FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR

(3 credits) [FYS]

All first-time, first-year students and students transferring with fewer than 15 credits will be enrolled in and must complete a First-Year Seminar. The First-Year Seminar is a three-credit course taught exclusively to first-year students in a small seminar format. First-year seminars are listed with the department prefix, followed by the number 193 (xx 193). Any make-up of the First-Year Seminar requirement must be successfully completed within the first 60 credits of study.

First-Year Seminars:

• Engage beginning college students and explore diverse topics that are more controversial or more narrowly focused than standard introductory courses.
• Encourage students to apply the knowledge that they acquire to address specific problems and challenges within the University, the community, and the world.
• Encourage students to be both active and reflective learners.
• Include assignments or activities that orient students to and require the use of the library, educational technology, and standard methods of reference and citation.
• Encourage students to participate in student life and community activities that are part of the first-year experience.
• First-Year Seminars differ from other courses in that they have a limited enrollment, are designed for first-year students, and emphasize the academic tools necessary to ensure a successful Worcester State University experience.