



CVEC CARRIES ON

Our continuing mission of providing liberal arts courses (in all their variety) to seniors starts with the recognition that we enter our third academic year influenced by Covid-19 and responses thereto. So far, our adjustments—including adding online courses via Zoom software and observing masking and other restrictions in our in-person venues—have supported a healthy curriculum. We are grateful for student and instructor flexibility.

Having reduced class size in Spring 2022 to allow for better social distancing, the Board was delighted to learn in May that enrollment has begun to rebound from the dive we saw back in the Fall of 2020. For at least one more term, the enrollment limit for classes will remain at 15 for both in-person and online courses.

Meanwhile, thanks to Curriculum Director Dan Sullivan and the Curriculum Committee, new instructors and courses continue to be recruited and approved, respectively. This fall's lineup features some new titles, including: "To Infinity and Beyond," taught by Paul Zorn; "Astronomy 101," taught by David Nitz; and "Two Novels by Louis Erdrich," taught by Susan Evans—all three courses and their instructors debut with this term. Other offerings include history, literature, ethics, religion, and science.

A word from the Curriculum Director: This is to urge all students who enroll in CVEC courses to take time at the end to answer our email asking for responses to several questions regarding the course. Most of our instructors will teach again in CVEC and greatly value feedback that will affect how they approach that course and other courses in the future. We share student responses with instructors anonymously. We also ask other questions about the building, classroom and technology; what other courses students would recommend we teach in future; the names of potential CVEC instructors we should try to recruit; and if the class was via Zoom, how did that go? Answers to all of these questions, which we take very seriously, help us to better serve our students in future.

~Carol Rutz, Executive Director