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Seminar Descriptions and Statuses

Season 16 Fall 2024



NOTES:

- "FULL" status means your seminar change request will be dependent on a spot opening up.
- "CLOSED" seminar enrollment is determined by specific requirements.
- The deadline for [Seminar Change Requests](#) is **Friday, September 6, 2024.**



Seminar Name	Days Offered	Staff	Description	Status
Acting	M/W	Diane Feldman	Through monologues, scenework, and improvisation, come build compelling characters, devise dynamic scenes, and strengthen your spontaneity! (For both stage and screen!)	OPEN
Advanced Calculus Seminar	M/W T/Th	Kondo	Mandatory seminar for students in Advanced Calculus (must take both the regular class period and a seminar period).	CLOSED
CEA Studio	M/W	McGregor	Just like in college this studio class provides Arch Design, CEA, and CEA Honors students the space to continue working on their projects. Not required but helpful - especially considering the projects we will be working through.	OPEN
Chess	M/W	Creencia	Whether you're a beginner looking to learn the basics or an experienced player aiming to refine your skills, this student-led seminar offers comprehensive insights into openings, tactics, endgames, and more.	OPEN
Comics as Literature (a.k.a. Comic Books)	T/Th	Frank	Who is ready for Comic Con? We will read and share about comics and graphic novels, many of which we have already and some that we can purchase and reserve from the local library. Come on by if you want to just read, relax, and recharge! We will plan to go to our 2nd Annual Comic Con field trip together.	NOT OFFERED
Computer Science	M/W	Mitchell-Klockner	We will build useful programs and websites for DVS. We will go through the design cycle and utilize CodeSandbox and the MERN (MongoDB, Express, React, and Node) to build at first.	OPEN
Drum Ensemble (a.k.a. Percussion Ensemble)	T/Th	Josh Thomas	Learn how to keep a beat, play along with others, and jam out in this high energy class! Open to anyone born to rock!	OPEN
DVS News	T/Th	Kurczek	This seminar requires an application. Want to help run the school social media accounts and announcements? Then keep an eye out for applications to join DVS News! You'll see us on the announcements and we'll let you know when applications are sent out!	CLOSED

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Ethnic Studies CSULB Dual Enrollment	M/W	Professor David Williams (Linton)	<p>This is a dual enrollment course with CSU Long Beach. It will be held during seminar and <u>continue after school hours until 4:30 or 4:45.</u></p> <p>Only for 10th-12th grade students.</p> <p>This introductory course surveys four major ethnic groups (Native American, African American, Chicano/Latino American and Asian American) from the earliest periods of Native American history, through migrations to the Americas, into the present conditions of U.S. society. Special attention is given to the formation and transformation of each ethnic group and their individual and collective roles in the development of the United States.</p>	OPEN
Film Appreciation	M/W	McBee	Open to Juniors and Seniors who have not taken seminar before: This seminar will introduce students to the history of cinema through the study of classic and contemporary films. Emphasis will be placed on exposing the class to a wide variety of styles and genres as well as formulating and justifying criticisms of the works.	OPEN
Folklorico	M/W	Magaña	<p>Do you want to learn some of the basics in Folklorico dance? Then this is the seminar for you! We are not a dance company, but we are a group of students excited to share the basics of the dance with a touch of culture!</p>	NOT OFFERED
Frisbee	T/Th	McGregor	Ultimate Frisbee @ Del Aire Park. Learn, improve, create friendships, build camaraderie, and breathe the fresh air.	OPEN
Futsal	M/W	Sy	We play pick up games in the gym with small goals.	NOT OFFERED
Improv	M/W	Kurczek	Learn the skills of improv comedy in the style of Whose Line is it Anyway and have fun playing various games that improve your skills at thinking on the spot.	OPEN
Independent Reading	M/W	Hernandez	Students will have a quiet space for independent reading on a book of their choice. You will do a monthly share out of the book you are reading.	OPEN
Intro to Basic American Sign Language	T/Th	Jeremy	<p>**THIS DOES <u>NOT</u> COUNT TOWARD YOUR LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**</p> <p>American Sign Language is used by hundreds of thousands of people throughout the nation – whether they are deaf or hearing. Learn basic signs, grammar, and the culture of deaf people. Despite this being a seminar, this is a deep dive into ASL and learning the language will require YOU to step out of your comfort zone. Learning the language will be fun, but if you are not serious about learning ASL, please take another seminar.</p>	OPEN
Intro to Philosophy	T/Th	Wimer	Join us as we explore topics such as the existence of evil, life after death, the meaning of life, the fabric of the universe, and does my pet think I'm strange. We'll explore a	OPEN

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			dazzling range of philosophical concepts spanning three thousands years from all around the globe. At the end of the semester, you may be a different person all together, at least on the cellular level.	
Jiu Jitsu	T/Th	Enrique Gabuardi (Garcia)	Jiu Jitsu is a predominantly ground-based martial art, using the principles of leverage, angles, pressure and timing, as well as knowledge of the human anatomy, in order to achieve a non-violent submission of one's opponent.	FULL
Latin American Arts & Crafts	T/Th	Magaña	This seminar will focus on making traditional Latin crafts such as: tissue paper flowers, Huichol yarn painting, Guatemalan Worry Dolls and so much more.	OPEN
Leadership	M/W	Brooke, Besina, Sandoval, Ruiz, Valle	DVS Leadership focuses on building DVS culture through student events, CDs, decor, and so much more. Upperclassmen were selected last Spring and will be automatically enrolled in this seminar. Freshman applications will be available after Overnighter.	CLOSED
Makerspace	M/W T/Th	Shapiro	Open shop time! Work on personal projects or school assignments, learn to use the various machines, or spend additional time on robotics.	OPEN
Music Production	T/Th	Alex Ritchie (Justi)	Sound like your favorite artist! Learn how to make beats, create instrumentals, and mix songs like a pro.	FULL
Running	M/W	Sy	We will run approximately 3.5 miles off campus.	OPEN
Sewing	T/Th	Gamboa	Want to learn how to sew? Or maybe you're a master that wants to practice your skill? Join the Sewing Seminar and sew with us!	FULL
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)	M/W	Taube	We will spend time discussing future outreach events, tackling engineering challenges, sharing experiences, and making connections with collegiate SWE chapters. This is a great opportunity to get exposure in STEM and build long-lasting friendships. This seminar is reserved for students committed to making positive contributions to our SWE community through outreach and learning.	OPEN
Sports Data Analysis	M/W	Frank	Learn to love Football and Basketball more and use Data Analysis while picking your own teams to "Manage" and take care of through their regular seasons. Fun times!	NOT OFFERED
Stagecraft	T/Th	Tangier Clarke, Angelica Alvarez, Will Schneider	Calling all stage crew! Students will learn the basics of Set Design + Construction, as well as Lighting + Sound Design to help make the stage come alive!	OPEN
Strength, Agility, and Gardio	T/Th	Sy	This fun circuit training will get your heart rate up and build your strength with great music, fun pace, and always a surprise closing activity! For all fitness levels	NOT OFFERED

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Studio Orchestra	T/Th	Toby Harwell	DV's full-year performing ensemble that plays at several exciting concerts and events throughout the year. (Minimum 1-yr win/string orchestra experience.) *This seminar is approved for Visual & Performing Arts credit (f) with 5 credits/semester.	OPEN
Study Skills	M/W T/Th	DVS Staff	Be productive and get your work done during school hours in this seminar. Staff will be regularly checking in with you and supporting you as well. What a great deal!	OPEN
Swimming	T/Th	Perez	Let's swim together in the Swimming Seminar!	FULL
Tabletop Strategy	M/W	Jeremy	What does Assassin's Creed, Marvel, Stranger Things, and Hatsune Miku all have in common? They're part of the world's greatest and most popular trading card game, Magic: the Gathering! Learn about the colors of mana, strategy in deckbuilding, and classic economics of why cards go up or down in price! Not interested? Then you can play Dungeons and Dragons or the plethora of other board games offered at our school.	OPEN
Teacher Assistance	M/W T/Th	DVS Staff	Help DVS staff during your seminar time! Typical tasks for TAs include helping prepare classroom materials, organize class displays and supplies, and other helpful tasks.	CLOSED
Test Prep	M/W	PJ Test Prep (Cha)	Sign up for this seminar to receive SAT and ACT test prep from PJ Test Prep! PJ Test Prep is a small, boutique SAT/ACT prep and tutoring company based here in the South Bay and West LA. Their mission is to provide top-quality programs of a large company while retaining the affordability, intimacy, and flexibility of a small group, and to make academic achievement fun! This FREE Test Prep Seminar is open to all DVS students. It's a deal!	OPEN
Walking	T/Th	Lodhy	Join us as we take weekly walks around the Da Vinci neighborhood! This seminar is great for students who desire some light exercise under the sun. Join us, and let's hold each other accountable to get out and walk!	FULL
Weightlifting	T/Th	Besina & Galindo	Learn the fundamentals of strength training, proper lifting techniques, and safe workout practices. The course emphasizes building strength, improving muscular endurance, and promoting overall health and wellness in a supportive environment. Welcome to all experience levels!	FULL
Yearbook	M/W	Wimer	Make a lasting impression that will last for generations. Find interesting stories, take captivating pictures, craft beautiful spreads. Whatever your talents, we can put them to a use that will last for decades.	FULL
Yoga	T/Th	Taube	Want to end your day with some stretching and mindfulness? Join Yoga seminar! All levels are welcome. This is a great place to improve balance, flexibility, and core strength.	OPEN

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Youth & Government	T/Th	McBee	Youth & Government is a place to practice public speaking, discuss/debate political topics, create close bonds with others, and have fun! Only returning delegates from last year, newly accepted delegates and freshmen who have applied to the program can choose this option.	CLOSED