Course Description:
The class will explore American national parks in the context of the 100th anniversary of the creation of the National Park Service. In the first class a brief history of the creation of the National Park Service will be presented along with definitions of types of park units. For each of the next seven weeks the class will examine a region of the United States. The five most visited and the five least visited units of each region will be presented. The significance, a brief history and outstanding features of each unit will be discussed.

The course will be a two hour class conducted once a week for eight weeks beginning in September and ending in November. Videos, slide presentations, lectures will be employed. Classroom participation and discussions by attendees will be critical to the success of the class.

Week 1. The creation of the National Park Service, it's history and park terminology.
Week 2. National Parks of the Northeastern United States
Week 3. National Parks of Washington, D.C.
Week 4. National Parks of the Southeastern United States
Week 5. National Parks of the Midwestern United States
Week 6. National Parks of the Mountain West
Week 7. National Parks of the Pacific Coast and Beyond
Week 8. National Parks of Alaska