**Collins Living-Learning Center**

**Spring 2015 Other Courses**

Collins Options courses are open to all IU students to register. Two credit hour courses count toward the Collins residency requirement.

**Expand Your Horizons:**

**CLLC L100 / Class 28606**  **COLLINS SEMINAR: EXPERIENCING THE DIVINE** (2 cr)
4:40 - 6:20 pm  M  Ed Basement  (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 L100 / Class 20732**  **COLLINS SEMINAR: THE ART OF CHARACRTER DESIGN: PUTTING YOUR IDEAS TO PAPER** (2 cr)
9:30 - 10:45 am  Tu/Th  Ed Basement  (Avi Katz)
**FIRST EIGHT WEEKS**
Course limited to Collins residents only. For permission contact Yara Cluver at ycluver@indiana.edu
In this course we will examine what makes a good character designer and what makes a character well designed. The course will touch upon the essentials of character design, and explore the thought process that goes on behind the scenes to create memorable characters like Mickey Mouse, Superman or Woody. We will learn why we like certain characters and why we dislike others. What makes one character cute while the other seems to be goofy. How do we make multiple character designs relate to one another in the same movie? What are the conventions in character design and what happens when we play around with them? This course is a hands-on course but no real artistic background is required, only passion and imagination.

**Service Learning:**

**CLLC L100 / Class 20458**  **COLLINS SEMINAR: SPRING BREAK FOR KIDS** (1cr)
6:00 - 8:30 pm  Wed  Cravens B  (Monte Simonton)
Meets Feb 18, 25; March 4, 11, & 25, 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.
Focus on the Environment:

CLLC L100 / Class 20578  COLLINS SEMINAR: EDIBLE WILD PLANTS: SPRING (1cr)
2:30 - 4:30 pm  Tu/Th  Cravens C  (Lucille Bertuccio)
SIX WEEKS:  Meets March 24 to April 30
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 20457  COLLINS SEMINAR: VOLCANES SEMINAR (1cr)
7:30 - 8:45 pm  Tue  Geology 220  (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/.