



# SENIOR UNIVERSITY

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## GEORGETOWN

**FALL 2019**  
Course Schedule

**All classes begin  
September 23/24/25  
& end October 28/29/30**

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### Monday Mornings at SUN CITY

Social Center, 2 Texas Drive, 78633

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#### **“The Story Of English”**

Monday | 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Sun City Activities Center Atrium

**Jody Patterson**

English is a weed of a language with a blatant disregard for rules that exasperates new learners and lifelong speakers alike. 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 1/2 hours long.**

#### **“The Play's the Thing!”**

Monday | 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Sun City Activities Center, Rooms 1&2

**Peg Patrone**

Playwrights create their plays, one step at a time. Beginning with an idea, a character, or a problem to resolve. Creativity is used to develop and shape what we see on stage. In this course, you will use exercises and workshops to bring your idea to life. We will illustrate conflict, consequences, suspense, effective stage direction, and conflict resolution. You can write your own play.

*Peg Patrone has a masters in language from UT-Austin. A former New York publishing house executive, she has been teaching creative writing and drama for 25 years. She*

*directs, produces and acts in community theater productions in the Georgetown area and is currently involved in the Georgetown Palace Education Program. Peg especially enjoys writing short plays and poems for her grandchildren.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long. Maximum of 15 Students**

**[SPECIAL NOTE: The Monday, October 21 class will be conducted at the Longhorn Room, 1220 Cattleman Drive in Sun City.]**

#### **“Understanding Money”**

Monday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Sun City Social Center Ballroom

**Stephen Benold, MD**

The six sessions will include: Gold and Cryptocurrencies, Debt, Trade deficit and foreign currencies, Interest Rates, Fractional Reserve Banking and the Fed, and Modern Monetary Theory. The modern controversies that surround these topics will be covered in simple, understandable language.

*Stephen Benold has been teaching economics and various other courses for Senior University for 18 years. His undergraduate degree was in economics from Rice University where he was the Hayden Honor Scholar in Economics. He retired as the medical director of the Williamson County EMS, but he maintains a private financial practice.*

**[SPECIAL NOTE: The Monday, September 30 class will be conducted at the Longhorn Room, 1220 Cattleman Drive in Sun City of the Retreat Center at Sun City.]**

#### **“Beauty and Wildlife in Your Yard and Garden”**

Monday | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Sun City Activities Center Atrium

**Martin Byhower**

Martin will present a series of illustrated lectures which focus on landscaping with native plants to encourage wildlife and

minimize pests.

**Week 1, Sep. 23** - Favorite native plants

**Week 2, Sept 30** - Pest control

**Week 3, Oct 7** - Attracting birds

**Week 4, Oct 14** - Attracting pollinators

**Week 5, Oct 21** - Oh deer me!

**Week 6, Oct 28** - Planning your native garden

*Martin Byhower, a certified Master Naturalist, holds degrees in Geology and Aquatic Biology from UC Santa Barbara. He has 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.*

## “Beginning Memoir Writing”

Monday | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sun City Activities Center, Rooms 1&2

**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 1 1/2 hours long. Limited to 10 Students**

## “Reimagining American History”

Monday | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Sun City Social Center Ballroom

**Kenneth Peters, PhD**

Our task in this course is consider how different outcomes in American history might have been obtained from quite possible causes, such as ‘What if Washington hadn’t crossed the Delaware?’ or ‘What if the Constitution hadn’t been ratified?’ Class members are asked to obtain a copy of “What Ifs of American History: Eminent Historians Imagine What Might Have Been”, edited by Robert Cowley. Please be sure of the title. Good used and inexpensive copies are available through Amazon, AbeBooks or other internet outlets. For our first class it will be helpful to have read Chapter-1, "Might the

Mayflower Not Have Sailed," pp. 1-16.

*Dr. Kenneth Peters received his BA from Southwestern University and his MA and PhD from the University of Texas. After teaching history at Texas A&M, he received a Master of Theology degree from Austin Presbyterian Seminary. Dr. Peters is a frequent lecturer for Senior University.*

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## Monday AFTERNOONS at GEORGETOWN LIBRARY

402 W. 8th, 78626

### “Hutchinson Potpourri”

Monday | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Georgetown Library, Hewlett Room

**Jim Hutchinson**

Join us for this six-week course covering the following topics:

- The technology of the Apollo space missions.
- World cultures: Food, Wine, and Architecture.
- American humor.
- The natural world of Antarctica and the Galapagos.
- World War Two.
- Classical music, musical theater, and movie soundtracks.
- Conflict and Crisis: The Truman administration, 1945 to 1953.

*Jim has B.A. and M.A. degrees in English, and his past employment includes work as a college lecturer. He frequently lectures for both Senior University and Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Texas at Austin.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long.**

**[SPECIAL NOTE: The Monday, September 30 class will be conducted at the Georgetown Public Safety and Operations Training Center at DB Wood Road, 3500 DB Wood Road]**

## “Understanding Modern Money”

Monday | 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Georgetown Library, Hewlett Room

**Stephen Benold, MD**

The six sessions will include: Gold and Cryptocurrencies, Debt, Trade deficit and foreign currencies, Interest Rates, Fractional Reserve Banking and the Fed, and Modern Monetary Theory. The Modern controversies surround these topics will be covered in simple, understandable language.

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## Tuesday MORNINGS at FIRST

### BAPTIST CHURCH

1333 W. University, 78628

## “Spanish IV”

Tuesday | 8:30 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E205

**Gloria Gonzales**

The course is designed for those who have completed the Level III 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 State University and has had 14 years teaching experience. She has been a resident of Sun City 22 years and a Senior University faculty member for many years.*

**This Course is 1-1/2 hours long. Limited to 20 students.**

## “Conversational French, Level I”

Tuesday | 8:30 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E207

**Frank Attoun**

Bienvenue! This course is intended for "pure" beginners who

wish to learn to communicate in French. It will include a comprehensive review of French pronunciation and intonation, greetings and civilities, ordering from a menu, shopping, the weather, activities and daily routine, likes and dislikes. Some grammar will be included but the course concentrates on acquiring listening and speaking skills.

*Franklin Attoun is a native speaker of French and has a Masters in French Language and Literature; he has completed only the coursework as a PhD candidate at UCLA. He taught French to adults, at community college and university levels for forty-five years, using second language acquisition methodologies.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long. Limited to 20 students.**

## “Successful Authors”

Tuesday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E103,105

**Sam Smith**

We will examine the careers of six different authors. We will look at their backgrounds and what motivated them to write the novels they produced. This course will look into the success (or failure) each author experienced from their first published material. The six are: James Michener, Thomas Hoving, W.E.B. Griffin, Herman Wouk, Michael Crichton and C.S. Forester. The goal is to get readers to gain a greater understanding of the challenge of successful writing.

*Smith’s career in battery technology, involved establishing a battery factory in San Marcos, TX. Served as VP-technology, and financial advisor at Morgan Stanley & UBS. Served in the US Air Force in Asia & Europe. Holds degrees in engineering from U of Okla, and U of SoCal. Smith is an avid book collector.*

## “Worldwide Travel”

Tuesday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E209-211

**Vivian Davis**

**Week 1, Sept 24 - EUROPE** - John Dallen shares his experience in planning for and surviving a 160 day trip through 12 countries of Europe. The focus will be on the continental portion from Spain to Poland. John and his wife stayed mostly in B&B's located in the "old city" section of the towns they

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visited and found the hosts were helpful guides.

**Week 2, Oct 1 - INDIA** We will accompany Bill Thornton on his land tour of India and Kathmandu. This traveler will share some views of the Taj Mahal, the Ganges River front, and Khajuraho monuments including the colors, people, food and majestic sites of these countries.

**Week 3, Oct 8 - CHINA** - Les Wollan narrates and illustrates the highlights of the Senior University trip to China led by professor Li-Hua Yu. They experienced the charm and intrigue of Chinese culture, including ancient and recent history. We will visit the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, a Tibetan Monastery and the Terra Cotta soldiers.

**Week 4, Oct 15 - COLUMBIA** - Elsa Alford, a native of Bogota, shows us the biodiversity of her country, the production of coffee and bananas, the source of emeralds, and the export of flowers. We will discover Medellin, voted one of the world's most innovative cities in 2013, and Castagna, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**Week 5, Oct 22- NORWAY** - Larry Lorimor takes us cruising along the coast to see London, England, the ports of Norway: Stavanger, Narvik, Tromso, Bodo, Alta and the capital in Oslo. After crossing the Arctic Circle we will see the wondrous Northern Lights.

**Week 6, Oct 29 - CENTRAL AMERICA** - Nancy Danley takes us through the Panama Canal after exploring the history and current status of Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. We will experience zip lining and visits to coffee and banana plantations.

## **“Outsourcing, Job Loss and the US Trade Deficit”**

Tuesday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E109-111

**Paul Laplante**

The US trade deficit is getting a lot of news attention. We will look at: What it is? How is it calculated? What does it mean? Outsourcing is often cited as the cause of US job loss. Our discussions will cover: Why companies outsource? How does outsourcing work? Can jobs ‘come back’? We will use the New England textile industry, Brooklyn Dodgers and BLOCKBUSTER Video to see forms of job loss and the local impacts.

*Paul earned his BA Math from St. Mary’s, San Antonio and MBA from Grand Valley State Univ. His entire career was in technology. He has over 15 years of experience in outsourcing technology and business functions to locations in the US and*

*offshore to India, Poland and Canada. He was a guest instructor at Cap Gemini University in Paris.*

## **“Ten Inventions Having the Greatest Impact on the Human Race”**

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E103-105

**Dr. Walter Bradley, PhD**

Technology has had a ubiquitous impact on human culture and well-being. This class will explore the impacts that various new technologies from the wheel to the internet have had. What basic human needs motivated the development of these technologies? Where and how did each technology emerge? What were the largest obstacle to its development and adoption? What was the overall impact of the technology?

*Walter Bradley has a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from University of Texas. He was a University Professor for 44 years, including 24 years at Texas A&M University. He has received two university-wide teaching awards and was selected Professor of the Year for the US, Canada and England by the Society of Plastics Engineers. He has also served as President of the American Scientific Affiliation.*

## **“UPROAR: Calm Leadership in Anxious Times”**

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E109-111

**Dr. Peter Steinke, PhD**

Steinke will address the anxiousness present in our society and why and how calm leadership leads to more positive results. Those who play on people's fears and uncertainty do it for personal gain and not the common good. This is especially timely for those interested in current events, being challenged in their thinking and being open to different viewpoints.

*Dr. Steinke has served as a Lutheran minister, the Director of a couple of counseling centers and a consultant in Family Systems. He is the author of several books, including "UPROAR" (available through Amazon or Target).*

## “Personal Stress Management”

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

First Baptist Church, building E2, E108-110

**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. Students will learn to use stress constructively to achieve maximum potential.

*Dr. Matthews has a PhD in Physics and was on the faculty of four major U.S. Universities. After leaving academia, for 35 years he was a consultant; produced video; worked in non-traditional education, primarily early childhood development and developed several hundred workshops and seminars for professional and personal development.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long. Limited to 15 Students**

## “Intermediate Spanish”

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

First Baptist Church, building E2, E205

**Gloria Gonzales**

This will be a continuing course in conversational Spanish. The course is designed for those who have completed the Level 7 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 State University and has had 14 years teaching experience. She has been a resident of Sun City 22 years and a Senior University faculty member for many years.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long. Limit of 20 Students**

## “Conversational French, Level 2”

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

First Baptist Church, building E2, E207

**Frank Attoun**

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This course is taught at the intermediate-beginning level; intended for students who have been exposed to the language for a year or two at high school or college level and who wish

to progress in their knowledge. It is still a beginner's level: will cover some pronunciation principles, topics such as travel, food, family, likes and dislikes, activities and daily routine and speaking about the past (your past!). The objective: for you to learn basics in communicating in French--understanding (there is no speaking without understanding first), speaking, reading and writing, within the context of French culture. Some grammar will be introduced.

*Franklin Attoun is a native speaker of French and has a Masters in French Language and Literature; he has completed only the coursework as a PhD candidate at UCLA. He taught French to adults, at community college and university levels for forty-five years, using second language acquisition methodologies.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long. Limited to 20 Students**

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## Tuesday AFTERNOONS at SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

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## “Russia in the Putin Era”

Tuesday | 3:30 pm - 4:30pm

Southwest University, Olin Hall, Room 105

**Anthony Triola**

**Week 1, Sept 24** - From Whence He Came - a Biography of Vladimir Putin

**Week 2, Oct 1** - The 1990's: The Fall of the USSR and the Time of Troubles

**Week 3, Oct 8** - 2000 - 2008: Putin's Ascendancy - First and Second Terms

**Week 4, Oct 15** - 2008 - 2012: The "Placeholder" - Dmitri Medvedev

**Week 5, Oct 22** - 2012 - 2024: Putin's Legacy - 24 Years in Power

**Week 6, Oct 29** - The Future... Who's Next, What's Next  
*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.

## “Understanding French Culture”

Tuesday | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Southwestern University, Olin Hall, Room 105

**Francis Mathieu, PhD**

This course will focus on everyday French culture. We will study some of the most prominent French social mores & expectations, norms and customs. This course will provide an introduction into intercultural skills, which can be defined as the ability to: understand different cultural contexts and viewpoints; adapt to different cultural settings; be able to reflect on one’s own culture by drawing comparisons with other cultural norms.

*Francis Mathieu has been a Professor of French at Southwestern University since 2007, where he has taught French language, literature, and culture. Dr. Mathieu holds a Master’s degree in French literature from Ohio University, and a PhD in French literature from the University of California, Santa Barbara.*

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## Wednesday MORNINGS at THE DELANEY AT VILLAGE COMMONS

59 Village Commons Blvd., 78633

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## “Marvels of Engineering and Technology”

Wednesday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

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**Mike Morrison and Dan Hull**

Mike and Dan will amaze you with past achievements and new advances in engineering and technology. Lectures on 3-D printing, lasers, and virtual reality will include classroom demonstrations.

**Week 1, Sept 25** - Great Pyramid of Giza- Wonder of the Ancient World

**Week 2, Oct 2** - 3-D Printing (Additive Manufacturing)

**Week 3, Oct 9** - Hoover Dam- Wonder of Industrial World

**Week 4, Oct 16** - Lasers- Devices and Applications

**Week 5, Oct 23** - Drinking Water- Conversion of Seawater and Wastewater

**Week 6, Oct 30** - Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality

*Mike holds a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from UT Arlington where he is an adjunct professor. He is a recognized expert in the field of water and wastewater treatment and was recently honored for his innovative work in desalinization technology.*

*Dan is an early pioneer of lasers and a national leader in technology education. He holds a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University. His career includes laser development and defense applications as well as laser and microwave radar communications with NASA for Apollo and the Shuttle.*

## “Cyber Wars”

Wednesday

10:30 am - 11:30 am

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**John Jenkinson**

For many years nation states have waged cyber warfare against each other. This course will detail a sampling of those attacks, defenses employed, and the lessons learned and unlearned.

*John Jenkinson started hacking computers in 1962, and has been involved with computer security ever 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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**Wednesday AFTERNOONS at  
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**“Live Your Virtue: What Aristotle Says  
about Living a Good Life”**

Wednesday

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Georgetown Library, Hewlett Room

**Matthew D. Laurents, PhD**

In this six-week course, I lead a tour of Aristotle’s major works on the Good Life, including notions such as practical reason, rational agency, excellence, happiness, and community self-governance. We will explore the ways in which Aristotle’s philosophy could guide our aspirations to an inclusive and pluralistic democracy. (Course materials include excerpts from several of Aristotle’s major works)

*Matthew Laurents, Ph.D., served as Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Austin CC. Currently serves as Dean of Liberal Arts, Humanities and Communications. Matthew is a philosophical counselor, serving individual, group, and organizational needs. Matthew leads a variety of workshops, from the application of philosophical reasoning skills to challenges in organizational dynamics, with mini-courses on Aristotle, Kant, and Nietzsche. Please visit <http://thoughtexperience.com>.*

**Limited to 15 Students.**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

<https://senioruniv.org/classes/>



**SATURDAY**  
SEPTMBER 14  
10:00 am  
Free public lecture

**SEARCHING FOR  
(AND FINDING)  
A RECORD OF ANCIENT  
WATERS ON MARS**

**By Dr. Tim Goudge**

Assistant Professor of Geological Sciences,  
University of Texas at Austin

Sun City Ballroom at the  
Social Center  
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A free and open to the public lecture.

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COURSE INFO**

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