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

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Course Information: UCCP 1101.480 TR 9:30-10:20am CS 108

Course Description
Learn what it means to be a student and member of the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi community in the two-semester sequence of First-Year Seminar (FYS). FYS explores different facets of college knowledge for academic and social success. As the integrative engine of a learning community, FYS engages students in a collaborative learning experience. By attending learning community courses with students, FYS faculty facilitate meaningful connections between linked courses. FYS students gain confidence in their individual skills and develop abilities for use in the academic community and beyond. UCCP 1102 emphasizes student success after the first-year.

Student Learning Outcomes
• Synthesize connections between learning community courses by engaging in integrative experiences and assignments.
• Evaluate learning processes in learning community courses through self-reflection.
• Demonstrate academic development from learning community participation by completing integrative assignments and presenting in a public forum.
• Locate and utilize campus resources connected to learning community courses and university life.

Course Goals and Objectives
• Integrative Learning
• Learning to Learn
• Academic Development
• Higher Education Navigation

Major Course Requirements

PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT – 30%
There is nothing that we will do here that is not important to your success in this learning community. Consistent attendance in Seminar not only contributes to your overall grade, but helps facilitate your understanding of assignments across the learning community. Active participation in class can earn you extra participation credit, but tardiness, absence, lack of communication, and disengagement can all lead to deductions in your participation grade. Take each class meeting seriously and keep in touch with me and you’ll do well!

SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNALS – 20%
Throughout the semester, you will compose journal entries in Blackboard that will count toward your grades in Seminar. These journals should be approximately 500-750 words in length, although quality of content is more important to me than length. Consider these an opportunity to reflect and communicate your thoughts about general concepts related to the Learning Community subjects. Ultimately, these are designed to help you contextualize your academic experience with the world around you.

SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATION – 30%
On Thursday, November 21st, all first-year students in TR LCs will participate in the annual First Year Symposium, an event that showcases the research and academic pursuits that have been conducted as part of the Learning Community experience. This event provides you the opportunity to share your work with other members of the campus community and also to experience firsthand the results of the work done by your peers. Your work in COMM and POLS will be the locus of your Symposium project.

FINAL REFLECTION – 20%
At the conclusion of the semester, you will be expected to reflect on the work you have done across the Triad and demonstrate, metacognitively, how these activities meet the Learning Community Student Outcomes, which will be delivered at the beginning of the semester and made available online.
Important Dates
Tuesday, September 3  Last day to register/add a class
Friday, November 8  Last day to drop a class
November 21-22  First-Year Symposium
Wednesday, November 27  Reading Day
November 28-29  Thanksgiving Holidays
Wednesday, December 4  Last day of classes
Thursday, December 5  Reading Day
December 6-12  Final Exams

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

Late Work
Major assignments will be accepted late, at a penalty of 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.

Electronic Devices
Your responsibility to yourself as a student involves regulating your own behavior so as to maximize the value of your time here; therefore, you can choose to use your electronic devices in Seminar as you see fit, with one exception: if your use of them interferes with any other student's ability to participate fully, I will ask you to discontinue or alter your use of them. If disruptions persist after you have been notified, I reserve the right to take action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct as it pertains to disruptive behavior.

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.

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 8th 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/.

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.