

First Year Seminar



The First Year Seminar (FYS) is a structured, year-long learning experience designed to assist first-year students in making a smooth transition to college life. FYS is meant to promote students' academic success and introduce them to Dillard's academic culture, with its wide range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary programs and opportunities for intellectual and imaginative enrichment. The seminar will complement a number of important processes that occur during the student's first year including:

- acquainting students with processes such as registration and selecting a major, policies such as grading, the General Education Requirements, extracurricular activities at the university, and the various academic and personal support services available to them;
- the research and writing skills addressed in the English language and composition sequence and new information literacy initiatives through the Dillard University Library;
- the emphasis of academic integrity, developing study skills, good habits of learning, attending class regularly, as well as making use of all resources to master course material;
- the introduction to Dillard's many opportunities for undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative work, and the possibilities offered by internships and study abroad. □