

Belfast Senior College Winter Courses Set to Begin

Belfast Senior College's winter semester is about to begin, with a full range of 11 morning, afternoon and evening courses available in January, February and March. According to Senior College spokesperson Beth Sterner, "Senior College was one of the draws for our move to Belfast. The program enters its twentieth year with a range of course subjects that are sure to appeal to everyone."

The courses will include a study of Belfast's "hidden prehistory" and another about more recent planning in Belfast, a history of the Manhattan Project, one about Searsport's seagoing families and one on the 1200-year history of the Roman Empire. There will be discussions of "God's Body," "Rethinking American Grand Strategy," and Shakespeare's "Macbeth," as well as a dive into investigative reporting and Walt Whitman's preface to "Leaves of Grass." All courses except a final one will be held via Zoom. The semester ends with David Greeley's four-week hands-on field course in "Making Maple" from tree to sugar house that starts Feb. 17. Other instructors this semester are Cipperly Good, Deirdre Good, Michael Hurley, Steve Hutchings, Rebecca Jessup, John McClenahen, Alicia Mundy, Bob Rackmales, Pete Reilly and Nick Turner.

"We are very excited about this winter semester," said Nancy Perkins, president of Senior College's Board of Trustees. "Senior College provides stimulation, knowledge, social interaction and fun for people ages 50 and up. Members' spouses and partners of any age also welcome to become members, membership and course fees are low on purpose and scholarships are available." Online membership and class registration are available at belfastseniorcollege.org.

University of Maine Hutchinson Center provides Zoom services for Senior College, which is an independent all-volunteer non-profit organization. Its spring semester begins in April, the summer semester takes place in June, July and August, and the fall semester begins in September. The annual membership fee is \$25 and course fees are \$27 or \$37.