Freshman Seminars

Small, discussion-based classes in which students have the opportunity to explore specific topics within or beyond a major. Freshman seminars are 1.0 unit, and for the P/NP grading option only.

WINTER 2020

Department of Bioengineering (BENG 87)
- Medical Technology and the Public
- The Philosophy of Science and the Science of the Supernatural (A00)
- Earth’s Fragile Biosphere (B00)

Division of Biological Sciences (BILD 87)
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- Earth’s Fragile Biosphere (B00)

Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry (CHEM 87)
- Teaching Science: The Challenge

Department of Cognitive Science (COGS 87)
- How Minds and Groups Make Religion and Superstition

Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE 87)
- Neural Networks as Models of the Mind

Critical Gender Studies (CGS 87)
- Are Prisons Obsolete?

Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE 87)
- Casual Inference in Artificial Intelligence and Decision Making

Environmental Studies (ENVR 87)
- God, Satan and the Desert

Film Studies (FILM 87)
- Banned Films (A00)
- What Film Could Teach Us About Life (B00)
- Cult Films pf 1950s-2000s (C00)

Department of History (HITO 87)
- Piracy in Popular Culture?

Department of Literature (LTWL 87)
- Vampires in Literature and Film

Department of Mathematics (MATH 87)
- Math in the Movies

Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (MAE 87)
- Bioinspired Materials and Biomimetic Structures

Department of Philosophy (PHIL 87)
- What is Justice?

Department of Physics (PHYS 87)
- From Quarks to Cosmos (A00)
- Introduction to LaTeX: typeset your own science/engineering papers (B00)

Department of Political Science (POLI 87)
- Power in Fiction

Department of Psychology (PSYC 87)
- Sleep and Circadian Rhythms

Department of Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO 87)
- Treasures of the Earth: Minerals, Crystals, and Gems (A00)
- Perspectives in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation (B00)

Department of Sociology (SOCI 87)
- Globalization and the Exploration of Childhood

The Study of Religion (RELI 87)
- Beginning Meditation and the Four Noble Truths

Department of Theatre and Dance (TDGE 87)
- Auditioning Technique (B00)
- Dance Movement Exploration (C00)

Warren College (WARR 87)
- Drugs for Bugs: From High-throughput Technology to New Discovery (A00)
- Space Physiology and Exploration (B00)

*For date, time, section ID, and course description of each seminar, please visit: http://ugseminars.ucsd.edu/UGSEM_SeminarListing.asp

Students who start at UCSD with 45 units or more (from AP, IB, cc courses, etc.) must contact the department hosting the freshman seminar for authorization to enroll. Once students have enrolled in classes they should contact the department through the VAC.

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