

Inver Hills Community College: Fall 2020 Virtual Open House Menu

At IHCC's Fall 2020 Virtual Open House, we will have breakout rooms specific to different student support services and academic programs. This menu can be used to help you get a better idea of what rooms you would like to check out at the event. You may also click on the department title to be linked to the corresponding website to learn more!

Student Support Services

Room 1: Admissions Processes

Admissions: *Our Admissions Team will make sure things go smoothly the moment you decide on Inver Hills as your college destination. They've got answers to all your questions whether you're new to higher education, finishing up your two-year degree, looking to transfer to a four-year school or taking courses for professional development.*

Testing Center: *In addition to assessment testing and exemptions from the initial admissions' testing process, the Testing Center offers alternative testing methods for students that require accommodation testing for such things as extended time, screen readers or private rooms. The Center also offers the CLEP exam which allows students to demonstrate their knowledge of introductory college-level material and earn college credit.*

What to Expect for Spring Semester: *While classes this spring may look a little different than in the past, we are committed to providing a rich learning experience while keeping everyone safe. Learn more about course delivery, the new COVID-19 self-assessment, staying healthy before the semester, and more.*

Room 2: Advising and Counseling

Advising: *Advising helps students identify and track their academic goals, research transfer requirements and processes as well as navigate and connect with college resources.*

Counseling: *Counselors at Inver Hills provide professional career, academic, and personal counseling services to all students. They also assist students with financial challenges by connecting them with campus and community resources to meet their needs.*

First-Year Experience: *Counselors also teach courses on First Year Experience (FYE) for new students and Career Exploration and Planning for undecided students. FYE courses are designed to get new students off to a great start by connecting students to campus resources and helping them develop the skills and habits needed to be successful in college and beyond!*

Center for Career Development and Community-Based Learning: *Get your career off to the right start right away with the Center for Career Development and Community-Based Learning through help with resume writing, experiential learning, connecting with employers, and more. It's not too early to get started.*

Room 3: Adult Learner Support

MN Reconnect: *MN Reconnect is for adult learners who previously attended college (at least 2 years prior), earned at least 15 college credits, but have not earned a degree, certificate, or diploma of 16 or more credits. Student must also be an MN resident. The MN Reconnect Navigator assists students with admission, enrollment, registration, academic and transfer planning, as well as connecting students to campus resources and assessing credit for prior learning options.*

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL): *Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is academic credit that is awarded to students who can successfully demonstrate college or university-level learning achieved through informal or experiential learning outside of the classroom. You could have your learning evaluated for academic credit, saving you time and money towards earning your degree. CPL is an integral part of our [Adult Success Through Accelerated Pathways – or ASAP](#) – program.*

Room 4: K12 and PSEO Options

K12 Partnerships and Concurrent Enrollment: *Concurrent enrollment allows you to take college courses at your high school with the credits you earn easily transferring to Inver Hills, other community colleges, and four-year universities. These college courses fulfill Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) requirements while also meeting both high school and college requirements.*

PSEO: *The PSEO program allows qualified 10th, 11th, and 12th grade high school students to take college level courses that can earn transferable college credits as well as meet high school graduation requirements. There is no cost to the student because PSEO funding covers the cost of tuition, fees, and textbooks for college level courses taken for high school credit.*

Room 5: Dedicated Advising

Accessibility Resources: *The Office of Accessibility Resources ensures that all programs, services, spaces and activities at Inver Hills are accessible. We recognize that disability is one of many identities that an individual may have and that these individuals are a vital and welcome part of our diverse community.*

TRIO: *TRIO supports students through individualized, proactive advising and a community of support, including staff, student mentors, and academically-focused peers. Students must meet federal eligibility qualifications and apply to join, but most Inver Hills students are eligible and space is available for the spring. To apply or learn more, join this session and check out our website.*

Health Services: Free clinic for students on campus. Staffed with an RN, MD, and PAC. Virtual visits are available as well. We offer physicals, pap smears, flu vaccines, sexual health materials, hygiene items, blood and urine testing, and prescriptions as needed.

Veteran Services: If you are a veteran, service member or a dependent*, come and learn about eligibility requirements and what kind of benefits are available (*dependent is one who is under the age of 25 years and spouse or parent with 100% disability due to military service or transfer of entitlement).

Room 6: Money Matters!

Financial Aid: The Office of Financial Aid supports students in the application process for student financial assistance. Join our staff to get answers to your questions and receive insight regarding the various programs available to students for financing your education and education-related expenses. Don't guess how this all works. Stop in, talk with our staff, and know how you can pay for college!

Foundation: Our Foundation administers Inver Hills Community College scholarships in the fall and spring semesters and are available to provide scholarship application assistance for students.

Room 7: Get Involved

Student Life and **Student Senate**: Student Senate is the representative for students at Inver Hills Community College. They work together with Student Life to ensure that students are able to take part in decision making at the college, form and take part in clubs, and help students advocate for the issues that impact them the most.

Equity and Inclusion: The Center for Diversity and Equity provides cultural programming and functions as a campus-wide resource on social justice issues. The office also serves as a support and resource for students from culturally and ethnically diverse backgrounds.

Room 8: Learning Resources

Library: IHCC Librarians and Library Staff are here to help you with all your research needs. We provide equitable access to information and resources for our campus community. Please check us out!

Information Technology Services (ITS): ITS provides a comprehensive system of technology devices and technical support services to help students learn, we are available to answer your technology related questions.

Learning Center: The Learning Center is located on the second floor of the library building and provides academic support to students in various subjects. Students can find tutoring, quiet study spaces, and other learning resources, all free of charge, to assist in making each semester a successful one.

Academic Programs

Room 9: Health and Medicine

Allied Health Division – [Nursing](#) and [EMS](#): Join Christopher Metsgar, Dean of Allied Health and Nursing to discuss the many opportunities that are offered to enter healthcare at Inver Hills Community College. This session will be a time to talk with the Dean about the options and programs.

[Health](#), [Exercise Science](#), and Physical Education: Discuss degree options that include a wide set of options in the growing fields of Health and Exercise Science! These dynamic fields are in high demand and provide a wide variety of career options. In addition, we offer a variety of Health and Physical Education courses to help you meet your degree needs or personal interests!

Room 10: Justice Studies

[Criminal Justice](#), [Corrections](#), and [Law Enforcement](#): This course of study is designed to prepare individuals for careers in corrections, security, and law enforcement. Learn more what this degree entails, including the hands-on experiences embedded within the criminal justice curriculum.

[Paralegal](#): Approved by the American Bar Association since 1978, the Paralegal Program at Inver Hills Community College offers a highly challenging curriculum designed for new, career-changing and diverse students. The program is well respected in the legal community and provides in-depth training in law and legal procedures with a practical internship experience in a legal environment.

Room 11: Fine Arts

[Visual Arts](#): The AFA is a pre-professional program for students intending to transfer to a four-year program in pursuit of the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree and for students interested in pursuing a career in the growing creative economy.

[Music](#): At IHCC, the Music Department offers a wide array of courses ranging from private individual lessons to courses in music theory, technology, and history, to performing ensembles. The Music Department is committed to the study of western, non-western, and popular music. With performing ensembles that include choirs, steel drum band, and African Drum and Dance ensemble, the music department has courses available for a range of experience levels, from no musical experience to expert musicians.

[Theatre](#) and [Film](#): The mission of the Theatre department centers on giving you a lifelong appreciation for Theatre Arts and Film Studies while helping you develop your performance skills and capabilities, as well as appreciation for Theatre arts and Film. The Theatre Transfer Pathway A.F.A. offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Fine Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Theatre bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State Universities.

Room 12: Natural Sciences

Biology: *With biology you can brew beer, cure disease, solve crimes, feed the world and save the planet! We have faculty with expertise in everything from fish to femurs, bacteria to biomes, and arthropods to agriculture. Visit with us to learn about our courses for majors and non-majors (all fun!), community garden and natural area, department projects and potential transfer and career pathways.*

Geology: *Learn about volcanoes, earthquakes, floods, glaciers and much more while using rocks and minerals as our tools to study these processes. In Natural Disasters, you'll also learn about hurricanes, wildfires, climate change, tsunamis and much more!*

Chemistry: *Chemistry is a branch of natural science that deals principally with the properties of molecules, the chemical reactions that occur between them, and the natural laws that describe molecular interactions. Chemistry is a central science - often overlapping with biology, medicine, earth and environmental sciences, physics, and mathematics.*

Room 13: Social Sciences A

Philosophy: *As a well-rounded student of philosophy, you will learn to think logically and ethically to better appreciate human thought and the seemingly infinite ways our minds can see the world. Credits you earn taking Philosophy courses at Inver Hills can be applied toward transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a bachelor's degree in philosophy or a related field.*

Anthropology: *The A.A. in Anthropology builds a broad, insightful foundation in your pursuit of a four-year degree. A minor or second major in anthropology deserves consideration. Having an anthropological eye will enhance your experience during foreign study and travel while giving you firmer footing in international and cultural relations.*

Political Science: *IHCC Political Science offers introductory coursework in comparative, American, and Minnesota politics as well as Constitutional Law. The curriculum considers political issues from local, national, and global perspectives.*

Room 14: Social Sciences B

Psychology: *Expanding your knowledge through the discipline of psychology will enhance your personal life while helping you grow professionally. You'll learn more about yourself and strengthen your talent for analysis, innovation and helping others while creating a career pathway that can lead virtually anywhere.*

Sociology: *Discover why studying sociology is important and what careers it might lead to! In this session, students will also learn what sociology course offerings are at IHCC and be informed about a new special topics course being offered Spring semester of 2021 called, "Introduction to Social Justice".*

Humanities: *In this session, students will discover what some of the unique Humanities course offerings are that are being taught at Inver Hills Community College. They will also learn why taking a Humanities course is important to take during these troubled times.*

Room 15: Math & Engineering

Mathematics: *Students who wish to earn a Bachelor's degree in mathematics can complete the first 2 years of required math courses at Inver Hills. We also offer the math courses required to major in fields such as engineering, chemistry, biology, physics, economics, business, statistics, actuarial science, environmental science, computer science, and more!*

Engineering: *Engineering is a wise starting point for students interested in a bachelor's degree in aerospace, civil, mechanical or another field of engineering. Students earning an AS in Engineering Fundamentals can transfer as juniors to top four-year engineering programs such as the University of MN - Twin Cities, St. Thomas University, or any other regional university.*

Room 16: Areas of Business

Business and Accounting: *The Business and Accounting departments enrich the learning of diverse students in a collaborative environment through vigorous curriculum with a global mindset to lead a value-driven and ethical life. The Business and Accounting mission is crystalized in two key ways: Membership in the ACBSP, a leading specialized accreditation association for business education and active participation in DECA, a student business organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in colleges/universities around the world.*

Economics: *Inver Hills offers both introductory Economics course: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. These two courses are foundational for those who wish to pursue degrees in Economics and/or Business. Often considered the intuition of business, economics helps to explain how markets work, and the potential role for government to intervene when markets fails.*

Room 17: Education and Pre-Social Work

Education: *The Education Foundations program prepares students to the field of teaching through a series of pre-professional introductory courses and recommended electives. The curriculum includes opportunities to examine professional knowledge, engage in reflection, and understand culturally relevant approaches to instruction while also becoming immersed in classroom experiences at local school districts.*

Pre-Social Work: *The Pre-Social Work Transfer Pathway A.S. offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Science degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Social Work bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing the pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State Universities enter the university with junior-year status.*

Room 18: English and Reading

English: *English faculty members will be available to help you understand the College's English requirements, and to discuss the Department's literature courses, creative writing courses, and our Professional Writing Certificate.*

Reading and Study Skills: *If you need to polish your skills in reading and studying, our department can help! We offer two levels of Reading courses (Reading 090 and Reading 093/094) as well as a two-credit, college-level course titled Study Skills.*

Room 19: Languages and Communication

World Languages – French and Spanish: *Inver currently offers 4 levels of Spanish and 2 levels of French. We are also preparing a Spanish Transfer Pathway AA and a Spanish language and culture certificate program. These should be approved this fall. Finally, students should know that we offer a Latin American Culture and Civilization Course in the Humanities Dept. The course is taught in English.*

Communication studies: *In the Communication department at Inver Hills, our studies focus on developing a stronger understanding of the nature of human interaction by exploring how messages are created, transmitted and received through the use of verbal and nonverbal symbols.*