



Aspire Beyond the Classroom: *the ABC's of AUBG Freshmen*

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Common First-Year Experience at AUBG

- Obligatory for all first-year students in Fall 2015
- 1-credit course
- 12 weeks long
- *Pass/No Pass* grading



Goals

Broad Aims:

- **expand** the idea of *Liberal Arts* education
- **provide** new viewpoints on important global issues
- **stimulate** discussions
- **awaken** curiosity
- **promote** creativity
- **impart** a sense of purpose
- **engage** students in the academic community
- **promote** social responsibility

Additional Aims:

- **transition to** and **succeed at** the University
- **gain** confidence in completing individual and collaborative work
- **gain** confidence in presenting and speaking before faculty and peers
- **introduce** students to faculty members from across the disciplines
- **engage** students in reflective and critical discussions

CFYE Components

- ❖ Module lectures
- ❖ Module readings, videos, tasks
- ❖ Discussion activities
- ❖ Student-Professor Lunches
- ❖ Academic workshops

Structure

MODULE 1: Liberal Arts and YOU	MODULE 3: Liberal Arts and the PROFESSIONS
Lecture: <i>The Value of Multidisciplinary Education</i>	Lecture: <i>21st Century Innovations & Challenges</i>
Homework: Read ▪ Watch ▪ Do	Homework: Read ▪ Watch ▪ Do
Discussions: Small Group Sessions	Discussions: Small Group Sessions
MODULE 2: Liberal Arts and SOCIETY	MODULE 4: Liberal Arts and the ENVIRONMENT
Lecture: <i>Culture & Society: A Delicate Balance</i>	Lecture: <i>Future Forward: Global Sustainability</i>
Homework: Read ▪ Watch ▪ Do	Homework: Read ▪ Watch ▪ Do
Discussions: Small Group Sessions	Discussions: Small Group Sessions

Students' Assessment System

Activity Points	Orientation Week (2 sessions)	Lecture 1	Lecture 2	Lecture 3	Lecture 4	Other
Lectures/Attendance	200	200	200	200	200	
Discussion/Attendance	---	100	100	100	100	
Homeworks	100	100	100	100	100	
Workshop	---	---	---	---	---	50
Lunch w/ a Professor	---	---	---	---	---	50
Sub-Total Points:	300	400	400	400	400	100
TOTAL POINTS:	2000 POINTS					

The Library Workshops

- Academic Success Skills
- Critical Thinking Skills I
- Critical Thinking Skills II
- Website Evaluation
- Steps of the Research Process
- Types of Sources
- Ease of Database Use
- Cite-It-Right

CFYE Library Workshops on Blackboard

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10/29/2015 Academic Success Skills, Thu, Oct. 29, 16:00-17:30 (BAC 101)

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Group Properties

Group Description

Description:

Review key study/learning skills as well as reading/comprehension, working in team; time management, goal-setting and more such as note-taking, speed reading, researching, presentation skills, listening, using IT. Learn techniques to enhance your memory and become a more effective learner no matter what your learning style. This workshop will help you develop your confidence toward success.

Date/Time:

Thu, Oct. 29, 16:00-17:30 (BAC 101) Max 30 students

Sign-up: Via AUB197 course on elearn

<input type="checkbox"/>	11/24/2015 Critical Thinking Skills II, Tue, Nov. 24, 16:00-17:20 (BAC 101)	Critical Thinking Skills II	16	Yes	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	11/26/2015 Critical Thinking Skills II, Thu, Nov. 26, 10:45-12:05 (BAC 101)	Critical Thinking Skills II	16	Yes	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	12/02/2015 Critical Thinking Skills II, Wed, Dec 02, 10:45-12:05, (BAC 101)	-	12	Yes	No

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COURSE MANAGEMENT

- Control Panel
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- Course Tools
- Evaluation
- Grade Center
- Users and Groups

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Module 1 – *the Lecture*



Class Discussions



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Lunch with a Professor



Students' Activities



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Thank you! Questions?



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