

Cal Poly Extended, Professional & Continuing Education

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SUMMER SPRINGBOARD

US History

New student admissions for Summer 2026 are open.

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highights

- Examine US political history in the mid 1960s
- Develop research skills to consider multiple viewpoints
- Assess relative validity of types of historical information
- Analyze and evaluate complex and sometimes contradictory information/ideas
- Participate in a mock trial to enact what students found to be true

2026 Dates

- Session 1: July 5 - July 17

Academic Program Overview

How do we evaluate evidence and to determine what we believe and what we deem as truth? Through an in-depth examination of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and enduring controversy, students will review how it happened, who was involved, and the plausibility of a conspiracy to cover-up truth surrounding the crime. Students will examine an array of written, physical, and photographic and video evidence, along with eye-witness accounts.

Excursions

Tentative excursions include:

- SLO History Center - learn about the foundational concepts of museology—the role of museums in society and education and how to present and interpret historical content to the general public
- SLO Mission - consider the interpretation of history from multiple perspectives by examining the effect of the Spanish mission system on the indigenous people in the area when the church was constructed and operated under the auspices of Spain and Franciscan priests

Instructors

Roger Hall, Lecturer at Cal Pol SLO

Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).

Tuition Information:

Residential Students

- Includes: all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- Excludes: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- Price: $5,398

Commuter Students

- Includes: lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- Excludes: lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- Price: $2,998

Supplements:

- Application fee: starting at $99 (mandatory, nonrefundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You
5PM-6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

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More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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