Course Selection for Incoming Students - Spring 2014

First-semester Shimer students usually enroll in three core Basic Studies courses. One of those is a designated writing course. For the Spring 2014 term, Humanities 2 (Poetry, Drama, and Fiction) is the designated writing course that is offered, so that will be one of the courses you will take this semester.

Concerning your other two courses, you have some choice. The four core Basic Studies courses other than Humanities 2 that we are offering this term are listed on the form below. Please indicate your order of preference for these courses (1 for most preferred, 2 for next most preferred, et cetera) if you have a preference. We'll take your preferences into account in devising your class schedule for this semester.

If you don't get all your preferences, keep in mind that you'll be taking all of these courses eventually. They're all required, which is why we call them "core courses." Of course, the courses you take this term will be well worth your time, effort, and ability. Still, we'll enroll you in the ones you want most for your first semester if we can.

Please bring the completed form to registration and give it to Jim Ulrich in the Registrar's office (Room #214). If you have any additional requests that you'd like us to consider, write those in the "Comments" section below. ************************* For each of the Basic Studies Core Courses listed below, indicate your order of preference for each (1 for most preferred, 2 for next most preferred, etc.). Please use each number only once. Integrative Studies 2 - Foundations of Mathematics and Logic. Logic and mathematics treated as humanistic disciplines. Note: this course may be also offered during the Summer 2014 term. Natural Sciences 1- Laws and Models in Chemistry. The nature of matter throughout history, from the speculations of the ancient Greeks to modern atomic theory. Natural Sciences 2 - Evolution, Genetics, and Animal Behavior. Biology, genetics, and the nature of interaction among living organisms. Social Sciences 2 – The Western Political Tradition. Political philosophy from ancient, medieval, and modern times. Comments (preferred times of day or days of the week, importance of course preferences, etc.):

Questions? Contact Jim Ulrich, Registrar/Assistant Dean, at 312-235-3523 or j.ulrich@shimer.edu.

Name (please print):