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 Routt 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)
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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)

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- 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