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COURSES

First-Year Experience Seminar

UGST 109

1 credit

Origins of Storytelling

ANTH 163

Core Education Science (>3)

Global Perspectives (>GP)

4 credits

Introduction to Environmental Studies: Natural Science

ENVS 202

Core Education Science (>3)

4 credits

CALENDAR

First FIG Meeting

You will get to meet your FIG classmates, FIG Assistant (FA), and Faculty before classes start!

Check your FIG page in September to find out more details.

ACADEMIC TEAM

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ABOUT THIS FIG

FYE Seminar

This FIG examines humans as a culture-using animal. While other species have evolved anatomical features (e.g., speed, camouflage, keen sensory systems) that aid in their survival, humans depend on their ability to use information and to invent technologies for acquiring, storing, and sharing it (i.e., “culture”). These abilities enable human societies to accumulate vast stores of knowledge over time, and underlie the current explosion of IT and the emergence of the Information Age. This FIG looks at how we got here by looking at where we came from. We explore some of the earliest human information technologies and the ecological conditions that sparked them, and compare these to the communication systems of other animal species. Along the way, we explore the psychological effects of information sharing, with an emphasis on the use of information to manipulate the behavior of others.

Origins of Storytelling

Why do humans tell stories? This course addresses this question by exploring the hunter-gatherer context in which storytelling emerged. Drawing on evolutionary theory and related disciplines, this course explores the origins of literature in terms of the information demands of ancestral human environments.

Introduction to Environmental Studies: Natural Science

Direct examination and appraisal of the function, form, content, and composition of example landscapes in relation to ecological, cultural, legal, technical, aesthetic, and economic objectives. Develop scientific evidence-based decision making through interpretation of the acquisition and application of scientific data.

NEXT STEPS

After you're registered for your FIG, you will want to check out the Meet Your FIG page (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fall-2021-figs>). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, your summer assignment, and when you will be meeting your FIG for the first time in September. In order to prepare for your coursework and be notified about important academic deadlines you will want to download the “Canvas” and “Navigate” apps to your devices. Also, be sure to visit the FYE Community page in September, which has all the resources you'll need to achieve success in your first-year (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/community>). If you have questions about anything, make sure you email your FIG Assistant – they are here to help!



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8AM					
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12PM					ENVS 202 12399 ESL 107 12:00pm-12:50pm
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