

UNI 101-000 – First Year Seminar

Fall 2012 Syllabus

Class Meets: Monday & Wednesday, 2:00-3:15 pm
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Purpose of theClass

UNI 101 is both an academic and personal development course. The purpose of the course is to help you build community and make a successful academic and personal transition to UNCW by:

- Demonstrating skills in critical thinking, study skills, time management, and project management.
- Demonstrating the ability to identify and apply academic strategies for analyzing, synthesizing, and critically evaluating information from all courses.
- Demonstrating the ability to identify, locate and use university support services and resources contributing to success in higher education.
- Demonstrating the ability to find, evaluate and use information utilizing library resources.
- Using UNCW technologies in an academic context.
- Exploring individual personality style and identifying strengths based on an assessment or inventory.
- Demonstrating an awareness of and a greater willingness to consider a wide range of ideas, attitudes, biases and behaviors regarding cultural, racial, ethnic, regional and global diversity.
- Recognizing and evaluating the importance of lifetime wellness and identifying the health risks that are relevant for college students.
- Identifying campus health-related resources available for self-care.
- Developing and articulating academic, career, and life goals.
- Identifying and applying goals, values and transferable skills in transition from college to future endeavors.

Class Expectations

- Attend and be on time to all class sessions and outside events
- Participate in all class discussions and activities
- Read all assignments prior to the start of class
- Turn all assignments in complete and on time. NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED!
- Comply with the standards of the UNCW Academic Honor Code
- Turn cell phones OFF, and put them away before the start of class
- Allow yourself to learn from others and others to learn from you.

Required Texts

Stultz, R. & Adams, J. (2012). Focus on Success. Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Publishing.
2012 Common Reading Selection (TBD)

Course Requirements

Attendance & Participation Policy

- You are expected to be in class and on time every day. All scheduled outside events are mandatory, unless arrangements are made with your instructor prior to the event. Because of the seminar format, the success of our class depends on the contribution of each student. If you are out for any reason, you are fully responsible for all material covered in class and any assignments or announcements you missed.
- Missing more than 3 classes will result in your final grade being lowered one letter grade for each additional class missed.
- Two tardies will equal one class absence.

Quizzes/Class Activities

Both quizzes and exams will include material covered in class, out-of-class assignments/events, and textbook information. You will also be graded on activities completed in class. If you are absent, this work may NOT be made up later, with the exception of medical or family emergencies.

Journals

You will be required to keep a journal during this first semester of college. This journal is intended to be an avenue for reflection on your learning and new experiences at UNCW and in this class. It is your opportunity to analyze and share your reactions, personal thoughts and evaluation of your experiences. Journals are completely confidential; what you write is only between you and your instructor unless you choose or give permission to share. You will write at least one journal entry per week. They should be a page or more in length and kept in a loose-leaf paper folder. (No spiral notebooks!!) Journals will be collected every week. They will be graded with respect to the seriousness and honesty with which you approach the exercise. This journal is not simply a diary; you must write reflectively and critically about your experiences this semester.

Final Project

The final project will be a small group project that will give you the opportunity to collaborate with your peers in developing a project that will be presented to the class at the end of the semester. Each final project will include the following components:

- Audiovisual Product: Power Point, DVD, Poster, Other (with approval)
- Oral presentation: 15 – 20 minutes involving each member of the group
- Individual Paper: 3 – 5 pages, summarizing the content of your project and the group process, and including at least one scholarly reference
- Peer evaluation of each member of the group

More information regarding project topics and group assignments will be provided within the first two weeks of class.

Campus Involvement/Events

Much of learning in college is experienced outside of the classroom. The Event Assignment in First Year Seminar encourages students to explore a variety of learning opportunities on campus, to engage with the campus community, and to broaden their early academic experience.

Instructions: Each First Year Seminar student is required to attend 5 campus events outside of class over the 15 weeks of the semester.

Event Category Requirements:

- Category I** – at least one Synergy (Common Reading) event - A list of events can be found on the Common Reading website, <http://www.uncw.edu/commonreading/>.
- Category II** – at least one event from one of the following categories: Performing Arts, Cultural Arts, Multi-cultural/Diversity, Academic Lecture.
- Category III** - Three remaining events may be chosen from either of the categories above or from the following categories: Athletic Event (limit 1) Community Service, Learning Services Workshop, Career Services Workshop, Library Workshop, International Programs Information Session, Health Promotions Presentation, CARE Film Series Presentation, Technology Training Session, Other (with prior instructor approval)

Due Dates:

To encourage students to engage outside of the classroom throughout the semester, it will be required that participation in the 5 required events be spread over 15 week period. The semester will be divided into 3 five week periods. Students must attend at least 1 and no more than 3 events in any given 5 week period.

August 22 – September 25
September 26 – October 30
October 31– December 5

Course Grade Breakdown

Participation (25%)	175 points
Quizzes/Class Activities (25%)	175 points
Journals (20%)	140 points
Campus Involvement/Events (10%)	70 points
Final Project (20%)	140points
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700 total possible points	

<u>Course Grade</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Points Equivalent</u>
A		95-100		665-700
A-		90-94		630-664
B+		87-89		609-629
B		83-86		581-608
B-		80-82		560-580
C+		77-79		539-559
C		73-76		511-538
C-		70-72		490-510
D+		67-69		469-489
D		63-66		441-468
D-		60-62		420-440
F		below 60		419 or below

N. B. This syllabus is intended to give students a general outline of expectations for UNI 101.

I reserve my right as an instructor to make adjustments to the course schedule and grading policy as needed. Students will be informed of any changes in advance.

Federal Americans with Disabilities

If you have a disability and need reasonable accommodation in order to participate fully in this course, you should inform the instructor of this fact in writing within the first week of class or as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, you must register with Disability Services in Westside Hall and obtain a copy of your Accommodations Letter. You should then meet with your instructor to make mutually agreeable arrangements based on the recommendations of the Accommodations Letter.

Religious Observance Policy

In accordance with NC SL 2010-211, students are entitled to two excused absences for religious observances per academic year. These absences must be requested using the form provided on SeaNet, under "Student Services." This request must be submitted by the student **prior** to the absence. Once the request is submitted, an email will be sent to all impacted instructors automatically. There is no need to send additional notification to instructors or the Registrar's Office. Any absence for religious purposes will be considered unexcused unless the appropriate form is submitted.

The UNCW Statement on Diversity in the University Community

As an institution of higher learning, the University of North Carolina Wilmington represents a rich diversity of human beings among its faculty, staff, and students and is committed to maintaining a campus environment that values that diversity. Accordingly, the university supports policies, curricula, and co-curricular activities that encourage understanding of and appreciation for all members of its community and will not tolerate any harassment or disrespect for persons because of race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, creed, religion, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, or relationship to other university constituents. Students with Disabilities information and resources available at <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/disability/>

Zero Tolerance Policy

UNCW practices a zero tolerance policy for violence and harassment of any kind. For emergencies contact UNCW CARE at 962-2273; Campus Police at 962-3184; or Wilmington Police at 911. For University or community resources visit: <http://www.uncw.edu/safe-relate/campusResources.htm>. Violence prevention information and resources available at <http://www.uncw.edu/safe%2Drelate/>. We will focus several class discussions on the importance of reducing violence and increasing tolerance in schools and at UNCW.

Cell Phones, PDAs, Laptops

Please silence your cell phone and do not make calls, access applications or text during class. If you have a personal, urgent matter for which you need to be on call, please let me know in advance. In addition, please do not have active any PDAs or laptops/netbooks/iPads open and active unless the activity warrants. We will use these devices in selected activities and they are permissible then.