

# CentreTerm

## at Centre College

**Centre's faculty members are always passionate about the subjects they teach, so the College's three-week January term has them especially excited. It's flexible. It's creative. It's intense. And the professors' enthusiasm is contagious during CentreTerm, which offers students the opportunity to enroll in one captivating course, complete an internship, study abroad, or tackle an in-depth research project.**

### An Academic Adventure

Students who sign up for a CentreTerm course embark on a learning odyssey.

The classes are carefully designed, based on the special interests and expertise of the professor. Professors also have wide latitude in structuring class activities. CentreTerm courses may include field trips, dinner discussions, labs, and other special activities to arouse student interest.

Freshmen take classes designed just for them. (Read on for more about the freshman focus.)

All faculty members view CentreTerm courses as a journey to be shared with their students.

In "The World of Duke Ellington," for instance, students learn that Ellington "loved classical music, visits to exotic places throughout the world, and trains," says Vince DiMartino, Matton Professor of Music and internationally acclaimed trumpet player.

DiMartino, who relishes "working intensively with a small group of students on a subject I love," also is grateful for the flexibility of the one-course schedule.

In the Ellington course, students watch videos, study CDs, write about music, and attend concerts—hopefully enabling students "to identify the unique elements of



**Professor Vince DiMartino shares his love of jazz-great Duke Ellington during a CentreTerm Class.**

Duke's music and its relationship to the times in which it was created," DiMartino says.

In a sociology course, open just to freshmen, "The Cafe and Public Life," students visit cafes in Danville, Lexington, and Louisville to study the history of coffee and the important contributions cafes have made to public life.

Another freshman offering, "Stem Cells, Cloning, and You," encourages students to examine the scientific and ethical issues surrounding the use of adult or embryonic stem cells.

The most recent CentreTerm offered 22 freshman seminars as well as 43 courses for upperclassmen.

### Learn on Location

Students also have exciting opportunities to learn while traveling during CentreTerm. How about studying anthropology in Indonesia or foreign policy in Russia? Both were options available to students in CentreTerm 2007. Other students studied music and dance in Turkey, sustainable architecture in Australia, and religion in Nicaragua, among other topics and places.



**During CentreTerm students can choose new, exciting courses; do research with professors; self-design a course; take part in an internship; or study abroad with one of Centre's short-term trips to places such as the France, Indonesia, England, and Puerto Rico (like the students pictured above).**

Students who don't study abroad during CentreTerm are still likely to have the opportunity to travel because courses are designed with field trips in mind.

Students taking a course on the Holocaust, for instance, visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Those studying the immigrant experience class on leadership take in Ellis Island in New York City. And students studying American Utopianism might have a day or two of classes in nearby Shakertown, a restored village where students can study the lives of 19th-century Shakers.

### **Focus on Freshmen**

Another special aspect of the CentreTerm is the focus on freshmen, who can take fascinating freshman-only seminars such as "Popular Music in American History;" "Food in Film, Fiction, and the Fine Arts;" and "Rainmaking: The Study of a Preparation for Leadership," to name only a few.

Since classes are capped at 15 students, freshmen develop close working relationships with their professors and classmates early on while experiencing education in the small, intimate settings usually reserved for upper-classmen.

The seminars give students a new vision of academic life and studies from the beginning of their academic career.

### **Rewarding Internships**

Gain valuable job experience, earn academic credit, and—in some cases—earn money!

Internships are another option available to students during CentreTerm. During internships, students can find out if a job suits them, apply what they've learned in class to real-life situations, and make contacts for future job searches.

Students can earn academic credit for internships and apply for our newest program, Internship Plus, which provides financial support for selected internships.

### **Research Opportunities**

During CentreTerm, students also can complete approved, self-designed research projects or collaborate on research with Centre professors.

And faculty members pursuing research projects regularly seek out students to assist them; students gain valuable experience and contacts that may lead to jobs or graduate school fellowships.

### **Distinctive Yearly Calendar**

Our calendar is based on a 4-1-4 pattern. Students take four courses each during fall and spring semesters and one course during CentreTerm.

### **Visit Centre**

The best way to get a feel for the campus is to come for a visit and spend the night. You can also tour the campus, attend a class and talk to the professors and students.

Contact the Admission Office to plan your visit.

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