



The Tahoe Semester

Program Overview

Centre College is proud to partner with the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities (APCU) and the Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center to launch the Tahoe Semester, a study-away program that will begin in spring 2022. The program's curriculum will emphasize environmental studies, humanistic inquiry, and social justice while immersing students in the outdoor adventure, the beauty, and the wonder of the High Sierra region.



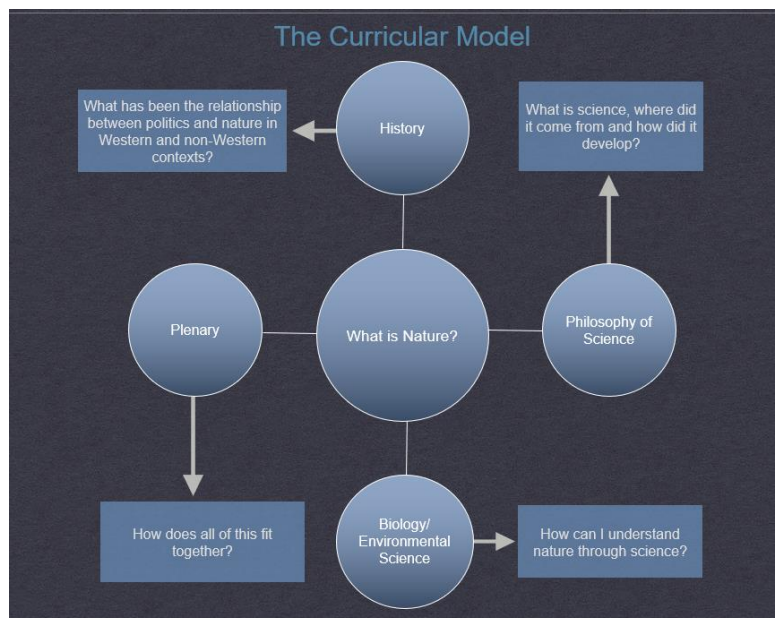
The Curriculum

Tahoe Semester curriculum will be centered around a standard set of undergraduate courses drawn from the humanities and natural sciences. These courses will be developed and taught by Centre College faculty members and/or by faculty members from other APCU member schools and delivered through Centre College. This approach will help to ensure that Tahoe courses can fulfill general education requirements at most, if not all, APCU schools.

Courses in history, philosophy and political science will provide a diverse set of perspectives on the question, "What is nature?" and celebrate the indigenous peoples in and around the Tahoe basin and their perspectives on natural resources and the environment.

Likewise, science courses will explore ecology, geology, biodiversity, and the impact of climate change in the region.

Tahoe Semester information will be managed by the APCU and available through the APCU website. Tahoe semester registration, enrollment, and fees will be administered through Centre College.





Adventure & Wellness

The program's setting on the shores of Lake Tahoe supports a co-curricular component that deepens learning through guided wilderness experiences such as mountain biking, skiing, kayaking, hiking, rock climbing, stand-up paddle boarding, and trail running. Physical and mental wellness are underscored through a communal setting as students, faculty and staff live and work together building strong bonds of friendship and mutual respect.



Logistics & Support

All facilities, equipment, and technology resources needed to support the Tahoe Semester are being provided by the Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center. Zephyr Point will also provide meals, local transportation, two dedicated on-site staff resources, and lodge-style housing for up to 30 participating students and faculty each semester.



The APCU and Centre College are committed to drawing a diverse set of students to the program from across all APCU member institutions, particularly students from underrepresented groups and challenging socioeconomic circumstances. Funding to support this commitment is being sought from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the U.S. Department of Energy, and several foundations. However, we remain hopeful that APCU schools will serve as the primary student sponsors through their use of net tuition revenue, Title IV funds, and endowment resources.

The "all in" cost for participation in the Tahoe Semester will be \$16,000 per-student, significantly less than similar study away programs. A consortium agreement will be made available to all APCU member schools to enable Federal financial aid dollars to be applied to program costs. While realizing that each school has distinct policies regarding academic and financial support for students who wish to participate in study-away

programs, we are hopeful that APCU members will make every effort to promote and financially support participation in this first-of-its-kind consortial endeavor.

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