Welcome to the First Year Experience 2019-2020

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First Year Experience

What makes this class unique?

• Introduction to college-level work in a small class-size

• Valuable information about resources for success at CofC

• Opportunity to explore prospective major or a topic of interest

• Events and social opportunities unique to FYE

• Required to graduate
First Year Experience

What is FYE?

First-Year Seminar
- 30 special topic courses from 20+ departments
- 3 elective credits

Learning Community
- Combinations of elective + Gen-Ed classes
- 5-8 credits of elective and/or Gen-Ed

+ Synthesis Seminar (FYSS 101)
Peer Mentor guided course on topics that guide transition to College at CofC
How to sign up?

*Benefit of pre-enrollment
- You send your top 5 choices to FYE via Google form in early October.
- You will be sent an email reminder.
First Year Experience Abroad

What is FYE Abroad?

• Special topic travel course during Spring Break
• 1 elective credit – meet once per week before break

Spring 2020 Courses

• UK Soccer Experience
• Spanish Vistas: Art Architecture and Cuisine in Barcelona
• Fire & Ice: Volcanoes and Glaciers in Iceland
• The Scottish Play: Macbeth, Edinburgh and the Highlands of Scotland
• Real Food Cuba
• Paris and Beyond: Labyrinths, Lore, and the Lost Generation
• Food Culture in Hong Kong and Macau: Western Missionaries and Chinese Cuisine
• Let’s Eat in Italy, and Write About it Too
First Year Experience Abroad

What are the benefits?

• Opportunity to continue travel
• Small cohort of other first-years
• Organized and taught by CofC instructors
  – *Does not replace the FYE course requirement

How to sign up?

• Explore FYE website for course descriptions
• Reach out to course instructors in September/October
Questions?

First Year Experience

The First Year Experience is an academic program designed to fully integrate new students into the academic and cultural community of the College of Charleston. All of the courses give new students an opportunity to work closely with top-level faculty, to meet other new students at the beginning of the school year, smooth their transition to college, and provide them with the skills that will help them succeed throughout their academic careers. Fostering these connections and skills in the first year is crucial to success at the College, graduation, and beyond. To delve more deeply into the First Year Experience courses, please visit our courses section of the webpage.

The College of Charleston's FYE Ranked in the top 10 nationally by US News and World Report

FYE in the News