

Spring 2010 Sagan Courses



The Sagan National Colloquium and the Academic Policy Committee are very pleased to announce the following special courses for spring 2009 which are open to enrollment for students.

The six courses below will be offered during the 2010 spring semester. Students that wish to take one of these courses should contact the faculty member offering the course either in person or through email and fill out a general application form (available from the course professor, in the Academic Affairs office or the SNC website <http://snc.owu.edu>). After faculty review the applications, students will be given permission to enroll in the course.

These courses do have associated travel fees, but the primary costs are being subsidized by new budget lines based from external gifts to Ohio Wesleyan.



WGS 300.7 Gender and the Immigrant Experience - Richelle Schrock (Women and Gender Studies)

This course examines how women are uniquely positioned as migrants in the global economy. It specifically focuses on feminist perspectives on globalization and multiculturalism, the effects of migration and globalization on women and their children, and current controversies surrounding immigration to the United States. During the semester students will visit immigrant and refugee communities in Columbus and will work directly with immigrants or refugees on a project they will complete for the course. No student fee.



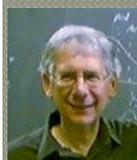
THEA 300.3 Political/Social Cabaret - Ed Kahn (Theatre and Dance)

Students will study the literature, history, and practice of 20th/21st century political/social cabaret and agit-prop theatre, explore writing and performing their own contemporary political and social material, and finally put their knowledge into practice with in a series of short public performances. Individuals from off-campus will work with students on campus who will produce various cabaret performances both on campus in the community. No student fee.



HIST 100.2 The Vietnam Experience - Michael Flamm (History)

This course will introduce students to the history, culture, and politics of Vietnam, with a special emphasis on the period from 1940 to 1975. The course will meet weekly to discuss readings and hear presentations focusing on the conflict between the United States and Vietnam. Students will also have to complete all of the requirements for History 160 ("America in the Sixties"), which they will take concurrently, and travel to Vietnam in May 2010. Total Student Fee: \$1000.00.



LAS 200.1 The Mexican Migration Experience - Bob Gitter (Economics)

This course will involve a detailed study of Mexican migration to the United States. Topics will include the impact of immigration on labor markets in the United States and Mexico, the migration experience, the history of migration, the social impact, politics and proposed legal reforms. A required component of the course will be a trip to Mexico City, followed by travel to a rural site in Puebla, Hidalgo, or Tlaxcala, Mexico. This will include receptions with town leaders, staying with and shadowing host families and various talks, tours and group trips and meetings. This travel will take place on March 6-14, 2010. Total Student Fee: \$1000.00.



BOMI 300.8 Biofuels - Chris Wolverton (Botany/Microbiology)

This course will focus on biofuel development from the molecular and cell biological levels and scale up to discuss the manufacturing and engineering challenges associated with biofuel production and distribution systems. Classroom discussions will focus on current research programs aimed at genetically modifying biochemical pathways to maximize biofuel production in various organisms. The course is anticipated to include required travel to a biofuels research conference.

Prerequisites: Any course in BOMI, ZOOL, CHEM, or PHYS or consent of instructor. Total Student Fee: \$750.00.



PHYS 100.1 International Competition and Cooperation in the Exploration of Space - Robert Harmon (Physics and Astronomy)

This course will trace the development of space exploration by all participating nations, with a focus on exploring the possibilities that the future holds for our global society. Students will travel to Waseda University in Tokyo Japan during spring break and spend one week meeting with various scientist, government representatives, and elected representatives involved with the Japanese Space Program. Total Student Fee: \$1500.00.