

# UNIV 1010 - Freshman Seminar

**Section: HON**

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## **Course Description:**

This course is a graduation requirement for all first time in college freshman. This course is designed to introduce incoming freshmen to the intellectual and cultural environment of the university and the impact it will have on their lives as students. The course incorporates presentations by leading UT Dallas faculty members on research developments of major current interest, small section meetings to discuss these presentations and matters of general concern to UT Dallas freshmen, and a substantial component of on-line learning focused on developing the strategies and tactics that will lead to successful careers at UT Dallas and beyond. This class is required of all first time in college freshman students. [ECS 1200](#) may be substituted for [UNIV 1010](#), provided students attend the large faculty lectures and complete the on-line learning focused on developing the strategies and tactics that will lead to successful careers at UT Dallas and beyond. Credit/No Credit only. (2-0) Y

## **Section Description:**

This section of UNIV 1010 will be a School of Management section. We will discuss topics relating to beginning college and college success, as well as global events and events relevant to the students lives. Expect discussion topics to vary from week to week. In particular, this section will be an introduction to the various disciplines within the world of business.

## **Required Materials:**

- UT Dallas student email account
- UT Dallas eLearning access
- Comet Card
- Thompson-Canino et. al. (2009). *Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Justice and Redemption*. St. Martin's Press, New York.

## **Class Policies:**

- The Freshman Seminar is a course designed to introduce incoming freshmen to college life and academia. The introduction is made through close contact with university community members and peer mentors.
- The course is required for all incoming freshmen, but is graded credit / no credit. The point of the course is not to increase your academic workload, but rather to encourage you to think about the nature and purpose of your time at UT Dallas.

## **Small Section Sessions**

- This class meets for 11 small section sessions. The small section discussions provide an opportunity to connect with a professor or administrator at UT Dallas who will provide insight into the university and their academic interest. Arrive on time, and be ready for class discussion.
- Attendance at every small section session is required. Attendance will be taken and documented. Documentation related to absences should be submitted to the eLearning coordinator in FO 2.710.

### Large Lecture Sessions

- You have the opportunity to attend lectures from some of the leading researchers at UT Dallas. Bring a notepad and think of ideas that you can bring up in your next small section class.
- Attendance during 4 large lectures on Monday night at 7:00 PM is mandatory. Please register your attendance on eLearning at the beginning of the semester so that you are able to attend all events. The schedule of lectures and speakers will be posted in eLearning.

### Campus Events

- Attendance to one athletic event and one cultural event is required. If you are unable to attend any of the preselected events, we will work with you to find an alternative event. A list of preselected events will be posted in eLearning.

### eLearning Modules

- Completion of all online eLearning modules is mandatory. You must achieve a satisfactory result on each module quiz. The required passing score will be posted at the beginning of each module. The online modules are OPEN FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME. If you do not complete the module within the allotted time, you must schedule a meeting and provide a documented reason why you were unable to meet the deadline.

### Course Objectives:

- To help you understand the nature and purpose of a university and how it fits into society.
- To help you understand how you fit within an academic setting and how you can succeed academically.
- To connect you to leading scholars on campus, their academic fields, and paths to success.
- To connect you with the UT Dallas campus community through department presentations, campus involvement, community service, and interactions with peers.
- To present tips, tactics, and techniques for more effective learning, emphasizing time management strategies, critical thinking, communication skills in various environments and the use of campus resources.

**\*UNIV 1010 is a requirement for graduation. If you drop the course or do not receive credit at the end of the semester, you must take a designated section of UNIV 1010 in the Spring focusing on study skills and success planning.**

### Attendance:

This is a discussion-based class that involves collaborative learning and interactive exercises in order to explore a variety of topics relative to your transition to college life and The University of Texas at Dallas. Therefore, it is critical that you come to class to take part in the activities and contribute to the class dynamics. More than two unexcused absences will result in not receiving credit for the course.

For an excused absence, you must adhere to the following:

- All students participating on UTD competitive teams (athletic and intellectual) must bring an official Intercollegiate Competition Memo signed by John Jackson **prior** to any sanctioned absences. Students must inform the instructor and eLearning coordinator of the impending absence **at least 2 weeks prior** to the absence.
- Any anticipated absence arranged through the Office of AccessAbility must be shared with the instructor and the eLearning coordinator **at least 2 weeks prior** to the absence.
- Students observing a holy day must inform the instructor **before** the class day to be missed.

- In the case of an emergency the student must notify the instructor and send an e-mail through eLearning to the course coordinator as soon as it is feasible.

### **Grading:**

This course is designated a credit/no-credit course. The requirements to receive credit are as follows:

- Completion of all online eLearning modules is mandatory.
- Attendance to one athletic event and one cultural event is required.
- Attendance during 4 large lectures on Monday night at 7:00 PM is mandatory.
- Attendance at every small section session is required. However, more than two unexcused absences will result in not receiving credit for the course.

Students who do not meet the requirements listed above to receive credit for the course will be required to enroll in a special section of UNIV 1010 in the spring semester. The spring course will focus on study skills and time management, including special sessions with a success coach.

### **Small Section Course Schedule**

- 1. Week of 8/29/11:** First Day of Class, Syllabus Overview, Get to know each other  
Everyone off Week of 9/6/11 (Monday = Labor Day)
- 2. Week of 9/12/11:** Intro to Marketing
- 3. Week of 9/19/11:** Intro to Management Information Systems
- 4. Week of 9/26/11:** FYL Discussion
- 5. Week of 10/3/11:** Intro to OB & Healthcare
- 6. Week of 10/10/11:** Intro to Entrepreneurship & Real Estate
- 7. Week of 10/17/11:** Intro to Global Business
- 8. Week of 10/24/11:** FYL Discussion
- 9. Week of 10/31/11:** Intro to Supply Chain
- 10. Week of 11/7/11:** Intro to Accounting
- 11. Week of 11/14/11:** Intro to Finance

### **Large Lecture Schedule**

- 1. Monday, 9/12, 7:00 PM**
- 2. Monday, 9/19, 7:00 PM**
- 3. Monday, 9/26, 7:00 PM**
- 4. Monday, 10/3, 7:00 PM**
- 5. Monday, 10/10, 7:00 PM**
- 6. Monday, 10/17, 7:00 PM**
- 7. Monday, 10/24, 7:00 PM**
- 8. Monday, 10/31, 7:00 PM**

## eLearning Instructions

UNIV 1010 provides you an opportunity to get to know eLearning at UT Dallas. ELearning is an online course management and content distribution platform. During your time at UT Dallas, you will find that several of your professors will post assignments, quiz and test grades on eLearning. Other professors may request that you participate in online conversations through the eLearning course page.

For UNIV 1010, you will find that the eLearning platform is used as a content distribution tool. The Office of Undergraduate Education has developed a series of online modules designed to introduce you to UT Dallas and particular student resources that you may need during your time on campus. Additionally, there are several modules designed to introduce you to concepts that are particularly germane to students entering college. Each module is followed by a short quiz to allow you to demonstrate your knowledge of the content therein. You must complete all eLearning modules and receive a passing score on the quiz to receive credit for UNIV 1010.

UNIV 1010 also uses the eLearning platform for course management. You will use eLearning to sign up for your large lectures, as well as determine which athletic and cultural events you will attend. You should plan to log into eLearning at least twice a week to for course and schedule updates.

To log into eLearning, please proceed to the UT Dallas homepage at [www.utdallas.edu](http://www.utdallas.edu).

Select "Current Students" from the menu bar.

Select "eLearning" between Current Students and Galaxy.

Select "Academic" as the name of the institution you wish to access.

Select "Log In".

Use your NetID and Password to log into eLearning.

Select the UNIV 1010 course

Everything else you need to know about eLearning and UNIV 1010 you can find on the eLearning platform.

**University Policies: (<http://provost.utdallas.edu/home/syllabus-policies>)**

*These descriptions and timelines are subject to change.*