UCCP 1101: First-Year Seminar I (Triad A)  
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi  
Department of Undergraduate Studies ~ Fall 2019

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Course Information:  
UCCP 1101. 113 TR 2:00 – 2:50 pm LOCATION: BH 127  
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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.

Evaluation  

MIDTERM AND FINAL REFLECTIONS – 30%  
Two reflections, each worth 15% of your course grade, will be due during the semester. The midterm portfolio will be due on October 25th, while the final portfolio will be due on December 6th. See the online assignment descriptions for more information.

PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE – 30%  
It is vital that you attend each and 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 (class activities, assignments - individual and group not included in other assignment descriptions) every time we meet. However, you are allowed two absences. Use them well. After the second absence, any extra absences will affect your grade.
ISLANDER IDENTITY PROJECT – 10%
Each week, 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. These will be posted in Blogs in Blackboard along with a short report to your peers about this event along with an explanation of how this contributes to your continuing development as an Islander.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROJECT – 20%
The JA project is a service-learning, community engagement activity that requires each student to teach a 5-unit curriculum of basic economic or business concepts to local K-12 students. For assignment guidelines, consult Dr. Lee’s ECON course syllabus.

FIRST-YEAR SYMPOSIUM – 10%
All learning community students will participate in First-Year Symposium (FYS) at the end of the Fall 2019 semester. 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
- Tuesday, September 3: Last day to register/add a class
- Friday, November 8: Last day to drop a class
- November 28-29: Reading Day/Thanksgiving Holiday
- Wednesday, December 4: Last day of classes
- December 6-12: Final Exams

Online Schedule
A detailed schedule for this course can be found through Blackboard.

Late Work
Any major assignment (such as a portfolio) will be accepted late, at a possible penalty of half a letter grade per calendar day late. Please contact me in advance if there are extenuating circumstances that will cause you to miss a major due date. There will be no make-ups for missed daily grades.

Electronic Device Policy
Please refrain from the use of electronic devices during class, as it is distracting to not only you, but also to your instructor and peers. Laptops will be permitted for particular activities as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

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 dropping form.
drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. **April 5** 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 First-Year Learning Communities Coordinator. For complete details, please visit: [http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/index.html](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.