



LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Liberal Arts Learning Communities bring together students and faculty to explore interesting academic questions at the start of the students' college experience. When students register for one of the thematic courses described below, they will also be pre-enrolled in a cluster of connected courses in the core curriculum.

ALABAMA STORIES

This learning community introduces new students to the university through stories of others who have inhabited this land with and before them. Students will explore Alabama culture through characters in biography, autobiography, and fiction and in the process find ways to connect their own developing stories with a larger community in Auburn and beyond. (C. Israel)*

CRAFTING THE AUBURN YOU

Writing shapes our lives and identities as we connect and engage both online and on paper. One critical point in (re)shaping identity is entry into college: moving away from home, family, and established peer groups exposes students to new ideas and experiences, sparking change. This learning community will examine how we craft personal and professional identities through communication choices, including how we present ourselves, our willingness to actively listen to new ideas, and our courage in taking a stand and engaging in civic discourse. (S. Youngblood)*

COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM

This learning community focuses on the coursework required to obtain a degree in Communication, Journalism, Media Studies, and Public Relations; the opportunities to get involved in the on-campus student media outlets; and future career paths for each major. It also covers topics to help the adjustment from high school to college by learning about AU resources, study skills, time and money management. (L. McLean)*

PLEASURE, HAPPINESS, AND THE GOOD LIFE

According to a popular thought, a good life is a happy life, and a happy life is a life of pleasure. Is this true? Might your life be good yet unhappy? Might it be happy yet unpleasant? In this course we will try to understand what it is to live well, what it is to be happy, and what it is to undergo pleasure, in order to understand whether and how these central dimensions of human experience are inter-related. (J. Shelley)*

HAMILTON AND THE LIBERAL ARTS

Hamilton: An American Musical has been an explosive cultural phenomenon, capturing wide attention well beyond the relatively small numbers of people who have actually been able to view it. This course will introduce students to college through the lens of this musical, exploring its connections to writing, performance, culture, and history. (Learning Community begins in Fall; Hamilton course will occur in Spring 2018) (S. Stalter-Pace)*

CINEMATIC MIGRATIONS

From Charles Chaplin's *The Immigrant* (1917), immigration has been a recurrent theme in movies from all over the world. This learning community will critically examine several films for a deeper understanding of the patterns, histories, narratives, causes and effects of human migration across the globe. Students enrolled in this course will take steps towards becoming mindful members of the global community as they think and write critically about the timely topic of immigration and its global ramifications. (J. Ogayer)*

COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Community and Civic Engagement Learning Community explores how all disciplines impact society and enrich the human experience. Students will learn about the importance of an active citizenry by learning about how citizens work together to solve issues they encounter. Students will meet upperclassmen with similar interests and will learn the foundation of becoming an active member in the Auburn community both in the classroom and by partnering with local non-profit organizations and schools. (R. Nafte)*

LIFE BEFORE IPHONES

This learning community will explore and discuss what life was like before the advent of modern technology: expectations, connections, outlooks, employment, family life, and world views. What aspects of living today, in a modern technological society, do we have to put aside in order to understand the lives of people before modern times? What do we think is common to all of human existence, regardless of our technological abilities? (M. Kozuh)*

PRE-LAW

The Pre-Law Learning Community is comprised of first-year students from any college or school on campus who have an interest in the pursuit of a law degree (Juris Doctor) upon graduating from Auburn. Students will learn about the law school application process and career opportunities within the legal profession. Students will also learn about and discuss legal issues related to current events and to higher education. Students will learn about academic and personal resources on Auburn's campus, relevant social issues, opportunities for involvement on campus and in the local community, time management, critical thinking skills, study strategies, test preparation, note taking, goal setting, and many other topics and skills vital to college success. (K. Roberts)*

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

The Global Perspectives Learning Community is for students who are interested in exploring other cultures, examining global current events, traveling abroad, or pursuing a career that will place them around the world. All Auburn students are encouraged to have a global experience during their time at Auburn, and this learning community can both offer you that experience and prepare you for other opportunities such as study abroad, alternative breaks, and related academic minors. This learning community is open to students in any major. (J. Irwin)*

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