

Kennesaw State University
The First Year Experience Program—Fall Semester 2004
KSU 1101: Freshman Seminar
Section 35: Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:00AM - 12:15PM, SC 212

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CLASS COMMUNITY

Community #11— For Chemistry Majors

MATH 1113/05/11743 MW 9:30AM – 10:45AM Mr. Hoover
CL1005

CHEM 1211/02/12103 MW 11:00AM – 12:15PM Dr. Rushton
CL2010

ENGL 1101/68/11519 TR 9:30AM – 10:45AM Ms. White
HU132

COURSE DESCRIPTION

KSU 1101 is “(a)n elective for first-time first-year students and transfer students with fewer than 30 credit hours designed to acquaint students with the campus and its programs. The course fosters links between student needs and campus resources and emphasizes the development of college survival skills (study methods, time management, and effective oral and written communication). Also aids students in selecting majors, identifying career interests, and developing good relationships with students and faculty.” Kennesaw State University Undergraduate Catalog 2004-2005.

COURSE GOALS

1. To encourage opportunities for students to explore their values as they affect their education and their reasons for attending college.
2. To learn strategies for coping and communicating in the campus environment.
3. To assist students in developing skills needed for success in college, such as time management, goal setting, reading and study strategies, listening and note taking, and test-taking.
4. To familiarize students with campus resources and support services, particularly the library, technological support (computer services), career information, advising and registration, and student services.
5. To broaden the student’s college experience through participation in college activities and/or community service projects.
6. To provide support for the development of peer, faculty, and staff relationships.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE PROGRAM AT KSU

“A component of the Foundations of Academic Excellence programs at Kennesaw State University, the First Year of College arises from an integrated undergraduate academic experience. The mission of the First Year of College at Kennesaw State University is to bring students into the campus culture, ensuring that they have a solid foundation of understanding to be successful students who will eventually graduate. As a result of this foundation, we aspire to create ethical, responsible, and socially aware citizens of the university, the community, and the global environment. Engaging with students beginning in high school, through first year activities and classes, the First Year programs provide services, experiences, and coursework to help students gain an understanding of themselves and the purpose of a university education. Building on a sustained foundation of student success, Kennesaw State University supports the uniquely collaborative, holistic first year program, connecting academics, experiences outside the classroom, community based learning, and globalization.”

Taken from “Mission Statement for the First Year of College Program at KSU” handout.

REQUIRED TEXT

KSU 1101 Course Packet, Transformations. **Available at KSU Bookstore only.**

Anne Frank (0553577123) Diary of a Young Girl, Definitive Edition (RACK SIZE).
Bantam Paperback, 1995.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Dictionary

Kennesaw State University Undergraduate Catalog 2004-2005

Folder with pockets for journal writing and handouts

GALILEO

Password: acetic

CLASS METHODS

The class will consist of lectures, group discussions, student presentations, reading and writing assignments, audio-visual demonstrations, and laboratories. The course centers on student success at the university level. Most importantly, you are expected to actively participate in assigned activities and class discussions. KSU 1101 Freshman Seminar often develops according to the personality, interests, and needs of the class; flexibility is therefore expected and appreciated.

OUT OF CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolled in a learning community (CLASS) are expected and required to attend two “Lunch and Learn” sessions. The dates are noted in the daily assignment log. Assignments may be generated from these discussions; therefore, all students should make it a priority to attend.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class participation (discussions on readings and information given by speakers)	15%
Journals (10 short responses related to your personal experience)	20%
Written Assignments	15%
Personal reflection essay = 5%	
On-line Career Portfolio = 5%	
Ethics essay=5%	
Midterm Exam	15%
Campus Events	10%
Career Research Project (paper [5] & oral presentation [5])	10%
Final Exam	15%
Total	100%

GRADING

100 – 90 =	A
89 – 80 =	B
79 – 70 =	C
69 – 60 =	D
59 & below =	F

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section II of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating; unauthorized access to University material; misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work; malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials; malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services; and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an internal resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct's minimum one semester suspension requirement.

Kennesaw State University Faculty Handbook, 2004.

DISRUPTION OF CAMPUS LIFE STATEMENT

It is the purpose of the institution to provide a campus environment that encourages academic accomplishment, personal growth, and a spirit of understanding and cooperation. An important part of maintaining such an environment is the commitment to protect the health and safety of every member of the campus community. Belligerent, abusive, profane, threatening, and/or inappropriate behavior on the part of students is a

violation of the Kennesaw State University Student Conduct Regulations. Students who are found guilty of such misconduct may be subject to immediate dismissal from the institution. In addition, these violations of state law may also be subject to criminal action beyond the University disciplinary process.

Kennesaw State University Faculty Handbook, 2004.

CELL PHONES AND PAGERS

*As a courtesy to others, please **turn off** all cell phones and pagers prior to class beginning.*

Please refer to the *Kennesaw State University Student handbook* for specifics on Student Policies and Regulations of Student Life.

CLASS PARTICIPATION

Coming to class (on time) and actively participating earns you 10% of your grade.

Attendance Policy: Because much of this course depends upon materials presented in class, a strict attendance policy is in effect. If you miss a class, you miss a lot. After the third unexcused absence, your grade will be lowered one full letter, regardless of total point accumulation.

If a student misses a class, he or she is personally responsible for finding out what he or she missed and still turning in subsequent assignments on time.

Missed pop quizzes and exams may not be made up unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.

JOURNALS

Completing the Journal essays will earn you 20% of your grade.

Ten short reflective essays are due within the course. The instructor will provide the readings or assign topics for the student to ponder and respond to.

Essays will be one page in length, double-spaced, and typed using 12-point font, Times New Roman. The journal will be collected three times during the semester.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

Full completion of all of the assigned written assignments will earn you 15% of your grade.

All assignments should be typed, double-spaced, and use a 12-point font, Times New Roman. Margins shall be small.

Personal reflection essay (5%) — In a two-three page essay; 1) tell me why you decided to come to college, 2) why KSU specifically, 3) what your freshman year goals are (e.g., academic, personal, and/or professional), and 4) what specifically you plan to do to accomplish those goals.

On-Line Career Portfolio (5%) — During the semester, you will create an online career portfolio. A one-two page assessment will be due on the last day of class.

Ethics essay (5%) — After the group discussion of “Horrors of the Holocaust,” the instructor will assign a two-three page essay. Details will be discussed in class later in the semester.

Incomplete and/or late work will result in a reduced grade (10% per late class period). Follow the directions and ask questions.

MIDTERM EXAM

The midterm exam counts for 15% of your grade.

It will be an objective exam with true/false, multiple choice, and short answer questions. The midterm questions will be derived from class lectures and discussions, assigned readings, and handouts distributed in class.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Attending 5 campus events or participating in the Service Learning Project plus 2 events will earn you 10% of your grade.

Each student must attend five events on campus outside of the classroom. Examples of such events include:

- CAPS Workshops or complete a career inventory or similar exercise
- Attendance at KSU Athletic Events
- Participation in KSU Intramural Events
- Attending any event sponsored by the Campus Activities Board (CAB)
- KSU Student Government meetings
- Joining a campus club
- Attendance at a campus theatrical or musical event
- Visiting the Writing Center or the Math Lab for assistance with a course
- Writing a letter or article for the campus newspaper
- Visiting the campus art galleries
- Attendance at a guest speaker’s presentation on campus

As proof of attendance at an event, the student must complete a “Campus Event Form.”

Each of the above suggestions is related to the concept of WELLNESS, a maximum level of well-being. Kennesaw State University endorses the Wellness philosophy, which involves the integration of body, mind, and spirit through six dimensions: social, physical, intellectual, vocational, emotional, and spiritual.

SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT OPTION

If you choose to do so, you may opt to complete a service-learning project through Volunteer KSU (VKSU). This project, which should take a minimum of three hours, will count for three of the five required activities in this course. You must inform me of your intention to exercise this option within the first three weeks of the course since many of the service learning projects selected will take place early in the semester and sign-up lists are required. After you have told me of your decision, it is your responsibility to go to the VKSU office and complete the registration for the project you select. VKSU is located in the Student Center, campus extension 6700.

CAREER RESEARCH PROJECT

This project represents 10% of your grade.

There are two parts to this project— a short paper (5%) and an oral presentation (5%). Each student is expected to research a possible career that he or she is interested in pursuing. Research may be conducted at the library, over the Internet, and/or visiting the Careers Services Center. In addition, each student is required to interview either a professional in the department that offers a major in the chosen field or a professional working in the field. Questions to ask in the interview might include: how they got where they are, what advice can they offer, or how can you locate more information about the field.

In the paper you should include:

- A summary of your interview (include the interviewee's name and place of work)
- What you found out about the field from your general research
- What you think the positives and negatives of working in such a field might be
- What your short term and long term goals are for preparing yourself to work as a professional in the field you researched.
- If you decide not to work in this field, you may detail what brought you to this realization

The paper should be three pages in length. It will be handed in when you have your oral presentation.

The second part of this project constitutes an oral presentation. Each student should plan on giving a five to seven minute presentation of his or her paper to the class. Do not read your paper. This should be an oral presentation complete with visual aids and/or handouts. Oral presentations are designed to give students a chance to practice their public speaking skills. You will not be graded on your performance but rather on your

effort and your completion of the assignment as instructed. Written constructive criticism will be provided to each student.

FINAL EXAM

The final exam comprises 15% of your grade.

It will be constructed similar to the Midterm exam; however, it will not be comprehensive. Details about the Final exam will be discussed later in the semester.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Technology Competency— You are expected to know the basics of technological use in classes here at KSU as well as the foundations of using electronic resources in your research. All KSU students are eligible for a university e-mail account.

Conferences— You are encouraged to seek help early for any problems you may encounter, not only in this course, but also in other courses in which you are enrolled. The resources available include your instructor, peer leaders/mentors, and the CAPS counselors.