



UNIVERSITY 100 – UNIVERSITY LIFE AND COLLEGE SUCCESS SEMINAR

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Academic Advising

Student Success During the Critical First Year

A freshman seminar is just one of the many ways that CSU Channel Islands is contributing to student success during the critical first year. Although optional, this one-unit course enrolls over 50% of its entering freshman class. The course is offered to assist first year students make a successful transition from high school to college life. It is designed to fulfill the following primary objectives:

- Develop essential academic skills
- Ease the transition and adjustment of students to college life at CSUCI
- Develop a sense of campus connection through involvement outside the classroom
- Develop an understanding of University policies, structure and resources

Student Engagement Outside the Classroom

Extensive collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs is evident in University 100. Several assignments foster student engagement outside the classroom. Participation in the course provides students an opportunity to get involved on campus and to develop career skills through investigation of major and career options. A few of the collaborative assignments include the following:

- Participation in three campus events included in the 10 week “Be a Part From the Start” program initiated by Student Affairs
- Career Project: Requires students to assess their individual major and career options by utilizing the Career Center’s resources
- Advising Project: Students meet with advisors to develop an educational plan that includes frequent advising and goal setting
- Campus Resource Group project: Students learn about campus resources in a fun and interactive way early in the semester



University 100 structure

Through self-evaluation, lectures, activities and class discussion, students develop an individualized plan for personal, social, academic and professional success. University 100 is taught by faculty as well as Academic Affairs and Student Affairs professional staff. In addition, peer mentors were introduced to the program. Peer Mentors in the classroom have provided first year students an opportunity to bond with older students and learn from their experiences at CSUCI.



Coming Soon: University 100T for Transfer Students

Recognizing the need to provide transfer students with strategies and skills to assist with the transition from community college to a four-year institution, a new course entitled “Life and College Success Seminar for Incoming Transfers” has been approved for offering in fall 2007.



- University 100 is just one of the many ways the CSUCI fosters student success during the critical first year
- Optional one-unit course enrolls over 50 percent of each freshman class
- Taught by Academic Affairs and Student Affairs faculty, administrators, professional staff and peer mentors
- Students develop essential academic skills to insure student success
- Several assignments encourage student engagement across divisions and provide learning opportunities outside the classroom