UCCP 1102: First-Year Seminar II
Learning Community HP: Political Culture and Protest
First-Year Learning Communities Program
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Course Information:
- UCCP 1102.407 M, W 1 pm CS 111
- UCCP 1102.408 M, W 2 pm CS 111

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

SEMINAR COURSE EVALUATION

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 attendance every day. However, you are allowed two absences. Use them well. After the second absence, any extra absences will affect your grade. This class is a no phone zone when we are engaging in discussion and small-group work! DUE: Ongoing evaluation.

CHARACTER INVESTIGATION AND DIGITAL PRESENTATION – 20%
You will be asked to complete an assignment that allows you to investigate the character you are assigned in the Role-Playing Game in Dr. Costanzo’s class. In addition, you will make a short digital presentation to the seminar class. You may work individually or in pairs. I will give you more details regarding this assignment in February. DUE: Written Character Investigation is due March 24. Presentation dates TBD!

MIDTERM REFLECTION – 20%
At the middle of the semester you will turn in a short reflection and a résumé. I will give you more details regarding this assignment after week 3 of class. DUE: March 4.
INTEGRATED ASSIGNMENT – 20%
Most of the work we will do in this course will relate to your other courses in the learning community. For the integrated assignment you will complete the Critical Reflection (Final) associated with the Reacting Game activity. **DUE: As per Costanzo’s syllabus: May 13 at 9am.**

FIRST-YEAR ISLANDER CONFERENCE & CAREER BUILDING EXERCISE (Wednesday, April 22 & Thursday, April 23) – 10%
All first-year students are required to attend one academic-related session and one career-related event at the First-Year Islander Conference. Students will be awarded extra credit in seminar for preparing a before the event (5% extra for a total of 10). **DUE: April 22 or April 23.**

**Important Dates**
- Tuesday, January 28: Last day to register/add a class
- March 9-13: Spring Break
- Friday, April 10: Last day to drop a class
- Wednesday, April 22 & Thursday, April 23: First-Year Islander Conference
- Wednesday, May 6: Last day of classes
- May 8, 11-14: Final Exams. There is no final exam in seminar!

**Online Schedule**
A detailed schedule for this course can be found at: [https://www.tamucc.edu/wiki/AmyCarter/Home](https://www.tamucc.edu/wiki/AmyCarter/Home)

**Late Work**
Any major assignment (such as a reflection) will be accepted late, at a penalty of a 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.

**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. **Friday, April 10** 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).
**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.

**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.

**Student Mental Health & Well-Being Statement**
As a student, there may be times when personal stressors interfere with your academic performance and/or negatively impact your daily life. If you are experiencing emotional distress or mental health issues, please visit the Counseling Center located in the Driftwood Building during walk-in hours or call (361)825-2703. Counselors are available by phone 24/7 to assist students who are in crisis. **Services are free and confidential.** For access to self-help resources and anonymous mental health screenings, visit the Counseling Center website at https://counseling.tamucc.edu. In an emergency, call 911 or University Police at (361)825-4444.

**Title IX**
TAMU—CC dedicates a tremendous amount of resources to make sure that students on campus can feel reasonably sure that they will not experience discrimination, harassment, or violence in our community. That said, if you feel you may be a victim of discrimination, harassment, or violence, the university encourages you to report it to the Title IX office on campus (361-825-2765) and/or the University Police Department (361-825-4444). The Title IX office maintains a website that may help guide you in your decision-making with these matters: http://edcs.tamucc.edu/titleIX/