First Year Seminar

Strategy Team
Co-Leaders: Linda Frank, Stephanie Whalen, and Brian Knetl
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.
Research Shows Benefits of FYS

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

- High Impact Practices
- Engagement
- Persistence
- Completion
Features of Harper’s First Year Seminar

• 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
22 Instructors
Representing 5 Divisions
First-Year Seminars: Harper College

Fall 2013: 22 FYS Pilot Courses
Pilot Instructors

- 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
Linda Frank
Stephanie Whalen
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

FYS Strategy Team
Start. Finish. Go Forward

firstyearseminar@harpercollege.edu