Collins Options courses are open to all IU students to register, except where noted.

**Expand Your Horizons:**

**CLLC L100 / Class 13995**  **COLLINS SEMINAR: EXPERIENCING THE DIVINE**  (2 cr)
4:40 - 6:20 pm  Mondays  Cravens B  (Sara Farmer)
A jewel of spirituality, Bloomington boasts a wealth of diverse world religions. In this seminar, students will survey these religious traditions through the framework of spirituality. We will explore the spiritual practices used by the religions’ adherents to interact with the divine both within and outside of themselves. How do different religions articulate the divine? How does an individual adherent interact with the divine? How does this affect the adherent’s interaction with the world? Is there an underlying essence of the divine uniting all religions? The course will survey the practice, history, and culture of nine Bloomington religions through readings, music, museum visitations, and guest speakers. Students will engage in spiritual practices germane to each tradition as well as visits to specific faith communities. The semester will culminate as students prepare guides for spiritual exploration, made available to Collins LLC residents.

**CLLC L200 / Class 31359**  **COLLINS SEMINAR – COLLINS SPEAKS**  (1 cr)
4:00 – 5:15 pm  Mondays  Ed Basement  (Yara Clüver)
FIRST EIGHT WEEKS
For Collins residents only. For permission, contact Yara Clüver at ycluver@indiana.edu
Collins Speaks is a new program intended to help students advance writing skills, gain public speaking skills, make connections, while strengthening community in this residential setting. Students will develop a story of personal significance, but with a universal appeal, under the guidance of a faculty mentor that students themselves select. With the surge of interest in story telling in this country (think of StoryCorps, The Moth Radio Hour, Ted Talks) this program provides a lens into the diverse and distinct lives that comprise the residents of the Collins community. Students will build practical life skills, while increasing self-awareness and personal growth. Students will write a 5-10 minute talk, 750 words or less, which will be rehearsed prior to presentation. The talks will take place in either the Dining Hall or the Coffeehouse in the evenings during the last two weeks of class.

**Focus on the Environment:**

**CLLC L100 / Class 8260**  **COLLINS SEMINAR: EDIBLE WILD PLANTS: SPRING**  (1 cr)
2:30 - 4:30 pm  Tu/Th  Cravens B  (Stephanie Solomon)
SIX WEEKS: Meets March 21 to April 27
We will be spending time in the outdoors observing, learning, drawing, and collecting edible wild plants. Each session will be in a different location: woods, fields, wetlands, lawns etc. We will have the opportunity to see where these plants are growing, what their needs are and to collect and use them in recipes. Each session will result in a recipe booklet with its own artwork and recipes, tested and tasted by the group.

**Service Learning:**

**CLLC L100 / Class 8155**  **COLLINS SEMINAR: SPRING BREAK FOR KIDS**  (2 cr)
6:00 - 8:30 pm  Wed  Ed Basement  (Monte Simonton)
Meets Feb 15, 22; March 1, 8, 22, & 29 and during spring break working with children at the RISE, Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Learn about the resourcefulness and resilience of children dealing with the trauma of domestic violence while providing them with a fun-filled Spring Break here in Bloomington. In this Alternative Spring Break course, partner with The Rise, a transitional housing shelter for women and children who have been victims of domestic violence, to meet a true community need. These children might have a week’s vacation from school, but few parents can take this much time off of work to spend with their children. You can help provide opportunities for the children of The Rise, such as hiking at McCormick’s Creek State Park, visiting local museums, swimming at the Y, and much more. Students needing housing during Spring Break can make arrangements through RPS for the week. For more information contact Lindsay Bugher at lbugher@indiana.edu.