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Belmont Abbey College Announces Free Jump Start Summer Class for New Fall '21 Students

BELMONT, N.C. (December 15, 2020) Today Belmont Abbey College announces a new initiative to help new incoming Freshman get ready for college life – a free course to jump start their career. When new applicants deposit by March 1, 2021, they'll automatically qualify for a free summer course preceding their first fall semester. With expanded online and in-person hybrid classes, both local and out-of-state students can take advantage of the new program and start early on their college career.

"With so much in flux these days we thought offering our new incoming Freshman an easy first step would give them a smooth transition to college life" said Dr. Travis Feezell, provost of Belmont Abbey College. "We also wanted to reward those who are ready to make the commitment, and are ready to start their Abbey career."

New incoming freshman, who deposit by March 1, 2021 will have numerous online, hybrid, and in-person classes to choose from. Students can get a jump start on mathematics, history, the sciences, writing, and much more. By taking a summer course before the beginning of the Fall semester, students will enter their freshman year at least three credits ahead. This could allow students to only take four classes in the Fall, and still stay on track to graduate in four years.

Belmont Abbey College had a successful Fall 2020 semester despite the challenges of a global pandemic. The college reconfigured classrooms to increase physical distance, encouraged masking in common areas, reduced in-person events, held alternative distanced events, opened all its residence halls, provided COVID-19 testing to students when needed, had significant athletic programs active, and in the end had a successful academic semester. The Abbey anticipates an even smoother spring semester as it takes early initiatives, like requiring a negative test prior to arrival, eliminating spring break, and starting the semester one week later.

The free Jump Start Summer Class offer is the first of its kind for Belmont Abbey College. Students must apply, be accepted, and then deposit by March 1, 2021 to be eligible.

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