

University of Washington ■ Freshman Interest Group (FIG) Program  
**GENERAL STUDIES 199: THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**  
Autumn 2007 ■ 2 credits

### Course Objectives

- Students will experience the campus as smaller and more manageable through the development of peer communities.
- Students will gain knowledge of the academic support resources available on campus and the ways in which they can be used as part of a strategy for success.
- Students will be exposed to the standards required of college level work and how strategies for success will evolve from those used in high school
- Students will learn about and take advantage of various opportunities for involvement and networking on campus,
- Students will learn how to translate their on-campus experiences to become active and engaged citizens within the larger community.
- Students will reflect upon and document the perceptions, experiences, and challenges related to their first year experiences.

### Course Requirements

- **Weekly Seminar:** You are expected to come to class each week ready to participate in discussion and other activities of the day.
- **Portfolio:** The web-based “portfolio” project will provide you with a structured opportunity to reflect on your experiences and create plans for what you want to do and who you want to be. You will publish your portfolio and send its URL to me. See my portfolio for an example of what yours may look like (mine is in a different format but has similar content):
- **Research and Discovery Project:** This assignment will require you complete a mini-research project that begins with exploring the UW Libraries. You will then locate, review and present scholarly resources that we will use in an in-class activity. See the assignment handout for further details regarding what is due and when. You will be attaching your research project to your portfolio.
- **Arts Excursion:** Through this experience our class will delve into the visual, literary and/or performing arts community on or off campus. You will include a reflection on this experience in your portfolio.
- **Intellectual Excursion:** Through a lecture, seminar or similar event, our class will explore the intellectual community outside of traditional courses. You will include a reflection on this experience in your portfolio.
- **Interest Excursion:** For this excursion you will take on an experience individually that enables you to explore an interest that you have and connect with others outside our FIG who share the same interest. You will include a reflection on this experience in your portfolio

### Grading Policy

General Studies 199 is a two-credit course, graded credit/no credit (CR/NC). In order to receive credit, you **MUST** actively participate in **EACH** weekly class session and complete **ALL** assignments. Emergency absences may be excused, but please notify me in advance of your absence.

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