FYE FAQ 2013

1. Can I miss the FYE Orientation in July and still be part of the FYE program this fall?
   1. No—you must attend one of the FYE Orientation dates in July in order to participate in FYE for the 2013-14 school year. Orientation will be held on four dates: July 8, 9, 10, or 11. Admitted FYE students must attend one of these Orientation dates, no exceptions.
2. What if I place into transfer-level English or math—am I eligible for the FYE program?
   1. No—you must place below transfer level in BOTH English and math.
3. What is the deadline to complete the COC Application and COC Online Orientation?
   1. The COC application and online orientation should be taken on or after April 1, and should be complete in the month of April. The COC application must be complete prior to taking the English and math assessment, which is due prior to submitting the FYE application May 1 - 15.
4. Why is FYE only available to students who are placed below 100-level in English and Math?
   1. The FYE program was created to increase the persistence, retention, and success of first-time students at College of the Canyons. Research shows that our target audience—students that assess below transfer-level in English and math—are more likely to drop out of college than students that are “college ready.” By design, FYE provides support to this student population during the crucial transition from high school to college. Our program is also funded by a grant from the Basic Skills Initiative of the California Community College Chancellor’s Office.
5. If I don’t get in to FYE, are there other programs at COC that will assist me?
   1. Absolutely. Please refer to the following COC websites for information on programs and services available to our students:
      1. Student Services: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/Student%5FServices/>
      2. EOPS: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/eops/>
      3. Disabled Students: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/dsps/>
      4. Financial Aid: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/FinAid/>
      5. Counseling: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/Counseling/>
      6. Career Center: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/careercenter/>
      7. Veterans:  <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/VA/>
      8. Athletes:  <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/Athletics/pe.asp>
      9. Student Government: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/ASG/>
      10. MESA: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/mesa/>
      11. Honors Program: <http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/Honors/>
6. If I don’t get in to FYE, will I still be able to get classes for fall 2013?
   1. We will be offering more class sections this summer and fall than we have in the past several years. Our experience this year is that new students were able to register for a full schedule, if they were willing to be flexible in their class choices and location.  Given their status as new students, they have the most courses to choose from in order to meet their educational goals.
7. Should I study for the English & math assessment?
   1. Yes! Preparation prior to taking the English and math assessment can improve your level of placement, which translates into fewer English and math courses required to reach your educational goal. Please visit the COC Assessment website for information on assessment preparation: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/matric/accuplacer.asp>
8. Am I able to take summer classes at COC and still be eligible for the FYE Program?
   1. Yes. We will have a large offering of classes this summer session and encourage all our incoming students to begin their study prior to the fall semester. There are a few guidelines FYE students must be aware of:
      1. FYE students cannot take an English or math class in summer in order to make themselves eligible in transfer-level classes fall 2013. The FYE program is only open to students who will still be below transfer-level in English and math this fall.
      2. FYE students cannot take any of the three Counseling classes required for the FYE program: Counseling 111, 010, and 142.
      3. FYE students taking summer classes must make sure that their class meeting time does not conflict with their FYE Orientation date and time.
9. Where do I take the English and math assessment?
   1. The placement tests are offered on either the Valencia Campus or the Canyon Country campus. For hours and location, please visit the COC Assessment website: <http://www.canyons.edu/offices/matric/placementtesting.asp>
10. Am I eligible for the FYE program if I have already taken classes at COC while in high school?
    1. Yes. Hart District students who have taken courses at COC prior to graduating this year are eligible for the FYE program, as long as these courses are not required for the FYE program (Counseling 111, 010, 142).