Enhanced Undergraduate Experiences: Summer 2016

MAYMESTER

**AHIS-470: Contemporary Art in New York**

This 4-unit course will investigate recent discourses around modern art, analyzing contemporary criticism's numerous forms in relation to its diverse venues (e.g., newspapers, magazines, and online formats) and audiences.

**Instructor:** Suzanne Hudson  
**Dates:** May – June 2016  
**Estimated Cost (Excluding Spring Tuition):** $2,900

**AHIS-499: Living the California Dream: Modern Domestic Architecture and Design in Los Angeles**

This 4-unit course introduces students to the history of modern architecture through the domestic buildings and interior design of Los Angeles. We will investigate the relationship between architecture and the natural environment, considering how major architects deployed built form to annex and shape exterior spaces for private consumption.

**Instructor:** Megan Luke  
**Dates:** May 16 – June 10, 2016  
**Students are responsible for their own room and board.**

**AMST-499: Tourism in the City of Angels**

This 4-unit course will critically examine tourism in Los Angeles with a particular focus on how tourism intersects with social and economic inequality. In addition, students will use Los Angeles as a window into larger issues of global tourism.

**Instructor:** Laura Pulido  
**Dates:** May 19 – June 10, 2016  
**Students are responsible for their own room and board.**

**BISC-431: Aquatic Microbiology (Catalina Island)**

This deep-immersion 4-unit course cross-trains students to work and think in many scientific fields, including microbiology, ecology, biochemistry, genomics, bioinformatics, and molecular biology. Students will discover how microbes affect not only your health, but also the health of our planet.

**Instructors:** John Heidelberg and Eric Webb  
**Dates:** May 16 – June 10, 2016  
**Estimated Cost (Excluding Spring Tuition):** TBD

**BISC-457L: Methods in Marine Biology and Biographical Oceanography (Catalina Island)**

The purpose of this 4-unit experience is to introduce students to laboratory and field skills in Marine Biology and Oceanography. During the semester, students will pair scientific methodology in the context of global environmental issues (human impacts on coastal environments, watershed interactions, future challenges).

**Instructor:** Dr. Wiebke Ziebis  
**Dates:** May 16 – June 10, 2016  
**Estimated Cost (Excluding Spring Tuition):** TBD

**CORE-103: The Process of Change in Science (Borrego Springs)**

This course uses scientific and quantitative approaches to investigate the water-energy nexus in the spatial and social context of Southern California desert communities, specifically Borrego Springs. Students will be encouraged to
research the intersections between complex and urgent problems with chemical, physical and geologic components but also urgent social and political dimensions while working in the field.

Instructor: Jim Haw
Dates: May 14 – June 6, 2016
Estimated Cost (Excluding Spring Tuition): $700

EALC-413: Business Japanese (Osaka)

This course offers students proficient at an intermediate to advanced level Japanese an opportunity to develop their skills as they interact with Japanese businesses in various sectors. The course is also designed to foster the skills and the knowledge of effective cross-cultural and inter-personal communication in Japanese through the class activities centered around the key expressions and vocabulary used in today’s business.

Instructor: Yuka Kumagai
Dates: May 16 – June 12, 2016
Estimated Cost (Excluding Spring Tuition): $2,800

GEOL-465: Summer Field Geology (Peru)

This 4-unit course will provide undergraduates with an integrative geological field experience that will allow them to apply their knowledge to a research problem and experience aspects of the culture, architecture, and language of a South American, Spanish-speaking country shaped by contrasting civilizations over several millennia.

Instructor: Joshua West
Dates: May – June 2016
Estimated Cost (Excluding Spring Tuition):

PORT-250g: Cultures of Brazil and Lusophone Africa (Rio de Janeiro)

This 4-unit course explores the cultures of Brazil and Portuguese-speaking Africa in the context of their shared history as Portugal’s colonies as well as their present status as rapidly developing nations. The course will consider two main topics: 1) the concept of self in relation to colonial history then and now; and 2) the construction of national and cultural identity in Brazil and Africa.

Instructor: Ellen Oliveira
Dates: May – June 2016
Estimated Cost (Excluding Spring Tuition): $3,000


This 4-unit course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become active in politics, based on understanding the history, theory, and practices of public participation. Students will get firsthand experience working in the Washington, D.C. political arena at various consulting organizations.

Instructor: Robert Shrum
Dates: May – June 2016
Estimated Cost (Excluding Spring Tuition): TBD

SWMS-499: Food Culture and Food Politics in the Land of Plenty (Los Angeles)

This 4-unit course studies the current cultural histories of food, as well as alternate histories of what scholars call our “foodways.” The course will focus primarily (though not exclusively) on Los Angeles and the American West: a “Land of Plenty” that has been transformed by immigration and the subsequent proliferation of food cultures.

Instructor: Karen Tongson
Dates: May – June 2016
Students are responsible for their own room and board.
**PROBLEMS WITHOUT PASSPORTS**

**ANTH-301: The Global Performance of Healing (Spain)**

This 4-unit course focuses on the performance of healing through classroom study and a three-week field course in Spain. Students will complete part of the Camino de Santiago historical route and examine pilgrimage in its historical perspective and its modern usage from the perspective of health and healing.

**Instructor:** Dr. Erin Moore

**Dates:** May 22 – June 12, 2016

**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + $3,000 (other expenses)

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The program will encompass five themes: challenges in global health, health policy and public health, tropical medicine, vaccinology, and international development and health. Students will be introduced to the major diseases and risks to health in developing world countries, review the major prevention strategies and challenges for control of these diseases, and examine policy issues and determinants of public health and health policy in international health.

**Instructor:** TBA

**Dates:** May – June 2016

**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + TBD (other expenses)

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**EASC-360: Global Consumer Culture and China (Beijing & Shanghai)**

The impact of globalization on China and the impact of China on globalization stand as two of the most important issues of the twenty-first century. This course will examine those questions by focusing on China’s history of interaction with global culture and culminate with fieldwork to allow students to address the impact of history on global cultural interaction today.

**Instructor:** Brett Sheehan

**Dates:** May 16 – June 12, 2016

**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + $2,500 (other expenses)

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**EASC-360: Foreigner and Gaijin: International Understanding in a Global Age (Japan)**

The goal of this 4-unit course is to recognize and analyze problems of international understanding in a global age. After completing this course, students will have gained a significant familiarity with contemporary Japan (its culture, history, and social problems) as well as basic competency in its geography. Moreover, the course will provide students with insight for recognizing and analyzing problems of international misunderstanding within themselves, and society.

**Instructor:** Lon Kurashige

**Dates:** May 16 – June 11, 2016

**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + $2,300 (other expenses)

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**ENGL-499: Two Frontiers: Settler Colonialism in California and Australia**

This interdisciplinary humanities class focuses on the history and culture of two regions famously shaped by settler colonialism: California and Victoria, Australia. The discovery of gold in both locations in the late 19th century sparked global migrations and genocidal conflicts with Indigenous peoples as both regions were invaded by ragtag armies of adventurers and entrepreneurs. Students will engage with the Indigenous people in both regions in order to think about how the legacies of settler colonialism can be undone.

**Instructor:** Alex Young

**Dates:** May – June 2016

**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + $4,670 (other expenses)
ENST-480: Integrated Ecosystem Management in Micronesia (Guam and Palau)

This course will investigate important environmental issues such as ecologically sustainable development, fisheries management, protected-area planning and assessment, and human health issues. Students will review these topics in terms of their application to local issues within the Los Angeles region and to some of the most remote (and biologically diverse) areas of the world such as island ecosystems located in the Indo-West Pacific.

Instructor: David Ginsburg
Dates: May – June 2016
Estimated Cost: $6,664 (tuition) + $5,800 (other expenses)

ENST-499: Coastal Zone Management of Natural Marine Resources (New Zealand)

This course will introduce students to field skills and ecosystem management tools used to investigate the sustainable use, development, and protection of coastal and marine resources. Specific course goals include investigating important environmental issues (such as ecologically sustainable development, fisheries management, and protected-area planning and assessment) and applying these issues in a local and global context.

Instructor: Kristen Weiss
Dates: May – June 2016
Estimated Cost: $6,664 (tuition) + TBD (other expenses)

FREN-499: The Life of the Book: Reading and Writing in Literary Senegal

In this 4-unit course, students will engage in a series of literary explorations that will allow them to unpack and reflect on the many stories of the book as literature, as cultural lens, and as object. Students will participate in experiential learning in French, and will collaborate on research projects relating to the “biographies” of Senegalese novels.

Instructor: Julie Van Dam
Dates: May – June 2016
Estimated Cost: $6,664 (tuition) + $4,700 (other expenses)

IR 306: International Organization Governing Climate Justice in the U.S. and Europe (Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam, and Glasgow)

This 4-unit course will explore the nuances of the EJ movement as it is articulated comparatively in the United States and the European Union, specifically within the debate over global climate change mitigation and adaptation. The class will travel to Europe in order to comparatively explore the development of local environmental justice claims, the effects of development on marginalized populations and the legal mechanisms that deal with negative externalities.

Instructor: Shannon M. Gibson
Dates: May – June 2016
Estimated Cost: $6,664 (tuition) + $3,860 (other expenses)

IR-422: Ecological Security and Global Politics (Iceland, Norway, and Finland)

This 4-unit course explores the complex issues surrounding the Arctic, especially those raised by recent developments in climate change, oil exploration, and interstate territorial confrontation. Students will explore Arctic policy, infrastructure, and existing legal frameworks to negotiate the conflicting positions of the main Arctic powers.

Instructor: Steven Lamy
Dates: May – June 2016
Estimated Cost: $6,664 (tuition) + $2,600 (other expenses)


USC's unique 4-unit course on nuclear security and preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is a special opportunity for students to explore in depth critical national security issues of today with the experts and officials who formulate, manage, and implement relevant policies and programs. Students meet with dozens of nuclear proliferation experts, both inside and outside the government.
**ITAL-499: Italian Youth: The Lost Generation? (Rome)**

In this 4-unit course, students will hypothesize solutions for the “gerontocracy” that has dominated Italian politics over the last few decades, as well as strategize alternatives to the precarious futures of young Italians engaged in short-term employment; attempt to solve the problem of the last decade of zero productivity growth in Italy; and take on the role that the media has played in exacerbating this problem.

**Instructor:** James M. Fortney  
**Dates:** May – June 2016  
**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + TBD (other expenses)

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**MDA-499: Health, Disease, Language and Culture in Guatemala**

In this 4-unit course, students will be taught about health care issues, socioeconomics issues, delivery, and illnesses, to prepare for the delivery of healthcare to non-English speaking patients. The format of this course will be hands-on and intensive, and many lectures will be taught in Spanish.

**Instructor:** Dr. Erin Quinn  
**Dates:** May – June 2016  
**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + $1,320 (other expenses)

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This is a 4-unit course grounded at the University of Oxford, followed by comparative research in Northern Ireland and Turkey on religion, ethnic conflict, and human rights. Students will design their own research project question with faculty guidance.

**Instructor:** Lyn Boyd-Judson  
**Dates:** June 21 – July 13, 2016 (estimated)  
**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + $3,446 (other expenses)

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**SSCI-499: GeoDesign Practice: The European Experience (Amsterdam)**

In this course, students will conduct research with leading international GeoDesign experts in the Netherlands and Los Angeles, and apply Dutch urban planning, geospatial technologies, and environmental design principles to address an LA-area societal challenge of their choice.

**Instructor:** Darren Ruddell  
**Dates:** May 31 – July 1, 2016  
**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + $4,220 (other expenses)

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**SOCI-450: NGOs in Global Conflict (Washington, D.C. and Geneva)**

This course examines the effects of global NGOS on national policies and international problem-solving, with particular focus on emerging issues of social justice in the context of migration, religious fundamentalism, civil war, international crime, climate change, and economic stagnation and decline. In studying both the foundations and changing landscape of global NGOS and their relation to U.S. public policy and strategies, students will gain a deeper understanding of how this landscape raises new questions of development, environment, health, finance, creative industries, intellectual property, Internet freedom, and the free flow of information and persons across borders.

**Instructor:** Joseph Palacios  
**Dates:** June 1 – July 17, 2016  
**Estimated Cost:** $6,664 (tuition) + $10,500 (other expenses)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

All Dornsife students will be eligible to apply for SURF funding, which can cover up to $3,000 of Problems Without Passports-related expenses. Non-Dornsife students can apply for the summer-term Provost’s Undergraduate Research Fellowship, which offers a $1,000 stipend to support research activities.

**SURF Website:** https://dornsife.usc.edu/surf/
**Provost’s Fellowship Website:** http://undergrad.usc.edu/research/provost/index.html