UCCP 1101: First-Year Seminar I (Dyad AP)
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
Department of Undergraduate Studies ~ Fall 2018

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Course Information: UCCP 1101.052/051 MW 12:00-12:50 PM/1:00-1:50 PM IH 158

Course Description
First-Year Seminar is a two-semester course sequence required of all full-time first-year students. As the central component of a learning community, Seminar helps students achieve success, academically and socially, as they make the transition to the university. Seminar provides students with opportunities for meaningful interactions with faculty and peers about substantive matters as well as timely, constructive feedback about their learning. Students are immersed in an active learning environment with a purposefully integrated and contextualized curriculum, fostering the development of transferable skills and engaging them in the academic community. In UCCP 1101, students are introduced to college level work and responsibilities, and provided with appropriate support and resources to navigate their first semester.

Course Objectives
The objectives of First-Year Seminar I are to advance the six intellectual and practical skills defined by the Texas Core Curriculum:

- Critical Thinking Skills
- Communication Skills
- Empirical and Quantitative Skills
- Teamwork
- Social Responsibility
- Personal Responsibility

Student Learning Outcomes
- Reflect and integrate learning from learning community courses, including development of critical thinking skills, social and/or personal responsibility.
- Interact with faculty and peers about substantive matters through daily activities and discussions.
- Demonstrate competence of knowledge related to the learning community discipline(s) in a public forum.

Grade Breakdown

MIDTERM & FINAL REFLECTION – 30%
You will complete two reflections this semester - a Midterm Reflection and a Final Reflection. The midterm portfolio will be due on Friday, October 12th, while the final portfolio will be due on Friday, December 7th. More information on the template and expectations will be discussed later this semester.

PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE – 30%
It is vital that you attend every class. There is nothing that we will do in here that is not important to your success in this learning community. To encourage attendance, I will be taking up something from you (daily writings, quizzes, group tasks) every time we meet, along with taking attendance daily. However, you are allowed two absences. Use them well. After the second absence, any extra absences will affect your grade.

INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES – 20%
Most of the work we will do in this course will relate to your other courses in the learning community. To reward and encourage success on learning community assignments and projects, many will also count for credit in Seminar.
ISLANDER IDENTITY PROJECT – 10%
Throughout the semester, you will collect evidence of your ongoing development as an Islander. This evidence will be in the form of selfies of you engaging in each activity on campus along with a brief description of how this contributes to your continuing development as an Islander. You will submit your progress for the midterm and final portfolios.

FIRST-YEAR SYMPOSIUM – 10%
In your Anatomy and Physiology course, along with seminar, you’ll be using what you learn in class to help you choose a topic that you will present on at the end of the semester during the First-Year Symposium (FYS). First-Year Symposium is an opportunity for students to share their academic work with the campus community. More information will be provided in the form of class discussion and an online assignment description.

Important Dates
Monday, September 4 - Last day to register/add a class
Friday, November 9 - Last day to drop a class
November 21-23 - Reading Day/Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday, December 5 - Last day of classes
December 7-13 - Final Exams

Online Schedule
A detailed schedule for this course can be found at: https://mkcannon21.wixsite.com/uccp1101triadap/blog

Late Work
Any major assignment (such as a portfolio or paper) will be accepted late, at a penalty of half a letter grade per calendar day late. Please contact me at least 24 hours in advance if there are extenuating circumstances that will cause you to miss a major due date.

Cell Phones & Other Technology
Please put cell phones on silent and keep use of them in-class to a minimum out of respect for your peers and me. While I understand that we all have that “check the phone itch”, our class is only 50 minutes long and each class day is important for your learning progress.

Academic Honesty
University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possessions of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism.

Notice to Students with Disabilities
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in CCH 116.

Notice to Student Veterans
If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

Dropping a Class
I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me before you decide to drop this course. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. November 9 is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

Grade Appeal Process
As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that his or her final grade reflects academic evaluation which is arbitrary, prejudiced, or inappropriate in view of the standards and procedures outlined in this class syllabus may appeal the grade given for the course. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. If the student believes the matter is not satisfactorily resolved at the student-faculty level, an appeal of the final grade in the class may be submitted, in writing, to the Chair of the Department of Undergraduate Studies. For complete details, please visit: http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/index.html.

I-CARE
TAMU-CC is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our campus community. If you need support or have a concern about the behavior or safety of a fellow student, you may share your concerns with I-CARE by submitting an online referral to icare.tamucc.edu. Your report will help us to provide outreach, support, and early intervention.

Think About It
All UCCP 1101 students are required to complete the Think About It training to prepare you for the unique challenges associated with being a university student. You should have received an email prompting you to take the course before you arrived on campus. Please complete the training before October 1st, to avoid a registration hold that will prevent you from registering for Spring 2019 classes. If you did not receive the email, please talk with me or contact thinkaboutit@tamucc.edu for a new access link.