

## MALS EXPERIMENTAL COURSES

**In any UD department or program, the course number 667 designates a course that has not been approved by the Faculty Senate as a regular offering, but is running on an experimental basis. MALS offers such courses almost every semester in order to increase variety and appeal to diverse student interests. Recently offered MALS667 courses include the following:**

**MALS667** *National Socialism and the Holocaust* (3 credits) This seminar examines recent literature on National Socialism, Adolf Hitler, the Nazi state, and the Holocaust. One half of the course addresses German society under National Socialist rule; the other focuses on the planning, implementation, and legacies of the Holocaust.

**MALS667** *American Dreams, American Nightmares* (3 credits) Critics warn that the American Dream is imperiled. This class will focus on claims about social problems said to directly threaten the middle class and the American Dream. What does it mean when we're told the middle class is shrinking, or that the family is in decline?

**MALS667** *We Are What We Eat: Food in Our Society* (3 credits) This class will explore the prosaic structures that provision our society, and how taste and preference interact with the systems of labor, business, and technology that make food available in different places, and at different times. Students will attain a broad understanding of the development of American food as well as in-depth explorations into particular issues and the multi-disciplinary approaches of food scholars. Readings from historians, anthropologists, nutritionists, and journalists along with occasional lectures will be leavened by outside forays to food institutions. Expect lots of reading including muckraking accounts, sweeping surveys of food history, how particular foods became part of our diets, and explanations of consumer choices. And also anticipate the opportunity to talk with a successful restaurant owner, organic farmers, and others engaged in the food business so we can learn how our choices about food influences daily life all around us.

**MALS667** *Nobody Expects the Spanish Inquisition: An Interdisciplinary Study of Intellectual Freedom* (3 credits) This course focuses on current situations in which tension exists, or is alleged to exist, between the freedom of the individual and the good of society. As a basis for class discussions, we will read journalism, literature, essays, and legal decisions pertaining to controversial speech about religion, sex, race, and politics. To provide a broader historical context, we will also consider earlier texts documenting the ways in which ideas about the meaning and value of intellectual freedom have evolved. We will begin with the Inquisition, reading English translations of handbooks written by the inquisitors as well as excerpts from the trials of Joan of Arc and Galileo. The course will also include such materials as John Milton's essay "Areopagetica," the transcripts from the Salem witch trials, and newsreels of hearings before the House Un-American Activities Committee and the committee chaired by Senator Joseph McCarthy.

**MALS667** *New Medicines: From Lab Bench to Bedside* (3 credits) After tracing the process from laboratory discovery to approval of a new drug by the Food and Drug Agency, we will explore the social

and philosophical debates related to the patenting, testing, regulation and marketing of prescription and over the counter drugs.

**MALS667 *Memoir Writing*** (3 credits) Creative, contemplative, and critical, *Memoir Writing* is a disciplined exploration of the theory and practice of written recollection, grounded in reading and discussion of influential memoirists' work as well as workshop discussion of student work.

**MALS667 *Shakespeare in Performance*** (3 credits) This course will involve students in Renaissance scholarship, literature, stage practice and history. Students will focus on Shakespeare in performance with some opportunity for on-stage workshops and discussions with actors, live performances of plays with talkbacks and lectures, and private tours.

**MALS667 *Holy War*** (3 credits) This is a seminar on the many meanings of, and justifications for, "holy war" in the Judaeo-Christian-Muslim traditions from antiquity to the present. Every student will do a research paper or a series of related book reviews.