

FSU CONNECTIONS

FALL 2024

Fostering a Sense of Understanding of the University, its programs, and sense of self

¶ 901. Visual Arts Introduction

This Connection will introduce you to graphic design processes and techniques. You will also learn about the Department of Visual Arts, and the BFA in Art & Design. Choose this connection if you are interested in a focus in graphic design, photography, illustration, art education, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, or painting. Enrollment in any section of ART 104 Two-Dimensional Design is strongly suggested.

Courses (4 credit hours)

Graphic Design (ART 207)	TR 9:00AM – 10:40AM	Pete Hertzfeld
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	WF 10:00AM – 10:50AM	Travis English

Faculty Mentor: Travis English, Associate Professor and Chair of Visual Arts twenglish@frostburg.edu

¶ 902. Performing Arts Community - Music

This FSU Connection is an interactive experiential Connection for incoming first-year music majors and minors. This Community is limited to students intending to major or minor in music and is required for all Music majors.

Courses (4 credit hours)

Music Appreciation (MUSC-110)	TR 11:00AM – 12:15PM	Scott Rieker
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	TR 2:00PM – 2:50PM	Brent Weber

Faculty Mentor: Brent Weber, Associate Professor and Chair of Music bmweber@frostburg.edu

¶ 903. Performing Arts Community – Theatre and Dance

Connect, create, and collaborate in a supportive and engaging community made up of students, faculty, and staff. The Performing Arts Community: Theatre and Dance is designed for anyone interested in the transformational nature of live performance. With courses in Introduction to Theatre and Introduction to Acting, you can satisfy GEP and CORE major requirements while participating in the fall University Theatre and Dance production season.

Courses (7 credit hours)

Introduction to Theatre (THEA-106)	MWF 10:00AM – 10:50AM	Shea-Mikal Green
Introduction to Acting (THEA-110)	TR 9:30AM – 10:45AM	Darrell Rushton
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	MW 12:00PM – 12:50PM	Shea Mikal-Green

Faculty Mentor: Shea-Mikal Green, Assistant Professor, Theatre & Dance smgreen@frostburg.edu

¶ 904. Strategic Communication and Emerging Media

The Strategic Communication and Emerging Media Connection will provide students interested in all forms of communication leadership (public relations, organizational leadership, digital media, social media, and more), the opportunity to learn more about these programs of study and career fields as well as to connect with students, faculty, and alumni with similar interests.

Courses (7 credit hours)

Introduction to Public Communication (CMST-122)	MWF 10:00AM – 10:50AM	Elesha Ruminski
Mobile Media Production (MCOM-205)	TR 12:30PM – 1:45PM	John Lombardi
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	TR 11:00AM – 11:50AM	John Lombardi

Faculty Mentor: John Lombardi, Professor, Emerging Media jlombardi@frostburg.edu

¶ 906. Criminal & Legal Studies

This FSU Connection is for first-year students interested in Law and Society as a major. You will share the experience of these three core courses the Law and Society major with your fellow students in the first semester. Once you complete these core courses, you can then pursue either a concentration in Criminal Justice or Legal Studies and consider a second major in Philosophy, Political Science, or Sociology.

Courses (10 credit hours)

Contemporary Ethical Problems (PHIL-102)	MWF 9:00AM – 9:50AM	David Atenasio
Introduction to American Politics (POSC-110)	TR 9:30AM – 10:45AM	Scott Johnson
Introduction to Sociology (SOC-100)	TR 11:00AM – 12:15PM	John McMullen
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	MW 10:00AM – 10:50AM	Katie Weir

Faculty Mentor: Katie Weir, Assistant Director of Residence Life

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¶ 907. Honors Learning Community: Engaging Communities

A sociological perspective allows us to recognize society's influence on our everyday decisions and behaviors. But it also encourages us to realize that collectively, people can and do create their social worlds. This learning community combines SOCI 111: Honors Introduction to Sociology with IDIS 151: Experiencing Appalachia to explore our social worlds on a national and regional level. Most importantly, the Learning Community provides you the opportunity to develop professional skills by collaborating with local organizations to generate ideas and create programs contributing to positive social change. **NOTE: Must be a member of the University Honors Program.**

Courses (7 credit hours)

Honors: Introduction to Sociology (SOC-111)	TR 11:00AM – 12:15PM	Kara Rogers Thomas
Honors: Experiencing Appalachia (IDIS-151)	TR 2:00PM-3:15PM	Kara Rogers Thomas
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	TR 9:30AM – 10:20AM	Benjamin Norris

Faculty Mentor: Benjamin Norris, Associate Professor, Chemistry

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¶ 910. New Business Ventures

You should choose this Connection if you are interested in starting your own business one day or want to explore the entrepreneurial mindset. You will have the opportunity to develop new business ideas and learn about strategies for starting new businesses. This is a practical course with the intention of motivating students to one day start their own business venture.

Courses (4 credit hours)

New Business Ventures (MGMT-315)	MWF 12:00PM – 12:50PM	Ryan Kentrus
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	TR 12:30PM – 1:20PM	Suzanne Wright

Faculty Mentor: Suzanne Wright, University Advisor

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¶ 911. Excellence in Health and Exercise

Orientation of incoming students to academic and social contexts of college life. Nature and process of higher education; educational and career planning; learning skills; support services.

Courses (4 credit hours)

Foundations of Exercise and Sport Science (EXSS-103)	TR 9:30AM – 10:45AM	Hunter Brakeall
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	TR 11:00AM – 11:50AM	Jacqueline Durst

Faculty Mentor: Jacqueline Durst, Associate Professor and Chair of Kinesiology

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¶ 912. Be a Bobcat, Be a Teacher – Elementary Edition

Explore your interest in teaching in the early childhood, elementary, and middle school grades. Through field trips, class discussions, book clubs, and engaging class activities, interact with other students who share your desire to make a difference in a student's life!

Courses (2 credit hours)

Introduction to Teacher Education (EDUC-100)
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

T 9:00AM – 9:50AM
TR 10:00AM – 10:50AM

Christina Durham
Kate Kinsinger

Faculty Mentor: Kate Stahl Kinsinger, Director of the Center for Academic Advising kskinsinger@frostburg.edu

¶ 913. Exploring Careers in Social Science

An understanding of people and society will be important in whatever career you pursue, whether it is in business, education, a health profession, or something. In this connection, you will explore the ways we learn about people, their behavior and relationships, and the societies they create. You will learn about how a strong foundation in the social sciences can be the launch pad for success in many careers, including social work, public service, and the helping professions.

Courses (4 credit hours)

Introduction to Sociology (SOC1-100)
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

TR 2:00PM – 2:50PM
MW 11:00AM – 11:50AM

Robert Moore
Brittany Baer

Faculty Mentor: Brittany Baer, University Advisor blbaer@frostburg.edu

¶ 914. Pathways to Becoming a Nurse

This FSU Connection is for all first-year students who have an interest in a nursing career. Within this Connection, you will not only learn more about FSU and how to navigate the first year of college but will also explore careers in nursing and participate in job shadowing with various nursing specialties.

Courses (5 credit hours)

Introduction to Sociology (SOC1 100)
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

MW 9:00AM – 9:50AM

Meghan O'Neal

Faculty Mentor: Meghan O'Neal, Assistant Professor, Nursing mkoneal@frostburg.edu

¶ 915. Pathways to Becoming a Nurse II

This FSU Connection is for all first-year students who have an interest in a nursing career. Within this Connection, you will not only learn more about FSU and how to navigate the first year of college but will also explore careers in nursing and participate in job shadowing with various nursing specialties.

Courses (4 credit hours)

General Psychology
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

TR 2:00PM – 3:15PM
MW 9:00AM – 9:50AM

Nicole Andrews
Brodie Mallozzi

Faculty Mentor: Brodie Mallozzi, Assistant Professor, Nursing blmallozzi@frostburg.edu

¶ 917. Careers in Professional Medicine and Science

This FSU Connection is for serious students interested in all of the professional medical fields: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Veterinary, etc. You will be engaged in a rigorous science intensive course of study. You will be enrolled in biology, chemistry, and a special Introduction to Higher Education class that will support your career goals. High competence in mathematics is assumed. We will be discussing the requirements and expectations of these highly competitive programs and career paths.

NOTE: Math Level 2 or higher required.

Courses (5 credit hours)

General Chemistry I (CHEM-201)
General Chemistry I Lab (CHEM-201L)
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

MW 2:00PM – 3:50PM
F 2:00PM – 3:50PM
MW 10:00AM – 10:50AM

Katie Gares
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Matthew Crawford

Faculty Mentor: Matthew Crawford, Associate Professor and Chair of Chemistry mjcrawford@frostburg.edu

¶ 918 Exploring Careers in Life Sciences

This FSU Connection is for serious students interested in all of the professional medical fields: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Veterinary, etc. You will be engaged in a rigorous science intensive course of study. You will be enrolled in General Biology and a special Introduction to Higher Education class that will support your career goals. We will be discussing the requirements and expectations of these highly competitive programs and career paths.

Courses (1 credit hour)

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	MF 11:00AM – 11:50AM	William Seddon
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Faculty Mentor: William Seddon, Professor of Biology

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¶ 919. Careers in the Physical Sciences

This connection should be a first choice for students who are ready to explore the world of physics, physical science, or sustainable construction management. Any engineering or chemistry student is also welcome to enroll.

Courses (1 credit hour)

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	T 10:00AM – 10:50AM	Eric Moore
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	R 10:00AM – 10:50AM	Linda Steele

Faculty Mentor: Eric Moore, Associate Professor of Physics

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¶ 920, 921. Pathways to Becoming an Engineer (Two Sections)

These FSU Connections should be a first choice for students who are ready to explore the world of engineering and physics.

920. REQUIRES Math Level 1 or Higher (4 credit hours)

Introduction to Engineering Design (ENES-100)	R 5:00PM – 6:50PM	John Lynch
Introduction to Engineering Lab (ENES-100L)	M 10:00AM – 11:50AM	Rajib Barua
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	T 1:00PM – 1:50PM	Kaimiao Liu
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	R 1:00PM – 1:50PM	Linda Steele

Faculty Mentor: Kaimiao Liu, Professor of Engineering

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921. REQUIRES Math Level 1 or Higher (4 credit hours)

Introduction to Engineering Design (ENES-100)	R 5:00PM – 6:50PM	John Lynch
Introduction to Engineering Lab (ENES-100L)	M 10:00AM – 11:50AM	Kaimiao Liu
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	TR 1:00PM – 1:50PM	Linda Steele

Faculty Mentor: Linda Steele, Program Coordinator

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¶ 922. Exploring Computer Science, Information Technology, and Cybersecurity

You will learn about the many aspects of computer science, computer information systems, and information technology as a major and as a foundation for numerous careers. This community focuses on all aspects of computer science, computer information systems, and information technology including computer hardware, algorithmic development, introduction Java and the IDE, networking, operating systems concepts, digital logic, professional responsibility, ethics, and problem solving. This course is linked to the IDIS-150 sections, Personal Security and Privacy in the Age of Information. Courses taken in this Learning Community satisfy FSU graduation requirements: COSC-101 – tech fluency, IDIS-150 – GEP Section E.

Courses (7 credit hours)

The Discipline of Computer Science (COSC-101)	MWF 10:00AM – 10:50AM	Rebecca Flinn
Security & Privacy in the Digital Era (IDIS-150)	MWF 11:00AM – 11:50AM	Mian Qian
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	WF 9:00AM – 9:50AM	Michael Flinn

Faculty Mentor: Michael Flinn, Professor and Chair, Computer Science & IT

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¶ **924. Exploring Computer Science - Accelerated**

You will learn about the many aspects of computer science, computer information systems. This Community focuses on accelerating your foundation in computer science. This Community allows students to accelerate their start into the required courses for Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, and Secure Computing & Information Assurance majors. This course is linked to the IDIS-150 sections, Personal Security and Privacy in the Age of Information. Courses taken in this Learning Community satisfy FSU graduation requirements: COSC-101 – tech fluency, IDIS-150 – GEP Section E. In addition, the student will take COSC-240 (Computer Science I), a requirement for the majors listed above. **NOTE: Student at Math Level 2 or Higher will be given preference.**

Courses (11 credit hours)

The Discipline of Computer Science (COSC-101)	MWF 11:00AM – 11:50AM	Steven Kennedy
Computer Science I (COSC-240)	TR 8:00AM – 9:15AM	Steven Kennedy
Computer Science I Lab (COSC-240L)	TR 9:30AM – 10:25AM	Steven Kennedy
Security & Privacy in the Digital Era (IDIS-150)	MWF 10:00AM – 10:50AM	Mian Qian
Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	MF 9:00AM – 9:50AM	Michael Flinn

Faculty Mentor: Michael Flinn, Professor and Chair, Computer Science & IT mflinn@frostburg.edu

¶ **943. “Don’t Do What I Did:” Lessons for Success and Growth**

You should choose this connection if you want to learn through my mistakes. If you want to hear what didn’t work in my first year of college. This course will be a storytelling experience of real-life examples of the successes and failures that every new student faces in their first year of college. You’ll also hear the steps I took in recovering my academic record to graduate with honors.

Courses (1 credit hour)

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	MW 2:00PM – 2:50PM	Molly Barra
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Faculty Mentor: Molly Barra, Research & Learning Librarian mmbarra@frostburg.edu

¶ **951. Planning Your First Year of College**

This Connection is for students who are Undecided and want to chart out a plan for success.

Courses (1 credit hour)

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	MW 2:00PM – 2:50PM	Rubin Stevenson
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Faculty Mentor: Rubin Stevenson, Senior Associate Athletic Director rstevenson@frostburg.edu

¶ **952. Major Decisions**

Not quite sure about what major is the best choice for you? Through this class we will explore your strengths, abilities, and interests to help you find the right path. We will look at all the possible majors at FSU while we also strengthen your study skills and learn about the resources available on campus. Through interactive activities, you will get to know your classmates, learn about academic departments, and become comfortable exploring opportunities as a college student.

Course (1 credit hour)

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	TR 10:00AM – 10:50AM	Amy Shimko
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Faculty Mentor: Amy Shimko, Director of the Career and Prof. Development Center alshimko@frostburg.edu

¶ **954. EngageFSU**

Students who are involved on-campus tend to do better academically. The EngageFSU Connection focuses on student engagement both on and off campus. Students enrolled in this connection will live together, attend classes together, and get involved on-campus. Those who complete all requirements of the EngageFSU program will earn \$500 towards their room and board for their sophomore year. If secured, funding will be available for textbook scholarships in the Spring semester of the members’ first year.

Courses (1 credit hour)

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)	TR 9:30AM – 10:20AM	Ashley Daniels
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Faculty Mentor: Ashley Daniels, Associate Director of Student Life amdaniels@frostburg.edu

¶ **955. Navigating the College Experience**

This course will serve as a guide to navigating the academic and social transition to college. You will engage in self-discovery to reveal and build upon strengths to apply to course work. You also will develop skills to improve self-management related to time, motivation, focus, studying, and test taking.

Courses (1 credit hour)

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

MW 2:00PM – 2:50PM

Leanna Noon

Faculty Mentor: Leanna Noon, University Advisor

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960. Get Psych'd for College

Take learning to a whole new level with this Learning Community. Get a better understanding of how your mindset affects your college success both in and out of the classroom. Dive deep and gain a better understanding of the strategies it takes to become a successful student and leader on campus. Through this orientation and General Psychology class, you will explore more of how the mind works and how to use it to get the most out of college.

Courses (4 credit hours)

General Psychology (PSYC-150)

TR 9:30AM – 10:45AM

Nicole Andrews

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

MW 11:00AM – 11:50AM

Latisha Cooper

Faculty Mentor: Latisha Cooper, Director of Student Accessibility Services

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¶ **961. Becoming a Successful College Student**

This connection is for any and all students as they learn to be successful college students and transition to this new, exciting chapter of their lives!

Courses (1 credit hours)

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

TR 2:00PM – 2:50PM

Ryan Gibson

Faculty Mentor: Ryan Gibson, University Advisor

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☆ **Student Support Services**

The Student Support Services program is designed specifically to help first-generation, moderate- and low- income college students make a successful transition from high school to college. This learning community will focus on you having a successful first semester as well as developing plan to achieve your future goals. The community assists you with study skills, tutoring, academic advising, and financial guidance.

970. SucceSS with Psychology (4 credit hours)

General Psychology (PSYC 150)

TR 2:00PM – 3:15PM

Jamie Winters

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

MW 02:00PM - 02:50PM

Holly Clark

Faculty Mentor: Holly Clark, Director of TRIO Student Support Services

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971. First and Goal: Finding Success as a First-Gen Student-Athlete (4 credit hours)

This course is designed to help you navigate the unique challenges you may face as a first-generation student-athlete. We will focus on getting you familiar with the campus, as well as developing study skills, time management, communication, and understanding NCAA eligibility guidelines. You'll also learn about campus resources, learn alongside fellow student-athletes, and gain valuable skills to help you succeed in college and beyond. In order to be eligible for this course, you must be a member of one of FSU's NCAA recognized teams and be a first-generation student (meaning that neither parents holds a four-year degree).

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

TR 9:30AM - 10:20AM

Chance Burchick

Faculty Mentor: Chance Burchick, Student Development Specialist

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972. SucceSS with Sociology (4 credit hours)

Introduction to Sociology (SOCI 100)

TR 11:00AM – 12:15AM

Wei Li

Introduction to Higher Education (ORIE 101)

TR 9:30AM – 10:20AM

Shawn Jones

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