

NEWLY APPROVED COURSES

Hundreds of new courses are added to the Columbia undergraduate curriculum each year. So that students may be apprised of these offerings, new courses are collected on this page. Students are encouraged to check back periodically to review these new offerings.

Summer 2025 Newly Approved Courses

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Art History and Archaeology

AHIS S3107	Constructing the Sacred in Ancient Greece and Beyond
AHIS S3448	Theories, Methods, and Experiments in Art and AI
AHIS OC3472	Museums for Paris, 1793–Today
AHIS OC4047	Paris Architecture # Urbanism, 1750–1940

Anthropology

ANTH S4750	Messiahs, Millennium # Apocalypse
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Classics

CLCV UN1007	Aristotle and AI: Thinking tools from antiquity to today
GRKM OC3936	Columbia Summer Global Core: The Athens Experience

Comparative Literature and Society

CPLS OC3456	1968 Paris
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Earth and Environmental Science

EESC S4921	Paleoceanography
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East Asian Languages and Cultures

CHNS UN1105	First-Year Chinese I
CHNS UN1106	First-Year Chinese II
CHNS UN2205	Second-Year Chinese I
CHNS UN2206	Second-Year Chinese II
CHNS UN3305	Third-Year Chinese I

Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology

EEEE OC2201	Venice Ecology and Sustainability
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Economics

ECON UN2261	INTRO TO ACCOUNTING # FINANCE
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English and Comparative Literature

ENGL UN3699	Yaddo: Shaping the American Century
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Film

FILM UN3034	Horror Movies and New York
FILM UN3025	Narrative Design for Games and Interactive Experiences
FILM UN3045	Film Criticism # Story Development
FILM GU4045	Augmented Creativity: practical uses of AI in storytelling, art and design
FILM GU4212	Hollywood in China

History

HIST UN2679	Atlantic Slave Trade
HIST GU4112	The European Enlightenment
HIST GU4239	War and Peace: Exploring Contemporary Ukraine
HIST GU4699	Medieval Franciscans and their World

Human Rights

HRTS GU4260	Human Rights and Populism
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Music

MUSI UN2335	Film Music
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Political Science

POLS UN3108	Democracy: Theory # Practice
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Psychology

PSYC OC2471	Fundamentals of Human Neuropsychology - Summer
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PSYC OC2472	Hallucinations: Case Studies in Interdisciplinary Research
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PSYC S2830	Clinical Psychology
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PSYC S3472	Psychedelic Neuroscience: From Molecules to Minds
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PSYC S4655	The science of me, you and us: insights about the nature of wellbeing from basic and clinical research
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Religion

RELI UN3881	Indigenous Peoples in International Law I
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RELI UN3771	Indigenous Enlightenments: Indigenous Religious and Political Thought in the Americas: c. 1400- c.1800
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Theatre

THEA S4105	Intro to Playwriting
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THEA S4106	Advanced Playwriting
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THEA S4120	Introduction to Moment Work
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THEA S4122	Dramaturgy # Moment Work
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THEA S4315	Performing Protest in the Americas
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Visual Arts

VIAR UN1706	Photo Exhibitions
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VIAR UN1707	PhotoBook History
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Writing

WRIT S3043	WHAT IS CREATIVE WRITING FOR? PROSE WRITING IN PARIS
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WRIT S4324	MISFITS AND MISANTHROPEs
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Spring 2025 Newly Approved Courses

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African- American Studies

AFAS UN3002	Image Matters: Writing With Photographs from the African Diaspora
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AFAS UN3004	Introduction to Black Geographies
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AFAS UN3005	Introduction to Caribbean Art
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AFAS UN3006	Black Archival Theory and Praxis
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AFAS GU4001	Revolution and Decolonization in the African Diaspora
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AFAS GU4002	Writing in the Presence of Ancestors
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American Studies

AMST UN3939	THE 1980S: A CULTURAL HISTORY
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AMST UN3940	Versions of the American Dream
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Anthropology

ANTH UN2972	Unsettling Science: An Introduction to Science, Technology, and Society
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ANTH UN3066	African American Anthropology
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ANTH UN3851	Theatricality # the Political
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ANTH GU4747	Religion in Empire
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Art History and Archaeology

AHIS UN2129	Before Rome: The Art and Architecture of Italy's Peoples in the First Millennium BCE
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AHIS UN2804	Mediterranean Artistic Interactions in the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Era
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AHIS UN3105	Sacred Spaces # Divine Images Transformed
AHIS UN3438	Land and Landscape
AHIS UN3402	Introduction to Design History
AHIS UN3429	American Architecture: Skyscrapers # Urbanism
AHIS GU4518	Greek Sanctuaries
AHIS GU4534	Pastel and the Enlightenment
AHIS GU4856	Cities of Knowledge: Mediterranean Artistic Interactions
AHIS GU4946	Historicism # Restoration in European Arch.
Classics	
GREK UN3016	Readings from the Greek New Testament
CLCV UN3069	Society and Power in the Hellenistic Age
CLCV UN3090	Isiac cults in contexts; Egyptian cults in the Graeco-Roman world
Cognitive Science	
COGS UN3951	Computational Models of Decision-Making
COGS UN3952	Philosophy of Computing
Comparative Literature and Society	
CPLS UN3931	Life at the End of Life: Palliative Care and Service
CPLS GU4201	Advanced Freud Seminar
CPLS GU4375	The Poetics of Social Forms: The Legacy of Fredric Jameson
CPLS GU4545	Wittgenstein in the Machine
CPLS GU4565	Motherhood and Technology: From Conception to Birth
CLPS GU4876	1001 Nights, Then and Now
Earth and Environmental Sciences	
EESC UN1006	WHAT'S NEW IN EARTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CLIMATE SCIENCE?
East Asian Languages and Cultures	
EAAS UN3720	Women in Vietnamese society, history and literature
EAAS GU4134	Sex, Power, Performance: Gender in Chinese Literature
EAAS GU4150	Childhoods in Modern Japanese Literature
EAAS GU4345	Border Thinking in Modern China
EAAS GU4750	Exploring "The Tale of Genji": Themes, Contexts, and Aesthetics
Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology	
EEEB GU4450	Ethology and the Evolution of Behavior
English and Comparative Literature	
ENGL UN1075	Children's Literature
ENGL UN2792	Early Horror
ENGL UN3437	John Keats
ENGL UN3438	Archives and Afterlives in Postcolonial Texts
ENGL UN3439	Afro-Asian Literary Imaginaries
ENGL UN3432	Places for Poetry
ENGL UN3444	Race, Religion, and Early Modernity
ENGL UN3576	U.S. Poetry in the Expanded Field Since 1960
ENGL UN3781	Lab Lit, Weird Science, and Speculative Fiction

ENGL UN3884	Climate Fictions
ENGL GU4614	Ralph Ellison
CLEN GU4578	Reading the Haitian Revolution
CLEN GU4598	Erasmian Humanism
ENGL GU4885	Writers on Writing: Fictions, Theories, Risks, and Rituals
Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race	
CSER UN3875	Performances of Race # Disaster
Film	
FILM GU4112	Auteur Study: Jane Campion
FILM GU4311	Radical Film and Media
FILM GU4350	Women's Documentary Across the Globe
FILM GU4925	Documentary Modes
French and Romance Philology	
FREN UN3412	Contemporary French and Francophone Literature: US Goncourt Prize Selection
FREN UN3608	Literature and Painting
FREN OC3609	Literature and Prostitution
FREN UN3721	Female Friendship in Francophone Novels and Cinema
CLFR GU4612	Comics in the World: Graphic Albums # Current Events
CLFR GU4722	Annie Ernaux: Writing as a Knife
FREN GU4842	Radical Enlightenment Women
Germanic Languages	
CLYD UN3500	READINGS IN JEWISH LITERATURE (The Book of Genesis)
GERM UN3991	Advanced Topics in German Literature (Verteufelt human": Menschlichkeit und Humanität in Philosophie und Literatur)
CLDT GU4000	Learned Women from the Low Countries (and beyond)
CLGR GU4821	Rumor and Media: Technologies, Circulations, and Credence
History	
HIST UN2717	The Ottoman Empire and the West in the 19th Century
HIST UN3049	Provinces of the Roman Empire
HIST UN3297	Between Empire and Nation: Ukraine, 1772-1917
HIST UN3321	Solidarity in the Age of Decolonization
HIST UN3363	Feminist Histories of Gender and Sexuality in Modern Britain
HIST UN3507	A Trans History of the United States
HIST UN3591	One Person, One Vote?
HIST UN3608	Women and Gender in Latin America and the Caribbean
HIST UN3786	History of African Muslims: Timbuktu and Beyond
HIST GU4082	Medieval Religion: definitions and concepts
HIST GU4237	Resources and Regimes: Environmental Histories of Central Europe
HIST GU4239	War and Peace: Exploring Contemporary Ukraine
HIST GU4255	A Global History of East Central Europe Before the Modern Times
HIST GU4279	A Cultural History of the Soviet Century
FRHS GU4354	RACIAL HISTORIES OF EUROPE (15th-21st Centuries)

HIST GU4379	Ever Closer Union?: Histories of European Integration since 1945
HIST GU4385	Rousseau and the Modern Self
HIST GU4405	The Bible in Early America
HIST GU4439	Harm Reduction and/as Historical Analysis
HIST GU4528	Power, Place, Politics, and Health: Historical Perspectives
HIST GU4695	Urban Waters: ecologies, inequalities, and environmental justice in Latin American cities
HIST GU4716	Imag(in)ing the Ottoman Empire: A visual history, 18th-20th centuries
HIST GU4872	North Korean History, Culture and Politics
Humanities	
HUMA UN3000	Practices in Community Building
Human Rights	
HRTS GU4850	Beyond Human Rights Critique
Jewish Studies	
JWST GU4155	Auteur Study: Steven Spielberg
JWST GU4158	Zionist Thought: Center and Periphery
JWST GU4601	The History of Mizrahi Jews
Latin American and Iberian Cultures	
SPAN UN3894	Law, Literature, and Gender in the Hispanic World
Linguistics	
LING GU4023	Semantics
Nepali	
NEPA UN1102	Elementary Nepali II
Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies	
MDES UN1630	Introduction to South Asia
MDES UN2046	Slavery, Race, Racism: Global South Experiences and Debates
MDES UN3030	Spider-Man and the End of History
MDES GU4220	The Arabic Linguistic Tradition
MDES GU4952	Leaving the Ottoman Empire: Ottoman Americans
Music	
MPP UN1601	Performance Seminar MasterClass
MUSI UN3105	Prescribing the Piano: Music, Medicine # The Body
MUSI UN3216	Piano Literature # Performance: 1900 - Present
MUSI GU4204	Composing for Dance
MUSI GU4215	Modular Sound Synthesis
MUSI GU4438	Music and Global Africa
Philosophy	
PHIL UN3716	TOPICS IN ETHICS
PHIL UN3872	Personal Identity in Parallel Universes
PHIL GU4090	Early Greek Philosophy
PHIL GU4717	Topics in Moral Psychology (Freud and Philosophy)
Physics	
PHYS UN1151	Origins and Meaning: Independent Study
Political Science	
POLS UN3622	Ethnic Conflict
POLS UN3911	SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY (Liberalism, Community, Culture)
POLS UN3961	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS SEMINAR (Trade, Migration, and Climate Politics)

POLS UN3961	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS SEMINAR (Deterrence and Bargaining)
POLS GU4242	Political Economy of the Public Sector
Political Science- Applied Mathematics	
PSAM UN3707	Persuasion at scale: causal inference, machine learning, and evidence-based understanding of the information environment
Psychology	
PSYC UN1950	Neuroscience Methods: Cells and Circuits
PSYC UN3434	Prenatal Programming
PSYC GU4274	Psychology of Procrastination
Religion	
RELI UN2101	Religion and the Climate Crisis
RELI UN3107	Psychoanalysis and the 'Eew' Factor
Sinhala	
SINH UN3102	Literary Sinhala II
Slavic Languages	
RUSS UN3107	Russian Through Theater
CLRS GU4039	Chekhov and Others
Sociology	
SOCI UN2501	THE POLITICS OF MASS INCARCERATION
SOCI UN3943	Life on Mars: Building a New Society in Space
SOCI GU4049	Workshop in Gender and Sexuality II
SOCI GU4125	Carcerality, Law, and Punishment Workshop
Sustainable Development	
SDEV UN2100	Introduction to Climate Justice
SDEV GU4325	Plants, Animals, and Personhood
SDEV GU4660	Biodiversity and the Climate Crisis
SDEV GU4680	Climate and Sustainable Water Systems
Women's and Gender Studies	
WMST UN3155	Global Histories of the Trans Present
WMST GU4220	Bodies of Transformation
Writing	
WRIT UN3039	A PICTURE A THOUSAND WORDS: COMICS AND COLLAGE
WRIT UN3230	INTERACTIVE MEMOIR
WRIT UN3231	AT THE NEW YORKER
WRIT UN3232	EDITING, REVISING, PITCHING, PUBLISHING
WRIT UN3326	SURREALISM # PROSE POETRY
WRIT UN3328	LIVING AT THE MOVIES: THE PERSONA POEM IN FILM AND TV

Fall 2024 Newly Approved Courses

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Art History and Archaeology

AHIS UN2622	Introduction to East Asian Art: China, Japan, and Korea
AHIS UN3239	Medieval and Renaissance Venice
AHIS UN3466	AIDS Is Contemporary
AHIS UN3471	The Harlem Renaissance # Black Modernism
AHCE W4149	The Roman Art of Engineering: Traditions of Planning, Construction, and Innovation

AHIS GU4746	Architecture, Labor, Industry, and the (long) "American Century"	ENGL GU4462	Gender and Resistance in Early Modern Literature
Anthropology		CLEN GU4575	Source Texts of Postcolonial Vision
ANTH UN3812	Accusing Corpse-forensic trace	CLEN GU4777	Conspiracy Theory
Astronomy		CLEN GU4899	Resistance Literature
ASTR UN3986	ASTROSTATISTICS	Film	
Chemistry		FILM UN2530	Lab in the Video Essay
CHEM GU4149	Total Synthesis of Natural Products	FILM UN3020	INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
Cherokee		FILM GU4111	Auteur Study: David Lynch and The American Imaginary
CHKR UN1101	Elementary Cherokee I	FILM GU4945	Contemporary Russian Media
CHKR UN1102	Elementary Cherokee II	French	
Classics		FREN UN3249	French Through The Visual Arts
CLCV UN3016	Celebrity and Politics in the Greek and Roman Worlds	FREN UN3557	Politics of the Psyche in Postwar France
CLCV UN3535	IDENTITY # SOCIETY ANC EGYPT	FREN UN3725	Asylum/ Asile: Theory and Practice of Asylum Law Through Francophone African Asylum Claims in New York
CLST GU4515	Connecting Histories: Roman Conquests and Coinage	FREN GU4022	How to Love: Medieval French and Arabic
Comparative Literature and Society		FREN GU4028	French Film Aesthetics
CPLS GU4227	Blood, Guts, and Lancets: Anatomy in Nineteenth-Century Fiction	FREN GU4082	Rebel Literature: Politics and the Novel in the Francophone World (1950-1980)
CLPS GU4275	TRAUMA AND PLEASURE	Germanic Languages	
CPLS GU4330	ETHICS OF CARE IN FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE CINEMA	GERM UN2520	Intermediate Conversation
Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology		GERM UN3458	Medical Surreal: Doctor and Patient Narratives
EEEB UN3330	Explaining Biodiversity: Niches, Complex Systems, Chaos and Neutral Theory	CLGR UN3458	Netflix Culture
Ethnicity and Race Studies		CLGR GU4271	Orientalism and Empire
CSER UN3523	INTRODUCTION TO LATINX STUDIES	GERM GU4251	Kant with Arendt
Earth and Environmental Sciences		History	
EESC UN3904	INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN CLIMATE SYSTEM SCIENCE	HIST UN2709	Medieval Middle East
East Asian Languages and Cultures		HIST UN1071	History of Christianity from the Origins to the Reformation
EARL UN3310	The Body and/in Performance: Dance # Drama in Tibet # China	HIST UN2154	The British Isles and the British Empire, 1485-1815
HSEA UN3320	Making in Premodern Japan	HIST UN2851	Making Modern Korea
KORN GU4103	Korean Language in Contemporary Pop Culture	HIST UN3328	Neoliberal Britain?
EAAS GU4534	Medieval Travel Writing	HIST UN3927	Global Histories of Plants and Empire, c. 1500-1800
HSEA GU4815	Faith and Empire: Art and Politics in Tibetan Buddhism	HIST GU4298	Food in Modern East Central Europe: A Cultural and Political History
HSEA GU4968	Japan 1968: student protest movements in global historical perspective	HIST GU4435	Democracy and its Technocrats
English and Comparative Literature		HIST GU4527	Topics in U.S. Foreign Relations History
ENGL UN2100	Drama Before Shakespeare	HIST GU4363	Pascal and the Modern Self
ENGL UN3475	Melville's Fiction	HIST GU4374	Welfare States and Warfare States, Europe and the United States since c. 1870
ENGL UN3477	New Suns: Worlding in Black Speculative Fiction	HIST GU4681	The Nahuas Through Their Sources
ENGL UN3485	Black Women Writing the City	HIST GU4721	Archaeology and Heritage in the Ottoman Lands in the Long 19th Century
ENGL UN3675	Transpacific Personalities: The Personal Essay and Immigrant History in Asian American Literature	HIST GU4736	Ottoman Westernization and Orientalism in the Long 19th Century
ENTA UN3708	Reenactment and Performance in 20th # 21st Centuries	Human Rights	
CLEN UN3725	Literary Guides to Living and Dying Well from Plato to Montaigne	HRTS GU4011	Indigenous Rights and Settler Colonialism in North America
CLEN UN3790	Caribbean Radicalisms in New York, 1890-1990	HRTS GU4985	Hum Rights, Activism # US Carceral State
ENGL UN3837	UnLondon: Writing (and Re-Writing) Urban Space	Italian	
ENGL GU4559	August Wilson	CLIA UN3024	Nationalism in Theory and History

CLIA UN3662	FORBIDDEN BOOKS? CENSORSHIP AND THE CIRCULATION OF AMERICAN LITERATURE UNDER FASCISM
Jewish Studies	
JWST UN2155	Music, Sound, and Antisemitism
JWST GU4146	Between Philosophy and Mysticism: Jewish Thought in the Middle Ages
JWST GU4157	Israeli Politics in Times of Turmoil
Latin American and Iberian Cultures	
SPAN UN2104	Intermediate Spanish II: Topics on Climate Discourse
SPAN UN3893	Latin American # Latinx Speculative Fiction in Arts # Media
Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies	
MDES UN1003	Premodern Islamic Worlds
MDES UN2044	Religion and Politics in South Asia
MDES UN3634	Curb Your Enthusiasm: The Global History of Laughter
MDES UN3970	MESAAS Research Capstone
MDES GU4059	Race and Racism in the Global South
MDES GU4060	Reading Marx Historically
MDES GU4655	India after 1947: Democracy and Majoritarianism
MDES GU4825	Indo-Islamic Culture in Literature
Music	
MPP UN1414	Guitar (Popular-Contemporary) Instruction
MUSI UN2010	ROCK
MUSI UN3213	Bach Interpretation for Performers
MUSI UN3326	Genre in Popular Music
MUSI GU4418	Music and Fashion
Philosophy	
PHIL UN3912	SEMINAR (Angels, Demons, and Artificial Intelligence)
Political Science	
POLS UN3124	Gender and Political Theory
POLS UN3630	POLITCS OF INTL ECON RELATIONS
POLS UN3720	RESEARCH DESIGN: SCOPE AND METHODS
POLS UN3951	COMPARATIVE POLITICS SEMINAR (The Comparative Politics of Migration)
POLS UN3961	International Politics Seminar: War and Peace
POLS UN3961	International Politics Seminar: Security, Policy, and Democracy
POLS UN3961	International Politics Seminar: The Art and Science of Civil Resistance
Psychology	
PSYC UN3461	Music and Cognitive Neuroscience
PSYC UN3820	Science of Well-Being # Human Potential
PSYC UN3830	Psychology and the Internet
PSYC GU4625	Psychology of Religion
Religion	
RELI UN3020	Science Saves
RELI UN3413	Muslims in the West
RELI GU4377	Islam in the Soviet Union and Successor States
RELI GU4425	Climate, Religion and Colonialism
RELI GU4621	Religion and Media
Slavic Languages	

RUSS UN3106	Voices of (Dis)agreement: Russian Culture In and Outside Russia Today
CLSL GU4029	Bible, Literature, Theory
Sociology	
SOCI UN3986	Race, Discrimination, and Racial Inequalities on Both Sides of the Atlantic
SOCI GU4048	Workshop on Gender # Sexuality I
Sustainable Development	
SDEV GU4501	History of the Climate Crisis
Visual Arts	
VIAR UN2021	POPULAR # HISTORICAL GESTURES: FIGURE DRAWING
Women's and Gender Studies	
WMST UN3152	Queer/Trans Holocaust History
Writing	
WRIT UN3037	BODY # WORD
WRIT UN3038	WORD. ARTWORK. MIRROR. MULTIPLY: THE VISUAL ARTS AS A POETICS OF SENTENCE, LINE, AND FORM
WRIT UN3365	21STC AM POETRY # ITS CONCERNS

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Art History and Archaeology

AHIS OC4032	Visual Storytelling in Renaissance Venice
AHIS S3427	Making Medieval New York

Biological Sciences

BIOL UN1201	Engineered Mouse Models and Identifying Phenotypes In Vivo
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English and Comparative Literature

ENGL S3399	Home to Harlem: Literature and Culture of the Harlem Renaissance
ENGL UN3395	The Athlete in American Imagination
ENGL UN3748	Modern Western Drama and the History of Acting

Film

FILM S4040	US Independent Film
FILM S4042	Post Production with Resolve
FILM S4043	Post Production with Avid
FILM OC4330	Cinema of the Arab World

History

HIST OC3136	France and the African Diaspora
HIST OC3994	The Olympics and the Politics of International Sport

Human Rights

HRTS S4010	Indigenous Rights and Settler Colonialism in North America
HRTS S4015	The UN Human Rights System in the Making

Mathematics

MATH GU4041	INTRO MODERN ALGEBRA I
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Music

MUSI GU4135	
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Political Science

POLS UN3116	Borders and Immigration
POLS UN3210	JUDICIAL POLITICS
POLS UN3919	Seminar in Political Theory

Psychology

PSYC S3443	Neuroscience Practicum: Consciousness (Full Title = Summer Practicum in Neuroscience: Next Gen Scholars of Consciousness)
PSYC S3494	Gene-Environment Interaction and Epigenetics
PSYC GU4237	Machine Intelligence

Visual Arts

VIAR UN1702	INTRO DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
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