

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.

**PROFESSOR**

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**COURSE**

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

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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Hotel

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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Armed with the knowledge and skills gained during the Fall course sessions and other learning experiences prior to travel, 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**

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- 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:** *Missoula, Montana and surrounding vicinity*

**ACADEMIC TERM:** *Fall 2019: September 16-21, 2019 + Class meetings during first bi-term.*

**ITINERARY:** (Subject to change)

Monday	9/16/2019	Travel to Missoula, MT	
Tuesday	9/17/2019	Missoula and vicinity	Full day guiding + instruction
Wednesday	9/18/2019	Missoula and vicinity	Full day guiding + instruction
Thursday	9/19/2019	Missoula and vicinity	Full day guiding + instruction
Friday	9/20/2019	Missoula and vicinity	Full day guiding + instruction
Saturday	9/21/2019	Travel to BG	Return home

Note: Specific 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.

## ELIGIBILITY

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**Student Eligibility** - Program leaders may determine stricter eligibility requirements, but at a minimum, all applicants earning credit in a program would meet these requirements:

- Good academic standing as defined in the Undergraduate Catalog or Graduate Catalog: Undergraduate catalog - <https://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/index.php>
- A minimum of 18 years of age at time of departure (those under the age of 18 will be considered on a case by case basis)
- No current disciplinary sanctions as verified by the WKU Office of Student Conduct. **By applying for a Study Away program, you give permission of the staff of the Office of Study Away to access your Student Conduct record to verify eligibility.**
  - Students who become ineligible to attend the program after applying due to disciplinary sanctions will be subject to standard program cost penalty rates. Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Study Away when they become aware of this ineligibility.
- Complete Study Away application and pay deposit,
- Possess a valid form of Government issued identification (i.e. driver's license) as required to fly within the United States,
- Complete pre-departure program,
- Full payment prior to departure, and
- Permission of instructor.

**By applying, you also acknowledge that the full cost is due before the program departure date, and you are reminded and encouraged to complete the FAFSA even if you have not received financial aid in the past.**

**If a student completes a program without full payment prior to the departure, the student should receive a grade of 'incomplete' until the obligation is paid. The Office of Study Away will inform faculty leaders if a student is in this situation prior to the Study Away term grade deadline.**

## BASE PACKAGE

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**Sliding Scale Cost: \$1,849 (based on minimum of 13 participants) - \$2,099 (based on minimum of 5 participants)\***

**\*The program fee scale of \$1,849-\$2,099 is based on the total number of participants (students and public) who enroll in this program. When registering, participants should be prepared to pay the maximum cost of \$2,099. The program fee will be established based upon the number of participants who have registered by May 10th, so logistical arrangements can be made. Participant enrollment after May 10th will not adjust the cost of the program.**

**Included in Program Package**

- 3 undergraduate credit hours (*for full-time WKU students, not enrolled in more than 18 hours in Fall 2019 semester*). Part-time students or non-degree seeking students will be charged tuition.
- 5 nights lodging accommodations during program
- Lunch (Tuesday-Friday)
- 4 full days of fly fishing and instruction (float trips with one guide and 2 anglers per boat)
- Fishing license + Applicable State Fees (Aquatic Invasive Species + Conservation)
- 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**

- Items not explicitly listed in package.
- Transportation to/from Missoula, MT
- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight changes.
- Meals & Services and beverages not mentioned in the program

**Study Away courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts.**

**Contract of Acceptance subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.**

**LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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- Each participant must arrange transportation to Missoula, Montana to participate in the program. This transportation is not part of the program cost. All past participants have flown to Missoula.
- 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

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

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The **student must inform Study Away directly and in writing** (email accepted) if he or she chooses to withdraw from a program. No other statements of withdrawal will be considered as notification of withdrawal, therefore, the student will still be considered a program participant until this written notification is received. Program leaders are asked to direct students wishing to withdrawal to the Study Away web site at [www.wku.edu/studyaway/student/study-away-withdrawal-request.php](http://www.wku.edu/studyaway/student/study-away-withdrawal-request.php). Penalties will be based on the notification date as listed in the Terms and Conditions section of the program details (Contract of Acceptance).

<p><b>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</b></p> <p><b>May 10</b> – Priority deadline for Study Away Application &amp; \$250 Deposit* (non-refundable) deadline. Program fee will be charged to student’s Topnet account and balance must be paid prior to program departure. Student applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* This is paid by student directly with a credit card at time of application. Not billed to student account.</p>	<p><b>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</b></p> <p><b>Deposit Non-refundable</b></p> <p><b>After May 10:</b> 100% of program cost billable to student (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. The balance will still be owed to WKU Study Away.</b></p>
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The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Study Away program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Study Away program’s Contract of Acceptance for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email [study.away@wku.edu](mailto:study.away@wku.edu)

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