



First-Year Programs

Students who have already made a firm commitment to a particular discipline in the humanities, natural sciences, or social sciences — as well as students who are uncertain about what they would like to pursue — have a wide variety of academic options throughout their college careers. The course schedule can be either widely exploratory or oriented toward a particular objective, such as pre-health studies. Students who are still exploring their options are strongly encouraged to consider enrolling in a First-Year Seminar or another First-Year Opportunity when selecting courses in consultation with their four-year academic advisors. First-Year Seminars are single-semester, small-group courses that enable entering students to work closely with peers and faculty around an exciting topic of inquiry. First-Year Opportunities are single-semester, 1- or 2-unit courses designed to highlight interesting research while complementing other elective coursework.

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