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# Students Invited to Apply for New First-Year Humanities Program

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Prospective students who have been accepted to Illinois Wesleyan are invited to apply to a new program — the First-Year Humanities Fellows program — which will begin in fall 2017.

Students accepted to the program will take part in singular opportunities, including a special invitation to a welcome luncheon or reception with Illinois Wesleyan's president, provost, and professors in the humanities and social sciences during the first week of classes. Students accepted into the program will enroll in the Gateway course "What is a University, and Why Are You Here?" with Associate Professor Joanne Diaz, and will engage with prominent scholars, artists, and musicians at special events throughout the year related to the 2017-18 intellectual theme, "The Evolution of Revolution." Humanities Fellows will also be invited to attend selected events with faculty at the Chicago Humanities Festival this fall, and take part in several other activities and events throughout the academic year.

Faculty who will direct the program said students with a love of literature, philosophy, religion, art, musicology, and languages are encouraged to [apply](#) by responding to the prompt "Why Does the First-Year Humanities Fellows Program Intrigue You?" This response, along with materials accepted students have already submitted, will be used to determine selections for the program.

[Applications](#) are due by April 21, and students will be notified if they are accepted by April 28.