History and Philosophy

New!
ANCIENT PERSIA  FEE: $70
Under Cyrus II, the Persians controlled a vast territory in the ancient Near East in the sixth century BCE, including kingdoms in Iran, Turkey, Mesopotamia, and the area between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and the 26th Dynasty in Egypt. Join Frances Mitilineos, a member of Oakton’s history faculty, as she examines the rise of the Persian Empire under Cyrus, its expansions under Darius, the conflict with the West (two wars with Greece) and Darius III’s loss of Persia to Alexander the Great.
HIS T21-91, OC/SK, 6 Tue., 6/23-7/28, 10:30 am-12 pm  CRN 50441

New!
JESUS’ PARABLES  FEE: $100
Jesus’ teachings appear to have been vivid, popular, and controversial. Like other ancient Jewish rabbis, he taught mainly through parables. How should we understand them? Join Marianka Fousek for an in-depth study of parables in the New Testament.
HIS T50-91, OC/SK, 8 Thu., 6/18-8/6, 10 am-12 pm  CRN 50393

New!
A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN:
IMPORTANT WOMEN  FEE: $80
Join historian William Haase to examine the lives of 25 superstar women who represent several centuries of achievers in the arts, sciences, government, and international relations. Their homelands include Sweden, China, Russia, and India. Each qualifies by her own accomplishments, not those of a husband or child.
HIS C26-91, OC/SK, 5 Thu., 6/18-7/16, 1-2:30  CRN 50394

New!
DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE  FEE: $100
If we consider the historical and pre-historical record, it is safe to say that most cultures have structured their value systems around the inevitability of death. In his book, Death and Eternal Life, John Hick, a prominent British scholar of comparative religions, provides an intellectually riveting, cross-cultural examination of beliefs about death and eternal life from different epochs and civilizations. Join Douglas Gillette, M.A., M.Div., for a thought-provoking look at Hick’s and others’ work in this area.
PHL E89-91, OC/SK, 8 Wed., 7/8-8/26, 10 am-12 pm  CRN 50395

New!
The Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln
SERIES FEE: $80
In observance of the 2009 bi-centennial of Abraham Lincoln, these four programs each present a different facet of the greatest U.S. President, an enduring icon of political promise and fulfillment. Join author and historian Jerome O’Connor for this memorable tribute, which utilizes Lincoln’s own words, music of the time, and images direct from the scenes of triumph and tragedy. Register for the series or individual programs. Senior discounts do not apply.
HIST43-031, OC/SK, 4 Tue., 6/2-6/23, 7-8:30 pm  CRN 50362

Part One
LINCOLN IN SPRINGFIELD  FEE: $22
With less than one year of formal education, Lincoln became an orator, a lawyer, a state legislator, and a member of the U.S., House of Representatives—all from his base in Springfield, Illinois. Visit his home, the Old State House, and the highly regarded Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, to learn how a disciplined life prepared Lincoln for greatness.
HIST43-032, OC/SK, 1 Tue., 6/2, 7-8:30 pm  CRN 50363

Part Two
LINCOLN – COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  FEE: $22
The ultimate test for the first president of the new Republican Party was also the central challenge for his country – secession and war. Lincoln’s search for generals who would fight and the Union defeat in the war’s first battle at Manassas/Bull Run, meant three more years of war and loss. See the battlefield as it is today, and discover how over-confidence almost lost the war for the Army of the Potomac.
HIST43-033, OC/SK, 1 Tue., 6/9, 7-8:30 pm  CRN 50364
Part Three
LINCOLN THE WRITER  FEE: $22
Lincoln thought best with a pen, using cadence, commas, symbols, and imagery in producing a unique prose style of power and purpose. His words add meaning to his insights and decisions. Enter the processes of Lincoln’s facility to write and then relentlessly edit the Emancipation Proclamation, the Second Inaugural, and the Gettysburg Address – perhaps the most important 272 words in the English language.
HIST43-034, OC/SK, 1 Tue., 6/16, 7-8:30 pm  CRN 50365

Part Four
LINCOLN FOR THE AGES  FEE: $22
During his presidency Lincoln never enjoyed the full approval of either Congress or the public, yet he became an iconic figure following his assassination. Lincoln also was a master politician, converting his main political opposition into his war cabinet. He was a superb administrator and tactician, so skilled that he managed his own campaign in 1864. Go beyond the myths and explore the real facts behind the legend.
HIST43-035, OC/SK, 1 Tue., 6/23, 7-8:30 pm  CRN 50366