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

**Expand Your Horizons:**

CLLC L100 / Class 9894  **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 13448  **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, and 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 4828  **COLLINS SEMINAR: EDIBLE WILD PLANTS: SPRING** (1 cr)
4:30 - 6:30 pm  Tu/Th  Cravens B  (Stephanie Solomon)
**SIX WEEKS: Meets March 20 to April 26**
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.

CLLC L100 / Class 31611  **COLLINS SEMINAR: VOLCANOES SEMINAR** (1cr)
5:45 - 7:00 pm  Tue  Geology GY 210  (Michael Hamburger)
**SECOND EIGHT WEEKS**
This course is a prerequisite for students interested in participating in the two-week (3 cr) field course, Volcanoes of the Eastern Sierra Nevada (LLC L130) during Summer 1. The 15-day field excursion to the Sierra Nevada is planned for early May, where a group of 14 to 18 undergraduate students will learn about the geology and natural history of the Sierra Nevada mountain chain of eastern California. The course will focus on the geological processes and natural history of one of the most geologically and biologically dynamic parts of the continent, as well as the natural hazards and environmental issues facing this unique and environmentally sensitive area of the western U.S. For more information and to obtain authorization, students must apply on-line at [http://www.indiana.edu/~sierra/](http://www.indiana.edu/~sierra/).
Service Learning:

CLLC L100 / Class 4729  COLLINS SEMINAR: SPRING BREAK FOR KIDS (2 cr)
6:00 - 8:30 pm Wed  Ed Basement (Monte Simonton)
Meets Feb 14, 21, 28; March 7, 21, & 28 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.