

HNRS 195 - Current & Transfer Seminars, Spring 2022

Topic: Lessons from Great Performers

Instructor: Stephanie Zelnick

Meeting times: Tu, 3:00-3:50 PM (15 class sessions)

Course description: Have you ever wanted to perfect your composure and accuracy in any situation? Have you ever felt like your finest work has been compromised by nerves or a lack of adequate preparation? In the world of classical music, performers must consistently combine precision and inspiration, often under tremendous pressure. This seminar explores the "behind the scenes" discipline, preparation, and techniques used by classical musicians. Classes will consist of Zoom meetings with a diverse array of highly successful performers and class discussions.

Who would benefit from this seminar: This seminar is for anyone that wants to enhance their preparation and delivery for interviews, lectures, and presentations. By learning from great musicians, stage fright can become a thing of the past and everyone can master the art of effective and consistent performance.

Topic: Global Citizenship & Ethics of Travel

Instructor: Harry Swartz

Meeting times: Th, 11:00-11:50 AM (15 class sessions)

Course description: Travel has the power to enrich our lives, broaden our horizons, make us question our worldviews, and demonstrate both the diversity and commonality of cultures. At the same time, the multi-trillion dollar global tourism industry has the capacity to change the traditional character of communities, drive up cost of living for locals, harm the environment and promote neocolonialism. How do we reconcile these two sides of the coin? How can we explore our world in an ethical manner? This course will confront the inherent tensions in global travel and encourage critical thinking about positionality and impact, while also introducing students to on-campus resources dedicated to help them engage with cultures both within and beyond our borders.

Who would benefit from this seminar: This course will benefit students from any discipline curious about exploring the world. In addition to the more philosophical discussions about travel, we will also investigate tangible campus resources and opportunities for global engagement. Members of this class will be introduced to not only students, faculty, and staff in the Honors Program but also academic and support units campus-wide. Students will also be encouraged to work toward completing the Global Citizenship Enhanced Learning Experience (ELE).
