



Smith Survival Guide



Originally written by WFI interns and published in 2005 under the title “Things I Wish I’d Known When I Came to Smith,” this guide was created by Smith students for Smith students.

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GETTING TO KNOW SMITH

Ada Comstock Handbook

www.smith.edu/sites/default/files/media/Documents/Ada_Comstock_Handbook_2016-17.pdf

Though the Ada handbook has some information applicable only to Adas, it does have a lot of useful information for all Smithies, such as information about Smith traditions, downtown Northampton, area shopping, and more. We didn't think it necessary to repeat everything here.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

The one on-campus ATM is located on the Garden Level of the Campus Center and is operated by UMass Five College Federal Credit Union. You may be charged a fee for using the machine.

Auxiliary Services

www.smith.edu/copyprint/

Located at 40 Green Street. Full-service copying and digital printing; Smith and other business cards for students; design, layout, and desktop publishing support. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed daily from 1 to 2 p.m. Phone: 413-585-2600

Bicycle Kitchen

<https://sophia.smith.edu/blog/bikekitchen/>

Learn how to care for your bike during Bike Fix'n Fridays. Don't have your own? Rent one for the Semester – just \$20. Look for them on Facebook.

The Botanic Garden

www.smith.edu/garden/

Sometimes you just need to stop and smell the roses! The Botanic Garden incorporates the study of plants into the academic live of the College. You can visit the Lyman Conservatory, the Campus Arboretum, and any one of the many outdoor gardens.

**“Making friends outside your house
is a good idea” – Smithie, 2015**

Box Office

www.smith.edu/smitharts/boxoffice.php

Information about theatre, dance and music production can be found here. Discount tickets are generally available for all students.

Campus Center (CC)

www.smith.edu/ose/campus_center.php

Student mailboxes, TV lounge, playroom (with pool and air hockey), the Grécourt bookstore, café, Office of Student Engagement (OSE), and the Student Government Association (SGA) office are located in the Campus Center. Students can send out UPS, Federal Express and other services through the mailroom. There is also a Resource Room where students can make banners, posters, etc. for the student orgs to which they belong.

- *Cafe Menu:* www.smith.edu/diningservices/cafe_menus.php
- *Daily Specials:* x2233
- *Grécourt Bookstore:* x4140
- *Information Desk:* x4801
- *Mailroom:* x4156
- *OSE:* x2639
- *SGA:* x4950

Center for the Environment, Ecological Design & Sustainability (CEEDS)

www.smith.edu/ceeds/

Located on the Garden Level of Wright Hall. CEEDS help students do well at integrating knowledge throughout the disciplines in support of environmental decisions and action.

Center for Media Production (CMP)

www.smith.edu/its/ets/media.php

Located in Henshaw Complex. CMP offers support for video and audio production. Also, has over 30 digital video and still cameras, minidisc recorders and production support gear available for free rental with your OneCard.

Class Dean's Office

www.smith.edu/about-smith/class-deans

See your class dean to discuss course selection and registration,

grades, credit shortages, choosing a major, study abroad, honors, summer school credit, leaves of absence or any other academic questions. You can make an appointment or drop in during your dean's open hours:

- *First Years*: Jane Stangl (x4910)
M: 10:30a-Noon; Th: 1:30-3p
- *Sophomores*: Andrea Rossi-Reder (x4930)
M: 2-3:30p; Th: 2:30-3:30p; F: 10:30-11:30a
- *Juniors*: Tina Wildhagen (x4930)
W: 10a-Noon; Th: 1:30-2:30p
- *Seniors*: Danielle Carr Ramdath (x4920)
M: 9:30-11a; T: 11a-Noon; F: 9:30-10:30a

**“I wish I had known how to stay on
track for major requirements, etc.”
– Smithie, 2016**

Computer Centers

www.smith.edu/its/facilities/student_computer_centers.html

All student computer centers are equipped with Windows and Macintosh computers and laser printers. The Technology Learning Commons also offers scanning stations.

Unstaffed Computer Centers: Washburn House and King House

Other Access Locations: Campus Center; Young Science Library;
Hillyer Art Library; Josten Performing Arts Library

Technology Learning Commons: Seelye B8; Staffed: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; 24 Hour Access via doors facing Seelye Lawn (Smith ID required)

Computer Store

<https://www.smith.edu/its/computerstore/>

Provides all your computer and accessory needs at educational prices. Check out their Back to School packages and make sure you have the correct Smith approved software.

First Year Experience (FYE)

www.smith.edu/student-life/new-students

The First-Year Experience program introduces new Smithies to the academic, cultural, social and residential life of college. Programs include bus trips to the mall, rock climbing with the Smith Outdoor Program, Wellness 101 and many more programs and special activities. Look for information about **Quest: The Breakfast Edition** – a scavenger hunt sponsored by the CIEC and Design Thinking Initiative for the FYE program.

“Everyone is miserable at first, so don’t be afraid to go out on a limb and introduce yourself!” – Smithie, 2015

Foreign Language Lunches

Weekly gatherings for students who want to use and improve their language skills. Faculty/students groups meet at Noon in Duckett House as follows:

Chinese – Wednesday, Dining Room C

French – Mondays, Dining Room B

German – Tuesdays, Dining Room B

Hebrew – Tuesdays, Dining Room A

Italian – Mondays, Dining Room A

Japanese – Mondays, Dining Room C

Korean – Fridays, Dining Room A

Russian – Thursdays, Dining Room A

Spanish/Portuguese – Wednesdays, Dining Room A/B

Grécourt Bookstore

www.bkstr.com/smithstore/home/en

The bookstore sells new and used textbooks, school supplies, book bags, and sportswear.

Information Technology Services (ITS)

www.smith.edu/its

ITS provides Smith students, faculty, administration and staff with all the tech support they need. Download needed software or take online training to sharpen the tools in your technological toolbox.

- Help Desk: x4487
- Online learning: www.lynda.com
(need to access through the Smith portal)
- Technology & Resource Advisor (TARA)
www.smith.edu/tara

Jacobson Center for Writing, Teaching and Learning

www.smith.edu/jacobsoncenter/

Offers workshops on time management and study skills. Peer writing assistants and student tutors for all subjects are generally available by appointment or drop-ins.

**“I wish I had known that everyone
makes use of tutors, not just
students who are behind.”
– Smithie, 2015**

Jandon Center for Community Engagement

www.smith.edu/academics/jandon-center

Located in Wright Hall. The Jandon Center works to provide Smith students and faculty the opportunity to practice community engagement by doing social change projects.

JobX

<https://smith.studentemployment.ngwebsolutions.com/JobX-FindAJob.aspx>

Need to find a job on campus? You can find a listing of all available positions and submit your application right on the site. Note: most positions outside of Dining Services are not open to first-year students.

Kahn Liberal Arts Institute

www.smith.edu/kahninstitute/

Sophomores and juniors are invited at the beginning of the Spring semester to apply for on-campus student research fellowships (which pay students a bi-weekly stipend). Research must be tied to a yearlong project that the Institute supports.

Lazarus Center for Career Development (CDO)

www.smith.edu/cdo/

Offers workshops and appointments to help you draft your resume and cover letters, and bolster your interviewing skills.

CORQ App

www.corqapp.com/

An app that pinpoints more than 130,000 college and university events from over 250 campuses across the US. You can search Smith events by the type of event, whether food will be served, or if there are other freebies. Best: you can create a co-curricular transcript of all your activities attended during your Smith years (definitely a helpful tool when it comes time to create a resume).

Conway Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center (CIEC)

www.smith.edu/academics/ciec

Located at 146 Elm Street. The CIEC hosts and facilitates a slate of programs and activities focused on creative thinking, problem solving, interdisciplinary teamwork and development of business and entrepreneurial skills. The learn & lunch personal finance series (with lunch provided) is designed to help every student regardless of major take charge of their money while in college and beyond. Students can also gain practical experience in the areas of consulting, business, finance and entrepreneurship by joining the Consulting Club, Smithies in Business, the Smith College Investment Club, Startup Smith or SmiTHrift.

Disability Services

www.smith.edu/about-smith/disability-services

Provides support and accommodations for any student with a documented need. Also provides information regarding local resources for testing and other services not provided by Smith.

Emergency | Special Funding

<https://www.smith.edu/doc/funding.php>

The Dean of the College has funds available for students who face an unexpected emergency, need assistance purchasing textbooks, or needs fund to be able to participate in special programs. There are also discretionary funds administered by various departments, centers, programs across the campus. Find the one to fit your needs and how to apply: www.smith.edu/doc/funding_discretionary.php

The CDO also administers the Praxis program that provides funds to students who take unpaid internships.

“The CDO is an incredible opportunity to network with alums, improve your resume, and your future!” – Smithie, 2014

Lewis Global Studies Center

www.smith.edu/world/index.php

Located in Wright Hall, this center is home to the Offices for International Study and for International Students and Scholars. If you want information about studying abroad or are an international student in need of support, call them at x7598.

- International Students and Study Abroad
Walk-in hours: every T-Th, 2:30-4p
- American Studies Diploma Program
Walk-in hours: Mondays, 3-5p

Libraries

www.smith.edu/libraries/

Young Science Library in Bass will serve as the main library during the years of the Neilson Library renovation. Visit the website to find out at which library location materials for your courses have been put on reserve.

Lounges with Vending Machines

Bass Hall; McConnell Foyer; Mendenhall (The Gamut); Seelye Hall (Basement)

Maker Spaces

Smith provides students with the opportunity to explore their own creativity. Stop by the different maker spaces on campus:

- Prototyping Studio
<http://smithiesdesign.com/prototyping-in-capen-annex/>
- Imaging Center
<https://sophia.smith.edu/blog/imagingcenter/>
- Center for Design and Fabrication
www.science.smith.edu/cdf/

Office of Multicultural Affairs

www.smith.edu/about-smith/offices/offices-oma

This office strives to create a strong sense of community among students of color while helping them to navigate the diverse cultures of the Smith community.

Office of Student Engagement (OSE)

www.smith.edu/ose/

This office is committed to helping students make intentional decisions about their involvement, both in and out of the classroom, for a more meaningful Smith experience.

“There are numerous opportunities to be involved with organizations on campus that can help improve leadership skills.” – Smithie, 2015

OneCard

www.smith.edu/its/onecard/

The OneCard Office (located in Stoddard Hall) accepts either cash or checks for CampusCash accounts T-F between 1:30-3:30p.m. Cash-only deposit machines to CampusCash can also be made at Wright Hall; and the lower level of the CC.

Poetry Center

www.smith.edu/poetrycenter/wp/

Located in Wright Hall. The Poetry Center serves as a beacon for students, staff and faculty to enjoy different poetry readings throughout the academic year.

Resource Center for Sexuality and Gender

www.smith.edu/ose/rcsg.php

Located in the basement of Wesley House, the Center provides a safe space to discuss gender and sexuality, access resources and borrow reading material from the lending library.

Schacht Center for Health and Wellness

www.smith.edu/health/

Located at 21 Belmont Avenue healthcare and counseling services are available for all students. Through the Pelham

Medical Service, students can receive comprehensive medical services:

- Counseling: x2840
- Schedule a medical appointment: x2811
- Speak with a nurse: x2813
- After-hours: x1260

Smith Alumnae Association

https://alumnae.smith.edu/cms/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/clubs_booklet_final.pdf

Smith College Clubs provide alumnae with opportunities to socialize and stay informed about what's happening at the college. The clubs also want to provide support to current students. Check out the listing of the more than 100 active clubs and connect with the club operating in or near your hometown.

Smith College Museum of Art

www.smith.edu/artmuseum

Visit the museum for Free Fun Friday, Night at the Museum and much more.

Smith Outdoor Adventure Program

<http://smithpioneers.com/sports/2017/1/31/smith-college-outdoor-adventure.aspx?path=outadv>

A student life program that promotes lifelong fitness and wellness through a variety of outdoor adventure pursuits:

- Rock Climbing | Hiking | Backpacking
- Canoeing | Kayaking | Whitewater Rafting
- Skiing | Snowboarding | Snowshoeing | Ice Skating
- Excursions during Interterm and Spring Break
- Wilderness First Aid | Outdoor Leadership Training

Smith Radio – WOZQ 91.9

<https://sophia.smith.edu/wozq/>

WOZQ is the student-run radio station. It offers a forum for students to receive and pass information, listen to great music and engage in cultural exchange. Students are able to apply to have a show on the station.

Smith Social Network

<https://smith.campuslabs.com/engage/>

The Social Network allows students to connect with all organizations and centers on campus. It also helps students remain up to date with up coming events all around the campus.

Spinelli Center for Quantitative Learning

www.smith.edu/qlc/tutoring.html

Offers tutoring, workshops, and class study sessions outside the regular classroom. The center is located in Seelye 307. The Center is open from 9:00am-9:00pm. Be sure to check the website for the different tutoring schedules!

“Getting involved and taking advantage of lectures and workshops tends to improve your GPA. Going to the QLC and Jacobson Center really can help!” – Smithie, 2008

Student Affairs Office

www.smith.edu/sao/index.php

Student Affairs is comprised of many departments — the dean of students/associate dean of the college, counseling services, first-year student programs, medical services, student engagement, residence life, and wellness — designed to help every student on their self-discovery journey while at Smith.

Student Financial Services

www.smith.edu/about-smith/sfs/financial-aid

Smith makes every effort to meet fully the need, as calculated by the college, of all admitted students. SFS also offers financial advice to help all families manage the cost of college, regardless of whether you qualify for aid.

The Design Thinking Initiative

www.smith.edu/design-thinking/

The program brings eminent design thinkers to campus to facilitate dialogue about how gender, power and ability shape design. The program also provides students with a maker space: Prototyping Studio: <http://smithiesdesign.com/prototyping-in-capen-annex/>

The Smith Student Aid Society (SSAS)

www.smith.edu/ssas/grants.php

A separate philanthropic organization, may be able to provide some help with medical emergencies and other unexpected needs. "Beyond Smith" provides up to \$400 to help seniors with expenses related to job interviews, registration fees for graduate school, etc.

**"I wish I had known that you
can appeal for more aid." –
Smithie, 2016**

Unity Organizations

www.smith.edu/about-smith/diversity/cultural-organizations-spaces

The cultural organizations that make up the Unity umbrella serve as a network of support for their members. Here is a list of active orgs:

- Asian Students' Association (ASA)
- Black Students' Alliance (BSA)
- Chinese Interregional Student Cultural Org (CISCO)
- South Asia Student Association of Smith (EKTA)
- Indigenous Smith Students and Allies (ISSA)
- International Students' Organization (ISO)
- Korean Students Association (KSA)
- Multiethnic Interracial Smith College (MISC)
- Nosotras (Latina/o students)
- Smith African and Caribbean Students' Association (SACSA)
- Vietnamese Students' Association (VSA)

These orgs share meeting and workroom space in Unity House and the Mwangi Cultural Center. To get in contact with any of them, join the Smith Social Network.

Wurtele Center for Work & Life

www.smith.edu/cwl/index.php

Located on the third floor of Clark Hall. The Center motivates students to gain a greater understanding of themselves while finding their passions and exploring their own capacities.



PREPARING FOR CLASSES

- Textbooks for courses are listed on the Grécourt Bookshop web site in advance, and you can compare prices for books elsewhere.
- Attend classes before purchasing your books. Some class texts posted on the Grécourt list might become optional/ recommended texts once you attend class. If you buy books from Grécourt you can return them if you have a receipt.
- Used textbooks are usually cheaper and often in excellent condition, so don't be afraid to try used. But be sure you are buying the exact edition that your professor requires.
- The library is an excellent resource, especially for books you rarely use. Check the syllabus to see how often you will use any certain book...if it's not often, try the library.
- Many professors will put required books on "Reserve" at the library. If you check the book out at the end of the evening, you are able to keep it until the next morning.
- If you sell books back after classes are over, compare buyback prices at different stores and web sites first. Selling directly to other students or swapping may also be a good deal.

THE FIVE-COLLEGES

Main Information

Five College Consortium

www.fivecolleges.edu

Amherst College

www.amherst.edu/

Hampshire College

www.hampshire.edu/

Mount Holyoke College

www.mtholyoke.edu/

UMass –Amherst

www.umass.edu/

**“I wish I’d known that
five college courses are
a major resource!” –
Smithie, 2015**

GETTING AROUND

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA)

www.pvta.com/

The inter-campus buses are run by PVTA. The Smith bus stop is located on Elm Street in front of John M. Green (JMG) hall. Bus stops on the other campuses are:

- B43 Route (Northampton/Hadley/Amherst)
www.pvta.com/schedules/B43.pdf
Stops at the Hampshire Mall (near JC Penny); **Amherst College** on the corner of Boltwood Walk/Route 9; and **UMass** at Haigis Mall
- B39 Route (Smith/Hampshire/Mt. Holyoke)
www.pvta.com/schedules/Rt39.pdf
Stops at **Hampshire College** In front of Johnson Library; and **Mount Holyoke** at Stone Shelter (Route 116)

Peter Pan Bus Lines

800.343.9999 | www.peterpanbus.com

For transportation to Boston, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island.

Valley Transporter

800.872.8752 | www.valleytransporter.com

For transportation between campus and the Springfield Amtrak station or Bradley Airport (Hartford, CT).

Zipcar Program

www.zipcar.com

Offers use of a vehicle for as little as one hour up to an entire weekend to students 18 years or older who qualify for a Zipcar membership. Membership starts as low as \$7/month.

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Northampton - Music

- **The Academy of Music**
www.aomtheatre.com/
- **Iron Horse**
www.ihcg.com/iron_horse_main.asp
- **Calvin Theatre**
www.ihcg.com/calvin_theater_main.asp

Student activities, parties and performances

<https://smith.campuslabs.com/engage/events>

Volunteer

www.smith.edu/academics/jandon-center/community-service

UMass Fine Arts Center

<https://fac.umass.edu/Online/default.asp>

The Fine Arts Center connects audiences with artists from around the world exposing all generations to the wonders of the arts. With five performing arts programs, two galleries, and a museum, the UMass Fine Arts Center is one of the most comprehensive art centers in Western Massachusetts.

Free Activities

You can find information about most events on the Smith Social Network, E*Digest, and the Smith Calendar. Following are just a few things you can do:

- Check the Scott Gym bulletin board for maps of Local running/walking trails.
- Enjoy an evening of stargazing at the McConnell Rooftop Observatory.
- The Student Event Committee (SEC) shows movies in Wright Hall each week throughout the semester.
- *Smith To Do* offers free DIY programs every Saturday night.
- There are many lunchtime lectures at Smith (with lunch provided at most).
- Visit museums around the area (free passes through Forbes Library)
- *Get Fit Smith* offers free fitness classes:
www.smithpioneers.com/sports/2010/9/27/GEN_0927103914.aspx

For events happening around the Pioneer Valley check out free newspapers that can be found online:

- Daily Hampshire Gazette: www.gazettenet.com/
- The Valley Advocate: <http://valleyadvocate.com/>

MONEY TIPS

7 Tips for Bargain Hunting

1. Look for free sources or possibilities of renting, bartering or borrowing.
2. Consider used or second hand resources. Check out the FB page Free & for Sale to find great items at great prices!
3. Look for local bargains.
4. Larger stores and online retailers sometimes offer discounts.
5. Always compare prices.
6. Always ask about student discounts, especially at bookstores, movie theaters, travel/tourism, restaurants and retail chains.
7. Look online or around campus for coupons and sale papers before making purchases. Check out:

- www.salescircular.com/
- www.coupon.com
- www.fatwallet.com
- www.retailmenot.com
- www.ebates.com

You can also download apps — such as Groupon, PriceGrabber and ShopKick — that have great deals with excellent shipping perks. An *AmazonPrime* membership (offered to students at a discount) gets you free two day shipping all year!

“Try not to buy Smith gear when you first arrive, wait until later in the semester when prices drop.” – Smithie, 2017

Making Money

- Find a campus job on the student employment website: <https://smith.studentemployment.ngwebsolutions.com/JobXFindAJob.aspx>
- UMass Amherst research labs often need participants for their research studies, and often pay a flat or hourly rate for the length of time the study takes.
- There are many off-campus jobs/local academic year internships but you’ll have to take some initiative to find them, e.g., if you’re interested in pursuing a law degree after graduation, contact the Law Library at the Northampton District Court.

Practical Banking

Most banks offer mobile and online banking, free of charge. Comparison shop to make sure you have chosen the best bank and account that suits your needs. Be sure to save bank statements for 5-7yrs in case the IRS audits your tax returns.

Financial Organization

- Keep Your Personal Information Safe:
Store your personal information like passport, social security card, and passwords to your accounts private in a lockbox.

Never throw away papers with private information on them without shredding them first.

- **Monitor and Report Identity Theft:**
If you are a victim of identity theft report it to the police immediately. Contact your creditors to cancel all impacted accounts.
- **File your bills:**
Review your bills monthly for accuracy. Be sure to keep your past, present and future bills in one folder (on your computer or hardcopy) to help maintain timely payments and records.

Financing Your Education

- Fellowships are a great way to earn money to help with college expenses like tuition and books by doing research on topics that suit your interests. Fellowship awards range from \$1,000-\$20,000 and full tuition payments per recipient. For a list of fellowships and their requirements: www.smith.edu/fellowships/
- Use loans as a last resort. The interest rates on loans can sometimes seem deceiving and will accrue very fast. It can take up to 30 years to repay student loan debt. If you absolutely must take out a student loan make sure to review it carefully and do a comparative analysis of what is offered. Student Financial Services can help you determine the best loan to suit your needs.

Insurance

- Make sure your car, health, dental, and housing insurance are all up to date while attending school.
- If you are living off campus make sure to get renter's insurance. Personal possessions can be insured for qualifying students living on campus (for more information contact ResLife).
- If you have a car, make sure to have car insurance and make your payments on time.



BRAVING THE COLD

Tips for You

- The air temperature does not have to be below freezing for someone to experience hypothermia or frostbite. Keep all skin covered when wind chill is a factor.
- Avoid drinking caffeine or alcohol if you suspect hypothermia or frostbite. Instead drink warm fluids like hot cider, hot chocolate or soup.
- Wear several layers of lighter clothing instead of one heavy layer. This way you can better regulate your temperature
- Keep yourself dry, both from the weather and perspiration.
- Wear loose fitting clothing, to optimize insulation
- Remember, wool retains most of its insulation properties when wet, while cotton does not.
- Athletic shoes and nylon hiking boots do not provide enough insulation. You should wear either mukluks, water proofed leather hiking boots, rubber overshoes or rubber boots.
- Waterproof your leather hiking boots with the appropriate commercial treatment. Check the care tag that came with the boots.

- If you choose to wear rubber boots, remember they do not allow for ventilation. Felt inserts may help to insulate.
- Wear a pair of cotton and a pair of wool socks to increase insulation and take the perspiration away from your feet.
- Mittens are warmer than gloves.
- Wear a scarf to protect your neck.
- Bring earmuffs, they'll be helpful in keeping you warm.
- Wear a hat, preferably one that covers your ears, most heat loss is through the head.

Tips for Your Car

- Keep an emergency "kit" in your trunk (suggestions: snow shovel, extra gloves, blanket, jug of water, non-perishable food, flares, jumper cables, chains and first aid supplies).
- If your car locks freeze use de-icer or use some rubbing alcohol. Water, including hot water, will just refreeze.
- To prevent skidding do not make sudden movements or slam on your brakes/gas. Keep a good distance from other drivers.
- Have a long-handled scraper and brush for your car. Those 4 inch ones are only good for frozen rain and ice.
- Keep some sand or cat litter in a bag and a large piece of cardboard in the trunk of your car...they'll provide traction if you get stuck.
- Listen to WHMP, AM 400 for the local info on school closings and weather info. The city tows cars parked on the street when there is a snow emergency. When the college declares an emergency, you have to move your car to the Stables on West Street/Route 66. If you park in a college lot during a snow emergency, your car will be towed.

**Foul Weather Information
Call x4636 to get information about
Smith class cancelations
or office closings**

ABOUT THE CIEC

The Jill Ker Conway Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center (CIEC) builds on the programming of Smith's Women and Financial Independence initiative. The Center is an intellectual hub where students receive the tools to think expansively and develop innovative solutions to pressing problems. The CIEC hosts and facilitates a slate of programs and activities focused on creative thinking, problem solving, interdisciplinary teamwork, and the development of business, personal finance, and entrepreneurial skills.

Courses - Registration required

- *ACC233 - Financial Accounting*
Spring 2018, 4 credits
- *GFX100 - Introduction to Global Financial Markets*
Fall 2017, 1 credit
Thursdays; 12-12:50p.m.; McConnell 103
GFX100 is the gateway course for the Global Financial Institutions Concentration (GFIC). This course is designed to provide an overview of the structure of the financial system and its role in the global economy. Faculty, industry professionals and leading scholars in the field will deliver weekly lectures. **Lunch is provided.**
- *IDP 155 - Introduction to Innovation*
Fall 2017 (first-half only), 1 credit
Thursdays; 7 - 10p.m.; Hillyer Hall 320
Students will learn about and gain immediate experience with entrepreneurial innovation by developing ideas, projects and "start-ups" using the lean launch methodology. This is a fast paced, project-based, hands on, course using the Business Model Canvas tool, aspects of design thinking, engaged practice with presentations ("the pitch"), developing clear value propositions, and understanding customer segments and markets.

- *IDP 156 - Entrepreneurship in Practice*
Fall 2017 (second half only), 1 credit
Thursdays; 7 - 10p.m.; Hillyer Hall 320

Utilizing a case-study approach, including cases that teams developed in IDP155 as well as cases provided by the instructors, students will learn about business and organization finance models, presenting ideas in the pitch format, and planning, testing, and developing ideas, projects, businesses and organizations. *It is strongly recommended (but not required) that students take IDP 155 prior to taking this course.*

Learn & Lunch - No registration required

- *Financing Life*
Fall 2017 - 7 weeks beginning September 19
Tuesdays; 12-12:50p.m.; Campus Center

It's never too soon or too late to start thinking about your financial future. Professor Randy Bartlett will introduce you to the essentials of personal finance and what you need to know to take charge of your money. Topics include credit cards and debt management, taxes, home ownership, insurance, and saving for retirement. ***Lunch is provided.***

- *Principles of Investing*
Spring 2018 - 7 weeks beginning February 9
Thursdays; 12-12:50p.m.

More accurately called "stocks and bonds," Professor Roger Kaufman introduces students, faculty and staff to the fundamental concepts of investing, including differentiation between stocks and bonds; mutual funds, ETFs and index funds; the importance of portfolio diversification; and approaches to asset allocation.

Student Organizations Sponsored by CIEC

- Consulting Club
- Green Hanger (formerly SmiTHrift)
- Smith College Investing Club
- Smithies in Business
- StartUp Smith

CONWAY INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

The Jill Ker Conway Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center
146 Elm Street | Smith College | Northampton, MA 01063
Tel: 413.585.3653 | Fax: 413.585.3655 | Web: www.smith.edu/ciec

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