

W S U Senior University

FALL 2009 COURSE OFFERINGS

A Festival of Festivals

Jim Erickson, William McNeil, Taff Roberts & Sally Sloan

Course covers the history and importance of popular festivals: Mardi Gras [New Orleans], Dakota Gathering [Winona], Eisteddfod [Wales], and the Tellspiel [Switzerland]. There are hundreds of festivals held all over the world each year. Many have histories ranging far into the past, some related to religion, others to national histories and many springing from music.

Mondays • October 26, November 2, 9, 16
Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 1:30 - 3pm

Bluffland Ecology

Carol Jefferson

Examine the unique settings and biological diversity in Southeastern Minnesota blufflands and Mississippi Valley. Study the relationships between plants and animals and their physical environment as well as human activities. Learn about prairies, woodlands and streams. Discussions include biodiversity status, trends and conservation needs.

Tuesdays • October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1,
Maxwell 160 • 6 weeks • 1:30 - 3pm

Technology Made Simple

WSU Students - One-On-One Instruction

Covers basic computer and Internet uses; Microsoft Office, email, cell phones, digital cameras, iPods, texting, Twitter, Facebook - what do you want to learn? Responses from former Learners of this class included that they liked "learning by asking questions," "my personal tutor," "practical use of real world tools," and "enthusiastic knowledgeable WSU students." Facilitated by Cathie Logan, Director, Retiree Center with WSU Students providing one-on-one instruction. Fee includes: WSU Technology fee and Student wages.

Wednesdays • October 7, 14, 28, November 4
DWK Library 102 • 4 weeks • 2-3:30 pm

Tragic Visions

Emilio Degrazia

Explore what is meant by "tragedy." Are certain subject matters inherently "tragic," or is "tragedy" a way of looking at experience? What role does "tragedy" play in a culture such as ours, dominated by melodrama, comedy and happy endings? Read Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex" and a few other literary examples to evolve a better sense of how to think about the many sad experiences we cannot avoid.

Thursdays • October 29, November 5, 12, 19, December 3
Maxwell 160 • 5 weeks • 1:30 - 3pm



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A peer led set of short courses taught by retirees and topic experts to provide intellectual and cultural stimulation and growth, thus providing opportunities for lifelong learning and leadership, combined with the fellowship of peers sharing a common quest for continued growth.

Non-credit classes, one day a week during a 4-6 week term, no tests, no grades.

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