WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES IN FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:

“This class gave me an edge.”

“I’ve made friends and always had someone to study with.”

“I definitely learned a lot about college in this class.”

Make the most of your time here…from your first class to graduation (and beyond).

Wright State wants to help you be successful in learning, leadership, and life in general. To help you achieve this, we offer all new students the opportunity to participate in First-Year Seminars.

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR CAN HELP YOU:

- Connect with other students, faculty, and staff
- Achieve greater academic success
- Connect with your major
- Adjust to college

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What is a First-Year Seminar?

A First-Year Seminar is a group of approximately 25 students who share similar interests, majors, or classes. You will get to know your First-Year Seminar group well, allowing you to have a growing network of friends and people you can turn to when you have questions or need help—whether in a class or finding something to do over the weekend.

Participation benefits

Most incoming first-year students enroll in a First-Year Seminar. Faculty and staff at the top of their field teach the first-year seminars with help from peer mentors, giving you access to someone who has been there.

First-Year Seminar participants:

- Make friends faster. Don’t worry about not making friends on campus—you’re bound to make a ton of new friends when you see the same groups of people on a regular basis.
- Have a higher GPA. Wright State students who participate in First-Year Seminars historically have higher GPAs, as a group, than those who do not participate.
- Connect to campus more quickly. Your seminar instructor will help you learn about the campus, inside and out.

Types of First-Year Seminars

**Topic-based First-Year Seminars**

All new students may participate in First-Year Seminars that focus on a major or specific topic.

**Honors First-Year Seminars**

Students enrolled in the University Honors Program are strongly encouraged to register for an Honors First-Year Seminar. This seminar offers information and activities designed to enhance the success of new students in the program. It counts as one of the Honors course requirements.

**Residential Seminars**

Enroll in a First-Year Seminar for students living on campus and interested in the same major as you, taught by an instructor with extensive experience in residential and student life issues.

Sign up for your First-Year Seminar

After you register for summer Orientation, you will have a chance to review First-Year Seminar options. Be sure to enroll in one of your favorites! If you are beginning classes after the Fall Semester, please contact University College at (937) 775-5780 for information on participating in a First-Year Seminar.

Examples of First-Year Seminars

Whether you are living on campus or off, interested in business or STEM, or just want to meet people who share the same interests, you’ll find a First-Year Seminar for you. See wright.edu/fys for the full list.

- Business: Living on Campus
- Education and Liberal Arts: Teacher Education
- Gender-Sexuality Alliance
- Health Sciences and Human Services: Nursing
- Honors: Engineered for Success
- Honors: Exploring International Film
- Honors: Pre-Health
- Sports and Society
- STEM: Biology majors
- Students of Color and Leadership
- Women in STEM