

FIRST YEAR SEMINARS

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

explore

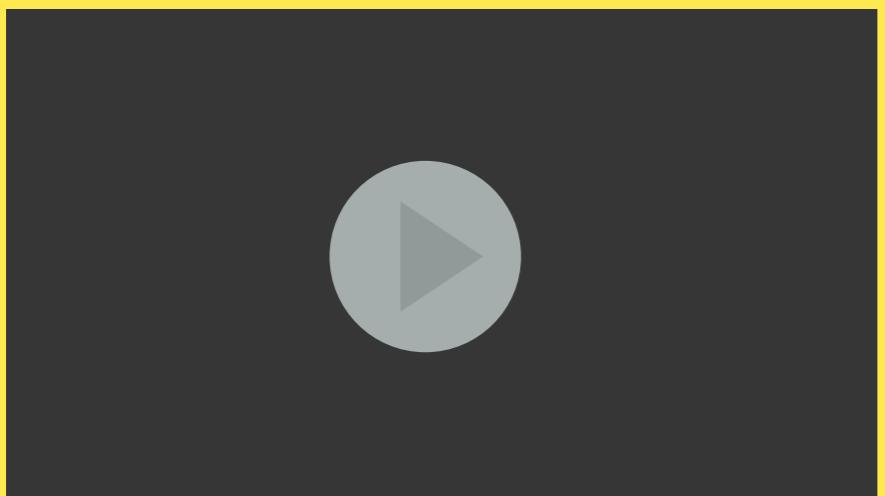


HOW DO ROCKETS FLY?

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!



FEATURED SEMINAR



CATEGORIES



RESOURCES



A photograph of four individuals—three men and one woman—jumping in front of a large, vibrant mural. The mural features a series of stylized, colorful shapes resembling stylized figures or flames in shades of blue, green, red, orange, and yellow. The people are in mid-air, with their arms raised, suggesting excitement or celebration. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

more
images

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

more
images

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



A photograph showing a group of men in historical military-style uniforms marching. One man in the foreground is prominently featured, wearing a black jacket with red piping, a white waistcoat, and a red bicorne hat with a plume. He is playing a large blue and white drum. Behind him, other men in similar uniforms are visible, some carrying rifles. The scene appears to be a reenactment or a parade.

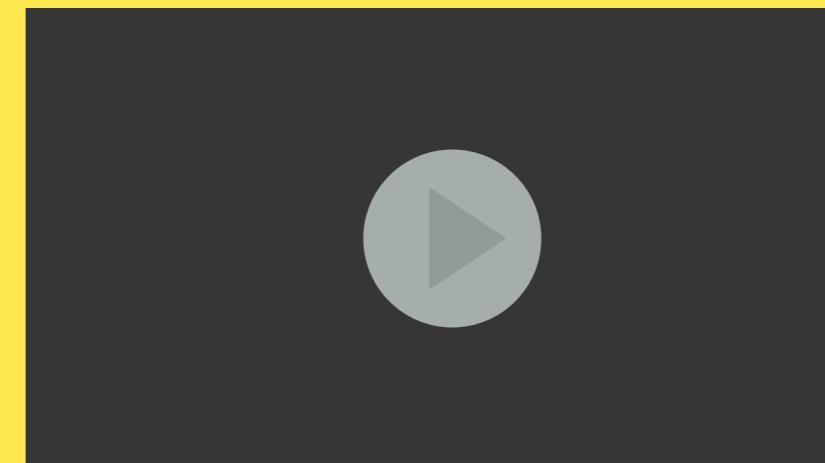
more
images

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.

more
images

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





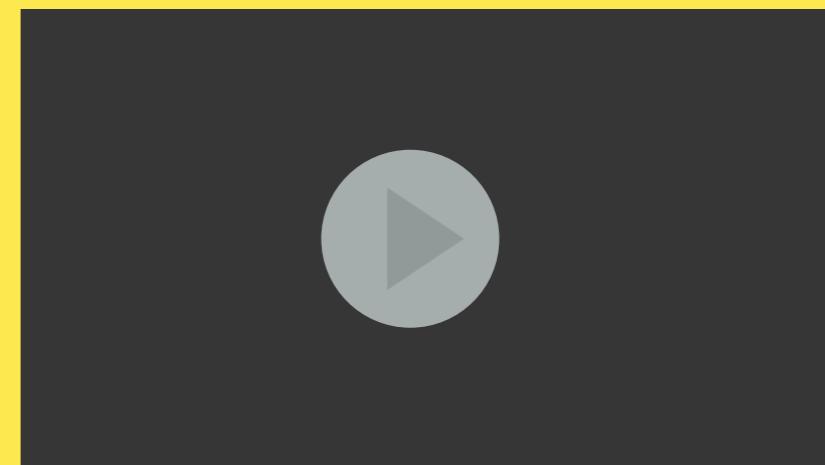
more
images

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



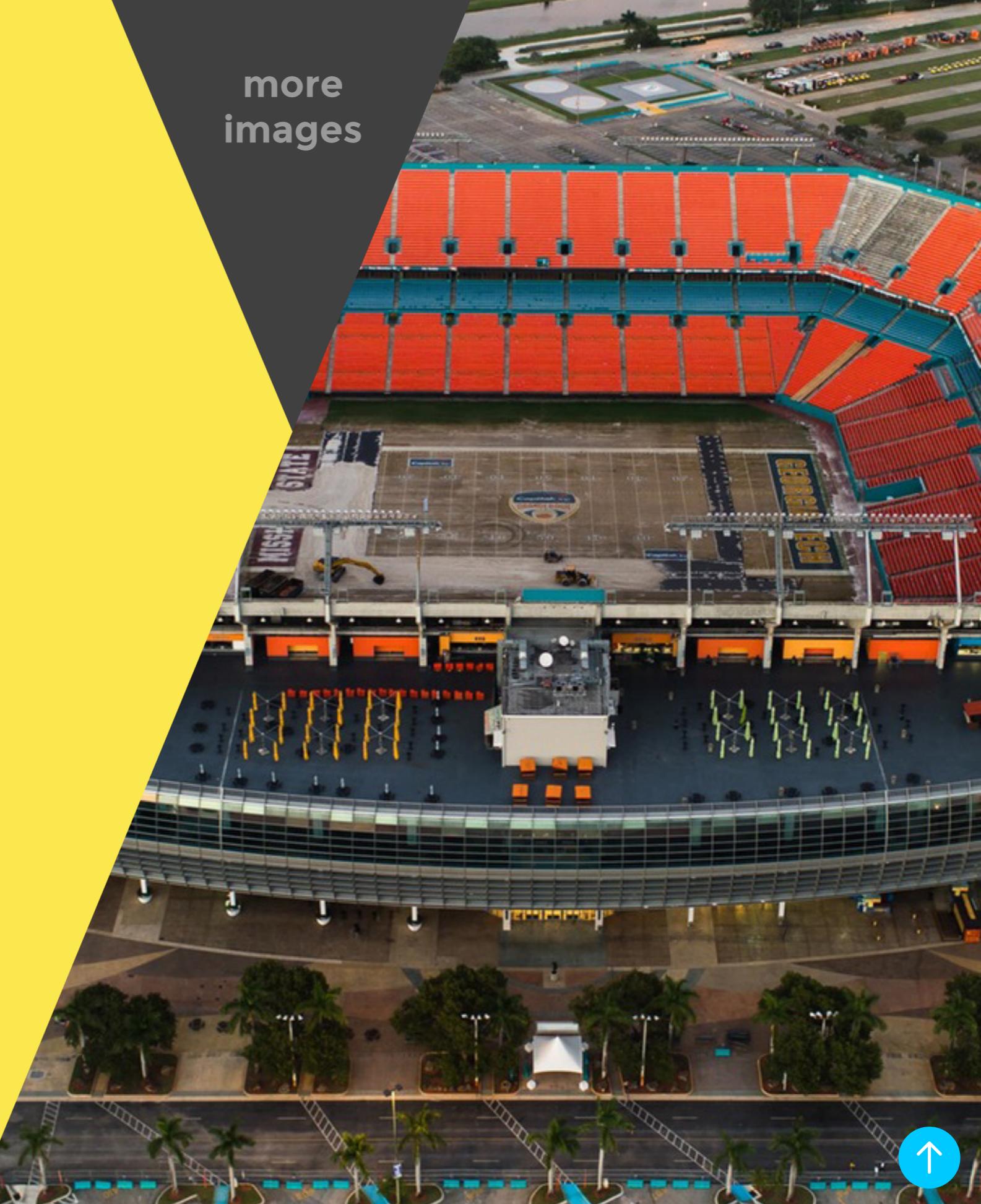
Sports and Entertainment

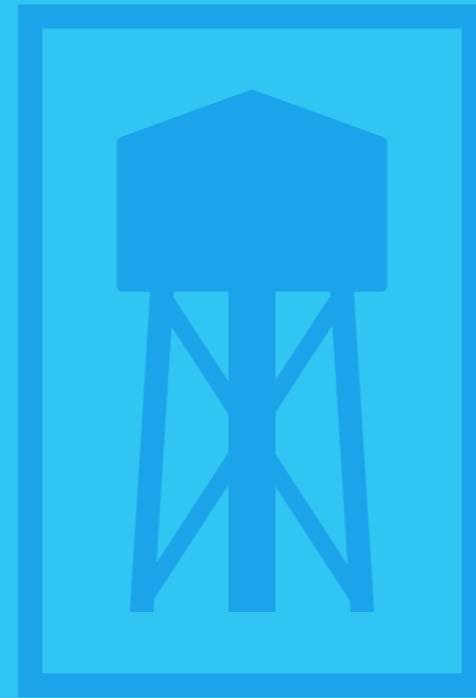
Learn about the business aspect of professional and youth sports. Discuss the significance and themes of the entertainment industry.

more
images

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





UC Davis Resource Page and FAQs

CATEGORIES

Arts, Writing, Creative Thinking
Science, Research, Environment
Lifestyle, Culture, Religion
Government, Policy, Education
Food & Culinary Sciences
Sports & Entertainment

UC DAVIS LINKS

[First-Year Seminar FAQs](#)
[UCD First-Year Seminar Extension Page](#)

DES 157 CLASS LINKS

[Return to Portal](#)
[Valid HTML](#)
[Valid CSS](#)

