

## FYPS - First-Year Seminar POLS

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Courses numbered 100 to 299 = *lower-division*; 300 to 499 = *upper-division*; 500 to 799 = *undergraduate/graduate*.

### **FYPS 102A. First-Year Seminar: Myth-Busting the Model Minority: Asian American Experiences (3).**

*General education social and behavioral sciences course.* Critically examines the ways in which the U.S. Census categorizes individuals and populations in the U.S. from various national origins such as Asian Americans. Students critique/deconstruct the model minority myth and explore the following topics: 1) the ways in which social construction of race in public discourse and governmental policies affect Asian immigration and Asian Americans before and after the Civil Rights Movement; 2) Asian Americans' participation in electoral politics, public-opinion polls, interest groups and social movements; 3) Asian Americans as elected officials on the municipal, state and federal levels and the ways in which they shape public policies that affect Asian American communities; 4) Asian Americans' conflicts with other minority groups and ways in which activists build coalitions with other racial minority groups to achieve political objectives; and 5) how the concept of race has played a role in our own lives and identity formation. First-Year Seminars do not meet a divisional requirement in the pre-Fall 2024 WSU General Education program, and can only be used in Bucket 7 for General Education starting Fall 2024. *Course includes diversity content.*

### **FYPS 102AB. First-Year Seminar: Engineering Politics: Partisan Redistricting in the United States (3).**

*General education social and behavioral sciences course.* Helps students integrate into the college environment and build academic skills, all while learning about how elections are structured in the United States. Students discuss legislative districting as an example of political engineering and its implications for representation of majorities and minorities in the United States. Students learn how geographical analysis software is used to draw districts, and students have the opportunity to draw their own districts for U.S. and Kansas elections. First-Year Seminars do not meet a divisional requirement in the pre-Fall 2024 WSU General Education program, and can only be used in Bucket 7 for General Education starting Fall 2024.

### **FYPS 102AD. First-Year Seminar: Plugging Into Politics (3).**

Examines the attitudes and behaviors of individual participants in the political system, and in particular with how varying levels of social trust and trust in government affect the ability to sustain civic voluntarism and a robust democracy. Particular attention is paid to individual motivations for participation in a full array of civic and political activities, as well as recently proposed solutions for enhanced civic engagement, in order to explore the long-term trend of generational decline in traditional political activities. The course also includes opportunities to learn and practice civic skills that political science scholarship identifies as essential for engaged citizenship in a democracy. In addition, class discussions, guest speakers and campus activities offer opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and connections to help students succeed at WSU. First-Year Seminars do not meet a divisional requirement in the pre-Fall 2024 WSU General Education program, and can only be used in Bucket 7 for General Education starting Fall 2024.

### **FYPS 102E. First-Year Seminar: Me and My Place in the World (3).**

*General education social and behavioral sciences course.* Cross-listed as FYHN 102E. Invites students to explore their own roots and the experiences that have shaped who they are today. Students engage with others who have different stories from their own and examine shared

interests and concerns about issues facing the world today. Students consider how they can make a difference locally and globally. First-Year Seminars do not meet a divisional requirement in the pre-Fall 2024 WSU General Education program, and can only be used in Bucket 7 for General Education starting Fall 2024. *Course includes diversity content.*