



PLATO Course Schedule: FALL 2021

Please Note: Due to the dynamic nature of the pandemic, participants are required to wear masks when inside host locations at all times, observe social distancing guidelines, and follow any and all of our host's additional COVID-19 protocols. Also, course locations are subject to change; for updates check platomadison.org or Tuesday's Weekly Update emails.

- Fall 2021 courses will be a combination of in-person and online offerings.
- Contact the course coordinator to register; they will email your course log-in information.
- Course duration and start/end dates vary – see the “Time & Dates” column for details.
- For full course descriptions, go to: platomadison.org and click on COURSES.

MONDAY		
Time & Dates	Course Description, Location & Class Size	Coordinator(s)
Monday 9:30 - 10:30 am 10 Sessions: 9/20 - 11/22	<i>Classic Films 2021</i> Virtual meetings to discuss a film selected from Turner Classic Movies (TCM) programs offered the previous week. Location: Online; Class Size: 35	Bob Fry, Bobfry40@aim.com , 608-233-0622 Tobey Marsceill, tobey.marsceill@gmail.com 608-276-7373 Wes Marsceill, 608-276-7373
Monday 9:30 - 11:30 am 10 Sessions: 9/20 - 11/22	<i>Reading US History – The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family</i> Read and discuss the Pulitzer Prize and National Book award winning <i>The Hemingses of Monticello</i> by historian and legal scholar Annette Gordon-Reed. Location: Online; Class Size: 25	Michael E. Stevens Michaelstevens50@gmail.com 608-215-4887

<p>Monday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/20 - 11/22</p>	<p><i>Experiencing Great English Literature</i></p> <p>Read and discuss <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald, <i>A Lost Lady</i> by Willa Cather, poems from <i>The Seashell Anthology</i>, and Shakespeare's <i>Julius Caesar</i>.</p> <p>Location: Madison Senior Center; Class Size: 24</p>	<p>Phil Paulson philplsn@gmail.com 608-318-1567</p>
<p>Monday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>9 Sessions: 9/27 - 11/22</p>	<p><i>Pathways to a Sustainable Planet</i></p> <p>A discussion group focusing on the challenges we face as we adapt to a sustainable society.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Richard Steeves coot42@gmail.com 608-833-5586</p>
<p>Monday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/20 - 11/22</p>	<p><i>Refighting the Civil War</i></p> <p>We will continue Professor Gary Gallagher's <i>The American Civil War</i> in The Great Courses. After each presentation there will be a period for discussion and questions, continuing the format we have been using.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 20</p>	<p>Daryl Sherman snippetswi@gmail.com 608-238-5106</p>
<p>Monday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/20 - 11/22</p>	<p><i>Drawing as a Sacred Activity: Imaginative Drawing with the Non-Dominant Hand</i></p> <p>In this class you will explore your heart's wisdom with drawing exercises that I presented around the world. You will learn that you have within you all the resources you need to fulfill your dreams. Drawing is a sacred activity because it connects your conscious mind, unconscious mind and supra-conscious mind.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Heather C. Williams heather@drawingtogether.com 760-213-6060</p>
<p>Monday 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/20 - 11/22</p>	<p><i>Exploring Creativity</i></p> <p>A hands-on workshop for participants to pursue their personal art goals in a sharing and supportive environment. Participants must bring their own supplies.</p> <p>Location: Christ Presbyterian Church; Class Size: 10</p>	<p>Karen Wulff wulff.karen@gmail.com 608-770-8408</p>

<p>Monday 1:00 - 3:00 pm 11 Sessions: 9/13 - 11/22</p>	<p><i>Money Skills for Retirees</i></p> <p>Learning from guest speakers and our classmates, this course will address various financial and investment topics.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 40</p>	<p>Tom Eggert tleggert@wisc.edu 608-279-8608</p>
<p>Monday 1:00 - 3:00 pm 10 Sessions: 9/27 - 11/29</p>	<p><i>Novels New and Old</i></p> <p>This group will read and discuss seven novels: <i>The Dutch House</i> by Ann Patchett; <i>The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry</i> by Gabrielle Zevin; <i>So Big</i> by Edna Ferber; <i>A House for Mr. Biswas</i> by V.S. Naipal; <i>Go, Went, Gone</i> by Jenny Erpenbeck; <i>This Tender Land</i> by William Kent Krueger; and <i>Everything I Never Told You</i> by Celeste Ng.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Bonnie Dill thedills8412@att.net 608-434-8919</p> <p>Carol Spiegel lookingglass18@gmail.com 608-206-3623</p> <p>Marsha Urbaniak urbaniakmarsha@gmail.com 608-219-2394</p>
<p>Monday 1:00 - 3:00 pm 10 Sessions: 9/20 - 11/22</p>	<p><i>Raspberry Pi for Tinkerers</i></p> <p>An interactive course to explore a wide variety of Raspberry Pi single board uses.</p> <p>Location: Capitol Lakes, Class Size: 15</p>	<p>Al Nettleton alnettleton70@gmail.com 608-238-6053</p>
<p>Monday 1:30 - 3:30 pm 9 Sessions: 9/20 - 11/15</p>	<p><i>First Amendment Freedoms and Limitations</i></p> <p>Participants will explore and discuss the boundaries around free speech and various theories related to it. We will also consider limits the government has to control prohibited speech.</p> <p>Location: Christ Presbyterian Church; Class Size: 16</p>	<p>Allen May, J.D. amay@att.net 630-263-2629</p>
<p>Monday 1:30 - 3:30 pm 8 Sessions: 9/20 - 11/8</p>	<p><i>Women's Journeys Toward Self-Discovery</i></p> <p>Shape your life story while clarifying what it has meant to you. Class will use prompts to help enter into writing as a stepping-stone toward deeper self-awareness.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 15</p>	<p>Grethe Brix-J Leer grethebrix42@gmail.com 608-236-0158</p>

TUESDAY		
Time & Dates	Course Description, Location & Class Size	Coordinator(s)
Tuesday 10:00 - 11:30 am 9 Sessions: 9/28 - 11/23	<i>Whither the State: Politics and Public Policy</i> Review of state and national political developments and examination of key public policy issues affecting the U.S. economy and society. Location: Oakwood West; Class Size: No Limit	Dennis Dresang dresang@lafollette.wisc.edu 608-203-5643 Terry Shelton TKshelton1321@gmail.com
Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30 am 9 Sessions: 9/21 - 11/23	<i>Biographies</i> Gather with biography readers who enjoy discovering fresh facts about notable men and women from varied backgrounds. Location: Online; Class Size: No Limit	Chuck Pils cmpils@sbcglobal.net 608-841-1171 Mary Becker scrabblenutmj@gmail.com 608-395-9450
Tuesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm 12 Sessions: 9/21 - 12/7	<i>Short Stories and Essays</i> Join us as we delve into the ever-fascinating world of short stories and essays created by some of the best writers who have put pen to paper. Location: Capitol Lakes; Class Size: 15	Irv Klibaner irwinklibaner@gmail.com 608-274-4089
Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm 8 Sessions: 9/21 - 11/9	<i>Contemporary Economic Issues</i> This class will study 12 basic economic principles and how they apply to a current real-world situation. There is no obligation to attend each weekly class; you can choose those topics of most interest to you. Location: Capitol Lakes; Class Size: 20	Chuck Karabin ckarabin@aol.com 608-886-3241

<p>Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>9 Sessions: 9/21 - 11/23</p> <p>No Class: 10/12</p>	<p>Jazz</p> <p>Join us to learn about jazz! Expert guest presenters and in-class aficionados will share music ranging from early New Orleans to contemporary jazz.</p> <p>Location: WI Bank & Trust; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Toni Jakovec tjakovec@yahoo.com 650-948-5831</p>
<p>Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/21 - 11/23</p>	<p>Reminiscence PM</p> <p>Participants write stories about their pasts and share them with the class. Always meaningful and no experience required!</p> <p>Location: Madison Senior Center; Class Size: 12</p>	<p>Judy Havens judyandpeteh@charter.net 608-443-0777</p>

WEDNESDAY

Time & Dates	Course Description, Location & Class Size	Coordinator(s)
<p>Wednesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/22 - 12/1</p> <p>No Class: 11/24</p>	<p>Continuing Philosophy</p> <p>We will read and discuss <i>The Dream of Enlightenment: The Rise of Modern Philosophy</i> (Liveright, 2017) by Anthony Gottlieb.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 24</p>	<p>Jim Halloran jp.hallo@tds.net 608-238-7201</p> <p>Ed Cothroll cothroll@tds.net 608-831-4493</p>
<p>Wednesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>11 Sessions: 9/22 - 12/1</p>	<p>Current Events AM</p> <p>We will discuss local, national and international events – some topics very current and others are ongoing issues.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 20</p>	<p>Mert Corwin mdcorwinjr@gmail.com 608-845-3304 608-774-3403</p>

<p>Wednesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/22 - 12/1</p> <p>No Class: 11/24</p>	<p><i>Global Affairs and the Media</i></p> <p>This discussion group focuses on the importance of global affairs and increasing our exposure to high-quality sources of news and information.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Leon Lindberg, lindbe@tds.net, 608-238-9000</p> <p>Kirk Elliott, kirk_elliott@hotmail.com, 608-255-5646</p> <p>Steven Hirsch, hirsch4622@icloud.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/22 - 11/24</p>	<p><i>Drawing as a Sacred Activity: Observational Drawing</i></p> <p>Lecture and drawing exercises to help you draw your own sacred journey. Engage your mind, your heart, and your unique point of view!</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Heather C. Williams heather@drawingtogether.com 760-213-6060</p>
<p>Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>8 Sessions: 9/29 - 11/17</p>	<p><i>Biographies Eastside</i></p> <p>Participants may volunteer to present a biographical sketch on a person or group of their choice.</p> <p>Location: Goodwill Community Room, 2901 N. Sherman Ave; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Vick Ford, v.ford@charter.net 608-850-9474</p> <p>Steve Werlein, srw8407@att.net 608-850-9474</p>
<p>Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>11 Sessions: 9/22 - 12/1</p>	<p><i>Current Events – PM</i></p> <p>A discussion course on current events in Wisconsin, the U.S. and the World, led and moderated by course participants.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 25</p>	<p>Meg Taylor taylome@charter.net 206-369-3578</p> <p>Jerry Burns geburns@facstaff.wisc.edu 608-556-2924</p>
<p>Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/22 - 12/1</p> <p>No Class: 11/24</p>	<p><i>Frontiers in Life Science</i></p> <p>Each week a researcher or science expert reports and discusses their innovations, inventions and/or discoveries. Q & A and discussion follow the presentations.</p> <p>Location: UW Space Place; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Paul Brandl pbrandl90@gmail.com 608-251-2662</p>

<p>Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/22 - 12/1</p> <p>No Class: 11/24</p>	<p><i>Writing Workshop</i></p> <p>Whether you haven't written the first word or you're polishing a manuscript, our group of writers will provide you with feedback, structure, and support. <i>Note: A separate, additional section of this course is available on Thursdays at 1pm.</i></p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 14</p>	<p>Andy Millman Mill60062@yahoo.com 847-275-6251</p>
<p>Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/22 - 12/1</p> <p>No Class: 11/24</p>	<p><i>Film History Part 1</i></p> <p>A survey of the development of the film industry, using available clips and examining the development of now-familiar genres.</p> <p>Location: Oakwood West; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Jim O'Brien jimrobr@gmail.com 608-286-1946</p>
<p>Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/22 - 11/24</p>	<p><i>Life Maps: The Search for Meaning in Modern Philosophy and the Arts</i></p> <p>This course will explore the philosophy and theology of Paul Tillich. Readings include <i>The Courage to Be</i> and Rollo May's <i>Paulus</i>.</p> <p>Location: Email; Class Size: 20</p>	<p>Norman Leer normanleer@att.net 608-236-0158</p>

THURSDAY

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<p>Thursday 9:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/23 - 12/2</p> <p>No Class: 11/25</p>	<p><i>What in the World Happened</i></p> <p>Presentations with follow-up discussion on historical topics of interest, from prehistoric times to the more recent.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Chuck Pils, cmpils@sbcglobal.net, 608-841-1171</p> <p>Hank Whipple, hwhipple7854@att.net 608-249-7773</p> <p>Jim Albright, albright.jd@gmail.com 608-52-0590</p> <p>Jim Leidel, jaleidel@sbcglobal.net 608-271-6938</p>

<p>Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/23 - 12/2</p> <p>No Class: 11/25</p>	<p><i>Healthy Aging: Maintaining Function and Preventing Injury</i></p> <p>This course explores how to approach personal health goals, prescriptive exercise, managing stress, healthy diets, mindfulness, longevity, and spirituality. Lectures and presentations are followed by discussion.</p> <p>Location: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church; Class Size: 20</p>	<p>Frank Stein Franklin.Stein@usd.edu 608-274-1242</p>
<p>Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>9 Sessions: 9/23 - 11/18</p>	<p><i>Where is Everybody?</i></p> <p>Participants will learn about and discuss questions related to our place in the universe such as: Is life confined to Earth? Have we been visited by intelligent life?</p> <p>Location: Oakwood West; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Don Reeder reeder@hep.wisc.edu 608-238-3903</p>
<p>Thursday 10:00 - 11:45 am</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/23 - 12/2</p> <p>No Class: 11/25</p>	<p><i>Relax and Be Aware - Mindfulness Meditations for Clarity and Wisdom</i></p> <p>Based on the book, <i>Relax and Be Aware</i>, by Sayadaw U Tejaniya, this course helps participants learn how to meditate.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Craig Wille wille.craig@gmail.com 608-692-3163</p>
<p>Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/23 - 12/2</p> <p>No Class: 11/25</p>	<p><i>Writing Workshop</i></p> <p>Whether you haven't written the first word or you're polishing a manuscript, our group of writers will provide you with feedback, structure, and support. <i>Note: A separate, additional section of this course is available on Wednesdays at 1pm.</i></p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 14</p>	<p>Andy Millman Mill60062@yahoo.com 847-275-6251</p>

<p>Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/23 - 12/2</p> <p>No Class: 11/25</p>	<p><i>The Play's the Thing</i></p> <p>We will read and discuss <i>Spoon River Anthology</i>, <i>The Book of Will</i>, an Agatha Christie play, and <i>The Foreigner</i>.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 20</p>	<p>Tess Mulrooney tlmmdsn@aol.com 608-257-5595</p>
<p>Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/30 - 12/9</p> <p>No Class: 11/25</p>	<p><i>We Love a Mystery</i></p> <p>Read and critique contemporary mystery novels and short stories. Full-length novels alternate weekly with short stories. Be ready to discuss Louise Penny's <i>All the Devils Are Here</i> for our first class.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 18</p>	<p>Barbara Evans evansbj@charter.net 608-833-6822</p>

FRIDAY

<p>Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/24 - 12/3</p> <p>No Class: 11/26</p>	<p><i>PLATO Travel</i></p> <p>Through sharing and discussion, participants present travelogues of their adventures and information about their destinations in a friendly atmosphere.</p> <p>Location: Capitol Lakes; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Annette Bollig acbollig@gmail.com, 267-303-1328</p> <p>Lois Baseler, ulois@chorus.net, 608-220-1840</p> <p>Linn Roth, rothlinn@sbcglobal.net, 608-238-2297</p> <p>Kevin Bollig, kevinbollig@gmail.com</p>
<p>Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 10/1 - 12/10</p> <p>No Class: 11/26</p>	<p><i>Reading Saul Bellow</i></p> <p>We will read two works by Saul Bellow: <i>Herzog</i> (ISBN # 9780142437292), and <i>Humboldt's Gift</i> (ISBN # 9780143105473).</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 14</p>	<p>John and Jan Kinar jrkinar@gmail.com 608-238-2826</p>

<p>Friday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>8 Sessions: 9/24 - 11/12</p>	<p><i>Truth Decay</i></p> <p>This course will examine the decay of truth on two tracks. We will look at evolving attitudes toward human rationality and we will explore media technology.</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: 16</p>	<p>Jack Mitchell Jwmitch1@wisc.edu 608-274-6903</p>
<p>Friday 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>8 Sessions: 9/24 - 11/12</p>	<p><i>How Does Religion Evolve? Part 4</i></p> <p>Through videos, readings, and discussion, this course will focus on historical violence with an emphasis on Judeo-Christian traditions, to understand the causes of religious violence and learn about ways to cure this problem.</p> <p>Location: Madison Senior Center; Class Size: 15</p>	<p>Tom Schlicht 608-831-6593</p>

SATURDAY

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<p>Saturday 1:00 - 2:00 pm</p> <p>10 Sessions: 9/18 - 11/20</p>	<p><i>Ontology Book Club</i></p> <p>We will read and discuss <i>Self Observation</i>, by Red Hawk, a poet and professor at the University of Arkansas, to work through old habits and engage the pathway of freedom called "Know Thyself".</p> <p>Location: Online; Class Size: No Limit</p>	<p>Heather Williams heather@drawingtogether.com 760-213-6060</p>

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