

Winona State University Retiree Center

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WHAT IS SENIOR UNIVERSITY?

Senior University WSU is a program of the Winona State University Retiree Center. Senior University is a peer-led set of short courses taught by professor emeriti, WSU faculty, 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.

Senior University is open to retirees and community adult learners.

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The Winona State University Retiree Center exists to support the mission of Winona State University and enrich the campus community as well as the lives of retired staff, faculty and administration by providing institutional connections between the university and retirees who may wish to continue their intellectual and social participation in collegial life and service to the university.



Senior University Classes

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Spring Birding - Spring 2013

The Glory of Ancient Greece: Homer's *Iliad* & *Odyssey* and Hesiod's *Theogony*

Instructor: Emilio DeGrazia

Day: Tuesday

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Maxwell Hall, Room 257

Sessions: January 16, 23, February 6, 13, 20, 27

Course Fee: \$40.00

Myths as “stories” are vital to how we see the world. Homer’s *Iliad* and *Odyssey* are considered classics, and they continue to exert an important cultural influence. This course will examine these two major works in light of the creation myth established by Hesiod who wrote his work, *Theogony*, at about the time Homer’s epic works were finding literary expression.

Emilio DeGrazia, a long-time resident of Winona, Minnesota, began publishing poetry and creative prose in 1973 and founded Great River Review, the state’s most enduring small press literary magazine, in 1977. In 2012, he was named to a two-year term as official Poet Laureate of Winona. Emilio has had a special interest in mythology and has taught several courses that center on mythological themes.



Great Ideas in Physics

Instructors: Richard Shields

Day: Wednesday

Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

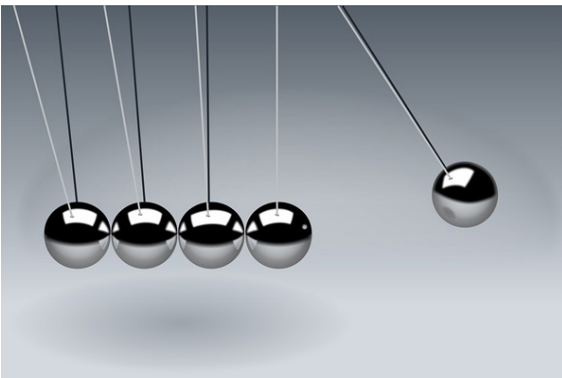
Sessions: January 24, 31, February 7, 14

Location: Pasteur Hall, Room 133

Course Fee: \$40.00

This course will help participants develop a greater understanding of the laws of physics. The lecture will explore the historical context of the great ideas and will include many demonstrations to illustrate the principles being discussed. Starting with the basic laws of physics and how these laws were developed will give the course participants a sense of how scientific experimentation is done and how science can be utilized to solve problems. The discussion will span the history of physics from the beginning to the present elementary particle theory.

Richard Shields is a retired Winona State University physics professor. He has recently done four physics demonstrations for the Winona Learning Club. These demonstrations have been very popular and well received. This course will have a similar lecture/demonstration presentation over the 4-week timeframe. During Richard's 40-year tenure as a physics professor, he taught many demonstration lectures to people of all ages. These have been enjoyable experiences for all involved!



Art History “Isms”

Hudson River School to American Modernism

Instructor: Nicole Chamberlain-Dupree

Day: Thursday

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Sessions: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 6

Location: Minnesota Marine Art Museum

Course Fee: \$40.00

This course will continue along the art history timeline and will cover new movements, ranging from Hudson River School to Impressionism to early American Modernism. Come learn about artists, art works, and dig in to some well-known and lesser-known art history movements. The class will be held at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum and will cover the following “isms:” Early American and Hudson River School, Impressionism, Post-Impressionism & Neo-Impressionism, Symbolism & Fauvism, Expressionism, Ashcan and American Modernism. This is a companion course to the wildly popular Art History “Isms” course held last semester, but you do not need to have taken the first course to fully enjoy this one!

Nicole Chamberlain-Dupree is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Marine Art Museum and a big fan of art and art history. She has a Master’s degree in Art History and enjoys sharing what she knows and learns.



Addressing Sexual Violence on College Campuses: Understanding and Changing the Culture

Instructor: Tamara Berg

**Day: Monday (except last class will be held on Tuesday,
April 17th from 6-8pm for Take Back the Night event)**

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Sessions: March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 17

Location: Maxwell Hall, Room 257

Course Fee: \$40.00

This course will explore what is going on nationally on college campuses with regard to gender-based violence (GBV) as well as what we are doing to change the culture at WSU. We will discuss data collected at WSU regarding incidents of GBV and how WSU's peer education and advocacy program is changing the campus. Finally, we will analyze the liberatory potential of movements that disrupt culturally dominant constructions of gender-based violence to support the students who will organize and participate in the annual Take Back the Night speak-out and rally (April 17, 2018, 6:00 pm).

Dr. Tamara Berg has taught at WSU for 22 years, and she has presented and published on service learning, gender-based violence, and women's and gender studies issues. In her current faculty position, she is Professor and Director of Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies at WSU. She is the lead investigator on a second \$300,000 DOJ/OWV grant to address sexual violence at WSU and has worked in collaboration with campus and community partners to change the culture at WSU for 20+ years, including 6 years serving on the Women's Resource Center of Winona's Board of Directors (2002-2008). She serves as an expert witness in Winona County for sexual violence and domestic violence cases.



Spring Wildflowers: Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Instructor: Judy Shepard

Day: Wednesday

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sessions: March 28, April 11, 25, May 9, 16

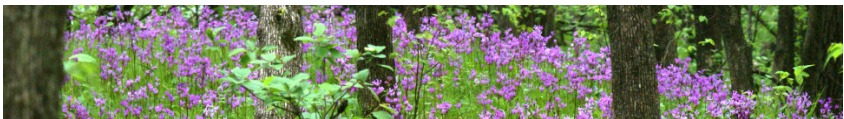
Location: Maxwell Hall, Room 257 (1st class session only)

Course Fee: \$45.00

This course consists of field trips planned around some of our most charismatic wildflowers as spring unfolds in the Driftless Area. Participants will discover the diversity of spring wildflowers and will learn the relationship between habitat and plant communities. Students will discover how these plants have been used over the last 10,000 years by Native Americans as well as by early settlers.

Note: Participants must be able to walk on uneven terrain unassisted, and provide their own transportation or arrange car pools with other registered participants in class for the course field trips. A headphone tour-guide system to facilitate instructor communication with class participants on field trips will be provided. Please, only registered class participants on the field trips, since the class size is limited. Thank you.

Judy Shepard has been an outdoor enthusiast all her life, but moving to the Driftless Area of MN in 1975 was a life-changing experience. She took a variety of classes at WSU in the natural sciences, which led to a job at Whitewater State Park as a Seasonal Naturalist Assistant under the mentorship of Dave Palmquist. There she led programs and walks for school groups and the public. She has also volunteered for 27 years with school groups at the former Hixon Forest Nature Center in La Crosse, WI. Judy and her husband Chuck seize any opportunity to explore the natural features of this Driftless Area we call home.



Spring Birding

Instructor: Eric Nelson and Julie McCormick

Day: Tuesday

Time: 7:30-11:00 a.m.

Sessions: April 10, 24, May 8, 15

Location: Stark Hall, Room 105 (1st class session only)

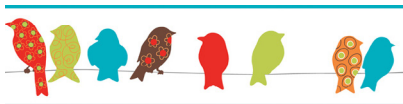
Course Fee: \$45.00

Retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist, Eric Nelson, and experienced bird watcher/naturalist, Julie McCormick, will share their vast knowledge and experience about birds and the hobby of birding during this course. Join them as they go out into the field to enjoy the arrival of spring. We live in the Mississippi flyway where thousands of birds flyover each spring. In April, we will see the waterfowl migration and watch as different songbirds arrive throughout the spring, until our summer breeding birds show up and start looking for nesting sites. We will discuss many topics around birdwatching including binoculars, books, birding resources and our favorite spots to look for birds.

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Eric Nelson worked as a biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for 32 years, 20 of those in Winona at the Upper Mississippi Refuge, retiring in 2010. Eric's expertise as a birder is well known in the Winona area.

Julie McCormick has been watching birds, and participating in bird counts for 23 years. Her in-depth knowledge, skills with birding-by-sight-and-sound, and enthusiasm for bird watching knows no bounds!



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Senior University has a new and permanent online registration system that has been adopted by MN State (formerly MNSCU) and will be used for all non-credit course registrations system-wide. Online registration is through R SchoolToday.

Start your online registration here:
[Senior University Registration](#)

Watch your email for a message confirming your registration and providing additional details about the class or classes for which you have registered.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, or if you have any questions or need assistance, contact us weekdays during regular business hours at:

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SENIOR UNIVERSITY CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

If a class must be canceled due to insufficient enrollment, inclement weather, or emergency circumstances, you will be notified as soon as possible and receive a full refund.

You may withdraw from a class and receive a full refund if we receive your withdrawal and refund request in writing, via email, mail or in person, at least five full business days before the first class date.