First-Year Experience Seminar
UGST 109
1 credit

Media & Society
J 201
Core Education Social Science (>2)
4 credits

Introduction to Sociology
SOC 204
Core Education Social Science (>2)
US: Difference, Inequality and Agency (>US)
4 credits

FYE Seminar
This course will help you expand your comfort level and experience with direct (off-screen) communication. Face to Face is designed to help students improve their connections with friends, roommates, teammates, professors, bosses, co-workers, strangers, classmates, special interest groups or potential employers by learning and practicing direct verbal communication skills and understanding elements of various audiences. The course will also help you understand when and how face-to-face communication can lead to better engagement, affect change and create an impact.

Media and Society
What is the relationship between media industry and media content? How does popular culture articulate cultural beliefs and practices? How do we analyze and interpret the media industries? This course is designed to equip students with the key concepts, theories, and methods to undertake their own critical analyses of media and the industries that make them. It will examine how media emerge within specific social and historical contexts and how they participate in ideological practices with wide-reaching cultural consequences.

Introduction to Sociology
Over the next ten weeks we will discover what exactly the discipline of sociology is, the prevailing theories invoked by sociologists to understand the world in which we live, the particular methods used by sociologists to study society, as well as examine some of the topics that sociologists have explored in depth. The class begins by exploring the premises and history of sociology, and its main concepts and methods. It then moves to focus on social inequalities, especially in terms of class, gender, and race. The course concludes by examining the possibility of social change and how sociological tools can help us understand this type of change.