

MAY TERM 2026 COURSE OFFERINGS

Course Offering: **BIO 100: Paleontology in Iowa**
Instructor: Jon Mitchell
Travel Component: Local and contiguous states travel
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Credit offered: 1.0 course credit
Anticipated cost: \$1-999; May Term fees
Course Description: Before the mammoths, before the dinosaurs, before the first backboned animals crawled up onto land, Iowa was not covered in cornfields, but was a shallow sea teeming with life. Ancient creatures built reefs and grew on top of one another. In this class, we will go on frequent trips to sites near Cedar Rapids where fossils can be found, and will learn to identify the different types of ancient sea creatures that once lived in Iowa.

Course Offering: **BIO 115: Marine Biology**
Instructor: Paul Storer
Travel Component: International travel required
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Credit offered: 1.0 course credit
Anticipated cost: \$3,000 - 3,999; May Term fees
Course Description: Spend May Term learning about the diverse ecosystems associated with the world's second longest barrier reef. In your spare time, stroll through the streets of the friendly and always lively towns of Central America or sit in a quiet cabana overlooking the Caribbean.

- ◆ Immerse in the pristine waters of the MesoAmerican Barrier Reef
- ◆ Swim with sharks, turtles, manatees, rays, and more
- ◆ Night snorkel!
- ◆ Explore Mayan ruins
- ◆ Have dinner at an ocean-side restaurant or try authentic coconut ice cream
- ◆ Rent a golf cart and drive the town as the locals do

Course Offering: **BUS 160: The Art of Happiness: A Scandinavian Adventure**
Instructors: Amy Perry & Rob Kuennen
Travel Component: International travel required
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Credit offered: 1.0 course credit
Anticipated cost: \$3,000 - 3,999; May Term fees
Course Description: Explores the economic, social, and cultural factors that contribute to the success, well-being, and happiness of citizens living in countries voted the "happiest" in the world. Students will compare the Scandinavian Model for happy and purposeful living to cultural practices and economic and social systems present in the United States and other European nations. Through on-campus coursework and significant international travel to three or four Scandinavian countries (e.g., Denmark, Finland, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, and/or Sweden), students will explore key contributors to happiness such as work-life balance, connections to nature, concepts such as equality and trust, and safeguards provided by the modern welfare state. During their travels, students will visit cathedrals, museums, and UNESCO World Heritage sites; encounter picturesque urban landscapes, fishing villages, runestones, and examples of medieval and modern architecture; and enjoy the natural beauty of fjords, waterfalls, and dramatic cliffs and peaks. This course is open to all majors.

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Course Offering:	HSS 494: Health Professions Externship
Instructor(s):	Karla Keyes
Travel Component:	Externship sites within Cedar Rapids and the surrounding communities
Prerequisites:	Consent of instructor; Junior or Senior standing with appropriate GPA for Graduate and Professional Programs
Credit offered:	1.0 course credit
Anticipated cost:	\$1-999; May Term fees
Course Description:	A capstone experience offering an intense exploration for qualified juniors and seniors with one or more professionals involving fields of Human or Animal Healthcare, Allied Health Fields, Auxiliary fields within the Healthcare system, or in the Natural Sciences within and outside our immediate community with one or more professionals in those fields. Students will be exposed to the daily activities, opportunities, and difficulties that are present in that particular profession. Students observe/work approximately 40 hours per week (a minimum of 140 hours on-site experience) under one or more supervisors who are experienced practitioners in their field. Externships are available in such fields as, but not limited to, medicine (with a multitude of clinical and non-clinical specialties), physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, veterinary medicine, dentistry, medical technology, public health, pathology, auxiliary areas within Healthcare systems, or in a non-clinical laboratory science such as medical chemistry, or toxicology.
Course Offering:	INT 200: The End of WWII: The Coe 22 and the Liberation of Western Europe
Instructor(s):	Bethany Keenan
Travel Component:	International travel required
Prerequisites:	Consent of instructor
Credit offered:	1.0 course credit
Anticipated cost:	\$3,500 - 3,999; May Term fees
Course Description:	Have you ever wondered what it was like to fight your way across Western Europe, helping to free the land and people from the Nazi stranglehold? With this May Term, you will have the chance to find out, as you follow in the footsteps of real-life former Coe students, the "Coe 22," who fought with the United States Army in France, Belgium, and Germany in 1944 and 1945. Starting with the DDay attack at Normandy, students will follow American troop movements across France, into Belgium for the Battle of the Bulge, and finally on into Germany itself. Along the way, you will explore the experiences of soldiers and civilians, including concentration camp victims, as you learn the military, social, and cultural history of the end of WWII in Europe and analyze its memorialization.
Course Offering:	INT 494: May Term Nursing Internship
Instructor(s):	Kelly Siems
Travel Component:	No travel
Prerequisites:	Consent of instructor; open only to Nursing students
Credit offered:	1.0 course credit
Anticipated cost:	\$1 - 999; May Term fees

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Course Offering:	MU 117: Jazz: The Early Years
Instructor(s):	Bill Carson
Travel Component:	Domestic/U.S. travel required.
Prerequisites:	Consent of instructor
Credit offered:	1.0 course credit
Anticipated cost:	\$1,000 – 1,999; May Term fees
Course Description:	Experience the jazz and blues where they grew up - in Memphis and New Orleans. Attend live performances in historic venues and learn about the geographical, political, and societal influences that shaped America's music. Visit the iconic Museum of African-American Music in Music City, USA, Nashville, and learn how the early years of jazz connect to today's modern musical sounds and styles.