Exciting New Program for First-Year Student

In the First-Year Experience (FYE) Program, you have the opportunity to join a learning community with 25 other new students. The classes in the learning community are integrated around an interesting theme and linked to a seminar that will prepare you to be successful in your classes and will encourage you to get involved on campus. The seminars are co-taught by faculty and peer leaders, successful CSU Stanislaus students, who serve as mentors.

Research shows that students who are part of a learning community and a FYE program do better in their classes, are more active on campus, make friends more easily, and get to know faculty more personally than students who do not join such a program. The FYE program provides these benefits for you.

For Fall 05, you can choose from seven learning communities. Six of them are for all students, the seventh is for Liberal Studies majors. All the courses in each learning community fulfill General Education requirements that are required of all students.

These were the learning communities for Fall 05:

**First-Year Experience (not including Liberal Studies)**

**Learning Community One: Movements in History**
- HIST 2600: Problems in U.S. History, Dr. Nancy Taniguchi  
  TR, 11:15-12:42
- GEND 2020: Introduction to Women’s Studies, Dr. Betsy Eudey  
  TR, 9:40-11:07
- MDIS 1040: Seminar in FYE, Dr. Eudey & Dr. Taniguchi  
  W, 1:25-3:25

See American history and women’s history through events that made a difference. Whether through the physical movements of plants, people, and diseases, the spread of ideas, or the action-packed crusades of dedicated activists, we will explore exciting, non-traditional views of the past.

To enroll in this learning community, students must have passed the English Placement Test (EPT) or be exempt from it.

**Learning Community Two: Questions of Perception and Identity**
- ENGL 1000: First-Year Composition, Dr. Stephanie Paterson  
  MWF, 9:05-10:03
- PHIL 1010: Introduction to Philosophy, Dr. Andy Young  
  MWF, 11:15-12:13
- MDIS 1040: Seminar in FYE, Dr. Stephanie Paterson  
  M, 1:25-3:25

What is the good life? What is the purpose of life? What is human nature? Through questions like this we will explore themes and issues related to perception and identity. We will gain a broad introduction to a few major philosophical thinkers and
explore these questions through our own writing and by reading contemporary authors. We will discover how careful seeing and questioning can lead to powerful writing and thinking.

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**Learning Community Three: Business in Today’s World**

BUS 1500: Introduction to Business, Mr. Jack Doo  
MWF, 9:05-10:03  
BUS 1040: Seminar in FYE  
MW, 10:10-11:08  

Have you ever considered the opportunities in business? Learn about how organizations function, the strategies they employ, and the impact they have on modern American society. Be exposed to interesting guest speakers, including many local entrepreneurs, who reinforce the course material through practical application.

**Learning Community Four: Be an Effective Team Player**

COMM 2110 Group Discussion Processes, Dr. M. Jaasma  
MWF, 1:25-2:23  
MDIS 1040 Seminar in FYE, Dr. M. Jaasma  
MW, 2:30-3:28  

We are all part of many groups in our lives. Make the groups you are part of satisfying and effective by learning strategies for effective communication. Learn these strategies in an interactive environment where you learn by practicing skills in experiential activities.

**Learning Community Five: Study Skills for English Language Learners**

ESL 1005 Intermediate English for ESL, Ms. M. Simoneau  
MWF, 12:20-1:18  
MDIS 1040 Seminar in FYE, Ms. M. Simoneau  
M, 1:25-3:25  

If you are a student learning English as a second language, join this learning community to work in a supportive environment to improve your academic reading and writing skills. You will build your vocabulary, apply reading strategies for comprehension, and do reading-based writing to address academic questions.

Students enrolling in this learning community must have the appropriate level of English as determined by diagnostic testing.

**Learning Community Six: All the World’s a Stage**

THEA 1500 Acting for Non-Theatre Majors, Ms. P. O’Donnell  
TR, 2:30-4:00  
MDIS 1040 Seminar in FYE, Ms. P. O’Donnell  
W., 1:25-3:25  

To be effective in many situations, such as group presentations, we need comfort and skill in front of an audience. Develop these strengths through theatre games, relaxation techniques, observation exercises, and vocal work. Stimulate the imagination
and free the body and voice to allow a more spontaneous and adaptable approach to performance and life.

**Learning Community Seven: Be an Effective Team Player**

COMM 2110  Group Discussion Processes  
MWF, 12:20-1:18  
MDIS 1040  Seminar in FYE, Ms. Genine Holguin  
MW, 1:25-2:23  

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**First-Year Experience for Liberal Studies**

**Learning Community Eight: Integrating Language Arts and Fine Arts in the Elementary Classroom**

FA 1000  Introduction to Fine Arts, Dr. J. Mayer, Dr. R. Robbin, and Mr. G. Mulder  
TR, 9:40-11:07  
LIBS 1000  Beginning Field Experience, Ms. C. Gonzales, Dr. J. Wink  
M, 1:30-3:29  
LIBS 1004  Seminar (Co-requisite to LIBS 1000)  
M, 3:30-4:30  

If you are beginning your studies to become an elementary school teacher join this learning community for an introduction to Integrating Language Arts and Fine Arts in the Elementary Classroom. Students learn how teacher integrate and develop strategies for teaching in K-3 classrooms through field experience in local schools.