

Holy Grammar, Batman!

Always Batman's trusty sidekick, Robin frequently blurted random expressions like this during their comic book adventures. But more importantly, why is there a comma after "grammar" in the title? And, is the LC theme a complete sentence? Yes? No? Maybe? By exploring the art and literature of comics and other pop culture outlets, you will gain a deeper understanding of their influence on today's society. This LC is ideal for students who require a firm foundation in grammar mechanics and possess an interest in visual art.

Courses Included:

ENG 0990 Remedial Freshman English (as assigned)

ART 2010 Art Culture and Values

FYS 1000 First Year at Shorter

Faith and Films

"Ben Hur," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "The Passion"... Numerous films portray Biblical stories from different perspectives. Countless more allude to symbolic representations of the Christian faith. These images appear throughout our culture, media and everyday lives. Now is your chance to consider these films as they impact or reflect your own faith. Through this LC, students will analyze the theological themes and the methods of writing of and on various films. So grab the popcorn and the Bible because it's time to press play!

Courses Included:

ENG 1010 Freshman English I

REL 1530 Introduction to Religious Studies: Creed

FYS 1000 First Year at Shorter

See www.shorter.edu/academics/learning_communities.htm for updates, more information, and photos from 2008 LCs.

Letting Justice Roll Down

Movements for social justice have often been motivated by religion, and they have always been accompanied by songs of protest, lament, and encouragement. Students in this LC will examine the Bible and the history of music with an ear tuned to the theme of justice in an unjust world. Service learning projects will also support your individual experience within this theme's context.

Courses Included:

REL 1530 Introduction to Religious Studies: Creed

MUS 2030 Music Appreciation

FYS 1000 First Year at Shorter

Sounds Professional

Ask any working musician – knowledge of music theory and skill in ear training are essential tools for music professionals today. For first-year music majors in Shorter's School of the Arts, the combination of theory, ear training and personal growth will develop a student's professional understanding, attitude and skill. While accommodating the schedule requirements of music majors, this LC will lead you to a greater sense of what it means to be a professional musician.

Courses Included:

MUS 1011 Elementary Theory I

MUS 1012 Elementary Ear Training I

FYS 1000 First Year at Shorter

Concert:
"We're Going to Graceland" LC,
Fall 2008

Begin @ Summit

During our new student orientation session, called Summit, you will begin to discover what awaits you over the next four years! An advisor will work with you to explain academic programs and select your fall semester of classes, hopefully including one of these LCs. Our Student Orientation Staff (SOS) will acquaint you with Shorter's services, activities, and organizations. You will tour the campus, learn about extracurricular activities, and meet administrators and faculty. Don't delay; register for Summit at connect.shorter.edu/summit/pre-registration.php as soon as you pay your deposit.

2009 Summit Dates are:

- July 13
- July 16
- July 20
- July 23
- July 27
- July 30

For more information about Summit, contact Student Support Services at 706-233-7323.



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The
Learning Community
Experience
at Shorter College



Learning Community 101

The Learning Community (LC) Experience at Shorter College allows you to explore an area of personal interest while completing part of your core classes. Tied together with common themes and integrated coursework, LCs build connections – between you and your classmates, you and your professors, you and Shorter College, and, of course, your interests and your class schedule.

LCs at Shorter include three classes during fall semester and a continuation course in spring semester. Your three professors and peer mentor work together to ease your transition to college coursework. An LC is the best way to see how your courses are interconnected right from the start! You will be able to register for an LC during Summit (a.k.a. Shorter's orientation) this summer.



For more information about Learning Communities at Shorter, contact **Mrs. Tracy Batchelor at (706) 233-7340** or **tbatchelor@shorter.edu**.

Mock Presidential Debate:
"This Game Called Politics" LC,
Fall 2008

We're Going to Graceland

It's time to rock'n roll – or more like rock'n rhetoric, religion and society. From Elvis to Beck, rock music is replete with Biblical references, and this LC will work collaboratively to identify, understand and interpret those Biblical allusions. You will examine rhetoric, society and theology through researching songs and analyzing how music reflects popular culture. If you're all about the imagery in rock lyrics, this is the LC for you. Concerts, listening sessions and service learning projects will make the experience music to your ears.

Courses Included:

- ENG 1010** Freshman English I
- REL 1530** Introduction to Religious Studies: Creed
- FYS 1000** First Year at Shorter

Frankenstein, Harry Potter & Friends

To explore the roles of Gothic and contemporary literature and theatrical adaptations of thriller and horror genres in society, this LC will study classics such as Dracula and The Hunchback of Notre Dame along with Twilight, Harry Potter, "Wicked" and "The Shining." Also, the application of theatrical special effects makeup will be used to bring some of these monsters to life. If you're interested in analyzing social monsters, outcasts and inner turmoil, this LC is a good start.

Courses Included:

- ENG 1010** Freshman English I
- THE 2250** Theatre Appreciation
- FYS 1000** First Year at Shorter

The Apprentice

Want to climb the corporate ladder? You'll need to know more than a few business concepts to make it to the top. This LC is the perfect first step. You'll fine-tune communication skills, learn to think critically and analytically before making important decisions, and master important research and computer skills. In addition, you'll compete in an Apprentice-style competition.

Courses Included:

- BUS 2510** Business Computer Applications I
- COM 1010** Oral Communication
- FYS 1000** First Year at Shorter

"My mind isn't as scattered because the theme makes the outside world fit into the classroom assignments."
– Student participant from "The Apprentice" LC, Fall 2008

Out of Africa

The rich and varied cultures of the African continent have left their mark upon nearly every civilization and society the world over. Africans have contributed uniquely and richly to the human mosaic, especially in America. While embracing an appreciation for diversity, you will explore the role and influence Africa has had worldwide, from India, France, South America and the Caribbean, to the United States. This LC includes service learning projects and potential travel to Africa in May 2010.

Courses Included:

- SOC 1010** Introduction to Sociology
- MUS 2030** Music Appreciation
- FYS 1000** First Year at Shorter

Shoot for the Moon

Using NASA's seemingly impossible objective to beat the Russians to the moon as a theme, you will develop written and oral communication skills in this LC that apply to student life and beyond. From studying what it means to be a great leader to analyzing significant writings about the subject – and by applying these concepts to everyday life at Shorter and service learning projects – you will gain incredible experience that teaches you to be a leader, both now and in your future. Travel to NASA's Space Center in Huntsville, Ala., is also being planned.

Courses Included:

- COM 1010** Oral Communication
- ENG 1010** Freshman English I
- FYS 1000** First Year at Shorter

Jerry Maguire

Ever been curious about the real business of sports? If you're addicted to ESPN or constantly balancing team practice within your schedule, this is the LC for you. From the field to the court to the office, the sports industry is a thriving component of many people's daily lives, and the activities and projects of this LC are perfect foundations for potential sports management majors.

Courses Included:

- SPS 1500** Introduction to Sports Studies
- COM 1010** Oral Communication
- FYS 1000** First Year at Shorter

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