

School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Freshman Seminar
BIS 1100 Section 002
Class Day& Time: Friday 10:00am-11:15am Location: CB2 1.102

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Course Description: BIS 1100-Freshman Seminar (1 Semester hour)

This course is a graduation requirement for the School of Interdisciplinary Studies (IS). Incoming freshmen will learn about the intellectual and cultural environment of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. Students will learn about IS majors, careers, internships and clubs and organizations. This course is open to all non-IS majors. Credit/No Credit. Co-requisite UNIV 1010

Course Objectives:

- To introduce you to the mission statement and goals associated with UT Dallas and the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, including majors, research and career opportunities.
- To connect you with the UT Dallas campus community through presentations, campus involvement, and interactions with faculty, staff and peers.
- Integrate academically and socially into the Interdisciplinary Studies community.
- Maintain mutually supportive relationships with freshman classmates, academic advisors, and instructors.
- Understand the importance of critical thinking and writing skills for academic success.

Required Materials:

- UT Dallas email account
- UT Dallas eLearning account
- Comet Card
- Additional material will be distributed in class

Class format and Instructor's Expectations:

This course will consist of lectures, student presentations, discussions, and a variety of assignments to be completed inside and outside of class. The purpose of class activities is to familiarize you with the Interdisciplinary Studies undergraduate degree programs as well as extracurricular opportunities. Class attendance is mandatory and will be documented. Cell phones need to be turned off or on silent as a courtesy to the instructor. Unless otherwise noted, laptops are NOT necessary for taking notes in class and should not be opened at any time.

Grading:

- 20% UNIV 1010 Attendance
- 20% BIS 1101 Attendance
- 20% Group Presentation
- 10% Service Learning/Volunteerism Activity
- 10% Student Club/Organization Attendance
- 10% Office Hours Visit

Attendance:

Attendance will be required for Both BIS 1100 and UNIV 1010. Please notify instructor via email of any circumstance preventing you from attending class. Documentation will be required for excused absences. Students are required to follow the attendance guidelines outlined in the UNIV 1010 syllabus.

Group Presentation:

Students will work with a group of their classmates to explore ONE topic related to their major or area of interest within the Interdisciplinary Studies Department. Students will collaborate with other group members to share their findings with the class using a multimedia format that includes photos, video, and/or music. Group presentation will take place on November 22nd and if needed December 6th.

Service Learning/Volunteerism Activity:

Students must select a volunteer activity and provide proof of attendance. Students will type a one page summary of the activity that they chose. For volunteer opportunities visit <http://www.utdallas.edu/volunteer/>. Students are also required to sign up for the President's Volunteer Service Awards at <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/s/ut/>. Please screen print the registration page for verification.

Student Club/Organization Attendance:

Students must attend a student/organization event and provide proof of attendance. Students will type a paragraph summarizing event. For a list of events go to: <http://www.utdallas.edu/calendar/>.

Office Hours Visit:

Students are required to schedule an appointment with one of their professors and provide proof of scheduled office visit.

Assignment Policy:

NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED!! Assignments will be collected at the beginning of class.

General Policies and Procedures:

The University of Texas at Dallas has developed a number of policies and procedures designed to provide students with a safe and supportive learning environment. For UTD policies please go to: <http://coursebook.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies/>.

Course Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Assignment Due Dates</i>
August 30, 2013	Ice Breaker Syllabus Review & Class Expectations	
September 6, 2013	University Culture	
September 13, 2013	"Things Every College Freshman Ought to Know"	
September 20, 2013	Interdisciplinary Studies Department: Degree Plans & Programs	
September 27, 2013	Time Management	
October 4, 2013	Mid-Terms & Advising	Office Hours Visit
October 11, 2013	Preparing Students for Life, Work & Leadership	
October 18, 2013	Networking	
November 1, 2013	Clubs/ Activities/Volunteering	
November 8, 2013	Internships & Teacher Certification	
November 15, 2013	Social Media: Do's & Don'ts	Volunteer Activity
November 22, 2013	Group Presentations	Group Presentation
November 29, 2013	NO CLASS: FALL BREAK	
December 6, 2013	Wrap Up/Review *Group Presentations if needed	Student Club/Organization Attendance
December 13, 2013	Final Exam	

****NOTE:** These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor