

A Sampling of Seminars and Workshops from Recent Years:

- The Renaissance: History and Culture
- The Connecticut River Valley
- Jazz: Places and Players
- The American Civil War
- The History and Culture of Spain
- Islamic Women in Fact and in Fiction
- Who Wants to Be an Actor?
- Beethoven's Genius
- 60 Years that Shook Physics
- The Novels of Toni Morrison
- The Secret Life of Fairy Tales
- Digital Photography Workshop
- Perspectives on U.S. Foreign Policy
- DNA and Human Migration
- Portraits and Still Lifes Workshop



In addition to seminars and workshops, take part in other 5CLIR activities: Great Decisions, workshops in computers or opera, January and summer programs, field

trips, social events, and Learning in Community—our outreach to the community. Attend unique series like Emergence (Science and Religion), You and Your Genome (UMass course, piloted by 5CLIR), and Slavery and Its Legacy.

Five College Learning in Retirement

Five College Learning in Retirement (5CLIR) operates under the umbrella of Five Colleges, Incorporated and is a member of the Elderhostel Institute Network.

- Join an active, stimulating and varied community of learners.
- Participate, contribute and learn.
- Explore new and old interests.
- Meet new people and make new friends.
- Rediscover the rewards of learning by sharing your reading and thoughts with others.
- Enroll now: attend seminars and workshops, utilize campus libraries and parking.

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—Five College Presidents, 1988

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Our Mission:

“To enrich our lives by providing forums for sharing the pleasures of active learning.”

Join a Seminar



As a member, you can participate in and initiate, design, and moderate seminars that have formed the core of 5CLIR. Topics include literature, history, science, philosophy, current events, popular culture, computers, religion, autobiographical writing, food, and fine arts. Seminar topics and expectations are clearly spelled out and approved by a curriculum committee and offered at “Meet the Moderators” sessions in May and December.

Each seminar meets weekly for two hours in accessible settings mostly on the Five College campuses for ten-week terms in fall and spring. Typically members give short presentations with time for discussion. A/V equipment is available.

Learn by reading, investigating, summarizing and explaining to your colleagues your topic of interest. No test or grade, but a learning experience par excellence!

Become a Member

Your fellow members will come from a broad variety of backgrounds and will include community volunteers, secretaries, educators from kindergarten to university, professionals and staff in the fields of health, business, computers and government. Some have lived in the area for decades; some are newcomers.



How to Join Five College Learning in Retirement

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