



ACADIA SENIOR COLLEGE



FALL 2020

Class Schedule August 24 - October 29

Welcome to our Fall catalog! All classes will be held online using Zoom.

Class schedules vary more than usual this term because there is more flexibility with Zoom. Some classes will meet once a week, and others will meet twice per week. A few classes are scheduled at “non-standard” times. Three classes were postponed from the spring term and have been rescheduled for this fall.

Students who were enrolled in the spring classes have been pre-registered, which explains why **one class is already full, another is nearly full, and two others have pre-registered students.** You can still join the wait list for any of those classes.

You must be a current ASC member to register, and we ask that each individual taking a class register separately even you plan to share a Zoom screen. Course fees remain the same – \$60 for the first class and \$35 for each subsequent class.

If you are unsure about taking an online class, we will be offering Zoom practice sessions before classes start and one-on-one help is always available.

Enjoy!

Courses at a glance

MONDAY

The First Amendment: Freedom of Speech and Religious Rights

Instructor: Richard Cohen
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
8 – 20 students

Cosmology: How Did We Ever Learn That?

Instructor: Bob Gallon
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
8 – 20 students

TUESDAY

Civil Rights: The Other Half

Instructor: Nat Fenton
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
15 – 30 students

WEDNESDAY

Writer and Region: Exploring the Beloved Community

Instructor: Scott Planting
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
8 – 12 students

Explorations in Human Evolution

Instructor: Peggy deWolf
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
5 – 15 students

THURSDAY

2020 Visions: Working Forward

Instructor: Jack Russell
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
10 – 25 students

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY

Highlights in European History, 1815-1922

Instructors: Michael Blythe and Harald Paumgarten
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
8 – 20 students

MONDAY / THURSDAY

An Historical Introduction to Chinese Buddhism

Instructor: Hugh Clark
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
5 – 12 students

TUESDAY / FRIDAY

Introduction to the Yi Jing

Instructor: Ned Beach
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
5 – 15 students

Engines of Change: The Automobile's Impact on Women's Independence

Instructor: Jenna Beaulieu
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
6 – 40 students

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Opens at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2020
Closes at midnight on July 31, 2020

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Monday Classes

The First Amendment: Freedom of Speech and Religious Rights

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

6 weeks: August 24, 31, September 14, 21, October 5, 12

8 – 20 students

NOTE: there will be NO CLASS on September 7th or September 28th.

Understanding today's First Amendment issues requires knowledge of the history of the rights it protects and their treatment in the courts for 230 years. Always at issue have been freedom to speak your mind, to freely assemble, to present grievances to government, to publish the truth, to freely practice your religion, and not to be oppressed by another's. We deal particularly today with disputes over the right to assemble to protest injustice, with censorship of speech on campus, with the responsibility of internet platforms for the content of postings, and with the extent of religious rights.

The format will be partly lecture with encouragement of free class participation via Zoom. Questions, dissents, and Bronx Cheers will be equally welcome. Course materials will be court decisions and commentary on them, and all will be available online. Links to reliable sources will be provided.

Instructor: Richard Cohen is a retired judge of the NJ Superior Court, Appellate Division. He does not claim constitutional expertise, but he is concerned with the issues presented and has studied them from an appellate judge's point of view. He has presented two earlier courses on American Constitutional History and The Sources of Constitutional Conflicts.

Cosmology: How Did We Ever Learn That?

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

7 weeks: August 31, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19

8 – 20 students

NOTE: there will be NO CLASS on September 7th.

Cosmology is the theory of the nature and contents of the universe. It is a BIG subject. It is amazing that we puny Earthlings know anything about it. This course will examine our changing conceptions of the universe from the ancients up to the early 20th century. The course will focus on the three great cosmological revolutions associated with the names: Aristotle and Ptolemy; Copernicus, Galileo, Kepler and Newton; and Einstein and Hubble. Most people know these names. Fewer know what they did. We will learn how what they did changed our conception of reality. The only math will be a little geometry.

Instructor: Bob Gallon is a clinical and forensic psychologist, a musician, and a recently retired tuba player with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. He taught psychology at Vassar College and at Thomas Jefferson Medical School. He also taught at College of the Atlantic, and has taught many Acadia Senior College classes, including physics.

Tuesday Class

Civil Rights: The Other Half

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

6 weeks: September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13

15 – 30 students

In 2020 America celebrates the 100-year anniversary of the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote. This class will celebrate what a female student in my last civil rights class called “the other half” of the civil rights story. So we will leave the stories of MLK, Abernathy, Lewis and Korematsu and focus on the stories of the heroines of the civil rights movement, those named Freeman, Tubman, Wells, Paul, Roosevelt, Murray, Perkins, Parks, Johns, Hamer, Baker and others. Would the civil rights advances of the past 240 years have happened without their leadership and sacrifices? Let's find out together.

The Spring 2020 presentations on Zoom were a teaser (and for me a teaching lesson) for this course and some of that material may be included in the Fall 2020 course.

Instructor: Nat Fenton began his education in Bar Harbor, followed by prep school at St. Mark's School, college at Bowdoin, and law school at Cornell University. Nat has taught courses on Nelson Mandela, Abraham Lincoln, the America's Cup, and most recently on Civil Rights.



Wednesday Classes

Writer and Region: Exploring the Beloved Community

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

6 weeks: September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14

8 – 12 students

This course will explore through literature the meaning of community described by Wendell Berry and several Maine writers. The title “Writer and Region” is taken from an essay by Wendell Berry in which he defines community as, “common experience and common effort on a common ground to which one willingly belongs.” What is a community? And, more particularly, what is a “beloved community?” In different ways, each of the writers we will read -- Sarah Orne Jewett, Ruth Moore, Edward Holmes, Elaine Ford, William Carpenter and others -- address the theme of community. What makes a community work? What makes a community resilient? Alternately, what can weaken a community? How does a community resolve the tension between tradition and change? Finally, what is the importance of community for us today?

Instructor: Scott Planting has taught ASC courses about the islands and coastal communities of Downeast Maine. Scott served as president of the Maine Seacoast Mission for nine years. Prior to the Mission, he led a cooperative parish in Western Maine. He was educated at Amherst College and Harvard Divinity School.

Explorations in Human Evolution

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

6 weeks: September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7

5 – 15 students

Understandings in human evolution appeared to be largely unchallenged until 2016, when a number of recent breakthrough findings, some in archaeology and others in genetics research, raised questions about what had seemed to be a largely settled science. This course focuses on a number of these findings, which address the age of our species, the timeline for our exit from Africa, our inheritance of archaic DNA, and similar species which co-existed with us. Our understandings in just four years have undergone a radical shift, the implications of which will be a focus of the course.

Instructor: Peggy deWolf has a master’s degree in Biological Anthropology and a PhD in Sociology. Most of her career has been at Virginia Tech where she taught Sociology. In her retirement, Peggy has taught several ASC courses in Human Evolution, and through a similar program, the Evergreen Forum, in Princeton, NJ.

Acadia Senior College offers intellectual stimulation, practical knowledge, social interaction, and fun for adults over 50.

Thursday Class

2020 Visions: Working Forward

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

8 weeks: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

10 – 25 students

As America rolls toward the November 2020 elections through the trauma of the Covid-19 pandemic, its economic impact, and resistance to racism, good citizens ask: What are the possible futures of American politics and society? This course explores these questions. We will first analyze our political terrain via the 2016, 2018 and pending 2020 elections, predict the November outcomes, and assess the near and longer-term consequences of the pandemic. The course will then explore the prospect of building a better America by envisioning the political paths in the early 2020s to six dimensions of a progressive future: Democracy, Commonwealth, Healthcare, Education, Resilience, and Harmony.

In mid-spring 2020, some of you participated in my PowerPoint Presentation on contemporary American politics. The only overlap between that offering and my fall class is that the spring PowerPoint was a now-dated version of my presentation for the first class of the fall course. The fall class will include seven more presentations and discussions on important themes.

Instructor: Jack Russell was born and raised on Mount Desert Island. Educated for a tweedy academic life as a literary historian, in the 1960s he redirected his energies to a half-century as community organizer, policy analyst, organizational leader, and single-shingle consultant. Since returning to MDI in 2006, he has worked on conservation, written on national and local politics and regional history, offered ASC courses on Acadian and Island history, Walden, and Moby Dick.



Monday / Wednesday Class

Highlights in European History, 1815-1922

Mondays and Wednesdays for 6 weeks, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Mondays: August 24, 31, September 14, 21, 28

Wednesdays: August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

(This class meets twice a week for one hour, for a total of 11 sessions)

8 – 20 students

NOTE: there will be NO CLASS on September 7th.

This class will present and discuss European development after the Napoleonic Wars, encompassing the industrial revolution, advances in science and technology, the expansion of the British Empire, unification of Germany and Italy, Russia, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire. In what is often called the long century, political and economic changes occurred everywhere, with the period crowned by WW1 and the collapse of eight empires.

Instructors: **Michael Blythe** was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, University of Oxford. After service as a captain in HM Royal Marines, he had a long career in deep water oil field development in the North Sea and Nigeria. He has taught Acadia Senior College courses on the history and technology of off-shore oil exploration and drilling and on the French Revolution.

Harald Paumgarten received a BA degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a MBA from The University of California, Berkeley. He has been an adjunct professor of finance at Columbia University, Baruch College, St. John's College, and Howard University. Harald's business career includes senior positions at Deutsche Bank, HSBC Funds, WP Carey, UBS, and Florida Capital Corporation, among others.



Monday / Thursday Class

An Historical Introduction to Chinese Buddhism

Mondays and Thursdays for 6 weeks, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Mondays: September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12

Thursdays: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15

(This class meets twice a week for one hour, for a total of 11 sessions)

5 – 12 students

NOTE: there will be NO CLASS on September 7th. The course will begin on Thursday, September 10th.

Buddhism is one of the most important religions in our world today. It is also one of the most recognizable features of the cultures and landscapes of East Asia, including those of both China and Japan. This course will mix a narrative introduction to the origins and transmission of Buddhism from its birthplace in north India to its transmission via the Silk Road to China and then Korea and Japan with selected text reading. Reflecting the instructor's background, the course will include both the history of Buddhism as well as some exploration of the religion itself. No background in Buddhism or the relevant cultures is expected or required.

Instructor: Hugh Clark retired after 35 years as Professor of History and East Asian Studies at Ursinus College, a non-sectarian liberal arts college outside Philadelphia. He specialized in the socio-cultural history of middle period China, regarding which he has published numerous academic articles and three books. He taught Chinese philosophy to undergraduates many times and he now looks forward to benefitting from the informed and thoughtful approach of adults.



Tuesday / Friday Classes

Introduction to the Yi Jing

Tuesdays and Fridays for 4 weeks, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Tuesdays: September 8, 15, 22, 29, and Fridays: September 11, 18, 25, October 2

(This class meets twice a week for an hour and a quarter, for a total of 8 sessions)

5 – 15 students

The Yi Jing (Book of Changes), dating back to approximately 1000 BCE, is among the most ancient Chinese texts surviving to this day. Originally conceived as an oracular method of divination, it sought to sift the intangible “seeds of change” produced by the permutations of “yin” and “yang,” the primordial female and male principles underlying the cosmos.

The course will begin by examining the basic philosophical and religious ideas underlying the Book of Changes. We will learn how to interpret the natural images and symbols comprising the sixty-four “hexagrams,” each composed of six lines to represent various permutations of yin and yang.

In the second half of the course, we will read some short but important commentaries on the Book of Changes. The writers of the commentaries regarded the principles of Yi Jing as the formative powers underlying all existence. This perspective has given rise to a different agenda – less motivated by a desire to predict the outcomes of particular human projects and goals, but oriented primarily toward reflections on the meaning of existence as a whole.

Instructor: Ned Beach holds a PhD in Philosophy from Northwestern University and a second doctorate in Religious Studies from Stanford. He taught for three decades at various colleges and universities, the longest stint being at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, from which he retired as Professor Emeritus in 2013. Since then, he has also taught occasional courses at the University of Maine, Orono.

Engines of Change: The Automobile’s Impact on Women’s Independence

Tuesdays and Fridays for 4 weeks, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: September 15, 22, 29, October 6, and Fridays: September 18, 25, October 2, 9

(This class meets twice a week for one hour, for a total of 8 sessions)

6 – 40 students

This course will explore how women demanded more social and economic freedom by using the automobile to assert their independence and transform their role in American society, communities, and households. Driving allowed women to try things traditionally closed off to them, thus creating a foundation upon which to fight future battles for equal rights, voting rights and pay equity. Participants will learn about female cross-continent automobile and motorcycle drivers as well as women race car drivers, adventurers, suffragists who visited more than 100 cities, and others who contributed to positive change and took “mobilization” to a whole new level.

Instructor: Jenna Beaulieu has a BA in English from the University of Maine at Fort Kent, with a focus on Comparative Mythology. She is Curator of Education at the Seal Cove Auto Museum and Exhibit Curator for their 2020-2021 main exhibit, “Engines of Change: A Suffrage Centennial,” which focuses on the role the automobile played in women’s suffrage, and how improvements in technology were harnessed to mobilize social movements.

HOW WILL THESE ONLINE ZOOM CLASSES WORK?

Many of you participated in our spring online classes and will be familiar with Zoom. Others may want to take an online class, but don't know how to use Zoom.

We will be offering learning and practice sessions prior to the start of fall classes for all participants who want or need help. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if have any questions.

- Instructors will have their own Zoom account and will be responsible for starting each class session.
- Once registration closes, instructors will email the class Zoom link to each student.
- Remember that even if two or more students plan to share a screen during a Zoom class, each individual must register separately.


MORE INFORMATION

- You must be an ASC member to register for courses, and your membership must be active through the end of the term (October 29, 2020).
- Registration is first come, first served.
- You may register for more than one course.
- When registering online, you may pay with a credit card or choose to send a check.
- We strongly encourage online registration, but if you want to register by postal mail, please print and mail the form on the last page.
- Registration forms sent by postal mail and received prior to registration will be processed starting at 11:00 a.m. on July 15th.
- When registering by mail, please fill out the registration form completely. You may list alternate classes in case your first choice(s) is/are filled.
- Registration requests received after July 31, 2020, will be honored with instructor approval. In these cases, students must purchase their own books, if applicable.
- Instructors wishing to use a course credit can register online and choose "Pay by check." Contact the office to confirm your registration.

Scholarships are available. Please contact ASC for more information!

HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE

**Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. on July 15th
and closes at midnight on July 31st**
acadiaseniorcollege.org/courses

1. Log in to your ASC account.
2. Go to acadiaseniorcollege.org/courses.
3. Review the class offerings.
4. Click  **Enroll** below the course description. *Please note that the Enroll link does not display until registration opens at 10:00 a.m. If you do not see the link at 10:00, please refresh your browser.*
5. Once you have enrolled in the class(es) you want, click "Go to your cart" in the orange message box that appears in the upper right of the screen. This will take you to the Enrollments screen where you can choose to pay by credit card or by check.

IMPORTANT

**You must know your username and password to log in and register for courses online.
Please take a moment to log in to the website before registration starts.
If you need help please call or email.**

**The Enroll link does not display until registration opens at 10:00 a.m.
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MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM • FALL 2020

Please use one form per member - make a copy if needed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

**Online registration opens
at 10:00 a.m. on July 15th**

**Registration forms sent by postal mail and received prior to registration
will be processed starting at 11:00 a.m. on July 15th.**

Course One: _____

Alternate Course: _____

Course Two: _____

Alternate Course: _____

Course Three: _____

Alternate Course: _____

Number of courses you are taking:

___ 1 Course: \$60 ___ 2 Courses: \$95

___ 3 Courses: \$130 ___ 4 Courses: \$165

Total Course Fees: _____

Annual Membership Fee: _____ (\$35 per year, or \$90 for 3 years)

Additional donation: _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

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