

Honors Courses Spring 2016

Honors Art 5

The Visual Arts

Someday the person you are falling in love with will point at a work of art across a room. You'll win her/his heart because,

having taken Honors Art 5, you'll be able to say "That must be a Monet." or "It always makes me smile when I see Claus Oldenburg's work."

While that's clearly reason enough to take this class,

along the way we'll also discuss provocative questions like: What does it mean to be creative? Why and how do humans

make art? Does a completely black canvas really belong in a museum? You'll also get to create something of your own to reflect on creativity.

Special just for Honors Students, this class will be held *only on Fridays* so that once per month you can meet Professor Corlew off campus in local museums, artist studios and even the San Francisco Mission

District for a mural walking tour. Art will come alive for you we promise!



Professor Curtis Corlew is an artist, journalist, photographer, multimedia developer, bicyclist and really bad guitar player. He has been known to award bonus points for particularly snarky, but on-point comments. Curtis has a tendency to get worked up over typography, black and white photography and the First Amendment.

Honors Biology 8

Human Biology

The human body is one of the most amazing machines on Earth, putting Teslas and

iPads to shame. For example, did you know you have more than 100 trillion cells which work as an integrated system to keep the spark of life burning? This fascinating class will answer key questions and help you acquire both the language



and logic of biology. What is the effect of aging on the body and can this be

reversed? How does your body process food for energy? All this and more will be answered in this first-ever Honors Course which includes hands-on laboratory experiments. And yes, it does satisfy your transfer biological science requirement!

MW 8-10:50AM IGETC Area 5B; CSU Area B2; Honors Math/Science

Professor Jill Bouchard fell in love with science in the Foothill College biotechnology program. Over the last 15 years her research has led her to investigate many topics including the development of the eye and how to reverse brain aging. She holds a B.S. in Biochemistry & Cell Biology from UC San Diego and a PhD in Neuroscience from UC San Francisco. Inspired by her own community college professors, Jill is excited to teach her first LMC Honors Course and loves to figure out how to motivate students to love biology! When she's not working on her classes, Jill spends every minute with her husband Kris and 1-year-old son Silas.



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Honors Math 34

Introduction to Statistics

This ever-popular Honors Course will give you the tools to make smart datadriven decisions for questions only numbers can answer. How do you choose between two players on your fantasy football team (say, Odell Beckham versus Pierre

then one who is most consistent? Or, how would you test your friend's claim that people who have an Instagram account have worse grades than those who don't? You'll love the smaller class size and creative assignments as you get to create your own surveys and test your

Garcon)? Should you pick the player who has earned the most points, or

hypotheses about the world.

TuTh 11-12:50PM IGETC Area 2; CSU Area B4; Honors: Math/Science

Professor Rick Estrada is a proud graduate Modesto Junior College who holds a B.A. and M.A. in mathematics from San Francisco State University. On his commute to LMC he enjoys listening to podcasts, most recently Radiolab and The Joe Rogan Experience. A sportsman at heart, Rick has recently started learning Jiu Jitsu when not spending quality time with his loving family: wife, Vichet, and two children, Sofia and Julian.

Honors Philosophy/Political Science 33

History of Political Thought: The Problem of Democracy

Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill, Marx and more – join the

Great Political Conversation and hobnob with the most brilliant political thinkers the world has ever known! Professor David Zimny, teaching his final Honors course at Los Medanos College, will be your guide as you explore the foun-

dations of political theory and take a

critical look at the values of modern liberal democracy. Get ready for some close read-

ing and critical discussion on the most controversial issues of politics – from ancient Greece to the 21st Century. Students can choose to satisfy either their social science OR humanities requirement in this cross-listed course.



TuTh 5:30-6:50PM IGETC Area 3B or 4H, CSU Area C2 or D8, Honors: Hum/Art or 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 political science Master's and Doctoral Degrees 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 more than 40 years. 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 Information

Honors Seminar

Do you have a Facebook page, Tumblr blog or an e-mail account? Do you follow anyone on Twitter or buy anything online? Do you worry about the government or corporations tracking this information and what they're doing

with it? Should you?

This class will take you on a journey to analyze how the collection and use of information impacts us and ask deep questions about ethical behavior in this modern "information age."

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 heros?

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,?

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 College. She loves working one-on-one with students who have challenging research projects and spending time in the Sierras. Christina is the proud mother of two.

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*. 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.



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