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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:

Every new Mississippi State student should take *one course just for the fun of it* – a small class with an excellent professor teaching something interesting in his or her field. Whether it’s real world CSI, MSU traditions, visual arts, recreational drumming, nanotechnology, contemporary Latin American culture or SEC football, there are many great choices available through the MSU First-Year Experience (FYE) program.

These special first-year seminars provide one hour of course credit and may be used in almost any major. Each seminar covers a different topic— one that is a favorite of the instructor—and is open to all eligible students, whether it’s specific to their major or just a topic they find interesting. Research shows that students who connect to the university in this way are more likely to enjoy and succeed in 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 p.m. | Instructor: Anna Osterholtz

Course Number: AN 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 sciences from multiple perspectives, including computer forensics, biochemistry, DNA analysis, forensic psychology and forensic anthropology.

REAL WORLD CONSERVATION

M - 9:00-9:50 a.m. | Instructor: Leslie Burger

Course Number: WFA 1001, Sec. F01

Description: Shows like “Hogs Gone Wild,” “American Loggers” and “River Monsters” might be good entertainment, but how much of what's on TV actually relates to real-world natural science and conservation? This course will help answer that question as it focuses on the conservation and management issues of Mississippi. No prior experience in crocodile wrestling or swamp logging is required!

THE REAL X-FILES: A CRITICAL THINKING ADVENTURE

T - 2:00-2:50 p.m. | Instructor: Angelle Tanner

Course Number: PH 1031, Sec. F01

Description: “Trust No One.” Learn and use critical thinking methods to explore captivating topics like ghosts, UFOs, ancient aliens, and Bigfoot often covered on the SyFy, History, and Discovery channels. Learn how to explore these alleged phenomena using tools that include an appreciation of the scientific method, knowledge of how science is really done, and a skeptical eye in pursuit of the deep, dark corners of popular conspiracies. Take these 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.

CRITICAL THINKING: EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS IN THE MEDIA AND THE LAW

W - 2:00-2:50 p.m. | 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 influence opinions about political and social issues and other important topics—often with bad arguments and faulty evidence. In this class, learn to apply critical thinking to persuasive—but problematic—ways of thinking, including ad hominem arguments, straw-man fallacies and confirmation bias. The class will analyze examples from news broadcasts, television shows, online articles and more to equip students with lasting skills to analyze the information encountered in the real world. For those interested in pre-law, this course will be helpful in preparing for the LSAT and presenting legal evidence.

FOOTBALL 101

M - 12:00-12:50 p.m. | Instructor: Jacqueline Garner

Course Number: FIN 1001

Description: Learn more about American football in this fun, interactive class that covers the basics, 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 and position, and penalties.

SEC FOOTBALL: BEYOND THE FIELD

T - 12:30-1:20 p.m. | Instructor: Steve Turner

Course Number: FYE 1001, Sec. F01

Description: Now a multi-billion dollar industry followed by millions, college football and its importance in higher education cannot be downplayed. This seminar will focus on the 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 2016 college football season will provide current topics relevant to these issues.



QUIDDITCH FOR MUGGLES

W - 9:00-9:50 a.m. | Instructors: Adam Love and Rachel Allison
Course Number: SS 1001 or GS 1001 or SO 1001 (Students may register for any of these three.)

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.

PHILOSOPHY AND DISCIPLINE OF KARATE AND SELF-DEFENSE

W - 1:00-1:50 p.m. | Instructor: Timothy Derby
Course Number: PHIL 1001, Sec. F02

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

M - 9:00-9:50 a.m. | 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 SCIENCE AND ART BEHIND TREETOP CAT RESCUE

T - 3:30-4:20 p.m. | Instructor: Robert Reese

Course Number: ECE 1001

Description: This course covers the science and art behind treetop cat rescue—using modern climbing gear and techniques to rescue cats stuck in trees, while ensuring the safety of both climber and cat. Science topics include physics of climbing, electricity and trees, natural science, and behavioral science. Art, or the knowledge in practice, includes on-ground demonstrations of climbing gear and techniques with student participation. The course instructor has performed more than 35 treetop cat rescues in Mississippi over the last three years.

EXTREME MEDICINE: UNDERSTANDING THE MEDICAL CASES ON “HOUSE, M.D.”

M - 1:00-1:50 p.m. | Instructor: Adam Knight

Course Number: KI 1001

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

T - 1:00-1:50 p.m. | Instructor: Patty Lathan

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.



NANO EXPOSED!

T - 2:00-2:50 p.m. | 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, while nanotechnology allows development of smaller electronic components and more effective, personal-use sunscreens. 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.

THE HUNGRY PLANET: PLANT DISEASE STORIES

T - 2:00-2:50 p.m. | 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!

M - 10:00-10:50 a.m. | Instructor: John Guyton
Course Number: EPP 1001, Section 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

T - 6:00-6:50 p.m. | Instructor: Derris Devost-Burnett
Course Number: ADS 1001

Description: Cooking meat is as much an exercise in chemical reactions as it is in culinary flare. This 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.

GROW YOUR OWN SALADS AND SOUPS: VEGETABLE GARDENING

T - 3:00-3:50 p.m. | Instructors: Elizabeth Tofte 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—and will eat what they grow. The garden is located behind the landscape architecture building. No prior gardening experience is necessary.



THE PHOTOGRAM: ART IN THE DARK

F - 10:00-11:50 a.m. | Instructor: Marita Gootee
Course Number: ART 1001, Sec. F02

Description: 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—art in the dark. Note: Course meets two hours a week and ends at midterm.

VISUAL ARTS: WHY WE MAKE!

M - 6:00-6:50 p.m. | 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. 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

W - 2:00-2:50 p.m. | Instructor: Derek Anderson
Course Number: AN 1001 Sec F02

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

W - 3:30-4:20 p.m. | Instructor: John Daniels

Course Number: FYE 1001 Sec. F02

R - 3:30-4:20 | Instructor: Kenneth 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.

STEP UP TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE—IN FASHION OR ANYTHING ELSE

M - 11:00-11:50 a.m. | 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. It allows them to assess their personality types, lifestyle preferences and professional goals to help 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.

LIFE SKILLS OR HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING

M - 10:00-10:50 a.m. | Instructor: Quisto Settle

Course Number: AIS 1001

Description: College life is a brand new world. This course seeks to demystify the college experience, helping students avoid common traps that prevent success. Preparing students to take an active role in their college experiences is a key goal. The course also helps to equip students to use skills employers commonly complain are missing in new hires. Topics addressed will include course preparation in and out of the classroom, balancing new time demands and negotiating interactions with university personnel, other students and family back home.

VIVA LATINO AMERICA: AN UNCENSORED SAMPLING OF THE WORLD'S MOST VIBRANT CULTURE

T - 2:00-2:50 p.m. | 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

M - 3:00-3:50 pm | 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 into question traditional values and sometimes created conflict along generational lines.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 16 DAYS

W - 2:00-2:50 p.m. | Instructor: John Rezek
Course Number: ISE 1001

Description: Step outside your comfort zone and beyond the boundaries of campus, Mississippi and the United States through a deepened understanding of the world, cultures and issues that connect us all. Through exploration of political, economic, cultural and religious topics, students will gain an understanding of the challenges that unite and divide us all. This course will challenge students to explore their roles as global citizens in this interconnected world. Hear first-hand accounts of violence and peace in war-torn countries, learn how to succeed in multi-cultural teams, explore the global digital divide and discuss whether clean water is a basic human right.

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TRUE MAROON

Description: Be part of an exciting new course 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 their university life. This class will ensure students know the best ways to be successful. In fact, last year's course had a dramatic impact on the success of True Maroon students. The faculty for this course include winners of MSU's highest teaching awards, who will be the perfect 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 exciting 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 19 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

TRUE MAROON SECTIONS OPEN ONLY TO UNDECLARED MAJORS

FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F03	T – 12:30-1:20	Kim Walters
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F05	T – 2:00-2:50	Donna Reese
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F07	R – 3:30-4:20	Michael Seymour & Peter Summerlin
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F11	W – 3:00-3:50	Jim Dunne
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F13	M - 12:00-12:50	Don Shaffer
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F17	R – 12:30-1:20	Linda Morse
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F21	W – 9:00-9:50	Warren Gallo
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F23	M – 2:00-2:50	Amy Barton & James Warnock
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F25	W – 12:00-12:50	Robert Moore & Melissa Moore
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F27	R - 3:30-4:20	Kenneth McKinney
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F29	R - 2:00-2:50	Anastasia Elder

TRUE MAROON SECTIONS OPEN TO ALL FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F04	T – 12:30-1:20	Kim Walters
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F06	T – 2:00-2:50	Donna Reese
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F08	R – 3:30-4:20	Michael Seymour & Peter Summerlin
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F10	T – 2:00-2:50	Diane Daniels
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F12	W – 3:00-3:50	Jim Dunne
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F14	M - 12:00-12:50	Don Shaffer
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F16	W – 2:00-2:50	Tom Carskadon
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F18	R – 12:30-1:20	Linda Morse
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F22	W – 9:00-9:50	Warren Gallo
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F24	M – 2:00-2:50	Amy Barton & James Warnock
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F26	W – 12:00-12:50	Robert Moore & Melissa Moore
FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F30	R - 2:00-2:50	Anastasia Elder

TRUE MAROON SECTION OPEN TO TRANSFER STUDENTS

FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F28	R - 2:00-2:50	Meghan Millea
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TRUE MAROON SECTIONS THAT ARE PART OF LEARNING COMMUNITIES

FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F09	T – 2:00-2:50	Diane Daniels
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Note: This section is open only to members of the Day One Learning Community.

FYE 1001 True Maroon Section F15	W – 2:00-2:50	Tom Carskadon
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Note: This section is open only to students taking PSY 1013 Section 15 with Tom Carskadon.



FIRST-YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Mississippi State University proudly offers 12 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 majors such 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 adviser from your major at Orientation to be sure that the courses in your desired learning community may be used in your major. Usually, this is 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 No. 1

Courses and teachers (must take both):

CO 1013 Section 06, Intro 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 Psychology-Communication Learning Community No. 2

Courses and teachers (must take both):

CO 1013 Section 13, Intro 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.

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

College of Forest Resources Living-Learning Community

Course and teachers:

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

WFA 1001, Section F03, Real World Conservation, F 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 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 others possible.

Bagley College of Engineering Living-Learning Community

Course: 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.

The Engineering Living-Learning Community (ELLC) is for engineering majors and is housed primarily in Critz and Hurst 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 Hurst Halls

To learn more: Contact James Warnock, jwarnock@bagley.msstate.edu

Undeclared-Major Living-Learning Communities

Course: Several learning communities will be available.

Open to: These living-learning communities will allow freshmen who have not identified a major or degree area to become actively engaged by living in the same residence hall and taking one or more courses together. These experiences together will provide an enhanced academic and social experience for students.

Residence: McKee and Sessums halls and Hull Hall

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 24 psychology majors in Carskadon's general psychology class also will take English composition together with an instructor who's 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 11:00-12:15, Khristi Edmonds

PSY 1013 Section H01, (Honors) General Psychology, MWF 11:00-11:50, Tom Carskadon

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

Residence: Griffis Hall

How to enroll: Contact Dr. Carskadon very soon because this learning community fills 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 or 662-325-7655

The Day One Leadership Community

Course and Teacher:

SLCE 1002, Section S01, Day One Leadership Community, Cade Smith

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 at dayone@saffairs.msstate.edu or 662-325-0244

The DO-PSYCH Learning Community

Courses and teachers (must take both):

SLCE 1002 Section S02, Day One Leadership Community, MWF 1:00-1:50, 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.

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 at dayone@saffairs.msstate.edu or 662-325-0244, or Tom Carskadon at tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu or 662-325-7655

The DO-TRUE Learning Community

Courses and teachers (must take both):

SLCE 1002 Section S03, Day One Leadership Community, MWF 1:00-1:50, 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 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 at dayone@saffairs.msstate.edu or 662-325-0244; for undeclared advising, Wesley Ammon at waa2@msstate.edu or 662-325-4052; for True Maroon, Tom Carskadon at tomcarskadon@psychology.msstate.edu or 662-325-7655

The TRUE-PSYCH Learning Community

Courses and teachers (must take both):

FYE 1001 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—a course twice voted “Best Course To Take Freshman Year” by students and included in the Student Association’s list of the Top 50 Things to Do before You Graduate from MSU. Double the learning and double the fun by enrolling in this learning community.

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

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AND GAVE US POINTERS TO
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