

2026 Minds @ Work Master Schedule

Morning Presentations				
Time	Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Faculty Sponsor	Room
8:30 AM	<i>Effect of Popular Acne Treatments on Common Acne-Causing Bacteria</i>	Kacy Connolly*	Dr. Justin Pruneski	Frost (Bareis 204)
9:00 AM	<i>Eating Disorders and Substance Use Disorders: A Perception Study</i>	Ella Wank	Dr. Virginia Gregg	Adams 101
9:00 AM	<i>Deferred Contracts and Accrual Accounting: Managing Revenue and Expense Recognition</i>	Logan Franz	Prof. Douglas Woods	Adams 104
9:00 AM	<i>Inside the Mind of an Athlete: Alcohol Usage and Perceived Effects on Athletic Performance</i>	Sara Chilton	Dr. Brandon Gallimore	Adams 201
9:00 AM	<i>Effects of Soccer Kick Biomechanics on Ball Velocity</i>	Lacey Fickes, Olivia Wallace	Dr. Morgan Kocher	Adams 204
9:00 AM	<i>The Impact of Anxiety on University Students</i>	Grace Dohanyos, Constance Nye, Abby Snide	Dr. Ryan Musgrave	Bareis 310
9:00 AM	<i>Survey of Oncogenic Mutations in Wistar Rat Ovaries</i>	Grant McMaster*	Dr. Noel Mano	Frost (Bareis 204)
9:30 AM	<i>Electrospinning a Nitric Oxide Patch Utilizing Nitric Oxide Synthase and Arginine</i>	Kacy Connolly, Sarah Grosse, Emma Rettig, Abigail Stine	Dr. Nathaniel Beres	Adams 101
9:30 AM	<i>The Anatomy of Accounting Scandals: Causes, Consequences, and Regulatory Responses</i>	Kyle Vesely	Prof. Douglas Woods	Adams 104
9:30 AM	<i>Power & People: 6 Governments, 6 Lives - The Global Human Rights Divide</i>	Benjamin Weber	Dr. Marc O'Reilly	Adams 201
9:30 AM	<i>Spotlight on STUNT: Injury Prevention</i>	Jada M. Harvey	Dr. Ryan Musgrave	Adams 204
9:30 AM	<i>The Association of Writers and Writing Programs English Trip 2026</i>	Dr. Desirae Matherly, Rowan Gill, Emily Garberich, Kenzie Bowling, Jay Blanco		Bareis 310
9:30 AM	<i>Characterization of Honey in Northwest Ohio: an Investigation of its Contents</i>	Tyler Fields, Riley Mullin, Alicia Gomez, Delanie Buxton, Ella Calvin, Cassandra Connare, Elizabeth Mayer	Dr. Brandon Van Ness	Frost (Bareis 204)

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10:00 AM	<i>His Prices Were Insane—And So Were the Books: The Crazy Eddie Fraud and the Auditing Wake-Up Call</i>	Amelia Harness-Koehnle	Prof. Douglas Woods	Adams 101
10:00 AM	<i>DNA Extraction and Characterization of Local Maple Trees</i>	Emma Rettig	Dr. Noel Mano	Adams 104
10:00 AM	<i>The Effects of Undergraduate Decision Making</i>	Jaislynn Woodall	Dr. Virginia Gregg	Adams 201
10:00 AM	<i>Is it Beneficial for Students of the Arts to Attend Conferences and Workshops?</i>	Bailey Grizzell	Prof. Karla Kash	Adams 204
10:00 AM	<i>The Relationship Between Muscle Fatigue and Power Production</i>	Vanessa Shanaman, Miranda Tyack	Dr. Morgan Kocher	Bareis 310
10:00 AM	<i>Characterization of Honey in Northwest Ohio: an Investigation of its Contents (Part 2)</i>	Riley Elliott* , Mikael Paulson, Hassen Faraj, Cody Thomas	Dr. Bandon Van Ness	Frost (Bareis 204)
10:30 AM	<i>One of the Ways the Rich Get Richer</i>	Avery Reagan	Prof. Douglas Woods	Adams 101
10:30 AM	<i>Using a Podcast to Expose Students to Current Research, Professional Development, and the Diversity of the Field of Microbiology</i>	Dr. Justin Pruneski		Adams 104
10:30 AM	<i>Correlation Between Handgrip Strength and Different Handgrip Fatigue Measurements: Handgrip Fatigue, Dead Hang, and Flexed Arm Hang</i>	Kaitlyn Uffman, Trenton Hole	Dr. Morgan Kocher	Adams 201
10:30 AM	<i>Bravo and Encore! A History of the Performing Arts at Heidelberg 1850–2025</i>	Cameron Gaietto	Dr. Matthew Kennedy, Dr. David Hogan, Dr. Marc O'Reilly	Bareis 310
10:30 AM	<i>The Use of the Association of Writers & Writing Programs to a Student</i>	Rowan Gill*	Dr. Desirae Matherly	Frost (Bareis 204)
Poster Presentations				
Time	Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Faculty Sponsor	Room
12:30 PM	<i>Determining the Substrate Specificity of Creatine Kinase: A Model Comparing Self-Made and Commercial Grade Samples of Creatine</i>	Logan Streacker	Dr. Brandon Van Ness	Campus Center 120
12:30 PM	<i>Effect of Popular Acne Treatments on Common Acne-Causing</i>	Kacy Connolly	Dr. Justin Pruneski	Campus Center 120

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	<i>Bacteria</i>			
12:30 PM	<i>Survey of Oncogenic Mutations in Wistar Rat Ovaries</i>	Grant McMaster	Dr. Noel Mano	Campus Center 120
12:30 PM	<i>Welcoming All Student Voices into Laurie Halse Anderson's "Speak"</i>	Hannah Rios Alyssa Kordish	Dr. Michele Castleman	Campus Center 120
12:30 PM	<i>Molecular and Genomic Insights into Antibiotic Resistance</i>	Olivia Raubenolt	Dr. Justin Pruneski Dr. Noel Mano	Campus Center 120
12:30 PM	<i>Seneca County Victims Advocacy Internship</i>	Zion Pinnell	Dr. Virginia Gregg	Campus Center 120
12:30 PM	<i>Art Therapy for Substance Use Disorder</i>	Crystal Nye	Dr. Virginia Gregg	Campus Center 120
12:30 PM	<i>The Effect of a Yin Yoga Program on Flexibility and Range of Motion in Division III Baseball Players</i>	Jack McKelley	Dr. Ryan Musgrave	Campus Center 120
12:30 PM	<i>Comparing Reaction Times Between Male and Female Athletes</i>	Dylan Thomas	Dr. Ryan Musgrave	Campus Center 120
12:30 PM	<i>Music and Cognitive Performance: The Impact of Listening Conditions on Simple, Moderate, and Complex Tasks</i>	Syana Sivongsak	Dr. Ryan Musgrave	Campus Center 120
12:30 PM	<i>More Than Chores: Classroom Jobs as a Model for Student Autonomy and Leadership</i>	Maggie Joyce	Dr. Stacey Pistorova	Campus Center 120
Afternoon Presentations				
Time	Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Faculty Sponsor	Room
1:30 PM	<i>Readings from Creative Writers in Heidelberg's English Program</i>	Arcane Bigler, Cecilia Groth, Jasper Chapman, Kelseigh Holman, Ryleigh Gorman	Dr. Desirae Matherly	Adams 101
1:30 PM	<i>Wasteful Spending and Financial Reporting in Olympic Host Cities</i>	Carter Pleiman	Prof. Douglas Woods	Adams 104
1:30 PM	<i>Can Sour Candy Alleviate Pre-Competition Anxiety in National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Student-Athletes?</i>	Emily Davis	Dr. Brandon Gallimore	Bareis 310
1:30 PM	<i>DNA Quantification of Pork Samples to Mock Body Decomposition</i>	Taylor Jackson	Dr. Noel Mano	Frost (Bareis 204)
2:00 PM	<i>Private Equity and the Future of Public Accounting: Financial Performance, Ethical Tensions, and Regulatory Implications</i>	Matthew Kittle	Prof. Douglas Woods	Adams 101

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2:00 PM	<i>Not Just Another Number: The Stories of the Faces Behind the Movements</i>	Zion Pinell	Dr. Julie O'Reilly	Adams 104
2:00 PM	<i>Spontaneous Genomic Variation in Lab-Grown Cultures of Common Duckweed (Lemna minor)</i>	Dr. Noel Mano		Adams 201
2:00 PM	<i>Persuasive Speech about Medical Misinformation on Social Media</i>	Grant McMaster	Dan Higgins	Bareis 310
2:00 PM	<i>Understanding Menopause: Knowledge and Perceptions of Menopausal Stages and Symptoms</i>	Brigid Enright	Dr. Jena Suffel	Frost (Bareis 204)
2:00 PM	<i>The Hidden Philosophy of Dramaturgy: An Overview of Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass</i>	Mack Ludwig	Prof. Karla Kash	Gundlach
2:30 PM	<i>Financial Oversight and Internal Controls in NIL Collectives</i>	Max Gutmann	Prof. Douglas Woods	Adams 101
2:30 PM	<i>Effect of Exercises on Memory Capabilities</i>	Xander Middleton	Dr. Ryan Musgrave	Adams 104
2:30 PM	<i>Out with the Old, in with the New: Heidelberg's 1st Biennial New Music and Symposium</i>	Cameron Gaietto, Sarah Jewell	Dr. Matthew Kennedy	Adams 201
2:30 PM	<i>Culturing Microbes from Decomposing Pork</i>	Jodie Hellickson	Dr. Noel Mano	Bareis 310
2:30 PM	<i>The Effects of Beta-Alanine Supplementation on Muscular Endurance in Previously Trained Individuals</i>	Conor Sukel, Kris Williams	Dr. Morgan Kocher	Frost (Bareis 204)
2:30 PM	<i>"No One is Alone": Collective Care and Accountability in Into the Woods"</i>	Becca Young, Prof. Karla Kash		Gundlach
3:00 PM	<i>Breaking Through Barriers: Providing Equitable Access to Supports for Children in the Music Classroom</i>	Sarah Jewell	Dr. Dawn Henry	Adams 201
3:00 PM	<i>A Peek Into the Woods</i>	Prof. Karla Kash, with Dr. Gregory Ramsdell and the Cast of Into the Woods		Gundlach