FRESHMAN INTEREST GROUPS
FALL 2014

Why Students Should Take A FIG

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a 1-credit 199 course
(maximum 25 student cohort)
led by instructor and experienced undergraduate student

Students who select a FIG only need to choose two additional courses to complete their fall term full-load class schedule

FIGs allow students to:

+ learn across academic disciplines
+ engage directly with faculty, upper-classman undergraduates, and peers in a small class-setting
+ make connections with campus resources and the campus community

FIGs
Where The Pieces Come Together

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FRESHMAN INTEREST GROUPS (FIGs)
WHERE THE PIECES COME TOGETHER

FALL 2014 FIG:
OVERVIEW

Number of FIGs offered in fall 2014: 60
Pre-IntroDUCKtion total FIG enrollment: ~95% capacity*

*Includes 24 spaces for FIG Inside Architecture:
  » designed for students interested in applying to the architecture program, not current majors
  » three courses – ARCH 201 Introduction to Architecture
     – ARCH 314 History of Western Architecture I
     – ARCH 199 College Connections

TO FIND OUT IF
STUDENT HAS
SELECTED A FIG

See the Fall Schedule that each student receives on Day One of IntroDUCKtion. The document specifies any FIG they have chosen, and lists the scores earned for standardized tests they have taken.

FLEXIBILITY EASES
FALL TERM COURSE
SELECTION PROCESS
FOR STUDENTS
IN A FIG

Encourage students to keep the FIG they have selected. Students in a FIG only need to choose two additional courses to complete their fall term schedule, thus simplifying the final course selection process.

FIGs AT
INTRODUCKTION:
GETTING
INFORMATION
AND THE LATEST
UPDATES ON
AVAILABILITY;
ADDING AND
CHANGING
SELECTION

IntroDUCKtion Day Two—Faculty Advising in EMU Ballroom:

» FIG details and enrollment availability updates:
  › List of FIG enrollment availability as of 9:00 a.m. is distributed to advisors before advising appointments begin for the day
  › Binders of information about when FIG courses are offered in weekly calendar grids (i.e., in matrix format) are available on the advisor resource table inside the ballroom

» Students who need to register for, change, or get information about FIGs:
  › First-Year Programs staff at FIG resource table in lobby outside ballroom are available between 9:00 a.m. and noon, and from 1:00 p.m. till approximately the conclusion of advising sessions
  › Line to request or change a FIG starts at the FIG resource table and extends outside to the balcony; the busiest period is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
  › After 10:00 a.m. is likely more convenient for student-advisees to speak directly with staff at the FIG resource table

» Follow @uoffig on Twitter for the latest FIG daily enrollment availability throughout IntroDUCKtion.
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FRESHMAN SEMINARS
SMALL CLASSES, BIG IMPACT

WHY FRESHMEN SHOULD TAKE A FRESHMAN SEMINAR

Freshman Seminars are specialized courses which provide first-year students with many benefits:

» Fulfill elective credit requirements for graduation
» Connect with professors who enjoy working with first-year students
» Meet fellow first-year students in a small class-setting
» Develop transferrable academic success skills in critical thinking, and verbal and written communication
» Explore interesting and engaging topics as a gateway to majors and/or minors

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT FALL 2014 FRESHMAN SEMINARS

1) 2014–15 Student Orientation Handbook: offers information about the Freshman Seminars program and lists the seminars offered throughout the 2014–2015 academic year
2) Fall 2014 Freshman Seminars brochure: provides summarized descriptions for fall 2014 seminars
3) UO Class Schedule (classes.uoregon.edu): search FSEM – Freshman Seminar in the “Subject” drop-down menu
4) First-Year Programs website: visit fryp.uoregon.edu/freshman-seminars/freshman-seminars-for-2014-2015

HOW TO REGISTER FOR FRESHMAN SEMINARS

Register for Freshman Seminars through DuckWeb:

» Spaces are released gradually throughout IntroDucktion in summer
» All remaining spaces and waitlists open on Friday, September 26th

During faculty advising on day two of IntroDucktion sessions, staff at the Freshman Seminars resource table in the lobby outside the EMU ballroom are available to assist students with questions about the program.

Students are also encouraged to think ahead for their freshman year as Freshman Seminars are offered each term. Visit fryp.uoregon.edu/freshman-seminars/freshman-seminars-for-2014-2015 for the most up-to-date offerings.