



Flight Navigation, Story Maps, Fly Fishing, Winter Wanderings Highlight Hollins' Short Term

Roanoke, Va. - During the month of January, Hollins University students embark on learning opportunities that are unlike anything they experience during the rest of the academic year. Hollins' four-week Short Term is a creative mix of on-campus seminars, travel/study programs, internships and other projects that give students hands-on experience in a variety of ways.

Hollins students who remain on campus in January choose from a wide range of programs, including:

- “Learning Navigation Skills,” where students learn to use the common tools of direction-finding, including GPS technology. Dan Derringer, a professor and licensed pilot, then guides students through their capstone experience: the navigational planning of an actual airplane flight between two airports.
- “Story Maps: The Roanoke Project,” which focuses on creating an online literary site, www.hollins.mapsites.net. Student-written essays, reflections, memoirs and anecdotes correspond with geographic locations in the Roanoke area. The students enrolled produce journalistic features on people who normally fall outside of the news.
- “The Art, Literature, and Science of Fly Fishing,” a course that immerses students in all dimensions of this sport, from stream ecology to tying and casting flies. Trips to local area streams and rivers to fly fish are a key component of the class,

as are discussions and readings from such authors as Izaak Walton and Thomas McGuane.

- “Winter Wanderings,” where students explore the many facets of winter and the impact it has on plants and birds that make their home in the area. Students hike trails, learn how to identify species, and observe and write about their own daily experiences outside. They also look at winter through the eyes of other naturalists including Henry David Thoreau, Annie Dillard, and Rachel Carson.

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