
Hillsdale Hostel

2026



The joy is in the learning!



HILLSDALE COLLEGE



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“Each lecture was packed with compelling information and insight.”

—BOB W. | CALIFORNIA

An all-inclusive luxury educational vacation that will exceed your expectations!

Imagine a vacation where you can experience the joy of college learning, attending lectures by Hillsdale College professors who are experts in their fields. In the evening when classes are done, make new friends as you and your fellow classmates and professors continue your conversations at relaxing cocktail receptions and delicious dinners. Enjoy recreation or relax in the comfort of your hotel room during your free time. And when your learning vacation comes to an end, chances are that you'll eagerly make plans to come back next year!



“Accommodations and meals were excellent!”

—BILL M. | ARIZONA

Hillsdale College professors are at the heart of the Hillsdale Hostels.

They love what they teach, and their enthusiasm for their subjects is contagious! At the end of each seminar, you will leave with a strong understanding of the topic, as well as the confidence to speak to others about what you've learned.



“Professors are top-notch, brim-full of information and enthusiasm.”

—NANCY S. | OHIO

Included in the price— learning, recreation, and relaxation!

Prepare to be pampered by attentive staff at one of our three locations.



Main Campus

HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN

- Sixteen lectures by Hillsdale College professors throughout the week; four lectures at Mini-Hostels
- Delicious catered meals
- Private luxury accommodations on campus
- Evening Q&A with professors
- Group excursion to a regional attraction
- Entertainment and cocktail receptions
- Recreation and activities



The Rockwell Lake Lodge

LUTHER, MICHIGAN

- Six 90-minute lectures by Hillsdale College professors
- Catered meals and cocktail parties
- On-site luxury suite accommodations
- Guided pontoon tour of Rockwell Lake
- Recreation, activities, and entertainment



The Kirby Center

WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Six lectures by Hillsdale College professors
- Catered meals and cocktail parties
- Accommodations at an area hotel
- Shuttle service to and from hotel
- Group excursion to area attraction



2026 Schedule

April 15-18, 2026	The American Revolution Kirby Center
May 15-18, 2026	Historical Issues and Controversies Rockwell Lake Lodge
June 7-9, 2026	The American Founding <i>Mini-Hostel*</i> Main Campus
June 10-12, 2026	The American Founding <i>Mini-Hostel*</i> Main Campus
June 21-27, 2026	Constitutional Issues and Controversies Main Campus
June 21-27, 2026	The Great Conversation in Western Literature Main Campus
July 12-18, 2026	The Civil War Main Campus
July 12-18, 2026	Economic Theories and Controversies Main Campus
July 26-August 1, 2026	Making of Today's America Main Campus
July 26-August 1, 2026	History of Christianity Main Campus
August 7-10, 2026	Historical Issues and Controversies Rockwell Lake Lodge
August 11-14, 2026	Historical Issues and Controversies Rockwell Lake Lodge
August 15-18, 2026	Historical Issues and Controversies Rockwell Lake Lodge
October 21-24, 2026	American Presidents Kirby Center

**Mini-Hostels* offer a shorter format than traditional Hillsdale Hostels.



“The company of like-minded attendees is a wonderful treat.”

—LINDA S. | VIRGINIA



The American Revolution

APRIL 15-18, 2026

KIRBY CENTER | \$1,199 PER PERSON*

On July 4, 1776, America declared its independence from Great Britain. This act marked the culmination of a debate over the nature and purpose of just government that began in the early 1760s and would lead eventually to the surrender of the British at Yorktown in 1781. Held at Hillsdale's **Kirby Center in Washington, D.C.**, this seminar will consider the key principles and major figures and events of the American Revolution.

HOSTEL DESCRIPTIONS



Historical Issues and Controversies

MAY 15-18, 2026

ALSO OFFERED IN AUGUST!

See page 17 for August dates.

ROCKWELL LAKE LODGE | \$849 PER PERSON*

Held at the College's **Rockwell Lake Lodge in Luther, Michigan**, this seminar will consider historical issues and controversies since the turn of the 20th century, including constitutionalism vs. statism, affirmative action, education, and terrorism.

*Rate is based on double occupancy.



“We learned so much, had a lot of fun, and made new friends!”

—LORI S. | ARIZONA



The American Founding *Mini-Hostel*

JUNE 7-9, 2026
JUNE 10-12, 2026

HILLSDALE CAMPUS | \$849 PER PERSON*

On July 4, 1776, America declared its independence from Great Britain, appealing to the universal and timeless ideas of natural law, equality, rights, and consent to justify the revolution. These ideas informed the writing of the Constitution of 1787, which established a governmental structure designed to secure the freedom of the American people. This Hostel will consider the American Founding through an examination of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and key writings of leading Founders.



The Great Conversation in Western Literature

JUNE 21-27, 2026

HILLSDALE CAMPUS | \$1,199 PER PERSON*

Great literature reflects and shapes the character of a civilization and of its citizens. Thus Homer was called the “schoolteacher of the Greeks.” Who have been the schoolteachers of America, and more generally, of the citizens of the West? This seminar will examine the great conversation in Western literature, beginning in ancient Greece and Rome and continuing through Renaissance Europe, Elizabethan England, and the United States.



Constitutional Issues and Controversies

JUNE 21-27, 2026

HILLSDALE CAMPUS | \$1,199 PER PERSON*

For 237 years, the American Constitution has served as a bulwark of limited government. Over the last century, its authority has been challenged by proponents of progressivism. This seminar will contrast the Founders’ view with the progressive view of topics such as the family, civil rights, free speech, foreign policy, and religious liberty.



The Civil War

JULY 12-18, 2026

HILLSDALE CAMPUS | \$1,199 PER PERSON*

The principal cause of the Civil War, fought from 1861 to 1865, was the crisis over slavery, which had its roots in the American Founding. This seminar will consider the Founders on slavery, the “positive good” school, the rise of sectionalism, the secession controversy, the statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln, the Constitution in wartime, and Reconstruction.



Economic Theories and Controversies

JULY 12-18, 2026

HILLSDALE CAMPUS | \$1,199 PER PERSON*

The idea that the free market is the best way to arrange the exchange of goods and services in a free society, an idea embraced by the American Founders, is not without controversy. This seminar will consider the theories of free market economics, theories that oppose the free market, and important economic controversies of the 20th century and of today.



“A superb experience on every level.”

—AMY W. | ARIZONA



Making of Today's America

JULY 26-AUGUST 1, 2026

HILLSDALE CAMPUS | \$1,199 PER PERSON*

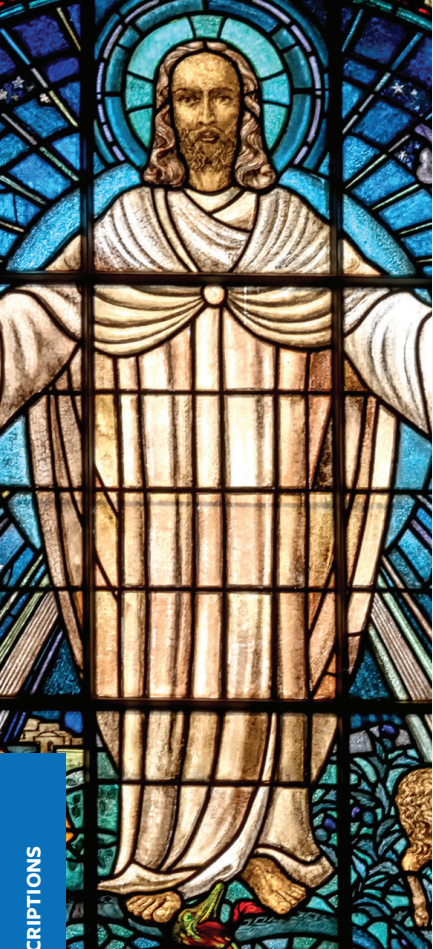
Over the course of the 20th century, the federal government grew dramatically, as did divisions in American political and social life. Abroad, America emerged as the world's greatest power, fighting and winning two World Wars and a Cold War. This seminar will consider the major political and historical developments and events of the previous century, including the rise of progressivism, liberalism, and the administrative state and the revolutions of the 1960s.



“Stimulating and memorable!”

—JANE B. | CALIFORNIA

*Rate is based on double occupancy.



History of Christianity

JULY 26-AUGUST 1, 2026

HILLSDALE CAMPUS | \$1,199 PER PERSON*

Christianity is over 2,000 years old, with theological roots stretching back to the time of the ancient Hebrews. Despite widespread persecution, Christianity spread quickly and has had a profound impact on the development of Western Civilization. This seminar will consider the history of Christianity, beginning with the early Church and continuing through the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Enlightenment, and into the modern world.



American Presidents

OCTOBER 21-24, 2026

KIRBY CENTER | \$1,199 PER PERSON*

Beginning with George Washington, America has had several significant presidents over the course of its history, including Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, and Ronald Reagan. Held at Hillsdale's Kirby Center in Washington, D.C., this seminar will consider the achievements of these presidents, including especially how their administrations marked a continuation or a repudiation of the American Founders' constitutionalism, as well as their lasting impact on American politics.

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-NANCY P. | FLORIDA

**Rate is based on double occupancy.*

MAIN CAMPUS

Hillsdale College Campus

HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN

Spend a week on the beautiful Hillsdale College campus. Classes, meals, and activities are just steps away from your extraordinary accommodations at our on-campus hotel. Recreation options include the College's Olympic-size pool and modern fitness facilities, the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center, and hiking and biking trails.

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE

\$1199 PER PERSON WEEKLONG HOSTELS

\$849 PER PERSON MINI-HOSTELS

Rate is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy and commuter rates are also available.



NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Rockwell Lake Lodge

LUTHER, MICHIGAN

Escape to northern Michigan for a learning retreat! Located on the grounds of Hillsdale's G.H. Gordon Biological Station, the Rockwell Lake Lodge offers luxurious accommodations and gourmet dining in a pristine, natural setting. Study with our distinguished professors in the comfort of the Lodge, and then enjoy boating on Rockwell Lake or hiking on the property's many trails. After a full day of learning and recreation, unwind by the firepit with your fellow classmates.

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE

\$849 PER PERSON

Rate is for double occupancy only.



Guest suite at the Dow Hotel on the campus of Hillsdale College



Guest suite at the Rockwell Lake Lodge

HILLSDALE'S D.C. CAMPUS

The Kirby Center

WASHINGTON, D.C. CAMPUS

The Kirby Center is located on Hillsdale's campus in Washington, D.C. In addition to lectures at the Kirby Center, you'll enjoy a group tour of a Washington landmark, museum, or historical site. Shuttle service is provided between the Kirby Center and the hotel. Take advantage of the special room rate and arrive a day early or stay for an extra day to take in the many attractions in our nation's capital on your own time.

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE

\$1199 PER PERSON

*Rate is based on double occupancy.
Single occupancy and commuter rates
are also available.*

*Accommodations are included at
an area hotel, and complimentary
shuttle service is provided.*

HOW TO SIGN UP

Reserve your place today!

**Hillsdale Hostels fill up quickly, so
reserve your place by signing up today!**

To sign up, please visit hillsdale.edu/hostel,
or contact:

Peggy Youngs

Senior Director of Lifelong Learning

(888) 886-1174 | hostel@hillsdale.edu

\$250 non-refundable deposit required



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