First Year Seminar

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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
Pilot Instructors

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• Becky Curtain
• Tom Dowd/Ken Ender
• Marianne Farinas de Leon
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• Chris George
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