Classes Start: January 19
Mid-term Break (No Class): March 16 & 18
Spring Recess (No Class): March 25
Last Day/Spring Celebration: May 13
Graduation: May 14

Spring 2027 Course Descriptions

Course: **Blazer Cafe**
Instructor: Misty Fierge
Tuesdays and Thursdays **9:00-9:50**
Maximum enrollment: 6
Tuition: $250

Welcome to Blazer Café! In this hands-on class, students will develop real-world job skills by operating a CFL beverage business on the Quincy campus. We'll partner with Electric Fountain Brewing (EFB) to craft delicious hot and iced beverages—including specialty coffees and Lotus energy drinks—while learning how to market, prepare, and sell products.

From customer service to teamwork and entrepreneurship, this course is all about learning by doing—and making a difference while doing it. All proceeds from Blazer Café support the CFL Scholarship Fund, helping future students continue their educational journey.

Course: **Woodworking Creations & Marketing**
Instructor: Paul Hathaway
Tuesdays and Thursdays **9:00-9:50**
Maximum enrollment: 8
Tuition: $250

Put your carpentry skills to work! Students will plan, build, and finish wood creations such as trays, caddies, planters, and other handmade items. Along the way, they will practice using tools safely, working as a team, and learning to price, display, and promote what they make. Everything created in this class will be offered for a suggested donation at the Blazer Garden Market in April/May, giving students a real-world chance to share their work with the community.

***Prerequisite:** Beginning Carpentry.*

Course: **Passport to the World (Geography & Culture)**
Instructor: Angie Barnes
Tuesdays and Thursdays **9:00-9:50**
Maximum enrollment: 10
Tuition: $250

Travel the globe without leaving the classroom! Each week, students will explore a famous landmark or interesting man-made structure from somewhere around the world. We'll study the geography, culture, and traditions of the region around it—what people eat, how they live, and what makes each place special. Come ready to discover new places, ask questions, and collect "stamps" in your passport along the way.

A 10:00 Class is Required

Course: **Self-Advocacy (Focus on Work Skills)**
Instructor: Paul Hathaway, Angie Barnes
Tuesdays and Thursdays **10:00-10:50**
Maximum enrollment: 14
Tuition: $250

Learn how to speak up for yourself in the workplace and improve your skills. Students will explore skills like setting job goals, asking for help, understanding what employers expect, and requesting the supports they need to be successful at work. Role-playing and real-life practice will help students build confidence and become their own best advocate on the job.

Course: **Self-Advocacy (Focus on Communication)**
Instructor: Jxne McReynolds, Misty Fierge
Tuesdays and Thursdays **10:00-10:50**
Maximum enrollment: 14
Tuition: $250

Learn how to say what you mean and be heard! Students will practice expressing their needs, wants, and opinions clearly and respectfully, as well as listening to others. The class includes role-playing, group discussions, and real-life practice to help students build confidence communicating with family, friends, coworkers, and the community. Alternative, non-verbal communication methods will also be explored and practiced.

Course: **Musical Playground: Create, Listen & Connect**
Instructor: Jxne McReynolds
Tuesdays and Thursdays **11:00-11:50**
Maximum enrollment: 8
Tuition: $250

Come play! In this hands-on music class, students will "play" a variety of instruments, including the ukulele, rhythm instruments, and piano. We will also enjoy music appreciation, singing, and group discussions about how music connects us to each other, to our memories, and to our feelings. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity and your sense of rhythm.

Course: **My Town, My Life (Finding Support, Work, and Recreation Locally)**
Instructor: Paul Hathaway
Tuesdays and Thursdays **11:00-11:50**
Maximum enrollment: 8
Tuition: $250

Get to know the Quincy community and the many resources available to you! This class includes several field trips. Students will visit social service agencies such as DRS, Two Rivers, and Transitions of Western Illinois, tour local workplaces like Blessing Hospital, and explore places to work out and get involved around Quincy. Students will learn who to contact for help, discover what jobs and activities interest them, and gain confidence navigating their own community.

***Note:** This class includes field trips. Students will need to be able to attend off-campus outings.*

Course: **Budget Bites (Healthy, Tasty Cooking & Baking on a Budget)**
Instructor: Misty Fierge, Angie Barnes
Tuesdays and Thursdays **11:00-11:50**
Maximum enrollment: 8
Tuition: $300

Cooking is delicious—and it doesn't have to be expensive! Students will learn to prepare simple, healthy meals, snacks, and baked treats while practicing kitchen safety, measuring, following recipes, and basic cooking techniques. Each week, we will also figure out what the dish costs to make, so students can compare prices, shop smart, and plan meals that fit a budget. Hands-on activities build independence and confidence in the kitchen.

Course: **Illinois Wildlife (Protecting & Attracting Native Plants and Animals)**
Instructor: Angie Barnes, Paul Hathaway
Tuesdays and Thursdays **1:00-1:50**
Maximum enrollment: 12
Tuition: $250

Learn about the pollinators, birds, and native plants that call our area home! Students will discover how to protect and attract wildlife and may build birdhouses, feeders, bat houses, and more. Everything we learn and create will be put to use in the JWCC garden, with the big goal of earning a conservation certificate for our garden. Join us and make a real difference for Illinois wildlife!

Course: **Happy Day! A Study of Celebrations**
Instructor: Misty Fierge
Tuesdays and Thursdays **1:00-1:50**
Maximum enrollment: 14
Tuition: $250

If you are interested in learning more about cultures and celebrations around the world, along with geography and current events, this is the class for you! We will also focus on creating everyday celebrations—like how to celebrate reaching a goal, finishing a project, or just having a great day. Students will plan and enjoy celebrations together. This class can be redesigned as the semester progresses to accommodate specific student interests.

Course: **Express Yourself! (Art for Self-Expression & Wellness)**
Instructor: Evyn Olivas, Jxne McReynolds
Tuesdays and Thursdays **2:00-2:50**
Maximum enrollment: 12
Tuition: $275

Get creative and show the world who you are! Students will try painting, drawing, collage, clay, and other art forms as a way to express their ideas, feelings, and personality. We will also practice simple wellness activities that help us feel calm, balanced, and strong. The focus is on creativity, not perfection, in a supportive space where every student's unique voice is celebrated.

Course: **Blazer Garden Market**
Instructor: Angie Barnes, Paul Hathaway
Tuesdays and Thursdays **2:00-2:50**
Maximum enrollment: 12
Tuition: $250

Get your hands dirty and watch things grow! Students will spend most of their time in the JWCC greenhouse learning about plant propagation, planting, and plant care, with some outdoor gardening as the weather allows. Everything we grow will be offered for a suggested donation at the Blazer Garden Market at the end of the semester, so students will also get to share their harvest with the community.
