

NEW ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR 2007-2008

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Muskingum College is now offering courses connected as a Learning Community! There will be one community offered in the fall semester, and one offered in the spring semester. Below are some basic questions you may have about enrolling in a Learning Community. At the end of this page, you will see a web site you can go to for more information on the two communities we are offering for the coming year. If you decide you're interested in enrolling, please contact, by calling or e-mailing, Leigh Williamson at (740)826-8035 or leighw@muskingum.edu. Space is limited, and will be considered on a first come basis, so be sure to let us know so you can be scheduled in the connected classes **BEFORE** Muskie Preview begins on May 15th.

What is a Learning Community?

Academic learning communities are classes that are integrated or linked during an academic term, often around a specific interdisciplinary theme, and enroll a common group of students. Students enrolled in communities offered this year will have linked, or clustered classes, and will consist of a common cohort of students in each of the linked classes. The faculty of each of these linked classes will plan the program collaboratively around their theme.

Why should I be in a Learning Community?

Participation in a learning community is designed to promote academic achievement, increase student involvement and motivation, and enhance student intellectual and personal development. Students involved in learning communities tend to develop more of a responsibility for their own learning, while also gaining the skills of working with others in the community as a team of academic peers. In addition, faculty involved in this collaborative effort are highly motivated, and are better able to monitor student academic progress because they are working together with the same students. Finally, learning communities are fun! They offer an experience of cohesiveness that can't necessarily be duplicated in a regular classroom environment.

***Additional bonus: You will already be pre-enrolled for several courses, even before registration begins!

What Learning Communities are available for the coming year?

At the bottom of this flyer is a web site address for you to view brochures about the communities offered in the coming academic year. One community is titled "*People in the World*," and combines IDIS 100 (First Year Seminar, which is required of all incoming students), POLS 131 (Introduction to World Politics, which fulfills the Social Foundations section of the LAE requirements), and GEOL 111 (Environmental Geology, which fulfills one of the Scientific Understanding requirement of the LAE). This community is offered during the fall 2007 semester only. The community offered during the spring 2008 semester links IDIS 150 (Arts & Humanities, which is required of all students), and ENGL 123 (Masterpieces of Literature, which fulfills the Western Heritage b section of the LAE). It is titled "*What's so great about Western Culture?*"

How do I enroll in a Learning Community at Muskingum College for the coming year?

If you are interested in one of these two learning communities, please e-mail Leigh Williamson at leighw@muskingum.edu or call (740)826-8035 **BEFORE** the first Mukie Preview begins on May 15th. Again, enrollment space is limited, and we plan to enroll students in the appropriate courses prior to the beginning of the Muskie Preview days.

For additional information, contact Leigh Williamson at the e-mail and phone listed above, and to read the brochures for each Learning Community, go to the following web site:

<http://www.muskingum.edu/home/academicaffairs/learningcommunities.html>