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Fall 2020 Updates

The final add/drop deadline for the Fall 2020 semester was September 16th, 2020. This means students can no longer add coursework to their semester unless they are requesting to use their Late Change of schedule form which should be reserved for emergencies only. Please reach out to a major advisor for further information.

Spring 2021 Schedule Live!

The Spring 2021 schedule is now live! So please check it out for more information! Phase 1 enrollment will begin on October 12th, you can check your CalCentral to see when your enrollment appointment is scheduled!

Spring 2021: Berkeley Connect Courses

Are you yearning to meet and talk with other students who share your academic interests? Consider adding a section of Berkeley Connect to your Spring 2021 course schedule! When you enroll in this one-unit, Pass/Not Pass course (98BC for freshmen and sophomores, 198BC for juniors and seniors) through one of the 15 participating departments, you will be assigned a graduate student as your personal mentor for the semester, and you will be placed in a small discussion group with 19 other students who share your interest in a particular subject. Over the course of the semester you'll meet one-on-one with your mentor, and participate in lively, interactive discussions with your peers. There are no homework assignments, readings, exams or papers; the goal of the program is to help you build your academic community and your sense of belonging at UC Berkeley. You don't have to be a major in one of the participating departments in order to participate; Berkeley Connect is open to all. Over 90% of students who have participated in Berkeley Connect say they would recommend the program to a friend; you are encouraged to enroll soon while spaces are available. All sections of Berkeley Connect are scheduled to be held virtually in Spring 2021; sections meet in real-time in the late afternoon/early evening, Pacific Time. For more information, contact berkeleyconnect@berkeley.edu.
Spring 2021: Gender & Environment

Professor Youjin Chung
Energy and Resources Group ENERES 190B-001 (32786)
Environmental Science, Policy & Management ESPM 150-002 (32721)
LECTURES: TT 9:30 am – 11:00 am
Discussion Sections: Wednesdays 9-10am or 1-2pm or 6-7pm
This course will be held remotely in Spring 2021.

Course Description

Humans’ relationship with the environment—e.g., soil, land, water, forests, air, food, animals, aquatic species, microorganisms, toxic chemicals, and built landscapes—is complex, multidimensional, and situated in particular historical and geographical contexts. Gender, as a constitutive element of social relationships and a key signifier of power, is fundamental to understanding how “nature” and the environment is produced and experienced; how environmental knowledges are shaped, maintained, and valued over time and space; how access to material resources is negotiated, managed, and controlled; and how the impacts of, and responses to, environmental degradation are differentiated and unevenly distributed. However, gender is not a fixed or singular category. It is always already articulated with other forms of power and difference, including race, class, ethnicity, age, sexuality, and dis/ability among others.

The objective of this course, then, is to explore the myriad of ways in which human-environment relationships are shaped by gender and intersectional power relations across local and global scales.

Spring 2021: HUM 196

HUM 196 All theFeels: Art and the Cultural Politics of Emotion, will delve into the psychology and philosophy of emotions, affect theory, social movement history, political art, and American literature. The semester concludes with a final presentation of student work.
Course Opportunities: Week of November 2, 2020

Student feedback for this course has been tremendous, with 95% of students “highly” recommending the course. To quote one student “I did not know that anything like this existed at Berkeley before this semester and I wish there were more of these style research classes. One of my favorite classes at Cal. It is an incredible learning experience.”

Very brief student applications are due by November 6, 2020, at this link:
https://forms.gle/BZD9iXmJyJKJzAaMA.
Spring 2021: Labor Studies Courses

FALL 2019

Public Policy 190: Field Studies in Community and Labor Organizing
*Open to undergraduate and graduate students!
Course Number: 17505
Schedule: Mon., 2:30–3:30 PM
Location:
2521 Channing Way
(near Telegraph)

Public Policy 290: Challenges & Innovation in Labor Policy
Course Number: 15281
Schedule: Wed., 9:30–11:30 AM
Location:
2521 Channing Way
(near Telegraph)

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For more information, visit us online: laborcenter.berkeley.edu/labor-studies-cal/
Spring 2021: L&S Course 22, Sense & Sensibility & Science

L&S 22 Sense & Sensibility & Science, Spring 2021
by Saul Perlmutter, Alison Gopnik, John Campbell

Every day we make decisions that can and should be informed by science. We make decisions as individuals, as voters, and as members of our various communities. The problem is, we don’t do it so well—a fact sadly apparent in political debates. This course aims to equip students with basic tools to be better thinkers. We will explore key aspects of scientific thinking that everyone should know, especially the many ways that we humans tend to fool ourselves, and how to avoid them—including how to differentiate signals from noise, evaluate causal claims, and avoid reasoning biases. We’ll then look at the best models for using science to guide decisions, combining both evidence and values, with the ultimate goal of bettering the world.

We’re facing a world that seems to struggle with rational collective decision making. How can we take into account our values, fears, and aspirations while also grappling with and evaluating facts and evidence? We make decisions as individuals, as groups, and as a society; we find this challenge everywhere we turn. This year, the challenge of making good decisions as a society seems both more difficult and more important than ever. Over the centuries, scientists, psychologists, and philosophers have developed rigorous, yet open-minded ways of thinking about the world that can help us address these universal and pressing concerns. This course explores and directly engages with some of the most useful tools of scientific-style critical thinking, taking into account both psychological biases and philosophical underpinnings.

Co-taught by faculty from Physics (Saul Perlmutter, Nobel Prize 2011), Philosophy (John Campbell), and Psychology (Alison Gopnik), L&S 22 satisfies the Philosophy and Values, Physical Science, or Social and Behavioral Sciences breadth requirement in the College of Letters & Science. For course announcements including any pre-course preparation/supplies, waitlist, or other information, please visit http://sensesensibilityscience.com/2021announcements/

For a list of topics discussed in the course, see http://sensesensibilityscience.com/schedule/

The class will be taught remotely and synchronously for spring 2021.

As the class fills, additional discussion sections will be added. Please email sensesensibilityscience@berkeley.edu if you are interested in enrolling in the course but none of the open discussion sections work with your schedule.