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Dear Community College Professionals:

Greetings from the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) program at The University of Iowa, a nationally-ranked professional preparation program located in Iowa City, Iowa!

In the Summer of 2017, we are offering a topics graduate course entitled, ***Contemporary Issues in the Community College (EPLS:5240)***. This 3-credit course will examine contemporary critical issues impacting how community colleges function and fulfill their mission responsibilities. Students will explore the evolving social roles of community colleges, current financial issues, program and curricular movements, and the growing role of assessment and accountability.

To better serve students with employment or other commitments over the summer, the course will be offered in a hybrid format. We will hold class meetings Tuesday mornings June 13th through the first week in August. Students can join the class on Tuesdays in-person, or ***connect from anywhere*** using a video conferencing platform. We will complete the remainder of the course online throughout each week of the summer session.

Individuals who are not in a University of Iowa degree program can register for this course through [non-degree Continuing Education](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions and best wishes for a great academic year!

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Comments from students who have taken community college-focused graduate coursework at the University of Iowa

"This class has proven to be one of the most beneficial in my graduate coursework. Given my previous experiences at a community college, I found this class to allow me to be able to discuss the processes and systems in place that I was directly affected by."

"The climate of the classroom was rigorous, thought-provoking, and encouraged open dialogue. Excellent preparation and instruction. I learned a lot."