

Benedictine Living–Learning Community

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Purpose: Promoting an awareness of Benedictine Values and how to demonstrate those values through everyday life with an intentional living community and joint academic course

Commitment: All participants would be making a formal commitment to each other and their living community for a full academic year

Who is invited to apply: CSB & SJU students who will be sophomores in 2023-24, juniors also welcome

Benefits:

- Residents live together as a living-learning community on their respective campus
- Participation in Benedictine Studies coursework for 1 credit each term – this course will fulfill the Benedictine Raven designation in the Integrations Curriculum
- As a community, the residents take some responsibility to educate the greater CSB/SJU community about how students can live Benedictine values in their everyday lives

Housing location:

- SJU: Saint Francis (Frank) Hall, basement - singles with a common living space & kitchen
- CSB: Lottie Hall, first floor - suites with single rooms & a common living space & kitchen

Course Information:

- INTG 103B: *Topics: Benedictine Living & Learning Community*
- Must enroll in 1-credit course listed above each semester; a 0-credit option may be arranged if you are above a credit cap, but attendance at each week's scheduled class is mandatory
- Fulfills Benedictine Raven requirement for the Integrations Curriculum
- Class will meet one hour per week, alternating between campuses
- Instructor: Jessie Bazan with assistance from Sister Christian Morris, OSB, and Brother Aelred Senna, OSB

Course Description:

- The Benedictine Living and Learning Community course will provide intellectual support for the intentional Benedictine Living Community at either CSB or SJU. Students will 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 will also periodically engage in 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. In order to enroll in this course, students must apply for and be accepted into the intentional Benedictine Living Community on their respective campus.

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

- Weekly reading and writing short reflective essays
- A PowerPoint presentation on some aspect of monastic life
- An integrative essay about how this learning has given them insights and a basis for their future adult lives

Monastic Presence:

- In addition to interacting with monastics in the classroom, students will have the unique opportunity to develop a relationship with a monk or a sister who will spend some time each week in the Benedictine Living-Learning Community residential suites. The monastic member will help students cook and share a meal together on special occasions as well as engage in other social events and/or volunteer experiences with the Living-Learning Community residents.

Deadline:

- Monday, February 20, 2023 (current students)
- Monday, June 12, 2023 (transfer students)
- Late considerations...email Catherine Rupp at Crupp001@csbsju.edu

Follow-up:

- If accepted, you will be asked to commit to the program and coursework as well as provide your roommate/housing preference.