

Discover the Wright College Great Books Curriculum

- *Featured* on the front pages of the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*.
 - *Featured* in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
 - *Inspiration* for two hour CCC Town Hall Meeting television shows.
- *Awarded* grants from the *U. S. Dept of Education* and *National Endowment for the Humanities* to help five other colleges develop similar programs.
- A U. S Dept of Education study has shown that Wright students who take three or more Great Books courses will typically increase significantly their reading scores, grade point average and academic growth.



Enjoy Its Benefits *For Free Just by Taking Your Regular Classes.*

- Earn special certification on your transcript to impress college admissions officers.
 - Qualify to have your term papers published.
 - Go to subsidized classical drama field trips. Participate in annual symposia.
- Be better prepared for all your classes through increased cultural literacy and analytic skills.
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The Wright College Great Books Curriculum

Only a tiny fraction of the millions of books ever written have inspired, consoled and changed the lives of people over centuries. For centuries every educated person has been expected to be acquainted with these works.

Why? Because these books are the most beautiful and profound of all. Now a nationally recognized program at Wright College with over 20 professors will take special pains to make sure you can understand and really enjoy the things in these works that have made them so important to mankind. It's called the Great Books Curriculum.

It has been the subject of major news stories pictured above. It is becoming a model for schools across America and you can become a part of this without spending a dime or being put through any complicated procedures.

What Makes It A Great Books Course?

Great Books courses are offered in Astronomy, Biology, English, History, Humanities, Literature, Philosophy, Sociology and Theater. A Great Books course is every bit as transferable and fulfills all the graduation requirements as the equivalent class with the same course number.

The difference, for example, between a regular English 102 and a Great Books 102 class, is that in the Great Books course at least half the reading will be by authors listed in practically every case by the *Encyclopedia Britannica* as the world's most important. To enjoy the benefits, just look for the classes you would normally take and enroll in the one with a the special "9" Great Books designation behind the course number in the course schedule.

That's all there is to it!

What Do I Get Out of It?

Upon earning 12 Great Books credit hours, you will receive on graduation a special *Great Books Track* certification on your college

transcript. When you apply to a four-year institution this evidence of your academic achievement and seriousness as student can help impress admissions officers. Work at a four year college is based on the books in the Great Books Curriculum, so Wright's courses should increase your reading, analytical and cultural literacy skills.

The Great Books Curriculum can make you much better prepared and more confident that you will succeed.

Papers you write in Great Books Curriculum courses qualify for inclusion in our scholarly publication *Symposium* and for nomination for an outstanding scholarship award presented to you at the annual student awards banquet. You also qualify for other activities such as field trips to classical drama productions, personal involvement in a growing Great Books Curriculum theater program as well as participation in school-wide symposia.

Enrollment gives you an opportunity to meet professors and students who share your interest in the Great Books and introduce you to other people who enjoy the life of the mind like you do! Most importantly, the Great Books Curriculum will have you reading and thinking about the same books that people like Shakespeare and Einstein did when they were in your position.

You will be shaped by these books just as they were. And you will be amazed at how your life will be expanded and enriched because you have entered into "conversations" with Great Books authors.

For more information:

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