PSU FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR (PSU)

PSU 1: First-Year Seminar Abington
1 Credits
Facilitate student’s adjustment to the high expectations, demanding workload, increased academic liberties, and other aspects of the transition to college life.
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PSU 3: First-Year Seminar Altoona
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PSU 5: First-Year Seminar Berks
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PSU 6: First-Year Seminar Business
1-3 Credits
Facilitate student’s adjustment to the high expectations, demanding workload, increased academic liberties, and other aspects of the transition to college life. PSU 006 First Year Seminar in Business Administration (1-3 credits) This course is designed to assist students in examining several areas of the college transition: awareness of self and others; career exploration; majors offered in the Smeal College; and current issues in business. The skills learned in this course will be presented as life-long skills, applicable in the university setting and the corporate environment. The nature of the course requires cooperation, participation, and interaction. This course facilitates learning through experience, lectures and class discussion. The course contains assignments dealing with: 1) Leadership 2) Ethics 3) Celebrating Diversity 4) Diversity in the Workplace 5) Community Service 6) Major and Career Exploration 7) Time Management and Goal Setting 8) Business Case Study
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PSU 8: First-Year Seminar University College
1-3 Credits
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PSU 8T: First-Year Seminar University College
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PSU 12: First-Year Seminar Engineering
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PSU 14: First-Year Seminar Health and Human Development
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PSU 15: First-Year Seminar Liberal Arts
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PSU 16: First-Year Seminar Science
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