

S104 FALL 2010

FIRST YEAR SEMINAR SYLLABUS

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CLASS TIME/LOCATION: **TR 9:00 – 10:45 CV105 26507**
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OBJECTIVES

1. To become more acquainted with the services and resources available at IUS.
2. To increase the opportunities for success at IUS.
3. To develop supportive relationships with a faculty member and with students.
4. To become more aware of the goals of general education at IUS and how to achieve them.
5. To improve one's skills in reading test-taking, research, and critical thinking.
6. To broaden one's awareness of the value of higher education and of career opportunities.
7. To have opportunities to increase one's involvement at IUS.
8. To develop the ability to use several computer resources which are available at IUS.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This class is designed to help first-year students have a successful college career. It includes a broad range of topics and experiences designed for that purpose. Every degree-seeking IUS student who is a new first-year student or a transfer student with fewer than 26 semester hours accepted by IUS, does not have an associate's degree from an accredited institution, and has not taken an equivalent first-year seminar at another university is required to pass a first-year seminar before becoming a sophomore. Failure to do so places a person on the IUS "check-list," and this means that a person cannot register for further classes or receive a transcript without special permission. ***Do everything you can to complete this class successfully so that you do not have to take another first-year seminar and so that you do not run the risk of being put on the check-list.***

If you must withdraw from the class, the last day to do so is Friday, October 29, 2010, and you need to withdraw from both M117 and S104.

LEARNING MATERIALS

College Success Guide, fourth Edition. Dahlgren, ed.
Indiana University Southeast 2010-2011. Student Planner. (Provided Free of Charge)
Indiana University Bulletin 2010-2011. (Provided Free of Charge)
Indiana University Schedule of Classes. (Provided Free of Charge)
IUS Student Newspaper. (Provided Free of Charge)

ONCOURSE

Your FYS grades will be posted on ONCOURSE (not MyMathLab – that is for M117 grades ONLY).

PASSPORTS

You will be given a passport stamping booklet which you are to have stamped at various locations across the campus; you are also to write in two functions for each office. The purpose of the passport is for you to know more about the services at IUS and where you can access them. Each of these visits might take a few minutes. You should familiarize yourself somewhat with an office by reading the appropriate section from the Student Planner before you visit the office.

ASSIGNMENTS

The following is a list of *some of the assignments* that you will be completing this semester. Other assignments will be announced in class.

- It is important to note that the following assignments **are not optional, they are a requirement to receive credit for this FYS course.**
- Failure to submit any of the following assignments will result in receiving a grade of "F" for the course.
- Some assignments have a due date. For each day the assignment is handed in late, 5 points will be deducted from the total score for that assignment. For instance, if the paper is due on Tuesday at 9am, any time after 9am will result in a 5 point deduction until Wednesday at 9am at which time an additional 5 points will be deducted, etc. Please note that a paper or assignment may be so late that you may receive 0 points, however if it is one of the following **mandatory assignments** you still must do it and submit it or you will receive an "F" for the course.

MANDATORY ASSIGNMENTS

1. Beginning Survey
2. Event Papers (Cultural, Intellectual and Social)
3. Passport Stamping
4. Attendance/Participation
5. Library Self-Guided Tour
6. Library Tour
7. Writing Center Tour
8. Career Services Tour
9. Ending Survey

GRADING

Your seminar grade will be calculated using a point system. (Additional assignments and points will be added as assigned in class.)

Passport Stamping	75 points	(3 points per Office)
Cultural Event Paper	50 points	
Social Event Paper	50 points	
Intellectual Event Paper	50 points	
Surveys	20 points each	
Library Self-Guided Tour	50 points	
Library Tour	50 points	
Writing Center Tour	50 points	
Career Services Tour	50 points	
Attendance/Participation	20 points	(1 point per regular class day)

LIBRARY SELF-GUIDED TOUR

A self-guided audio tour that you complete on your own time. The audio tour instructs you to pick up a Tour Map from the circulation desk. The tour map will contain questions that you have to fill out while taking the tour. After the tour, you show the completed map to the librarian on duty at the reference desk, and **it is only at that point that you can get your passport stamped.**

To begin the tour you can do one of the following:

1. Download the tour onto your own mp3 device from the Library Instruction page, located here: <http://libguides.ius.edu/instruction>. This page can also be accessed by clicking "Library Instruction" from the main Library homepage at <http://www.ius.edu/Library/>. The download link for the tour is in the box labeled "FYS Resources."
2. Alternatively, you may check out iPods with the tour loaded on it. These will be on reserve at the Library circulation desk.

EVENT PAPERS – Please see website for more specific details

You are to attend three (3) different types of campus events or activities. Consult the campus paper and/or website to find upcoming events that fit the following categories and mark them in your planner. Do not wait to attend these events to the last minute or they may not be available.

These may be done in any order but you must attend an event in each category; that is one Cultural, one Social, and one Intellectual.

Your response paper must be handed in as an attachment to an email on (or before) each of their due dates and times.

- One event is to be **A CULTURAL EVENT**
Example: a music concert or recital, a play, or an art showing opening
- One event is to be **A STUDENT LIFE/SOCIAL EVENT**
Example: a varsity athletic contest, a campus life activity, a student organization meeting/event, or a student government meeting
- One event is to be **AN INTELLECTUAL EVENT**
Example: a speech, panel, or international event

If you are not sure which category a particular event falls under, please contact me BEFORE attended and completing the paper.

For each, you are to write a paper describing AND evaluating the event in detail. Be sure to include what you thought of the event (good or bad) and why you thought this. Be that this is a college class, spelling and grammar will count.

The paper should be

- At least 250 words, typed in Microsoft Word
- Double spaced
- 1" margins (Top/Bottom/Left/Right)
- Times New Roman 12 pt Font
- Optional: You may insert pictures, but be sure to have at least 250 words.

* *A student may substitute for one of these events a volunteer experience of a type new to the student; this must involve at least one hour and may be either on or off campus. Information on volunteer opportunities may be obtained from the IUS Volunteer Center in University Center North 101. This also requires a report to be submitted by the date of the group for which it is substituted.*