From the Dean of Arts & Sciences

General Education at Methodist College: It’s Worth It!

Students often wonder what makes Methodist College’s general education classes unique. “Why would I want to take them here at Methodist and not somewhere else?”

The answer is an easy one, because our general education classes are comprehensive, writing-intensive, applicable, and innovative.

Methodist College approaches courses in Arts and Sciences—also called general education—in a way that is comprehensive. In other words, they are both personal and professional. Our typical class size for general education courses is smaller than most institutions in the area; they do not follow the “lecture hall” mode involving teaching assistants or faculty with impersonal student ratios.

Most Methodist College courses in Arts and Sciences also include 20 or fewer students, which makes the teacher to student ratio much more personal and supportive. Students also have direct access to a dedicated faculty during office hours, advising, and student organizations.

Resulting from the unique focus of Methodist College on Health Care Management and Nursing degrees, general education classes at all levels have a more professional approach that often involves writing and reflecting about health care. While retaining a broad perspective that focuses on key academic abilities (called “Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes”), faculty at Methodist fine-tune their general

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education content to the professions of Nursing and Health Care Management, helping students to see how general studies provides a solid foundation for professional success.

Ok. So what does this look like? One excellent example is ART101. In this class, “Visual and Performing Arts,” students not only study contemporary visual arts but participate in the processes “behind the scene” that are responsible for creating works of art.

Students also participate in art field trips and performance-based activities on and off campus. The purpose of these activities for a dozen or more students is to provide developing Health Care professionals with the experiences they need to recognize the applicability of visual and performing arts in society, as well as their appeal to health care institutions and the communities supporting them.

Another example is HST301, “Suffering and Forgiveness,” an upper-level general education elective to which students have access for one of their two requirements. This innovative course has an international travel option in Romania currently planned for this summer. In this course, students not only ready and discuss critical texts on the human capacity for suffering and forgiveness but also gather personal “field experience” by visiting museums and former prisons/concentration camps.

Want to know more about our current and upcoming Arts and Sciences courses? Check the schedule, talk with your advisor, or give me a call! Room 212 or 309-671-2909

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Methodist College Library!

Methodist College students, faculty, and staff have access to over four-hundred fifty electronic journals through the Library’s Wolters Kluwer Health’s Ovid collection. Wolters Kluwer, is a leading global provider of information, business intelligence and point-of-care solutions for the healthcare industry. Kluwer’s major brands include Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Ovid®, and Up-to-date®.

The College Library e-journals are available online from within the Library module in Sakai, select Ovid, or through www.gateway.ovid. Log-in is username: meth999 password: medical. Select Your Journals @Ovid to search, or select the Journals tab to browse the MC e-journal collection.


The Methodist College Ovid site also contains a collection of electronic books. Select the Books tab and browse the book collection or search by subject. Some notable books in this collection include:

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Parking Lot TIPS:
* Ensure you do not leave your purse or other values visible in your car.
* Hold off on phone calls. Though it might make you feel safer, it actually distracts your attention.
* Have your car keys in hand, ready to put in the lock as you’re walking toward your car.
* Walk out to your car with someone you know and trust, especially when it’s dark.
* Always keep your car locked, whether you’re in it or not.
* Try not to sit in your car in the parking lot. If you must, lock the doors so no one can take you by surprise.
There are an additional 25 parking spaces assigned for Methodist College students. These spaces have been added directly across from the Dream Center, right in line with the assigned Methodist College spaces in the Atrium lot.

Please be sure to park only in the appropriate spaces designated for Methodist College students. To do otherwise will risk having your vehicle towed at your own expense.

Q: How many nurses does it take to screw in a light bulb?
A: None. They just have a nursing student do it.

Q: What’s the difference between Mother Teresa and a nurse?
A: Mother Teresa only has to serve one God.

Methodist College held its first annual Healthcare Career Expo on October 29th with great success. The College greeted 14 employers on its campus in order to connect students to career opportunities, both upon graduation and also to provide opportunities to explore careers while still in school. The event welcomed over 140 students and employers traveled from Minnesota, St. Louis and central Illinois to engage students in job openings. Attendees were thrilled with the variety of employers in attendance as they developed a better understand of what the industry has to offer in terms of career options. Methodist College offered the first hour for its students and alumni and invited area colleges and the community to attend the rest of the event.

Recruiters were impressed with the amount of students they interfaced with as well as the prospects they were able to obtain for open positions. Careers in healthcare in the region are abundant, especially those geared towards community settings and educators. Attendees of the Healthcare Career Expo were able to learn more about Methodist College’s newly launched MSN: Nurse Educator program in order to help fill the shortage of nursing educators.
Giving Tuesday:

Giving Tuesday was held on December 2nd and our students, staff and faculty made quite the impact in our local community. Giving Tuesday inspires personal philanthropy and encourages bigger, better and smarter charitable giving during the holiday season, showing that the world truly gives as good as it gets.

Methodist College sold special t-shirts and old fashioned soda in order to raise funds to benefit the mental health unity at UnityPoint Health – Methodist with the purchase of exercise equipment. Through the MC community’s support, the College raised close to $700 dollars. In addition, Colleen Karn’s ASM class visited Lutheran Hillside Village to spread cheer by delivering slipper socks and lotion to residents in order to share the meaning of Giving Tuesday with the local community we serve.

Center for Student Success

Tutoring, study skills, APA workshops, and more are available to all students in the CSS. The hours are:
Monday—Thursday: 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Having a hard time? Check in with the College Counselor, Ms. Deb Disney.

You can make an appointment by calling her office, emailing her, or just stopping by. And the service is free to students of Methodist College! Her contact information is:

Phone: x5177 on campus
(309/671-5177 off campus).
Office is located in room 606
ddisney@methodistcol.edu

Simulation Learning Center & Learning Resource Center (LRC)

ALL OPEN STUDENT PRACTICE WILL BE HELD IN THE LRC
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Friday
3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

LRC is open 8-4 M-F during breaks and finals week, closed on holidays. Simulation Learning Center is designated for clinical course work. Guided practice will be scheduled throughout the semester in both areas. To schedule appointments outside of posted practice hours please contact:
Chelsea Crum @ 671-2782 ccrum@methodistcol.edu or Melissa Frakes @ 671-2176 mfrakes@methodistcol.edu

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