



## **First-Year Seminar Courses and the Transition to College**

UC Denver offers an optional program of First-Year Seminars (FYS) designed to assist first-year students to successfully make the transition from high school to college, improve student retention, and boost new student confidence. The FYS courses integrate rigorous academic content with academic skills such as library usage, campus resources, information literacy, time management, communication skills, and career counseling.

Class size is capped at 24 students to encourage interaction between student and instructor, and to allow the instructor to serve as a mentor in the student's first semester of college. Students are restricted to one FYS course.

All of the FYS courses are 3 credit hours and satisfy academic requirements in the Core Curriculum. Course content varies, but students should expect weekly writing and reading assignments. FYS students are also engaged outside the classroom through service learning activities, campus engagements, and skills workshops.

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# Seminar

## Fall 2011

## Course Schedule

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FYS Course	FYS Course Title	Course Description	Faculty	Meeting Pattern	Core Area
CHEM 1111-001	The Naked Environment	A focus on elementary principles of chemistry and ecology allows students to strip away the rhetoric often associated with environmental headlines. The course also examines pollution and hazardous waste issues that impact the environment on a local to global scale. Prior knowledge of chemistry is not required.	John Lanning	T R 3:30-4:45	Nat Sci
COMM 1111-001	Communication and New Media	This course examines the internet and other technologies that have changed the way we communicate. Students will analyze the impact of new media on politics, relationships, language, and culture. Topics will include social networks, YouTube, smart phones, texting, blogging, and communication overload.	Bethany Kellogg	T R 9:30-10:45	Beh Sci
COMM 1111-HO1	Virtual Group Dynamics	Students will explore the social, psychological, and technological elements of computer-mediated communication necessary to stay competitive in today's electronically connected world. This is a Hybrid course, with most of the learning online. Students will be required to meet on campus 6 times during the semester.	Kathleen Pounders	M 3:30-4:45	Beh Sci
COMM 1111-HO2	Gender Communication	This course is designed to increase awareness of gender communication patterns and behaviors. Students will analyze and relate these patterns and behaviors to personal, professional, and academic outcomes. This is a Hybrid course, with most of the learning online. Students will be required to meet on campus 6 times during the semester.	Kathleen Pounders	W 3:30-4:45	Beh Sci
ETST 1111-001	Civil Rights and Twenty Years of Activism	This seminar will explore how and to what extent African Americans, young adults, students, women and gays could no longer remain silent or marginalized during the difficult period of 1955-1975 during which Americans were forced to take a fresh look at issues such as race, women's roles, poverty, and the war in Vietnam.	Khushnur Dadabhoj	M W 9:30-10:45	Soc Sci
FINE 1111-001	Through the Lens: Photographic Narratives	Explore the campus community through photography and the development of visual narratives that focus on ideas, time, place, and light. Students develop skills in camera operations, visual aesthetics, and the use of Adobe Bridge as a platform for image editing, sequencing, and presentation.	Joann Brennan	F 9:30-12:30	Arts
HIST 1111-001	Denver History: Finding Your Way Around	We have designed this seminar to help new freshmen navigate the city that surrounds our campus. This is a look at the history, geography, politics, economy, neighborhoods and culture of Denver. The course will link Denver's past and present using lecture, discussion, field trips and other appropriate activities.	Rebecca Hunt	M W 12:30-1:45	Hum
MGMT 1111-001	Current Topics In Business	This course examines a variety of issues relevant to business in Denver and the world. Discussion will focus on topics such as Denver companies, ethical issues in business, business career exploration, marketing everywhere, globalization, and other current topics.	MaryLee Stansifer	M W 2:00-3:15	Beh Sci
MGMT 1111-002	Intro to Business- Get Rich or Die Trying	The course is designed for students wanting to sort out the possibilities for wealth creation that a career in business might offer. This course examines the global nature of today's world of business by introducing students to the disciplines of marketing, management, finance and entrepreneurship.	Barry McConnell	T R 2:00-3:15	Beh Sci

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MGMT 1111-003	Leadership, Business and You	This course examines the role of leadership in business and society. Through individual and group activities, guest speakers and field trips, students will better understand the need for and the limits of leadership, and gain a better appreciation for their own leadership strengths and potentials.	Ken Bettenhausen	T R 11:00-12:15	Beh Sci
MLNG 1111-001	Discovering Human Language	This course introduces fundamentals of linguistics, the study of human language. We will examine oddities of language, puzzle over various writing systems in the world, and discover the interrelationships among language, society and culture. We will try several foreign languages with lessons from guest instructors.	Tim Phillips	T R 11:00-12:15	Hum
MUSC 1111-002	The Beatles in Liverpool: Stories and Places	Explore the stories of the Beatles in Liverpool, England, as boys and young men. We'll examine the city where they grew up, family stories and histories, the songs influenced by Liverpool, Mersey beat and Skiffle music, and historic and contemporary places important in the early lives of the Beatles	Judith Coe	M W 2:00-3:15	Arts
PHYS 1111-001	How Things Work	Everyday objects, including technical gadgets used in home, office, entertainment, factory, etc., are full of examples of the application of physics, but haven't you always wanted to know how they work? This course will show how physics concepts like mechanics, thermodynamics, electromagnetism, and optics play a vital role in how the objects that we use everyday work.	Randall Tagg	F 11:00-1:50	Nat Sci
PSYC 1111-001	How to Think Like a Psychologist	Students in this course will explore how psychologists use critical, empirical, and ethical thinking in a variety of roles, including teaching, mental health positions, consultation, and research. Students will develop their own thinking skills by writing papers about topics in psychology.	Mitch Handelsman	T R 12:30-1:45	Beh Sci
SOCY 1111-001	Norms, Roles, and Sanctions	This seminar introduces the student to key concepts in sociology including, the importance of norms in everyday society, the types of roles in which we engage, and the positive and negative sanctions used to encourage certain expected behavior.	Andrea Haar	T R 2:00-3:15	Soc Sci
SOCY 1111-002	Attraction, Love and Relationships	This seminar examines the social forces inherent with the life-cycle of establishing, maintaining, and dissolving interpersonal relationships. It also examines the general patterned behavior and leading common sense assumptions about relationships.	Pete Padilla	T R 12:30-1:45	Soc Sci
TCED 1111-001	Exploring the World of Urban Education	What are the complexities that urban schools face and how do teachers create change for urban youth? In this seminar you will explore the world of urban education through interactive, field-based experiences in collaboration with your peers, UCD faculty, and visits to UCD professional development schools.	Cindy Gutierrez	F 9:30-12:30	Hum
TCED 1111-002	Learning for the 21st Century	This seminar examines the types of learning people need to be successful today's world as well as how and where they acquire these skills. We'll meet with people from different sectors (the government, industry, education, non-profits) to hear their perspective on what they believe are important learning goals.	Carole Basile	F 9:30-12:30	Hum

## First-Year Seminar Course Schedule

Fall 2011 Time Grid (twice per week)	Mon / Wed	Tues / Thurs	Fall 2011 Time Grid (once per week)	Friday
9:30-10:45am	ETST 1111-001	COMM 1111-001	9:30-12:30pm	FINE 1111-001 TCED 1111-001
11:00-12:15pm		MGMT 1111-003 MLNG 1111-001	11:00-1:50pm	PHYS 1111-001
12:30-1:45pm	HIST 1111-001	PSYC 1111-001 SOCY 1111-002	12:30-3:20pm	
2:00-3:15pm	MGMT 1111-001 MUSC 1111-001	MGMT 1111-002 SOCY 1111-001		
3:30-4:45pm	COMM HO1/ HO2	CHEM 1111-001		