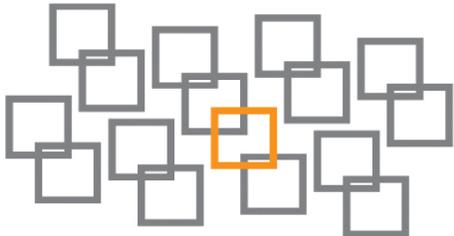


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# Find Yourself

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."

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."

# College of Natural Sciences

FIGs in Natural Sciences provide prospective scientists the opportunity to meet one another, learn more about issues facing science in the 21st century, and develop strategies for being successful at UT. There are FIGs for all majors, as well as FIGs for students who have not chosen a major. If you would like to be in a FIG, see your academic advisor. For more information, call (512) 471-3796.

## Natural Sciences FIG Course Listings 2010

### FIGs for students interested in the biological sciences and/or the health professions (pre-pharmacy, pre-med, pre-vet, pre-dent, and pre-allied health):

#### **Biohazards** - for students interested in the First Year Biology Honors Sequence

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	315H	Adv Intro To Genetics: Honors

#### **BioSphere**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
UGS	303	Medical Ethics

#### **Cell Mates**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry

#### **Future of Biology (year-long)**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

#### **Science Matters** - preference given to students interested in Cell & Molecular Biology or Microbiology

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
UGS	302	Prac Skills & Topics for Hlthcare Prof
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

#### **Spontaneous Combustion** - for pre-pharmacy students

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
SSC	302	Data Analysis for Health Sciences

#### **Survival of the FIGest** - for pre-pharmacy students

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

#### **The Science of Life (year-long)**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

#### **This is Public Health** - for students interested in the public health degree

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
UGS	303	Global Inequalities and Health

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

**For students interested in chemistry/  
biochemistry:**

**Chemical Reactions**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

**For undeclared students and undeclared  
students interested in the health professions:**

**FIGure it Out**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

**Gettin' FIGgy with It**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

**Psychobabble**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I



**For students interested in computer sciences:**

**First Byte**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
C S	305J	Introduction To Computing
C S	301K	Foundations Of Logical Thought

**Input/Output**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
C S	307	Foundations Of Computer Sci
C S	313K	Logic, Sets, and Functions



**For students interested in human ecology:**

**Human Ecology: Family Style** - for students interested in  
*Nutrition or Human Development and Family Sciences*

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

**Warp & Weft** - for students interested in the *Textiles &  
Apparel majors*

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
TXA	205	Textiles
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

**For students interested in UTeach:**

**UTeach**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
UTS	101	Sec Teacher Educ Prep: Step 1
ANT	302	Cultural Anthropology

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**For students interested in science research:**

**Biology research**

**Bioactive - RIS**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
UGS	303	Research Methods-FRI

**BioDiversity - RIS**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
UGS	303	Research Methods-FRI
PSY	301	Intro to Psychology
CH	301	Principles of Chemistry I

**Biogenesis - RIS**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
UGS	303	Research Methods-FRI

**Cellular Matters - RIS**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
UGS	303	Research Methods-FRI

**Lab Rats - RIS**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
UGS	303	Research Methods-FRI

**Chemistry research**

**Biorhythms - RIS**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
UGS	303	Research Methods-FRI
CH	301H	Principles Of Chem I: Honors*
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

(\* Students will need to add CH 108 #unique TBD)

**Math, physics, and/or astronomy research**

**FIG Newton - RIS**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
M	310T	Into Statistcl/SciComputation

**ConFIGurations**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
M	408C	Differen and Integral Calculus
UGS	303	Evidence: Math Models & Proofs

**For students interested in any major who need to prepare for calculus:**

**Biotas**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
M	305G	Preparation for Calculus-CNS

**Calculated Success**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
M	305G	Preparation for Calculus-CNS

**Path to Math**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
M	305G	Preparation for Calculus-CNS

**Positive Integers**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
M	305G	Preparation for Calculus-CNS

**Up & Atom**

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR-CNS
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I
M	305G	Preparation for Calculus-CNS



## 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

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*- 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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# 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 - Democracy & Communication

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

### Ethics and Leadership - Healthcare

UGS	303	Medical Ethics
PHL	304	Contemp. Moral Problems

### Environment - Sustainability

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

### Environment - Ecology & Geology

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 - Change and Advocacy

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

### Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits - Social Understanding & Social Structures

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

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