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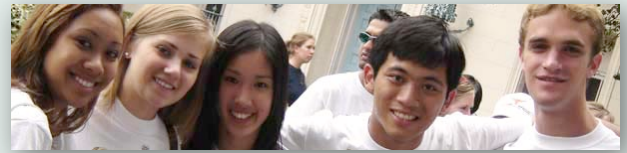


Find Yourself

First-year interest group

What is a FIG?

It's a **connection** with experienced students: upper-division peer mentors with inside knowledge of university life.



"The FIG program is the best thing available to any UT freshman or transfer student. From making friends, to sharing the same classes, to familiarizing yourself with the school, a FIG can make all this happen."

- Marianna Dubinsky, Advertising Sophomore

It's a **resource** for getting to know The University of Texas at Austin.

It's a wonderful **start** to your college education.

It's a First-year Interest Group.

Why join a FIG?

When you join a FIG, you instantly become part of a community formed by 20 students with similar academic interests. Led by a peer mentor, your FIG cohort takes courses together, which means you'll actually know who's sitting next to you in class. You'll also take part in a weekly seminar, where your mentor will facilitate the exploration of common first-year issues such as academic resources and campus life. In addition, your mentor will plan activities to help you discover everything that UT and the city of Austin have to offer.

When you join a FIG, you'll be a part of a program that for 10 years and counting has helped students perform better in classes and maintain a higher GPA.



How to join a FIG:

1. Review the FIG course listings and choose the FIG(s) right for you.
2. Meet with your academic advisor and tell them you would like to join a FIG.
3. Register for academic FIGs during summer orientation.
4. Get ready for a great year!

"I learned that uncertainty is not always something to fear, but rather something to learn from."

- Cathy Coussons, Engineering Junior

College of Liberal Arts

Students in the College of Liberal Arts FIGs will have fun while easing their transitions to the university. Courses in Liberal Arts FIGs satisfy requirements for the B.A. degree. If you would like to enroll in one of the FIGs below, please attend the information session the evening of day two of summer orientation or speak with your academic advisor. For more information about FIGs in the College of Liberal Arts, call 471-4271.

Liberal Arts FIG Course Listings 2010

Business & Society

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
BIO	301D	Bio For Business/Law/Lib Arts
ECO	304K	Introduction To Microeconomics
UGS	303	Your Global Money



Exploring Liberal Arts

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
UGS	303	American Experience
AMS	310	Intro to American Studies
PSY	301	Intro to Psychology

Humankind

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
UGS	303	Mind & Reason
ANT	301	Physical Anthropology
R S	310	Intro to the Study of Religion

The International Environment

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
UGS	303	Sustaining a Planet
BIO	301M	Ecology, Evolution & Society
IRG	301	Intro Intl Rels & Global Studies

Introduction to the Humanities

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
UGS	303	Modernity / Anxiety / Art of the Uncanny
ARH	301	Introduction To Visual Arts
PHL	301	Introduction To Philosophy

Pre-Law

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
UGS	303	Constitution & Civil Liberty
PHL	304	Contemporary Moral Problems
SOC	308	Life and Death Decisions

Culture & Communication

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
ANT	307	Culture & Communication
CMS	315M	Interpersonal Comm Theory
UGS	303	Journalism and /in Democracy

Meaning of Life?

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
UGS	302	Development of Moral Action
CMS	306M	Professional Comm Skills - LIB
GRG	305	This Human World

Reel America

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
RTF	305	Introduction To Media Studies
UGS	303	US Poverty in Nonfiction & Film
AMS	311S	The Body in Modern America

The Big Picture

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
UGS	303	Ideas Of The Twentieth Century
GRG	301C	The Natural Environment
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

Cultural Studies

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
MUS	307	History of Rock Music
ANT	302	Cultural Anthropology

Money in America

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
ECO	304K	Intro to Microeconomics
AMS	310	Intro to American Studies

Modern America

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
AMS	310	Intro to American Studies
ARC	308	Architecture & Society
UGS	303	Race in the Age of Obama

Made in America

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
SOC	302	Intro to the Study of Society
ARC	308	Architecture and Society

Pre-Med Prep

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
M	408K	Differential Calculus
CH	301	Principles of Chemistry

Brain Waves

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-LARTS
PSY	301	Introduction to Psychology
BIO	301L	Molecules to Organisms

"The FIG program is important because it gives freshmen a head start at UT."

- Sabrina Maqsood, Business Junior



Pre-professional FIGs

Pre-professional First-year Interest Groups (FIGs) are organized around themes and pre-professional programs that fall outside of the traditional academic disciplines. These FIGs are open to all majors in all colleges (unless otherwise noted) and will give students the opportunity to explore a broad range of interests as well as network outside of their particular college. If you are interested in joining a pre-professional FIG, talk to your advisor during summer orientation. For more information, please call the FIG office at (512) 232-3447.

Pre-professional FIG Course Listings 2010

Pre-Law

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	303	Constitution and Civil Liberty
PHL	304	Contemporary Moral Problems

Pre-Healthcare

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
UGS	303	Medical Ethics

Business & Communication

(for non-business majors)

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	303	Your Global Money
CMS	315M	Interpersonal Comm Theory

"The FIG program really helped me adapt to college life in a small amount of time. FIG has helped me be a better student, make lasting friendships, learn about vital university resources and policies, and grow into a more well-rounded individual."

- Clay Sampson, Sophomore

Great Minds

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	303	Ideas of the Twentieth Century
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

Business in the 21st Century

(restricted to non-business majors)

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	303	Your Global Money
M	408K	Differential Calculus

Leadership & Society

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	302	Ethics and Business
SOC	302	Intro to the Study of Society

Health Professions

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	302	Herbs to Drugs & Back Again
BIO	311C	Introduction to Biology I



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FIRSTYEAR INTEREST GROUPS

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For more information contact the FIG Office at (512)-232-FIGS, email fig@austin.utexas.edu, or visit www.utexas.edu/ugs/fig

What is a Signature FIG?

A Signature FIG provides an opportunity for first-year students to take core courses in a group of 18 students and receive academic assistance from a Signature Course peer mentor. The small size of the cohort allows students to become friends with their classmates and also get to know their Signature Course instructor. These FIGs are open to all majors in all colleges (unless otherwise noted). The other courses in each FIG count toward core requirements and may count for a Bridging Disciplines Program (BDP) certificate, should a student be accepted into a BDP. It is our hope that this new program will significantly aid in making the transition from high-school level to college-level thinking and writing as well as encourage major and career exploration.

Signature FIGs

2010

Children & Society

UGS	302	Young People and Drugs
PSY	301	Introduction to Psychology
HDF	304	Family Relationships

Cultural Studies

UGS	302	Cultures in Contact
MUS	307	History of Rock Music
BDP	101	Intro to Cultural Studies

Ethics and Leadership

UGS	303	Journalism and /in Democracy
PHL	304	Contemp. Moral Problems

Ethics and Leadership

UGS	303	Medical Ethics
PHL	304	Contemp. Moral Problems

Environment

UGS	303	Sustaining a Planet
BIO	301M	Ecology, Evolution, & Society

Environment

UGS	302	Hidden Treasures of Plants
GEO	303	Intro to Geology

Film Studies

UGS	303	Italian Cinema
HIS	306N	Films & History of Latin America
BDP	101	Intro to Film Studies

Human Rights & Social Justice

UGS	302	Representing Justice
SOC	308	Gender/Race/Class in Amer Soc

International Studies

(restricted to non-business students)

UGS	303	Your Global Money
EUS	305	Intro to European Studies

Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits

UGS	302	How to Change the World: Advocacy
BDP	101	The Organization of Culture

Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits

UGS	302	Separating Fact/Fiction: Mental Illness
SOC	308	Political Economy of Global Health
PSY	301	Introduction to Psychology

Social Inequality, Health, & Policy

UGS	303	Global Inequalities and Health
BIO	307D	Biology of AIDS

Contact the Signature Course Office

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