumer-oriented society uses the media to convince us that we are what we buy, what we wear, what we drive and what products we use. We are taught to constantly think about ourselves in terms of what we have. But how do the things that we buy affect the larger world? This class will explore the world in terms of the things that we consume on a regular basis, with a special emphasis on food and clothing. We will examine how these consumption habits affect labor around the world and our natural environment.

MW 2:00 – 3:15 CARSWELL 305 Fall 2022

CRN: 61839
GREAT AMERICAN SPEECHES
Professor John Llewellyn, Department of Communication

Public speeches are monuments to history and precursors of societal change. This class will read, closely examine and discuss a portion of the one hundred most significant American speeches of the 20th century. From the speech that American scholars of rhetoric voted the century’s most significant – Martin Luther King’s "I Have a Dream" address – to less well-known addresses, the class will explore the intersection of history, rhetoric and eloquence. Several books on presidential speech writing will also be read and discussed.

WF 2:00 – 3:15 CARSWELL 302 Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.
ENCOUNTERING THE OTHER: CHINA AND THE WEST
Professor Yaohua Shi, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

This is an interdisciplinary course drawing on history, literature, film, and art in order to examine the cultural contact, conflict, and confluence between China and the West. We will focus on key moments in the often-troubled relations between the Celestial Kingdom and the West and explore the imaginings and misapprehensions of the Other in philosophical treatises, travel diaries, and pseudo-scientific articles and recent cross-cultural theoretical works by Chinese and Western writers. We will investigate the possibility of cultural confluence in the age of globalization through a reassessment of the career of Giuseppe Castiglione, who served under Qianlong Emperor in the 18th century.

TR 2:00 – 3:15  TBD  Fall 2022

GLOBAL STUDIES
Professor Megan Regan, Department of Economics, Course offered in partnership with Contemporary Global Studies

This course is a multi-disciplinary introduction to important topics and basic theories that are useful in making sense of contemporary debates and challenges of international studies. Specific topics include cross-border conflict, migration, evolution of the global economy, security, consequences and growing dissatisfaction with globalization, and various methods to promote international cooperation.

TR 11:00 – 12:15  KIRBY 108  Fall 2022

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE
Professor Linda Nielsen, Department of Education

This course explores the research in psychology and sociology explaining the impact of divorce on children and on their parents.

TR 3:30 – 4:45  TRIBBLE A 205  Fall 2022

CO2 AND THE FUTURE OF EARTH
Professor Debbie French, Department of Education

Climate scientist Dr. Katharine Hayhoe notes, “It’s real. It’s us. It’s serious. And the window of time to prevent dangerous impacts is closing fast.” This course examines carbon dioxide’s effect on Earth’s climate. Students will actively investigate the interdisciplinary science behind global warming, model global economic, political, and environmental impacts due to climate change, and evaluate solutions for mitigating the effects of climate change.
The professor for CRN 61838 will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 63276
WHAT CAN BE LEARNED FROM A CHILDREN’S BOOK
Professor Pat Cunningham, Department of Education

The world of children’s literature is vast and various. Through books, children can travel to faraway places, both real and imagined. They can explore the past and venture into the future. Much of who we are and what we know and believe as adults can be traced back to the books we read as children. In this seminar, we will explore the world of books written for children and the contribution of these books to who we are as adults.

MW 2:00 – 3:15 TRIBBLE A 3 Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 63291
QUEERING STEM: EXPLORING LGBTQ+ EXPERIENCES IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, MATHEMATICS, AND ENGINEERING
Professor Patricia Clayton, Department of Engineering

Why do people from marginalized identities often feel a “chilly climate” in STEM? What can we do to create more inclusive spaces in STEM? This seminar will review research on the experiences of folks with LGBTQ+ and other intersectional identities in STEM to imagine what truly inclusive STEM educational and professional spaces looks like.

TR 3:45 – 5:00 WAKE DOWNTOWN 1615 Fall 2022

CRN: 64147
CRN: 62339
LANGUAGES OF THE CAROLINAS
Professor Jon Smart, Department of English with the Writing Program

Participants in this seminar explore how language, identity, and place are all interrelated through examining the languages and dialects of North and South Carolina. In the course, we will explore differences in pronunciation and vocabulary, the history of languages spoken in the Carolinas, as well as the stories of the people who speak them. As part of the class, we collect and analyze language data first-hand and engage in critical discussion on issues relevant to local communities.

TR 9:30 – 10:45 TBD Fall 2022
TR 12:30 – 1:45 TBD Fall 2022
CRN: 62146
LAW AND LITERATURE
Professor Chris Brown, Department of English

From “The Wire” and The Hunger Games to the musical Hamilton and Beyonce’s “Formation” video, American culture in our new century takes up the law at nearly every turn. Writers and artists and cultural critics often turn to narrative to think about how we are shaped as legal actors. How do we, as readers of literary and popular culture, participate in and occasionally resist the law's influence? In this course we will look at examples of the relationship between law and art across many genres – legal argument, statutes, literature, film, music, sculpture, poetry, drama – to think about the law both as it is and how we imagine it might be.

TR 9:30 – 10:45   TBD   Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 61357
ANIMALS MAKE US HUMAN? A SERVICE LEARNING COURSE
Professor Melissa Jenkins, Department of English

This course turns the title of Temple Grandin’s animal rights/slaughterhouse rights book, Animals Make Us Human, into its driving question. Topics will include animal rights and animal cruelty, the psychological effects of owning or interacting with animals, and current research about animal cognition and evolution. Course texts will include religious writings, fiction, speeches, theoretical essays, science writing, popular journalism, and film. The readings and assignments emphasize how literary, scientific, and socio-cultural engagements with the non-human world, while valuable in themselves, also serve to illuminate the human condition. This is a service-learning course that requires a commitment of time outside of class hours, and, in most cases, direct contact with animals, so please take note of this when registering. This course partners with Forsyth Humane Society, a local non-profit animal rescue organization.

TR 12:30 – 1:45   TBD   Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 63324
GLOBALIZATION AND CULTURE
Professor Omar Hena, Department of English

Globalization may be the defining feature of the contemporary world and yet no one seems to agree on exactly what it means. For some, globalization brings the dream of cross-cultural connection and the founding of global civil society; but for others it spells the on-going nightmare of Western cultural imperialism and inter-ethnic conflict. Throughout the term, this course will question how globalization and world literature interact with one another. Does literature simply reflect globalization, at least as critics and scholars debate the term? Or do literature and cultural practices imagine and produce forms of globalization that are not accounted for in theory? And how might an emphasis on culture and cultural difference (race,
class, gender, and sexuality) in an imaginative context change the way we think about, relate to, and live in our global era?

MW 12:30 – 1:45    TBD    Fall 2022

CRN: 63352
AMERICAN ART IN ITS MANY CONTEXTS: THE COLLECTION AT REYNOLDA HOUSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART
Professor Barry Maine, Department of English

This first-year seminar will meet twice a week at Reynolda House Museum of American Art. The house itself and the collection of American art there will provide the focus for the seminar, as we attempt to interpret what is on display there in the context of American art history, and American literature and culture. We will begin by asking the following questions: What is a museum for? How did this one in particular come into being? What contexts are most useful in interpreting the paintings in the permanent collection, and in the American Photorealism exhibition?

TR 2:00 – 3:15    REYNOLDA HOUSE    Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 64160
NATIONAL IDENTITY FORMATION: THE MYTH OF THE DRAGONSLAYER
Professor Tina Boyer, Department of German and Russian Studies

The myth of the dragon slayer, from Norse poetry to German epic, has had a lasting influence on the cultural heritage of Germany. This course analyzes the myth and its medieval origin and places it in the political and social context of the nineteenth and twentieth century. By reading the Nibelungenlied, listening to Wagner’s Ring Cycle and watching Fritz Lang’s famous cinematic interpretation we will trace the myth and its influence on German national identity formation.

MW 12:30 – 1:45    TBD    Fall 2022

CRN: 64161
IN COLD BLOOD: EXAMINING THE PSYCHOPATH IN LITERATURE, FILM, AND TELEVISION
Professor Molly Knight, Department of German and Russian Studies

In this course, we will investigate representations of the psychopath – a person who feels no remorse and manipulates others, often to violent ends – in American and European literature, film, and television, from the origins of the term in nineteenth-century Germany to our contemporary American obsession with onscreen serial killers like Hannibal Lecter and Dexter Morgan. Why is Western culture so fascinated by psychopathy, and how is this mental disorder employed metaphorically in fiction and popular culture?
The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 64162
UNRAVELING THE RIDDLE OF RUSSIA: CONTEMPORARY RUSSIAN CULTURE AND SOCIETY
Professor Elena Clark, Department of German and Russian Studies

Russia makes the news on a daily basis, and yet most Americans know no more of this enormous and highly diverse country than the sensationalist headlines they see in the press. Using a broad sampling of Russian and Western texts and sources, this course will provide students with an introduction to contemporary Russian society, an overview of what is happening in Russia today, and some possible explanations of why Russia is the way it is and why cooperation between it and the West can be so difficult at times.

MWF 11:00 – 11:50  WAKERSPACE  Fall 2022

CRN: 62380
TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCES APPROACHES OF COFFEE, TEA, WINE, AND CHOCOLATE
Professor Gary Miller, Department of Health and Exercise Science

Introduces the rationale and imperative for clinical and translational science, which seeks to hasten the progress of scientific discovery into healthcare practice. Emphasis will be placed on research pertaining to health and nutrition. Reading assignments and questions pertaining to specific topics in this area will be made weekly. Students will turn in writing responses on the first day for each topic, with group presentations the following class period.

TR 12:30 – 1:45  WORRELL 1162  Fall 2022

CRN: 62240
GREAT NOVELS: THE WORLD OF THE FAMILY
Professor Tom Phillips, Department of Interdisciplinary Humanities

Participants will spend the first two weeks discussing and writing about family life, to craft a template by which the class can read, discuss, interpret, and write about these novels of family life. The goal is to appreciate family function, dysfunction, and human dynamic through the lens of novels broadly judged to be significant.

TR 8:00 – 9:15  TBD  Fall 2022

CRN: 64253
MEMORIAL CONTENTIONS
Professor Lisa Blee, Department of History

Which memorials, statues, and historic sites should be remembered, preserved, honored, or removed? Monuments and heritage sites have recently become flashpoints in contentious
discussions of how we draw meaning from the past. These sites prompt reconsiderations of
U.S. history and the responsibility we owe to the past and one another today. This course
provides students with site visits and opportunities to learn about, analyze, and discuss the
complex issues surrounding historical memory at historic sites.

R 10:00 – 12:30       TBD       Fall 2022

CRN: 62127
EXPLORING INDIA THROUGH TRAVELERS AND TRAVELOUGES
Professor Rais Rahman, Department of History

American traveler and author Mark Twain once wrote about India as “the cradle of the human
race” and “the most extraordinary country.” Hundreds and even thousands of travelers from
around the world have penned their observations on and reminiscences about their travels in
India. This rich body of literature vividly captures the social, economic, political, and cultural
history of India. This first-year seminar explores facets of Indian society through the eyes of
indigenous and foreign travelers. Such travel accounts will be complemented with other textual
sources and a host of visual materials—films and documentaries—in order to explore various
themes such as landscape, arts, architecture, religious rites, customs, festivals, and politics of
India.

TR 11:00 – 12:15       TRIBBLE A 104       Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled.
Registration is limited.

CRN: 63157
LITERATURE AND POPULAR CULTURE IN CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA
Professor Peter Knappczyk, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asia Studies

This seminar examines fiction, poetry, television, and film from modern India and Pakistan in
order to explore prominent social issues and cultural debates in contemporary South Asia. The
course will focus on examples from popular culture, considering the ideals and tensions that
they embody with respect to a range of themes, including post-colonialism and nationalism,
gender and sexuality, religious communalism, and conflicts between traditional and
contemporary identities.

MW 12:30 – 1:45       TBD       Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled.
Registration is limited.

CRN: 64322
LEADERSHIP: ESSENTIALLY SIMPLE, YET A LIFELONG STUDY
Professor Buz Moser, Department of Military Science

Do you have the essential skills, flexibility and resiliency to be a successful first-time supervisor?
Do you understand what it truly takes to effectively lead and build a strong and built-to-last
team? Those answers typically come from honest self-awareness as well as having a firm grasp
of the cornerstones of solid leadership. In this seminar you'll first learn about your own relative strengths, weaknesses, and tendencies as a leader and team-builder in a wide range of areas. Along the way, we'll discuss several basic leadership models. In the end, through hands-on exercises and dynamic discussions and interviews with proven leaders in the worlds of business, politics, sports and the military, you'll craft your own leadership style and develop your first-draft personal leadership philosophy.

TR 9:30 – 10:45     WORRELL 0172     Fall 2022

CRN: 62184
CHINA AND THE SILK ROAD
Professor Stewart Carter, Department of Music

This course examines the commercial, religious, artistic, and political history of China and its relations with countries to its west from the 2nd century C.E. to the 21st century.

MW 2:00 – 3:15     SCALES M 307     Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 62123
CRN: 62217
THE IDEA OF AMERICA
Professor Adam Kadlac, Department of Philosophy

The goal of the course is to engage in philosophical reflection on several key points in American history—Independence, Constitution, Civil War, and Civil Rights—with the aim of answering the question: “What does it mean to be an American?”

WF 9:30 – 10:45     TBD     Fall 2022
WF 11:00 – 12:15     TBD     Fall 2022

CRN: 62135
POWER AND THE US ELECTRICAL GRID
Professor Jack Dostal, Department of Physics

The U.S. electrical grid harnesses the energy output of many different sources, (coal, hydro, nuclear, wind, solar, etc.) and delivers electrical power to the nation in real time. A functional, robust system for delivery of electrical power is critical to our daily lives; without it our lives would be turned upside down. Grid failure could occur due to general system failure, natural events, terrorism, or even a simple inability to meet increasing demand. Students in this seminar will learn about the history and nature of our power grid and some of its underlying physics, study different types of power generation that tie into the grid, investigate alternative systems in other countries, and engage in discussion and writing about issues relevant to the present day and to the future of such systems.

TR 9:30 – 10:45     OLIN 105     Fall 2022
THE WORLD’S MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE: USING SEMI-BIG DATA TO DECIDE THE ORIGINS OF INFLUENCE
Professor Jed Macosko, Department of Physics

Who has influenced our world? Who influences it now? Is it possible to use the principles of Big Data to discover the Who’s-Who in each field? In this class, we will explore a new website that attempts to do exactly that, and we will draw our own conclusions about how successful it is. Using this website as a springboard, we will use inquiry and analysis to find the top influencers in each sphere. Students will choose academic disciplines that interest them and present their findings on people who have influenced those fields. Students will also read the writings and speeches of these influencers. Throughout the class, we will examine the benefits and dangers of Big Data and of collective knowledge repositories such as Wikipedia.

TR 11:00 – 12:15  OLIN 105  Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 64141
GANDHI
Professor Hank Kennedy, Department of Political Science

This seminar explores in detail the life, teachings and method of nonviolent coercion (satyagraha) practiced and advocated by Mohandas K. Gandhi. The course starts with a detailed exploration of interpretations of Gandhi’s life including Stanley Wolpert’s biography Gandhi’s Passion. It also explores Gandhi’s religious thought, the psychological underpinnings of that thought, and throughout focuses on his role as political activist. Students will also be assigned materials from Gandhi’s own voluminous writings found in his Autobiography, Hind Swaraj, and in Louis Fischer’s edited volume. Armed with this background students will be directed into at least one of the following directions: 1) towards a more detailed treatment of one of the themes mentioned above; 2) towards an applied version of the Gandhian method as it applies to later proponents of nonviolent coercion (e.g., Martin Luther King); and/or 3) towards the organization of an original, albeit usually mock, satyagraha campaign (group project) directed at a student-defined local target. In any case, the findings of the student’s research or activist experience will then be shared with the other seminar participants.

W 2:00 – 4:30  KIRBY B 01B  Fall 2022

CRN: 62175
ALCOHOL: HISTORY, USE, AND MISUSE
Professor Melissa Maffeo, Department of Psychology

Alcohol is one of the most abused drugs among young adults and, in particular, college students. In this class, we will examine alcohol as a drug. We will consider the history of alcohol use and misuse, highlighting certain alcohol use disorders for which college students are particularly at-risk. Over the course of the semester, we will also examine the effects of alcohol on the brain, cognition, and on the unborn fetus.

MWF 9:00-9:50  GREENE 312  Fall 2022
MEASURING THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE  
Professor Veronica Cole, Department of Psychology  

Whether we know it or not, we are always being measured. From the standardized tests that assess our progress through school, to our electronic health records, to the ways in which online streaming services always seem to know what we like, we are constantly subject to efforts to reduce some aspect of our life to a numerical index. In this class, we will address a variety of questions about measurement through the lens of psychology. What makes a good measure of human behavior? What is the appropriate role of measurement in our society? How should measurement impact decision-making? We will take a psychological perspective on these questions, analyzing historical and current perspectives on measurement, analyzing research articles, position pieces, and popular media.

TR 9:30 – 10:45  
GREENE 160  
Fall 2022

WHO AM I: A SOCIOCULTURAL APPROACH TO SELF AND IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT  
Professor Lisa Kiang, Department of Psychology  

Understanding who we are is a fundamental aspect of human nature. How do we become who we are? What obstacles do we face in asserting our self and identities? How do our personal, social, and cultural identities fit with the rest of society? This course will tackle these issues by examining theoretical and cultural perspectives on self and identity, as well as scientific research regarding self and identity development. Memoirs, popular fiction, and films will be used to enhance comprehension.

TR 11:00 – 12:15  
GREENE 160  
Fall 2022

RELIGION, ROCK MUSIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE  
Professor Lucas Johnston, Department for the Study of Religions  

This course is a student-focused course which analyses the emergence of rock music, the social milieus in which it thrived, and the political impacts of its messaging. Students will attend to the ways in which popular music and art reflected and shaped political, economic, and social trends. Specifically, we will review the formative influence of the blues, jazz, and traditional American musical styles contributed to rock music, and analyze the role of music in public contestations regarding moral, political, and social norms.

MW 12:30 – 1:45  
WINGATE 314  
Fall 2022

MW 2:00 – 3:15  
WINGATE 314  
Fall 2022
CONSIDERING CONTEMPLATION: MYSTICAL PRACTICES FROM ACROSS TRADITIONS
Professor Nelly van Doorn Harder, Department for the Study of Religions

There is a growing interest in practices such as contemplation, and meditation with as goal more mindful living. Schools are introducing mindfulness as a way to help relieve daily stress among students and teachers. A growing body of scientific publications shows benefits of slowing down the hectic pace of life. One elementary school district in Baltimore, for example, is experimenting with students who face detention, to send them to the meditation room instead. Few of us realize, however, that these practices are based on ancient teachings found within the major world religions. All have a long history of promoting the importance of silencing the mind and listening to one’s inner being, or the “heart” instead. In this FYS, students study influential voices and writings from Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Furthermore, we will study medical and neuroscientific findings about how such practices have positive influences on the mind as well as the body.

WF 9:30 – 10:45 WINGATE 206 Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 64144
FROM BAD BUNNY TO BOLLYWOOD: POP CULTURE AROUND THE WORLD
Professor Lauren Miller, Department of Spanish & Italian

This course will explore global pop culture phenomena produced primarily in languages other than English in order to understand the complex interaction between pop culture, politics, economics, history, psychology, sociology, and technology. Students will explore viewpoints different from their own via authentic cultural production while still having the opportunity to engage personally with media presented by the professor and of their own choosing.

TR 2:00 – 3:15 GREENE 250 Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 64145
DON’T CALL ME CRAZY! A JOURNEY INTO WOMEN’S MENTAL HEALTH IN FICTION AND FILM
Professor Silvia Tiboni-Craft, Department of Spanish & Italian

For centuries women have been portrayed by male authors in literature and by larger society as prone to neurotic diseases such as depression, anxiety and hysteria. Italian writer Giovanni Papini called the 19th century the “century of neurosis” and the impact of neurosis on women’s lives and bodies in particular appears frequently in literature. From novels, short stories, contemporary films and newspaper articles written between the end of the 19th century to the modern day, this course aims to understand how such malese is represented in the Italian context and beyond. Using ideas from narrative medicine we will study how stories of malese have been used to attack women but also how women use the written word as therapy to heal
through storytelling. Through analysis and digital projects, we will explore how women use their voices to denounce the pain of being marginalized by a patriarchal society that called them “crazy.”

MW 12:30 – 1:45          TBD          Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 63071

Professor Kevin Frazier, Department of Theatre and Dance

Using graphic novels from The Dark Knight Returns to Fun Home, the course will examine both the function of the superhero in American mythology, as well as the diverse perspectives and historical contexts explored by the modern graphic novel, highlighting the medium as a vibrant and dynamic artform.

MWF 10:00 – 10:50          SFAC 208          Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.

CRN: 63072

THEATRE ALIVE!!!
Professor JK Curry, Department of Theatre and Dance

Theatre Alive! will follow the process, production and the artistic choices involved in mounting the University Theatre's productions; Doubt by John Patrick Shanley and Sonnets For An Old Century by Jose Rivera. The course will explore how a production team comes to understand and agree on the ideas and values inherent in a play script and then how these ideas and values are communicated from the stage. This will be an active engagement course with lively discussions and creative presentations.

MW 12:30 – 1:45          SFAC 208          Fall 2022

The professor for this class will also serve as lower-division adviser for students enrolled. Registration is limited.