

Honors Art 9

Contemporary Art History

The twentieth century saw almost every assumption about art explode as society dealt with world wars, financial crises and the threat of nuclear annihilation. Through it all, artists tried to cope with fundamental questions: What is art? Who is an artist? What is the role of the artist in a chaotic world? Through fascinating films, slide shows and



lectures about influential movements like Pop Art, the Impressionists and Dadaism, Honors Students will grapple with and learn to love (and perhaps hate) some of the most famous, and most controversial works in contemporary art. You'll also get the chance to explore to vibrant Bay Area art scene, searching out the next Warhol.

TuTh 8-9:20AM UC Elective Units, CSU Area C1, Honors:Humanities/Arts

Professor Lucy Snow received her B.S. in psychology from Tufts University in Boston and her MFA in art from UC Berkeley. On the path which brought her to LMC five years ago, she cultivated tilapia with the Peace Corps in Costa Rica, and taught Spanish in an upstate New York Catholic high school. You might find her in the sculpture area working with students as they throw pots, sew, or weld thier art. She looks forward to teaching her first Honors Class and helping Honors Students discover their own connection with the art all around us.

Honors Economics 5

An Economic History of the U.S.

Did you ever wonder whether there are any parallels between the stock market crash of the 1930's, the dot-com implosion of the early 2000s and the current credit and foreclosure crisis? Have you stayed up at night pondering whether Bill Gates is richer now than John D. Rockefeller was at the beginning



of the 20th century? These intriguing questions and more will be explored by this Honors Course that examines the origin and development of the American Economy from the Colonial Era to the present time. If you love history, intrigue and the study of capitalism, you'll love this course. **MWF 1-1:50PM**

IGETC Area 4F, CSU Area D5 & US History B; Honors: Soc/Beh Science

Professor Shalini Lugani's first teaching position was with honors students at the University of Delhi in India. Ever since then teaching has been her passion and she strives to impart a hunger for learning and logical thinking. She received her PhD from the University of Georgia (home of the Georgia Bull Dogs!) and has been awarded a Rotary International Scholarship for advanced studies along with membership in Gamma Sigma Delta in recognition of high scholarship, outstanding achievement and service to agricultural sciences.



Honors English 221

Advanced Composition & Critical Thinking

What do a laundry detergent ad, a presidential campaign speech, a lawyer's courtroom argument, a column in the *LMC*

Experience, and the heated words of Glenn Beck on Fox News all have in common? They are all arguments: someone is trying to persuade you, using some sort of reasoning, emotional appeal, rhetorical bluster, or some such trickery.

English 221 is an advanced composition class (meaning you write essays)



that focuses on arguments. We slice them, dice them, question them, praise them when they're good, bow down to no

authorities (right or left wing), and then exhaust ourselves trying to write thorough, rigorous, convincing arguments of our own. In doing so you will increase the power of your brain, and then use that big brain of yours to get a degree, launch

an excellent career, and think more deeply and insightfully in all areas of life.

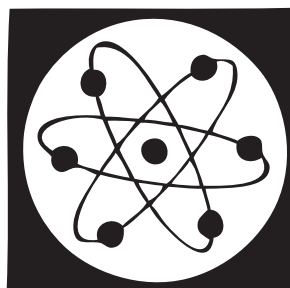
TuTh 12:30-1:50PM IGETC Area 1B, CSU Area A3, Honors: Human/Arts

Professor Alex Sterling has an MA in philosophy from Purdue University, and an MA in English from Cal State East Bay. After his time at Purdue, he moved to California to become an indie rock songwriter, and join the ranks of overeducated rock musicians with bad jobs. After a few years of that, Alex taught at the middle school and high school level until finally landing (happily!) in the LMC English department in 2006. In his free time Alex likes to be with his adorable family (wife Julianne, and two little boys, Jasper and Adlai), read a mix of fiction and social theory, and rock out with his band, Desoto Reds.

Honors Physical Science 5

General Physical Science

Have you ever wondered what's inside those little packets labeled "Do not eat" in new shoes? Do you worry about global warming? Can solar energy and fuel cells replace fossil fuels? Will we ever travel to a galaxy far, far away? The answers to these questions and more will be pursued in



an open and engaging format. We will

avoid boring calculations and focus on the more interesting and relevant concepts of physics, chemistry, earth science, and astronomy. No previous science experience is required; just bring a natural curiosity for the world around us!

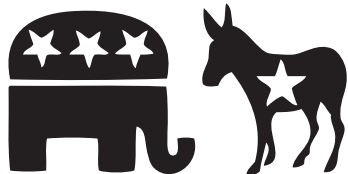
M 11-12:50PM & WF 11-11:50AM IGETC 5A, CSU Area B1, Honors: Math/Sci

Professor Dennis Gravert received his BS in Physics from Santa Clara University and his PhD in Organic Chemistry from Stanford University. After completing a postdoctoral fellowship at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, he taught chemistry for 9 years in Minnesota. He came to his senses in 2007 when he gave up his snow shovel and moved back to California to teach at LMC. He was on hand to help his colleagues move into the new science building and promptly tested the smoke alarms with a dazzling chemical demonstration.

Honors Political Science 10

Introduction to American Government

Can we fix our politics? Citizens, officials, judges, candidates, lobbyists, talk show hosts, conservatives, liberals – they all agree that something has gone seriously wrong with the American political system. Can we fix what’s broken? If so, how? If not, why not? Search for answers to these questions with politics junkie and perennial Honors



student favorite Dave Zimny. Join in classroom debates, political simulations and no-holds-barred analysis of the knottiest issues in modern politics. Best of all, *no boring textbooks!* You’ll be reading and discussing some of the sharpest contemporary research and commentary on real-life politics.

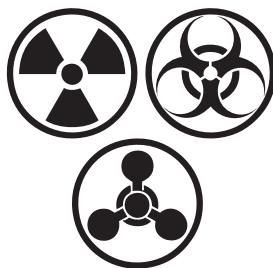
MW 5:30-6:50PM UC 4H, CSU D7, US History A, Honors: Soc/Beh Sci

Professor David Zimny came to Los Medanos College from the Midwest, where he graduated with Honors from the University of Chicago. He earned his Master’s and Doctoral Degrees in political science with Distinction from Yale University, where he graduated first in his class. Dr. Zimny has taught college political science and interdisciplinary social science courses for 35 years, and has won awards for his outstanding teaching. When not busy in the classroom, he has served as president of a professional survey research firm, worked in many political campaigns and negotiated for several teachers’ unions. His personal motto is borrowed from Spinoza: “Not to mock, not to deplore, not to despise – but to understand.”

Honors Philosophy 2

The Ethics of Weapons of Mass Destruction

What’s inside a hydrogen bomb and why don’t more countries own them? How easy is it to poison a city’s water with chemical or biological weapons? Does science have a soul? Should it? This course will explore the creation, control and use of chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons from a variety of perspectives - including science and engineering, history, politics,



military strategy, and ethics. Special emphasis will be placed upon the invention of nuclear explosives within the context of World War II, their use in Japan, and arms control and proliferation. We will also study the current implications of weapons of mass destruction, including the global struggle with terrorism, and the case made by the Bush administration for the invasion of Iraq.

Tu 7-9:50PM IGETC Area 3B; CSU Area C2; Honors Seminar

Professor Mitch Schweickert grew up in a Promethean culture - his father was one of the Manhattan Project scientists in New Mexico. Then the family moved to Livermore, so Dad could continue his work with bombs - but at least the wines and weather improved. Mitch found all those duck & cover drills to be terrifying, but some of his friends had pretty cool bomb shelters. A steady diet of pickled herring and endless water sports nourished him during his years at UCSB (BA, biochemistry) and UCD (MS, organic chemistry). His desire is to leave the world knowing that his five beautiful grandchildren will find hope, however imperfect, in the bottom of Pandora’s box.