

FYS 100/Life of the Mind Course Syllabus Fall 2017

Course Description:

FYS 100 is a required online course designed to introduce you to academic life at the University of Tennessee. To help your transition to the Volunteer community, you will become acquainted with important tools and campus resources, and develop an awareness of strategies that will help you succeed in college life and beyond.

Course Outcomes:

- Students will discover campus resources available to aid in their success.
- Students will develop a self-awareness around the choices they can make in the academic, personal, community, and social spheres of college life.
- Students will create an academic response to a piece of literature.
- Students will analyze and discuss their stance on an academic topic.
- Students will value the transition into the Volunteer Community.

Course Instructor Contact Information			
Name	Title	Email	Phone
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How to Access:

Course content and assignments are housed on the Canvas Site. Instructions for logging into Canvas can be found at <http://fys.utk.edu/fys100/>.

Course Components:

This course has five modules.

1. **Academic Experience: Life of the Mind** - This module has activities related to our common reading program, Life of the Mind. You will engage in your first collegiate academic assignment and online discussion through this program.
2. **Academic Responsibility** - This module introduces aspects of your academic responsibilities: time management, academic rigor and academic integrity.
3. **Personal Responsibility** - This module addresses your responsibilities with campus communications and the business of your education.
4. **Community Responsibility** - This module talks about your responsibility to contribute to the well-being of the larger campus community by discussing civility and emergency response.
5. **Social Responsibility** - In this module, you will access a program developed by Campus Clarity, which addresses your social responsibilities in a university environment.

Life of the Mind Course Schedule		
Due Date	Assignment	Instructions and Description
October 1 st	<p>1a. Academic Experience: Life of the Mind Written or Creative Expression</p> <p><i>Station Eleven</i> can be purchased at the UT Vol Shop and will be available during orientation.</p> <p><u>Begin reading ASAP!</u></p>	<p>Read <i>Station Eleven</i>. Submit your Written or Creative Expression via Canvas.</p> <p>For the prompt and further guidelines, view the “Readers Guide” and “LOM Creative Response” under the Academic Experience tab. You will upload your Response in this same area.</p> <p>Although this content is not due until October 1st, you are encouraged to complete it any time after June 1st.</p>
October 1 st	1b Discussion Board	<p>Submit responses to discussion questions when posts are made available in the Academic Experience Section. Posts will be available throughout the summer.</p>

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Due Date	Module and Description	Instructions
October 1 st	2. Academic Responsibility	<p>Complete all questions in this module of the online course. Although this content is not due until October 1st, you are encouraged to complete it any time after June 1st.</p>
October 1 st	3. Personal Responsibility	<p>Complete all questions in this module of the online course. Although this content is not due until October 1st, you are encouraged to complete it any time after June 1st.</p>
October 1 st	4. Community Responsibility	<p>Complete all questions in this module of the online course. Although this content is not due until October 1st, you are encouraged to complete it any time after June 1st.</p>
October 1 st	5. Social Responsibility	<p>Complete all questions in this module of the online course. Although this content is not due until October 1st, you are encouraged to complete it any time after June 1st.</p>

Course Grading:

This course is graded as either Satisfactory (S) or No Credit (NC). It appears as the first grade on your transcript and reflects the first academic effort at the university. To earn an S, you must complete all activities and assignments as detailed in the course schedules above. **Please be aware that there are questions you must respond to within each module. To receive full credit for the course you must:**

1. **Submit your LOM Written or Creative Expression**
2. **Respond to Discussion Board Posts**
3. **Submit answers to each question within each of the responsibility modules**

Disability Accommodations

If you have a documented disability, the Office of Disability Services (ODS) can assist you by first determining your eligibility and then working collaboratively to determine reasonable accommodations and services to give you equal access to the University. *In the college setting, it is your responsibility to request disability services.* You must self-register with ODS before any accommodations can be provided. Visit ods.utk.edu for more information or call 974-6087.

University's Honor Statement

(From the *Undergraduate Catalog*): *"An essential feature of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. As a student of the university, I pledge that I will neither knowingly give nor receive any inappropriate assistance in academic work, thus affirming my own personal commitment to honor and integrity."*

See catalog.utk.edu for more information.

Plagiarism

(From the *Hilltopics* student handbook): "Students are also responsible for any acts of plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the intellectual property of someone else without giving proper credit. The undocumented use of someone else's words or ideas in any medium of communication (unless such information is recognized as common knowledge) is a serious offense, subject to disciplinary action that may include failure in a course and/or dismissal from the university. Specific examples of plagiarism are:

- Copying without proper documentation (quotation marks and a citation) written or spoken words, phrases, or sentences from any source;
- Summarizing without proper documentation (usually a citation) ideas from another source (unless such information is recognized as common knowledge);
- Borrowing facts, statistics, graphs, pictorial representations, or phrases without acknowledging the source (unless such information is recognized as common knowledge);
- Collaborating on a graded assignment without the instructor's approval;
- Submitting work, either in whole or in part created by a professional service and used without attribution (e.g., paper, speech, bibliography, or photograph)."

For more information on the expectations of academic integrity shared by all members of UT's academic community, see the *Hilltopics* student handbook (hilltopics.utk.edu).