

Asbury University Launches the Center for the Future of Work

October 25, 2019

Students in Asbury University's Surrendered Class may be graduating in 2023, but their education is preparing them for 2040 and beyond. Asbury has been rolling out special measures to ensure that its students leave prepared to face an ever-changing, global marketplace. Today, the University is proud to announce the latest of these initiatives.

Asbury's Center for the Future of Work (CFW) will prepare students for a largely unforeseeable future labor market.

"The CFW aims to provide rigorous, relevant 21st Century education that uniquely equips our students to navigate the present and future complexities of a dynamic, unpredictable global economy," Asbury President Kevin J. Brown said.

According to Brown, the Center will engage students through self-apptitude testing, critical philosophical and theological reflection, mentoring, service learning and interdisciplinary, application-based courses.

"Through self-discovery, guidance and innovative learning opportunities, these programs will prepare our students to discover and cultivate their passions and talents, and faithfully serve in today's rapidly changing marketplace," Brown said.

The CFW will encourage students to learn through new, creative modalities that marry theory, experience, reflection and community. Course participants will be invited to think and speak theologically about the work they do—what it means to be made in God's image and the implications for our creation, production and commercial activity.

The mission of the CFW is to "further develop an institutional infrastructure to improve liberally educated students' abilities to transition into the complex, global world beyond 2030."

Students will be challenged to cultivate a vision for productive work and become equipped with a set of competencies to meet the demands and opportunities of a largely unknown social, political and economic landscape.

Pilot coursework, beginning in spring 2020, will support the CFW. Students may register for these two new, three-credit courses beginning Monday, October 28.

The two courses that will be offered in pilot are:

- PHL293 Ethics & Ethical Issue Exploration– Dr. Sydney Penner
- BU393 Design-Led Strategic Management: Preparing for a Workplace of Exponential Change– Dr. Mike Kane

PHL293 will feature a study of the major positions and thinkers in the field of ethics and will pay special attention to their relationship with Christian thinking. A lab component of the course will allow students to conduct a supervised exploration of an ethics issue of their choosing. This course may serve as a substitute for PHL231 and fulfill the Foundations philosophy requirement.

BU393 will arm students with the tools to address an ever-changing marketplace. This interactive class will allow students to work in teams to address pressing problems that local organizations are facing, using design thinking methods and strategic management.

BY THE NUMBERS

One

Only U.S. university with a student-conducted police horse training program

Asbury University is the only university in America with a police horse training program conducted by students.

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Top 10

U.S. News Southern Universities

In 2020-21, Asbury is ranked in the Top 10 of the U.S. News Regional (South) Universities top colleges rankings.

AU has been in the Top 15 of various U.S. News rankings for more than a decade.

BY THE NUMBERS

16

Athletic Teams

All of Asbury's 16 athletic teams (plus cheerleading) offer scholarships.

BY THE NUMBERS

No. 1

Christian Social Work Program

Recently, Asbury was named the No. 1-ranked Christian Social Work program in the nation by Social Work Degree Guide.

BY THE NUMBERS

80

Countries with Asbury Alumni

Asbury grads are living and working in more than 80 countries around the world.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$1M

Contributed in Service

Every two years, Asbury students do more than a million dollars of free service in their community and around the world.

BY THE NUMBERS

Only One

Asbury University is the only school in Kentucky with an Online Instructional Design program.

Financial Aid Available, Including Scholarships!

8-Week Classes beginning in August, October, January and March

BY THE NUMBERS

\$2K

Out-of-State Aid

All out-of-state students receive an additional \$2,000 in financial aid.

BY THE NUMBERS

98%

Grads Working or in Grad School

98% of Asbury grads are working or in grad school six months or less after graduation.

BY THE NUMBERS

100%

Received Scholarships

100% of Asbury's 2019-20 incoming freshman class received scholarships.

BY THE NUMBERS

350+

Theatrically-Released Films

Asburians have worked on more than 350 theatrically-released films and more than 500 network television productions, and have won over 60 Emmy Awards. Additionally, they have worked on films that garnered 91 Oscar nominations (and won 23) and been cinematographers or editors of films screened at three Sundance Festivals.

BY THE NUMBERS

80%

Faculty Hold Terminal Degrees

More than 80% of Asbury's full-time faculty have terminal degrees.

BY THE NUMBERS

12+

Music Ensembles

One of only two Christian schools in the state with a nationally accredited Music Department. Asbury offers more than a dozen ensembles and performance scholarships for music and non-music majors.

BY THE NUMBERS

99%

Receiving Financial Aid

99% of Asbury students receive financial aid.

BY THE NUMBERS

12:1

Student to Faculty Ratio

With a 12:1 student/faculty ratio, more than 70% of Asbury's classes have fewer than 20 students.

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With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Asbury has established campus guidelines to help ensure our campus remains healthy and safe.