

Spanish 19-1

Fiat Lux: Los Angeles: Past and Present.

Class Schedule:

Thursday 19 February, 4:00 to 4:50 PM (Room to be assigned)

Saturday 21 February, 10 AM to 5 PM (Downtown LA-Canals of Venice)

Thursday 26 February, 4:00 to 4:50 PM (Room to be assigned)

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This course explores, within a cultural and historical context, the emergence of Los Angeles as a world city. My aim is to set the historical context for the growth of Los Angeles in our meetings and then lead you through some of the most interesting sites in downtown. My hope is that this will be the beginning of a life-long engagement with the city, and that you will return on your own to see in greater detail some of the places we will see together.

Some of the places we hope to visit are:

Rodeo Drive

Hancock Park

Korea Town

The Oviatt Building

The Biltmore Hotel

Bunker Hill

The LA Public Library

California Plaza

MOCA

Disney Hall

The new cathedral

The Bradbury building

The Grand Central Market

Chinatown

Olvera Street

Hollywood

Venice Beach and the canals

Texts: There are no required texts but a good guide to Los Angeles will be very helpful. In addition, I recommend that you watch *Blade Runner* and *Chinatown*. *LA Confidential* will be also a good movie to watch.

Requirements: Class attendance is mandatory. Class participation is expected (questions, comments as we walk and also on 26 February), and there is a short (2-3 pages paper) due on 27 October on your reaction to what you have seen. Come! It should be fun!