

College for Seniors Theme Term on Appalachia Preliminary Course Proposals

The College for Seniors will feature The Appalachian Region as an overarching theme term during the Fall term 2019. While “regular” courses will be offered, College for Seniors invites instructors and curriculum committees to consider course proposals that would address the theme.

The eight-week Fall term will be September 16 to November 8, 2019. This patch-work quilt on Appalachia will be offered through courses of four or eight weekly sessions.

Appalachia is defined in broad geographic terms, from the foothills of Mississippi to the White Mountains of New England and an equal cultural breadth including Shakers, missionaries, and miners. A broad sweep of arts such as pottery, painting, quilting, hooked rugs and foodways is desirable.

Courses can cover farming, mountain industries (timber, mining, tourism) and economic development in this resource-rich land. Courses on the sociology of Appalachia as a mixing bowl, or Appalachia as the "other America," exploration of labor conditions, and challenges of economic development are just a few of many other ideas. We are seeking courses on literature, film and storytelling. We also want histories of innovation in Appalachian social movements and education, such as Foxfire books of Raburn Gap, settlement schools, the John C. Campbell Folk School and the Highlander Center.

The **Theme Term Advisory Committee** invites you to design a course in any of these areas and submit it to the committee, which will coordinate the planning of the theme term.

The deadline to submit your idea to the committee is March 1. Please use the dedicated url to access the Preliminary Course Proposal for College for Seniors Theme Term on Appalachia.

<https://tinyurl.com/cfsThemeTerm2019>

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