UNIV 1100
FRESHMAN SEMINAR
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CLASS TIME AND LOCATION:
SECTION 003-TR 1:00-1:50 p.m. RHW 2.400

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

UNIV 1100 Freshman Seminar (1 semester credit hour).
This class introduces Undeclared Freshmen to the intellectual as well as cultural environment of the university. It will also assist them in choosing a major and developing career goals that fits their unique skills and discovering resources that will help them achieve goals for future success.

NOTE: UNIV 1100 is a requirement for graduation from UT Dallas. If you drop the course or do not receive credit at the end of the semester, you must take the course again in a subsequent fall semester.

Student Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students should know how to:

- Integrate academically and socially into the UTD community.
- Relate the core curriculum to the goal of being an educated individual in a democratic society
- Demonstrate personal and social responsibility through service learning
- To enhance your communication skills through opportunities for both oral and written expression.
- Work as a team with classmates, academic advisors, and instructors
- Learn what majors and careers suit their skills and abilities

Required Materials

- UT Dallas student email account
- Comet Card

Class Format and Instructor's Expectations:
Welcome to UNIV 1100. This course will consist of lectures, discussions, and a variety of assignments to be completed both inside and outside the classroom. Class attendance is important in order to pass the class.

Grading Policy

Attendance and Participation	375 points
Academic Autobiography	50 points
Expert Testimony	55 points
FYL Meeting	20 points
UTD Campus Exploration	100 points
Community Service Activity	100 points
Group Project and Presentation	200 points
Final Portfolio Project	100 points
Total	1000 points

Grading Scale

A+	990-1000
A	920-989
A-	900-919
B+	880-899
B	820-879
B-	800-819
C+	780-799
C	720-779
C-	700-719
D+	680-699
D	620-679
D-	600-619
F	Below 559

Class Attendance and Participation (375 points)

It is essential that you attend class and participate in all activities and discussions. **You are allowed 4 unexcused absences for the class. If you are more than 10 minutes late to class it will count as an unexcused absence.** ***If you have more than four unexcused absences you will not pass the class and will have to repeat it.***

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

- All students participating on UT Dallas competitive teams (athletic and intellectual) must bring an official Intercollegiate Competition Memo **prior** to any sanctioned absences. Students must inform the instructor 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 **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 event you are ill or unable to attend class because of an emergency (ex. Car trouble), email your instructor right away. You will need to provide documentation (ex. Doctor's note) in order for it to count as excused. If no documentation is provided the absence will be considered unexcused.

Academic Autobiography (50 points)

You will write a minimum 4 page paper to reflect on your life as a student thus far and to begin thinking about possible majors and careers.

Oral Presentation: Expert Testimony (55 points)

You will prepare a 2 – 2½ minute talk about something familiar to you and that you would like to share with the class.

UTD Campus Exploration (100 points)

You will attend two on-campus events in order to discover what UTD has to offer in the way of student services, personal resources, social opportunities, and entertainment. A one page reflection paper will be used to document your participation

FYL Meeting (20 points)

Your First Year Leader (FYL) is here to help you have a successful transition to UT Dallas. You must complete a 15 minute meeting with your FYL by October 31st. They will provide more information about how to make an appointment at a later date.

Community Service Activity (100 points)

The core learning outcomes of personal and social responsibility serve as a foundation for encouraging UT Dallas students, faculty, and staff to engage in service to their various communities. It is also a way to explore career interests and build life skills. Therefore UNIV 1100 students will be required to complete one community service activity during the course of the semester. You can choose your own volunteer experience or you can go through the UT Dallas Office of Volunteerism (http://www.utdallas.edu/volunteer/) to ensure you can choose a service project that fits your interests, passions, skills and

schedule. A one page reflection paper will be used to document your community service activity.

Group Project and Presentation (200 points)

Teamwork is another aspect that is important to college and your future career. You will be assigned a group and have a choice of topics to create a presentation. Topic choices will include majors and careers or leadership. Each group will then present at the end of the semester. Further details will follow.

Final Portfolio Project (100 points)

To help you reflect on your experiences in your first semester of college and the majors and careers you are considering. The portfolio will include your online career assessments from Focus2 as well as a 3-4 page paper.

Written Assignment Format

All assignments are due on the specified due date – No late work will be accepted. Also, unless otherwise stated, all work must exhibit the following format:

- A coherent essay that addresses all required elements of the assignment.
- Typed, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font with one-inch margins.
- Students should include their name, section number, and date on all work.
- Papers should be free of typos, spelling, grammatical, and formatting errors.
- Vocabulary should reflect that of a college student, and writing style should be mature and cognizant of the instructor as audience.
- If submitted via email, papers must be sent as a word attachment, from your UTD email account, following the above format **and submitted on or before the specified due date.**

Class Citizenship

Please be respectful of your classmates and your instructors. Cell phones must be turned off or in vibrate mode and are not to be answered or used for text messaging during class time. ***No laptops or other electronic devices are allowed in this class unless expressly stated.***

Email Account

Please be sure that you know how to access your UTD email account and can check it regularly. The university provides students with free email accounts in order to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of individuals corresponding and the security of the transmitted information. Therefore, the university encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student's UT Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. For help with your UTD email account, call 972-883-2911 or go to http://www.utdallas.edu/ir/helpdesk/

Scholastic Dishonesty

Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts. Plagiarism, especially from the web, and from any other source is unacceptable and will be dealt with under the university's policy on plagiarism.

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 UT Dallas policy related to the following go to: **http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies**

Tuesday-Thursday Class Schedule

Week of	Tuesday Topic	Thursday Topic

August 23	Welcome to UNIV 1100 Introductions, syllabus review, Why College?	Intro to Your University
August 30	Leadership/Farmers Dilemma?	Getting Involved
September 6	NO CLASS	FYL Day
September 13	Academics-Core Curriculum/PLSI **Due: Academic Autobiography**	Academic Communication
September 20	Career Center-Resources	Campus Services
September 27	Career-Interests, Abilities, Values **Due: Campus Event#1**	Managing your College Environment
October 4	**Oral Presentation: Expert Testimony**	Wellness Part 1
October 11	Career Exploration Day	Life Skills
October 18	Majors/Schools at UTD-What is the Difference? Goal Setting	Midterm Madness
October 25	Spring Registration/Course selection **Due: Campus Event #2**	UTD Technology Work on group presentations
November 1	Surviving the System **Due: FYL Meeting completed**	Being Civil in a Diverse Society
November 8	**Group Presentations**	FYL Day
November 15	**Group Presentations** **Due: Community Service Reflection Paper**	Wellness Part 2
November 22	NO CLASS – Fall Break/ Thanksgiving	NO CLASS-Fall Break/ Thanksgiving
November 29	Class wrap-up	FYL Day wrap-up
December -Final	**Due: Final Portfolio Project (12/9/16)**	

NOTE: This syllabus and schedule may be subject to change to fit the needs of the

class.