

A group of five young adults are jumping joyfully in front of a large, colorful mural. The mural features three stylized figures in blue, red, and yellow, each with a corresponding colored waterfall-like paint drip above them. The background is a light gray wall. The overall scene is vibrant and celebratory.

FIRST YEAR SEMINARS

Learn about the unique courses offered by
UC Davis to engage first years and inspire
students to explore various topics

explore



FEATURED SEMINAR

How Do Rockets Fly?

This class has many exciting lectures and allows students to explore the broad topics of aerospace dynamics while gaining hands on experience

Watch students in action!



CATEGORIES

**ARTS,
WRITING,
CREATIVE
THINKING**





Arts, Writing, Creative Thinking

Learn about creative processes and philosophies of art. Courses range from hands on writing workshops to explorations of art and society.

A Few Samples of Previous Courses

Creativity and the Creative Process

So You Think You Can Write

Occupy Art

Searching for Shakespeare's Soul

What's the Point of an Interpretation?

Kansas City: Jazz and Gangsters



Science, Research, Environment

Explore various topics ranging from population studies to environmental research. These courses are taught by some of UC Davis's celebrated research faculty members.

A Few Samples of Previous Courses

Symmetry in Art and Science

The Population Bomb

Computational Chaos

Nuclear Fusion: Limitless Non-fossil

Energy Source on Earth





Lifestyle, Culture, Religion

From Hebrew studies to queer cinema, these courses provide insight to healthy lifestyle practices and cultures across the world.

A Few Samples of Previous Courses

Japanese Culture

Chaos, Complexity, Christianity

Intro to Biblical Hebrew

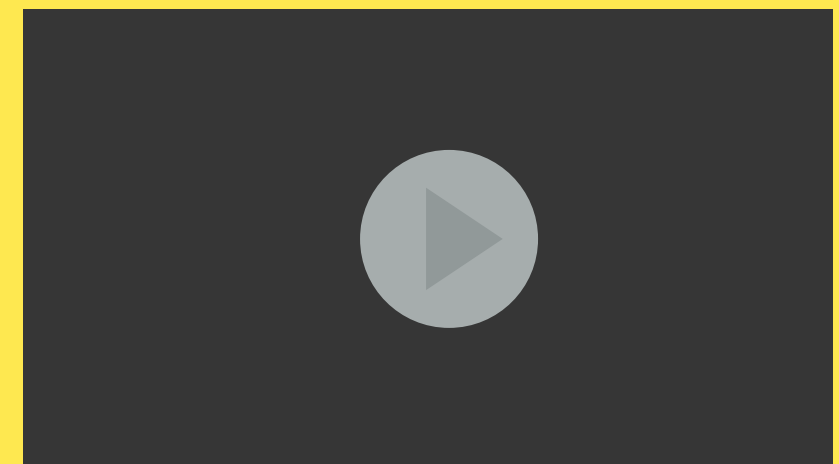
The Science of Well-Being

Mental Health in Academy Award

Winning Movies

Queer Cinema

The Psychology of Love



Government, Policy, Education

Discover what goes on behind the scenes of large political events and government processes. Debate with fellow classmates about current national policies and how we could better our country.

A Few Samples of Previous Courses

How Young People Can Take Over the World

Comparative Citizenship Policy

Waging War, Waging Peace

So You Want to Go to Law School

Global Poverty: Thing Big Start Small





Food and Culinary Sciences

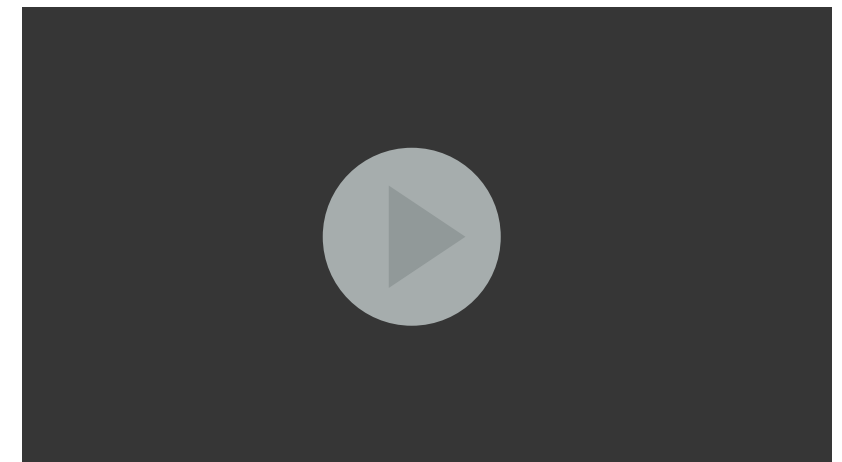
Explore the world of genetic modification and learn about its benefits and dangers. Dive into specialty topics that explore the science aspect of produce to help better understand food and its unique properties

A Few Samples of Previous Courses

There is Life After Cheddar

Molecular Kitchen

Genetically Modified Organisms



Sports and Entertainment

Learn about the business aspect of professional and youth sports. Discuss the significance and themes of the entertainment industry.

A Few Samples of Previous Courses

Topics in Youth Sports

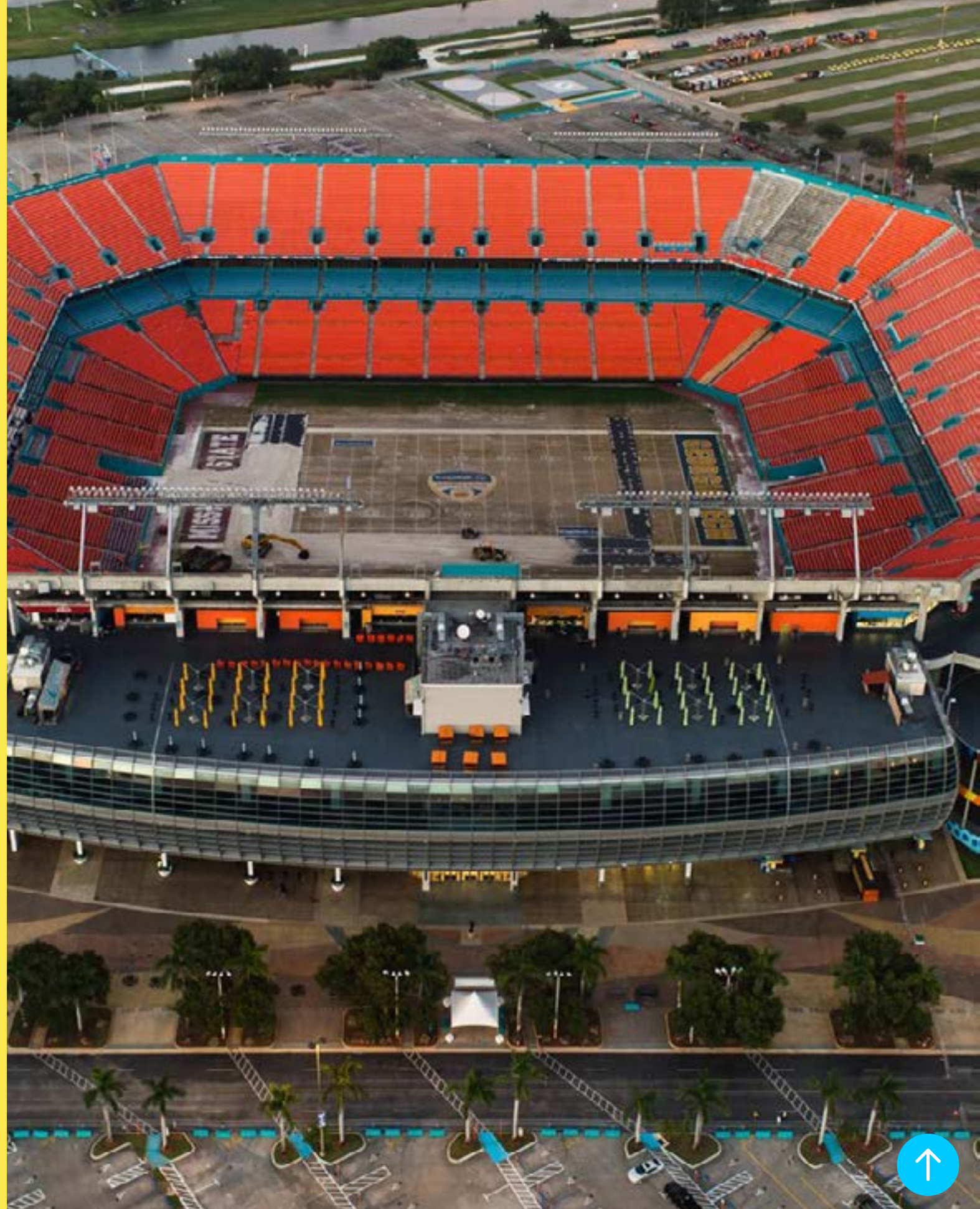
Mad About Mad Men

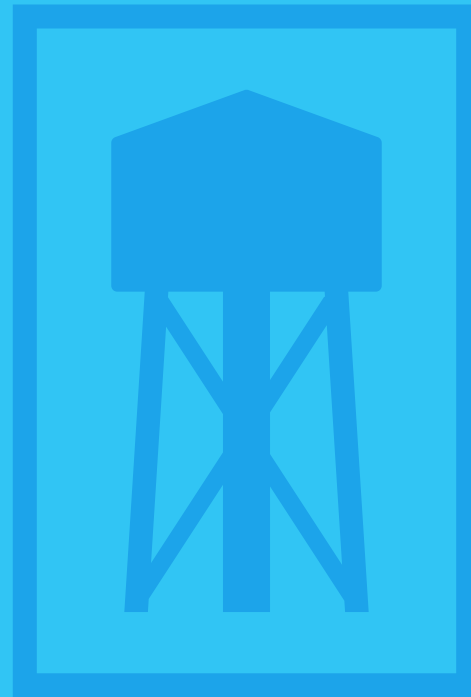
History of Motion Pictures

Zombies

San Andreas: Reality vs. Hollywood

The History and Business of the NFL





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