

First Year Experience and First Year Seminar

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First-Year Experience (FYE) at Pacific University is a network of support and programming designed to meet the transitional and transformational experience unique to the first year of college. It fosters a sense of belonging, of personal development, and the necessary skills to thrive both inside and outside the university classroom. As a primer to becoming a holistic, successful student, FYE incorporates a number of components, including:

[Voyages](http://www.pacificu.edu/voyages) is an optional program that allows you to embark on an adventure with your fellow entering students, undergraduate leaders, and faculty members in August before school starts. You can learn more about this program at <http://www.pacificu.edu/voyages>.

[Orientation](#) is a program created to help ease your transition to college life. Pacific's Orientation experience is designed to help new students make connections to university staff, faculty, resources, and of course, other students. It also introduces you to the expectations of service to the community, academic commitment and genuine social engagement that are part of being a member of the Pacific University community. The activities during Orientation are designed to help you meet new people, get familiarized with campus and its services, and gain a better understanding of yourself as an individual.

The [First-Year Seminar](#) (FYS) Program provides students with an introduction to the academic skills needed to succeed in reading, writing, and critical thinking at the college level. Because its purpose is to prepare students for a variety of disciplines they'll encounter at Pacific, it acts as a class where students learn how to learn, developing approaches that will help them engage a liberal arts education. Every entering first-year student enrolls in FYS, which fosters a common learning experience for the entire class.

As a program, FYS students attend co-curricular events, such as theatre, in Portland and each section benefits from class mentors who provide personal instruction on how to navigate the various demands of college.