

Classes begin April 3, 2015  
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**Tuition**

\$73 for the first class  
\$28 for an additional course

**Location**

Governors State University  
1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484

Room assignments given at registration.

Lunch break between classes serves as a great time to enjoy lunch with other Exchange students, continue the classroom discussion, share ideas, and participate in Lunch and Learn lectures when offered.

The GSU Café is open, seating available.

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# The Knowledge Exchange

## Spring 2015 Course Schedule



- For lifelong learners
- Unique and diverse non-credited courses
- Reasonable price
- Designed for retired and semi-retired learners
- Relaxed and friendly environment
- Encouraging shared learning and the free exchange of opinions and ideas

## School of Extended Learning

The Knowledge Exchange invites you to join in this spring's stimulating course offerings. This session will be held on Fridays, for nine weeks from April 3 to May 29, mornings and afternoons.

### Morning sessions (10 a.m.-noon)

**World History: The European Renaissance**  
Class Leaders: *Myras and Linda Osman*

Referring to the Renaissance papacy, William Manchester in *A World Lit Only By Fire* said, "At any given moment the most dangerous enemy in Europe was the reigning pope." In reviewing the Renaissance papacy, we will examine the evidence that Manchester provides to back up his claim. We will cover the political turmoil at the Italian city-states and Machiavelli's famous work on politics, *The Prince*. Other topics to be explored include the power and influence of the great families of the era (the Medici, Sforza, de Este and others), Humanism and the rise of literacy and education, the art and artists of the early and high Renaissance, the Christian Humanists of the Northern Renaissance, and the art and artists of the Northern Renaissance.

**Executive Power and the Supreme Court: Leading Cases from Thomas Jefferson to Barack Obama**  
Class Leader: *Carl Stover*

This course will examine conflicts with other branches of government, the rights of the individuals, foreign affairs, war, and domestic powers. Participants will read versions of Supreme Court cases edited down to approximately five pages each, generally three per week, and occasionally other material. Previous experience with reading law is not required.

**Cinema Studies/8 Countries 8 Films III**  
Class Leader: *Suzanne Patterson*

**Note: Class starts at 9:30 a.m.**

Back by popular demand, this is the third series in the 'Country as Character' concept. With an aim to broaden our cultural knowledge and touch our hearts, this series will focus on the locale as character. Highlighting the cultural mores, peoples, landscape and traditions of 8 countries as told through 8 unique and universal tales, we will journey to faraway places including Bhutan, Iceland, South Africa, Vietnam, Denmark and Inner Mongolia.

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### Afternoon Sessions (1-3 p.m.)

**American History/1862: Lincoln's Darkest Year**  
Class Leaders: *Bill Mitchell and Scott Dominiak*

1862 was the most critical time in the Lincoln administration as well as the history of the United States. This course will look at the critical events that shaped the outcome of the Civil War. Why did they occur? How did the Lincoln administration deal with them? What was the outcome of Lincoln's strategies in dealing with these critical events?

**20th Century Sculpture and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park**  
Class Leader: *Geoff Bates*

Geoffrey Bates will deliver another energetic overview of sculpture with a focus on 20th century work and the artworks available in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP). Class will meet seven times in the classroom and once as a walk-through in the park. Students will be encouraged to become Docents for the NMSP and benefits and obligations will be discussed in detail. Classes will be held the following dates: April 3, April 10, April 24, May 1, May 15, May 22 and May 29. The walk through the park will be planned for a mutually agreeable morning date after the last class, May 29.

**Curriculum Meeting – Open to the Public**  
Friday, May 15, 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m., Room B2203.

**Spring Outing - Free & Open to the Public**

Join The Knowledge Exchange on a trip to the **Herbert F. Trackman Planetarium** at Joliet Junior College for a free, private Dome Show. Dome show at 10:15 a.m., a Cronin Schoolhouse presentation to follow, then lunch in the JJC Cafeteria. Participants will be responsible for bringing or purchasing their own lunch.  
**Wednesday, May 20. RSVP: 708.534.4393.**

**FREE: Active Aging Workshop**

**Living Balanced: Knowing and Reducing Your Risk for Falls** with *Laura Lenhart*, Physical Therapist, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Homewood Day Rehab According to the CDC, falls among older adults are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries. There are, however, things you can do to help reduce this risk. The class will include a 45 minute presentation followed by an interactive screening to identify your personal risk for falls.  
**Friday, May 29, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room B2203. RSVP: 708.534.4393.**