

Welcome to the 2020 Catalyst Program! We are excited for you to come to campus early, get to know other students, faculty and staff, and enjoy your first course at Culver-Stockton College. This will be an excellent opportunity to get a jumpstart on your college education, and we look forward to sharing this experience with you. The program information is listed below, but please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime.

### ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME:

Students are expected to arrive Saturday, August 8 between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Registration will be held in J.E. & L.E Mabee Recreation & Wellness Center. During registration, students will pick up their room key along with Catalyst Program information. Students will move into their regular residence hall room at this time. Following move-in, students will attend their first class and then dine that evening with the Catalyst Program faculty and staff members.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Students will complete three (3) hours of their general education requirements, build critical study skills and learn to transition to college. The class will meet every day and include mandatory study sessions to process the material learned in class. Students may choose ONE of the following four courses:

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#### COM 115: FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH

Being able to address a group is not only a great skill for your college years, it's an essential tool to have in your professional life. This course is designed to help students overcome their hesitations about speaking in front of a group, find their own unique style of speaking, develop their skills and confidence through practice, and learn how to think ahead when considering an audience. The class will use an innovative approach that is interactive and motivational. Students will become confident public speakers in all the future occasions that will demand it. **COM 115 is a required course for every student at C-SC.**



Taught by Heather Keller-Giltner,  
MA, GCDF

Heather Keller-Giltner received B.A. degrees in English and communication from the University of Illinois at Springfield where she also earned her M.A. in English.

She is in the final stages of completing a Ph.D. in Leadership at the University of the Cumberlands, focusing on the way motivational approaches impact student success. Known for her animated teaching style, she enjoys hobbies consistent with her hidden preference for introversion: napping with cats, waking up before most other humans and enjoying tea and coffee in solitude. She and her husband, Scott Giltner, whom she met at C-SC, live in Quincy, IL with their three cats.

## 2 EXP 101: REACTING TO THE PAST

“Reacting to the Past” will introduce you to history in a whole new way. Rather than listen solely to a lecture, you will be immersed in history using lively role-playing games so you can better understand where great ideas originated. Through role-playing these critical moments, first-year students will begin to develop such key skills as critical thinking and writing, public speaking and teamwork. **An EXP 101 course is required of all students at C-SC.**



**Taught by Dr. Scott Giltner**  
Dr. Scott Giltner received his B.A. in history from Hiram College before going on to graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh where he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. Since 2005 he has taught at Culver-Stockton College, where he is Professor of History and Chair of the Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences Division. An environmental historian interested in the intersection of race and subsistence, particularly in post-emancipation societies, Scott is a published author. He lives in Quincy, IL, with his wife Heather Keller-Giltner and their three cats, Gus, Bitsy and Lucy.

## 3 BIO 112: HOW THE BODY WORKS

This is a course designed for students to appreciate the beauty and complexity of the human body. Some fundamental skills of measurement and evaluation will be taught by using different equipment and conducting various tests. Body functions will be studied in daily class activities. **This is a great entrance course for nursing and health science majors. It cannot be used as a science gen-ed for elementary education majors and it cannot be counted toward a major or minor in biology.**



**Taught by Dr. Esa Seegulam**  
Dr. M. Esa Seegulam is from the Caribbean twin-island nation of Trinidad and Tobago. He loves teaching biology courses to majors and non-majors alike and enjoys working with first-generation college students, as he was one when he first came to the U.S. for college in 2002. Dr. Seegulam lives in Canton with his cat Schmutz and spends his free time watching documentaries, cooking and traveling.

## 4 ENG 101: COMPOSITION I

Writing effectively is a skill that will be essential in all of your college classes, as well as in your professional life. ENG 101 will focus on the conventions of academic writing, whether you’re learning the “rules of the rhetorical road” or honing your skills. In this class, students will develop critical reading and writing skills that will both allow them to express themselves effectively and work to master the different genres and styles of writing that will be required in their college courses and beyond. **ENG 101 is a required course for all students at C-SC**



**Taught by Dr. Alissa Burger**  
Dr. Burger completed her B.A. and M.A. in English at the University of Northern Iowa, then completed her Ph.D. in American Culture Studies at Bowling Green State University, with an emphasis in literature and popular culture. She has been at Culver-Stockton since 2016 and is the Chair of the English Department, Director of Retention and Director of Writing Across the Curriculum. She is a published author with a particular focus on Stephen King, the Gothic, and horror in popular culture. She and her husband live in Canton with their four cats.

**COST:** //////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

Total Program cost is \$800.

Costs include:

- One three (3) credit hour course
- Housing (not available to commuters)
- Three (3) meals per day
- Program Activities

Contact Kendall Kirkham in the Student Success Center to see if you qualify for a partial scholarship:

Kendall Kirkham  
kkirkham@culver.edu  
573-288-6000, ext. 6360

**PAYMENT POLICY:** //////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

The cost of the program will be billed to your student account.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** //////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

No adjustment to the tuition charge will be made for drops after Aug. 8, 2020. If a student drops the program before Aug. 21, 2020, the student will be required to move off campus until the official move-in day for the academic year. The last day to withdraw from the program without academic penalty is Aug. 16, 2020, at 5 p.m.

Please fill out the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (student cell phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank your choice of classes from 1 to 4, with 1 being your first choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ BIO 112    \_\_\_\_\_ COM 115    \_\_\_\_\_ ENG 101    \_\_\_\_\_ EXP 101

### 2020 CATALYST EXPECTATIONS AND AGREEMENT FORM

**Disciplinary:** Students are required to abide by all of the policies indicated in the Code of Student Conduct. If a student disregards any of these policies they are subject to disciplinary sanctions that could include being sent home until the official academic year starts (August 24, 2020). If a student is sent home due to disciplinary reasons, and it's after the program drop date, **no adjustments to the tuition charge will be made.**

**Identity Disclosure:** I understand and agree to the above Catalyst Expectations. In addition, I grant Culver-Stockton College, the permission to disclose my identity and to reproduce and distribute videotapes, films, photographs and transparencies of me and sound recordings arising out of documenting the Culver-Stockton College Catalyst Program.

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Student Signature

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Date

**Please send this completed form to:**

Culver-Stockton College  
Catalyst Program: Kendall Kirkham  
One College Hill Box 114  
Canton, MO 63435

or email to [kkirkham@culver.edu](mailto:kkirkham@culver.edu)

A confirmation email will be sent to you once we have received this information.