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 2020 we have over 50 FIGs – something for everyone!

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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 7 categories. Find themes below that interest you, and start exploring your options!

Art of Storytelling
Make sense of the world around us through stories and art
From War to Peace
In Search of Belonging: Storytelling and Community
My Visual Story
Pass the MIC
Remixing Media, ©ritiquing ©ulture (DEEP-DIVE)
Speak for Yourself!
Stories We Tell
Visual Narrative: Manga to American Comics

Becoming Human
Discover our humanity through science
Animal Behavior (DEEP-DIVE)
Game of Evolution
Human Genome (DEEP-DIVE)
Oregon Outside
Paging Dr. Darwin (CLUSTER)
Speak Your Mind
The Human Animal
What Makes for a Healthy Start? (FIG RUNWAY)

Breaking Barriers
Investigate how different perspectives shape communities
Beyond the Bars (DEEP-DIVE)
Breaking the Wall
Brilliant Imperfections (DEEP-DIVE)
Face to Face
Human Hierarchies
Media Mirror
Radicals and Reformers
Students without Borders (CLUSTER)
This is Me
Tomato, Tomäto
Your Vote: What Matters?
Culture in Review
Examine cultures and subcultures through a discerning lens
Edible Activism (DEEP-DIVE)
Enduring Tensions
Hidden History
Hip Hop & Politics of Race (DEEP-DIVE)
Just Futures
Justice Matters (DEEP-DIVE)
Social Progress, Social Change
Who’s Allowed In?

Going Green
Delve into how we affect the environment and how it affects us
Analyzing Our Environment
Edible History (DEEP-DIVE)
Environmental Design (DEEP-DIVE)
Food and the Garden (DEEP-DIVE)
Food Matters (DEEP-DIVE)
Human Fragility
Planning for the Planet

Path to Global Citizenship
Explore world cultures and expand your boundaries
Aquí se Habla Spanglish
Bella Italia!
Carnegie Global Oregon (FIG RUNWAY, DEEP-DIVE)
Development Safari
Gurus and Governors
Speak to the World (CLUSTER)
The Asian Lens

Science and Society
Solve problems and make an impact on the world through science
A Trip Down Memory Lane (DEEP-DIVE)
Coffee: Chemistry and Culture
Science in the News
Startups from the Ground Up
The Problem with Problems
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.

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

Analyzing Our Environment
CIS 122  Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving
ENVS 202  Introduction to Environmental Science: Natural Science
CIS 199  College Connections

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

Aquí se Habla Spanglish
SPAN 101  First Year Spanish
SPAN 199  College Connections

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

DEEP-DIVE
Beyond the Bars
SOC 207  Social Inequality
PS 106  Power, Politics, and Inequality
SOC 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
WGS 221 Bodies and Power
PHIL 199 College Connections

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

Coffee: Chemistry and Culture*
CH 221 General Chemistry
CH 227 General Chemistry Lab
CH 199 College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion

Development Safari
SWAH 101 First Year Swahili
FLR 225 Voices of Africa
SWAH 199 College Connections

DEEP-DIVE
Edible Activism
ANTH 329 Immigration and Farmworkers
ENVS 225 Introduction to Food Studies
ANTH 199 College Connections

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

Enduring Tensions
HIST 211 Reacting to the Past
TA 250 Acting I
HIST 199 College Connections

DEEP-DIVE
Environmental Design
LA 260 Understanding Landscapes
LA 337 Design for a Sustainable World
LA 199 College Connections
Face to Face
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology
J 201  Media and Society
J 199  College Connections

DEEP-DIVE
Food & the Garden
LA 260  Understanding Landscapes
ENVS 225  Introduction to Food Studies
LA 199  College Connections

DEEP-DIVE
Food Matters
ENVS 225  Introduction to Food Studies
HIST 215  Food in World History
ENVS 199  College Connections

From War to Peace
RUSS 204  Introduction to Russian Literature
HIST 241  War in the Modern World II
RUSS 199  College Connections

Game of Evolution
ANTH 274  Animals and People
ENVS 203  Intro to Environmental Studies: Humanities
ANTH 199  College Connections

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

Hidden History
HIST 211  Reacting to the Past
ENG 244  Introduction to Native American Literature
HIST 199  College Connections

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

Human Fragility
PHIL 101  Philosophical Problems
ENVS 202  Introduction to Environmental Studies: Natural Science
PHIL 199  College Connections
DEEP-DIVE

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
GLBL 101   Introduction to International Issues
SOC 207    Social Inequality
GLBL 199   College Connections

In Search of Belonging: Storytelling and Community
COLT 231   Literature and Society
ANTH 163   Origins of Storytelling
COLT 199   College Connections

Just Futures
ENVS 203   Introduction to Environmental Studies: Humanities
SOC 207    Social Inequality
ENVS 199   College Connections

DEEP-DIVE

Justice Matters
PHIL 307   Social and Political Philosophy
PS 106     Power, Politics and Inequality
PHIL 199   College Connections

Media Mirror
PSY 202    Mind and Society
J 201      Media and Society
J 199      College Connections

My Visual Story
ENG 280    Introduction to Comic Studies
ART 101    Understanding Contemporary Art
UGST 199   College Connections

Oregon Outside
ERTH 203   History of Life
ANTH 171   Introduction to Monkeys and Apes
ERTH 199   College Connections

Paging Dr. Darwin ±
ANTH 175   Evolutionary Medicine
ANTH 199   College Connections
±cluster FIG, see below for third course options
Pass the MIC
MUS 151  Popular Songwriting
CINE 230  Remix Cultures
MUS 199  College Connections

Planning for the Planet
PPPM 205  Introduction to City Planning
ENVS 203  Introduction to Environmental Studies: Humanities
PPPM 199  College Connections

Radicals and Reformers
HIST 211  Reacting to the Past
GER 251  Sexuality (German Culture and Thought)
GER 199  College Connections

DEEP-DIVE
Remixing Media, Critiquing Culture
CINE 230  Remix Cultures
ARTD 250  Print Media Digital Arts
CINE 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
WGS 101  Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies
ES 101  Introduction to Ethnic Studies
WGS 199  College Connections

Speak for Yourself!
TA 271  Introduction to Theatre Arts
COLT 101  Introduction to Comparative Literature
TA 199  College Connections

Speak to the World ±
LING 199  How to Learn Language
ITAL 199  College Connections
±cluster FIG, see below for third course options

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 101  Philosophical Problems
SCAN 199  College Connections

Students without Borders ±
PSY 202  Mind and Society
PSY 199  College Connections
±cluster FIG, see below for third course options

The Asian Lens
GLBL 101  Introduction to International Issues
ASIA 111  Great Books of Asia
GLBL 199  College Connections

The Human Animal
ANTH 163  Origins of Storytelling
BI 132  Introduction to Animal Behavior
ANTH 199  College Connections

The Problem with Problems*
CH 111  Introduction to Chemical Principles
MATH 111  College Algebra
CH 199  College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion

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

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

Tomato, Tomàto
LING 201  Language and Power
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology
LING 199  College Connections
**Visual Narratives: Manga to American Comics**

ENG 280 Introduction to Comic Studies
JPN 250 Manga Millennium
ENG 199 College Connections

*(FIG Runway)*

**What Makes for a Healthy Start?**

CH 111 Introduction to Chemical Principles
PSY 201 Mind and Brain
UGST 113 Runway Seminar

*check pre- or corequisites below, registration at IntroDUCKtion*

**Who's Allowed In?**

EDST 111 Education and Social Change
ES 101 Introduction to Ethnic Studies
EDST 199 College Connections

**Your Vote: What Matters?**

HIST 203 American Century
PS 106 Power, Politics, and Inequality
HIST 199 College Connections

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**Chemistry FIGs Registration information, course prerequisites and corequisites**

For CH 221 General Chemistry: Prerequisite: high school chemistry; prerequisite or corequisite: C- or better in MATH 111, MATH 112. Concurrent CH 227 or 237 is recommended. For CH 111 Introduction to Chemical Principles: prerequisite or corequisite: MATH 111.

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**

Coffee: Chemistry and Culture
Human Genome (DEEP-DIVE)
The Problem with Problems
Science in the News
The Secrets to Success in STEM
What Makes for a Healthy Start? (FIG RUNWAY)
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, student 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)  
Beyond the Bars (DEEP-DIVE)  
Brilliant Imperfection (DEEP-DIVE)  
Carnegie Global Oregon (FIG RUNWAY, DEEP-DIVE)  
Edible Activism (DEEP-DIVE)  
Edible History (DEEP-DIVE)  
Environmental Design (DEEP-DIVE)  
Food & the Garden (DEEP-DIVE)  
Food Matters (DEEP-DIVE)  
Hip Hop & Politics of Race (DEEP-DIVE)  
Human Genome (DEEP-DIVE)  
Justice Matters (DEEP-DIVE)  
Remixing Media, ©ritiquing ©ulture (DEEP-DIVE)

Cluster FIGs

Cluster FIGs consist of only one co-enrolled 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

Paging Dr. Darwin  
Course options - BI 121 Intro to Human Physiology, PS 205 Introduction to International Relations, GEOG 142 Human Geography, WGS 221 Bodies and Power

Students Without Borders  
Course options – BI 121 Intro to Human Physiology, PS 205 Introduction to International Relations, GEOG 142 Human Geography, GEOG 341 Population and Environment, WGS 221 Bodies and Power

Speak to the World  
Course options – Any first-year language course

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
Radicals and Reformers

FIG Runways
FIG Runways will begin as a FIG in the fall and continue in winter and spring terms. Each FIG Runway will include a faculty member and a mentor called the FIG Assistant (FA).

FIG Runways – LIST
What Makes for a Healthy Start? (FIG RUNWAY)
Carnegie Global Oregon (FIG RUNWAY, DEEP-DIVE)

What is unique about Carnegie Global Oregon?
Carnegie Global Oregon is a FIG Runway, in which you take a year-long seminar with the same professor and peers. 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
CHC students may consider enrolling in the following list of recommended FIGs to help build community in your field of interest, work toward major requirements, and in some cases, work toward CHC curricular requirements. To avoid the potential for duplicating course work if you are coming in with transfer, AP, or IB credit, or if you wish to take a FIG not listed here, you should first speak with CHC’s First-Year Academic Advisor, Dr. Angela Rovak (arovak@uoregon.edu), before enrolling in a FIG.

FIG Options
Bella Italia!
Brilliant Imperfection (DEEP-DIVE)
Carnegie Global Oregon (FIG RUNWAY, DEEP-DIVE)
Enduring Tensions
Environmental Design (DEEP-DIVE)
From War to Peace
Development Safari
Food & the Garden (DEEP-DIVE)
Gurus and Governors
Hidden History
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