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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Students in the Speak Your Mind FIG spend time in the UO Brain Development lab with Professor Charlotte Vaughn.

Students in the Edible Activism FIG volunteer at the Huerto de la Familia community garden in Eugene.

Students in the Human Hierarchies FIG display their final project at the FIGposium.
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 (DEEP-DIVE)
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
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, Tomàto
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
Social Progress, Social Change
Who’s Allowed In?

Going Green
Delve in to 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 and ARC)
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

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
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

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

#### 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

### DEEP-DIVE

#### 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
PSY 199  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

*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)
Brilliant Imperfection (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)
Oregon Outside (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?
Carnegie Global Oregon

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 carnegiegloba.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
Enduring Tensions
Environmental Design (DEEP-DIVE)
From War to Peace
Development Safari
Food & the Garden (DEEP-DIVE)
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