

FYPS - First-Year Seminar POLS

Courses numbered 100 to 299 = *lower-division*; 300 to 499 = *upper-division*; 500 to 799 = *undergraduate/graduate*.

FYPS 102A. First-Year Seminar: Asian-American Experiences (3).

General education social and behavioral sciences course. Critically examines the ways in which the U.S. Census categorizes individuals and populations in the United States from various national origins. Students discuss the ways in which social construction of race/ethnicity in public discourse and governmental policies affect Asian Americans and other ethnic groups in the U.S. The course also examines the collaborations and conflicts between Asian Americans and other racial/ethnic groups in electoral politics and social movements. First-Year Seminars do not meet a divisional requirement in the pre-Fall 2024 WSU General Education program, and can only be used in Bucket 7 for General Education starting Fall 2024.

FYPS 102AD. First-Year Seminar: Plugging Into Politics (3).

Examines the attitudes and behaviors of individual participants in the political system, and in particular with how varying levels of social trust and trust in government affect the ability to sustain civic voluntarism and a robust democracy. Particular attention is paid to individual motivations for participation in a full array of civic and political activities, as well as recently proposed solutions for enhanced civic engagement, in order to explore the long-term trend of generational decline in traditional political activities. The course also includes opportunities to learn and practice civic skills that political science scholarship identifies as essential for engaged citizenship in a democracy. In addition, class discussions, guest speakers and campus activities offer opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and connections to help students succeed at WSU. First-Year Seminars do not meet a divisional requirement in the pre-Fall 2024 WSU General Education program, and can only be used in Bucket 7 for General Education starting Fall 2024.

FYPS 102E. First-Year Seminar: Me and My Place in the World (3).

General education social and behavioral sciences course. Cross-listed as FYHN 102E. Invites students to explore their own roots and the experiences that have shaped who they are today. Students engage with others who have different stories from their own and examine shared interests and concerns about issues facing the world today. Students consider how they can make a difference locally and globally. First-Year Seminars do not meet a divisional requirement in the pre-Fall 2024 WSU General Education program, and can only be used in Bucket 7 for General Education starting Fall 2024.