



## SUMMER 2025 CATALOG

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## MONDAYS

### CREATIVE WRITING: POETRY

ONLINE SEMINAR, MONDAY, JULY 7 - 10:40AM-12:05PM

Focusing on poetry, this seminar in Zoom will help you learn about creative writing techniques. We will discuss self-portrait poems and sources of inspiration. Whether you're wondering how to get started, you've tried to write, or you're already a poet, this is a chance to begin and become obsessed with a writing project. The seminar is an hour-long meeting occurring once in July. This is a special meeting because it will encourage you to listen to your writing voice. It will be a unique experience because it will be led by a shy 23-year-old with an adoration of poetry. **Instructor: Estelle Rogers**

### THE ENDLESS SUMMER-GREAT SUMMER THEMED FILMS AND SERIES

ONLINE SERIES, JULY 14, JULY 21, JULY 28, AND AUGUST 4 - 1:40PM-2:30PM

I am most pleased to offer an updated version of this class I taught a couple of years ago. The four-session course will focus on a selected group of summer-themed films and series, both domestic and foreign. My classes are always casual, very interactive and hopefully enjoyable. I will provide a syllabus for each class. So, get your sunscreen and popcorn ready and join the fun. **Instructor: Louise Pulini**

## TUESDAYS

### GARGOYLES, GROTESQUES, AND GREEN MEN

ONLINE COURSE, TUESDAYS, JULY 8 – JULY 29 - 9:25AM-10:40AM

These are a few symbols found in European Architecture especially. They are not commonly seen in America. They are seen in ancient buildings throughout Europe, especially in cathedrals and similar buildings although not well understood. This presentation is limited to four weeks' duration. **Instructor: Charlie Kleeman**

### SPANISH CULTURE & CONVERSATION

ONLINE COURSE, TUESDAY JULY 8 – 29 - 10:40AM-12:05PM

Bienvenido estudiantes de español. In this summertime one-month weekly course we will practice speaking Spanish, learn interesting fun facts, expand our vocabulary, watch videos, look at paintings, read magazine articles, listen to songs, chat about current events, all in a relaxing, non-judgmental and supportive atmosphere. Come join me, meet new friends, and feel like you're traveling to a Spanish-speaking country without leaving the comfort of your home. Hasta pronto! **Instructor: Shair O'Flanagan**

### THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PEARL S. BUCK

ONLINE SEMINAR, TUESDAY, JULY 29 - 12:15PM-1:05PM

This seminar will introduce participants to the life and work of Pearl S. Buck, Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winning author and humanitarian, known not only for the over hundred books she has written, but also for her humanitarian and advocacy work for children with special needs, women, civil rights and any group who faced discrimination. You will learn how she was a woman well ahead of her time. **Instructor: Nancy McElwee**

### THE PIN AND THE POSTAGE STAMP - THE AMAZING CHIP

ON-CAMPUS SEMINAR - ALLMAN 102, TUESDAY JULY 22 - 10:40AM-12:05PM

The chip is the backbone of modern society and yet most people have no idea that it borders on science fiction. In this session, you will come away with a greater understanding than 99% of the country even if you have no technical background whatsoever. **Instructor: Alan Freedman.**

## THURSDAY

### THE AMERICAN SONGBOOK: DISCUSSION & SING ALONG

ONLINE SEMINAR, THURSDAY, JULY 24 - 1:40PM-2:30PM

During this seminar, we will explore and sing examples from over the one-hundred-year evolution of The American Songbook, including from Musical Theatre, Jazz Standards, and other popular songs. PDFs of lyrics will be provided in advance. [Note: No past music/singing experience is necessary.] **Instructor: Don Tenenblatt**

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

*We invite you to extend the learning beyond the classroom by taking full advantage of Delaware Valley University's beautiful campus, which also serves as a living arboretum. With more than 1,000 trees representing over 150 species, and scenic pathways, gardens, and outdoor seating areas, the campus provides a peaceful and inspiring setting to continue conversations sparked in your CLR course. Whether you choose to stroll through the landscape, relax under a shade tree, or gather with fellow members on a bench or patio, the DelVal campus offers abundant opportunities to connect, reflect, and stay engaged in a vibrant community of lifelong learners.*