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Many of the faculty who teach English Composition, Discover New York, and Scientific Inquiry have created a unique theme for their particular course. Browse through these different themes to see which specific courses interest you.
Fall 2015
Course Themes for FYW 1000C: English Composition

Kai Abidi

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“Writing Diversity, Reading Culture”

In President Obama’s second Inaugural speech he states, “We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths – that all of us are created equal is the star that guides us still, just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls and Selma and Stonewall…” All three of these historical moments sought to attain greater legal rights for their participants. Obama’s statement is indicative of the uncompromising element of diversity as foundational to American values. With an ever-increasing minority population, the re-election of America’s first Black President, polarizing religion wars, and a more encompassing civil rights agenda that includes women’s and LGBTQ communities, what might diversity mean for 21st century American culture? What role do we as individuals and groups play in defining diversity? What is the role of the university in defining our discussions about diversity? Through critical reading, writing and thinking we will explore these questions in depth while engaging how diversity shapes our attitudes about racial and ethnic difference, sexuality, politics, popular culture, and higher education.

Katelynn DeLuca

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Exploring Our World

This first year writing course aims to explore a variety of ideas and values through various writing and reading assignments. Throughout the semester, we will take a sociological approach to literature and writing; gender, class, race and historical and cultural context will be used as springboards for our discussions and writing. How are these things represented in the world around us? How do these shape our understanding of the world? How have dominant hierarchies impacted our understanding of the world?

This course is about interrogating the status quo via honest questioning and examination. We will explore our own assumptions and ideas about the identity constructions listed above and see how they are challenged,
reflected, or complicated by our readings and experiences. This course invites you to ponder your own roles, identities, and the extent to which you are shaped by your own cultural experiences.

**Roseanne Gatto**

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**“(re)thinking memoir, (re)imagining the book”**

This section of FYW 1000C revolves around a semester-long book project written about what you are burning to tell the world. Your book will reflect your personal history, and include stories you have grown up with and stories you wish to pass on. Think of the stories you hope are told years from now. I would also like for you to think about how these histories have shaped who you are as well as whom you hope to be. In doing this work you will be drawing on a variety of sources to deepen and contextualize your narrative. You will be asked to move beyond the surface of your story and think critically about the social implications of writing a text of this nature. The book you write will not die in this class, or my office, or on your hard drive. At the end of the semester you will submit a hand-made book and then determine where you will send a copy. Think about whom would best benefit from reading this book. Where can this book do the most good?

**Stephanie Gray**

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**“Writing the Self Through the City and Place, Keepin’ It Real”**

We live in one of the most diverse and remarkable metropolises in the world – yet this large city is comprised of countless neighborhoods, places, and people – millions of people, including YOU, all with a story (and maybe a mystery or secret) behind each and every one. In this class you will navigate your own story and sense of self through reading and writing about our city (and other places) and the many stories behind them, in order to create your own. We will write several types of pieces where we explore notions of self through place, NYC, and our own relationships to our city or place. We will write our own narratives, portraits, and analysis of different places and works we will read – mostly nonfiction, but ending with a special series of fiction short stories based on the author’s real life.

We will explore all of these different elements of place and the personal for inspiring the writing of our essays, journals, research piece, and reflection with our end of semester portfolio. With so many interesting aspects to our class theme, there WILL be something for everyone to pursue – something YOU are interested in and excited by. While we will be working with this theme and focused assignments, within them you will always be able to choose YOUR specific topic/subtopic, so make it fun for YOU!

We will learn that writing is a continual learning process rather than just a finished product to be evaluated and graded, end of story. Think of the analogy of a writer’s practice to that of an athlete and musician – do they do a perfect long jump or symphony on the first try? It’s about practice, practice and not always what we think is perfection. Besides supporting your continuing development of written sophistication and innovative/real life research (not the typical research you might always think of) this class will introduce you to different and exciting writing strategies through essays and a creative research work, and will culminate with a portfolio, with a personal reflection. We’ll write journals in which you will express your personal take/interpretation on the reading as well as what you think the writer is trying to express. Writers we will read and become inspired by include nonfiction works of: Touré, Colum McCann, “The Long Winded Lady”/Maeve Brennan, E.B. White, Sandra Cisneros, Jane Jacobs, Edmund Berrigan, Sloane Crosley, Nora Ephron, and others, as well as to be announced, yet to be published readings we’ll find on blogs and news sites that fit in with the explorations in our class (a little surprise can’t hurt!)
Tina Iemma

Monday/Thursday  9:05-10:30  79748
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Monday/Thursday  12:15-13:40  79856

“Voicing Self: Identity, Community, & Education”

FYW 1000C is a writing intensive course designed to engage students in the writing process. While the majority of class discussions will revolve around students’ writing, essays and excerpts of various texts will be read and analyzed for their content, language and structure. By examining readings and composing related essays that use the common modes of writing, such as narration, description, argumentation/persuasion and analysis, students will look at topics of interest in the fields of identity, community and education. The work produced will be fueled by the students’ interests, experiences, passions and beliefs within these fields. Each week students should expect to spend a considerable amount of time reading, developing their own ideas, writing and actively engaging in the conversation of composition. The goal is to engage students’ thought processes as well as broaden their perspectives to help them become more critical thinkers and reflective writers.

Abriana Jette

Wednesday  17:00-19:50  79908

“In Love & War: Discovering the Self through Rhetoric”

Welcome to FYW1000C! This class will change the way you use, read, and understand language. First, we will focus inward to gain a greater understanding of the ideas which make us tick. After we’ve established a strong grasp on our own “self” or “identity”, we will observe the way we identify with others: how we love, how we laugh, and maybe even why we find happiness in some cases but not others. These conclusions will be based off our feedback and comprehension of literary texts that address the philosophical concept of love. Once we’ve tried to put our own definition on the ultimate human experience, we’ll explore external influences like the media, national security, and the philosophy of commodification to see if these external influences coincide with and/or positively/negatively impact our internal desires.

That might sound complicated. It’s not. We’ll tackle this mission by reading the masters, the experts of the field, the writers who have chosen the best words and put them in the best order. We will study them and learn the rules of rhetoric. Occasionally, we might even break some of those rules.

Konstandino Dean Kritikos

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Sharon Marshall

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“Making the Familiar Strange and the Strange Familiar: Composing and Analyzing Texts, Conducting Research, Constructing Arguments and Experimenting with Code Meshing, Genre Mashing, Remixing, and Telling It Like It Is”

Have you ever looked at a familiar object with a magnifying glass or kaleidoscope or viewed a specimen through a microscope? Maybe you like to take pictures of yourself on your phone or computer and have played around with funny effects that rearrange your features and make your own face an unfamiliar sight. These are examples of making the familiar strange by noticing details that you might not have seen if you hadn’t taken a closer or different look. In this English composition class you will look closely and differently at language, your life experiences and the cultures that give rise to them. Writing will be the lens and method that will allow you to notice, analyze what you notice and think critically about it. You’ll make the strange familiar when you use writing and digital technologies to create and examine texts, explore new ideas, research complex issues, and when you write and learn in a community with other students. Throughout the semester you’ll be reading, listening to, and responding to the work of other writers in the class. You’ll also be analyzing and reflecting upon how you write, the qualities and conventions associated with different types of writing and ways of composing, and the challenges presented by each assignment. The main assignments are a cultural memoir and a multimedia research project based on a question or issue that concerns you and has implications for society and the world.

Manny Martinez

Monday/Thursday 15:25-16:50  79884
Monday/Thursday 17:00-18:25  79897

“Race, Culture and Identity”

We will be exploring the ways in which race and culture influence our sense of identity, and how those identities can be challenged when the lines between races and culture begin to disappear.

Vickie Masseus

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Patricia Medved

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Cara Messina

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M. Amanda Moulder

Tuesday/Friday 12:15-13:40 79861  
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“Personal Stories/Public Engagement”

This course begins with two ideas. The first comes from novelist and essayist Barbara Kingsolver, who explains that good, descriptive writing “works its magic by putting a reader inside another person’s life. The pace is as slow as life. It’s as detailed as life. It requires you, the reader, to fill in an outline of the words with vivid pictures drawn subconsciously from your own life” (230). The next quote comes from political theorist Iris Marion Young, who argues that personal storytelling has political significance:

* Narrative can serve to explain to outsiders what practices, places, or symbols mean to the people who hold them. Values, unlike norms, often cannot be justified through argument. But neither are they arbitrary. . . . Through narrative the outsiders may come to understand why the insiders value what they value. . . . Values appear as a result of a history, by which a group relates “where they are coming from”. (131-132)

Our course begins this way because these writers explain a key connection between personal stories and public engagement. As Young explains, when someone tells us “their story” we, as audience members, have the opportunity to identify how that speaker or writer formed his or her opinions or assumptions, to identify and perhaps see across our differences, and in the best case scenario, we have the chance to find common ground with that person. We can take the best advantage of this opportunity if the storyteller does a really wonderful job, as Kingsolver explains, attempting to place us inside of their experiences. There’s value in understanding others’ experiences: when we know more about others’ lives, we become stronger, more empathetic communicators because we have a deeper understanding of our many different potential listeners, readers, and viewers.

During this class, you will use narrative and persuasive writing to explore your personal encounters with public issues involving identity and language. You will share your writing with your classmates and become attentive, active public audience members for one another. Also, you will analyze your own stories to locate the topics that inspire you to take part in larger public conversations. Next, you will insert yourself into a significant public discussion, conduct primary and secondary research, and search for common ground with people who may disagree with you, but still care about the same issues as you. Finally, you will experiment with digital forms of communication in an effort to reach real-world audiences. The entire semester will be guided by the idea that when we investigate and write about what we already love to think about, we are better writers and sharper critical thinkers.

Sean Murray

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Distance Learning  on-line 79747

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“Writing for Social Justice”

Cheap fast food, energy-saving light bulbs, stereotypes in reality television, our privacy on social networking sites... What do these seemingly disparate topics have to do with each other? They all connect to the theme of social justice. As our world continues to grow in size and complexity, we must grapple with pressing questions about how to build the most ethical society possible. Individually and collectively, we must ask, ‘What’s the fairest, most responsible way forward?’ when working through the countless dilemmas facing our communities. Because social justice is a concept that applies to numerous issues, you will have opportunities to investigate topics that speak to you, whether they be related to education, the environment, the economy, health care, peace and war, gender, race, or social class (to name just a few). As we move through various writing projects, we will ask questions related to audience and genre: What do readers expect from a piece like this? What conventions should I take seriously? Which rules can I break? Class sessions will often function as writing workshops where we propose our initial ideas, share drafts, elicit feedback, and reflect critically on that feedback. At the semester’s end, we will put together portfolios that illustrate our journeys as writers and critical thinkers.

Meghan Nolan

Monday/Thursday 15:25-16:50 79890

“Exploring Persona: A Writer’s Workshop”

A regular part of contemporary internet and popular culture, the “persona” has been represented variously in both critical and creative writing. In this course, students will engage in their own individualized exploration and investigation of persona through the writing format of their choice. Students will write and edit their personal persona projects throughout the semester while participating in a writer’s workshop, during which they will learn how to productively read and critique the works of others as well. At the end of the semester, each student will create an electronic portfolio of his/her writing.

Michael Reich

Monday/Thursday 15:25-14:50 79886

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Tara Roeder

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“Traversing Genre”

Welcome to FYW 1000C! This course will give you the opportunity to explore writing through multiple lenses and approaches. For the next few months, we will become a community of writers, thinking about our craft and looking at how a variety of texts—especially your own and those of the other writers in class—work.

The texts you create this semester will come out of your passion, your experiences, and your beliefs, and they will grow as you critically re-envision them. I will not give you a list of topics to write about; this course will allow you the opportunity to create your own content, exploring concepts like self, family, memory, place, culture,
and politics through the use of forms such as memoir, essay, documentary, manifesto, poetry, graphic text, literary analysis, and letter. Students in the past have done amazing work designing their own projects, creating graphic novels that incorporated historical research, spoken word poetry that was later performed at open-mics, hand-crafted books containing fairy tales and family histories, non-linear memoirs, documentaries, pieces of investigative journalism, and a variety of essays that explored everything from straight-edge culture to graffiti to how to buy a car that fits your budget. Now you will have the opportunity to craft your own vision as a writer while exploring the conversations surrounding various genres.

As you compose your texts, both your work and you as a writer will grow in significant ways. We’ll look at writing both as an act of self-construction and a way of connecting to a larger world, and we’ll engage in a process of dialogue with each other, one that includes drafting, sharing, responding, listening, and revising. We’ll move through various genres, exploring their possibilities and pushing their boundaries, as we attempt to make meaning out of issues we care deeply about.

Vittoria Rubino

Tuesday/Friday 17:00-16:25 79901

“Narratives”

The theme for our course is “narratives.” Maya Angelou once said, “There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.” Writing about one’s life is a powerful human need—we will use our time to construct a variety of narratives concerning our own lives and the lives of characters. This section of composition is designed to help you gain confidence in your creative process. Throughout the semester, you will learn how to analyze and critique your own writing and the writing of others. We will have group discussions and writing workshops, creating a space to share and enhance our writing. Writing is always a public and social interaction, meaning we will not only be working together on reading and writing projects, but also learning how to foster a writing community. Ultimately, you will develop the ability to think critically, creatively, and nurture your own voice.

Anna Sicari

Tuesday/Friday 13:50-15:15 79869
Tuesday/Friday 15:25-16:50 79887

Ridding Ourselves of Doubt: Writing, Experimenting with Genre, and Putting Our Voices Out There

Welcome to FYW 1000C! This class is designed to make us write—and then write again; we will be exploring the process of writing, and how we talk about ourselves and the world around us through language. Everyone has something that interests them and therefore, everyone has something that they can write (and write well) about. Our readings will include memoirs, short stories, essays, poems, manifestos, journalistic pieces, blogs--& then some—in order to inspire us and see ourselves as writers and to put our voices in conversation with the world. What kind of writer are you and what do you want to write about? These are the kind of questions we will be reflecting on throughout the semester and figuring out both individually and as a class.

Walter Sistrunk

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Monday/Thursday 15:25-16:50 79885

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**William Torgerson**

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**Introduction to Writing Studies: The Writer’s Workshop**

The goal of this course is to reignite enthusiasm for writing by allowing students lots of choices when it comes to their reading and writing projects. The course will begin with students creating what are called “writing territories,” an activity that asks students to list some people and places they know well, classes they wish were offered, and to give a sample schedule of their daily life. As the students become writers in the class they will begin to read about the craft of writing from other writers. To write in a workshop will mean that students read and write every week and work in small groups where they respond to one another’s writing. The final project will be a multimodal online writing portfolio that makes use of words, images, sound, video, and principles of design.

**Nathalie Virgintino**

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Welcome to FYW 1000C! In this class, we will write. During the semester, we will explore the writing process including brainstorming, editing, deleting, rewriting and editing again. While exploring the writing process, we will think about the ways we express ourselves through language and writing. This class will cover all types of writing including the essay, poetry, manifestos, journalistic writing, blogging, memoirs and short stories. We won’t be writing all of the above, but we will be reading it. We’ll read a variety of different works in different styles to inspire us to see how we can express ourselves.

In the class, you will find what you like to write about and **how** you like writing about it. To achieve this, you must explore. There will be writing and lots of rewriting, but we will work as a community to respond to each other and discuss each other’s writing. During the class, you will write three major pieces that will be revised by yourself and your peers. In addition to those major pieces of writing, there will be in class writing, short assignments and reflections to help you develop your writing skills.

We will be reading works that are about the personal, but will consider the personal in other ways as well. We will start the class with a personal narrative as our first main piece of writing. Then we will move into the personal in relation to something larger (politics, war, revolution, etc) where you will be required to incorporate some kind of research. The last major work of writing you will write for this class will be up to you. During the semester, you’ll find something that interests you in your writing. That will be the basis for your final writing piece. I will have at least two conferences with each of you during the semester to discuss your progress, and also to discuss your final project.
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Elizabeth Albert

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 75176
15:41-16:40

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 77278 Honors
12:31-13:30

“Art and Architecture in NYC”

This course will introduce the student to visual art and architecture in the context of the culture and history of New York City. Students will have the opportunity to experience first-hand some of the world’s finest examples of painting, sculpture, architecture, and public art. Course material is designed to develop greater awareness of the cultural richness and diversity of NYC as well as develop valuable critical thinking and writing skills.

Doug Cantelmo

Monday 17:00-18:50 78963
18:51-19:50

“Urban Governance and Modern Development”

This course will explore the expansion of New York City’s urban form from the colonial era to the present day as directed by municipal authorities and private interests.

Kendra Chiu

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 75271
12:31-13:30

“No New Yorker Left Behind: Neighborhoods and Social Change in NYC”

As New York City has undergone several social, ethnic, and economic evolutions, in this course, students will explore and investigate these changes within and among select neighborhoods over time. Students will also learn to develop a critical lens to identify and explain how structural forces, social processes, and individuals shaped these changes.

Phyllis Conn

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 77273 Honors
12:31-13:30

Monday 15:25-16:50 78964
16:51-18:15

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 75166
15:41-16:40

“Immigration and Sports in the Global City”
Students examine the connection between sports and migration in New York City to explore the city’s history. Topics will include the attraction of basketball in crowded late 19th century tenement districts; the integration of baseball with the Great Migration of the 20th century; and the rise of cricket and soccer with increased migration from the subcontinent, Latin America, and Africa after World War II.

**Judy Cooperman**

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 77272 Honors
15:41-16:40

“NYC Arts and Culture”

In this course we will approach New York City with an emphasis on the arts and culture, exploring these topics and the issues they suggest. For example, we will look at the galleries and museums that have emerged and developed here, and the role of public art, and what this provides both to the public and to artists. In addition to serving as a link with the City, this course will also connect students with the St. John’s University community. Students will work on developing skills necessary for being successful in their academic careers, including, for example, becoming familiar with the academic services available. This also includes taking part in Academic Service Learning and working with the surrounding community.

**Sharon Covino**

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 76778
15:41-16:40

“Law in New York City”

This course will explore civil and criminal procedure and law relevant to New York City, the foundation and evolution of these laws, and their impact on the rights and freedoms of the population of New York City on both the individual and larger population as a whole.

**Rachel Dolce**

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 75175
15:41-16:40

“Immigration to New York City”

One of greatest influxes of immigration to the United States occurred in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to New York City. Those that immigrated to New York City during that time as well as their descendents molded and shaped what is known as “The Greatest City in the World.” This course will strive to give students a better understanding of the humble beginnings and often difficult circumstances of the immigrants that came to New York City during this time. This course will examine the immigrant experience in a broad context and then delve into two case studies: The Italian and Jewish Experiences.

**Matthew Donnelly**

Wednesday 17:00-18:50 77989
18:50-19:50
Heather Dunn

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 79744
12:31-13:30
Wednesday 13:50-15:40 79745
15:41-16:40

“NYC Street and Museum Art”

In this multi-media class, students will explore how public and street art, as well as the Hip-Hop culture have impacted the art establishment of New York City. Focus will be placed on graffiti artists such as TAKI 183, Basquiat, Haring, Lady Pink, and buildings such as 5 Pointz and the Bushwick Collective. As a class, students will also explore many diverse NYC neighborhoods and art movements, starting with SoHo in the 1950s, and ending with Bushwick in 2014.

Roxanne Earley

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 75164
12:31-13:30
Wednesday 13:50-15:40 77276 Honors
15:41-16:40


New York City is home to a diverse range of inhabitants, whose communities have transformed the urban landscape into a network of neighborhoods- each distinct and unique in character. Increasing pressures from climate change and environmental pollution continue to influence policy and practice for city planners, both at the government and community levels. While city agencies prepare to mitigate the toxic effects of industrial contamination and adapt our waterfront to protect it from storm surge and flooding, community based planners combat a legacy of environmental discrimination whereby the city’s poorest and minority residents have had to bear more than their fair share of an increasing environmental burden. This class will help students Discover New York through the lens of our environment and the challenges we face moving forward in an age of environmental awareness and climate change.

Rosemary Encarnacion

Wednesday 17:00-18:50 75273
18:51-19:50

Juan Fernandez

Wednesday 13:50-16:40 79393 Honors
15:00-16:00

“The Socio-Political Landscape of New York City Post-World War II”

This course will examine New York City’s rise as a global city during the last half of the twentieth century, and into the 21st century. In particular, New York City will be analyzed decade by decade in order to examine the myriad of issues the City faced on its quest to becoming a leading center for tourism, politics, and economics. Social problems will also be explored, including racial unrest during the 1960’s, the City’s fiscal emergency of 1975, the crime epidemic of the 1980’s, and the handing of the 9/11 attacks. Finally, New York City’s renaissance during the 1990’s will also be examined.
**Caroline Fuchs**

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 77456  
15:41-16:40

**“Exploring NYC through Comics”**

In this course we will explore graphic narratives (“comics”) in the context of New York City. From Stan Lee’s Spider Man to Will Eisner’s Contract with God, New York City is an ever-present character in the landscape of the comic arts. In addition to learning how to read “comics” critically, we will examine their historical and cultural development, with a particular emphasis on the presence of the New York landscape. We will explore the ways in which New York City is portrayed in this visual/textual medium, and the vital role that NYC played in the development of the comics industry.

**Victoria Funez**

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 75168  
12:31-13:30

**“Criminal Minds of New York City”**

Whether it was the rise of rival ethnic gangs at Five Points, the tragedy of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, or the sensationalism of the trials for John Gotti, Jr., New York City has witnessed its share of headlines portraying crimes since its beginnings as a thriving trading post in the 17th century. Yet the question remains as to whether unique social conditions in New York City propagated several of these criminal acts and behaviors in the first place. In this course, students will learn about the history of New York City through the lens of criminology, which refers to the study of the causes, nature, and extent of crime and its respective social responses. Upon examining crime as a social phenomenon, students will be able to apply criminological theories to relevant figures and events in New York City—“the city that never sleeps”—especially in regards to crime.

**Paul Gawkowski**

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 76781  
12:31-13:30

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 76777  
15:41-16:40

**“Public Transit and Development of New York”**

From the founding of New Amsterdam by the Dutch to the building of the subways, transportation has played a critical role in the development of New York. The course will examine the role that transportation played in the economic growth of New York City, including its development as the leading port in the United States which attracted waves of immigrants to New York. It will also show how the development of the subways in the early 20th Century shaped the City, allowing it to absorb those immigrants thus enabling New York to become the preeminent city in the United States.

**Meghan Gilbert-Hickey**

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 77294 Honors  
12:31-13:30

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 75173  
15:41-16:40
“The Popular Perspective: New York in the Public Imagination”

This course will focus on the (inter)national lore about New York City through the lens of popular television, film, music, literature, and culture. We will think about the public perception of the city as a whole, as well as individual boroughs, and will also examine the conflation of the entire city with, for example, Times Square. Discussions may include hip hop and indie Brooklyn, Sex and the City Tours, the the New York City of Friends as compared to that of How to Make it in America or Girls.

Nancy Greco

Wednesday 7:30-9:20 75163
9:21-10:20


This course will examine the history, government, and contemporary urban life of New York City, with a focus on the key events that have shaped New York into the city it is today. In learning about important events and developments like the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, the era of Robert Moses, and the attack on the World Trade Center, we will explore the physical and social development of New York and the complexity of everyday life in the city.

Amelia Ingram

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 75275
15:41-16:40

“Immigration and Music in NYC”

This course will explore the immigration experience in NYC through the lens of music and culture. Within NYC's numerous ethnic communities, artists bring the traditions and culture of their homelands to the city. Students will explore the history and musical traditions of several ethnic communities, in order to analyze the social, economic and cultural impact of immigration in New York City. Students will observe cultural performances (from folkloric, popular and religious) to gain the first-hand perspective of immigrant musicians. Students will make connections between readings and personal observations with a group neighborhood fieldwork project.

Daniel Kelly

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 75177
15:41-16:40

“DNY: History”

The students will explore this history of New York as a multicultural city. As a class we will look at how immigrants to New York have shaped the growth of the city. We will look at how some of these immigrant groups lived, and the problems they faced. We will explore the lives of modern immigrants, their trials and their contributions to present day New York.

Haiba Khalil

Wednesday 7:30-9:20 75387
9:21-10:20

“Political Theater and Film in New York”
The purpose of the DNY: Political Theater and Film course is to learn about the junctures at which performing arts and politics intersect in New York. The class is designed to examine the theatrical form that emerged as a response to political and social changes in New York. The course will trace the history of New York through important social and political movements and the political theater and film that demonstrate the joys and sorrows of underrepresented groups and/or cultures. We will examine and interpret how art reflects political ideals, desires, or troubles during different time periods in New York history.

**Thomas Kitts**

Wednesday 7:30-9:20  75605
9:21-10:20

“New York in Literature and Music”

This section of Discover New York will study immigration, religion, race/ethnicity, and poverty through the lens of literature and music. Representative works studied include the fiction of Stephen Crane, John Cheever, and Jamaica Kincaid; the poems of Sarah Teasdale, Claude McKay, Frank O’Hara, and Allen Ginsberg; the non-fiction of Fanny Fern, Abraham Cahan, Langston Hughes, and Gay Talese, and the music of Leonard Bernstein, Frank Sinatra, the Velvet Underground, the Ramones, Afrika Bambaataa, the Strokes, and Jay-Z. Among other assignments and trips, students will work in small groups and explore two New York neighborhoods.

**Belenna Lauto**

Wednesday 13:50-15:40  75272
15:41-16:40

“Photographic New York”

This course will provide an introduction to New York City, examine it through the lens of the camera, and discuss how photography has shaped our perception of New York, its people, its structures, flavor and rhythm. Themes of immigration, race/ethnicity, religion, wealth, poverty, and the urban environment will be addressed in relation to how photographers have shaped our perception and views of history. Students are required to take field trips as part of their study, photograph, and complete 6 hours of course related service.

**Paula Kay Lazrus**

Wednesday 10:40-12:30  75172
12:31-13:30

“The Ever Changing City”

This course investigates how New York City went from a green lush island to an urban metropolis. This trajectory will be demonstrated through the physical transformation of the island and through the eyes and actions of those who settled here. Along the way you will develop skills that will help you navigate your academic experience and that will be applicable to your college experience and beyond. Whether you are new to town, or have lived here all your life, you will quickly find that there are many things to explore and learn about this ever-changing city.
“Fashion/ Lifestyle Perspective”

New York City is a dynamic creative enclave of a continuous flow of immigrants who bring with them their culture values and sense of fashion. These immigrants are surrounded by a fast paced metropolis with its own sense of ever changing fashion and culture. The combination is an explosive joint venture and a new American lifestyle of fashion that is recreated each season. I would like to take my students on a historical voyage through the development of New York City and show what the immigrant classes brought to the American lifestyle and how this in turn contributes to the global fashion industry.

Anthony Marzillano

Wednesday 17:00-18:50  18:51-19:50  75967

“New York City Through a Literary Lens”

This course will examine three distinct time periods in the history of New York City, through a critical literary lens. Starting with the early 1900’s and the tenement/immigration period, continuing through the 1950’s, and ending with modern day, post 9/11 New York City, this course will give students a balanced look at where the city was at the turn of the 20th century, and where it is today. Taken together with personal experiences and field-based learning, students will learn about New York City, gaining a fresh and unique perspective.

Andre McKenzie

Wednesday 17:00-18:50  18:51-19:50  75388

“The Immigrant Experience: Past & Present”

This course focuses on the issue of immigration and its impact upon the economic, cultural, religious, and social development of New York City. Students will explore the experiences of immigrant groups arriving at Ellis Island during the late nineteenth century, to more recent groups arriving through JFK Airport. In terms of experiential learning, students will regularly participate in structured workshop activities designed to increase their awareness of issues of diversity and their personal relevance to living, learning and working in a global society.

Christopher McKittrick

Wednesday 17:00-18:50  18:51-19:50  78421

“Urban Governance and Modern Development”

This course will explore the expansion of New York City’s urban form from the colonial era to the present day as directed by municipal authorities and private interests.
Daniel Milner

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 77459
12:31-13:30

“Landscapes of New York City”

New York has three landscapes: natural, built and cultural. 1000 feet of ice once covered the area. As it melted, the rough topography was revealed and then developed by nature. Over time, humans altered the natural landscape by filling marshes, blasting hills, erecting buildings and polluting waterways. Our built landscape is given life through the city’s diverse population. This course looks at all three New York landscapes and their connections.

Jennifer Newsom

Wednesday 17:00-18:50 78020
18:51-19:50

“Discovering Green Spaces”

What is a Green Space? Why are they important? Rapid urbanization is a threat to Green Spaces. In 2008, more people were living in urban environments than in rural areas. This phenomenon is more visible in New York City. This course explores how urbanization takes place, using immigration as an example of population growth. Come explore green spaces; how they enhance your quality of life, how green spaces are designed and constructed, why they are important and how they are transformative within a society and the economy.

Edward Olive

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 76759
12:31-13:30

Wednesday 13:50-15:40 76776
15:41-16:40

“New York and War”

The course is intended as an introduction for incoming freshman to the unique urban setting that is New York City, through the lens of war and conflict. Throughout the semester this specific DNY course will focus on how global conflict, conventional war, and wartime politics has directly effected New York City. Conversely due to its size, inherent capitalist nature, location, and ethnic diversity, this course must examine how New York has directly affected global conflict, conventional war, and wartime politics.

Chanel Orkopoulos

Wednesday 17:00-18:50 77458
18:51-19:50

“Theological Perspectives in New York”

This Discover of New York class will introduce students to New York City from a theological perspective, specifically focusing on sacred landmarks. In addition, students will also explore the different religions coexisting within New York.
“New York as a Pioneer for Global Sustainability”

This class provides students with an interdisciplinary overview of sustainability politics, policies, issues, movements, ideas, challenges and solutions with an emphasis on the precedent New York has set as a pioneer of sustainable development. This class will focus on student awareness, understanding and integration of diverse themes with respect to sustainable measures that correlate state-specific actions and its global impacts. As sustainability is a cross-disciplinary field, this course will specifically highlight New York as a leader of a global movement that necessitates social corporate responsibility and accountability amongst governments, industries and civil societies. The class is designed to examine New York as a role model that has adapted to social, economic, environmental and political threats and how it has used maintainable strategies to emerge as a global leader of sustainable development.

“Communication in the City”

There is always more than one way to look at anything and a great metropolis like New York certainly cannot escape any type of perception. In this course we will study how to view the people, places, and things of NYC through a conscious use of different areas of the brain. In addition, body language analysis, an investigation on how and why New Yorkers "tawk" the way they do and interesting speech and language related trivia about this city will be covered. Finally, we will learn ASL - American Sign Language - using urban related words and concepts as the basis for our vocabulary.

“The Physical City”

From the Manhattan skyline to Coney Island, the built environment of New York City – its organization and its architecture – has been the most recognizable, and possibly the most influential, in the world in the 20th, and now into the 21st, century. This course will examine the built environment and architecture of New York and its relationship to its origins and its effect on those who live and work in it.

“From the Dutch to Robert Moses to Jane Jacobs, the Making of NYC's Streets”
This course will focus on the history, government, and urban planning of New York City. We will examine the current condition of the city’s built environment and the impact it has had on its population over time. New York’s historical foundations, cultural contributions, and the national trends that it has started will be ubiquitous throughout the class.

Adam Smith

Monday 17:00-18:50 75276
18:51-19:50

“DNY: A Textual City”

There are various types of text in the city, much more than the written. In this course we will dive into the written text while also paying careful attention to the other textural elements in cities such as sculpture, visual arts, graffiti, and architecture. Students will read authors such as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Charles Dickens, Sara Teasdale, Jose Marti, and Frank O’Hara.

Dejan Trickovic

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 75169
12:31-13:30
Wednesday 13:50-15:40 75830
15:41-16:40

“NYC: All That Jazz!”

Although it emerged in the deep south, jazz music really came of age after it had established its presence in New York. It was here that jazz became what some have called “America’s greatest gift to humankind”! In this class we explore this interesting relationship between a music and a city. How much of New York is in jazz music and how much of the spirit of jazz – with its crafty use of improvisation, innovation, freedom to explore and, generally, “push the envelope” – is in New York? It is our bold thesis that New York was destined to become the world capital of jazz and that jazz was destined to reach its apex in the clubhouses, ballrooms and concert halls of New York City. It was a match made in heaven… and it’s still going strong.

Benjamin Turner

Wednesday 10:40-12:30 75279
12:31-13:30

“New York City in the Jazz Age”

This course will explore a particularly tumultuous point in the city’s history, when New York emerged as world-leading industrial, financial and cultural center. The course will place a special focus on social justice issues, including immigration, the Triangle Fire, the red scare, the great migration and Harlem Renaissance, women’s rights, prohibition, and the economic boom and bust. This class will be part of a learning community with English 1000C, which will allow us to explore some of the issues raised in a more contemporary context.
Heidi Upton
Wednesday 10:40-12:30 77457
12:31-13:30
Wednesday 13:50-15:40 78027 Honors
15:41-16:40

“Art in New York”

This course is an analysis of aspects of the city of New York through the lens of multiple art forms. Students will explore the world of the artists and the work they create in a city that is a center of global culture.

James Walters
Wednesday 15:00-16:50 77463 Catholic Scholars
16:51-17:50

Thomas Ward
Wednesday 10:40-12:30 75174
12:31-13:30

“Criminal Justice in New York”

This section of the DNY Program will explore New York City’s fascinating Criminal Justice System, including its police, courts and correctional systems. In studying the criminal justice system, students will also gain a deeper understanding of the history and cultural heritage of New York City.

Ching Wen Yen
Wednesday 17:00-18:50 75593
18:51-19:50

“Immigration and NYC”

This course focuses on the issue of immigration and its impact upon the economic, cultural, religious, and social development of New York City in the 21st century. Through class readings, activities and discussions, campus events, research projects, and writing assignments, this course will also help enhance your transition to higher education and enrich your learning experience.

Additional section
Wednesday 13:50-15:40 77275 Honors
15:41-16:40
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Course Themes for SCI 1000C: Scientific Inquiry

Rami Alsaber
Monday/Thursday  9:05-10:30  75391  Honors
Monday/Thursday 10:40-12:05 75726

“Concepts in Biology”

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with an essential understanding of the scientific method utilizing general concepts in the biological and information sciences. The content of this course will initially expose students to a number of relevant biological concepts such as evolution, classical genetics, and molecular biology and continue to address issues relevant to information sciences and biology including biotechnology, Next Generation Sequencing and analytics.

Olga Binyaminov
Monday/Thursday  7:30-8:55  79045

Jennifer Chabra
W  13:50-16:40  76855

“Atomic Theory”

The overall goal of thinking critically about science (and by extension to other fields as well) is a multi-stage, multi-faceted process. The course will allow students to recognize the nature of a problem, question its elements, actively investigate those elements, reason through the results of that inquiry to possible answers, accept and refine the results of that reasoning, and finally, act on that acceptance.

Merle Colchamiro
Tuesday/Friday 13:50-15:15  75440

Thomas DeCanio
Tuesday/Friday 10:40-12:05 77061
Tuesday/Friday 12:15-13:40 76938

“The 7 Great Ideas in Physics”

Using as a touchstone, the development of the scientific method and how scientific inquiry proceeds, this course will present the major concepts which revolutionized our understanding of the physical world. After a look at science in the ancient world, we will examine the great ideas that overturned conventional thought, including the Copernican model of the solar system, the Galilean/Newtonian view of the universe, the energy concept, entropy, and the statistical view of matter, and finally relativity and quantum theories. Emphasis will be not only on the ideas themselves, but on the context of the times and cultures in which they were formulated, and how they relate to the progress and place of science in society today.
“Forensic Science”

Students will practice the skills of scientific inquiry, scientific literacy, and scientific numeracy through the analysis of crime case studies and laboratory experiences. Using the topic of forensic science, this course will apply the principles of scientific knowledge and the skills to analyze various case studies involving crime scene investigation & crime reconstruction. Students will be asked to make careful observations, precise measurements, use the scientific method, deductive reasoning and critical thinking skills to analyze case studies. Topics covered include the history of forensic science, rules of evidence, collection and processing of evidence, trace evidence, hair and fiber, blood spatter patterns, DNA fingerprinting as well as document and handwriting analysis. The course uses lecture, discussion and laboratory exercises to enhance the student’s understanding of the scientific method in various situations and to show how crime scene investigation and forensic science really use the scientific method.

“Concepts in Biology”

Scientific Inquiry is a one-semester core course designed for students who are not planning to pursue a career in science. The aim is to make you better informed about science, but more importantly, to give you a better sense of what it is to do science, what scientific research is all about, why it is so challenging to do, and why it can be fascinating. In addition, when you leave this course, you should have a better grasp of some of science topics reported in the media and a better critical sense of the strengths and weaknesses of such reports.

“Kinesiology”

The science of movement: Kinesiology teaches how our body moves and functions in athletic form. The class will focus on sports nutrition, muscle structure and function, as well as cardiovascular structure and how these relate to athletic performance. A very relevant class for student-athletes, sports management majors and anyone interested in health.

“Practical Botany”

Plants are indispensable parts of our lives. This course examines how humans use plants for chemicals, medicine, fuel, and food. An emphasis on nutrition, sustainability and drugs from caffeine to marijuana shows the relevancy of science in our daily lives.
“Nutrition”

Food, Nutrition and Behavior will guide students through the relevant research in food choice, control of food intake and associated pathologies. Introductory anatomy and physiology will be presented in the context of taste and digestion, but main focus of the course will be on the many determinants of eating behavior including: intrapersonal (physiological and psychological), interpersonal (parental, social, cultural), environmental, and political. Specific regard will be given to the applicability of science to combating modern epidemics of chronic disease and the role of the individual, families, institutions and government.

Kristy Lamb

Monday/Thursday 17:00-18:25 79289

James LaSalle

Monday/Thursday 12:15-13:40 77429
Monday/Thursday 13:25-16:50 75232

“Origins and Conflicts”

This course navigates through 3.8 billion years of Earth's history. The many theories of how life originated on the planet as well as, the origin of evolutionary scientific thought will be explored. The conflicting arguments surrounding creation and evolution, the origin of the first cell, the impact on diversity by micro and macroevolution, the extinction of the dinosaurs, and the dawn of humanity are just a few of the topics that will be discussed.

Brook Lauro

Tuesday/Friday 12:15-13:40 76233
On-line 76234

“Biodiversity”

A wonderful and spectacular aspect of life on earth is biodiversity: from genes, to species, to ecosystems. There are millions of species alive today and it has taken billions of years for them to evolve to their current level of complexity. Through the lens of scientific inquiry this course examines the evolutionary path of biological diversity from how cells developed some 3.8 billion years ago, through historic mass extinctions, to present day diversity. Students learn about the evolution of fascinating organisms, past to present, for example, from dinosaurs to birds. A focus of the course is the current day losses of biodiversity due to the activities of man including: habitat loss, the introduction of invasive species and global warming. Throughout the semester we discuss conservation and environmental ethics including why species have value.

Paula Kay Lazrus

Tuesday/Friday 12:15-13:40 77572
Tuesday/Friday 15:25-16:50 78425

“Physical Geography”

In this section you will be exploring our planet, how it functions and all the different systems of growth and change that affect it (including human agency). This class is also part of an Environmental Learning Community.
“The Diseased State”

The course will provide an introduction to the hallmarks of cancer, focusing on immortality and lack of growth controls of abnormal cells, capabilities acquired during the multistep development of cancerous tumors. The long history of tobacco (cigarette smoking) and lung cancer will be used to discuss Scientific Inquiry and its relationship to public health; we will cover the US tobacco litigation and the pursuit of a causation story implicating cigarette smoke. We will also examine the various stakeholders, both human and corporate citizens in such stories.

“Science in the Real World”

This course introduces students to the fundamental processes of science through the exploration of specific topics in modern science.

“Science in the Real World”

This course aims to provide students with the foundation of critical thinking around a student-identified area of interest. Students will engage in the process of conducting a formal inquiry to decipher an area that is of concern or a question that is of importance to them. The inquiry tools & methodology acquired within this course will play a critical role in academic, professional and social endeavors during the course and in the future.