

Distinguished Courses and Faculty Fall 2009

Below you will find a key to the many awards and distinctions that have been given to courses on the Class Pass list. You are encouraged to visit these classes, which have been honored the students, campus, or even national organizations as the best of their kind. Full descriptions of each course are available on the Class Pass list.

Letters and Sciences Discovery Courses (marked with *)

These classes are designated by our College of Letters and Sciences as those destined to be unforgettable. They are taught by some of the most distinguished faculty on campus, and deliberately designed to engage and ignite the minds of non-experts, ensuring that each student is able to receive a rounded education.

Astronomy c10: Introduction to General Astronomy

MWF 3-4 pm (Wheeler Auditorium), Professor Filippenko

Earth and Planetary Science C20: Earthquakes in Your Backyard

TuTh 8-9:30 am (105 Stanley Hall), Professor Allen

Letters and Science 40C: Historical Studies: "Hollywood: The Place, the Industry, the Fantasy" MW 4-5:30 pm (3 Leconte), Professor Moran

Physics C10: Physics for Future Presidents TuTh 9:30-11 am (1 Pimentel), Professor Muller

The Noyce Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (-)

This award was established in 1986 by Dr. Robert N. Noyce in recognition of Dr. Noyce's brother, Professor Emeritus Donald S. Noyce, a long-time professor of chemistry at Berkeley. The Donald Sterling Noyce Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching is open to tenure-track faculty members within the College of Chemistry, and the Division of Physical Sciences within the College of Letters & Sciences.

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Golden Apple Award (»)

Since 2005, undergraduate students campus wide have voted each year on their favorite professor. The Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Teaching remains the only campus teaching award that is voted on by students.

Peace and Conflict Studies 10: Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies, MW 12-2 pm (1 Leconte), Professor Zook

International and Area Studies 115: Global Poverty: Hopes and Challenges in the New Millenium, TuTh 2-3:30 (Wheeler Auditorium), Professor Roy

Professor of the Year Award (⌘)

Every year, one professor at a doctoral and research university nation-wide is given the Professor of the Year Award, sponsored by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and administered by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The award acknowledges "outstanding professors for their dedication to teaching, commitment to students and innovative instructional methods." In 2006, UC Berkeley Professor Alex Filippenko in the Astronomy department, a perennial student favorite on campus, was named Professor of the Year. (*Hint: if you happen to be visiting on Halloween, don't miss this class! Professor Filippenko's Halloween lecture is a legend on campus.*)

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Distinguished Teaching Award (s)

The campus's most prestigious award for teaching is the Distinguished Teaching Award, which is intended to encourage and recognized individual excellence in teaching. The Committee on Teaching is extremely selective in determining the recipients of this award: only 227 faculty have received the award since its inception in 1959.

Astronomy c10: Introduction to General Astronomy
MWF 3-4 pm (Wheeler Auditorium), Professor Filippenko

English C107: The English Bible as Literature MWF 2-3 (4 Leconte), Professor Goldsmith

Letters and Science 40C: Historical Studies: " Hollywood: The Place, the Industry, the Fantasy" MW 4-5:30 pm (3 Leconte), Professor Moran

Linguistics 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science MWF 11-12 pm (159 Mulford), Professor Garrett

Philosophy 7: Existentialism in Literature and Film
TuTh 3:30-5 pm (145 Dwinelle), Professor Dreyfus

Physics C10: Physics for Future Presidents TuTh 9:30-11 am (1 Pimentel),
Professor Muller