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"I'M GLAD I TOOK THIS CLASS. IT WAS A CHANCE TO LEARN SOMETHING I'M INTERESTED IN WITHOUT THE STRESS AND WORKLOAD OF A REGULAR CLASS."
1 FOR FUN:

We believe every new MSU student should take one course just for the fun of it: a relatively small class with an excellent professor to teach you something really interesting in his or her field—from real world CSI to MSU traditions, visual arts to recreational drumming, human and veterinary medicine to motor sports, and contemporary Latin American culture to champion athletes—plus many more great choices.

Our special First-Year Seminars carry one hour of course credit toward graduation and may be used in almost any major. Each seminar is on a different, interesting topic—a favorite topic your professor has always wanted to teach. You may take a seminar that relates to your major, or you may take one on an interesting topic outside your major and learn about something you might otherwise never get to explore. Research shows that students who connect to the university in this way are more likely to enjoy learning and succeed at college.

Register for these courses in the same way and at the same time you enroll in your other courses. Choose the “1-For-Fun” that will be great for you!
CSI: MSU - FORENSIC SCIENCE ACROSS CAMPUS
Instructor: Jennifer Seltzer
Course Number: EPP 1001

Description: Things aren’t always how they appear on TV. Using the experience of a variety of MSU faculty and staff who assist in criminal investigations in Mississippi, the United States, and across the globe, this course will highlight the realities and fallacies between television crime docudramas and laboratory science. Students will examine forensic science from multiple perspectives, including computer forensics, biochemistry, DNA analysis, forensic psychology, and forensic anthropology.

QUIDDITCH FOR MUGGLES
Instructor: Margaret Ralston
Course Number: SO 1001

Description: This class is perfect for a Harry Potter fan or someone who just wants to learn—and play—an entirely new sport. The actual sport of Quidditch was developed in 2005 and has rapidly grown in popularity. In fact, more than 300 teams are registered with the International Quidditch Association, which hosts a world cup every year. Quidditch offers an alternative to more traditional sports in that it was developed with a gender-integrated structure. No previous experience is required.

PHILOSOPHY AND DISCIPLINE OF KARATE AND SELF-DEFENSE
Instructor: Timothy Derby
Course Number: PHI 1001

Description: The three-fold objective of this course involves understanding the fundamental philosophies and principles that distinguish traditional karate from other forms of martial arts, developing the intangible mental attributes associated with situational awareness and avoidance, and learning effective physical techniques associated with one’s ability to protect his or herself from a physical attack. Students will also learn various self-defense strategies for dealing with the physiological “fight or flight” instinct associated with fear.
RECREATIONAL DRUM CIRCLES
Instructor: Robert Damm
Course Number: MU 1001

Description: Drums and other percussion instruments provide an exhilarating and engaging experience in rhythm, ensemble, and improvisation. Class members will experience the unique enjoyment of in-the-moment music and the many extra-musical outcomes emphasized in recreational drum circles. No prior drumming experience is required.

EXTREME MEDICINE: UNDERSTANDING THE MEDICAL CASES ON “HOUSE, M.D.”
Instructor: Adam Knight
Course Number: KI 1001, Sec. F01

Description: With its take on strange and bizarre medical cases, “House, M.D.” earned a spot in the landscape of popular television. It also gave rise to questions about the validity and probability of the illnesses and diseases presented on the show. This class will examine some of the medical cases presented, discuss the probability and validity of each case, and examine how the doctors were able to reach the correct diagnosis. This course is designed primarily for students intending to pursue careers in health-related fields, but all students are welcome.
VETERINARY MEDICINE: BEYOND SHOTS AND DE-WORMING
Instructor: Patty Lathan & Alison Lee
Course Number: CVM 1001

Description: This seminar will cover various aspects of and approaches to veterinary medicine. A specialist in a specific discipline—for example, small animal internal medicine, large animal surgery, or reproductive medicine—will deliver each class. Seminar topics will be diverse and include discussions about specific diseases, the importance of veterinary medicine in controlling human disease, and diagnostic and therapeutic techniques used in veterinary medicine. As part of the course requirements, students will be assigned to shadow a veterinary clinician for at least six hours at MSU’s Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

THE HUNGRY PLANET: PLANT DISEASE STORIES
Instructor: Shien Lu
Course Number: EPP 1001, Sec. F01

Description: This seminar will tell the stories of plant diseases and their impact on human civilization. Students will be challenged to think beyond plant disease outbreaks, to consider the impact these biological events have on society and individuals’ lives. Classes will introduce ongoing research and service activities related to plant health management and professional development.

INSECT PETS AND PESTS: SATISFY YOUR CURIOSITIES OR CONQUER YOUR FEARS!
Instructor: John Guyton
Course Number: EPP 1001, Sec. F02

Description: Insects can provide an essential service to mankind and sometimes even make good pets. This class will teach students about groups of insects to facilitate correct identification of which ones to worry about and which are safe for play. Insects are the most populous animals on the planet and are the most common wildlife encountered by individuals. This course will serve as an organizational strategy for living in a buggy world.
MEAT CHEMISTRY AND CUISINE

Instructor: Derris Devost-Burnett & Thu Dinh
Course Number: ADS 1001

Description:
Cooking meat is as much an exercise in chemical reactions as it is in culinary fare. This meat chemistry and cuisine course will teach the principles of muscle composition and meat chemistry, and demonstrate their impact on the quality of the final product. In each meeting, the class will introduce specific concepts related to meat chemistry, and students will be exposed to a range of culinary methods that manipulate the physiochemical composition of the meat product to yield a final dish. This dynamic and engaging learning environment will increase student understanding of the mechanisms that convert muscle to meat and meat to masterpieces.

VISUAL ARTS: WHY WE MAKE!

Instructor: Alex Bostic
Course Number: ART 1001, Sec F30

Description:
This course introduces various career paths in the visual arts, such as graphic design, sculpture, ceramics, illustration, concept art, studio management, exhibition design, photography, and mixed media. Learn how successful practicing artists have used their degrees in fine art and design. The class will focus on artists of the 21st century and the concepts and techniques employed to construct their work. Lectures will consist of videos, visiting artist speakers, slide presentations, field trips, and in-class participatory activities, all answering the question of “why we make!”
MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES AT MSU
Instructor: Derek Anderson
Course Number: AN 1001, Sec F03

Description: Did you know that Mississippi State University is home to 18 museums and galleries? This course will introduce students to the variety of artistic and research collections across campus, with tours, lectures, and behind-the-scenes visits led by the faculty and staff who work with these important objects. Students will also learn about the management of collections, archival research, conservation techniques, and how to design a successful exhibit.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE WHILE BUILDING FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE
Instructor: John Daniels
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F02
Instructor: Paul McKinney
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F27

Description: Wise money management while in college increases the likelihood of graduation and early financial success. Learn about budgeting money, saving and investing, credit cards, credit scores, scholarship application writing, debt management, and other related concepts. Discover how making great money-management decisions in college can positively affect the rest of your life.
VIVA LATINO AMERICA: AN UNCENSORED SAMPLING OF THE WORLD’S MOST VIBRANT CULTURE
Instructor: Rosa Vozzo
Course Number: FLS 1001

Description: Students will embark on a virtual field trip to several regions of Hispano-America. Students will be presented with cultural information, ideas, and events that have influenced the region, specifically those that provide a basis for comparisons of Hispanic and U.S. cultures. Students will be encouraged to explore cross-cultural comparisons and identify patterns that could cause cultural misunderstandings. This course will be highly useful for students who will take Spanish as a foreign language and for those who will serve or work with Latino Americans in their intended careers.

IT’S ALL GREEK TO ME
Instructor: Mark Clark
Course Number: FL 1001

Description: This course explores classical Greek culture, its influence on America, and the ways in which antiquity sometimes parallels modern life. Through examples of art and poetry, this course considers the Greek ideas and values that underlay the emergence of democracy and traditional education at Athens. Then, through a reading of Greek medical texts, oratory, and comedy, the course traces the development of a scientific and intellectual revolution that attracted the attention of the youth of Athens. These sources provide opportunities to see how the new thinking brought in to question traditional values and sometimes created conflict along generational lines.

FLOWER POWER: FROM FARM TO VASE
Instructor: Lynette McDougald
Course number: PSS 1001

Description: Flowers are universal in expressing a wide variety of emotions. Flowers are also universal in their origins, breeding, and growing before they are designed. This “farm to vase” course will take students through the chain of floral life and offer enjoyable design opportunities. Learn all about “flower power” in horticulture, art, design—and, yes, romance!
COWBELL YELL: EXPLORING MSU HISTORY AND TRADITIONS THROUGH MSU LIBRARIES’ HISTORICAL ARCHIVES
Instructor: Melody Dale & DeeDee Baldwin
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F01

Description: Cowbells, Bully, and Revelry! Oh, My! Learn about the traditions, myths, and history of Mississippi State University. Explore the changes in students/fashions from 1880 to today. Where did the cowbell come from? Why is Bully our mascot? Enhance your sense of community, curiosity, and whimsy through an introduction to research skills and hands-on experience with MSU Libraries’ vast collection of treasures and artifacts. What a great and enjoyable way to learn how to use the MSU Libraries, by learning all about our beloved university!

FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS: ZOO, AQUARIUM, AND WILDLIFE
Instructor: Carrie Vance & Andy Kouba
Course Number: BCH 1011, Sec. F02

Description: So you love animals! Learn about the many science-based career options in the Zoo, Aquarium, and Wildlife communities and the educational background needed to pursue careers in these exciting fields. These cutting-edge organizations are transforming themselves into conservation science centers and cooperative research units for public outreach and education. This seminar is open to all students who love animals and love learning about them, no matter what your major or career plans may be.

CHAMPION ATHLETES: WHAT MAKES THEM BIOLOGICALLY SPECIAL?
Instructor: JohnEric Smith
Course Number: KI 1001, Sec. F02

Description: What do champions like Steve Prefontaine and Frank Shorter (distance runners), Simone Biles (gymnast), Ben Pakulski (body builder), Usain Bolt (world’s fastest man), Brian Shaw (world’s strongest man), scuba divers, free divers, high altitude mountain climbers, and even Secretariat (elite racehorse) have in common? The answer lies in anatomy and physiology. Based on rapidly advancing science, this course teaches how small changes in anatomy and physiological function can lead to championship athletic performance.
LET ME SPEAK: INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITIVE SPEECH AND DEBATE
Instructor: Cheryl Chambers
Course number: CO 1001

Description: Hone your public speaking skills early, and dive into the world of competitive speech and debate. Topics will include an introduction to forensics; public address; informative, persuasive, and interpretive speeches; impromptu speaking; and formal debate. Great preparation for future lawyers, teachers, business people, politicians, and presenters in any field, this is a friendly class designed to develop skills no matter what your starting point—no previous public speaking or debate experience is required!

ANTHROPOLOGY: PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS
Instructor: Milena Melo Tijerina
Course number: AN 1001, Sec. F03

Description: Anthropology is more than just Indiana Jones and the TV series Bones. We focus on social change and human experience. This course will show how we interpret the past and how we talk about lived experience around the world. Students will gain an understanding of how we use material culture (stone tools, ceramics, architecture, and so on) to interpret lived experiences in the past, understand cross-cultural experiences, and identify human remains.

LEAD MAROON
Instructor: Jackie Mullen
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F32

Description: It can be hard to adjust to college life and figure out all of the ways to get involved at Mississippi State University. The Student Association President would like you to join him/her for a one hour class designed to help freshmen adjust to college and to develop your experience in and outside of the classroom. Students are introduced to academic survival skills, leadership opportunities, and everything they need to know about MSU. This course is led by the MSU Student Association President.
TED TALKS FOR HUMAN MOVEMENT
Instructor: Chih Chia Chen
Course Number: KI 1001, Sec. F03

Description: In this course, students will view and discuss TED Talks related to Kinesiology, including social, cognitive, biological, and applied frameworks, and getting the most out of the ideas in this area. Students will have an opportunity to apply what they learn through assignments and experiences, in addition to engagement in discussion with peers.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE
Instructor: Brent Crocker
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F31

Description: Are you prepared for the unknown? Join us as we learn ways to be prepared for the unknown. We will focus on emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. Lessons will include lectures, discussions, scenarios, and demonstrations. Topics will include staying safe on campus, fire safety, severe weather, active shooter, and preparing an emergency kit. Special guests will be brought in to cover specialty topics and share experiences.

THE ULTIMATE FYE: MAKE, CREATE, INNOVATE
Instructor(s): Stephanie Agnew & Thomas La Foe
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F33

Description: Learn all the essential technologies needed for a successful college experience in the MaxxSouth Broadband Digital Media Center. In this course you will learn how to use exciting and fun multi-media, which you will use throughout your college career and into your professional career. The course will cover: design and print of 3D objects, use of die cutter software and heat press, CAVS Mixed Reality Lab exploration, Broadcast Studio editing, creation of educational posters, and much more!
CYBER DAWGS
Instructor: Sarah Lee
Course Number: CSE 1001

Description: Most of our population is on the internet, from preschool children to senior citizens. Safe online behavior is important for everyone. Students will learn basic cybersecurity principles and simple computer programming using robots in the first part of the semester. With this knowledge, they will complete a service project with a local elementary school, teaching digital citizenship and computational thinking using robots and computer programming.

NATURE’S TIMEPIECE: TICK-TOCK OF THE BIOLOGICAL CLOCK
Instructor: Natraj Krishnan
Course Number: BCH 1011, Sec. F01

Description: Biological clocks are found in almost all organisms from cyanobacteria to humans. They generate rhythms in most behavioral and physiological processes in tandem with the day/night cycles (circadian, approximately 24 hours) e.g., sleep/wake cycle. The 2017 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine was awarded for work on the biological clock. This course will be a fun journey on the exciting discoveries (from bees to fruit flies to humans) that led to the Nobel Prize. A general understanding of what makes biological clocks tick may lead to treatments for sleep disorders, obesity, mental health disorders, jet lag, and other health problems.

HEROES & TRICKSTERS: GERMANIC TALES IN MODERN MEDIA
Instructor: Arianne Hainsey
Course Number: FL 1001, Sec. F03

Description: What do Luke Skywalker and Leslie Knope have in common? What about Deadpool and Beetlejuice? Take this seminar and join your fellow classmates as we discover the archetypes of heroes and tricksters. We will read source texts in translation like the tales from The Brothers Grimm and the myths from Norse Mythology. Our findings will then be applied to more modern titles like Gladiator and Parks and Recreation. This seminar will allow students to gain a new perspective into the films and shows they already watch by understanding some ways in which we can analyze characters in modern media.
**FIRST-YEAR PEER MENTORING**  
Instructors: Ra’Sheda Boddie-Forbes & Timothy Hopkins  
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F37

**Description:** This course is designed to help first year students understand and gain knowledge on how student resiliency, leadership, engagement, mentoring, and the use of institutional resources impact student success. Students who enroll in this course will receive a peer mentor. This relationship will help to establish a positive first year experience while fostering a stronger connection to and engagement with the campus community. You may decide to become a peer mentor yourself one day!

**GAME CHANGING: EXPLORING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT EXPERIENCE**  
Instructor: Jessica Perkins Smith  
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F34

**Description:** Integration at Mississippi State looked very different from integration at other state schools in the Deep South. Today, Mississippi State has the highest population of African American students of all Southeastern Conference schools. Using documents and primary source material from University Archives along with guest speakers, this course will explore the African American student experience at MSU beginning with integration and highlighting important milestones up to today. Through their research, students will create a final project (examples: oral history, timeline, web site) that documents a part of African American history at MSU.
FOOD-BIOTICS
Instructor: Derris Burnett & Shecoya White
Course Number: FNH 1001

Description: In the age of health-conscious consumers, microbial food-biotics is an emerging area of public and scientific interest. Consumers are increasingly interested in additives and adulterants in their food, which has thrust antibiotic use into the spotlight. Contrarily, consumers are also looking for natural, functional benefits from their foods, which has ushered in the age of prebiotics and probiotics in food to promote gut development and immune health. This course is designed to introduce students to the scientific basis for the use and regulation of microbes, inhibitors, and other “food biotic” compounds in a dynamic and interactive laboratory setting.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 LANGUAGES
Instructor: Anna Debicka
Course Number: FL 1001, Sec. F02

Description: What languages are spoken on each continent? “Hakuna matata” is a phrase in which African language? Do French speakers actually say “sacrebleu”? What languages can you select if you use an ATM at the Vatican? Which languages are spoken by the most speakers? Which languages are disappearing? Go beyond the path of Jules Verne’s novel and take a trip around the world by surveying 80 modern languages. No prior knowledge of linguistics or any second language is required.

SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPERIENCE
Instructor: Ra’Sheda Boddie-Forbes & Tyrel Jernigan
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F36

Description: This course will explore social justice issues in both local and national contexts, highlighting the reciprocal relationship between the individual and society. This course will include a field trip component to the Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, MS, where students will reflect on how the content in the museum connects to their own personal identities.
ALL ABOUT BIRDS & BEES
Instructor: Jeff Harris
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F38

Description: This seminar focuses on honey bees, beekeeping, plant pollination, and birds. Primary emphasis is placed on inter-relationships between insects, plants, and higher animals (like birds) in common food webs. Plants need to be pollinated for reproduction, various insects need the correct plants for raising their caterpillars, and birds need a variety of caterpillars and other insects to raise their families. Activities include hands-on interactions with live honey bees, demos on how to start beekeeping, bird watching, tips on bird identification, and nature walks to find examples of insect-plant-animal interdependence.

BUILDING RESILIENCE FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS
Instructor: Jordan Spencer
Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F35

Description: College is a new environment that comes with new responsibilities, new routines, and new freedoms. With so many new things there will be new successes and new failures. Ultimately, there is no handbook on how to deal with all of those new things, especially in a healthy way. But what makes one person rise to the challenge while others struggle to cope with these changes? Resilience. This class will focus on developing skills to help you rise to the challenge and learn how to make lemonade when this new life throws you lemons.
SMART FARMING: DATA-ENABLED AGRICULTURE  
Instructors: Joby Czarnecki, Ali Gurbuz, & Keith Coble  
Course Number: FYE 1001

Description: Can machines manage farms better than humans? Will robots replace boots on the ground? How vulnerable are food systems to cyber threats? Current farming systems rely heavily on artificial intelligence, but what is fact and what is science fiction? In this course, we discuss everything from autonomous farming systems to the future of food production markets, and the role that engineering and computer science play in agriculture. So whether you love flying drones on the weekend, will someday take over the reigns of the family farm, or just love to eat, come learn about the exciting future of agriculture.

BEYOND GREY’S ANATOMY: AN INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
Instructor: Mary Celeste Reese & Sara Powell  
Course Number: BIO 1001

Description: This course is designed to help first year students gain a deeper understanding of the variety of health professions. Students will research and compare effective admission and application processes to gain admittance into professional programs.
NEED FOR SPEED: THE SCIENCE OF MOTOSPORT RACING
Instructor: Harish Chander
Course Number: KI 1001

Description: This seminar focuses on the science behind high speed, high precision, high adrenaline and high-risk motorsport racing across several disciplines ranging from Formula 1, IndyCar, NASCAR, World Rally and Rally Cross, Endurance Racing, MotoGP, including the latest Formula E and E-Racing championships. This class will explore the impact of motorsports on anatomical, physiological, biomechanical, psychological, and cognitive factors in human performance, as well as on safety and training factors associated with motorsport racing.

DEVIL DAWG SECRETS TO MAXIMIZING PERFORMANCE & ACHIEVEMENT
Instructor: Tommy M. Phillips
Course Number: HDFS 1001

Description: Over the course of its 245-year history, the United States Marine Corps has established itself as one of the world’s most formidable conventional military forces. It has achieved a record of success matched by few other military forces. Whatever Marines do, they do well. Marines win, and they win a lot. What’s their secret? In this seminar, Dr. Tommy Phillips, a Marine Corps veteran and associate professor of Human Development and Family Science at Mississippi State University, will draw from his own military experiences and observations, as well as the research literature, to provide you with a proven recipe for achieving success and living up to your full potential.

All course content is based on the instructor’s personal experiences, observations, and lessons learned and does not represent official policy or training protocols of the United States Marine Corps (“USMC”). While teaching this course, the instructor is in no way acting as an agent or employee of the USMC. Any views, opinions and course content presented throughout the course are based solely on the instructor’s personal experiences and do not represent any kind of endorsement from the USMC or any other federal agency.
Description:
Be part of an exciting course specifically about all things Maroon. This class will explore MSU’s interesting past, including its heritage and traditions. By the end of this course, students will know more about Mississippi State than most of its graduates and will have a much fuller understanding of the university’s exciting present and future. Learn about Mississippi State’s beloved campus and its many available resources to help students start university life. This class will ensure students know the best ways to be successful. In fact, this course has a strong impact on the success of True Maroon students. The faculty for this course include winners of MSU’s highest teaching awards, and all will be great guides to a rich and enjoyable introduction to Mississippi State University.

Welcome to the Bulldog Nation!

Important note on True Maroon sections:
All first-year students may take the True Maroon course, but some sections are only for students with undeclared majors. Other sections are open to students in any major, and a couple of sections are part of Learning Communities described on page 25 of this brochure. For all True Maroon students, it is essential to register for the section that is intended for your major or learning community. The complete list of True Maroon sections appears on the following page.
# TRUE MAROON SECTIONS

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Note: This section is open only to members of the Day One Learning Community.
FIRST-YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Mississippi State University proudly offers special first-year learning communities for entering freshmen. In most learning communities, small groups of students take courses together that apply to the University’s core curriculum requirements—in other words, regular, required courses with outstanding teachers specially selected for this program incorporating a small group of classmates who quickly become friends and study partners. Connections between the subject areas of the different learning community courses are made, and teachers of these courses work together to bring students an especially enjoyable experience.

Most first-year learning communities are open to any interested freshman. Some are specially designed for students in particular majors, while others are for students with specific interests in student leadership and community engagement. Please check with the academic adviser for your major at Orientation to be sure that the courses in your desired learning community may be used in your major. Usually, this not a problem.

For most learning communities, students enroll simply by registering for the courses on a first come, first served basis. Others, however, require applications and permission to register.

It is possible to participate in both a learning community and take one or more of the first-year seminars described in this brochure. In fact, it is encouraged.

**Important:** When registering for a learning community, it is essential to register for the exact course sections indicated in the descriptions. If not, you will not be in the learning community. Be very careful about this.
The PSY-CO Psychology-Communication Learning Community # 1

Courses and teachers (must take both):

- CO 1013 Section 28, Intro to Communication, MW 2:00-3:15 p.m., Cheryl Chambers
- PSY 1013, Section 07, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m., Tom Carskadon

Open to: All freshmen

How to enroll: Register for the courses – first come, first served.

Description: Introduction to Communication is a small, enjoyable course that teaches highly useful skills. Special topics and assignments will link this course to your psychology course.

Contact for questions: Tom Carskadon, tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu, 662-325-7655

The PSY-CO Psychology-Communication Learning Community # 2

Courses and teachers (must take both):

- CO 1013 Section 30, Intro to Communication, MW 12:30-1:45 p.m., Cheryl Chambers
- PSY 1013, Section 08, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m., Tom Carskadon

Open to: All freshmen

How to enroll: Register for the courses – first come, first served.

Description: Introduction to Communication is a small, enjoyable course that teaches highly useful skills. Special topics and assignments will link this course to your psychology course.

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The PSY-CO Learning Community for Communication Majors

Course and teachers (must take both):

- CO 1003, Section 02, Fundamentals of Public Speaking, MWF 9:00-9:50 a.m., Danny Gardner
- PSY 1013, Section 09, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m., Tom Carskadon

Open to: Freshman Communication majors

How to enroll: Register for the course – first come, first served.

Description: Communication majors will get to know each other in their own section of public speaking and be introduced to special resources, issues and career paths relevant to their major. Links to the psychology course also will be emphasized.

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College of Forest Resources Living-Learning Community

Course and teachers (take one):
FO 1001, Section F01, Real World Conservation, W 9:00-9:50 a.m. OR
FO 1001, Section F02, Real World Conservation, F 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Learning Community Teaching Team: Lanna Miller, Ian Munn

Open to: Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Forestry, or Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture majors

How to enroll: When applying for housing at MSU, go to the section “Interested in Living-Learning Communities” and check College of Forest Resources Living-Learning Community.

To learn more: Prospective students not on campus, contact Cory Bailey at 662-325-7873 or c.bailey@msstate.edu, or Allison North at 662-325-0855 or a.north@msstate.edu. Once arrived on campus, contact Lanna Miller in the Office of Student Services at 662-325-9376, or Ian Munn at 662-325-1379.

Description: This living-learning community is for natural resource majors and is housed primarily in Cresswell Hall. Students may attend the same classes, establish study groups, and network and live with like-minded students. The College of Forest Resources is a small college with career paths that provide students continuous interaction with classmates from the first day of college throughout their careers. Students in the living-learning community will find a valuable opportunity to ease the transition to college life and to build relationships within the natural resource field.

Residence: Cresswell Hall is strongly recommended, or Griffis Hall for Honors students, but other residence halls are acceptable.

Bagley College of Engineering Living-Learning Community

Students participating in the Engineering Living-Learning Community will have access to on-site tutoring and academic advising programs, as well as study areas included in the residence halls, designed to create a sense of community and provide a social support network for first-year Engineering students.

Open to: First-year Engineering students

How to enroll: When applying for housing at MSU, go to the section “Interested in Living-Learning Communities” and check College of Engineering Living-Learning Community.

Description: The Engineering Living-Learning Community (ELLC) is for Engineering majors and is housed primarily in Critz and Ruby Halls. These residence halls are located adjacent to Griffis and Nunnelee Halls, allowing Engineering students in the Shackouls Honors College to easily participate in ELLC activities. The ELLC provides first-year Engineering students the opportunity to contribute to a supportive community that encourages academic, professional, and personal growth. Students will develop essential skills for a successful career in engineering or computer science industries.

Residence: Critz and Ruby Halls

To learn more: Contact Robert Green
green@bagley.msstate.edu, 662-325-2267
CAAD: THE COLLEGE OF MAKING
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART, AND DESIGN
LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

Courses and teachers:
ARC 1001 or ART 1001 or BCS 1001 or ID 1001 depending on your major; your advisor will guide you.
ART 1213, Drawing I, sections and times will be individually scheduled.

Teaching team: CAAD Associate Dean, Department Heads, and others

Open to: Architecture, Art, Interior Design, and Building Construction Science majors

How to enroll: When applying for housing at MSU, go to the section “Interested in Living-Learning Communities” and check College of Architecture, Art, and Design Living-Learning Community. Also, notify Laura Mitchell, 662-325-2528, lmitchell@caad.msstate and be certain to inform your academic advisor at Orientation that you wish to be part of the CAAD Living-Learning Community.

Description: The Mission of the College of Architecture, Art, and Design Living Learning Community is to build a stronger community among the majors in our college beyond their individual majors. As our disciplines become more and more collaborative, we offer this opportunity for our students to engage one another on a deeper level, and to facilitate a stronger sense of collaborative community through our Living-Learning Community.

In the demanding studio-based disciplines, it is easy for students to become absorbed in their individual disciplines and curricula. As a college, we want to create an opportunity early in our students’ educational careers to cross-pollinate through engagement activities, to learn to take advantage of the resources and events of our college, and to lay the groundwork for the type of collaborative relationships that we know our students will continue to practice throughout their degrees and into their professions as artists, designers, architects, and construction professionals. To that end, students choosing the CAAD LLC option will take two courses as cohorts during their first year. These are a First Year Experience Course offered in the Fall semester that engages students with the resources and opportunities of our college, and ART 1213 Drawing I, which can be taken either Fall or Spring. Specific sections of Drawing I are reserved for members of the Living-Learning Community.

In addition to these courses, the college also connects our Living Learning Community with the CAAD community with CAAD Ambassadors and members of the CAAD Dean’s Council participating in various activities and forums.

Residence: Members of this Living-Learning Community will live in either Hull Hall or Deavenport Hall. Hull Hall is prized for its historic ambience and its unique central location on campus, close to the Perry Cafeteria, the Union, the Drill Field, and most classroom buildings. Deavenport Hall is one of the newest and most modern residence halls on campus, near the Sanderson Wellness Center and not far from central campus. Both residence halls are convenient to the Architecture and Art buildings.

Contact for questions: Jeffrey Haupt, jhaupt@caad.msstate.edu 662-325-2202; Angi Bourgeois, abourgeois@caad.msstate.edu 662-325-2202
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES (CALS), SUSTAIN+ABILITY LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

Course(s): GA 1111 Survey of Agriculture

Open to: any student in one of the 17 CALS majors
How to enroll: When applying for housing at MSU, go to the section “Interested in Living-Learning Communities” and check College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS).
Description: Housed in historic Hull Hall at the center of the MSU campus and for CALS majors interested in sustainable community and food systems, the Sustain+Ability LLC allows students to build relationships with like-minded peers. Working with faculty mentors, students will explore CALS career paths and promote sustainability through service-learning projects at the MSU Community Garden, North and South Farms, and other experiential sites on or close to the MSU campus. The program offers the potential for future leadership positions (e.g., CALS Ambassadors program) and access to unique scholarship opportunities such as the Waldorf Endowed Scholarship on the Environment, Precision Agriculture Scholarships, and others with a focus on sustainable agricultural systems. Students must be a College of Agriculture and Life Science major to participate in this LLC.
For more information https://www.cals.msstate.edu/
Contact for questions: Emily Shaw, emily.shaw@msstate.edu, 662-325-7752, or Cory Gallo, wcg59@msstate.edu, 662-325-3249

The PSYCH-E Learning Community

Courses and teachers (must take both):
EN 1103, Section 20, English Composition I, MWF 11:00-11:50 a.m., Jessica Tompson
PSY 1013, Section 10, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m., Tom Carskadon

Open to: All Freshmen
How to enroll: Register for the courses – first come, first served.
Description: A group of 24 students in General Psychology class also will take English Composition together with an instructor who is interested in the links between English and psychology, a field requiring excellent writing skills.
Contact for questions: Tom Carskadon, tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu or 662-325-7655
The Griffis Learning Community

Courses and Teachers (must take both):
CO 1003, Section H03, (Honors) Fundamentals of Public Speaking, TR 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Amy Fountain
PSY 1013, Section H01, (Honors) General Psychology, MWF 11:00-11:50 a.m., Tom Carskadon

Open to: Freshman Honors students who will commit to living in Griffis Hall
Residence: Griffis Hall
How to enroll: Contact Dr. Carskadon immediately because this learning community fills very early and space is strictly limited. Students must have special permission to enroll.
Description: This is one of the oldest and most popular learning communities. Approximately 20 participants live in Griffis Hall and take Honors General Psychology MWF and Honors Public Speaking TR, thus interacting with each other on a daily basis. The instructors coordinate assignments in the courses to enhance learning and help introduce students to the diverse resources of the University.
Contact for availability: Tom Carskadon, tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu, 662-325-7655

The Day One Leadership Community

Course and Teacher:
SLCE 1002, Section C01, TR 2:00-3:15, Stephen Williams

Open to: All first-year students accepted into the Day One program
How to enroll: Apply to the Day One program at dayone.msstate.edu
Description: At Mississippi State University, leadership begins with Day One. The Day One Leadership Community is a fall-semester learning community focused on leadership development, service-learning, and student success. Students apply knowledge and skills learned in a two-credit-hour leadership class to improve their community and create value for a designated community partner. Significant time is spent both in class and in community service. Focusing on character and leadership development, Day One challenges students to go beyond what they think they can do and accomplish what they truly are capable of doing.
Important note: Students must apply for admission to the Day One program and be accepted before registering for the Day One course.
Contact for questions: Stephen Williams, dayone@saffairs.msstate.edu, 662-325-0244
The DO-PSYCH Learning Community

Courses and teachers (must take both):
SLCE 1002, Section C02, Day One Leadership Community, TR 2:00-3:15, Stephen Williams
PSY 1013, Section 14, General Psychology, MWF 9:00-9:50 a.m., Tom Carskadon

Open to: All first-year students who have been accepted into the Day One program
How to enroll: Apply to the Day One Program at www.dayone.msstate.edu; once accepted, register for the courses—first come, first served.
Description: A small group of students in the Day One Leadership Community will also take General Psychology together. Social psychology has many useful connections to leadership and community service, and your place will be assured in one of MSU’s most popular freshman courses.
Contact for questions: Stephen Williams, dayone@saffairs.msstate.edu, 662-325-0244, or Tom Carskadon, tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu, 662-325-7655

The DO-TRUE Learning Community

Courses and teachers (must take both):
SLCE 1002 Section C03, Day One Leadership Community, TR 2:00-3:15, Stephen Williams
FYE 1001 Section F09, True Maroon, T 2:00-2:50 p.m., Mary Tomas

Open to: Students who have been accepted into the Day One program
How to enroll: Apply to the Day One program at dayone.msstate.edu; once accepted, register for the courses—first come, first served.
Description: A small group of students in the Day One Leadership Community also will take the True Maroon first-year seminar in their own special section. The one-credit-hour True Maroon seminar will round out the two-credit-hour Day One course to give students the equivalent of a three-credit-hour course. True Maroon starts students on the path to success at Mississippi State University while Day One starts the path to lifetime leadership and community service.
Contact for questions: For Day One, Stephen Williams, dayone@saffairs.msstate.edu, 662-325-0244; for undeclared advising, 662-325-4052; For True Maroon, Tom Carskadon, tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu, 662-325-7655
The Major & Career Search Learning Community
Courses and teachers (must take both):
COE 1323, Section 03, Career Planning, TR 2:00-3:15 p.m., Heather Woodall
PSY 1013, Section 15, General Psychology, MWF 12:00-12:50 p.m., Tom Carskadon

Open to: All first-year students
How to enroll: Register for the courses—first come, first served.
Description: Are you undecided about what major you want to declare? Are you unsure what long-term career plans would bring you satisfaction and success? If so, then this is the learning community for you. Students will take a small, personalized section of our Career Planning course with a wonderful instructor who will provide a wealth of materials and resources to help you make the right decisions. You will also take a very popular General Psychology course taught by the author of The Insider’s Guide to Mississippi State University. You should emerge from these experiences with useful psychological findings and insights and a much clearer plan for choosing your major and career.
Contact for questions: Tom Carskadon, tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu, 662-325-7655.

The FIRST CLASS General Psychology Learning Community
Course and teacher:
PSY 1013, Section 20, General Psychology, MWF 12:00-12:50 p.m., Tom Carskadon

Open to: All first-year students and all majors
How to enroll: Register for one of the courses—first come, first served.
Description: Maybe you have no room for a first-year seminar in your schedule; or maybe you would prefer to learn all about MSU while taking a regular course that you would be taking anyway—one course instead of two. First Class allows you to take a small special section of a regular course that is often taught by graduate students; but your section will be taught by an experienced regular faculty member who will get to know you individually. First Class sections contain all the regular content of the course, but they are for freshmen only and, therefore, incorporate enjoyable information about the history, traditions, and resources for student success at MSU. The small First Class section of General Psychology is taught by the popular author of The Insider’s Guide to MSU.
Contact for questions: Tom Carskadon, tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu or 662-325-7655

The FIRST CLASS English Composition Learning Community
Course and teacher:
EN 1103, Section 19, English Composition I, MWF 11:00-11:50 a.m., Kayleigh Few

Open to: All first-year students who need to take English Composition
How to enroll: Register for the courses—first come, first served.
Description: If you need to take English Composition I, this is your chance to go First Class. Your very enthusiastic and professional instructor will be Kayleigh Few, Director of the MSU Writing Center. The instructor will get to know each student individually. As part of this all-freshman class, you will also read and react to the enjoyable Insider’s Guide to Mississippi State University, covering the history, culture, and helping resources of this great school. Everything will be done to help you succeed here!
Courses and teachers (Take either section of this course.)

PSY 1013, Section 01, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m., Tom Carskadon; or
PSY 1013, Section 02, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m., Tom Carskadon

Open to: All students

How to enroll: Register for one of the courses—first come, first served.

Description: Maybe you want first-year experience content in a single, core curriculum course you will have to take anyway, but you can’t schedule either of the First Class offerings described; or maybe you would just like to be part of one of the largest, most popular, most enjoyable courses that first-year students often take at Mississippi State University. Either way, we have a great option for you. Dr. C.’s large General Psychology class has repeatedly been voted by students as “Best Course to Take Freshman Year.” General Psychology can count toward your Social Science requirement in almost every major on campus. Not only will you get all the regular content of General Psychology from an actual professor and Grisham Master Teacher, but also, using the Insider’s Guide to Mississippi State University, Dr. C. will take you through the history, traditions, helping resources, and secrets to success here. Supplemental Instruction Leaders will provide optional out-of-class sessions to help you study, review, and understand the psychology you are learning. This is the one first-year experience offering that just about anyone can take, and you are welcome to be part of it!

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