

First Year Seminar

Strategy Team

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First-year seminars introduce students to academic engagement in a small group setting while exploring themes that relate to students' interests or majors.

- Engage students in an area of interest.
- Engage students in the learning process.
- Engage students with resources on campus.



Start.



According to The Community College Research Center and American Association of Colleges and Universities:

- High Impact Practices
 - Engagement
 - Persistence
 - Completion



Research Shows Benefits of FYS



Best Practices

- Student Centered
- Educational and Career Plan
- Connections to Campus Resources
- Connections to Student Services
- Small class size
- Seminar Style Course
- Themed Content
- Designed for first-time degree-seeking students
- 3-Credit hour course
- Mentoring Opportunities



Features of Harper's First Year Seminar

22 Instructors

Representing 5 Divisions

First-Year Seminars: Harper College



Fall 2013: 22 FYS Pilot Courses

- Gary Anderson
- Abigail Bailey
- Shante Bishop
- Becky Curtain
- Tom Dowd/Ken Ender
- Marianne Farinas de Leon
- Linda Frank
- Brett Fulkerson-Smith
- Chris George
- Kathy Hanahan
- Travaris Harris
- Kris Hoffhines
- Richard Johnson
- Sandy Kreiling
- Judy Kulchawik
- Michelle Lillig
- DuBoi McCarty
- Tamara McClain
- Colleen Tomanek
- Stephanie Whalen
- La Vonya Williams

Pilot Instructors

- Linda Frank
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- Brian Knetl
- Gary Anderson
- Shante Bishop
- Kim Cozzi
- Julie Ellefson-Kuehn
- Chris George
- Kathy Hanahan
- Pascuala Herrera
- Katie Hollis
- Richard Johnson
- Amy Kammerman
- Joan Kindle
- Michele Lillig
- Tamara McClain

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Start. Finish. Go Forward

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