“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.”
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, practical gardening to recreational drumming, human and veterinary medicine to modern nanotechnology, and contemporary Latin American culture to SEC football—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 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  
_W – 3:00-3:50 pm_  
**Instructor:** Nicholas Herrmann  
**Course Number:** AN 1001  
**Description:** This course will introduce the diverse faculty and staff at MSU who are assisting in criminal investigations in Mississippi, the United States and across the globe. We will examine forensic sciences from multiple perspectives, including computer forensics, biochemistry, DNA analysis, forensic psychology, and forensic anthropology. This course will highlight the realities and fallacies between television crime docudramas and laboratory science.

Your Treacherous Memory  
_W – 4:00-4:50 pm_  
**Instructor:** Deborah K. Eakin  
**Course Number:** PSY 1001, Sec. F03  
**Description:** People generally have a high degree of trust in their own memories. However, we have all experienced failures of memory, due both to forgetting and misremembering even very important information. This class explores the treachery of memory and examines all the ways memory fails us, using real world examples and multimedia demonstrations. We also will learn strategies to make strong memories that are less likely to fail in important situations, such as during tests and exams.

Real World Conservation  
_W – 9:00-9:50 am_  
**Instructor:** Leslie Burger  
**Course Number:** WFA 1001, Sec. F02  
**Description:** Shows like Hogs Gone Wild, American Loggers and River Monsters might be good entertainment, but how much of what you see on TV is actually what real-world natural science and conservation are all about? This course will help answer that question as we focus on the conservation and management issues of Mississippi. No prior experience in crocodile wrestling or swamp logging is required!
**Football 101**  
*M - 12:00-12:50 pm*  
**Instructor:** Jacqueline Garner  
**Course Number:** FIN 1001  
**Description:** This class helps you learn more about American football. The class covers the basics of the game, including downs and points earned, as well as more detailed aspects of the game. The details include offensive and defensive formations, the role of each player/position, and penalties. The class is a fun, interactive way to learn more about football!

**SEC Football: Beyond the Field**  
*T - 12:30-1:20 pm*  
**Instructor:** Steve Turner  
**Course Number:** FYE 1001, Sec. F01  
**Description:** College football is an integral part of higher education. Now a multi-billion dollar industry followed by millions, football and its importance in higher education cannot be downplayed. This seminar will focus on issues of college football at today’s universities. The dynamics between fielding a winning football team and fulfilling the central mission of academics will provide a framework for discussions around such issues as coaches’ pay, the bowl system, and paying of student athletes. The fall 2015 college football season will provide current topics relevant to these issues.

**Secret Molecules: How Plants Sense the World**  
*M - 1:00-1:50 pm*  
**Instructor:** Jiaxu Li  
**Course Number:** BCH 1011, Sec. F01  
**Description:** Our entire life depends on plants. They sustain us with oxygen, food, clothing and shelter. Plants are all around us and they stimulate our senses, but most of us do not realize that plants are sensory beings, too. You will learn how plants sense their environment and how scientists study the signaling molecules that are involved in this process. All majors are welcome to a course that can be enjoyed by anyone with a curiosity about life and nature.
“I liked everything about my First-Year Seminar. It helped explain a lot to me and opened my eyes to different opportunities.”
Extreme Medicine: Understanding the Medical Cases on *House, M.D.*

**M – 2:00-2:50 pm**

**Instructor:** Adam Knight  
**Course Number:** KI 1001  
**Description:** *House, M.D.* is a popular television show in which many strange and bizarre medical cases are presented. Questions often arise 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 a career in any health-related field, but all students are welcome.

Veterinary Medicine: Beyond Shots and De-Worming

**T - 1:00-1:50 pm**

**Instructor:** Patty Lathan  
**Course Number:** CVM 1001  
**Description:** This seminar will discuss various aspects of and approaches to veterinary medicine. Each class will be delivered by a specialist in a specific discipline (e.g., small animal internal medicine, large animal surgery, reproductive medicine). 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.

People, Parasites, and Pestilence

**W – 1:00-1:50**

**Instructor:** Kristine Edwards  
**Course Number:** EPP 1001 Sec F02  
**Description:** The concept of “One Health” will be introduced, and the relationship between animal health, human health, and ecosystem health will be discussed. We will consider ways students may become well informed and roles they may play in the community concerning public health issues and the inter-related roles of veterinarians, physicians, and researchers. We will discuss well-known arthropod-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus, malaria, Lyme disease, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever from a global and historical perspective, as well as what individuals and communities may do to prevent outbreaks.
SAGES: Scientific Applications for Growth and Everyday Success  
*M – 1:00-1:50*  
**Instructor:** Cliff McKinney  
**Course Number:** PSY 1001, Sec. F02  
**Description:** This course has three goals: (1) increase knowledge of the scientific process; (2) use this process to critically examine the world; and (3) apply this process to improving students’ lives. After learning the basics of the scientific process, students will critically analyze claims made by researchers, the media, peers, and themselves. Areas to be analyzed include factors related to college success, ethics, behavioral health, interpersonal skills, protective behavioral strategies, behavioral management principles, and other areas generated by students. Students will engage in activities to improve selected domains of their lives as they strive to become “sages.”

Recreational Drum Circles  
*M – 9:00-9:50 am*  
**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!

The Photogram: Art in the Dark  
*F – 10:00-11:50 am*  
**Instructor:** Marita Gootee  
**Course Number:** ART 1001, Sec. F02  
**Description:** Students will enter into the uniquely stimulating world of the photographic darkroom as they create artwork with light. Following in the steps of great photographers such as Man Ray and William Henry Fox Talbot, students will learn how to compose with light while learning how to print in the darkroom. Students will explore the history of the process and be exposed to various methods for creating photograms. By the end of the course, students will have created Art in the Dark!  
*Note:* Course meets two hours a week and ends at midterm.
Walk, Bike, or Drive? Everyday Decisions and Applied Economics

**W - 10:00-10:50**

**Instructor:** Matthew Interis  
**Course Number:** AEC 1001 Sec F01

**Description:** Why did you come to class today? What don't you cut your own hair? Why do people litter? There is an entire social science that studies decisions like these, and that science is economics. This class uses in-class games, stories, and everyday examples to illustrate how people make decisions, why people sometimes make poor decisions, and what outcomes we might expect from those decisions. Part of the course specifically examines decisions that affect the environment, and how economics can be used to help individuals and society make better decisions about managing our natural resources. You will discover that the science of economics is both fun and useful!

Can 2+2=5? The Math of an Accounting Fraud

**M - 2:00-3:15 pm Section F01; W - 2:00-3:15 pm Section F02**

**Instructor:** Mark Lehman  
**Course Number:** ACC 1001

**Description:** The accounting frauds of the 21st century from Enron and WorldCom to Bernard Madoff have dramatically changed the accounting profession. Fun interactive activities allow students to explore how and why individuals commit fraud and how accountants catch them.

Visual Arts: Why We Make

**T - 6:00-6:50 pm**

**Instructor:** Alex Bostic  
**Course Number:** ART 1001 Sec F01

**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. Focus will be 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!”
“I liked the small group and how I could interact with fellow freshmen. My teacher was kind and gave us pointers to transition to college life.”
Take Charge of Your Financial Future
While Building Financial Intelligence
W – 3:30-4:20 pm

Instructor: Paul McKinney
Course Number: FYE 1001 Sec. F02

Description: Wise money management while in college increases the likelihood of graduation and financial success early in your career. 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 impact the rest of your life. Aim to be a millionaire!

Food for the World: The Challenge to Getting it Right
W – 12:00-12:50 pm

Instructor: William Kingery
Course Number: PSS 1001 Sec. F01

Description: Got enough to eat? Every academic major has both a stake and role to play in this most basic of requirements. J. Russell Smith opens his classic work *Tree Crops: A Permanent Agriculture* (1950) with a chapter entitled with the question “How long can we last?” Smith’s question emerges from the historical cycle of forest–field–plow–desert. In this seminar, we will engage in lively conversations about the various connections associated with where our food comes from and the challenge to meeting humanity’s continual need for it. Join us in exploring your place in getting it right.

Step Up to a Brighter Future—in Fashion or Anything Else
T – 2:00-2:50 pm

Instructor: Phyllis Miller
Course Number: HS 1001

Description: Although most freshmen have a career in mind, they may not know what it really involves—professionally or personally. This course broadens students’ knowledge of career options; allows them to assess their personality types, lifestyle preferences, and professional goals; and helps them make more informed career choices. Activities include leadership and assertiveness training, interviews with professionals, and cross-cultural awareness, with special emphasis on fashion-related careers.
The Real X-Files: A Critical Thinking Adventure  
**W - 2:00-2:50 pm**

**Instructor:** Angelle Tanner  
**Course Number:** PH 1031, Sec. F01  

**Description:** “Trust No One.” We will learn and use critical thinking methods to explore captivating topics often seen on the SyFy, History, and Discovery channels, such as ghost hunting, UFOs, ancient aliens, and Bigfoot. Learn how to set your friends straight about these alleged phenomena. Our tools will include an appreciation of the scientific method, how science is really done, and developing a skeptical eye as we pursue the deep, dark corners of popular conspiracies. You will take your critical thinking skills into the real world as people try to convince you of miracle cures, weight loss fads, Internet scams, and get-rich schemes. Beware of hype and bad science. “The Truth Is Out There”—and you will learn it!

Grow Your Own Salads and Soups: Vegetable Gardening  
**T - 3:00-3:50 pm**

**Instructors:** Elizabeth Payne and Brian Templeton  
**Course Number:** LA 1001  

**Description:** Everybody wants to eat healthy, but not everyone knows how to grow their own food. Learn the basics for growing a fall/winter garden. Students will plant, tend, and harvest a home vegetable garden. They will eat what they grow! The garden is located behind the landscape architecture building. No prior gardening experience is necessary.

The Art and Engineering of Design  
**T - 12:30-1:20 pm**

**Instructors:** William Riehm, Critz Campbell, Judy Schneider  
**Course Number:** ID 1001, Sec. F01  

**Description:** This interdisciplinary seminar explores the art, science, and engineering behind the design of manufactured goods. Everything we use, from the most everyday items to the most specialized tools, must be designed and built. Successful design requires concern for operational requirements, fabrication restraints, and aesthetics. Consumer products need to be desirable as well as functional, and the field of design brings together art, science, and engineering to result in successful commercial products. Here is your opportunity to learn how this is done.
Critical Thinking: Evidence and Arguments in the Media and the Law
T - 2:00-2:50 pm

Instructor: Danielle Wylie
Course Number: PHI 1001, Sec. F01

Description: With 24-hour news channels, comments on online articles, and social media, people are constantly trying to persuade you about political and social issues and other important topics. Often, however, people give bad arguments and faulty evidence. In this class, we will apply critical thinking to persuasive (but problematic) ways of thinking, including ad hominem arguments, straw man fallacies, and confirmation bias. We will analyze examples from news broadcasts, television shows, online articles and more. The aim of the course is to equip you with lasting skills to analyze the information that you encounter in the real world. For those interested in Pre-Law, this course will be helpful in preparing for the LSAT and how to present legal evidence.

So You Want to Be an Architect
T - 12:30-1:20 pm

Instructor: Andrew Tripp
Course Number: ARC 1001, Sec. F01

Description: This course is designed to prepare and assist students entering the Mississippi State University School of Architecture, but it is open to anyone interested in the profession. Topics will include skills essential to studio-based learning, including time management, service learning, stress and financial management, digital production, and other topics related to the architectural profession. Presentations and workshops will be drawn from local architectural firms, the School of Architecture Shop and Fabrication Lab, Carl Small Town Center, Learning Center, Counseling Center, Career Center, and Student Health Center. This course will aid new students not only in transitioning to life at the university, but also in dealing with the exceptional rigors of the Architecture program, one of the most demanding (yet rewarding) majors in the entire university.
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.

Nano Exposed!

Instructor: Priscilla Hill
Course Number: CHE 1001
Description: “Size does matter.” “Small is the new big.” Studying nanotechnology offers an adventure into exploring the smallest of materials (1 billionth of a meter) to improve the largest of structures. Nanomaterials allow chameleons to change color, and nanotechnology allows development of smaller electronic components and more effective sunscreens for personal use. This seminar explores fundamental concepts, various applications, design and fabrication, and ethics in nanoscience. Since nanoscience is interdisciplinary in nature, the course will be co-taught by faculty from several departments, including Chemical, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering, and Geosciences.

“Like” This Course

Instructor: Cheryl Chambers
Course Number: CO 1001
Description: Social media are everywhere! Sites like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube have drastically altered the way we communicate with the world around us. This course will investigate the use, prevalence, and effects of social media sites on career building, establishing good relationships, learning and spreading news, and enhancing your education. After this course, you will have a better understanding of this emerging technology and have more awareness of how it can affect your life for better and for worse. We will discuss these concepts in class and through the web. Instagram account required.
Quidditch for Muggles
W - 9:00-9:50 am

Instructors: Adam Love and Suzanne McClain
Course Number: GS 1001

Description: If you are a Harry Potter fan, or just someone who wants to learn an entirely new sport, this is the perfect seminar for you. The actual sport of quidditch was developed in 2005 and has rapidly grown in popularity. In fact, more than 300 teams are currently 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, rather than sex-segregated, structure. In this seminar, you will not only learn about quidditch, but you will have the chance to play the sport, as well.

It’s All Greek to Me
M - 3:00-3:50 pm

Instructor: Mark Clark
Course Number: FL 1001

Description: This seminar will comprehensively look at the ancient Greeks and evaluate their contributions to modern America.

Live Like a Student, Retire Like a Millionaire
T - 9:30-10:20 am

Instructor: Rebecca Smith
Course Number: AEC 1001, Sec. F02

Description: With a university degree, you will, on average, earn far more over the span of your career than a high school graduate. However, most college graduates do not know how to turn their extra income into lasting wealth. In this seminar you will learn investment strategies to fulfill your lifetime goals. You literally can become a millionaire within 30 years through wise investment. This is a hands-on, active-learning seminar designed to improve your capacity to manage resources, put you on a path toward timely graduation, and set a foundation for lifelong sound financial practices. Specifics include budgeting and financing to get through school, managing debt, making your major financially profitable, negotiating salary, building strong credit, and saving and investing for an early, well-paid retirement so you can enjoy life to the fullest.
Description: Calling all new Bulldogs! Be part of an exciting new course about all things maroon. We will explore MSU’s interesting past, including its history, heritage and traditions. By the end of this course, you will know more about Mississippi State than almost any of its graduates know. We will bring you to a much fuller understanding of its exciting present and future. We will talk about our beloved campus and the many available resources to help you get started in university life. We will make certain you know the best ways to become a successful student as you start down the road to your future. In fact, last year’s course had a dramatic impact on the success of our True Maroon students. The faculty for this course will include winners of MSU’s highest teaching awards. These professors will be the perfect guides to give you 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 our exciting True Maroon course. However, 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 that are described on Page 22 of this brochure. For all True Maroon students, it is essential that you register for a section of True Maroon that is intended for students in your major status 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 students taking PSY 1013 Section 15 with Dr. Carskadon—see Page 22.*
Mississippi State University is proud to present 10 special First-Year Learning Communities that are available to entering freshmen. In most Learning Communities, small groups of students take courses together that will apply to University Core Curriculum requirements—in other words, regular courses that you would have to take anyway, but with outstanding teachers specially selected for this program, and a small group of fellow students who quickly become friends and study together. Connections between the subject areas of the different Learning Community courses are made, and teachers of these courses work together to bring you an especially enjoyable experience.

Most First-Year Learning Communities are open to any interested freshman. Some are specially designed for students in such majors as Communication, Psychology and Forest Resources, while others are for students with specific interests in Student Leadership and Community Engagement. Please check with the academic advisor from your major department at Orientation to be sure that the courses in your desired Learning Community may be used in your major. Usually, this is no problem.

For most Learning Communities, you enroll simply by registering for the courses—first come, first served. For some, however, you must apply ahead of time and get permission to register.

It is possible to participate in both a Learning Community described here and also take one or more of the First-Year Seminars described earlier in this brochure if you would like—no problem. In fact, that would be a great idea!

When registering for a Learning Community, it is essential that you 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 06, Introduction to Communication, MWF 9:00-9:50, Cheryl Chambers; PSY 1013, Section 07, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50, 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 Learning Community for Communication Majors

Courses and teachers (must take both):
CO 1003 Section 03, Fundamentals of Public Speaking, TR 9:30-10:45, Khristi Edmonds; PSY 1013, Section 09, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50, Tom Carskadon

Open to: Freshman Communication majors

How to enroll: Register for the courses – 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.

Contact for questions: Khristi Edmonds, kedmonds@comm.msstate.edu, 662-325-3320

The PSY-CO Psychology-Communication Learning Community #2

Courses and teachers (must take both):
CO 1013 Section 13, Introduction to Communication, MW 12:30-1:45, Amy Knight; PSY 1013, Section 08, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50, Tom Carskadon

Open to: All freshmen

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

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College of Forest Resources Living-Learning Community

**Course:**
WFA 1001, Section F02, Real World Conservation, W 9:00-9:50 am

**Learning Community Teaching Team:**
Leslie Burger, 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 662-325-7873 cbailey@cfr.msstate.edu or Allison North 662-325-0855 anorth@cals.msstate.edu. Once arrived on campus, contact Lanna Miller, Office of Student Services, 662-325-9376, or Ian Munn, 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 strongly recommended and Griffis Hall for Honors students, but others possible.
The PSYCH-E Learning Community for Psychology Majors

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

Open to: Freshman Psychology majors

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

Description: A group of twenty-four Psychology majors in Dr. Carkadon’s General Psychology class also will take English Composition together with an instructor with interests in the links between English and psychology, a field requiring excellent writing skills.

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

The Griffis Learning Community

Courses and Teachers (must take both): CO 1003 Section H03, (Honors) Fundamentals of Public Speaking, TR 11:00-12:15, Khristi Edmonds; PSY 1013 Section H01, (Honors) General Psychology, MWF 11:00-11:50, Tom Carskadon

Residence: Griffis Hall

Open to: Freshman Honors students who will commit to living in Griffis Hall

How to Enroll: Contact Dr. Carskadon very soon because this Learning Community fills early and space is strictly limited; you 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 together on MWF and Honors Public Speaking together on 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 DO-PSYCH Learning Community

Course and Teacher: SLCE 1002, Section 01, Day One Leadership Community, Marshall Cade Smith

Open to: All first-year students accepted into the Day One program

How to Enroll: Apply to the Day One program at www.dayone.msstate.edu

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 MSU’s most popular freshman course.

Contact for questions: Stephen Williams, dayone@saffairs.msstate.edu, 662-325-0244 (Day One); Tom Carskadon, tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu, 662-325-7655 (Psychology)

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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: You 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

Courses and teachers (must take both): SLCE 1002 Section 01, Day One Leadership Community, MWF 1:00-1:50, Marshall Cade Smith; PSY 1013 Section 14, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50, 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.
The DO-TRUE Learning Community

Courses and teachers (must take both):
SLCE 1002 Section 03, Day One Leadership Community, MWF 1:00-1:50, Marshall Cade Smith; FYE 1001 Section F09, True Maroon, T 2:00-2:50, Diane Daniels

Open to: Students with undeclared majors 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 with undeclared majors 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 you the equivalent of a three-credit-hour course in your schedule. True Maroon will start you on the path to success at Mississippi State University, and Day One will start you on a path to lifetime leadership and community service.

Contact for questions: Stephen Williams, dayone@saffairs.msstate.edu; 662-325-0244 (Day One); Wesley Ammon, waa2@msstate.edu; 662-325-4052 (Undeclared advising); Tom Carskadon, tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu; 662-325-7655 (True Maroon)

The TRUE-PSYCH Learning Community

Courses and teachers (must take both):
FYE Section F15, True Maroon, W - 2:00-2:50, Tom Carskadon; PSY 1013 Section 15, General Psychology, MWF 10:00-10:50, Tom Carskadon

Open to: All students with undeclared majors

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

Description: Take two courses from the author of The Insider’s Guide to Mississippi State University. Students in Dr. Carskadon’s section of the True Maroon first-year seminar will also take his General Psychology course together; this course twice was voted “Best Course To Take Freshman Year” by students and was included in the MSU Student Association’s “bucket list” of Top 50 Things to Do before You Graduate from MSU. Double your learning and double your fun by enrolling in this Learning Community.

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