

Freshman Seminar

ARHM 1100

Syllabus

Section 001 M JO 2.604 (Performance Hall)

Section 002 W JO 2.604 (Performance Hall)

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Office Hours & Location:

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Required Materials:

- UTD student email account

Course Objectives:

- To introduce you to the School of Arts & Humanities, including A&H majors, centers, and research and career opportunities
- To acquaint you with A&H advisors and present you with advising tips and guidelines
- To connect you with the UTD campus community through presentations, campus involvement, and interactions with faculty, staff, and peers.
- To present tips, tactics, and techniques for more effective learning, emphasizing critical thinking and the use of campus resources.

Course Description:

ARHM 1100 - Freshman Seminar (1 semester hour) This course is a graduation requirement for all freshmen in the School of Arts and Humanities (A&H). Incoming freshmen will learn about the intellectual and cultural environment in the School of Arts and Humanities through lectures, group projects, activities, guest panels, and attendance at artistic and cultural events. Students will also learn about A&H majors (Art and Performance, Arts and Technology, Emerging Media and Communication, Historical

Studies, and Literary Studies), research opportunities, careers, and internships. This course is open to all non-A&H majors. Credit/No Credit. Co-requisite: [UNIV 1010](#). (1-0) Y

Coursework & Grading Philosophy:

- ARHM 1100 and UNIV 1010 are required courses for all incoming freshmen as it has been effective in raising GPAs, retention from the freshman to sophomore year, and overall student satisfaction and success.
 - UTD is a selective admissions institution with one of the highest average Freshman class SAT scores in the state, therefore performance and participation in ARHM & UNIV is expected to reflect the caliber of students and academic standards of the university as a whole.
 - The course objectives for ARHM & UNIV represent goals which are fundamental to student success both inside and outside of the college classroom.
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Grading:*

90 – 100 points = Credit (equivalent of an “A”)
80- 89 points = Credit (equivalent of a “B”)
70-79 points = Credit (equivalent of a “C”)
60 – 69 points = Credit (equivalent of a “D”)
59 points or less = No Credit (equivalent of a “F”)

***ARHM 1100 and UNIV 1010 are requirements for graduation. If you drop the course or fail it, you must take Study Skills in the Spring. It will be recoded in order to give you credit for the course and enable you to replace your “F” or “W.”**

Assignments:

- **Office Hours Visit** (20%; up to 20 points) – Write one paragraph that shows which professor was visited; her/his office hours; office #; and something interesting/unusual in the office. **DUE 9/17 (M section) and 9/19 (W section) at the beginning of class.**
- **CareerWorks sign up** (10%; 10 points) – Will obtain names of students who sign up from Career Center. **DUE 10/15 (M section) and 10/17 (W section).**

- **Student Success Center Visit** (20%; 20 points) – Will obtain names of student who sign up from the Student Success Center. **DUE 11/26 (M section) and 11/28 (W section).**
- **A&H Event Attendance** (10% each; 20 points total) – two events required. Submit evidence of attendance such as a photo of student in attendance, ticket stub stapled to participation sheet, etc. **DUE NO LATER THAN 12/10 (M section) and 12/12 (W section) at the beginning of class.**
- **UNIV 1010 Attendance** (20%; up to 20 points) – Will obtain attendance records from FYLs. ***This assignment is standard across all Freshman Seminar classes.**
- **ARHM 1100 Quiz** (10%; up to 10 points) – The quiz will be based on all lectures that occurred during the term. Be sure to attend class to pass the quiz! **DUE 12/10 (M section) and 12/12 (W section).**

Tentative Schedule:

WEEK	TOPIC	NOTES
1. 8/27 & 8/29	Course intro/syllabus review	Take LLC survey
2. 9/3 & 9/5	“Surprise” on W 9/5	M 9/3 is Labor Day – No Class
3. 9/10 & 9/12	University Culture	faculty & student pet peeves
4. 9/17 & 9/19	The A&P major	DUE: Office Hours paragraph
5. 9/24 & 9/26	The ATEC major	
6. 10/1 & 10/3	The Historical Studies major	
7. 10/8 & 10/10	The Career Center	Holland Questionnaire
8. 10/15 & 10/17	The Literary Studies major	DUE: CareerWorks sign-up
9. 10/22 & 10/24	“Creativity and What-Not”	
10. 10/29 & 10/31	Midterms, Grades, & Advising	Advisor pet peeves
11. 11/15 & 11/17	A&H Centers	
12. 11/12 & 11/14	The EMAC major	
13. 11/26 & 11/28	Networking Skills	DUE: SSC Visit
14. 12/3 & 12/5	“Your College Career – What’s your Future?”	Undergrad & Grad panel
15. 12/10 & 12/12	The Future of Arts and Humanities	DUE: A&H event attendance DUE: Semester quiz

Course & Instructor Policies:

- Cell phones must be turned off or to vibrate and are not to be answered or used for text messaging during class time.
- Unless otherwise noted, laptops are NOT necessary for taking notes in class and should not be opened at any time.
- NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE PERFORMANCE HALL! YOU TOTAL SCORE WILL BE REDFUCED BY ½ IF YOU ARE EATING AND/OR DRINKING IN THIS CLASSROOM.
- Arriving late is disruptive to lecture and class activities and may affect your attendance and participation grade. If you have a legitimate reason for being late, please inform your instructor ahead of time or immediately after class.

Assignment Policy:

All assignments are due **on the specified due date – NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED!!** We shall deduct 5% of the written assignment grade for multiple typos, spelling errors and grammatical errors. We shall also deduct 5% for poor language use, and/or a disrespectful voice.

Technical Support:

If you experience any problems with your UTD account you may send an email to: assist@utdallas.edu or call the UTD Computer Helpdesk at 972-883-2911.

This information is subject to change at the discretion of the instructors.

UT Dallas Standard Policies and Procedure can be accessed at:
<http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies>.