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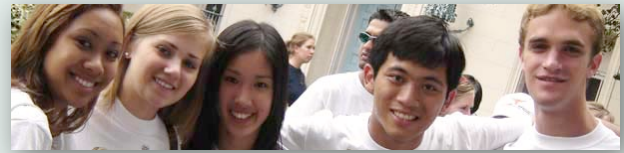


Find Yourself

First-year interest group

What is a FIG?

It's a **connection** with experienced students: upper class peer mentors with inside knowledge of university life.



"The FIG program is the best thing available to any UT freshman or transfer student. From making friends, to sharing the same classes, to familiarizing yourself with the school, a FIG can make all this happen."

- Marianna Dubinsky, Advertising Sophomore

It's a **resource** for getting to know The University of Texas at Austin.

It's a wonderful **start** to your college education.

It's a First-year Interest Group.

Why join a FIG?

When you join a FIG, you instantly become part of a community formed by 20 students with similar academic interests. Led by a peer mentor and professional staff member, your FIG cohort takes courses together, which means you'll actually know who's sitting next to you in class. You'll also take part in a weekly seminar, where your mentor will facilitate the exploration of common first-year issues such as academic resources and campus life. In addition, your mentor will plan activities to help you discover everything that UT and the city of Austin have to offer.

When you join a FIG, you'll be a part of a program that for 10 years and counting has helped students perform better in classes and maintain a higher GPA.

How to join a FIG:

1. Review the FIG course listings and choose the FIG(s) right for you.
2. Meet with your academic advisor and tell them you would like to join a FIG.
3. Register for academic FIGs during summer orientation.
4. Get ready for a great year!



"I learned that uncertainty is not always something to fear, but rather something to learn from."

- Cathy Coussons, Engineering Junior

School of Undergraduate Studies

The School of Undergraduate Studies serves students by sustaining a dynamic common curriculum and by enriching the undergraduate experience through innovative advising, learning communities, interdisciplinary programs, and undergraduate research. FIGs in Undergraduate Studies offer students the chance to explore different interests, majors and career paths during their first semester. If you are interested in enrolling a UGS FIG, please talk to your advisor, or call the Center for Strategic Advising at (512) 232-8400.

UGS FIG Course Listings 2009

Business in the 21st Century

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
ECO	304K	Introduction To Microeconomics
UGS	303	Your Global Money

Cultural Studies

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
ANT	302	Cultural Anthropology
UGS	302	Art Of Interpretation-W
BDP	101	Intro To Cultural Studies

Exploring the Health Professions

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	303	Medical Ethics
BIO	311C	Introductory Biology I

Exploring the Media

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	303	Journalism And/In Democracy
CMS	306M	Professnl Comm Skills
SOC	302	Intro To The Study Of Society



"The FIG program is important because it gives freshmen a head start at UT."

- Sabrina Maqsood,
Marketing Junior

Exploring the Sciences and Engineering

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	302	Engrd World: Profsnl/ethics-W
M	408C	Differen And Integral Calculus

Film Studies

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
RTF	305	Introduction To Media Studies
BDP	101	Introduction To Film Studies
UGS	303	Exiled To Hollywood

International Studies

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
SOC	302	Intro To The Study Of Society
UGS	303	Global Inequalities & Health

Leadership and Business

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
302		Community Polit & Leadership-W
306M		Professnl Comm Skills

Major Exploration

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
PSY	301	Introduction To Psychology
UGS	303	Org Corruption And Org Control

Navigating Social Issues

UGS	001	First-Year Interest Group SMNR
UGS	303	Global Inequalities and Health
SOC	308	Culture And Society In The US



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