



# December Term 2019



December 2 to 13

You may enroll in one D-Term course (3 units).

Tuition: \$1,805. On-campus room and board: \$600. Financial aid is available.

## On-Campus Courses

### **DECM 129 The History of Video Games, 1977-1996** (Angela Vanden Elzen)

This course will explore the history of video games, with an emphasis on games and gaming systems from 1977 to 1996. Games will be explored as technology, entertainment and a product of culture. Students will play games on the original consoles and write about developments in visual design, evolution of sound and music, representations of gender and race and other topics.

### **DECM 134 Witchcraft in Art** (Ed Kern)

Engage the art of Europe's fascination with witchcraft and the supernatural from 1100 to 1800 using materials from the university's rare book and art collections. We will examine depictions of magicians, sorcerers, and witches, along with their rituals and politico-religious prosecution. Methods include historical contextualization, chronological comparison, slow looking, and analysis of the iconography and semiotics of witchcraft. Students will complete short, detail-oriented projects.

### **DECM 141 Make It Stick: Using the Learning Sciences to Improve Memory** (Dave Burrows)

In this seminar, students will study findings from the learning sciences and apply them in exercises designed to enhance learning and memory. Students will use the results of these exercises to explore the success of various learning strategies and discuss how they might be applied in their other Lawrence courses.

### **DECM 142 Presidential Power in Trump's America** (David Gerard)

The course focuses on U.S. public policy, specifically presidential control (or lack thereof) of administrative agencies such as EPA, FDA, and others that some consider to be the "deep state." Readings and class discussion will provide an overview of the basic workings of relevant U.S. political institutions, followed by focus on policy making (and unmaking) within the Trump Administration. Content quizzes and a regulation project based on policy formation in a student's area of interest.

### **DECM 224 Introduction to R and Excel for Data Analysis** (Arnie Shoher)

Careful data analysis has become central to decision-making in areas from politics to sports to medicine. This introduction to collecting, cleaning, and manipulating messy, real-world data with R and Excel will emphasize reproducible, documented analysis. The

course will also introduce graphing and programming concepts that pertain to data analysis. Familiarity with basic statistics is a plus but not required.

## **Travel Course**

**DECM 232 Entrepreneurship in London: From the Mayflower to Brexit** (Dena Skran & Marty Finkler)

An introduction to entrepreneurship in London. Students will have the opportunity to visit a number of entrepreneurial ventures, both financial and social. Starting with the ‘merchant adventurers’ who helped to finance the launch of the Mayflower in 1620 and continuing to contemporary financial and social entrepreneurs active in London today, the course will show the political and economic dimensions of entrepreneurial ventures over time. *Nov. 30 to Dec. 11. Travel cost: \$2,500 plus airfare. Instructor approval required.*

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