

HAVE YOU EVER
WANTED TO TRY
a new path?

WHAT IS THE *Hoverter Course* IN THE HUMANITIES?

Has your education had a rough start as a young adult?

- Have you completed high school or a G.E.D. but “higher education” in college seems too intimidating?
- Have your economic circumstances left you feeling cut off from a life of learning, culture and active citizenship you see others enjoying?

Then the Hoverter course in the Humanities is designed just for you.

Sponsored by Messiah College’s Center for Public Humanities and the Perry County Literacy Council, this course in five humanities disciplines (writing, communication, critical/ethical thinking, creative arts and history/civics) provides a bridge experience between high school and college-level learning.

While broadening your cultural and civic awareness, you will also benefit from developing your employment-related skills in writing, critical thinking and communication. And along the way, you will develop in yourself a sense of personal empowerment that can propel you to pursue further formal education and a life of meaningful employment and engaged citizenship.

After completing this kind of humanities studies course, several students have written things like this about their experience:

“Before this course, I never knew I even had a thought process. I guess I just reacted to everything. Now I realize that there are choices out there for me to make for *me* and I’m not afraid to try.”

“Before [this course], school and everything about education felt like prison. I felt so rejected all the time and couldn’t figure out how to get ahead without education, but I always failed. Now I know that those ideas, what education is all about, isn’t owned by just schools and teachers. They can be mine too if I’m interested and if I work at it.”

the
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PUBLIC HUMANITIES



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center/program/public.html](http://messiah.edu/schools/humanities/center/program/public.html)

HOVERTER COURSE IN THE HUMANITIES
Application & schedule

WHO IS *eligible*?

The Hoverter Course in the Humanities provides **FREE, COLLEGE-LEVEL INSTRUCTION** to economically and educationally underserved individuals, 18 to 35 years of age, who are either high school graduates or GED recipients.

- books and articles are provided free
- limited child care and transportation assistance if needed to complete course
- 16 students admitted into the class
- 3 college credits for those who successfully complete the five units

WHAT YOU WILL *study*

Course participants will receive class instruction in five different humanities disciplines over the seven-month period:

- writing
- communication
- critical/ethical thinking
- history/civics
- creative arts

Instructors are experienced college faculty members who have been chosen for their expertise and commitment to working with non-traditional learners.

hours AND location OF THE COURSE

The course will be held at Messiah College's Harrisburg Institute on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6–8:30 p.m., beginning in September and ending in March. The Institute is located at the corner of Dewberry and Blackberry Streets, just south of Strawberry Square in the city of Harrisburg. For directions, see www.messiah.edu/schools/edu_soc_sci/institute.

THE HOVERTER COURSE MAY BE THE RIGHT PATH FOR YOU

If you are looking to get back on track educationally, if you just want to learn more about life in this complicated world, and if you want to develop the kind of skills that are rewarded by employment and career advancement, then consider joining us!

APPLICATION *in*formation

1. Complete the attached application form, along with a one-page supporting essay.
2. Mail your application form with essay to:

Messiah College
Center for Public Humanities
Boyer Hall
P.O. Box 3024
Grantham, PA 17027
717-796-5077

If it's more convenient, you can e-mail the application form information and the essay to jhuffman@messiah.edu

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MAY 15, 2011**

3. You will receive a phone call or letter confirming receipt of your application shortly after submitting it. Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact:

Joseph P. Huffman, Director
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Grantham, PA 17027
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APPLICATION *Form*

NAME: (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (for college transcript purposes) _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

OTHER PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Do you need childcare assistance to attend classes? Y N

If so, how many children? _____

Would you need bus fare or transportation assistance? Y N

If yes, which one _____

EDUCATION

Highest grade completed _____

Are you currently in school? _____

G.E.D. recipient? _____

Working on your G.E.D.? _____

Have you ever attended college? _____

Where and when? _____

Why did you stop? _____

EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING

Skill/Occupation _____

Employed full-time _____ Employed part-time _____

Unemployed _____ Volunteer _____

Enrolled in other programs? Y N

Names of program(s) _____

Please attach a one-page essay with this application form, describing yourself, your interests, why you want to attend the course, how this might fit into your plans for advancing your education and your ability and readiness to commit yourself to a seven-month college program.