Summer Course Offerings

Each summer many Calvin students choose to take courses at other institutions and transfer the credit to Calvin. In addition, there are many students in the Greater Grand Rapids area who need specific courses to “catch up” in their degree programs. Naturally, we would like students to take summer courses at Calvin. To that end, the college has identified a number of ways to attract more students to summer courses here:

1. **Competitive pricing.** The new price of $520 per credit hour for summer 2019 is competitive with many area institutions.

2. **High-demand course offerings.** We would like to offer core courses that most often are transferred to Calvin from other institutions, including courses in the categories of Arts, History of the West and the World, Literature, Philosophical Foundations, and Spanish (either 201–202 or 203). We would like to offer courses that have been popular in previous years as well as courses that would be suitable for Entrada Scholars during the traditional third summer session.

3. **Varied delivery methods.** With approval, courses may be taught on campus or online, as lectures or labs, standard or flipped, or a hybrid of any of these. Online courses are particularly popular with students, and some resources are available for course development.

4. **Innovative course schedules.**
   
   *Evening*
   
   Full summer: May 20 – August 26, one evening per week for 14 sessions
   
   1st half summer: May 20 – July 9, two evenings per week for 14 sessions
   
   2nd half summer: July 10 – August 26, two evenings per week for 14 sessions

   *Traditional*
   
   Session 1: May 21 - June 11 (3 sem hrs) or June 18 (4 sem hrs)
   
   Session 2: June 19 - July 10 (3 sem hrs) or July 17 (4 sem hrs)
   
   Session 3: July 22 - August 9 (3 sem hrs)

The academic deans need to establish the summer 2019 course list by December 15, 2018. Department chairs will receive planning guidelines by email soon. Any questions can be directed to Todd Dornbos, associate dean for curriculum and planning; Todd would also be happy to receive any additional creative ideas.

*Arlene Hoogewerf, academic dean*

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**From the Faculty Activity Reports**


- **David Noe** (Classics), “Bidvvm Magistrorum” (workshop leader, Spoken Latin Conference for Latin Teachers from the Southwest, Fort Worth TX, September 2018).

- **Frans van Liere** (History), “The Medieval History of Christian Hebrew Scholarship Pre-modern Bibles: From the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Complutensian Polyglot Bible” (lecture, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, October 25, 2018).

Be sure to [fill out](#) your Faculty Activity Reports regularly. If you have questions, see the [FAQ page](#).
WRITE NIGHT

Please invite your students to participate in WRITE NIGHT, this Wednesday, November 14, where they will be motivated by cupcakes, prizes, and the support of other writers. Over 200 students attended last spring to work on term papers, reports, application essays, and creative writing projects. All writers are welcome 7:00 p.m.–12:00 midnight. Faculty are encouraged to hold office hours during this event. Please contact Karen Saupe for more information and to reserve an office or study room.

Coming Up on Campus (Check the campus calendar for a full list of events)

Monday, November 12
- Chapel. Joella Ranaivoson, “I AM: the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25).” 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Conversation with Jamie Smith (Philosophy) and Nick Wolterstorff, “Acting Liturgically: Philosophical Reflections on Religious Practice.” 7:00 p.m., Chapel
- Sexuality Series. Porn Panel, “Let’s Talk.” 7:00 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall

Tuesday, November 13
- Chapel. Taizé with Karen Saupe and Stacey Wieland. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- The 4:04 gathering. Jesse Holcomb (English and CAS). 4:04 p.m., Hekman Library, 3rd floor

Wednesday, November 14
- Chapel. Hymn sing. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Psychology lecture. Rebecca Hirt (Wycliffe Bible Translators), “Mental Health Needs of Cross Cultural Workers.” 3:30 p.m., SB 334
- WRITE NIGHT. 7:00 p.m., Hekman Library

Thursday, November 15
- Chapel. Sounds of Latino worship, with Rodrigo Cano. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- President’s Coffee. 12:00 noon (refreshments at 11:30 a.m.), Chapel
- Suicide prevention training (QPR). RSVP to counseling@calvin.edu or 616-526-6123. 3:30 p.m., Commons Annex Lecture Hall
- Mathematics and Statistics colloquium. Sarah Klanderman (MSU) and David Klanderman (Math and Statistics), “Harry Potter and Higher Dimensions” 3:40 p.m., NH 276
- Nursing seminar. Student and research assistant presentations. 5:00 p.m., SB 110

Friday, November 16
- Chapel. Gospel choir. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Biology seminar. Renier Velez-Cruz (Midwestern U.), “Targeting Chromatin Remodeling Complexes to Improve Cancer Therapy.” 1:30 p.m., SB 010
- GEO seminar. Ralph Stearley, “History of the GEO Department.” 3:30 p.m., NH 078
- GEO retirement reception for Ralph Stearley. 4:30 p.m., Dice Museum, North Hall