Tusculum’s focused approach is different. And it’s making a difference in my life.

Working side by side with dedicated professors, applying what you learn and receiving feedback every day. Learning to work as a team with diverse students from 36 states and 19 countries. Gaining the focus, research experience and creative thinking skills that will prepare you for graduate school or career success. Connecting what you do in class to real solutions that make the world a little better.

That’s exactly what it means to be at the only school in the United States with a focused calendar and a Civic Arts approach. If you’re self-disciplined, curious, motivated to learn and want to be all you can, then taking one class at a time at Tusculum will take you anywhere you want to go.

FIND TUSCULUM GRADS WORKING AS:
- Award-winning business leaders, coaches and teachers
- Editor, ESPN
- Producer, WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge
- Graphic designer, Hollywood
- Outreach athletic trainer, Florida
- Regional development specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority
- Industrial biologist, Dutch Harbor, Alaska
- English teacher, Korea
- Playwright and songwriter, Georgia
- Pastor of discipleship and small groups, New York
- Certified nurse midwife, Kingsport
- Director of training and staff development, First National Bank of Oneida
- Supervisor, SES Environmental Corp., Indiana
- Environmental educator, Sound to Sea
- Museum programs, National Park Service
- Microbiologist, USDA
- Construction analyst, Small Business Administration

The Block. One class for 18 days ... living and breathing each subject, forming a true learning community. Get ready for hands-on experience, personal attention and real thinking as you explore a variety of fields and then immerse yourself in a major (or two!). Your experience at Tusculum will be different from that at almost any other college in the United States. Different—so you can make a difference.

95% of recently surveyed alumni say Tusculum prepared them well for their current job or graduate studies.
I don’t want a class.
I want an experience.

THE BLOCK. The best way to become a TV news director, radio DJ or work in Hollywood? Take advantage of the block to tailor a program in mass media that provides the specific career experience you’ll need. Produce a documentary or a live studio production of “Tusculum Idol,” or manage the college’s TV or radio station.

With our focused calendar (“the block”), you’ll take four different classes each semester, each for 3½ weeks (18 class days) at a time. Whether in our broad-based core curriculum (The Commons) or specialized study in your major, each course clearly builds on the last. At the end of each block, you’ll have a four-day break. Three optional summer blocks are also available.

For 18 days, you’ll immerse yourself in a subject and experience innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Classes meet for three hours every weekday, so you can discuss a topic or lead a group presentation during one portion of your class, then apply your knowledge that same day in the lab, the field, an internship or a civic or faith-based project. It’s not memorizing tons of material that will help you reach your goals in life; it’s learning to problem-solve, speak and write effectively, work as a team and develop leadership skills.

FIND TUSCULUM GRADS AT:
- University of Glasgow, Scotland, museum studies
- University of Georgia, MBA
- Vermont Law School
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Columbia University School of Journalism
- East Tennessee State, Master of Physical Therapy
- Ohio University, health administration
- University of Memphis, Master of Accountancy
- University of Virginia, English
- University of Tennessee, instructional technology
- Bentley College, operations research
- Eastern Kentucky, environmental studies
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, church history
- Louisiana State University, mass media

HALF OF RECENTLY SURVEYED TUSCULUM ALUMNI REPORT APPLYING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL—ALL WERE ACCEPTED!
You've heard how the "liberal arts" will make you well rounded. The Civic Arts at Tusculum takes that a step further—so you become well rounded with a purpose. All we do—the way we teach, what we teach, the way we live—educates you in the art of becoming a contributing citizen of integrity and ideals. It's what you can do with what you know that's important.

Through the curriculum and other opportunities, our Center for Civic Advancement brings campus and community together to create positive change and promote social justice. Take an Immersion Course to serve on a Navajo Reservation in Arizona or at a school in Belize, Central America. Or serve locally with Habitat for Humanity, children's or senior programs, or an animal rescue group. At Tusculum, abstract issues become personal when you work together to make a difference.

LISTED IN THE TEMPLETON FOUNDATION'S "GUIDE TO CHARACTER BUILDING COLLEGES".

I'M PART OF SOMETHING LARGER.

THE BLOCK. The best way to become a teacher? Take advantage of the block to work in area schools all four years of college—every course includes a practicum. Collaborate closely with faculty and fellow students as you prepare to educate the next generation, choosing from programs in early childhood, elementary, secondary, art, physical education and special education.

SERVICE IS PART OF CLASS AND PART OF LIFE:
- Teach in a fishing village in India
- Lead construction of a community library in West Virginia
- Develop resource web pages and assist with science fair projects in local schools
- Survey creek banks to help apply for an EPA storm water control grant
- Share soccer and the Gospel with young people in Brazil and Paraguay
- Host a dinner to benefit children orphaned by the genocide in Rwanda
- Serve as a youth advisor in a local church
I could never have seen and done so much firsthand at another college.

Take an entire class off campus—
even in another country.

The best way to pursue an environmental career? Take advantage of the block to explore diverse ecosystems in Costa Rica or Florida, study air quality in Tennessee’s Great Smoky Mountains National Park or integrate wolf pups into a pack at Bays Mountain Park. Combine our field guide/naturalist major with our museum studies program for even more opportunities.

“...one of the few undergraduate museum studies degrees in the country. Employers and graduate schools value the extensive experience students gain, including work in our two National Historic Register museums that host more than 10,000 school children each year.”

- George Collins, Director, Museum Program and Studies
Internships are an essential part of a Tusculum education. Work for a magazine publisher. Earn 12 credits in a museum internship that culminates in a resume-building project and presentation. Compete for a science internship in conservation or environmental compliance. Spend the equivalent of almost a full year student-teaching. Complete clinical training in a hospital for national certification in medical technology. Explore sport management, sports science or coaching.

Speaking of sports, Tusculum is exactly the right place for those with the drive to succeed on and off the field. Our Division II varsity student-athletes excel consistently, in academics, service and competition. They’re regularly named Academic All-Americans® nationally. Our students find that outdoor recreation and intramurals are a great way to balance work and play.
THE BLOCK. The best way to step into a business career? Take advantage of the block to create an entrepreneurial education program for high school students or delve into investing, marketing or international economics. Network with faculty and industry leaders through Tusculum’s highly active Business Club or the Women in Leadership luncheon. Turn an internship with a CPA firm, law office or marketing agency into your first job.

I’m not happy unless I’m challenging myself 110 percent.

Looking for a community within a community? Our Honors Program enables academically talented, committed students to share in stimulating honors courses, travel and social events. Whether at a spaghetti dinner at the director’s home or during the independent Senior Honors Project, students create strong bonds of common interest with Tusculum faculty and each other.

And our Bonner Leaders Program is part of a national foundation offering exceptional opportunities to students dedicated to service, global social justice, spiritual exploration and leadership. This diverse group of Tusculum students from around the world participates in national and international service conferences and leads initiatives on campus and in the community, from cultural awareness activities to Earth Day projects to anti-hunger efforts. Renewable scholarships are available.

AN AVERAGE CLASS SIZE OF 16; UPPER-LEVEL COURSES OFTEN WITH 10 STUDENTS OR FEWER.
Art & Design* (Graphic Design and Studio Art concentrations)

Athletic Training (national board certification)

Biology* (Medical Pre-Professional, Medical Technology, Organismal Biology, Pre-Pharmacy and Pre-Physical Therapy concentrations)

Biology Education 7-12

Business Administration (General Management*, Management Accounting, Economics* and Information Technology concentrations)

Chemistry (minor)

Civic Engagement (minor)

Coaching (minor)

Computer Information Systems (minor)

Early Childhood Education PreK-4*

Elementary Education K-6*

English* (Literature, Writing*, and Journalism* concentrations)

English Education 7-12*

Environmental Science*

Field Guide/Naturalist

Health & Wellness Education K-12

History*

History Education 7-12*

Human Growth & Learning without Licensure

International Business (minor)

Mass Media* (Video, Radio, Sports Broadcasting and Broadcast News concentrations)

Mathematics*

Mathematics with Computer Science Concentration

Mathematics Education 7-12*

Museum Studies*

Physical Education K-12

Political Science* (also pre-law program)

Psychology*

Psychology Education 9-12

Religious Studies (minor)

Special Education Early Childhood

Special Education Modified and Comprehensive K-12*

Sport Management

Sports Science

Visual Arts Education K-12

*Majors and Minors.

The Block. It's up to you. As Tennessee's first college, we know the greatest factor in success is having the drive to work hard for something you believe in. Are you ready?
“I want to use the knowledge I gained to help the underprivileged and underrepresented as a successful attorney serving my community. Internships helped develop my critical thinking skills through researching cases, interviewing clients and witnesses, and investigating cases.”

- Brandon Timms, Political Science, ’04