

Course Descriptions Semester 1 January – June 2022

NEW COURSES:

More Than Music

Travel down memory lane with music DVDs/ CDs and discussion of the events, the artists, their music and their influences on our lives.

Some of the events already selected include:

- Neil Diamond – Hot August Night
- Les Misérables – 10th Anniversary Concert
- Ray Charles – Edmonton Concert with Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino and Ron Wood
- The Beatles – footage from a variety of live concerts

What is Economics About?

Economics (and economists) can be long winded, boring and complex. This course aims to expose the economics in issues that affect our daily lives, our finances and our households. The course will be highly interactive and flexible - its content will be moulded to fit the interests of the participants. Examples of possible topics are:

- Why do prices increase?
- What is this concept “GDP”? Why is there so much focus on it?
- Is it OK for foreign interests to acquire Australian assets?

Beginner Italian

The course will assume no prior knowledge of Italian. It will be interactive and focus on conversation. Basic grammar will be dealt with incidentally where relevant.

Some topics to be included are – greetings, family, weather and pastimes/hobbies. Holidays, travel and related topics – at a restaurant, museum bus/train station – will also be included. There may be the option of purchasing a small text depending on the preferences of the group. Interactive software sites will be used so access to a laptop or PC will be required. Participants who don't have this access can “buddy up” with someone who has a device.

Scribblers

The Scribbler course covers the fundamentals of art and principles of design to build a strong foundation in drawing, so members develop the confidence to explore their personal drawing style and find their own visual voice. The Scribblers course is for members who share an enthusiasm for drawing, regardless of their skill level. Students will be advised on which materials to bring to class.

CONTINUING COURSES

Introduction to Share Market

This short course will give the participants an overview of the stock market and how it works. Discussion subjects will include:

- The Australian securities exchange
- Equity securities
- Role & history of share ownership
- Understanding the numbers
- Understanding the risk
- Who invests in the share market
- Types of shares
- Initial public offering
- Pricing of shares

Some research may be required.

Please note that this course does not provide investment advice but gives discussion on the subject only.

Share Market Discussion Group

A monthly discussion on share market stocks, subjects and issues.

Some preparation maybe required.

Buongiorno Italia

This is for all who love the Italian language and for those who think they may travel to Italy. It is an ongoing course so if you are interested in joining the class it is essential you have a good knowledge of the Italian language. Basic grammar skills will be included in each session. Participants must be prepared to revise and prepare for each session. This course is fully booked. See **Beginners Italian** above.

Talk French!

For those who have no knowledge of the language and those who have vague memories of French at school.

Conversing in French

The emphasis is on gaining the skills to understand and speak French with confidence. Basic grammar skills will be included in each lesson. This course has been going for several years and the students are now quite well advanced. However, if you have reasonable knowledge of French – perhaps from some years back – please do indicate your interest in joining the class by contacting u3awangaratta@gmail.com and the tutor will contact you. The class size is limited.

Latin (via Zoom)

Latin is fabled as being a hard language, but it is important to remember that people once spoke it casually on the streets and ordered their fish and chips in it so, with a little application and persistence, I have every confidence that you can learn it and a great deal about the history of other languages, including our own, into the bargain. If you have previous experience with Latin and wish to join the class, please email u3awangaratta@gmail.com

Literature

Literature includes images as well as text. In addition to novels, plays, films, poems, there are TV shows, documentaries, feature films and even advertisements to be “read” and assessed for the stories they tell and the way they are constructed. The topics for each semester are chosen by the course participants so, whatever your taste in literature, it is likely to be catered for and you may be surprised by new, exciting ideas.

The Garden Plot

Do you love gardens and gardening? Join us for interactive sessions with guest speakers, plant swap days and field trips. Suitable for new or experienced gardeners and anyone who just wants to have fun in a relaxed atmosphere. It may be possible to have some Covid safe field trips.

Smorgasbord

A series of guest speakers with interesting and diverse topics to provide food for thought. Topics could include philosophy, psychology, art, science and local history. Venues may vary, depending on numbers and requirements of the speakers.

Hot Topics

Members bring along a newspaper cutting, article or cartoon about current issues to discuss. These can be large or trivial, international or local, serious or funny. It is your choice, and everyone is encouraged to participate in the debate bearing in mind that each person’s point of view is valid for them.

Cryptic Crosswords

Cryptic crosswords explore the magic of the English language – how words can mean so many things and how our mind plays tricks on us when we read the clues. People often say “I’d like to try cryptic crosswords but I don’t know how to start.” This is a class for both new crossworders and those continuing. We will begin from the very first concepts and then solve crosswords as a group for fun and learning.