

Descriptions for Summer Courses and Workshops that are unavailable in the Undergraduate or Graduate Bulletins

COMM 414 Video Editing

Professor: Derrick Silvestori

1 to 3 Credits

June 8 to 25

Introduction to field production and linear and non-linear digital video tape editing.

ECON 483/583 - Contemporary Economic Problems: Economics of Immigration

Professor: Orn Bodvarsson

3 Credits

June 8 – July 9

This course surveys different theories and empirical findings on the causes and consequences of flows of people across borders. While there will be some discussion of internal (within-border) migration, most of the course focuses on the following important questions relating to international migration: (1) why do people emigrate?; (2) what are the characteristics of immigrants; (3) how does immigration affect the receiving country's labor markets, as well as its entire economy?; (4) what are the source effects of immigration, e.g. what factors can cause a "brain drain," and (5) what sorts of immigration policies should receiving countries use to regulate immigration? Other topics examined include remittances, the fiscal costs and benefits of immigration, unauthorized,

temporary and return immigration, and cross-country differences in immigration patterns and policies.

ECON 483/583 Contemporary Economic Problems: Game Theory

Professor: Mana Komai

3 Credits

July 13 – Aug 13

Game theory is a formal way to analyze interaction among a group of rational agents who behave strategically. Game theory develops an understanding of how people actually behave and how they should be advised to behave in strategic situations. Game theory applies to a vast variety of economic, political and social issues including social and political conflicts, negotiations, voting, trade relations, bargaining, contracting, job market signaling, fundraising, advertising and competition, crime and punishment, and so on. This course provides a simple, intuitive, yet rigorous introduction to game theory and its applications, primarily in economics.

NOTE: below course may or may not run – will not know until approved (end of Oct beginning of Nov) – is special summer session course.

ECON 196 Economics for Everyday Life

Professor: Philip Grossman

3 Credits

July 13 - Aug 13

This course will offer students an introduction to basic economic principles and concepts and their application in everyday life. It is designed to be accessible to all students interested in acquiring the information necessary to make good economic decisions. Topics to be covered in this class include: Understanding Credit Cards, Understanding Mortgages; the Economics of Lotteries/Gambling; Saving and Investing for the Future; Understanding Insurance; Car Leasing versus Purchase; and Understanding Taxes and Tax Forms.

GEOG 399-01 Geography of Wines

Professor: Gareth John

4 Credits

July 21-Aug 8

This course is about the geography captured in each and every glass of wine, whether a fine vintage from the Bordeaux region of France, a classic Chianti from the Tuscany region of Italy, a fashionable Merlot from Southeastern Australia, or one of the new Minnesota varietals bred to thrive in our climate of extremes. Please note that no wine will be consumed as part of this course; nor does this course or the instructor encourage or condone the underage or excessive consumption of alcohol. Coreq: Geography of Wine Fieldtrips.

GEOG 399-02 World of Wine

Professor: Gareth John

1 Credits

July 21-Aug 8

This course consists of two all-day fieldtrips (on the 2nd and 4th Friday of Summer Session II) to tour some of the most successful Minnesota vineyards as well as the Minnesota Agricultural Experimentation Station at the University of Minnesota that has made wine production in our state more viable. Please note that no wine will be consumed as part of this course; nor does this course or the instructor encourage or condone the underage or excessive consumption of alcohol. Coreq: Geography of Wine.

GEOG 630 Seminar Decision Making with GIS

Professor: Nicholas Hazelton

3 Credits

May 18 - June 5

Examination of basic decision-making processes' examination of GIS functionality to assist decision-making processes; practical examples and case studies.

IM 445-545 Workshop: Children's Literature Workshop

Professors: Sandra Williams & Chris Inkster
1 Credit

June 22 & 23

We will celebrate our 30th year of the Children's Literature Workshop with presenters you won't want to miss. There will also be break-out sessions, sessions on new books, and a storytelling presentation. For information and to sign up for the workshop, contact the Odyssey Group at 320-202-1831. Meets at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud: June 22-23, 2009.

Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday;
8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, with an optional lab on Monday evening from 3:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for those taking the class for credit.

Price: \$175 if postmarked by June 7, 2009; \$200 after that date. This fee includes lunch both days, breaks, and all materials. In addition to the workshop fee, optional registration for undergraduate or graduate credit will occur on site June 22.

RUS 110 Intro to Russian Culture

Professor: Maria Mikolchak

3 credits

June 8 to June 14

Will consist of a three-day instruction on campus June 8, 9 and 10 (10:00 am-12:00 pm), followed by a four-day trip to Brighton, New York City (June 11, 12, 13 and 14), residence of the biggest Russian-speaking community in the US. With Russian being the first and sometimes the only spoken language on Brighton Beach and an abundance of Russian newspapers, shows, ethnic Russian stores, restaurants, and schools, visiting Brighton is the next best thing to actually going to Russia. No knowledge of Russian is required. **Travel cost (airfare and lodging) is \$570 per student, which must be paid no later than April 8, 2009.**

SSCI 320 Elements of Social Science

Professors: Mary Johnson

3 Credits

July 13 - Aug 13

Concepts in social science appropriate for elementary school and middle school. Not open to secondary majors in any of the social sciences.

SSCI 470/570 Minnesota and the Social Sciences

Professors: Kyle Wood

3 Credits

June 8 - July 10

This course will work with both elementary and secondary teachers to meet the Minnesota Academic Standards and improve their Social Studies courses by studying Minnesota through an interdisciplinary perspective and looking at ways in which the social sciences (Geography, History, Civics, Economics and Sociology) perceive the state.

