Mysteries of the Upper Mississippi: Geomorphology and Ecology

Instructors: Bill Richardson & Martin Thoms
Date: Thursdays; June 4, 11, 18, & Wednesday, June 24, Thursdays, July 2, 9
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ever wonder what goes on in the murky waters of the Mississippi River and how the river and its valleys were formed and got to be where they are? If so, this is the course for you. We will investigate the changing geomorphology of the Mississippi, its dynamics and processes, its many life forms, and its many ecological systems. The course will include hands-on experiences in the WSU STaRS Flume Lab and on the Mississippi River, including a class period on the vessel Cal Fremling, as well as a foray into the backwaters of Aghaming Park. Limited enrollment.

Outdoor Adventures

Instructor: Eric Barnard & Ross Greedy
Date: Wednesdays; July 8, 15, 22 & 29
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Gain an appreciation and concern for our natural environment while exploring outdoor activities. Learn new skills, meet new people and get outside! Activities include geocaching, rock climbing, canoeing and kayaking, as well as high & low ropes course initiatives and elements. All activities follow the challenge by choice philosophy and are facilitated by nationally certified instructors. Step out of your comfort zone and join others in four weeks of new adventures in the Mississippi River Valley! Limited enrollment.

Eric Barnard, director of WSU’s Outdoor Education & Recreation Center, and his staff are highly-trained outdoor professionals. He is committed to inspiring individuals to become lifelong advocates for sustainability, conservation and healthy lifestyles.