

# First Year Seminar

## Strategy Team

Co-Leaders: Linda Frank, Stephanie Whalen,  
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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

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# Best Practices

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- 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**

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# 22 Instructors

## Representing 5 Divisions

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**Fall 2013: 22 FYS Pilot Courses**

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- 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

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- Shante Bishop
- Kim Cozzi
- Julie Ellefson-Kuehn
- Chris George
- Kathy Hanahan
- Pascuala Herrera
- Katie Hollis
- Richard Johnson
- Amy Kammerman
- Joan Kindle
- Michele Lillig
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Start. Finish. Go Forward

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