

First-Year Seminar Program

The First-Year Seminar Program offers a diverse array of courses open only to first-year students and designed with first-year students in mind. Enrollment in seminars is limited to fifteen or eighteen students, depending on the nature of the course. Most seminars meet twice each week and do not, unless otherwise noted, presume any prior experience in the field.

Course descriptions for first-year seminars can be found in Yale Course Search (under Yale College Attributes). The online listings contain course titles, descriptions, and prerequisites. Course syllabi are available on Canvas@Yale.

Students apply to first-year seminars during registration. Students may only enroll in one first-year seminar per term, with a maximum of two during their first year at Yale College. Special permission is required for exceptions which must be approved by the Director of the First-Year Seminar Program. Auditing is not permitted in first-year seminars.