

RECENT & REVISED NEW COURSES

What Is This Thing Called 'Mind'?

Tutor: Jurgen Lawrenz BA (Hons) MA (Hons) PhD

Are you mystified about how we humans evolved into thinking creatures? How we perceive, experience, remember, think, invest and imagine? Do you ever wonder how such an intelligent creature as "Homo Sapiens" could make such a mess of the world? Then this course is for you. It explains in simple language the evolution and architecture of the mind and puts our fundamental problem - the conflict between our instincts and intelligence into the spotlight. Based on the author's recently published book, we will learn that the key to this ultimate human enigma goes deeper than knowledge of the brain, and that an understanding of the kind of existence which we humans represent is the key to this enigma. **Coursebook**

\$78 (6 units)

Course No: D217

Pride, Faith and Blood: The American Civil War and its Aftermath

Tutor: Douglas Golding MA

Every Federation has struggles between States' rights and national policies. In the United States these led to a civil war which cost more lives than all other wars in which Americans have been involved put together. The war left scars that are still raw, especially in the South, where the Confederate flag flies defiantly over some government buildings as well as private homes, and even outside some churches. This course considers the dis-united states and territories before the Firing on Fort Sumter, then looks at some of the great battles of the war, with the help of historical photos and battlefield re-enactments on Ken Burns' video, then considers the period of reconstruction and the continuing division between north and south, which continues to play a significant part in every American election.

Coursebook, plus copy of Ken Burns' 150th anniversary DVD on the topic.

\$78 (6 units)

Course No: D211



Possums, Power, Passion and People - Australia and the Protection of its Environment



Tutor: Janine Kitson BA MEd (Hons)

Learn about Australia's history that began with a European mindset that was determined to transform an ancient landscape into a typical English countryside at great costs to its environment and indigenous peoples. Why did some 19th Century citizens raise the alarm at the 'wanton destruction' of Australian forests? Why did some 20th Century citizens rally to protect the Great Barrier Reef and the Tasmanian wilderness? Why do 'jobs and growth' continue to blind us to the 'canary in the coal mine' warning us about the irreversible loss of biodiversity and climate disruption? **Coursebook**

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Course No: D227

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1. Check the list below to see if there's a group near you
2. Contact WEA for details on 02 9264 2781
3. WEA can help you to get a group started

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| Baulkham Hills | Drummoyne | Maitland | Ryde |
| Bawley Point | Dubbo | Mallacoota | St Ives |
| Beecroft | Mendooran | Merriwa | Telopea |
| Bellevue Hill | Gladesville | Mosman | Tenda |
| Berowra | Gordon | Nethercote | Woollahra |
| Bobbin Head | Grenfell | Newcastle | Tumbarumba |
| Burleigh Heads | Hawkesbury | North Star | Tweed Heads |
| Canberra | Hallidays Point | Oatley | Vaucluse |
| Canowindra | Jamberoo | Orange | Sydney CBD |
| Carlingford | Killarney Heights | Goondiwindi | West Wyalong |
| Chatswood | Killara | Pokolbin | Westleigh |
| Coolah | Kotara | Pymble | Yenda |
| Cooma | Lane Cove | Pymble West | Young |
| Cowra | Leeton | Camden | |

