

New Courses for Spring 2012 Semester

HUM231E Public Speaking

Dr. Connelly

This course initiates students into the art of public speaking. Over the course of the semester, students will be asked to prepare and deliver speeches ranging from the humorous, ceremonial and entertaining, through informative group and business presentations, to persuasive and motivational speeches designed to change attitudes or convince people to take action. In addition, the course includes discussion and written work on the traditions of rhetoric from the Middle Ages to the present day. Finally, a part of the course will be devoted to vocal exercises, the improvement of pronunciation, rhythm and memorization; and how to cope with glossophobia (the fear of public speaking).

LCH111E Introduction to Chinese Language & Culture

Dr. Su

This course, designed for students with no prior knowledge of Chinese, is primarily a first course in the language, but also exposes students to various aspects of Chinese culture. The emphasis will be on understanding, speaking and reading. The course will be conducted, in so far as possible, in Chinese from the beginning. Among the cultural topics will be: the origins of the Chinese language and of Chinese religions; and Chinese philosophy, especially Taoism.

LAW131E Introduction to International and European Union Law

Dr. Cogen

Wednesdays 11:30-13:00 & Fridays 16:30-18:00

In the first part, the course explains the basic rules of inter-state relations and international organizations. These rules govern state authorities (especially governments), the status of the individual and the establishing treaties of international organizations. Many questions are raised, such as: What are the sources of international law? What is a state and what are the fundamental rights and duties of a state? What does international law say about the regime of the oceans, outer space, Antarctica? Does the individual have rights according to international law? How are treaties concluded? What is the status of a diplomat or a consul? How does the United Nations work?

The second part explains the institutions and the policies of the European Union from the perspective of EU law. A timeline of the major decisions within the complex process of European integration is the necessary background to understand EU law today. What are the competences of the EU? Is the EU protected by democratic governance and human rights? There are numerous institutions of the EU; how is their decision-making? The EU has an internal market. What are the basic rules of the internal market? How important are agricultural policy and regional policy? Does the EU have a common immigration policy or a police force? How are decisions made regarding foreign relations and third countries?

Students will actively participate in class and will prepare a short note to be presented in class on an issue of their choice (either international law or EU law).