

Approved Student Forums –Spring 2026

The following Student Forums have been approved. Student leaders will pick up a Student Forum Registration roster from the Registrar's Office and have interested students sign the roster during the Drop/Add period. The student leader will return the form with all signatures to the Registrar's Office by the last day of the Drop/Add Period and the student will be enrolled. Enrollment limit is 15 per class plus the student leader(s).

AMST420-01	History on the Rocks: The Making of America and Mixology	1.0
	Student Leader: Eli Marcus, Maggie Brown	
	Faculty Sponsor: Margot Weiss	
	Description: This forum takes the cocktail as a lens through which to explore key topics in American Studies.	
AMST420-02	Tinned Fish: A Cultural and Environmental History of Today's Gastronomic "Girl-Dinner" Wunderkind	1.0
	Student Leader: Honor O'Donnell and Bella Balmaseda	
	Faculty Sponsor: Matthew Grant	
	Description: Through this forum on the history of tinned fish, students will explore the history of fisheries, commodity foods, and cultural circulation.	
ANTH420-01	What is Resettlement: Exploring the Refugee Experience	1.0
	Student Leader: Dikshya Kuikel, Leila Bernbeck and Adam Mazur	
	Faculty Sponsor: Katherine Brunson	
	Description: This forum in partnership iwht IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services) in New Haven will combine lesson on the refugee experience and the legal processes of refugee resettlement with practical, experience based learning.	
ARST420-01	Art at the Intersection: Interdisciplinary Studio Practice	1.0
	Student Leader: Leadra Sze	
	Faculty Sponsor: Ben Chaffee	
	Description: This forum provides a space for students to collaborate across disciplines and develop creative approaches to critical research.	
ARST420-02	START Thesis Workshop	1.0
	Student Leader: Greta Schloss and Quinn Frankel	
	Faculty Sponsor: Ben Chaffee	
	Description: This forum will serve as an opportunity for Studio Art thesis students to continue to develop their work and practice throughout the final semester of our theses.	

CEAS420-01	Tea Time Talks: Contemporary China from Mao to Now Student Leader: Baron Fisher, Dylan Clack Faculty Sponsor: Stephen Angle Description: This forum introduce China in a balanced and engaging way. The student leaders will share the complex fascinating reality of China with a range of students who would otherwise be limited to the shallow sound bytes found on-line.	1.0
CHEM420-01	The Science and Art of Chemical Demonstrations Student Leader: Evan Rosenberg and Max Grunnebaum Faculty Sponsor: T. David Westmoreland Description: This forum focuses on the use of science demonstrations as an effective method to teach important concepts in chemistry. It will explore the pedagogical value of demonstrations as well as safe, effective methods of presentation.	1.0
CLST420-01	History, Culture and Appreciation of Global Wine Student Leader: Colin Ives, Victoria Rideau-Winds Faculty Sponsor: Mira Seo Description: This forum aims to develop students' wine literacy through a deep historical and culteral lens. The course will introduce wine and its production as an interdisciplinary topic of study in the ancient Medietteranean.	1.0
CSPL420-01	Seeding Impact: System Thinking for Social Change Student Leader: Eowyna Hermawan and Marcus Leong Faculty Sponsor: Ahmed Badr Description: This forum will form the foundation for this year's Map the System program. It will help students think differently about social and environmental change, starting with an understanding of a problem and the systems that create or influence it.	1.0
ECON420-01	Introduction to Poker: Game Therory and Strategy Student Leader: Michael Manieri, Yuxuan Long Faculty Sponsor: Masami Imai Description: This forum culitvates critical thinking, probability reasoning, and strategic modeling skills that have broad academic value beyond poker itself.	1.0

ENVS420-01	Constructing Sustainability: Solutions to the environment housing crises	1.0
	Student Leader:	Thalia Witkovsky and Jack D'Agruma
	Faculty Sponsor:	Mary Alice Haddad
	Description:	This forum will dive into the complex and urgent questions at the intersection of climate and housing. This forum will be solutions-oriented with numerous examples of technology, policy, and advocacy practices that are paving the way forward.
GOVT420-01	Algorithms and Empires: AI in International Relations & Politics	1.0
	Student Leader:	Ella Matthews
	Faculty Sponsor:	Marisa MacClary
	Description:	This course explores how artificial intelligence is reshaping legal systems, governance, geopolitics, security, human rights, and global power structures.
IDEA420-01	Interactive Prototype Studio	1.0
	Student Leader:	Austin Bosch and Alan Zhang
	Faculty Sponsor:	Camilla Zamboni
	Description:	This forum serves as a logical progression for students to apply skills from IDEA350 and similar interactive software courses. It offers a platform to refine their abilities in using game-development tools and engines, designing to creative prompts, and engaging in objective self-analysis.
PSYC420-01	The Psychology of Womens Sexual and Reproductive Health Campaign	1.0
	Student Leader:	Layla Margulies
	Faculty Sponsor:	Sarah Carney
	Description:	This forum discusses, researches, and plans campaigns to spread awareness of gaps in women's reproductive and sexual health.
QAC420-01	Data for Good	1.0
	Student Leader:	Hoang Huong
	Faculty Sponsor:	Valerie Nazzaro
	Description:	This forum will demonstrate how skills gained in different QAC and data-related courses can be intergrated into a cohesive, impactful project.