

CHASS F1RST 2020-2021 Academic Year Programming

CHASS F1RST Frosh Programs

First-Year Experience (FYE) Workshop Series

The First-Year Experience Program for frosh students is evolving to offer a First-Year Experience Workshop Series to offer year-long support for all CHASS first-year students. The highlight of the FYE Workshop is the 2-unit CHFY 007 Workshop that first-year freshmen will be required to take each quarter in their first year. The CHFY 007 workshop will have a specific theme each quarter such as academic success in the fall, professional development in the winter, and leadership skills in the spring. Additionally, we will offer reserved seating in a major related course or breadth course in the fall quarter to provide students early exposure in their area of study.

The FYE Workshop series offers continuous support to all first-year freshmen in their first year through strategic curriculum, peer support, and shared community.

- Strategic Curriculum- academic success in the fall, professional development in the winter, and leadership skills in the spring.
- Peer Support- CHFY 007 will be facilitated by two peer educators who are undergraduate students in CHASS. They will provide mentorship and serve as a campus resource referral agent.
- Shared Community- Students will be grouped in the CHFY 007 workshop based on similar major such as Arts majors, Humanities majors, Social Sciences majors, and undeclared majors.

We need reserved seating so that professional staff are available to support the undergraduate students who facilitate CHFY 007 during normal business hours.

Pre-Scheduling:

The College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS) is the largest college at UCR. CHASS serve half of the student population on campus. In CHASS F1RST, nearly 98 percent of our freshmen enroll in CHFY 007 workshop. We project to offer approximately 85 sections per quarter with capacity for 30 students per workshop. Office hours are 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Pre-scheduling is necessary to reduce the risk of liability and having many workshops in the late afternoon and evening time without staff support. Shall there be an emergency, our peer educators and first-year students will receive limited support.

Characteristics of the new structure:

FYE Workshop Series is a year-long series for students transitioning from high school to CHASS at UCR, designed to enhance student academic achievement and student engagement through the CHFY 007 workshop.

- Each quarter students will enroll in CHFY 007 2-unit workshop
- Fall quarter students will be offered reserved seating in major/breadth related course
- CHFY 007 will have a specific theme each quarter (For example: Fall-Academic Success, Winter-Professional Development, Spring-Leadership Skills)
- Same number of Peer Educators needed each quarter
- Same number of CHFY 007 offered each quarter

Benefits of new structure:

- Curriculum in CHFY 007 will be strategically designed to enhance the students experience throughout the year.
- All courses and workshops offered by CHASS F1RST contribute to the 180 units required for students to graduate.
- Peer Educators can maintain employment with CHASS F1RST throughout the year which can increase desirability of the position, satisfaction with continued employment, etc.
- Eliminates the large reduction of positions from more than 50% combined with the difficult rehiring process for so many amazing UCR undergraduates.

Fall	Winter	Spring
CHFY 007- FYE Workshop Series (with fall only reserved seating in major/breadth related course)	CHFY 007- FYE Workshop Series	CHFY 007- FYE Workshop Series

Possible Curriculum for LC Workshop Series:

Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter
Reserve 1 GE Breadth CHFY 007 (10 Weeks: Academic Success) ✓ Week 1: Introduction, Icebreaker & Syllabus Review ✓ Week 2: Academic Integrity & Plagiarism ✓ Week 3: How to Learn ✓ Week 4: Critical Thinking & Active Reading ✓ Week 5: Campus Resources & Time Management ✓ Week 6: Goals & Motivation ✓ Week 7: Advising ✓ Week 8: Wellness ✓ Week 9: Diversity ✓ Week 10: Team Building and Evaluation	CHFY 007 (10 Weeks: Professional Development) ✓ Week 1: Welcome back, Team Building & Syllabus Review ✓ Week 2: Personal Finance ✓ Week 3: Housing Options & Commuter Tips ✓ Week 4: Cover Letter & Resume ✓ Week 5: Job, Internships, and Interviews ✓ Week 6: Mock Interviews 1 st ✓ Week 7: Mock Interviews 2 nd ✓ Week 8: Leadership & Networking Skills ✓ Week 9: Educational Opportunities ✓ Week 10: Team Building and Evaluation	CHFY 007 (10 Weeks: Leadership Skills) ✓ Week 1: Welcome back, Team Building, & Syllabus Review ✓ Week 2: Emotional Intelligence & Interpersonal Skills ✓ Week 3: Conflict Management ✓ Week 4: Elevator Pitch ✓ Week 5: Preparing for Presentation ✓ Week 6: Delivering a Presentation ✓ Week 7: Group Presentation ✓ Week 8: Group Presentation ✓ Week 9: Health & Wellness ✓ Week 10: Preparing for Sophomore Year and Evaluation

As the Director of CHASS F1RST, I am proposing to the Course Scheduling Committee to approve the following request to continue pre-scheduling for CHFY 007 workshops offerings during prime time to accommodate CHASS F1RST students and staff. CHASS F1RST plan to implement the new FYE Workshop Series in fall 2020.

Thank you for supporting our first-year students transition.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christina Acoff, Director of CHASS F1RST