

# How Jarvis Christian University Improved Student Progress During Summer Term

A FOCUS ON DEDICATED SUPPORT



## COURSE SHARING CHAMPION

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Jarvis Christian University is a small historic black college with a dedicated, supportive faculty who go the extra mile to ensure their students are successful. "A larger percentage of our students came to Jarvis not necessarily prepared for college-level work," said Dr. Lee-Pruit, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Maybe they didn't expect to go to college, or didn't think they would do well. We help them get where they need to be."

After joining the Acadeum network in 2019, Jarvis saw word of mouth continue to spread through the student body, as more faculty saw course sharing's potential for helping students. In Summer 2022, campus leaders connected 47 students to the courses they needed to catch up or get ahead, tapping offerings from trusted partners on the network.

## Jarvis Fast Facts:

- Based in Hawkins, TX
- HBCU, faith-based
- Small school, attracting students from larger cities in Texas
- Started course sharing in 2019

# \$100K

in recovered  
tuition revenue

**47** students found the  
summer courses they  
needed to progress

**JARVIS**  
CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

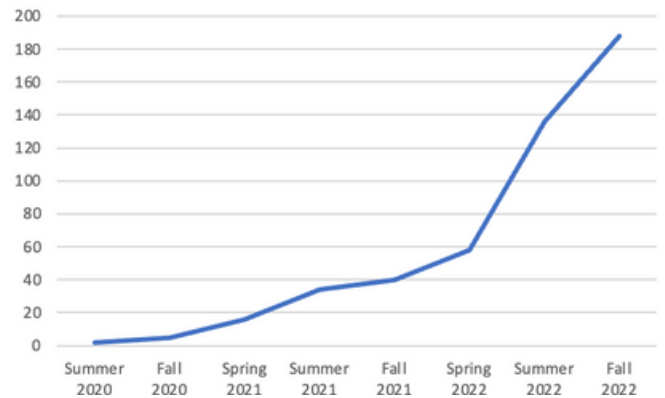
"I work with fantastic colleagues. Once you can share how [course sharing] can help students move forward, how it complements the work faculty are doing and shows the rigor and availability of courses, it's really not a hard sell."

-Dr. Glenell Lee-Pruit

# Getting Faculty Buy-In

Initially, there was some hesitation from Jarvis' faculty who were new to course sharing and wanted to ensure it was being used strategically on campus. But as more student stories came to light--for example, students taking courses when they're only a few credits short of on time graduation--buy-in increased.

Jarvis enrollments in courses through Acadeum



"These courses have been vetted, are aligned to SACs requirements, and there's no additional cost to the student. When faculty are advising students, they think 'you may be able to take this course through Acadeum' and that starts the ball rolling."

"Course sharing has become ingrained in our academic culture. Students are asking for them, taking ownership. They're planning for their future and know they can be finished early."

## How Jarvis Christian University is using course sharing to meet student needs and add value:

- + Expanding its catalog of courses while ensuring academic rigor and quality
- + Reducing bottlenecks caused by courses offered infrequently
- + Retaining students facing course conflicts and classes not offered that semester
- + Helping students graduate on time, or early, to reduce financial aid costs
- + Integrating new, in-demand offerings into their online degree completion program
- + Supporting students in their adult education program who are a few credits short of graduating