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WORKSHOP DAY
SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
REGISTRATION STARTS: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF 1-DAY WORKSHOPS
AND LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

SESSION A: 10AM - 12PM
SESSION B: 1PM - 3PM

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### WORKSHOP DAY

All course fees as NU $35, Public $45 unless otherwise stated. Purchase 2 sessions and get a $10 discount! All supplies are included.

#### MORNING SESSIONS (10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – EXCEPT CERAMICS)

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<td>Keep your pencils, power cords, snacks, jewelry, or makeup secure and in style with a drawstring pouch! You’ll create this project on a sewing machine while developing important skills such as threading the machine, choosing the right stitch and needle for your fabric, and plenty of tips and tricks to make your sewing project fun and successful. You’ll leave this class with a completed pouch and the knowledge to start and complete your own projects independently.</td>
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<td>This course will dive into the origin of coffee and farming practices, complete with a coffee tasting, and a brew method tutorial, led by Backlot Coffee’s sourcer and roaster, Sam.</td>
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<td>Get a taste of Creative Writing! This workshop is ideal for anyone interested in the basics of narrative writing, improving communication skills, storytelling, and taking their writing to the next level. We’ll explore the philosophy, metaphysics, and psychology of inspiration and creativity and look at how creative writing benefits mental health by using real-life experience and inventive writing as a way to process trauma.</td>
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<td>Design and create a colorful, whimsical garland of pom poms for your bedroom wall, office chair, doorway, or party decor. In this workshop, you’ll learn how to make pom poms for fun future projects like jewelry, rugs, wreaths, key chains, and more.</td>
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<th>Instructor: University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners</th>
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<td>Many of us have vegetable gardens that provide delicious, fresh produce all summer long, but gardening does not need to be limited to the summer temperatures. Be surprised in this Indoor Edible Workshop how many tasty vegetables can be grown in our sheltered spaces. University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners will demonstrate how to keep the freshness going by year all by growing your own herbs, vegetables, sprouts, or even mushrooms indoors this winter! Hmm, Hmm, Good!</td>
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<td>Can’t decide what to order at the bar? Mixed up mixing cocktails? Practice with your own shaker or just sit back, relax and taste the sample cocktails created by your instructor. Students will observe the effect of the ingredients and will receive recipes for all the classic cocktails featured in the class. Cocktail lore will be sprinkled throughout for a humorous and informative class. Bring your own shaker to practice making a cocktail!</td>
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<td>Base Liquors: Whiskey, gin, vodka</td>
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<td>In this ESL class, we will review and practice the basics of introductions and small talk in academic and business situations. We will discuss what is appropriate in different settings. This is a great way to become comfortable with some basic conversation skills before beginning classes, or going to the next event!</td>
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<td>Come join our Ceramic Technician as they guide you through making your very own necklace and earring set! Workshop Participants will learn how to use pattern stamps and textured tools to make beautiful pendants and earring beads. Participants will then use wire to make their findings, and in two weeks they will receive their very own necklace and earring set handmade out of ceramic!</td>
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<td>Sketching Saturday features artist and Mini Course drawing instructor Stephanie Lupu who will guide you through a drawing process using compressed charcoal. Limited spots are available.</td>
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**Course Overview**

**Workshops**

**Creative Arts**

Basic Sewing – Pillows  
Saturday, October 8th | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Basic Sewing – Shopping Tote  
Saturday, October 22nd | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Basic Knitting 1  
Saturday, October 15th | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Basic Knitting 2  
Saturday, October 29th | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Beginning Cross-Stitching  
Saturday, October 22nd | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wheel Throwing One Day Workshop  
Sec A: Saturday, October 15th (Date Night Special) | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Sec B: Saturday, October 22nd | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Sec C: Saturday, November 12th | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Halloween Photograms  
Sec A: Scary Thursday, October 13th | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Sec B: Freaky Friday, October 14th | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Screen Printing Basics - 2 Day Workshop  
Thursday, November 10th & Friday, November 11th | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Special Interest**

Urban Cycling Tricks and Tips  
Saturday | 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Fall Maintenance (virtual)  
Thursday, October 20th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Creative Arts**

A Creative Approach to Watercolor  
Mondays, October 3rd - November 7th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Drawing and the Color Theory  
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 8th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wheel Throwing I (Beginner)  
Sec A: Mondays, October 3rd - November 7th (6 Sessions) | 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Sec B: Wednesdays, October 5th - November 9th (6 Sessions) | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Sec C: Thursdays, October 6th - November 10th (6 Sessions) | 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Wheel Throwing II (Intermediate)  
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 15th (7 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Wheel Throwing III (Advance)  
Thursdays, October 6th - November 17th (7 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Sculpture  
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 8th (6 Sessions) | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Movement**

Hip Hop & House: Learning to Social Dance  
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 8th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Pole Dance  
Wednesdays and Thursdays, October 12th, October 13th, October 19th, October 20th, November 2nd, November 10th (6 Sessions) | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Modern Dance  
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 9th (6 Sessions, no class on November 8th) | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Tai Chi  
Wednesdays, October 5th - November 9th (6 Sessions) | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Language**

American Sign Language I (Beginner)  
Mondays, October 3rd - November 21st (8 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

ESL: English Practice with Food and Cooking  
Thursdays, October 13th - November 21st (6 Sessions) | 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

ESL: English Expressions and Idioms (virtual)  
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 8th | 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

**Food and Drink**

Baking Basics: Crazy for Cookies  
Wednesdays, October 13th - November 9th (6 Sessions, no class on October 26th) | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (only the first class is in-person, next 5 sessions are on zoom)

Wine Appreciation*  
Sec A: Tuesdays, October 11th - November 8th (5 Sessions) | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Sec B: Thursdays, October 13th - November 10th (5 Sessions) | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Fall Wines*  
Thursdays, October 13th - November 10th (5 Sessions) | 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.

**Special Interest**

Pocket Billiards for Beginners  
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 8th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Creative Writing  
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 8th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Fundamentals of Audio and Lighting Event Technology  
Mondays, October 3rd - November 7th (6 Sessions) | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Screenwriting  
Wednesdays, October 5th - November 16th (7 Sessions) | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
WORKSHOPS

CREATIVE ARTS

Basic Sewing – Pillows
Saturday, October 8th | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Adam Lazar
Fee: NU $37, Public $47
Create a pillow for your home while learning how to sew on a machine! Develop important skills such as threading the machine, choosing the right stitch and needle for your fabric, and plenty of tips and tricks to make your sewing project fun and successful. You’ll leave this class with a completed pillow and the knowledge to start and complete your own projects independently.
*Supplies are included

Basic Sewing – Shopping Tote
Saturday, October 22nd | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Adam Lazar
Fee: NU $37, Public $47
Stash your stuff in style with a tote that you sew yourself! Develop important skills such as threading the sewing machine, choosing the right stitch and needle for your fabric and plenty of tips and tricks to make your sewing project fun and successful. You’ll leave this class with a completed tote and the knowledge to start and complete your own projects independently.
*Supplies are included

Basic Knitting 1
Saturday, October 15th | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Anne Howard
Fee: NU $37, Public $47
Pick up a meditative and creative hobby in just three hours! Learn the basics of knitting and develop a pattern for your first project. Appropriate for all ages
*Supplies are included

Basic Knitting 2
Saturday, October 29th | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Anne Howard
Fee: NU $37, Public $47
After reviewing knitting basics, learn how to combine knitting and purling to follow patterns and complete projects. For students who have completed Basic Knitting 1 or who already know the knit stitch. This class is for all ages.
*Supplies are included

Beginning Cross-Stitching
Saturday, October 22nd | 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Rebekah Sigman
Fee: NU $37, Public $47
Students will be introduced to the principles of cross-stitching (supplies, technique, and pattern reading) as well as the endless ways this craft can be customized. This workshop will focus on students reading a cross-stitch pattern and completing a cross-stitch project from beginning to end. We will begin the workshop with an overview of cross-stitching and viewing completed projects and end the workshop by introducing students to the process of creating their own patterns.
*Supplies are included

Wheel Throwing One Day Workshop
Sec A: Saturday, October 15th [Date Night Special] | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Fee: NU $90, Public $100 (for 2 people)
Sec B: Saturday, October 22nd | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Sec C: Saturday, November 12th | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Fee: NU $47, Public $57
Instructor: Sylvia Tan
Want to dip your hands in a little clay? Come join us for a two-hour workshop where you’ll learn the fundamental steps of throwing. Participants will get to throw as much as they can, but will only be choosing one piece to keep. Participants will get to choose from 4 different glaze colors to match their perfect creation. Projects will be available for pickup up two weeks from the workshop’s completion. No experience is required.
*Supplies are included

Halloween Photograms
Sec A: Scary Thursday, October 13th | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Sec B: Freaky Friday, October 14th | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Scary Poppins
Fee: NU $13, Public $26
Make scary photo prints in the dark. Learn creative darkroom techniques using photo paper and objects. No darkroom experience is necessary. Just have fun!
*Supplies are included

Screen Printing Basics- 2-Day Workshop
Thursday, November 10th & Friday, November 11th | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Jive Turkey
Fee: NU $69, Public $79
Learn the basics of making a serigraph using various methods, photo emulsion, or stencils. Design and print 1-2 color prints. Session 1 will cover the process and screen prep. Session 2 - you will make prints on paper or fabric. Course is taught with the assistance of the ARTica Studio staff.
*Supplies are included

Urban Cycling Tricks and Tips
Saturday, | 10:00 -2:00 p.m.
Instructor: Elizabeth Adamczyk
Fee: NU $37, Public $47
Do you ride a bike? Do you know how to make sure it’s properly maintained? Do you know how to ride safely in traffic? Welcome to this tips and tricks course which will teach you how to confidently and safely navigate by bike around town. This is a hands-on and partially on-bike workshop.
*Participants are required to bring their own working bicycle

Eco-Friendly Fall Maintenance (virtual)
Thursday, October 20th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: University of Illinois Extension
Fee: Free (courtesy of University of Illinois Extension)
A little fall planning and prepping can really rev up the spring season. This cooler season time is perfect to tidy up your garden beds, manage soils and minimize problems for the new growing season. This will provide quiet enjoyment throughout the winter months and maybe a little exercise. Join the University of Illinois Extension, Conservation@Home team in this presentation of eco-friendly, practical suggestions that will help guarantee a beautiful and bountiful garden for every season.
CREATIVE ARTS

DRAWING & PAINTING

A Creative Approach to Watercolor
Mondays, October 3rd – November 7th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Ingrid Albrecht
Fee: NU $135, Public $145

Have you ever wanted to create a dramatic painting in watercolor? Then this is the course for you! For 6 weeks, Ingrid will guide participants through basic learning steps of brush control, various washes, color theory, the importance of value (those light and dark shapes), and creating exciting shapes not boring ones. Added to this list are some special tips that Ingrid will share to bring excitement to watercolor painting. There will be no fear of the blank paper and students will wish that the course was longer. At the end of each session, the participants learn from each other during a class critique.
*Supplies are included

Drawing and the Color Theory
Tuesdays, October 4th – November 8th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Stephanie Lupu
Fee: NU $135, Public $145

This course will teach basic drawing techniques and the application of color, focusing on learning the color wheel and creating art that really pops!
*Supplies are included

CERAMICS

Wheel Throwing I (Beginner)
Sec A: Mondays, October 3rd – November 7th (6 Sessions) | 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Tomoyasu Nakano
Sec B: Wednesdays, October 5th – November 9th (6 Sessions) | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Ranch Ward
Sec C: Thursdays, October 6th – November 10th (6 Sessions) | 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Instructor: Justin Elue
Fee: NU $135, Public $145

Students will be introduced to the basic principles of making functional ceramic art. In this course, students will begin with the process of wheel throwing with detailed instruction on how to throw a cylinder, bowl, and much more. The kinesthetic process of pottery will be explored through developing technical skills on the wheel as well as understanding the function of various forms developed throughout the history of ceramics. Learn how to make functional work that you can use at home as foodware for yourself, friends, or family. This course is for students who have never worked with clay before and is the perfect introduction to wheel throwing.
*Supplies are included

Wheel Throwing II (Intermediate)
Tuesdays, October 4th – November 15th (7 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Tomoyasu Nakano
Fee: NU $155, Public $165

Wheel Throwing II is for students who have completed at least one wheel throwing course in the past. In this course, Students will learn how to throw a large range of functional work and explore complex ways of decorating and glazing. From mugs and bowls, to large vases, plates, and coffee pour-overs, this course is perfect for those who are looking to improve their throwing techniques and aesthetics. This course aims to improve the student’s confidence in their abilities and to connect the larger community within the studio.
*Prerequisites: have taken a beginner’s wheel throwing class
** Supplies are included

Wheel Throwing III (Advance)
Thursdays, October 6th – November 17th (7 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Ranch Ward
Fee: NU $155, Public $165

Wheel Throwing III is for students who have completed multiple intermediate sessions, and are ready for more independence as an artist. Students will be working on several larger projects that aim at discussing concepts, meaning, and aesthetics. Students should expect to begin working on a portfolio that showcases their concepts clearly. This course aims to grow students’ understanding of ceramics as art. Students will be involved in creating an environment for ceramic art practices to bloom. This course is for dedicated artists looking to expand their concepts. Students will begin a social media account where they will share their works in progress, making work videos, and final products.
*Prerequisites: have taken a beginner's wheel throwing class
** Supplies are included

Introduction to Sculpture
Tuesdays, October 4th – November 8th (6 Sessions) | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Instructor: Justin Elue
Fee: NU $135, Public $145

Have an itch to be creative? Overwhelmed with the passion to make? This class is for you. Intro to Sculpture is a Ceramics Course dedicated to teaching students classic handbuilding techniques to sculpt whatever their mind desires. Whether it’s a mug, plate, or even a hyper-realistic squirrel caricature, this class will help you achieve your wildest sculptural dreams. Students will be learning basic and intermediate handbuilding skills, including but not limited to, Kliniki, Slab Building, Coiling, and Solid building. Using these along with sgraffito, inlay, and Mishima techniques, demonstrations will be given to show you how to transform the surface of your creations with your own designs. Come join us for an afternoon filled with adventure, creativity, and fun.
*Supplies are included
Movement

Martial Arts

Tai Chi
Weekly, October 5th – November 9th (6 Sessions) | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Inna Melnikov
Fee: NU $79, Public $89
Tai Chi is a non-competitive martial art, which helps cultivate mental focus, and builds the protective energy Qi in your lungs, creating a powerful immune defense against external pathogens. Take this course with Inna Melnikov, Doctor of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine with over 25 years of experience.

Dance

Hip Hop & House: Learning to Social Dance
Tuesdays, October 4th – November 8th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Maria Blanco
Fee: NU $79, Public $89
Learn the basics of hip-hop and house dance techniques to further your understanding of social dance, rhythm, and the history behind these forms. An emphasis on freestyling/improvisation, individuality, and choice-making will help guide our learning of various movements and movement styles.

Introduction to Pole Dance
Wednesdays and Thursdays, October 12th, October 13th, October 19th, October 20th, November 2nd, November 10th (6 Sessions) | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Brittany Jenkins
Fee: NU $135, Public $145
This course is designed to introduce students to the art of Pole Dance! They will learn fundamental conditioning moves, basic dance techniques, as well as many foundational spins and movements designed to increase body awareness, overall strength, and flexibility. The course is designed for true beginners and is open to all levels of fitness and backgrounds!

Modern Dance
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 9th (6 Sessions, no class on November 8th) | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Grace Philion
Fee: NU $79, Public $89
This class will provide an overview of modern dance techniques and history by focusing on a different one each week. Students will then become a part of that lineage by building their own phrases and movement styles.

Language

American Sign Language | (Beginner)
Mondays, October 3rd - November 21st (8 Sessions) | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Peter Wujcik
Fee: NU $96, Public $106
This course introduces the basics of American Sign Language. American Sign Language (ASL) is quickly becoming one of the most widely used languages in the United States. This class will explore basic sign vocabulary and basic grammatical structures such as English to ASL and ASL to English. This class will cover basic Sign Language and a basic introduction to the world of Deaf Cultures.

ESL: English Practice with Food and Cooking
Thursdays, October 13th - November 21st (6 Sessions) | 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Allison Hahn
Fee: NU $79, Public $89
In this ESL course, we will practice conversation and fluency in English. Food is a great topic for learning English because it is a universal language; everyone understands and enjoys food. We will talk about different foods, recipes, and cooking vocabulary. We will share opinions and preferences in English.

ESL: English Expressions and Idioms (virtual)
Tuesdays, October 4th - November 8th | 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Instructor: Allison Hahn
Fee: NU $79, Public $89
In this course, students will practice conversations using common English expressions and idioms to boost their fluency. We will use scripted conversations, role-play, and other forms of talking in groups to get a lot of practice and build confidence!
Food and Drink

Food

Baking Basics: Crazy for Cookies
Wednesdays, October 13th – November 9th (6 Sessions, no class on October 26th)
| 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (only the first class is in-person, next 5 sessions are on zoom)
Instructor: Paula Evans
Fee: NU $79, Public $89

Calling all cookie lovers! Don’t settle for store-bought cookies when, with the right ingredients, a good recipe, and some basic know-how, baking cookies from scratch is a snap. Learn to bake a variety of cookies in the comfort of your own home. Baking supplies kits are available to borrow. Baking ingredients are not included.

Drink

Wine Appreciation*
Sec A: Tuesdays, October 11th - November 8th (5 Sessions) | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Sec B: Thursdays, October 13th - November 10th (5 Sessions) | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Mark Gruber
Fee: NU $130, Public $140

Welcome to the world of wine! Whether you’re new to wine or an old hand, there is always something new in the wine world. During each class, students will learn to taste and describe wines just like the professionals. Viticultural areas in California, France, and the Southern Hemisphere are always featured along with new discoveries. Wine and food matches are heavily emphasized. Finally, a night of sparkling and dessert wines ends the five-week course.

*You must be 21 and over to enroll in this course.

Fall Wines*
Thursdays, October 13th – November 10th (5 Sessions) | 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.
Instructor: Mark Gruber
Fee: NU $130, Public $140

A smaller class which will concentrate on wines for enjoyment in the autumn and during the holidays. Students will learn about wines by tasting and discussing grape varieties, vintages, wine storage, and wine and food complements. The course comes with a complimentary sampling of the wines.

*Bring two (2) wine glasses to each class. We do not provide or store your wine glasses.
**You must be 21 and over to enroll in this course.

Special Interest

Pocket Billiards for Beginners
Tuesdays, October 4th – November 8th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Larry Schwartz
Regular registration: NU $79, Public $89

These lessons are tailored to players who range from beginner level to advanced. You will learn topics ranging from mastering fundamentals to difficult shots and game strategies.

Creative Writing
Tuesdays, October 4th – November 8th (6 Sessions) | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Steven Fischer
Fee: NU $79, Public $89

In Creative Writing, participants create their own original and personal stories. This course is ideal for anyone interested in the basics of narrative writing, improving communication skills, storytelling, and taking their writing to the next level. Along the way, we’ll explore the philosophy, metaphysics, and psychology of inspiration and creativity. We will look at how creative writing benefits mental health by using exercises that access hidden feelings and memories in ways that help us process trauma.

*This course will primarily meet in person with the possibility of some synchronous Zoom sessions.

Fundamentals of Audio and Lighting Event Technology
Mondays, October 3rd – November 7th (6 Sessions) | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Anthony Smith
Fee: NU $79, Public $89

Students will be introduced to the basic principles of operating sound and lighting event technology. It will teach students how to set up a speaker system, and understand the basic principles of acoustics, and electricity management within all aspects of events. This course is ideal for students involved with theater and performance arts. Please note that the final hour of class is intended for hands-on practice with equipment. Students may leave early if needed.

Screenwriting
Wednesdays, October 5th – November 16th (7 Sessions) | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Katie Jefferis
Fee: NU $79, Public $89

Students will be introduced to the fundamentals of screenwriting and apply these tools in the creation of a short script, a web series pilot, or a feature film outline. Exercises in dramatic structure and character development will help students write in class with a focus on their final project.
Subsidy Support

Applications for subsidies are open on Friday, August 26. If you are seeking a spot and/or subsidy for one of the ceramics courses, please submit your application no later than Thursday, September 1. Your application will be reviewed and notified by Friday, September 2, so you can register when registration opens on Monday, September 5.

The Norris Mini Course subsidy program is designed to provide financial aid to those who are interested in enrolling but are facing financial barriers. Anyone interested in enrolling in a Norris Mini Course may apply to the subsidy program.

Subsidies are given from $10 - $30 and Mini Courses does not require any proof of income in order to qualify for one. We have a finite funding course, so we rely on an honor system to ensure that funding is granted to those who need it.

If you are approved for one, the subsidy is applied to the registration fee on an unregistered course. Subsidies are not given on courses that students have registered for and are requesting a subsidy portion refund.

Limitations
- Subsidies may not be used towards 1 Session Courses and any Drink courses
- Subsidies are not granted to students who have already registered for a course
- Subsidies may not be used in combination with any other discount
- Subsidy, if approved, is good for 1 course per person per quarter

Withdrawal and Refund
Withdrawal fees and policies are applicable on all subsidy assistance registrations

How to Apply

Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional Students - [SES One Form]

1. The SES One Form is a two-step process.
2. Complete the Basic Profile.
3. Complete the Mini Courses Subsidy Fund application.

Faculty, staff, and community members - [Click here for the online application]

If you are granted a subsidy, you are responsible for registering for the course. Please email minicourses@u.northwestern.edu if you have any questions.

Withdrawal and Refunds Policy

1 session courses are nonrefundable.

Withdrawal deadline: 2 business days before the start of your registered course

Students who withdraw before the deadline must pay a $15.00 withdrawal fee to obtain a full refund. For withdrawals after the deadline, there is no withdrawal fee, and no refunds will be given. To withdraw, please go to the Norris Box Office website and purchase a cancellation fee.

The Mini Courses Program does not issue full or partial refunds for lack of attendance or indifference to the course curriculum.

Vaccination and Masking Policy

All Northwestern members must follow Northwestern’s vaccination’s requirements.

Community members will need to provide proof of vaccination if attending an in-person class.

All in-person students must follow Northwestern’s face coverings and masking policy.