

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 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 for yourself with a retired Philadelphia architectural tour guide.



February 28th.

NYC & the 1960s: Notable History

presented by: Neil Sullivan

1960s New York, a city as iconic as the decade shaping it, was supercharged with daily, larger-than-life happenings. This session will examine NYC during an era that brought us many memorable stories from social politics to music and entertainment, from culture to sports.



March 1st

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 7th

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 14th

Rockefeller 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.



March 21st

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 4th.

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 11th

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 18th

Presentation being finalized.