

RIVER SEMESTER

100 Days on The Mississippi

- A unique, fully immersive educational experience
- Travel from the headwaters of the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico
- Customized curriculum to meet graduation requirements
- Learn about the history, politics, environmental issues, and music along the river
- Conduct individual research projects, working with local experts



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Proposed Itinerary for Fall 2023

- **Aug. 29-30:** Lake Itasca orientation and site visits related to Line 3 and the U of MN Biological Field Research Station
- **Aug. 31-Sept. 4: Field Station 1** Paddling the Headwaters (5 days in tandem canoes)
- **Sept. 5-8: Field Station 2** Twin Cities site visits related to environmental justice and Indigenous resistance in the region
- **Sept. 9:** Transit with boats on trailers to near Keokuk, Iowa (a 400 mi. drive)
- **Sept. 10-Oct. 10:** Sail and paddle the Middle Mississippi River from Keokuk to Cairo stopping at **Field Station 3** in St. Louis
- **Oct. 11-17 Field Station 4** in Memphis (3 nights) and then Jackson, MS (2 nights).
- **Oct. 18-Nov. 20:** Paddle from Natchez past Baton Rouge and through the Chemical Corridor to New Orleans
- **Nov. 21-28: Field Station 5** Multiple Site visits and activities in New Orleans and surrounding area
- **Nov. 29-Dec. 4:** Final sail-paddle from New Orleans to Mardi Gras Pass and then along the Gulf Coast to Biloxi, MS or Mobile, AL (depending on conditions).
- **Dec. 6-7:** shuttle back from Biloxi/Mobile to Minneapolis
- **Dec. 8-15:** final projects, presentations, and celebration in the Twin Cities

Sample Activities

- Develop a field research project on topics such as urban environmental justice, the Clean Water Act, agriculture in the watershed, political organizing around environmental issues, race relations and social justice, or urban riverfront revitalization
- Explore the history, literature, food, music, and culture of the American heartland
- Gain skills tailored to fit the needs of partner businesses and institutions including graduate schools, nonprofits, and government agencies
- Meet with local experts, “river rats,” and environmental organizations
- Hear from guest lecturers on topics such as Mark Twain, Traditional Ecological Knowledge, ancient river civilizations, American Indian communities and their fight for justice, and the urban resilience in the age of climate change
- Learn outdoor leadership skills and practice a low-carbon way of life
- Paddle and sail in custom-designed catamarans down the Mississippi and along some of the Gulf Coast



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