FIG Guide

Get the most out of your time at the university by joining a First-Year Interest Group (FIG) during fall term. FIGs bring groups of 20 freshmen together for a unique academic experience. FIG students take three courses together during fall term: two lecture courses and a 1-credit College Connections course.

FIGs are all about making connections! In a FIG, freshmen:

- Connect with faculty
- Connect with an undergraduate mentor
- Connect academic courses from different disciplines
- Connect with an academic theme
- Connect with peers
- Connect with campus and the Eugene community

The FIG Guide will help you explore your FIG options. For fall 2018 we have over 50 FIGs – something for everyone!

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Students in the Speak Your Mind FIG spend time in the UO Brain Development lab with Professor Charlotte Vaughn
Theme Categories - Description - FIG List

While each FIG is distinct (with different course pairings and academic topics), FIGs are grouped together by overarching themes into seven categories. Find themes below that interest you, and then start exploring your FIG options!

**Art of Storytelling**

Make sense of the world around us through stories and art

- Comics and Personal Storytelling
- Finding Your Voice
- Night Out: Eugene Theater
- Our Storied Past
- Remixing Media, ©ritiquing ©ulture
- Stories We Tell
- Tales and Traditions: Africa
- Thinking Images (CHALLENGE)
- War and Peace

**Becoming Human**

Discover our humanity through science

- Animal Behavior
- Human Genome
- Humans: An Origin Story
- Speak Your Mind
- The Far Side
**Breaking Barriers**
*Investigate how different perspectives shape communities*

Breaking the Wall
Face to Face
He, She, Xe, They: Gender and Power
Human Hierarchies
Media Mirror
(Re)defining Gender?
Students without Borders (CLUSTER)
Tomato, Tomàto

**Culture in Review**
*Examine cultures and subcultures through a discerning lens*

Education Revolution
Enduring Tensions
Hidden History
Hip Hop & Politics of Race (CHALLENGE)
Human Possibilities
Just Futures
Justice Matters (CHALLENGE)
Pass the Mic (CHALLENGE)
Social Progress, Social Change
Twelve Bars from Freedom (CHALLENGE)

**Going Green**
*Delve in to how we affect the environment and how it affects us*

Chemistry in Nature
Chemistry of Sustainability
Edible History
Food and the Garden
Food Matters
Oregon Outside
Science for Social Change (CHALLENGE)
Passport to World Cultures
Explore a region and start on your path to studying abroad

Annabi ‘Arabi!
Bella Italia!
Carnegie Global Oregon (CHALLENGE) (ARC)
Development Safari
From Cuauhtémoc to Cumbia (CLUSTER)
Gurus and Governors
International Outlook
Modern Families

Science and Society
Solve problems and make an impact on the world through science

Making Sense of Numbers
Mapping without Borders
Risky Business
Rock ’n’ Physics
Science in the News
Startups from the Ground Up
The Secrets to Success in STEM
FIG ConFIGurations
(alphabetical order)

In the ConFIGurations section, the FIGs are listed alphabetically and show all of the courses that make up the FIG.

**Animal Behavior**
ANTH 171  Introduction to Monkeys and Apes
BI 132  Introduction to Animal Behavior
ANTH 199  College Connections

**Annabi 'Arabi!**
ARB 101  First Year Arabic
REL 233  Introduction to Islam
ARB 199  College Connections

**Bella Italia!**
ITAL 101  First Year Italian
ITAL 150  Cultural Legacies of Italy
ITAL 199  College Connections

**Breaking the Wall**
GER 221  Postwar Germany: Nation Divided
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology
GER 199  College Connections

**ARC CHALLENGE**

**Carnegie Global Oregon**
(Three-term FIG. Read about this unique FIG at the end of the FIG Guide.)
GEOG 142  Introduction to Human Geography
GEOG 199  College Connections

**Chemistry in Nature**
CH 221  General Chemistry
CH 227  General Chemistry Laboratory
CH 199  College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion
Chemistry of Sustainability*
CH 221   General Chemistry
CH 227   General Chemistry Laboratory
CH 199   College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion

Comics and Personal Storytelling
ENG 280   Introduction to Comic Studies
ARH 210   Contemporary Asian Art and Architecture
UGST 199   College Connections

Development Safari
SWAH 101   First Year Swahili
INTL 240   Perspectives on International Development
SWAH 199   College Connections

Edible History
ENVS 225   Introduction to Food Studies
HIST 215   Food in World History
ENVS 199   College Connections

Education Revolution
EDST 111   Educational Issues and Problems
ES 101   Introduction to Ethnic Studies
EDST 199   College Connections

Enduring Tensions
PS 201   US Politics
HIST 211   Reacting to the Past
PS 199   College Connections

Face to Face
SOC 204   Introduction to Sociology
J 201   Media and Society
J 199   College Connections

Finding Your Voice
TA 271   Introduction to Theater Arts
COLT 101   Introduction to Comparative Literature
TA 199   College Connections

Food & the Garden
LA 260   Understanding Landscapes
ENVS 225   Introduction to Food Studies
LA 199   College Connections
Food Matters
ENVS 225 Introduction to Food Studies
HIST 215 Food in World History
ENVS 199 College Connections

From Cuauhtémoc to Cumbia±
LAS 200 Introduction to Latin American Studies
LAS 199 College Connections
±cluster FIG, see below for third course options

Gurus and Governors
REL 101 World Religions: Asian Traditions
HIST 211 Reacting to the Past
REL 199 College Connections

He, She, Xe, They: Gender and Power
LING 201 Introduction to Language
WGS 101 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
LING 199 College Connections

Hidden History
HIST 211 Reacting to the Past
ES 256 Introduction to Native American Studies
HIST 199 College Connections

CHALLENGE

Hip Hop & Politics of Race
MUS 360 Hip-Hop: History, Culture, Aesthetics
ES 101 Introduction to Ethnic Studies
MUS 199 College Connections

Human Genome*
CH 221 General Chemistry
CH 227 General Chemistry Laboratory
CH 199 College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion

Human Hierarchies
WGS 101 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
SOC 204 Introduction to Sociology
WGS 199 College Connections
**Human Possibilities**
PHIL 110  Human Nature
PS 106  Power, Politics and Inequality
PHIL 199  College Connections

**Humans: An Origin Story**
ANTH 270  Introduction to Biological Anthropology
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology
ANTH 199  College Connections

**International Outlook**
PS 205  Introduction to International Relations
J 201  Media and Society
PS 199  College Connections

**Just Futures**
ENVS 203  Introduction to Environmental Studies: Humanities
ES 101  Introduction to Ethnic Studies
ENVS 199  College Connections

**CHALLENGE**

**Justice Matters**
PHIL 307  Social and Political Philosophy
HIST 201  Inventing America
PHIL 199  College Connections

**Making Sense of Numbers***
CH 111  Introduction to Chemical Principles
MATH 101  Foundations of Mathematical Modeling
CH 199  College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion

**Mapping without Borders**
GEOG 181  Our Digital Earth
CIS 110  Fluency with Information Technology
GEOG 199  College Connections

**Media Mirror**
PSY 202  Mind and Society
J 201  Media and Society
J 199  College Connections
Modern Families
INTL 101 Introduction to International Issues
FHS 213 Issues for Children and Families
INTL 199 College Connections

Night Out: Eugene Theater
TA 271 Introduction to Theater Arts
PPPM 280 Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector
TA 199 College Connections

Oregon Outside
GEOL 203 History of Life
GEOG 141 The Natural Environment
GEOL 199 College Connections

Our Storied Past
SCAN 259 Vikings through the Icelandic Sagas
ANTH 163 Origins of Storytelling
SCAN 199 College Connections

CHALLENGE
Pass the Mic
MUS 151 Popular Songwriting+
CINE 230 Remix Cultures
MUS 199 College Connections
+online course

(Re)defining Gender?
GER 251 German Culture and Thought: Sexuality
WGS 101 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies
GER 199 College Connections

Remixing Media, ©ritiquing ©ulture
CINE 230 Remix Cultures
ARTD 250 Print Media Digital Arts
CINE 199 College Connections

Risky Business
EC 101 Contemporary Economic Issues
PSY 202 Mind and Society
EC 199 College Connections
**Rock 'n' Physics**
PHYS 152  Physics of Sound and Music
PHYS 199  College Connections

**CHALLENGE**

**Science for Social Change** *
CH 111  Introduction to Chemical Principles
ENVS 345  Environmental Ethics
CH 199  College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion

**Science in the News** *
CH 221  General Chemistry
CH 227  General Chemistry Laboratory
CH 199  College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion

**Social Progress, Social Change**
ES 101  Introduction to Ethnic Studies
WGS 101  Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
ES 199  College Connections

**Speak Your Mind**
LING 101  Introduction to Language
PSY 201  Mind and Brain
LING 199  College Connections

**Startups from the Ground Up**
CIS 110  Fluency with Information Technology
BA 101  Introduction to Business
CIS 199  College Connections

**Stories We Tell**
SCAN 251  Text and Interpretation
PHIL 110  Human Nature
SCAN 199  College Connections

**Students without Borders** ±
PSY 202  Mind and Society
PSY 199  College Connections
±cluster FIG, see below for third course options
Tales and Traditions: Africa
DAN 251 Looking at Dance
FLR 250 Introduction to Folklore
DAN 199 College Connections

The Far Side
BI 132 Introduction to Animal Behavior
PSY 201 Mind and Brain
PSY 199 College Connections

The Secrets to Success in STEM*
CH 221 General Chemistry
MATH 111 College Algebra
CH 199 College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion

CHALLENGE
Thinking Images
PHIL 332 Philosophy of Film
CINE 265 History of Motion Pictures
PHIL 199 College Connections

Tomato, Tomàto
LING 201 Language and Power
SOC 204 Introduction to Sociology
LING 199 College Connections

CHALLENGE
Twelve Bars from Freedom
ES 352 Social Equity & Criminal Justice
MUS 270 History of the Blues
ES 199 College Connections

War and Peace
RUSS 204 Introduction to Russian Literature
HIST 240 War in the Modern World I
RUSS 199 College Connections
*Chemistry FIGs Registration information, course prerequisites and corequisites*

For CH 221 General Chemistry: Prerequisite: high school chemistry; prerequisite or corequisite: MATH 111. Concurrent CH 227 or 237 is recommended. For CH 111 Introduction to Chemical Principles: Prerequisite: Math 095.

Chemistry FIG enrollment will not take place online through Duckweb. Instead, you can join a chemistry FIG at IntroDUCKtion, after you have met with an advisor. **Remember to take your math placement test before coming to IntroDUCKtion. Your advisor will use the test score to help you select the right chemistry track.**

**Chemistry FIGs - LIST**

Chemistry in Nature  
Chemistry of Sustainability  
Human Genome  
Making Sense of Numbers  
Science for Social Change (CHALLENGE)  
Science in the News  
The Secrets to Success in STEM

**Challenge FIGs**

**CHALLENGE FIGs** give students a distinct academic experience because one of the courses in each challenge FIG is at the intermediate 300 level. They are smaller than the courses in many of the other FIGs, and are intended to encourage students to explore subjects in depth.

**Challenge FIGs - LIST**

Carnegie Global Oregon (CHALLENGE) (ARC)  
Hip Hop & Politics of Race (CHALLENGE)  
Justice Matters (CHALLENGE)  
Pass the MIC (CHALLENGE)  
Science for Social Change (CHALLENGE)  
Thinking Images (CHALLENGE)  
 Twelve Bars from Freedom (CHALLENGE)
Cluster FIGs

Cluster FIGs consist of only one required general education course. A secondary 4-5 credit course is required, but students will choose one from a list of options. (Students are responsible for enrolling themselves in the course they select through Duckweb.)

Cluster FIGs - LIST

From Cuauhtémoc to Cumbia

Course options – Portuguese Language (PORT 101 or 201), PORT 301 Expressoes Artisticas, Spanish Language (SPAN 101, 201), SPAN 150 Culture of the Spanish Speaking World (taught in English); SPAN 218 Latino Heritage; SPAN 238 Spanish Around the World; SPAN 305 Cambios Socials; SPAN 308 Comunidades Bilingues.

Students without Borders

Course options - INTL 340 Global Health and Development, BI 121 Intro to Human Physiology, PS 205 Introduction to International Relations, HYPY 212 Evidence, Inference, and Biostatistics

Reacting to the Past FIGs

Reacting to the Past courses consist of elaborate role playing games, set in specific historical time periods. The course instructor will act as the gamemaster, determining student roles, preparing students to play, and occasionally guiding the games as they develop. Students learn to construct arguments from historical texts and then support positions through writing and speeches. Small class size. Credits count toward the general education social science group requirement.

Reacting to the Past FIGs - LIST

Enduring Tensions
Gurus and Governors
Hidden History
What is unique about Carnegie Global Oregon?

The Carnegie Global Oregon Challenge FIG is the only FIG that continues for three terms, and is also the only FIG that is an Academic Residential Community (ARC). Students in an ARC live together in the residence halls. ARC selection will supersede your housing preferences for special-interest halls and room types. For more information, and instructions on how to apply to be a part of this FIG, visit housing.uoregon.edu/academics

After the fall FIG courses, students enroll in 1-credit seminars in winter and spring to continue exploring the CGO theme. The majority of CGO students remain active in this vibrant learning community throughout their years at the university. This provides a supportive mix for sophomores, juniors, and seniors who meet weekly for class and a meal to explore areas of ethical concern. For more information, visit carnegieglobal.uoregon.edu

Clark Honors College Students

To avoid duplicating course work, honors college students may enroll in only one FIG in May during Advanced Registration on Duckweb. This FIG is called Carnegie Global Oregon, and is open to students interested in ethics. If you are planning to major in biology, chemistry, or human physiology and are interested in joining a FIG, we encourage you to see us at IntroDUCKtion.