New York City: 10 Unique Views, Volume 2

Course Outline and Schedule, Spring 2023*

*Dates subject to change

February 7th

Introduction and Overview

presented by the NYC Team: Peter Harrigan, Tom Powderly, Sharon Rosen

A new 11-week course highlighting more of the people, places and things that make New York City the wonder that it is. Each week will focus on a unique aspect of New York, based on the instructor’s interest and knowledge. The first 75-minute class will include a very brief overview of the course; introductions of each instructor; brief summaries of each module; and questions and answers.

We are pleased to note that last semester’s New York City: 10 Unique Views, Vol. 1 is being offered as an “on demand” class this spring semester.
February 14th

Staten Island: The Forgotten Borough.

*presented by Pete Harrigan*

The least populous of the five boroughs, Staten Island also is the least accessible. Its isolation, culture and politics often make “the Island” the butt of jokes. But “the Island” – as it’s known to locals – also has a rich history, unique attractions and wide open spaces that make it a hidden gem for most New Yorkers.

February 21st

The New York World’s Fairs

*presented by: Stu Siegell*

World’s Fairs have been very popular for close to 200 years. Because of being in New York City, the 2 World's Fairs of 1939-1940 and 1964-1965 received a lot of media attention and attracted huge crowds. Learn about the background of each Fair and see some of the major attractions.
February 28th

The Super Tall Skyscrapers

*presented by Judy Filipkowski*

These supertalls seem to have overtaken NYC. Are they a positive or negative addition to the skyline? They are unconventional unusual and utterly outrageous! Judge yourself with a retired Philadelphia architectural tour guide.

March 7th

**Luxury Liner Row: Ocean Liners at New York**

*presented by Tom Powderly*

Since the days of the Dutch, New York’s large natural harbor has made it the ideal hub for ocean going trans-Atlantic transport. The opening of the Erie Canal cemented New York’s importance as a center of trade. The great ocean liners followed and served NYC regularly until made redundant by air travel.
March 14th

Central Park: The Green Heart of Manhattan

*presented by Susan Yost*

Once the site of pig farms, Central Park is a 2.5-mile-long leafy oasis in the middle of Manhattan, with ca 26,000 trees and 200 bird species. Designed by Olmsted and Vaux in the 1850’s, this masterpiece of landscape architecture has winding paths leading to lakes, fountains, a zoo, a carousel, and more than 30 graceful bridges and arches.

March 21st

Rockerfeller Center: A City Within A City

*presented by Sharon Rosen*

The landmarked buildings comprise 12 acres in Midtown bordered by Fifth and Sixth Avenues. One of the buildings' defining features is the Indiana limestone facade possessed by all 14 structures, as specified in the original plans. They are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
April 4th

Let’s Take the A Train to Harlem

*presented by Shiela Smith*

A personal look at Harlem. We’ll note important periods in Harlem’s history, iconic people, buildings and restaurants as we examine the cultural contributions of this colorful section of New York City.

April 11th.

The Story of the New York Yankees

*presented by Joan Miller*

The history of the New York Yankees from the New York Highlanders in 1903, to the New York Yankees in 1913, to the New York Yankees of today. Through lecture and video clips, we will explore the history of the New Yankees in glory years and lean times.
April 18th

Bridging the Gaps in New York City

presented by Ian M. Friedland

How is a roadway “bridge” defined? What are the typical types of bridges constructed and maintained in New York City? What’s the relationship between the U.S. DOT, NYS DOT, and NYC DOT? Repair, rehab, or replace? What are some of the iconic and unique highway bridges in New York City? These topics will be covered in this segment focused on the bridges of New York City.

April 25th

Live from New York: The Ed Sullivan Show.

presented by Craig Lewis

Ed Sullivan was a New York Daily News columnist and television pioneer who began a TV variety show, The Talk of the Town in 1948. Becoming The Ed Sullivan Show in 1955, it showcased everything from Metropolitan Opera tenors to Borscht Belt comedians to Broadway stars. It was “a really big show.”