

First Year Seminar (FYSM)

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Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Faculty of Public Affairs

FYSM 1002 [1.0 credit]

Social Impact of Transformation in the Post-Communist Era

Political, economic and social changes that have accompanied the collapse of the Berlin Wall. The role of society in these political upheavals and the impact of the end of the Cold War on reform in Western and developing countries.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1003 [1.0 credit]

Introduction to Economics

An introduction to the major tools and policy problems of economics. Economic analysis is applied to a variety of contemporary problems such as pollution, poverty, the control of monopoly, unemployment, inflation and international economic problems.

Precludes additional credit for ECON 1000, ECON 1001, and ECON 1002.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. This course is an intensive version of ECON 1000 geared to students seeking a more in-depth and interactive introduction to economics.

Seminars three hours a week, tutorials one hour a week.

FYSM 1004 [1.0 credit]

Literature, Genre, Context

Introduction to active literary reading skills, focusing on at least three literary genres including poetry, prose, and drama, with attention to literary, social, historical, and political contexts. This course is writing attentive.

Strongly recommended for English majors. Consult English Department website for annual topics.

Precludes additional credit for ENGL 1000 [1.0].

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1100 [1.0 credit]

Sustainable Environments

The causes and consequences of environmental change; emphasis on the interactions of nature and human behaviour. Ways in which the environment can be protected and restored. Environmental issues that affect our own communities.

Precludes additional credit for ENST 1001.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1101 [1.0 credit]

Location is Everything

Where we live affects who we are; the role of geographic location and environment on human perception, behaviour, and well-being, viewed at scales ranging from local to global; methods of collecting and interpreting information about location.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1104 [1.0 credit]

Human Rights: Issues and Investigations

Arguments that have been used to defend differing positions on rights issues, past and present. The validity of contending arguments; social factors influencing widespread acceptance of popular views.

Precludes additional credit for HUMR 1001, ISSC 1001, ANTH 1010, SOCI 1010.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1105 [1.0 credit]

Reading the Web

Academic writing and study skills through examination of the literacy and social interaction required for various media. Reading and writing on and for the Web and other forms of computer-mediated communications and cooperative work compared with writing for academic purposes.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1106 [1.0 credit]

Issues in Classics

An investigation of important issues relating to the Greek and Roman worlds. Themes will be drawn from literature, history, art, religion and social life. All texts are in English.

Precludes additional credit for CLCV 1000.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1202 [1.0 credit]

Cross-cultural Communicative Competence

The role of language in inter-, multi- and cross-cultural communication. Linguistic aspects of cultural interactions; incorporates theoretical perspectives from pragmatics, speech act theory, rhetoric, and other disciplines, with a view to developing awareness and competence in communications across cultures in general, academic and professional settings.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1204 [1.0 credit]**Language and Social Identity**

The creation and expression of social identities through language: gender, age, ethnic and social background.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Lectures three hours a week.

FYSM 1205 [1.0 credit]**Language and Power**

The role of language in maintaining and contesting power relations in domains such as the media, education, advertising, and politics. How meanings are made and exchanged through language in different situations.

Precludes additional credit for LALS 2705.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Lectures three hours a week.

FYSM 1208 [1.0 credit]**Looking at Philosophy**

An examination of the following: What is logical thinking? Does God exist? Are values relative? Do we have responsibilities? What is a just society? Do we have free will? What is the mind? What is the nature of reality?.

Precludes additional credit for PHIL 1100.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1209 [1.0 credit]**Contemporary Moral, Social, and Religious Issues**

Philosophical problems associated with such topical issues as feminism; atheism vs. theism; the meaning of life; moral relativism vs. moral objectivism; egoistic vs. non-egoistic ethics; euthanasia and capital punishment; legal paternalism; freedom of the will.

Precludes additional credit for PHIL 1500 and PHIL 1550.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1217 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Communication Studies**

Introductory communication studies seminar. Topics offered may vary from year to year and will be announced in advance of the registration period by the Communication Studies program.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. (This course is not the equivalent of COMM 1101.)

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1300 [1.0 credit]**History of Philosophy**

The major figures and developments in philosophy from the early Greeks to the present. A primarily descriptive and comparative approach, through critical reasoning is included for comprehending philosophic development.

Provides a background from which to understand the philosophical aspects of other disciplines.

Precludes additional credit for PHIL 1600.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1306 [1.0 credit]**Diversity in Psychological World Views**

Theories, research and applications of psychology from the perspective of different cultures and sub-cultures.

The validity of psychology across society; how it defines and changes people, and how it reflects and engineers particular social values and norms.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1307 [1.0 credit]**Psychology and Criminal Justice**

Theories, research, and practical applications of psychology to the criminal justice system. Topics may include eyewitness testimony, prediction of violence, classification and rehabilitation of offenders, victim studies, and judicial decision making.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1308 [1.0 credit]**Motivating Humans**

The psychology of human motivation. Everyday concepts such as laziness in relation to diverse theories and explanations of motivation such as drive-reduction, sociobiology, personal goals, self-actualization and spiritual awareness.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1310 [1.0 credit]**Selected Topics in Psychology**

Psychology is the scientific study of our thoughts, feelings and behavior. Course examines a selected topic in psychology. The specific topic will vary from year to year and will be announced in advance of the registration period.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of the B.A. program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1400 [1.0 credit]**Cognition: A Scientific Exploration of the Mind**

Theories, research, and applications of Cognitive Psychology. Research projects will familiarize students with the scientific method used to study pattern recognition, attention, memory, language and thinking. Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1401 [1.0 credit]**Multiculturalism in Canada**

Issues relating to the development of and interaction among cultural communities, with major emphasis on the realities of “doing multiculturalism in Canada.” Research teams; organized seminars with volunteers from Canadian cultural and community groups. Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1402 [1.0 credit]**Issues in Women’s and Gender Studies**

Emphasis on the development of writing, research and analytical skills through the intensive examination of selected topics in women’s studies (e.g. popular culture, media, representation and identity, communications, women’s writing, motherhood, sexuality, health, technology, law, politics). Specific themes will vary from year to year. Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1403 [1.0 credit]**Women and the Arts**

Feminist research across a range of arts disciplines (including music, theatre, visual arts and film). The importance of feminist debates and theoretical issues in understanding women’s involvement in the arts. Topics include gender and sexuality, feminine aesthetics, representation, identity and difference. Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1405 [1.0 credit]**Turning Points in History**

Introductory seminars emphasizing the development of writing, research, and analytical skills through the intensive examination of selected topics in modern history. Topics may vary from year to year. (Field will depend on topic.). Precludes additional credit for HIST 1009. Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1406 [1.0 credit]**How Ottawa Works: Exploring National Institutions**

This course examines the fundamental political, judicial and administrative institutions that made Canada a unique nation. Students will learn how government institutions are dealing with preservation and maintenance of Canadian cultural and social values. Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1407 [1.0 credit]**Thinking About Talking?**

Open only to students who have very little French. Comprehensive introduction to the French language and culture with emphasis on oral comprehension and speaking; use of authentic contemporary documents (video, TV, radio, newspapers, etc.) This course is given in French. Prerequisite(s): French Placement. Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1408 [1.0 credit]**World Literature in French**

An introduction to the diverse literatures of the francophone world through works from the Middle East, Canada, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean. For students who have completed the placement test on Carleton Central and have received a confirmation through their connect email account. Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1409 [1.0 credit]**Social Change in Canada**

Interdisciplinary analysis of social change and how people change Canada, through an examination of movements like environmentalism, feminism, peace, and antiracism. Examination of broader efforts to reshape Canadian society, including culture-jamming and change through popular culture. Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1501 [1.0 credit]**The Study of Religions**

Inquiries into the nature of religion and its interpretation, or a specific religious theme or a period of religious history. Specific topics will vary from year to year. Normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1502 [1.0 credit]**Selected Topics in Legal Studies**

Selected topics in legal studies. Course offerings for the current year are listed at: carleton.ca/first-year-seminars. Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program. Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1503 [1.0 credit]**Contemporary Culture in Everyday Life**

Consideration of the role of contemporary cultural forms in everyday life. Focus is on the culture/power relationship with special attention to the ways that popular forms such as television, film, music, and tourism facilitate or work against the cultural and economic interests of different societal groups.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1504 [1.0 credit]**Society and the Designed Environment**

Inquiry into the relation between human societies and the material environment which they inhabit and use. Focus is on the ways in which groups create the environments in which they live and the ways in which those environments influence and reproduce the groups.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1505 [1.0 credit]**Introduction to Applied Sociology**

Survey of the historic and contemporary contributions of Sociology to various applied fields, which may include official statistics, policy studies, consumer research, and workplace management. Focus on the philosophical, professional, and ethical distinctions between scholarly and applied sociology.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1506 [1.0 credit]**Topics in the Study of Societies**

Introductory seminar emphasizing the development of writing, research and analytical skills through the intensive examination of selected topics in the study of historic and contemporary societies.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

FYSM 1508 [1.0 credit]**Stress, Coping and Well-being**

How do you cope with stress? We live in a stressful world, and how we cope with this stress has important implications for our happiness and well-being. In this course we will examine theory and research on how stress affects our lives, how people cope, and what it means to be well-adjusted.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1509 [1.0 credit]**Special Studies in Art History, Film Studies and/or Music**

Topics and focus to be determined on a yearly basis.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1600 [1.0 credit]**Contemporary Controversies in Canadian Society**

An interdisciplinary exploration of key debates that currently affect Canadian society and culture. Topics may include: nationalism, race, language and ethnicity, sexuality, gender, Aboriginal governance, globalization, the environment, and human rights.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1601 [1.0 credit]**Literature and Political Change in Europe**

Consideration of presentations of periods of transition, political change, or upheaval in Europe primarily in works of literature, but also through images and film. Introduction to critical periods in European life and to different methods of representing them.

Lecture and discussion three hours a week.

FYSM 1602 [1.0 credit]**Selected Topics in Political Science**

Selected topics in politics and governance. Topics offered may vary from year to year and will be announced in advance of the registration period by the Department of Political Science.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1607 [1.0 credit]**Cognitive Science: Thinking and Knowing**

Interdisciplinary examination of discoveries in linguistics, psychology, philosophy, and computer science concerning the question "What is cognition"? Specific issues may include the mind-brain controversy, the role of language in thought, and artificial versus natural intelligence.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Classes and seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1608 [1.0 credit]**Selected Topics in Economics**

Content of this course may vary from year to year and will be announced in advance of the registration period by the Department of Economics.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1609 [1.0 credit]**Integrated Studies in Public Affairs and Management**

An integrated multidisciplinary exploration of a topic of interest to disciplines within the Faculty of Public Affairs offering Bachelor of Arts programs.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

5 hours a week; seminar two hours a week.

FYSM 1610 [1.0 credit]**Understanding Environmental Discourse**

An examination of how language and other symbol systems are used to portray and make arguments about ecology and the global environment, with a particular focus on climate change.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1611 [0.5 credit]**One-Term Seminar in Political Science**

One-term seminar on selected topics in politics and governance. Topics offered may vary from year to year and will be announced in advance of the registration period by the Department of Political Science.

Precludes additional credit for FYSM 1602.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. or B.Cog.Sc. program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1612 [1.0 credit]**Language, Identity, and Canadian Nation-Building**

The role of language and language planning in the negotiation of national identity among Canada's cultural and ethnolinguistic groups. Forms and history of language planning, theories of language and identity, and their implications for what it means to be Canadian.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

FYSM 1614 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in European and Russian Studies**

Topics offered may vary from year to year and will be announced in advance of the registration period by the Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a BA program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1900 [1.0 credit]**Selected Topics In the Study of Academic Discourses**

Introductory seminar emphasizing the development of academic writing, research and analytical skills through the intensive examination of a selected topic in the instructor's field of expertise. Specific topics vary from section to section each year.

Precludes additional credit for FYSM 1605.

Prerequisite(s): enrolment in the Enriched Support Program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1901 [1.0 credit]**Selected Topics in African Studies**

Selected topics in the study of Africa. Topics offered may vary from year to year and will be announced in advance of the registration period by the Institute of African Studies.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminar three hours a week.

FYSM 1908 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Applied Economics**

Content of this course may vary from year to year and will be announced in advance of the registration period by the Department of Economics.

Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students entering the first year of a B.A. program.

Seminars three hours a week.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca