

Appendix A: Summary of the Liberal Arts in Prison Program, Fall 2009–Spring 2012

The LAPP operates at four Iowa correctional institutions:

- The Newton Correctional Facility (NCF) is a medium-security prison housing approximately 850 inmates. This was the inaugural site for the LAPP, and is the host site for its First Year of College Program.
- The Correctional Release Center (CRC), also located in Newton, is a minimum-security prison housing about 350 men nearing release.
- The Iowa Correctional Institution for Women (ICIW) in Mitchellville is the state's only women's prison and houses about 550 women inmates.
- The Iowa Juvenile Home (IJH) in Toledo is home to approximately 57 youth who were remanded to IJH by the court, some because of a criminal conviction and others because they are wards of the state.

LAPP reaches many residents at these four institutions: about 80 inmates at NCF, or 1 in 10, participate in at least one LAPP class or lecture per semester. About 50 women at ICIW, or nearly 1 in 10, participate in a class or tutoring program. At the IJH last semester Grinnell students tutored 12 youth, or about one in five of those housed there.

Below is a summary of all of the programs we have offered in 2009-2012.

Accredited Program (NCF)

From 2009-2012, we offered 15 courses, for a total of 41 credits.

Courses Taught

Fall 2009

- Literary Analysis, taught by Orville and Mary Patterson Routh Professor of Literature Elizabeth Dobbs (4 credits)

Fall 2010

- Humanities 101, taught by Elizabeth Dobbs (4 credits)
- Introduction to Western Music, taught by Associate Professor of Music Eric McIntyre (4 credits)

Spring 2011

- Environmental History, taught by Assistant Professor of History Michael Guenther (4 credits)
- Literary Analysis, taught by Lecturer in English Carolyn Jacobson
- College Writing, taught by Writing Laboratory Assistant and Lecturer Claire Moisan (1 credit)

First Year of College Program Begins

Summer 2011:

- Introduction to College, taught by Acting Director of the Writing Lab Janet Carl (required prep program; not for credit)

Fall 2011:

- Introduction Latin American Studies, taught by Lecturer in History and Political Science Sara Sanders (4 credits)
- College Writing, taught by Lecturer and Writing Lab Assistant Helyn Wohlwend (2 credits)

Spring 2012:

- Making History: From Europe to America, taught by Professor and President Emeritus George Drake (4 credits)
- Introduction to Statistics, taught by Lecturer and Director of the Math Lab Katherine McClelland (4 credits)
- College Writing, taught by Lecturer and Writing Lab Assistant Helyn Wohlwend (1 credit)

Summer 2012:

- Musicianship, taught by Associate Professor of Music Eric McIntyre (2 credits)
- Oral Communications Skills, taught by Janet Carl (2 credits)
- College Writing, taught by Janet Carl (1 credit)

Looking ahead—fall 2012:

- Introduction to Neuroscience, taught by Patricia A. Johnson Professor of Neuroscience Clark Lindgren (4 credits)
- Making History: 1968 Around the World, taught by Lecturer in History and Political Science Sara Sanders

Faculty Lectures: Between 5-10 professors offer lectures and short courses at NCF each semester.

Sample Topics: Special Relativity; the Gnostic Gospels and the Book of Genesis; Cosmology and the Lives of Stars; Islam and the Media; Franklin's Autobiography; Bollywood and Hollywood; the Ancient Greek Hero

Since fall 2009, professors have offered 40 lectures at NCF.

Student Volunteer Program

The prison program engages a huge number of Grinnell students: *223 students volunteered for at least one semester, or nearly 10% of all students on campus 2009-2012.*

The program regularly sends between 60-80 volunteers to all three prisons and the Iowa Juvenile Home every semester.

Our main volunteer programs include:

- Teaching Courses: Student volunteers design and teach not-for credits courses across the range of liberal study.
Sample topics: Architectural History; Economics and Environmental Challenges; Evolutionary Ethics; American Short Stories; Game Theory; Gender and Women's Studies; Art; and Naming Molecules: Introduction to Chemistry
Since fall 2009, 116 Grinnell student volunteers have taught 86 courses.
- Tutoring Math at NCF: Student volunteers tutor math from addition and subtraction to concepts in advanced physics.
Since fall 2009, 48 students have provided 1000 hours of tutoring.
- Tutoring GED at ICIW: Student volunteers tutor women who are working toward a GED at ICIW.
Since fall 2009, 40 students have provided 512 hours of individual GED tutoring
- Tutoring for the accredited program: Students tutor incarcerated students in math and writing.
Since 2009, 22 students have provided 173 hours of tutoring to men enrolled in the accredited program
- Tutoring at the Iowa Juvenile Home: Students provide individual tutoring to children at IJH
Since last fall, when the program started, 17 students provided 220 hours of tutoring
- Tutoring Women Enrolled in Correspondence Classes at ICIW: students tutor women who take college courses (not from Grinnell) through the mail.
Since fall 2010, 16 students provided 153 hours of tutoring
- Opening Facilities at ICIW students open facilities, like the library and craft room, that ICIW cannot keep open because of staffing shortages.
Since fall 2009, 16 students have spent 170 hours opening facilities at ICIW

Special Events

Between 150 and 200 inmates attend concerts by Grinnell groups at NCF every semester.

- *Orchestra Performances*: Associate Professor of Music Eric McIntyre and the Grinnell Symphony Orchestra offered three concerts at NCF
- *Jazz Band Concert*: Assistant Professor of Music performed once at NCF
- *Grinnell Singers Concert*: Blanche Johnson Professor of Music and the Grinnell Singers performed once at NCF
- *Author visit*: 2009 Pulitzer Prize-winner Paul Harding discussed his book, *Tinkers*, with a group of NCF inmates who had read the book
- *Play Performance*: a group from the Grinnell Area Arts Council performed *Waiting for Godot* at NCF