

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO LOUISIANA TECH!



FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE)

Began in 2007

Mission

- To support and advance efforts to improve academic and co-curricular resources into and through the first-year student's higher education experience.



FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS

- **FYE 100**
- **First-Year Academic Convocation**
- **Medallion Project**



FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE 100

Convocation to Graduation

- FYE100 Course Manual
- Glossary
- Campus Resource Directory

FYE100– 1 credit hour

- Discipline-/college-specific sections cover general Tech- and college-related information
- Undecided/exploring sections cover Tech-related and career development information
- All-Majors sections filled with students from a variety of majors



FIRST-YEAR COMPANION COURSES

- **FYE 100**

- Taken in Fall quarter of the first-year at Louisiana Tech.
- Focus on success in the first-year through connection with other students, cultural experiences, introduction to policies and procedures specific to Louisiana Tech, introduction to communication and critical thinking skills essential for success as a student and 21st century professional.

- **COMM 101**

- Taken at some point during the first-year at Louisiana Tech.
- Introduction to Communication Studies. Introduction to basic human communication including interpersonal, small group, organizational and intercultural with an additional focus on managing personal communication and understanding communication media.



CONVOCATION AND MEDALLION PROJECT



QEP STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO)

Purpose: to improve student communication and interpersonal skills through a first-year interdisciplinary experience

GOAL 1: Students will improve interpersonal skills leading to enhanced personal decision making

SLO 1a

The student will demonstrate the reduction of communication apprehension among peers

SLO 1b

The student will implement the appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication skills through small group interactions

SLO 1c

The student will list effective listening skills in interpersonal and small group interactions

GOAL 2: Students will increase their recognition of various forms of cultural diversity through teambuilding activities

SLO 2a

The student will demonstrate and describe effective collaboration skills while engaging in teambuilding activities

SLO 2b

The student will recognize and interpret social, organizational, and multicultural diversity while engaging in the University setting

GOAL 3: Students will improve their critical thinking as it relates to medial literacy and associated ethical considerations

SLO 3a

The student will critically evaluate media influences

SLO 3b

The student will analyze ethical elements projected in communication media



QUESTIONS??



