



Benedictine Living & Learning Community

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Purpose: To promote an awareness of Benedictine practices and how to demonstrate those practices through everyday life with an intentional living community and joint academic course.

Commitment: Accepted students commit to fully participating in the living community for the entire academic year.

Who is invited to apply: CSB & SJU students who will be sophomores in 2026-27. Rising juniors are also welcome.

Benefits

- Residents live together in intentional community on their respective campus. BLLC housing is finalized before the general housing selection.
- The Benedictine Living & Learning Community course fulfills the Benedictine Raven designation in the Integrations Curriculum.
- Students have opportunities to meet monastics and tour Benedictine-inspired places on campus.

Housing locations

- SJU: Bernard Hall, fourth floor – double rooms, suites, a common lounge space, & kitchen
- CSB: Lottie Hall, first floor – suites with single rooms, a common living space, & kitchen

Application timeline

- Monday, November 17, 2025 – Applications go live <https://forms.csbsju.edu/JV16R3DZRY>
- Monday, November 17 & Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – Information sessions
- Monday, January 26, 2026 – Interviews begin
- Monday, January 26 & Tuesday, January 27, 2026 – Information sessions
- Monday, February 2, 2026 – Priority application deadline
(Last day to apply and be guaranteed an interview)
- Sunday, February 15, 2026 – Applications due by 11:59 p.m.
- Friday, February 27, 2026 – Offers sent out
- Monday, March 2, 2026 – Accepted student meet & greet
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – Decision forms due at noon
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – Alternate spots offered as needed

Course Information

- INTG 103B: *Topics: Benedictine Living & Learning Community*
- Must enroll in 1-credit course listed above for both semesters; a “1-credit with zero billable hours” option may be arranged if you are above a credit cap. Attendance is mandatory.
- Fulfills Benedictine Raven requirement for the Integrations Curriculum
- Class will meet for 55 minutes per week. There will likely be three sections offered: Wednesdays from 8:20-9:15 a.m., Wednesdays from 3:20-4:15 p.m., and Thursdays from 8:20-9:15 a.m. Each section will meet at CSB for the first semester and at SJU for the second semester.
- Instructors: Jessie Bazan and Rodger Narloch with assistance from monastic partners.

Course Description

- The Benedictine Living & Learning Community (BLLC) course provides spiritual, intellectual, and communal support for the Benedictine Living & Learning Communities at CSB and SJU. Students read and discuss *The Rule of Benedict* as well as other texts and videos that expound on how the *Rule* applies to day-to-day life in a community. Students also try out Benedictine practices such as *lectio divina* and monastic prayers of the hours. The emphasis of this course is on developing habits of a Benedictine way of seeing the world and applying that perspective to the community in which they live. To enroll in this course, students must apply for and be accepted into the intentional Benedictine Living & Learning Community on their respective campus.

How will students reflect on the connection between their living experience and their learning?

- Learning is facilitated through regular prayer, classroom discussions, written reflections, campus visits, conversations with monastics, and community-building activities. To support their learning, students read and discuss *The Rule of Benedict* as well as other texts and videos that expound on how the *Rule* applies to day-to-day life in a community.

Monastic Presence

- In addition to interacting with monastics in the classroom, students have the unique opportunity to develop relationships with monks and sisters who spend regular time in the Benedictine Living & Learning Community residential suites. The monastic partners help foster community through common meals, activities, and service projects.

Questions?

- Contact Jessie Bazan, Associate Director of the Benedictine Institute, at jlbazan@csbsju.edu or by stopping by her office in SJU Quad 241.