

telluride travel study

WSU's Film Studies program and the Frozen River Film Festival are collaborating on this three-credit week-long travel study at the Mountainfilm Festival in beautiful and historic Telluride, Colorado. Join us and volunteer at the Mountainfilm Film festival; attend screenings, events, and lectures; and learn first-hand from filmmakers about their work. You'll earn three credits in FILM and enjoy a lifelong learning experience!

are there any prerequisites?

Nope! You can register for FILM 240, Film Genres: Indies Shorts Docs Etc., which has no prerequisites and counts for our General Education Program Goal 6: Humanities. There are no prerequisites for FILM 240. Alternatively, you may elect to register for FILM 450, Topics: Film Festivals, an advanced elective course in the Film Studies major and minor. Either may be repeated for credit.

what will I do?

Before the trip, you'll complete some selected readings (via D2L) in documentary film form and festival history and theory. **During the trip**, you'll be volunteering at and attending the festival events, participating in group meetings and activities, and blogging about your experience. **After the trip**, you'll complete a final project based on your interests and expertise.

what's Telluride like?

Telluride is a beautiful mountain resort town with a rich cultural history! It's home to both Mountainfilm and the world-renowned Telluride Film Festival. Mountainfilm in particular endorses a "close-to-zero-waste" policy and a focus on humanitarian, environmental, social, and cultural causes. The festival programming is relatively self-contained, with venues all in walking distance—and a free shuttle and gondola! Even so, you can expect to walk up to three miles per day from lodging to various venues and to perform light physical duty in the course of required volunteering activities. You'll want to hydrate, avoid caffeine and alcohol, apply sunscreen, and bring protective headgear and clothing, including boots, a rainjacket, and umbrella.

where will I stay?

You'll stay on-site in Telluride in comfortable condominium lodging with your faculty and trip leader. Lodging is within walking distance of all of the festival programming. We'll provide a breakfast and evening meal together each day.

who's leading the trip?

Dr. J Paul Johnson, Professor of English and Film Studies, is the faculty leader. Professor Johnson teaches courses in film theory, criticism, and genres, including documentary and nonfiction. Crystal Hegge, former director of the Frozen River Film Festival, is trip leader. The Frozen River Film Festival is a longtime partner with the Mountainfilm Film Festival as a content provider.

who can go?

The travel study is open to almost anyone! You may be seeking an engaging General Education: Humanities elective, or you might simply be a film aficionado. Or you might have an interest in marketing, advertising, event planning, arts administration, social justice, environmental studies, philosophy, media studies, business, or art and design. The travel study is limited to students with a cumulative WSU gpa of 2.5 or above, and priority will be given to declared majors and minors in Film Studies.

when does this happen?

May 2019! We will meet on campus for two pre-travel orientation sessions in late April or early May. The course begins with reading and response assignments on D2L starting May 10. Our travel to Telluride is planned for May 22-29, 2019.

how much will it cost?

Half that of what most international programs cost! The exact final cost will depend upon the number of students enrolled, but our preliminary budget estimates your costs at \$2700-\$3400. The cost will include your airfare and travel from MSP to Telluride and return; lodging; two meals each day; tuition and fees; and all festival costs.

how do I register?

Contact J Paul Johnson at pjohnson@winona.edu for registration instructions. A deposit of \$500 is required by February 28, 2019, to secure your registration. Enrollment is limited to 20 students.