

FYES 1211 - X06 | First Year Experience

Syllabus and Outline

University of the Incarnate Word

Classroom: AD 424

Fall 2024 | F 9:00am - 10:15am

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Office Hours: TR 1:00pm – 2:45pm | F 10:30am – 2:00pm

Course Description

This course is guided by four principles: 1) making the intellectual and social transition to life at UIW while exploring the core values of its mission; 2) considering service within a personal philosophy 3) the development of a healthy lifestyle, and 4) developing financial and technological literacy and an occupational plan. Within these components, the course will address the following topics:

- Developing a deep understanding of UIW's mission
- Enhancing college-level academic skills
- Participating in and reflecting on co-curricular events on campus
- Participating in and reflecting on service experiences

- Implement best practices for time management and study
- Investigating possible academic pathways toward a career
- Developing financial literacy skills
- Developing strategies for maintaining a healthy lifestyle
- Developing approaches to healthy mental well-being, life balance, and coping mechanisms
- Effectively using technology tools

Audience

This course is required for all incoming students in the 3D Animation & Game Design program.

Date	Topic	Assignment Due
8/30	Course Overview. Pillars of UIW, Letter to Your Future Self, Job Search	
9/6	BSH 129 Guest Lecture: Sister Walter Maher: Vice President of Mission and Ministry, Career Vision Board	3 Dream Jobs: Found jobs with complete link posted to the forums.
9/13	Register for Habitat for Humanity, Key Locations on Campus	Career Vision Board
9/20	Note Taking	
9/21	Habitat for Humanity (7:00 AM – 3:30 PM)	
9/26	Game Night (SEC Ballroom)	
9/27	Time Management	
10/4	UPGRADE (SEC Ballroom)	
10/11	BSH 129 UIW Support Services: Disability Services: Michelle Beasley, Writing & Learning Center: Dr. Amanda Johnston Advising	
10/18	Fall Break – No Class	
10/25	Financial & Loan Literacy	
11/1	BSH 129 Guest Lecture: Dr. Arturo Chavez: VP of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	
11/8	Advising Day – No Class	
11/15	Memory & Test Taking	
11/22	Library Services	
11/29	Thanksgiving Holiday – No Class	
12/6	BSH 129 Guest Lecture: Dr. Kevin Milligan (University Behavioral Health)	Completed Library Module (Canvas)
12/12	Finals Week – No Class	

Grading Activities: Your final grade will be based upon attendance (both in class and campus activities) and quizzes. Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1 point for every time you attend (14)
- 1 point available for every quiz
- 5 points for attendance at the Boardgame Night
- 5 points for Habitat for Humanity Service Day (or 8 hours of documented service hours completed during the semester)
- 1 point (up to 3) for each documented campus activity (from approved list on the forums) you attend. Must be completed before December 1st.

Your grade will be based upon the percentage of total available points that you earn. Attend the game night and service day. Do the reading. Be in class. Point/grades are assigned as follows: 100-90%=A, 89-80%=B, 79-70%=C, 69% below =F.

ANGD Course Policies

Attendance Policy: Attendance is mandatory. After one absence, each additional absence will result in a letter drop in your final grade. If you are late 3 times, that counts as an absence. Illnesses or doctor's appointments are excused but try to avoid appointments during class time. If you miss 30% of class (for this class 4 meetings) for any reason - even if medically excused - you must withdraw; the class needs to be retaken.

Late Work Policy: No late assignments are accepted. All assignments are due before the beginning of class on the day they are due. If you are sick or miss class, the assignment is due. There are no redoes. Make every project you turn in count. Academic Integrity Policy: Self Plagiarism: No work previously completed in another section or course can be turned in. AI use or downloaded content is prohibited in all coursework unless otherwise specified by your instructor.

Phone/Device Policy: When in class, no phones or devices should be out. Keep them put away unless otherwise specified by your instructor. Phone usage in class shows you are not mentally present and will be considered tardy. Three phone uses in class equals an absence and thus a letter drop in grade.

UIW Course Policies, Guidelines and Accommodation

This course complies with all UIW academic policies and federal guidelines, including but not limited to academic integrity, disability accommodations, pregnancy accommodations, Title IX non-discrimination, and class absences for religious observances. Current policy statements will be provided to all students through the learning management system and in information provided on the first day of class.

<https://www.uiw.edu/academics/academicpolicies.html>