Learn and grow in the Berkshires.

At Berkshire Community College (BCC), we believe that education doesn’t end in the high school or college classroom. Regardless of your age, background, or interests, if you’re looking to expand your horizons, you’ll find an array of rich educational opportunities. This summer’s programming focuses on personal enrichment and is offered exclusively in the Southern Berkshire, tri-state region of the county. Learn a new language, take an art or music class, explore poetry writing, or enjoy a wine history and tasting class! Take a class purely for the joy of sharing a new experience with like-minded people.

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LOCATION

All summer workshops will take place at BCC’s South County Center, except the Wine/Cheese workshops and the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program

BCC’s South County Center
343 Main Street • Great Barrington

Collaboration Wine, Beer & Spirits
700 South Main Street • Great Barrington

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program
94 Valentine Rd • Pittsfield

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Our website makes it easy to register for courses online.
Visit www.berkshirecc.edu/workshops for detailed descriptions of the courses listed in this pamphlet.
You may also register by phone or in person: BCC’s South County Center 343 Main Street Great Barrington | 413-236-5202

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May

Absolute Beginners’ Guitar
WKS-796-C1 • $125
5/29 – 8/7 • Wed, 4:30–5:30pm
Instructor: David Hodge
Dream of playing the guitar? Learn the basics, from tuning to strumming to finger picking to simple lead and bass lines. You’ll be playing songs from week one. Spend ten weeks learning an instrument you can enjoy your entire life.

Mastering the Ukulele
WKS-1589-C1 • $125
5/29 – 8/7 • Wed, 5:30–6:30pm
Instructor: David Hodge
Explore and enjoy your ukulele’s potential. This class will use familiar songs to help you learn more about your uke as well as more about music in general.

Beetles in the Berkshires
Instructor: David Hodge
WKS-1741-C1 • $125
5/29 – 8/7 • Wed, 6:30–7:30pm
A “jam session” format focusing on songs by the Beatles.

Summer Jam
WKS-888-C1 • $125
5/29 – 7/7 • Wed, 7:30–8:30pm
Instructor: David Hodge
Have fun playing your favorite songs with others! Class will explore arranging songs as well as basic music and improvisational ideas. All instruments and experience welcome.

Conversation Italian I
WKS-216-C1 • $195
5/29 – 7/21 • Wed, 7–9pm
Instructor: Sheela Clary
For beginners and those who grew up speaking a dialect. Learn a large vocabulary and begin to understand the delicious poetry of the ages and taste the beauty of pure Florentine Italian. Learn elementary grammar and Italian culture. NO ENGLISH SPOKEN during class time.

Paint Narrative
WKS-2508-C1 • $185
5/31 – 7/5 • Fri, 12:30–3:30pm
Instructor: Erika Crofut
There is great joy in telling a story on "dinnerware." First the once upon a time...then, the adventure and sometimes even wisdom...? The diner gets to eat and reveal one side, the dishwasher gets entertainment while cleaning up. Great handmade presents—choose plates, bowls, teapots, and a range of other “special” things, at a variety of prices. Come sit together and play with stories, ideas and colors.
June

Continuing Guitar
WKS-1661-C1 • $125
6/3 – 8/12 • Mon, 5–5:45pm
Instructor: David Dodge
Build upon your basic guitar skills to become better at strumming, picking, and improvising. Have fun learning more about what you and your guitar can do.

Music Theory
WKS-788-C1 • $85
6/3 – 8/12 • Mon, 6–6:45pm
Instructor: David Dodge
Discover how music theory makes playing guitar, ukulele, banjo, or any fretted instrument so much easier, not to mention helping you achieve more creativity and fun.

Lyric Writing
Instructor: Robert Walkins
WKS-1661-C1 • $85
6/3 – 8/12 • Mon, 6:45–7:30pm
What makes a good lyric that people remember? We will explore lyric writing in depth. Students will have weekly writing assignments. No musical talent necessary but it is helpful.

Songwriting Workshop
Instructor: David Dodge
WKS-1528-C1 • $125
6/3 – 8/12 • Mon, 7:30–8:30pm
Work on refining your songwriting skills through weekly exercises and class discussions. Open to all levels of songwriters.

Intro to Oil Painting
Instructor: Robert Walkins
WKS-2507-C1 • $250
6/3 – 8/5 • Mon, 5:30–8pm
Students will explore the application of painting using a limited non-toxic palette. Subjects to be covered are composition, the initial block-in, tonal values, the visual understanding of the world we live as it applies to drawing, rendering techniques in pencil and charcoal.

Landscape Painting
WKS-5051-C1 • $155
6/11 – 7/16 • Tue, 1–3:30pm
Instructor: Naomi Klavun
Explore and interpret the glories of the Berkshire summer in pastels or pastels or a combination of both media. Learn principles of color and composition, as well as how to plan and develop your original work. We will work outdoors as much as weather permits, with indoor studio available. All levels welcome.

Nature Inspired Poetry
WKS-2059-C1 • $180
6/12 – 7/3 • Wed, 2–3:30pm
Instructor: Naomi Klavun
Explore your own unique, poetic voice. Learn how to use effectively different styles, forms and structures and how to play with symbols and metaphors to create original and expressive poems.

Abstract Expression
WKS-5052-C1 • $155
6/13 – 7/25 • Thur, 1–3:30pm
Instructor: Naomi Klavun
Explore the process of creating a painting through exercises in spontaneous mark making and gestures. Experiment with dynamic movement, shape and color relationships. Develop inner direction in expressing your individual concept and feeling. Experience the process, and feeling the joy of being in the creative moment. Open to all levels.

Intro to Brazilian Portuguese
WKS-2079-C1 • $160
6/4 – 7/22 • Tue, 2–4pm
Instructor: Tarisio Ramos Dos Santos
An introduction to Brazilian Portuguese through culinary, music and basic dialogue for those dreaming to visit my native country, Brazil.

Pencil & Charcoal Technique
WKS-5055-C1 • $250
6/5 – 8/7 • Wed, 5:30–8pm
Instructor: Robert Walkins
The fundamentals of drawing—this course is designed so that no matter what your skill you will learn how to improve those skills. Subjects to be covered are: composition, the initial block-in, tonal values, the visual understanding of the world we live as it applies to drawing, rendering techniques in pencil and charcoal.

Sculpture
WKS-2504-C1 • $185
6/3 – 7/8 • Mon, 9:30am–12:30pm
Instructor: Erika Crofut
This class focuses on the opportunities and choices possible when making a piece of sculpture, whether constructing a piece of personal history through use of memories, or an abstract piece. There will be opportunity to experiment with the use of text, images, texture, man-made and natural found objects. No previous art experience necessary.

Sketchbook Skills
WKS-2505-C1 • $185
6/3 – 7/8 • Mon, 5–5:45pm
Instructor: Erika Crofut
Grasp the fundamentals of the most useful studio tool, a sketchbook. We will explore drawing from observation, photographic sources, memory, and from abstract thought to help strengthen your creative base. The idea is to learn how to look (or should it say “see”)? Whether you’re a seasoned painter, a beginning sculptor, or a “doodler” this fun workshop is an opportunity to get past the fear of the blank page. Materials list provided.

WKS-4621-C1 • $255
6/29 – 7/4 • Mon-Thu, 10am–4pm
Instructor: Pat Hough
Offered in cooperation with Berkshire Film & Media Collaborative for students ages 15–19. Young filmmakers will experience what it is like to work on a real movie crew from creation of an idea to the final edit of the project, and produce a high quality short film championed in every aspect by everyone in the group. On the final night, parents, friends, and the public are invited to attend the debut including Q&A with the filmmakers. Each participant receives a copy of the film. Early drop-off and late pick-up available by arrangement with the instructor.

WKS-4629-C1 • $325
6/13 – 7/25 • Thur, 1–3:30pm
Instructor: Erika Crofut
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Instructor: Naomi Klavun
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WKS-5053-C1 • $180
6/12 – 7/3 • Wed, 2–3:30pm
Instructor: Naomi Klavun
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WKS-5054-C1 • $180
6/13 – 7/25 • Thur, 1–3:30pm
Instructor: Naomi Klavun
Explore the process of creating a painting through exercises in spontaneous mark making and gestures. Experiment with dynamic movement, shape and color relationships. Develop inner direction in expressing your individual concept and feeling. Experience the process, and feeling the joy of being in the creative moment. Open to all levels.

WKS-5055-C1 • $250
6/5 – 8/7 • Wed, 5:30–8pm
Instructor: Robert Walkins
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WKS-9520-C2 • $175
7/11 • Thur, 6–8pm
Instructor: Joseph Smeal
Our Italian excursion will take us from Trentino Alto Adige in the north, to Sicily at the tip of the boot, with many classic stops along the way. We’ll help to simplify the tongue-twisting terminology while pleasing your palate with some of the world’s most food friendly wines. Recommended prerequisite: Intro to Wine class. Must be 21 years of age with valid ID.

WKS-9520-C1 • $725
7/11 • Thur, 6–8pm
Instructor: Joseph Smeal
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