



Summer Honors 2023 Courses

Morning (9:00-11:00 a.m.)

By the Renewing of Your Mind: Worship, Imagination, and the Christian Life

Instructor: Jared Wielfaert, PhD & Lorinda Roberts, PhD

How does our worship shape our desires? And how do our desires shape our character? Does worship end at church? Or does worship continue into the everyday world of workplaces, classrooms, sports arenas, cinemas, and shopping malls? This course applies to the Christian life insights drawn from the work of James K. A. Smith, author of *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*. Students will actively examine and reflect upon ways in which society and culture shape our affections on a daily basis. Each class will acquaint students with a new spiritual discipline intended to form our affections toward Christ.

Doing Business with the Sharks

Instructor: Dewayne Thompson, DBA

The course is designed as an experiment in entrepreneurship. Students select teammates and subsequently develop a business plan for an original product or service. The components of the business plan and the importance of researching customer needs and wants will be presented. Students must develop a “pitch” to a panel of judges who decide the merit of the business plan.

Igniting the World for Change: The Bible, Transformational Teaching, and You

Instructors: Jason Robinson, EdD, & Justin Walker, PhD

Who said learning can't be fun? Exciting experiments, engaging demonstrations, and enriching discussions will occur throughout the course. The class will employ a variety of techniques to excite and engage students in the classroom setting. During the first week of class, we will examine the American classroom and discuss various strategies for teaching/learning that have been beneficial and those that must be changed. During the second week of class, we'll examine the idea of change and discuss events that changed the world, events that changed the nation, and events that change the individual.

Lessons from Leaders: Ancient to Contemporary

Instructor: Louis Morgan, PhD

Location: Squires Library

This course allows students to glean from the writings and examples of selected Christian leaders from the beginning of Christianity to the present day and highlight such leaders as Jesus, John Wesley, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King Jr., Mary McLeod Bethune, C. S. Lewis, and Shane Claiborne. Students will reflect how they can apply the lessons learned in their personal spiritual formation and broader community influence. Class instruction will be facilitated through videos, lectures, brief readings, and group discussions.

How Stuff Works: The Physical World

Instructor: Anthony Minutolo, MS

A high-level look at how the world works through the lens of Sir Isaac Newton and His Laws of Motion. Utilizing experimentation, we will explore the connections between Mathematics and Physics and how the intentional design of our God set our world in motion. It is through these connections and that same desire to create that engineers today are designing solutions to problems all around the world.

Transforming Communities through Service

Instructor: William Lamb, PhD

Together we will explore the benevolent practices of Jesus along with the good will of humanity. Using theoretical and practical application models, we will map out our own communities to identify areas of need. This class will provide you with resources to step into chaos to bring about transformation.

You, Us, and Disney+

Instructor: Jennifer Thomas, PhD & Susan Ashcraft, PhD

Why do people behave and think the way that they do? How are individuals connected to larger social forces? These are key questions that the social sciences of psychology and sociology seek to explain. This course introduces foundational theories in these disciplines and illustrates them using popular content on Disney+. Students will extend their knowledge by applying the concepts to their lives and the world around them.

Afternoon (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

Ancient/Future Worship: How the Bible, Culture, and Personalities Affect the Worship Music of the Postmodern Era

Instructor: Randy Sheeks, DMA & Cameron Weatherford, DMA

This course is intended to introduce biblical and theological foundations of music in worship, and review, discuss, and perform current worship music. Students will discuss the importance of music and culture, and how music communicates messages within cultural contexts.

Disaster Health and Survival: When Others Run Out, We Run In

Instructor: Jake Fast, MBA, MEd

When disaster strikes, the natural inclination for many is to get away from the emergent situation as quickly as possible to avoid potential danger. For others, it is understood that only during the worst of circumstances can the most significant help be offered, and these individuals are willing to run into the chaos to assist those in need. This course will explore the fundamental skills and knowledge for health and survival in times of disaster to best prepare students to run into disaster while others run out.

Emerge: Knowing Yourself and Writing a Better Story

Instructor: Brittany Gates, MS & Alex Staup, MS

Your college experience will be full of growth, challenge, and transformation. This course combines psychological and student development theories to help students increase self-awareness, understand the development of identity, and move toward change and self-authorship. Thriving in community is rooted in understanding the self and others. Through discussion, lecture, and activities, we will explore practical ways to gain that awareness and move toward growth.

The Film Experience: Understanding Cultural Language through the Cinema

Instructor: Matt Fisher, MFA

The popular arts are the cultural language of Western societies. Perhaps the most preeminent “speech” can be found in motion pictures. This course will examine the history, modes of production, and messages of the film industry. Discussion topics include interpreting meaning, film theory, methods of production, blockbusters, independent cinema, redemption, and cultural impact.

Classical Mythology: Gods, Monsters, and Meta-humans

Instructor: Aaron Johnson, PhD

This course will direct attention to mythological stories that do not receive coverage in any other course at Lee University, from the beautiful to the tragic, from the weird to the violent. In particular, it offers a sustained and forthright investigation of how myths might have arisen and how we might best understand them as a human cultural phenomenon. Thus, special moments in the course will be given to appreciating how

ancient philosophers or historians, on the one hand, and ancient Christian thinkers, on the other, grappled with Greek mythology.

Keeping Secrets Secret: An Introduction to Cryptography

Instructors: Laura Singletary, PhD & Richard Moy, PhD

Throughout history, cryptography has played a crucial role in the outcomes of wars, political endeavors, and royal conspiracies. Pivotal moments from history will set the stage for our exploration of some of the classical methods of message encryption and decryption in cryptography. To explore these methods, we will develop the mathematical tools that are necessary for us to encrypt and decrypt our own secret messages.

Take the Plunge! Exploring how the Multiple Intelligences Reveals the Many Ways You are Smart

Instructor: Deborah Rosenow, EdD

What does programming a robot, creating a piece of artwork, writing a reflective essay, or learning to juggle have in common? Howard Gardner, a well-known educational theorist, stated, "it's not how smart you are that matters, what really counts is how you are smart." This session will focus on exploring the eight intelligences identified in Gardner's MI theory and how God has beautifully designed our minds to understand the world in multiple ways. Participants will engage in activities that develop and demonstrate how our intelligences can be manifested and better understand how to strengthen multiple intelligence growth in others.