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
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The FIG Guide will help you explore your FIG options. For fall 2019 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

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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*

Finding Your Voice (FIG RUNWAY)
My Visual Story
Night Out: Eugene Theatre (DEEP-DIVE)
Our Storied Past
Remixing Media, ©ritiquing ©ulture (DEEP-DIVE)
Stories We Tell
Tales and Traditions: Africa
Thinking Media
War and Peace

**Becoming Human**
*Discover our humanity through science*

Animal Behavior (DEEP-DIVE)
Human Genome
Humans: An Origin Story
Paging Dr. Darwin (CLUSTER)
Oregon Outside (DEEP-DIVE)
Speak Your Mind
Breaking Barriers
Investigate how different perspectives shape communities

(Anti)Social Media (FIG RUNWAY)
Breaking the Wall
Brilliant Imperfections (DEEP-DIVE)
Face to Face
Human Hierarchies
Media Mirror
Money & Me
Students without Borders (CLUSTER)
This is Me
Tomato, Tomàto (FIG RUNWAY)

Culture in Review
Examine cultures and subcultures through a discerning lens

Conflicting Experiences (CLUSTER)
Edible Activism (DEEP-DIVE)
Education Revolution
Enduring Tensions
Hidden History
Hip Hop & Politics of Sampling (DEEP-DIVE)
Just Futures
Pass the Mic (DEEP-DIVE)
Social Progress, Social Change

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

Analyzing Our Environment (CLUSTER)
Buses, Bikes & Automobiles
Chemistry of Sustainability
Edible History
Food and the Garden
Food Matters
Passport to World Cultures
Explore a region and start on your path to studying abroad

Becoming Bilingual
Bella Italia!
Carnegie Global Oregon (DEEP-DIVE) (ARC)
Development Safari
Gurus and Governors
International Outlook
Maps that Tell Stories (CLUSTER)
Say What?

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

A Trip Down Memory Lane (DEEP-DIVE)
Exploring Planets
Making Sense of Numbers
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.

FIG RUNWAY
(Anti)Social Media
PHIL 130      Philosophy & Popular Culture
J 201         Media and Society
CINE 199      College Connections

DEEP-DIVE
A Trip Down Memory Lane
GEOL 306      Volcanoes & Earthquake
ANTH 163      Origins of Storytelling
GEOL 199      College Connections

Analyzing Our Environment ±
CIS 122       Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving
CIS 199       College Connections
±cluster FIG, see below for third course options

DEEP-DIVE
Animal Behavior
ANTH 171      Introduction to Monkeys and Apes
BI 132        Introduction to Animal Behavior
ANTH 199      College Connections

Becoming Bilingual
SPAN 111      Intensive Beginning Spanish
LING 199      How to Learn Languages
SPAN 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

DEEP-DIVE

Brilliant Imperfection
PHIL 335  Medical Ethics
SOC 207  Social Inequality
PHIL 199  College Connections

Buses, Bikes & Automobiles: Access to Transportation
LING 201  Language and Power
PPPM 205  Introduction to City Planning
PPPM 199  College Connections

ARC DEEP DIVE

Carnegie Global Oregon
(Three-term FIG. Read about this unique FIG at the end of the FIG Guide.)
GEOG 341  Population and Environment
GEOG 199  College Connections

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

Conflicting Experiences ±
HIST 240  War in the Modern World I
HIST 199  College Connections
±cluster FIG, see below for third course options

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

DEEP-DIVE

Edible Activism
PHIL 110  Human Nature
ANTH 329  Immigration and Farmworkers
PHIL 199  College Connections

Edible History
ENVS 225  Introduction to Food Studies
HIST 215  Food in World History
ENVS 199  College Connections
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ES 256  Introduction to Native American Studies
HIST 199  College Connections

DEEP-DIVE

Hip Hop & Politics of Sampling
MUS 360  Hip-Hop: History, Culture, Aesthetics
CINE 230  Remix Cultures
CINE 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
INTL 101  Introduction to International Issues
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology
INTL 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

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

Maps That Tell Stories ±
GEOG 201  World Regional Geography
GEOG 199  College Connections
± cluster FIG, see below for third course options
Media Mirror
- PSY 202  Mind and Society
- J 201  Media and Society
- J 199  College Connections

Money and Me
- EC 101  Contemporary Economic Issues
- GER 250  Culture of Money
- GER 199  College Connections

My Visual Story
- ENG 280  Introduction to Comic Studies
- ENVS 203  Introduction to Environmental Studies: Humanities
- UGST 199  College Connections

DEEP-DIVE
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
- BI 132  Introduction to Animal Behavior
- GEOL 199  College Connections

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

Paging Dr. Darwin ±
- ANTH 175  Evolutionary Medicine
- ANTH 199  College Connections
±cluster FIG, see below for third course options

DEEP-DIVE
Pass the MIC
- MUS 151  Popular Songwriting+
- CINE 230  Remix Cultures
- MUS 199  College Connections
+online course
DEEP-DIVE
Remixing Media, Critiquing Culture
CINE 230  Remix Cultures
ARTD 250  Print Media Digital Arts
CINE 199  College Connections

Say What?
LING 199  How to Learn Languages
Students chose a language:
ARB 101 First-Year Arabic, CHN 101 First-Year Chinese, PORT 101 First-Year Portuguese
LING 199  College Connections

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
WGS 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 225  Voices of Africa  
DAN 199  College Connections

**The Secrets to Success in STEM*  
CH 221  General Chemistry  
MATH 112  Elementary Functions  
CH 199  College Connections  
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion

**Thinking Media**
PHIL 130  Philosophy and Popular Culture  
J 201  Media and Society  
PHIL 199  College Connections

**This is Me**
J 201  Media and Society  
PSY 202  Mind and Society  
J 199  College Connections

**FIG RUNWAY**

**Tomato, Tomàto**
LING 201  Language and Power  
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology  
LING 199  Runway Seminar

**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 of Sustainability  
Human Genome  
Making Sense of Numbers  
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The Secrets to Success in STEM

**DEEP-DIVE FIGs**

**DEEP-DIVE FIGs** give students a distinct academic experience because they create an immersive learning environment. Some of the DEEP-DIVE FIGs have an intermediate course (which may include 300 level), which are smaller than the courses in many of the other FIGs, and are intended to encourage students to explore subjects in depth. Other DEEP-DIVE FIGs have projects, students groups, performances and more that allow students to really dive deep into subject matter.

**DEEP DIVE FIGs - LIST**

A Trip Down Memory Lane (DEEP-DIVE)  
Animal Behavior (DEEP-DIVE)  
Brilliant Imperfection (DEEP-DIVE)  
Carnegie Global Oregon (DEEP-DIVE) (ARC)  
Edible Activism (DEEP-DIVE)  
Hip Hop & Politics of Sampling (DEEP-DIVE)  
Night Out: Eugene Theatre (DEEP-DIVE)  
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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

Analyzing Our Environment
  
  *Course options* – CH 111 Introduction to Chemical Principles, GEOG 141 The Natural Environment, ENVS 202 Introduction to Environmental Studies: Natural Sciences

Conflicting Experiences
  
  *Course options* - INTL 101 Introduction to International Issues, SOC 204 Introduction to Sociology, GEOG 181 Our Digital Earth, GEOG 142 Introduction to Human Geography, MIL 121 Military Science I, PS 106 Power, Politics and Inequality, PS 111 Introduction to Political Science

Maps That Tell Stories
  
  *Course options* - GEOG 181 Our Digital Earth, GEOG 141 The Natural Environment, ANTH 161 Intro to Cultural Anthropology, J 201 Media and Society

Paging Dr. Darwin
  
  *Course options* - BI 121 Intro to Human Physiology, PS 205 Introduction to International Relations, HYPY 212 Evidence, Inference, and Biostatistics

Students Without Borders
  
  *Course options* – - BI 121 Intro to Human Physiology, PS 205 Introduction to International Relations, ANTH 175 Evolutionary Medicine

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
FIG Runways

The Runways program lets students build their first-year around tracking down answers to big, urgent, interesting questions—and blaze a path through their Core Education requirements. Students take a year-long seminar (1 credit in fall, 1 credit in winter, 2 in spring—ALL counting for Core Ed) with one professor and 23 peers. Each seminar is built around a Big Question and includes 2 Core Ed satisfying course linked to the year-long seminar each term. FIG Runways will begin as a FIG in the fall and continue through the runway in winter and spring terms. Each FIG Runway will include a peer mentor called the FIG Assistant (FA).

FIG Runways - LIST

(Anti)Social Media: What does offline human interaction mean in an increasingly online world?
Finding Your Voice: How does personal voice transform classroom experience and shape research?
Tomato, Tomáto: How does language impact our lives?

What is unique about Carnegie Global Oregon?

The Carnegie Global Oregon DEEP-DIVE FIG continues for three terms, and is the only FIG that also has some students in their cohort who are part of an Academic Residential Community (ARC).

Carnegie Global Oregon students will all be enrolled in the same courses. Students who do NOT want to live with the community will sign up through the FIG Program. Students who want to be in the ARC and live together in the residence halls will sign up through Housing. Please note that 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 the ARC, 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 carnegieglobaUo.oregon.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.