



SENIOR UNIVERSITY

GEORGETOWN

FALL 2018 COURSE SCHEDULE

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 24/25/26 & END OCTOBER 29/30/31

MONDAY MORNINGS AT SUN CITY

Social Center, 2 Texas Drive, 78633
Activities Center, 1 Texas Drive, 78633

Monday

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Sun City Activities Center, Rooms 1 & 2

“The Story of English”

Jody Patterson

English is a weed of a language with a blatant disregard for rules that exasperates new learners and lifelong speakers alike, and it’s also the language of some of the greatest writers in the world. It’s survived Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Viking, and Norman invasions; the Black Death; British colonialization; and lightning changes in communication and technology. Today, in spite of the fact that it ranks only third in the world’s most spoken languages, English is the language of business, travel, international relations, and computer programming. It’s both our story, and the story of the modern world.

A proud “word nerd,” Jody’s education and career have supported an enduring love of learning and language.

This course is 1 ½ hours long.

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9:00 am – 10:00 am

Sun City Social Center, Ballroom

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This course is also offered on Monday afternoons.

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9:00 am – 10:00 am

Sun City Activities Center, Atrium

“Appreciating Plants and Wildlife of Central Texas”

Martin Byhower

Want to attract Painted Buntings to your back yard, but not deer? Attract birds and butterflies? This course will highlight the birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies and insects as well as plants that we may encounter in our yards, nearby parks, and wild areas. We will learn both the benefits and challenges posed by the species that share our living space and how to identify, observe, attract and in some cases repel them. Optional field trips which focus on birds and native plants will be offered as part of this course.

Martin Byhower, a certified Master Naturalist, holds degrees in geology and aquatic Biology from UC Santa Barbara. He spent more than 30 years teaching marine biology and environmental education. His current interests focus on wildlife conservation, invasive species impact, habitat restoration, and refining skills in recognition of native flora and fauna.

Monday

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Sun City Activities Center, Rooms 3 & 4

“Legendary Men and Women of Williamson County”

Sam Smith

Sam Smith will present a series describing six “Local Legends” who add much spice to the story of Williamson County. In order of their appearance, they are: Dan Moody, Jesse Daniel Ames, Bill Pickett, Hanna Cluck, Three-legged Willie, and Mary Ann Oatts Snyder.

Sam is a retiree who moved to Georgetown three years ago. He started his career in the US Air Force at the age of 17. Sam retired at the age of 38 after serving in Asia and Europe. He has degrees in engineering from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Southern California.

Monday

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Sun City Social Center, Ballroom

“Media Potpourri”

Week 1, Sept. 24 - Tony Plohetski (KVUE and Austin-American Statesman)

Tony is a veteran Austin journalist who joined the KVUE Defenders investigative in 2013. He specializes in coverage of law enforcement, criminal justice, and local government.

Tony continues to report for the Austin-American Statesman.

Week 2, Oct. 1 - Denise Seiler (Community Impact Newspaper)

Denise joined the Community Impact in 2007 and has held a number of positions including account executive in Cedar Park-Leander where she was named Salesperson of the Year. She was recently named general manager of the Georgetown edition. Denise is active working with the Georgetown community to report on local business, transportation, education and healthcare.

Week 3, Oct. 8 - Ken Herman (Austin-American Statesman)

Ken is currently the metro columnist for the Statesman "which means he writes about what interests him and hope it interests his bosses and readers". He began his career with the Lufkin Daily News in 1975 and has since worked for the Associated Press as Capitol Bureau Chief and for Cox Newspapers as White House correspondent. Ken will discuss "Newspapers in the New Communications World".

Week 4, Oct. 15 - Chikage Windler (KEYE Weather)

Chikage is the Emmy-award winning Chief Meteorologist at CBS Austin where she forecasts the weather on weekday evenings. She is a proud weather geek who grew up in Tornado Alley in Oklahoma. Chikage graduated magna cum laude from the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in Meteorology and B.A. in Broadcast Journalism. Her two decades of experience include guest appearances on ABC's Good Morning America and the ABC World News in New York City.

Week 5, Oct. 22 - Michael Barnes (Austin-American Statesman)

Michael is a native Texan who earned his PhD from the University of Texas. For the past 30 years he has written about the city's people, places, culture, and history for the Austin-American Statesman. Michael will discuss the process of finding, researching, and writing historical columns for print, digital and other media platforms.

Week 6, Oct. 29 - Winnie Bowen (Writer)

Winnie is a founding member of Senior University, a writer, author and blogger. She established the first travel class for Senior University and remains an active traveler today. Always fascinated with words, Winnie started picking up idioms and phrases on her first trip across the pond in 1992. Her interest in why we say this or that eventually morphed into a book which she will discuss.

Monday

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Sun City Activities Center, Rooms 3 & 4

"From Victoria to Victory (An American Perspective)"

Jerry Faulkner

This course will cover the first four presidents of the 20th century (1900 to 1920) and how their administrations contributed to making it an American century. The presidencies of W. McKinley, T. Roosevelt, R. Taft and W. Wilson will be discussed. The course will culminate with commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of the "War to End All Wars" where American doughboys snatched victory from the jaws of defeat on the eleventh hour, eleventh day and eleventh month of 1918.

Jerry Faulkner received his BBA in human resources with a

minor in history from City University of New York. After a career in Human Resources he has devoted much of his retirement to teaching as both a substitute teacher and Bible study leader. Jerry has taught three previous history courses for Senior University dealing with World War I and its aftermath.

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This course is also offered on Wednesday mornings.

This course is 1 ½ hours long.

Monday

10:30 am – 12:00 noon

Activities Center, Rooms 1&2

"Beginning Memoir Writing"

Alan Dawes

Everyone has a story to tell: the story of your family, the times you lived through and the events you have witnessed. Memoir Writing will get you started in capturing your story in good company. Using prompts, your stories will reflect the topics of your life's journey.

Alan Dawes has been writing memoirs and teaching memoir writing for many years. Recently, he self-published a collection of memoirs based on his life in England before coming to the United States in 1960. The Shoe Box Stories was a surprise and appreciated gift to his children.

This course is limited to ten students.

This course is 1 ½ hours long.

MONDAY AFTERNOONS AT GEORGETOWN LIBRARY

402 W. 8th, 78626

Monday

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Georgetown Library, Hewlett Room

“Hutchinson Potpourri”

Jim Hutchinson

Join Jim Hutchinson as he explores a variety of topics in music, theater, film, history, science and technology.

- Space exploration and related technology
- “Show Boat” and “Fiddler on the Roof”, milestones in musical theater
- Special topics from World Wars I and II
- Hand crafting a Steinway piano, building a classical music/opera collection
- Answering fascinating questions about science and nature
- Great film scores and great movies that you’ve (probably) never seen

You will be provided a handout listing the topics for each class.

Jim earned his BA and MA degrees in English. Since retirement Jim has been a frequent lecturer for lifelong learning programs at the University of Texas at Austin and Senior University Georgetown.

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TUESDAY MORNINGS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1333 W. University, 78628

Tuesday

8:30 am – 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E108-110

“Drawing for Fun”

Gary Miller

Who were the cartoonists you enjoyed growing up with? Who are they now? This course explores their styles and tricks and discovers some of your own. It’s all about drawing, of course, but strictly whimsical. Focus will be on the human body in all its hilarious variations, and on composition and background. The work is in black and white only, so supplies are minimal.

Gary Miller holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Ohio State University. Along with a career in architecture, Gary spent a lifetime cartooning. He is the well-recognized cartoonist for the Williamson County Sun.

This course is limited to ten students.

This course is 1 ½ hours long.

Tuesday

8:30 am – 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E109-111

“Great Decisions 2018-Foreign Policy Seminar”

Jay Pierson

Each of the global topics influences the lives of the 7 ½ billion persons now living on earth. Decisions made today will impact our world for generations to come. Items covered: “The Waning of Pax Americana?,” “Russia’s Foreign Policy,” “China and America,” “Media and Foreign Policy,” “U.S. Military and Global Engagement,” and “Global Health: Progress and Challenges.”

Jay Pierson received his BA from Park University and his MA from the University of Northern Colorado. He is a twenty-three year veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he was an instructor for 18 of those years. He has been a teacher and an administrator at both the high school and university level for more than 25 years and is a regular presenter for Senior University.

This course is limited to 40 students.

This course is 1 ½ hours long.

Tuesday

8:30 am – 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E205

“Spanish II”

Gloria Gonzalez

This will be a continuing course in conversational Spanish. The course is designed for those who have completed the Level 1 Spanish course. Book used in class: Barron’s Learn Spanish the Fast and Fun Way, Third Edition.

Gloria Gonzalez earned her MA in Spanish at North Texas University and has had 14 years teaching experience. She has been a faculty member of Senior University for several years.

This course is limited to 20 students.

This course is 1 ½ hours long.

Tuesday

8:30 am – 10:15 am

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E103-105

“More Movies that Raise Interesting Questions about Life”

Walter Bradley, PhD

Movies are one of the most powerful influences in shaping contemporary culture. Each week we will watch at 8:30 am a new movie not shown in previous classes. While viewing the movie, please focus on three questions: 1) What is the important question about life this movie raises? 2) What is the answer to this question the movie gives? and 3) Do you agree or disagree and why? A discussion of the movies will follow at 10:30 am.

Walter Bradley holds a BS in engineering science and a PhD in materials science and engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He was a full Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Texas A&M University from 1976-2000 and Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Baylor University from 2002-2012.

This course is 1 ¾ hours long.

Tuesday

9:00 am – 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E209-211

“Worldwide Travel”

Vivian Davis, Coordinator

Week 1, Sept. 25 – West African Coast: Bill Thornton shares his experience in visiting Namibia, Angola, the Ivory Coast and Ghana as well as the remote islands of St. Helena and Ascension. Come a few minutes early to see Bill’s favorite quotes and photos of this wonderful continent.

Week 2, Oct. 2 – Europe: Les Wollam will tell about his month long independent travels in lower Germany, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland. His primary destination was his sister’s mission in Slovakia where she is teaching the people work skills like sewing and handicrafts.

Week 3, Oct. 9 – Peru: Bill Perkison takes us on his journey from Lima, Peru into the heart of the Incan Empire, the “Sacred Valley.” We will visit Cusco, the Urubamba River, Pisaq, Ollantaytambo, Aguas Calientes and Machu Picchu and learn about the lost city of Vilcabamba.

Week 4, Oct. 16 – China: Lou Snead and Michelle Augustine will share their experiences in Beijing and Xian. They take us on a walk on the Great Wall and to see the Terra Cotta Warriors, all while taking in the culture of this fascinating country with an ancient history and phenomenal development over the last three decades.

Week 5, Oct. 23 – Great Lakes: Jim and Val Sandham cruise in lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario, making stops along the way. Windsor was a favorite destination and gave them opportunity to cross back into the US to visit the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Detroit.

Week 6, Oct. 30 – Around the World: Joyce Brooks, a group travel leader for 20 years, tells us the highlights of her visits to 118 countries, spanning all seven continents. Her worldly adventures are recorded in two books which reveal her interest in exotic places, her keen sense of observation, smart decisions, and good humor.

Tuesday

9:00 am – 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E201-203

“The Race for Space”

Hank Haliasz

In 1957 the Soviet Union launched Sputnik I and started a vigorous race with the United States for domination of space. America “won” that first race when we landed humans on the Moon. Now, 61 years later, the scene has drastically changed - Russia, China, Japan, and India are challenging the U.S. for superiority. Within the U.S., NASA is being challenged by several corporations trying to prove they have the “right stuff” to return to the Moon and to land humans on Mars. Who will oversee and govern all these players? Will the rules of U.N.’s 1967 Outer Space Treaty be enough to control this new mad dash to space? Join Hank this Fall as he explores the new Race for Space.

Hank Haliasz served in the Air Force and retired in 1984. He was the Mission Director for the orbital operations of a Department of Defense satellite program and was with NASA’s Space Shuttle program. Hank chaired the Sun City Astronomy group for ten years and has taught for Senior University since 2004.

Tuesday

10:30 am – 11:30 am

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E103-105

“More Movies That Raise Interesting Questions about Life (Discussion)”

Walter Bradley, PhD

The discussion of the movies viewed at 8:30 am will first begin in randomly arranged small groups. This will be followed by a class discussion led by the instructor.

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Tuesday

10:30 am – 12:00 noon

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E209-211

“Vikings: Raiders, Traders, Settlers”

Todd Clayton

The Norse of Norway, Denmark, and Sweden went on “Viking” raids sweeping along the beaches and up the rivers of Eastern and Western Europe. It was the shock and awe period of the medieval age. Raiding gave way to trading and settling. They struggled for the mastery of England, they founded Dublin and the Dukedom of Normandy, and they laid the foundations for modern Russia. Exploring westward, they colonized Iceland, Greenland and Newfoundland. They made it to North America 500 years before Columbus and established a trading network from Baghdad to the North American Coast. The Viking age lasted 300 years, but our fascination is still strong today.

Todd Clayton was in the US Navy as an officer qualified in nuclear powered submarines. He has an MBA from the Harvard Business School and a BS Industrial Engineering from Northwestern University. He has 30 years of executive marketing

experience in the high-tech industry in computers and communications.

This course is 1 ½ hours long.

Tuesday

10:30 am – 11:30 am

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E108-110

“Personal Stress Management”

Herman Matthews, PhD

Stress (a single stressor or collection of stressors) can cause changes in physiology, attitude, thought processes, accumulation of knowledge, etc. Stress can be a product of the environment or self-induced; can be real or imagined; and can be constructive or non-constructive. This class will give you the models and tools to explore the stressors in your life and how to manage them.

- Learn to identify and understand stressors in your life
- Learn methods to prevent or diffuse stress before it occurs
- Learn to use stress constructively to achieve your maximum potential

This is an interactive class in which you will create your own Personal Stress Management Journal. Bring a notebook to class.

Dr. Matthews has been a Physics professor at Oklahoma State University, Stanford University, Florida Atlantic University, and the University of Texas. He has also been a consultant to Fortune 500 companies, non-profits, and government organizations. He has produced more 100 videos and facilitated several hundred workshops.

This course is five weeks. (No class on September 25)

This course is limited to 15 students.

Tuesday

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This course is limited to 20 students.

This course is 1 ½ hours long.

Tuesday

10:30 am – 12:00 noon

First Baptist Church, Bldg. E2, E102

“Sir Frederick Ashton and the Royal Ballet Part II”

Rosalie Schellhous, PhD

Sir Frederick Ashton was one of the greatest choreographers of the twentieth century. He turned the art of ballet upside down by the power of his imagination and the novelty of his technical innovation. This course will consist of the guided viewing and discussion of two favorites among his works: *Cinderella* (in broad comedic style) and *The Tales of Beatrix Potter*, using costumes and scenery from the books, but adding elements of dance to illuminate the stories and enhance the characteriza-

tions. These are not just children’s stories. They are moral tales that illustrate human virtues and frailties that audiences of all ages can find enlightening and entertaining.

Dr. Schellhous is retired from the faculty at Michigan State University College of Music, where she taught Music History, Music Theory, Bibliography and Research Methods, and served of the chair of the Musicology Area. This is her twelfth year teaching for Senior University.

This course is 1 ½ hours long.

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS AT SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(directions available at www.southwestern.edu/visit)

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Southwestern University, Olin Building, Room 105

“Russian History: Revolution to World War II (1917-1939)”

Anthony Triola

This course will focus on the major players and historical events in the creation and development of the Soviet Union from 1917 to the eve of World War II.

Week 1, Sept. 25 – Marxism, Pre-Revolutionary Russia, the Revolutionaries

Week 2, Oct. 2 – The October Revolution, Congress, Civil War, Growth of Socialism

Week 3, Oct. 9 – Death of Lenin, Power struggle, Stalin emerges, the 1920’s under Stalin

Week 4, Oct. 16 – 1930’s: Collective farms and famine, the 1st Five Year Plan

Week 5, Oct. 23 – Consolidation of power by Stalin, Purges and the Great Terror

Week 6, Oct. 30 – Eve of World War II, Molotov-Ribbentrop and Operation Barbarossa, Stalin deceived

Anthony Triola served over 24 years as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army with 33 months in combat during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. With a background in Russian military history, Anthony served as the Russia Ground Officer for the European Command and as adjunct professor of Russian History for the Joint Intelligence Training Facility, RAF Molesworth in England.

Tuesday

4:00 pm -5:00 pm

Southwestern University, Olin Building, Room 105

“The Modern History of Israel”

Ken Michaelis

This course will illustrate the events that have influenced and shaped the present-day State of Israel from the formless age of the Jewish Diaspora, to the inception of an idea, to the creation of today’s Statehood. We will examine the powerful global issues and constant conflicts including US involvement that have led to today’s headlines.

Ken Michaelis spent his career in international security having worked as Security Director for an international oil company and Manger of Global Security for an international chemical company. He currently owns a licensed Corporate Security Consulting company.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT THE DELANEY AT VILLAGE COMMONS

1333 W. University, 78628

Wednesday

9:00 am – 10:00 am

The Delaney at Georgetown Village

“Computer and Information Security”

John Jenkinson

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness - Any or all of these basic human rights can be taken away by our current cyber environment, our home network, and/or our Internet connected devices. The course will provide practical examples and how-to's to help protect our wealth and loved ones from the ever-evolving cyber environments. If each of us can be safer, we all can be safer. Cyber space is becoming more real than real, actions leave a digital trail, breach incidents make the evening news. Use this interactive course to become more informed, aware, and cautious.

John Jenkinson started hacking computers in 1962 and has been involved with computers and security since. As a cyber engineer with major oil companies John has seen an ever-evolving level of attacks against our national infrastructure. He holds degrees in Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Science.

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Saturday, September 8, 2018

2:00 pm

Sun City Social Center Ballroom

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2 Texas Drive,
Georgetown, Texas 78633

Refreshments will be provided

**Celebrate the
beginning of
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**Back to School Social
Saturday,**

September 29, 2018

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