Registration for Co-curricular Offerings will begin at 1 p.m. on FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019 and continue through September 12, 2019. Registration for these offerings takes place after course registration and the first day of classes. The intent is to make sure students have a sense of their academic time commitments prior to taking on more activities with co-curriculars. You can register during the ‘add period’ via my.olin.edu. Use the “course” number and section listed with the title.

**Co-Curricular Etiquette:** (1) in order to give all students a reasonable chance to register for co-curriculars, please limit your choices to no more than two, (2) don't register unless you are serious about attending, and (3) if you decide to drop out, notify the staff or faculty sponsor by e-mail.

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**CC1601-01**

*Batch Cooking*

Faculty sponsor: Alessandra Ferzoco

Limited to 10 students

Preparing intricate meals can be a totally delightful pastime, but that's not what this co-curricular is about. Batch cooking will be about developing go-to recipes that are healthy, can be prepared in advance, and work with both our budgets and our busy lives. It will take place all day on the first Sunday of Thanksgiving recess (11/24). Together we'll select recipes, grocery shop, and then chop, dice, and simmer to oblivion. We'll do economic and nutritional analysis of our recipes, and look into their cultural significance. You'll return to Olin with pre-prepared meals for the week. If we're lucky, they'll even be tasty!

**CC1005-01**

*Floral Arranging Workshop*

Staff sponsor: Guilene Prepetit

Limited to 15 students

Participants will learn about sustainability in the floral industry and the basics of floral arranging, including flower care and the elements of floral design: line, color, form, space, and texture. I will demonstrate how to create your arrangement while showing you how to apply these five elements. We will use an eco-friendly container made of recycled plant fibers. A floral recipe will be handed out the day of the workshop. This will
be a single workshop on Friday, October 25 with a time commitment of 1-2 hours, time TBA.

CC1006-01
Geometric Soft Sculpture from Recycled Textiles
Faculty sponsor: Emily Tow

Limited to 6 students

Description: Explore geometry and make soft sculptures using recycled fabrics. We’ll start by making stuffed forms based on Platonic solids, but with each face replaced by a 3-D shape. After that, we’ll experiment with different ways of making geometry-inspired soft sculptures: stellated polyhedra, hyperbolic tilings, knots, or new forms imagined by you! Sewing skills not required; you can learn by doing. Meets Fridays 2:30-4:30 (fine to come later if you have a conflict) in the library near the sewing machines.

CC1803-01
Grad School 101 (or Everything You Wanted to Know about Grad School but Were Afraid to Ask)

Staff sponsor: Aarti Chellakere

Meeting times:
Every other Thursday 12:30pm - 1:30pm: BYO Lunch

1) Is grad school a good choice for you? Should you go right after graduating from Olin? What is it like going back to grad school after working for a while?
2) How to identify potential good fits in terms of programs and schools
3) Applying to schools/programs - asking for recommendation letters, writing essays, and finding funding
4) So you’re accepted – now what? Choosing the right school/program for you
5) Surviving Grad School – Worst case scenarios and how to get through them
6) Transitioning from grad school to the work force

CC1703-01
Groundwork
Faculty sponsor: Alessandra Ferzoco

Merriam-Webster defines groundwork as “something that is done at an early stage and that makes later work or progress possible.” In horsemanship, it also means to literally work (with a horse) from the ground, and it forms the foundation of your relationship. In this co-curricular we’ll learn basic groundwork with Pistachio, a 16-year-old wise and clever creature with no shortage of personality. We’ll work in pairs, and progress through the following stages of groundwork:

- Basic safety, observing and approaching a horse in a paddock, and leading a horse with a halter and lead rope
- Everyday care and hygiene processes, where we’ll learn how to observe signs of stress, fear, discomfort, relaxation, acceptance, and enjoyment
- Basic horse dance moves (walk, trot, halt, give me space, yield your hind quarters, move your shoulder sideways)
- At liberty work (a type of groundwork where you have no halters, lead ropes, or other physical attachments to Pistachio) in a round pen. It’s about observation and awareness of your own posture, movements, internal state, clarity of communication, and timing, combined with learning how to observe and interpret Pistachio’s responses. It’s also about humility, experimentation, messing up, and starting over again.

We may not get through all of these stages with each of you, and progress will depend on all kinds of nuanced factors having to do with you, Pistachio, the weather, footing conditions, and on and on. We’ll play Sundays sometime before 2 pm at Course Brook Farm in Sherborn (39 Brush Hill Rd, we can arrange transportation). You are welcome to attend as many Sundays as you like, but only two people will get to work directly with him each day. We’ll determine pairs and the exact schedule based on everybody’s interest and availability.
CC1001-01
Play with Clay
Faculty sponsor: Mark Somerville

Limited to 9 students

If anything is "do-learn", and "hands-on", it’s pottery. Mark will host a very laid-back pottery "class" at Babson’s pottery studio. Whether you’ve done pottery before, or you’d like to learn, this is an opportunity to get your hands muddy while you produce anything from a pencil holder to a teapot. We will meet on Thursdays, from about 6:30-8:30 p.m. There is a studio fee of about $95 per person (financial assistance available), which covers all the materials and firings.

CC1701-01
Sustainable Beekeeping
Faculty sponsor: Benjamin Linder

Learn sustainable beekeeping practices while working in the Olin apiary and running Parcel Bees, the Olin honey CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) through which Olin alums buy shares in the annual harvest. Participants learn to handle honey bees, make observations of bee behavior, practice natural hive management techniques, fabricate equipment, harvest honey, and make candles. Full participants receive a share of honey. Open to students, faculty and staff.

We meet on Sundays from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. These times are somewhat flexible to accommodate individual schedules.

CC1905-01
The Joy of the Coffee Ride
Faculty/staff sponsors: Jeff Dusek, Callan Bignoli

Let’s be honest, the main reason to ride a bike is for the weekly coffee ride. This is a fact. In this co-curricular, we will lead a weekly group bike ride to a local coffee shop where we will connect, build community, and discuss a recent article about a current event or scientific breakthrough. These rides will be no-drop, which means we will ride as fast as the slowest rider and keep the group together. Routes will be chosen to highlight the great riding in the communities around Olin, and total riding distance will be kept appropriate for the group. We will also provide instruction on bicycle safety, basic maintenance, group riding etiquette, and route planning. We will have a car option available if anyone would like to join the coffee and conversation but cannot ride a bike.

Requirements to join the ride: a bike in good working condition, water, and a helmet. Recommended: flat repair kit.

Just to repeat, no helmet, no ride. No exceptions.

CC1704-01
The Olin Firefly Project
Faculty sponsor: Carrie Nugent

Limited to 12 students

Fireflies are awe-inspiring creatures. Too often taken for granted, their numbers have dropped over the past decades. Rarely spotted in Parcel B, these delightful arthropods avoid our beautiful campus. During this co-curricular, we’ll meet once a week to bring fireflies back to Olin. Together, we’ll research firefly behavior and habitat. We’ll figure out a plan of how to make Olin more welcoming to fireflies, and then take action! Due to the firefly lifecycle, we may not know if we succeed until summer 2020.