

The First Year Experience (COR 100.03), Fall 2012

Meeting Times: Tuesdays 11:00 to 11:50

Meeting Place: Derby 011

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Course Materials: 2012-2013 Academic Planner

Objectives: COR 100 will facilitate the student transition from secondary to post-secondary education through discussions, meetings, lectures, and activities that engage the new student in the curricular and co-curricular life at Lyon College. The student will improve time management and study skills, know and understand the Honor System, know how to seek academic assistance, and keep track of assignments and grade point average (GPA).

Grading:

Students are required to participate in each of the following activities to pass COR 100. Grades are assigned on a PASS/FAIL basis. For those students who have two or more deficient midterm grades, COR100 will continue to meet until the end of Fall Semester. These meetings will not be with their Faculty Mentor. They will be with the Resident Faculty Mentor, the Senior Faculty Mentor, the Dean, or another designated faculty member who will help the student work on time management and study skills. If the student is still deficient in two or more subjects at the end of Fall Semester, he or she will be assigned a grade of "Incomplete" and continue to attend weekly meetings through the Spring Semester.

Required Activities:

Service Day: All students enrolled in COR100 **must** participate in Service Day 2012. Students absent on Service Day must arrange for an independent service project through Campus Ministries, and inform their faculty advisor of the arrangement **BEFORE** Service Day 2012 (September 25, 2012) if possible. If absence was unpredictable, then the above arrangements must be made as soon as possible after that date.

Academic Planner: Students are required to prepare an academic planner for at least the fall semester. This exercise must be started on the first day of class and completed / verified by the class meeting on 11 September.

Campus Community Events: In keeping with the liberal arts mission of the college, all first-time students, as part of COR100, **must** attend three Lyon College sponsored campus events. Students are not restricted from attending more than three events. However, students must have attended at least three events by the last day of classes (December 7, 2012). **A student may not receive credit for any event in which they are direct participants.**

- One MUST be an event sponsored by the Convocations Committee.
- The remaining two events (each from a different area) may come from any of the following areas:
 1. An offering by Career or Counseling Services.
 2. An opening of an exhibition at Kresge Gallery.
 3. A presentation by the Visiting Writer Series.
 4. A seminar, reading, or other presentation by a Lyon College faculty member.
 5. A play or other performance presented in the Holloway Theatre.
 6. A foreign film NOT REQUIRED by a class in which the student is registered.
 7. A concert by the College Chorale.
 8. A Lyon sporting event. Athletes must choose events OTHER than the sports in which they play.
 9. Faculty Brown Bag lunches (Last Wednesday of each month at noon in Derby 16).
 10. A service activity sponsored by a Lyon organization (excluding Service Day).
 11. An event approved in advance that does not fall into one of these categories

The faculty mentor may elect to have the group attend together or have students attend three events separately and report their attendance by email. It is suggested that each mentor group try to attend at least a portion of these events as a group.

Participation: Students are expected to actively participate in group discussion. Consequently, they are expected to come to the group meetings prepared (having completed any readings and other assignments beforehand).

Meetings

August 18: Introductions, syllabus

August 21: Time management and the academic planner

August 28: The Honor Code: Academic honesty, plagiarism, inappropriate collaboration, and building a culture of honor

September 4: President's Convocation, Signing of the Roll of Honor.

September 11: Subject of meeting is at the discretion of the professor. Verify Time Management Exercise Completion.

September 18: Groups 1-13 go to Derby 016 for Career Options with Vicki Webb. Groups 14-31 go to Nucor for Social Code Presentation.

September 25: Service Day

October 2: Groups 1-13 go to Derby 016 for Social Code Presentation. Groups 14-31 go to Nucor for Career Options with Vicki Webb.

October 9: Calculate GPA, and what to do about midterm deficiencies

October 16: Meet with advisors

Attendance:

Students are required to attend every class. Students missing class due to a severe illness, personal emergency, or a college-sponsored event must confer with their advisor before (at least via email if possible) and after the absence (via a personal visit to the advisor's office). A student incurring one absence will be referred to the Dean of the Faculty as having missed the equivalent of one week of classes. Students with four absences may be administratively dropped from the course with a failing grade.

Honor Code:

Academic integrity is a fundamental principle of a teaching and learning community. Consequently, all work in this class **must** be conducted and pledged in accordance with the Lyon College Honor System. Specifically, a student's *false* claim of having attended a campus community event and/or Service Day will be considered a violation of the Honor Code. Students are encouraged to speak with their advisors specifically, and instructors generally, concerning any questions about the Honor Code and related expectations.

Special Circumstances:

Students seeking reasonable accommodations based on documented learning disabilities must contact the Office of Academic Services at 307-7332.

Cell Phones:

Cell phones are to be turned off during class. (This means no text messaging.)

Lunch at Spragins House

At some point during the semester, each mentor group will have lunch at the Spragins House. The lunches will be on either a Tuesday or Thursday and will begin at **11:00 am**. Students, student mentors, and faculty are expected to attend.

Lunch schedule:

Date	Sections
Aug 21	No lunches - Individual group meetings
Aug 23	1, 2, & 3
Aug 28	No lunches - Honor code talk
Aug 30	4, 5, & 6
Sept 4	No lunches - President Convocation
Sept 6	7, 8, & 9
Sept 11	10, 11, & 12

Sept 13	13, 15, & 16
Sept 18	No lunches - Lyon Services/Social Code
Sept 20	18, 19, & 20
Sept 25	No lunches - Service Day
Sept 27	21, 22, & 23
Oct 2	No lunches - Lyon Services/Social Code
Oct 4	No lunches
Oct 9	No lunches - Calculate GPA/Deficient grades
Oct 11	No lunches - Fall Break
Oct 16	No lunches - Meeting with advisors
Oct 18	24, 25, & 26
Oct 23	27, 28, & 29
Oct 25	30 & 31

Important dates:

- 18 August: Freshmen Arrive
- 21 August: Classes Begin
- 14-16 September: Families Weekend
- 25 September: Service Day
- 11-14 October: Fall break
- 2-4 November: Homecoming
- 21-25 November: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 10-14 December: Final Exams