

**Fly Fishing Montana: Travel-based Learning in Recreation & Tourism**

Join us for a fantastic course designed to teach you the fundamentals of fly fishing and experience fly fishing on world renowned water in Montana. Fly fishing is a lifetime leisure pursuit. Treat yourself to some quality instruction to jump-start the learning curve.

**COURSES**

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REC 480 (3 credits): Fly Fishing Montana: Travel-based Learning in Recreation & Tourism

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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Missoula, MT  
Types of accommodations: Hotel

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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Armed with the knowledge and skills gained during our Fall Semester on-campus class sessions prior to fall break, join us and experience fly fishing on world renowned waters containing 5 species of trout: rainbow, brown, cutthroat, hybrid cutbow, and brook. These waters offer anglers a chance at a "Grand Slam" (catching 4-5 species of trout in one day). Students will receive group and individualized instruction to improve their understanding and proficiency in fly fishing. Students will also learn about outfitting and guiding in the recreation industry.

**Learning Objectives**

- Acquire an understanding of fly fishing equipment.
- Be able to tie key knots needed for fly-fishing.
- Effectively tie common fly patterns.
- Demonstrate proper fly casting techniques.
- Effectively present flies when fishing on flat and moving water.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of entomology as it relates to fishing.
- Demonstrate the ability to hook, fight, and land fish.

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

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**LOCATION:** *Montana: Missoula and surrounding vicinity*

**ACADEMIC TERM:** *Fall 2017: Sept 18 – 23, 2017 + Class meetings during first bi-term*

**ITINERARY** (Note: student may elect to arrive early and/or leave late – please see Dr. Poff)

Monday	9/18/2017	Travel to Missoula, MT	
Tuesday	9/19/2017	Missoula	Full day guiding + instruction
Wednesday	9/20/2017	Missoula	Full day guiding + instruction
Thursday	9/21/2017	Missoula	Full day guiding + instruction
Friday	9/22/2017	Missoula	Full day guiding + instruction
Saturday	9/23/2017	Travel to BG	Return home

Note: Tues-Fri locations and times are subject to change due to fishing conditions and weather

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

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**ELIGIBILITY**

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- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Undergraduate students in good academic standing or permission of the instructor.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [non-degree seeking students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.

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**BASE PACKAGE**

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**Included in Base Package**

- 5 nights lodging
- Lunch Only Tuesday - Friday
- 4 full days of fly fishing and instruction (float trips with one guide and 2 anglers per boat)
- Use of fly-fishing equipment (rod, reel, etc.)
- Terminal tackle (leader, tippet, flies)
- Guide gratuity (participants are welcome to tip extra if inclined to do so)
- Missoula airport hotel shuttle

**Excluded from Base Package**

- Transportation to/from Missoula. MT.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Meals, services, and beverages not included during course-related field programs.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes

**Study Abroad/Away courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts. Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.**

**Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.**

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

<p><b>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</b></p> <p><b>June 1</b> - Priority deadline for application with non-refundable \$250 deposit*</p> <p>*\$250 Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account except for extenuating circumstances.</p> <p>Program Fee will be charged to student’s TopNet account. Balance must be paid prior to program departure.</p>	<p><b>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</b></p> <p>After June 1: 100% of program cost (No refund)</p> <p><b>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU’s Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</b></p>
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**LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- Each participant must fly to Missoula, Montana to participate in the program. The flight is not part of the program cost.
- Be prepared for a range of temperatures and weather conditions
- Polarized sunglasses and hat are required while fishing
- Additional items to consider packing will be discussed during regular class sessions
- Participants will have some free time in Missoula without program leader supervision – participants are expected to conduct themselves appropriately

**LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

*Western Kentucky University and its associates are not responsible for any loss due to theft, personal injury, flight or weather delays, negligence, or default of suppliers, or suppliers changing of itineraries. They and their associates are not responsible for any loss due to travel/flight delays or changes in travel plans due to Acts of Nature or other unforeseen circumstances, nor are we responsible for accidents and medical care. Tour services are furnished by independent contractors who are not agents or servants of Western Kentucky University. Refunds are not available for unused portions of the package.*