Belly Dance – Level I
This class will introduce Tribal Fusion Belly Dance. This type of belly dance is a combination of several dance styles and will incorporate different styles of music. Basic steps, basic combinations, improvisation, and a choreographed dance will be covered in the six weeks. No dance experience necessary. Dress in comfortable clothes (tank top, yoga type pants). No shoes necessary.
Date:  Feb. 21-Mar. 28, Thurs
Time:  6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Fee:   $65
Location:  H&HP Building, Rm 127
Instructor:  Cheryl Gianforte

Basic Floral Design I (BFD I)
Do you have an interest in floral design? Learn basic floral design including how to make a bow, various wiring techniques for flowers, how to design a centerpiece, and much more! This class is for beginning floral designers who want to learn “how the pros do it”!
If you have a love for flowers and would like to know how to arrange them, this class is for you! Whether you would like to enter the floral industry as a designer assistant, or just want to arrange flowers at home, this class will teach you the basics you need to know!
Date:  Feb. 16, 23, & Mar. 2, Sat
Time:  1 - 4 p.m.
Fee:   $200 tuition plus $100 supply fee
Location:  The Master’s Bouquet 108 South Dr., Natchitoches
Instructor:  Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF & LSFA)

Basic Floral Design II (BFD II)
This class is designed for the floral designer who wants to expand his or her basic knowledge. If you have basic knowledge of floral design and the mechanics involved and are interested in learning more about corsage work and asymmetrical and symmetrical floral design pieces, this class is for you. Whether you would like to enter the floral industry as a designer assistant, would like to expand your knowledge of floral design, or just want to arrange flowers at home, this class will teach you more basics you need to know! BFD I and BFD II are suggested before enrollment in this class but not required.
Date:  Mar. 16, 23, & 30, Sat
Time:  1 - 4 p.m.
Fee:   $200 tuition plus $150 supply fee
Location:  The Master’s Bouquet 108 South Dr., Natchitoches
Instructor:  Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF & LSFA)

Basic Floral Design III (BFD III)
This class is designed for the floral designer who wants to broaden his or her basic knowledge and advance to more “skilled” floral design pieces such as basic wedding bouquets and funeral tributes. If you have knowledge of basic floral design and the mechanics involved and are interested in advancing to a higher level of floral design, this class is for you. Whether you would like to enter the floral industry as a designer assistant, would like to expand your knowledge of floral design, or just want to arrange flowers at home, this class will teach you more basics you need to know! BFD I and BFD II are suggested before enrollment in this class but not required.
Date:  Apr. 20, 27, & May 4, Sat
Time:  1 - 4 p.m.
Fee:   $200 tuition plus $100 supply fee
Location:  The Master’s Bouquet 108 South Dr., Natchitoches
Instructor:  Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF & LSFA)
Painting with a Twist
Looking for a fun way to express yourself creatively, or just something different to do with friends? We have the answer for you! Paint a picture, with step-by-step instruction, along with a local artist. You’ll create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind work of art you will take home at the end of the event! Join us for camaraderie and creativity! We’ll provide your canvas, paint, brushes, and apron; and you’ll have a fun afternoon with friends- or make new ones!! The painting will be a 3 hour selection from Painting with a Twist and will be taught by a local North Louisiana artist!

Date: Mar. 16, Sat
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Fee: $75
Location: South Hall
Instructor: TBD

Beginning Guitar
The focus is on humming and strumming familiar tunes; music appreciation and enjoyment. You will learn basic major and minor chords. Weekly practice sessions will include familiar songs. We will compile a collection of at least 25 familiar songs that you will learn to play in six Tuesday evening meetings. Home practice will be required in order to achieve successful results. Students should be at least 11-years-old. (Self-motivation to practice and learn is a must.) Singing is encouraged, but not required.

Date: Feb. 7 - May 2
Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm
Fee: $69 + $10 material fee (mat. Fee paid directly to instructor first night of class)
Location: NSU Middle Lab School
Instructor: TBD

Beginning Cake Decorating
MAX 15 STUDENTS
This course focuses on the fundamentals of cake decorating. It is designed for the cake decorating shop owner, baker, caterer, chef, or enthusiast. The class will stress classic decorating-beginning with a thorough understanding of the fundamentals. Students will also be encouraged to express themselves creatively.

Date: Feb. 7 - Mar. 28, Thurs
Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Fee: $99
Location: Culinary Arts Building
Instructor: Mary Paige

Beginning Ceramics or Playing in the Mud
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS 20
This course is an introduction to working with clay. The student will learn hand-building and sculptural techniques, as well as work on the potter’s wheel. There will also be room for intermediate and advanced students to take the class who want to use the facilities during the class time.

Date: Jan. 24-Mar. 28, Thurs
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Fee: $150 plus $20 material fee (mat. Fee paid directly to instructor first night of class)
Location: CAPA, Rm. 113 (New Creative & Performing Arts Bldg.)
Instructor: Matt DeFord
Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People
If you yearn to experience the joy of playing piano, but you don’t want years of weekly lessons, this short course is for you. Simply spend one enjoyable evening learning how to play the piano the way the pros do - with chords. Save time and money with this innovative approach that shows you the easy way to play several songs right in class - then develop your techniques at home using the practice CD provided by the instructor. This is an absolutely beginning class in chord piano techniques that will have you playing your favorite songs soon after this one session, and if you can find middle C and know the meaning of Every Good Boy Does Fine, you already know enough to enroll.

If not, send a SASE for a free pamphlet to:
Music Masters, 90 Molly Lane, Ringgold, GA, 30736. Then register with confidence.

Self-Improvement

Driver Education
This course will consist of 30 hours of classroom instruction and a minimum of 8 hours of practice driving (behind-the-wheel instruction). You will receive a certificate verifying successful completion of the course. Please provide proof of age. Must be 15 years old, on or before the first day of class!

Colleen: Contact the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education for dates. (Driving Schedules will be set once class begins.)

Time: TBD
Fee: $335 + $7 Material Fee
Location: South Hall
Instructor: Kevin Warner

Digital Scrapbooking with Photoshop
Create beautiful digital scrapbook pages on your computer, no scissors or glue needed. This class will teach you the basics of digital scrapbooking using Photoshop Elements. You will also learn to share your creations with friends and family.

Diwali: Feb. 19 & Mar. 5, Tues
Time: 5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fee: $49
Location: South Hall, Rm. 106
Instructor: Terrie McCallister

ACT PREP
This course will prepare students for all sections of the ACT exam, including English, math, reading, science reasoning, and writing. The course will use retired exams to give students valid pre- and post-test scores. This data will also be used to make sure that areas of need are addressed. Students will review the necessary content and examine test taking strategies, maximizing their score improvements. The course materials include additional exercises for further review. Lunch will be on your own and for one hour each day. Registration for this course does not include registration for the exam. You may register for the ACT Exam online at ACT.org or call ACT at 1-800-525-6926.

Pre-test - Mar. 9, Sat
Classroom: Mar. 16-April 6, Sat
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fee: $189 (includes materials)
Location: South Hall
Instructor: TBD
Professional Development

Louisiana Retail Florist Exam Prep Course (87 Hours/2 Weeks)
The State of Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry requires the licensing of retail florists. In order to obtain a LA Retail Florist License one must first pass the written LA Retail Floral Exam. This 87 hour course is not only designed to review the textbook & study material included in the written exam, but also offers design instruction to aid the individual in their preparation of becoming a professional retail florist. The basic knowledge of floral design has been carefully simplified for the purpose of training students for a career in the floral industry.

27 hours/classroom
These hours will serve to acquaint students with the instructor and other students and to review the latest textbook and study material recommended by the LA Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry for the LA Retail Florist Exam. Reading material and individual textbooks will be provided to every student enrolled in this course.

60 hours/worktable
Students will be provided with hands on training in a reputable flower shop under the instruction and supervision of Dawn Martin, a LA Licensed Florist who has over 20 years experience as a retail florist, shop owner, manager, designer, and instructor in the retail floral industry. Students will be trained in the art of floral design as well as the latest techniques in the processing and care of fresh cut flowers and other knowledge necessary to help them prepare for the LA State Retail Florist Exam and their career as a professional florist. NOTE: Although all requirements for the LA State Retail Florist Exam will be taught to every student enrolled, it is the student’s responsibility to prepare for and pass the exam.

Date: Feb. 16 & 23, Sat (classroom)
Time: Sat - 5 - 8:30 p.m. (classroom)
Fee: $1638 (includes textbook & materials)
$889 mat. fee pd. directly to instructor prior to start of class
Location: Classroom instruction-South Hall
Instructor: Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF, & LSFA)

40 Hour Basic Private Investigator Course
Become a Private Investigator! Take your first step towards entering the exciting career of private investigations. In this comprehensive course, you’ll gain the knowledge needed for passing the Louisiana Private Investigator License Exam!

Date: Apr. 4-7, Thurs-Sun
Time: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Fee: $350 (Manual included) + $50 exam fee paid on the day of exam paid to LSVPIE
Location: South Hall
Instructor: Henry Bennett
(Note: Licensing exam offered on Sunday at 3 p.m. after the course is completed. A $50 check is required and must be made payable to LSBPIE. Discounts do not apply. Per the LSBPIE, this course does not qualify for Private Investigator License CEUs beyond the first year.)
Notary Exam Prep (44 HRS)
Distance Learning
This 44-hour course is an introduction to notary public fundamentals, with an emphasis on the multiple choice and research portions of the statewide exam. This course will give a specific review of the subjects tested on the Notary Exam. This course is being offered in cooperation with Louisiana State University Shreveport.

Textbook information below: PLEASE ORDER BOOKS PRIOR TO FIRST CLASS MEETING.

Text Required:
• The current edition of the “Louisiana Civil Code (LLC),” which is a 2-volume publication by Thomson/West, edited by A.N. Yiannopoulos. This book is also used in the open-book portion of the Notary Exam. It is available through the LSUS Bookstore at a cost of $212 plus tax (price subject to change).

• 2013 Edition of the “Fundamentals of Louisiana Notarial Law and Practice”, the Louisiana Notary Public examination official study guide and is available through the Louisiana Secretary of State Web Site: http://www.sos.la.gov/tabid/193/Default.aspx and can be ordered online after January 1, 2013. Approximate cost in the past has been $90 (price subject to change).

1-Day Grant Writing and Funding Development Clinic
Registration deadline: March 1 | Minimum: 10
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• Current Trends in Philanthropy
• Where is the Funding?
• Why Human Services Ranks First in Funding Awards
• How to Position for Funding
• Key Facts on Proposal Development

Date:       Mar. 23, Sat
Time:       8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fee:         $99 + $30 Material Fee (to be paid directly to Instructor first night of class.)
Location:  Russell Hall, Rm. 213
Instructor:   E. Jean Bush

Date:       Feb. 26-May 16, Tues & Thursday
(no class March 26 & 28)
Time:       6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee:         $349-(Textbooks not included)
Location:  South Hall
Instructor:   Robin Jones
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