

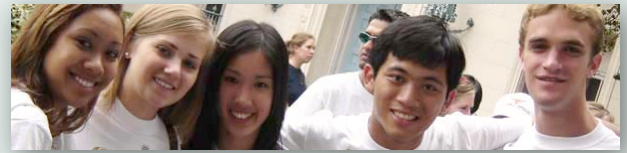


## Find Yourself

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, to learn more about issues facing science in the 21st century, and to 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 2009

### 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)

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	315H	Adv Intro To Genetics: Honors

#### BioSphere

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	205L	Lab Exp Bio: Cell & Molec Bio
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I



#### Cell Mates

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

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

*(preference given to students interested in Marine and Freshwater Biology or Ecology, Evolution and Behavior Biology)*

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

#### Science Matters (preference given to students interested in Cell & Molecular Biology or Microbiology)

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
BIO	205L	Lab Exp Bio: Cell & Molec Bio
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

#### Spontaneous Combustion

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

#### Survival of the FIGest

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

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

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

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

## FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CHEMISTRY/ BIOCHEMISTRY

### Chemical Reactions

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

## FOR UNDECLARED STUDENTS AND UNDECLARED STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

### FIGure it Out

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

### Gettin' FIGgy with It

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

### Psychobabble

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)



## FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN COMPUTER SCIENCES

### First Byte (for Women in CS)

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

### Input/Output

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
C S	307	Foundations Of Computer Sci
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology



## FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN HUMAN ECOLOGY

### Human Ecology: Family Style (For students interested in Nutrition or Human

Development and Family Sciences)

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology

### Warp & Weft (For students interested in the Textiles & Apparel majors)

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
TXA	205	Textiles

## FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN UTeach

### UTeach (for students interested in the UTeach program)

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UTS	101	Sec Teacher Educ Prep: Step 1
LIN	306	Intro To The Study of Language

"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."



## FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SCIENCE RESEARCH

### BIOLOGY RESEARCH:

#### Bioactive - RIS

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
NSC	301C	Research Methods-FRI

#### BioDiversity - RIS

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
NSC	301C	Research Methods-FRI

#### Biogenesis - RIS

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
NSC	301C	Research Methods-FRI

#### Lab Rats - RIS

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
NSC	301C	Research Methods-FRI

"FIG is a great way to learn about the many resources on campus. I had no idea about some of the great things UT offers and still would not know if it hadn't been for my FIG mentor!"



### CHEMISTRY RESEARCH:

#### Biorhythms - RIS

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

(\* Students will need to add CH 108 #57530)

### MATH, PHYSICS AND/OR ASTRONOMY RESEARCH:

#### FIG Newton - RIS

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
SSC	318	Intro Statistics / Sci Computatn

#### Cellular Matters - RIS

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (1)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
NSC	301C	Research Methods-FRI

"I was in a FIG during my first semester here, and coming from a small town, the FIG was such a wonderful way to orient myself to UT. Not only do I still keep in touch with my former FIG mentor (she's now in med school so she's able to give me a lot of good advice!) and my fellow "Figgies" (as we then called ourselves), but I still remember fondly the memories we made as a FIG."

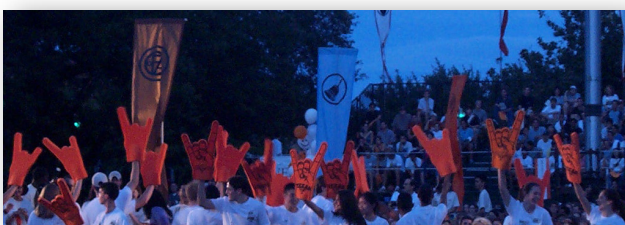
**FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ANY MAJOR WHO NEED TO PREPARE FOR CALCULUS, INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL SEMINAR HOUR:**

## Biotas

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (4)
CH	108	Principles Of Chemistry (4)
M	305G	Elem Functs And Coord Geom-CNS

## Calculated Success

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (4)
CH	108	Principles Of Chemistry (4)
M	305G	Elem Functs And Coord Geom-CNS



## Intersecting Lives

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (4)
CH	108	Principles Of Chemistry (4)
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
M	305G	Elem Functs And Coord Geom-CNS

## Path to Math

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (4)
CH	108	Principles Of Chemistry (4)
M	305G	Elem Functs And Coord Geom-CNS

## Positive Integers

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (4)
CH	108	Principles Of Chemistry (4)
M	305G	Elem Functs And Coord Geom-CNS

## Up & Atom

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
CH	301	Principles Of Chemistry I (4)
CH	108	Principles Of Chemistry (4)
M	305G	Elem Functs And Coord Geom-CNS

## FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

### Horned Migration

*(Open only to transfer students)*

NSC	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
BIO	325	Genetics
EDP	363	3-human Sexuality

*"Most of the friendships I have made in college started with my FIG. Without the FIG, I would not have felt the same sense of belonging as I feel now."*



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FIRST-YEAR INTEREST GROUPS

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