

Honors Economics 5

The Economic History of the United States

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 recent credit and foreclosure crisis? Have you stayed up at night pondering whether Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg 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're fascinated by history, intrigue and the study of capitalism, you'll love this course.

MWF 1-1:50PM IGETC 4F; CSU D6 & US History Group B, Honors: Social/Behavioral 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 Humanities 22

Introduction to the American Humanities

As the U.S. progresses into the 21st century, we citizens are experiencing an identity crisis. Who are we? Are we rugged pioneers and individualists? Idealistic champions of individual liberty and religious tolerance? Entrepreneurial capitalists?



As American children we were taught about our great political system and victories in wars as we expanded "from sea to shining sea", but is this accurate? Where did these ideas come from?

In this first-ever Honors Course offering you'll investigate these questions and learn the amazing story of the origins of American identity. We'll study the founding fathers, the pilgrims, the abolitionists, the women suffragists, the freedom riders and more. The field of humanities blends history, art, theater, music, politics, literature and film in the study of a culture. Join us for an interdisciplinary adventure.

TuTh 11-12:20PM IGETC 3B; CSU C2, Honors: Humanities/Fine Arts

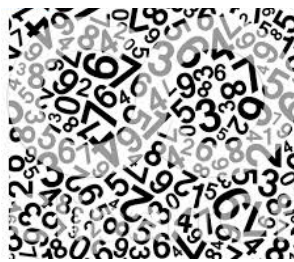
Professor Ken Alexander has a BA in Fine Arts and an MA in Art History. He has traveled extensively in Western Europe having taught twice in the district's study abroad program in Florence, Italy. Ken is a long-distance cyclist and walker, logging over 2000 miles including extensive solo treks in the British Isles.



Honors Math 34

Introduction to Statistics
Brentwood Section!

Do you know that you are 250 more times likely to be hit by lightning than to win the Powerball lottery? Can there be too many chips in a chocolate chip cookie? How wise is it to intentionally walk a player in baseball?



This class will introduce you to the world of statistics and its connection to probability. You'll find that statistics are everywhere and understanding them gives you confidence,

And don't worry - you don't need to be a math whiz to take this class. Those of you nervous about math will have the advantage of a great teacher and motivated fellow students to help you study. And those of you who love math will enjoy the more casual classroom atmosphere and enhanced real-world applications.

And if we're lucky there will be snacks, too!

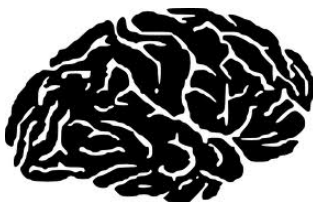
MW 9-10:50AM IGETC Area 2; CSU Area B4; Honors: Math/Science

Professor Jill DeStefano studied Mathematics at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where she received her BS and MS degrees. After a short stint working in the aerospace industry, she decided she didn't want to be an engineer or computer scientist after all. She's been at LMC for 23 years, the last ten in the Brentwood Center. In addition to teaching and aerospace Jill has worked as an ice cream scooper, book store vendor, paralegal assistant and bank teller. She lives in Brentwood with her husband and two teenagers and reads books or goes camping every chance she gets.

Honors Philosophy 41

Critical Thinking

Have you ever been wrong about something? This class will explore how and why we make mistakes, from faulty memories and senses, to flawed logic and tragi-comic personal blind spots. But instead of seeing error as a fatal flaw, we'll examine the latest research in cognitive science that demonstrates that being



wrong is a necessary consequence of the innate cognitive and psychological tendencies that keep us alive and happy.

We'll delve into the world of deductive and inductive reasoning, study bizarre medical phenomena and turn our analysis skills on ourselves to come to terms with our own fallibility. Every student of life needs this course.

TuTh 8-9:20AM UC Elective Transfer Units, CSU Area A3, Honors: Humanities/Fine Arts

Professor Jennifer Saito studied theoretical mathematics at UC Berkeley where she received her BA and MA degrees after dabbling in theater, French and a cappella music. She was lured into the world of philosophy by Professor Danny Moriel Ramirez when she saw him working on logic puzzles in a meeting 18 years ago. Jennifer is the founder and director of the Honors Program and is known for her energetic teaching style. Her critical thinking heroes include René Descartes, Cheryl Strayed and Penn & Teller. In her spare time Jennifer climbs mountains, sings Bulgarian music and helps her two daughters with math homework.

Honors Philosophy 2

The Ethics of Information Honors Seminar

Do you have a Facebook page? An e-mail account? Do you follow anyone on Twitter? Buy anything online? Do you worry about who is tracking this personal information and what they're doing with it?



Modern America has been dubbed “the information society” but what does this mean and how should you (or the government or corporations) act in an ethical fashion with all the information available? This class will take you on a journey to analyze how the collection and use of information impacts us.

We'll study established moral principles and then apply them as we try to answer questions related to dilemmas of ownership, access, privacy and security such as:

- Should people who reveal government secrets like WikiLeaks' Julian Assange and NSA whistle blower Edward Snowden be considered traitors or heroes?
- Who owns the photos you post on your Facebook page?
- Should it be legal for the US government to conduct wide-spread data collection on its citizens?
- Is “internet bullying” a form of free speech that should be protected, or a criminal act?

This seminar has been designed especially for Honors Students and is taught by two dynamic professors whose areas of expertise are perfect for this provocative class. Don't miss it!

TuTh 9:30-10:50AM IGETC Area 3B; CSU Area C2; Honors Seminar

Professor Christina Goff is a research librarian and also serves as the Library Director for Los Medanos. She loves working one on one with students who have challenging research projects. Christina is the proud mother of a daughter named Penelope.

Professor Cindy McGrath stepped out of the newsroom and into the classroom in 1988. She has won numerous statewide awards for her teaching and also serves as the advisor for the *LMC Experience*. Cindy spent 11 years in Florida as an editor at the St. Petersburg Times and as a professional newspaper consultant in the high school newspaper program at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies. She writes in inches, measures in picas and tosses terms around the journalism lab like “dogleg”, “raw wrap” and “bastard type.” In one of her less sane moments, she worked as the Sacramento press coordinator for the Dukakis for President primary campaign. Chalk it up to her Massachusetts roots. Cindy is also well-known for teaching archery at the Honors Retreat.