

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR

First-Year Seminars are designed to provide students with an in-depth academic experience that will be rigorous and engaging. Students develop the kinds of academic skills that prepare them for successful college work, which might include one or more of the following:

- critical reading and thinking
- writing and discussion
- quantitative reasoning
- argument and debate

Faculty members teach their passions in which they have particular expertise and enthusiasm, and each First-Year Seminar has a unique topic, with 80–85 different First-Year Seminars offered each fall quarter. For students to be able to engage with faculty in the exploration of these topics is an extraordinary opportunity for academic and personal growth. Instructors of the First-Year Seminars also serve as students' academic advisors and faculty mentors for the entire first year. Students meet individually with their mentors during winter and spring quarters for advising and registration help. This course must be taken at the University of Denver. Any student who either withdraws from or fails the First-Year Seminar must meet the requirement through an additional Advanced Seminar course. Students transferring to DU are exempt from this requirement if they are classified as a transfer student.