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Madonna University's Green Building Will Open for Fall Classes

Course schedule includes new certificate programs

LIVONIA, Mich. — Students enrolled in Fall 2009 classes at Madonna University will be the first to enjoy the state-of-the-art labs and studios of Madonna's new Franciscan Center for Science and Media. This 60,000-square-foot sustainable structure is the first stand-alone building constructed on Madonna's campus in more than 40 years.

Registration for fall courses is open through Friday, Sept. 4. Classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8. A full course schedule is available at www.madonna.edu.

Also new this fall, are three certificate programs in: film music scoring, visual communication and design, and technical translation. Each Certificate of Completion requires only 14-16 semester hours, making them ideal for students, displaced workers, or anyone looking to increase their job credentials and boost their resumé. All certificates may be earned for college credit at the undergraduate tuition rate, or as professional development at half the cost.

"Students are going to love the environmentally-friendly Franciscan Center and all it has to offer," said Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna University president. "Whether they're taking a general education science class in one of the high-tech labs, participating in the studio audience for the taping of a "Madonna Magazine" show, studying with friends, or having a bite to eat in the student gathering area, the Center has something for every student, regardless of their major."

Equipped with the latest technology, the Franciscan Center will provide the University's growing science and media programs with laboratories that meet nationally recognized standards for higher education, and the very latest high-definition digital studios and equipment for broadcast and cinema arts productions.

"The studio is beautiful, and the software and computers in the edit suites will make all the difference in the world," said Julie Pulgini, Farmington resident and Broadcast and Cinema Arts (BCA) senior. "BCA students will have so many opportunities to gain experience and a competitive edge in the industry."

Current students and continuing education students can register for fall classes online at www.madonna.edu, and anyone can register in person at the Office of the

Registrar, room 2003, at Madonna's main campus in Livonia, located at 36600 Schoolcraft Road (at the intersection of Schoolcraft and Levan roads, just off I-96).

Michigan's most affordable, independent, Catholic, liberal arts university, Madonna offers more than 75 undergraduate and 27 graduate programs in the colleges of arts and humanities, science and mathematics, social sciences, education, and nursing and health, as well as the School of Business and the Graduate School. Madonna University also offers classes in Macomb, Orchard Lake, Southwest Detroit and Gaylord. Academic excellence has been the hallmark of Madonna University for more than 70 years.

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