

FYE

First Year Experience

Your gateway to the future... and endless possibilities

Welcome to Montgomery College! As a new student, you will face many exciting, but also challenging new opportunities in your first year of college. Take advantage of the College's *endless possibilities*—rigorous educational programs, comprehensive student services, and an array of student activities at all three campuses.

The transition to college can be a confusing and difficult process, and you may have many questions. Where is the bookstore? What courses should I take? How do I choose a major...and a career? How can I get involved and make friends? How will I juggle school, family, and work? The list goes on and on.

Our goal is to provide multiple experiences and relevant information for first year students so that they feel like they have the tools they need to succeed. We want students to feel like they really belong—and, in fact, are central—to the College community.

—Deans of Student Development at
Germantown, Rockville, Takoma Park/
Silver Spring Campuses



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Be Successful!



Find out more about
the First Year Experience

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FYE | First Year Experience at Montgomery College

First Year Experience Program Includes

1. Academic Advising and Counseling

You'll learn about academic resources and support services, how to select courses and register for classes, and how to start your education plan. Sessions may address career, personal, and transfer goals.

2. New Student Orientation (NSO)

NSO will introduce you to the college experience. You'll tour the campus, learn what to expect the first week of classes, and find out about Montgomery College resources and support services.

3. FYE Seminars

You can choose from a variety of courses that focus on college success and life skills. Some options include:

DS 107 First Year Seminar

DS 104 Seminar for International Students

4. Development of an Education Plan

With the help of a counselor you will design a dynamic roadmap that takes into account your own personal, career, and educational goals.

5. FYE Activities and Resources

You can enhance your first year at Montgomery College with a variety of activities that include mentoring, leadership training, student government, clubs, service learning, career and transfer exploration, student success workshops, and FYE student success podcasts. Find out more about these opportunities at the FYE Web site, the FYE Facebook page, and the *Student Insider's Guide*.

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- To join the FYE Facebook page, visit www.facebook.com/pages/First-Year-Experience-Program-Montgomery-College/10279254653.
- To subscribe to FYE podcasts, which are audio files that download to your iPod and provide helpful tips from other students to help make your first year a success, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/FYE/podcast1.htm.
- To tap into another key resource, contact FYE student ambassadors, who help first year students navigate through their first year by offering a peer perspective.



First Year Experience Seminars

We strongly encourage first year students at Montgomery College to take one of the following FYE seminars:

DS 107: First Year Seminar

Designed to assist students in adjusting to college, this course provides new student information such as academic and student services, study habit techniques, career and educational planning, and adjustment issues. This class is especially important for students during their initial semester of enrollment. *1 semester hour*

DS 104: Seminar for International Students

Designed for international students, this course includes all the information featured in the DS 107 First Year Seminar class. The course provides information on American customs and the educational system. The class is intended for students during their initial semester of enrollment in conjunction with American language developmental courses. *2 semester hours*

Why Should a First Year Student Take One of These Courses?

- To learn skills that will enhance college success
- To become aware of campus resources
- To forge connections with counselors, faculty, staff, and peers
- To develop an education plan
- To get college credit
- To support a positive and successful first year experience



"After participating in the FYE program, I not only gained experience that helped me familiarize myself with campus resources but also gained the confidence to get involved in various activities."

—FYE Student