First Year Seminars

**BUAD 101X: Ideas of Business**  
3 cr.  
This course is designed to introduce first-year students to life at a Jesuit University and prepare them for an academic study of the interdisciplinary nature of business. Topic coverage will focus on issues and strategies faced in today’s business environment, transitional issues when beginning college, and the Ignatian Identity.

**ENLT 130X: Imagining College**  
3 cr.  
In this class, we’ll explore your expectations of college by looking at some of the literature, reporting, films and music that imagine college life. Along with reading and writing about those texts, you will write personal essays exploring your preconceptions, immediate responses, and eventual reflections on your own college experience.

**ENLT 131X: Living Magnificently**  
3 cr.  
Examination of the uses of various literary genres—including fiction, autobiography, poetry, and biography—to raise questions about how we might live a good life, even a magnificent one. Drawing largely from the Spiritual Exercises and Autobiography of Ignatius Loyola, we will explore some of the ways that literature raises questions of vocation, discernment, identification, compassion.

**ENLT 132X: Dystopian Visions**  
3 cr.  
Students will be introduced to the college-level study of fictional narratives by reading and viewing a group of novels and films that fall generally into the category of recent and contemporary dystopian science fiction. Discussions and writing assignments will emphasize critical reading skills and forensic argument.

**ENLT 141X: Introduction to Irish Culture**  
3 cr.  
This seminar will explore Irish culture by means of the island's major works of mythology, history, religion, art, folk story, fairy tale, music, song, verse, drama, fiction, and film (all readings in English). Participants will, read, discuss, teach, argue, research and explore the rich literature of Ireland.

**ENLT 142X: Latest & Greatest: Prize-Winning Fiction, Poetry and Theatre**  
3 cr.  
Award-winning literary texts and writers of the last ten years enable students to examine success in literary and academic contexts and to practice a successful transition to the University of Scranton.

**ENTR 100X: Entrepreneurship**  
3 cr.  
This course provides opportunities to develop entrepreneurial skills needed to excel in a rapidly changing world. Entrepreneurial concepts are examined within the context of Ignatian and Catholic identity. Special emphasis will be placed on student transition into college life. This seminar is designed for all students, not just business students.

**HIST 110X: The Jesuits and American History to 1877**  
3 cr.  
This first-year seminar explores the history of the United States from the colonial era to 1877, with a special focus on the place of the Jesuits in the history of North America.

**INTD 100X: Energy and Society**  
3 cr.  
This course addresses how energy is produced and used for society and the impact this production and usage has on society. The basic science of energy will be covered. Guest speakers will guide the students
through discussions of the various complex human issues involved. Various elements of the course will introduce the student to the academic life, foster relationships with the faculty, using library resources, developing skills at completing projects and working in groups.

**INTD 119X: (CI) Making Meaning of 9/11**  
3 cr.
Students will explore the ways in which we have come to understand the terrorist attacks of September 11, as well as the ways those attacks have shaped how we understand ourselves and our world. We will analyze the ways 9/11 has been and continues to be represented through multiple media and genres, e.g. architecture, commemoration, art, non-fiction, fiction, film, governmental discourse, journalism, poetry, and theatre.

**INTD 120X: Science and the Society**  
3 cr.
A science course for non-science majors that introduces students to the scientific method through an analysis of the roles played by Jesuits, and others, in development of various scientific disciplines. This Freshman Seminar emphasizes the application of a scientific approach in the problem solving process.

**INTD 122X: Ignatian Citizenship and Contemporary American Politics**  
3 cr.
This seminar explores Ignatian humanism as a pathway for understanding citizenship in contemporary American society. It examines ancient texts as influences on Renaissance humanism and, thus, Ignatian humanism and its appreciation of civic responsibility. The concept of citizenship in American Political Science and American politics is examined using that lens.

**PHIL 121X: Faith and Reason**  
3 cr.
This seminar will focus on reflection and the processes by which one obtains, evaluates, and forms beliefs about themselves, others, and the world around them. Faith and reason will serve as two distinct, yet closely intertwined, methods of such belief-formation without playing into the overly-simplistic dichotomy religion=faith and science=reason.

**PHIL 122X: In Search of Wonder**  
3 cr.
An introduction to philosophy via a look at key exemplars or archetypes of doing this kind of critical reflection through the centuries. Students will do take-home exams that involve applying their knowledge of each thinker to concrete contemporary situations. The aim is wonder, not memorization.

**PHIL 123X: Intro to Philosophy: Pursuit of Happiness**  
3 cr.
This course introduces the student to philosophy through the study of "happiness" and the ways in which the "pursuit of happiness" defines human beings. The course includes discussion of the relation between pleasure and happiness, friendship and happiness, education and self-development. Uses classical philosophical texts from both Asia and the West to explore the ways in which we might maximize our happiness.

**PHIL 124X: Preparing for Democratic Citizenship**  
3 cr.
Although a robust economy and a strong government are necessary components of a democratic society, the lifeblood of democracy is an informed and engaged citizenry. This course explores the role citizens play in making democracy work and seeks to guide students in their development as informed and engaged citizens.

**PHIL 126X: Truth and Method**  
3 cr.
This introduction to philosophy explores the relationship between the method of inquiry one follows and the truth one finds by that method.

**PHIL 127X: Wellness and Food: An Introduction to Philosophy**  
3 cr.
We will cover four of the classical areas of Philosophy (viz., Metaphysics, Epistemology, Aesthetics, Ethics) exploring the interrelated themes of wellness and food understood as contributing to a foundational understanding of Ignatian ideals in our lives. We will use both classical and contemporary writers.

**PHIL 128X: Wellness, Wholeness and Care for the Self**  
This Freshman Seminar has been designed, at the Dean's request, for students in the Wellness program. Its theme is the health that applies to life as a whole and has an active meaning. Health is a wellness that we *do*, a caring for self that includes other selves.

**T/RS 121X: The Bible: Sacred Story and Meaning**  
A survey of central texts and themes of the Bible. Focus will be on the development of biblical literacy and skills necessary to interpret biblical texts in their historical and theological context. Connections between biblical texts and the University's Ignatian mission will be accented.