Freshman Learning Communities

Please find here the "Tech Savvy First Year" story about how some FLCs are using iPads or Flip cameras in their courses. Click here for iPad/Flip camera documentation.

Want to make friends?
Want to take courses that interest you?
Want to succeed in college?
Then look into Freshman Learning Communities (FLC), an innovative and successful approach to your first semester at Georgia State University.

In 2011, and for the ninth year in a row, U.S. News & World Report listed the FLC program at Georgia State University among the "outstanding examples of academic programs that are believed to lead to student success."

In 2005, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia recognized the Freshman Learning Communities program with a "Best Practices" award for Academic Affairs.

What are Freshman Learning Communities?

- 25 students enrolled together in the same courses
- 5 courses centered around an academic theme
- Introduction to the university and its resources
- 4 core curriculum courses that fulfill degree requirements

Why should you consider an FLC?

- Smooth transition from high school to university life and culture
- Immediate connection to other students, faculty, campus and Atlanta communities
- Higher success rates in GPA, retention and time it takes to graduate
- Wide variety of academic themes to choose from

Freshman Learning Communities (FLC) offer first-year students an opportunity to connect with Georgia State University and each other during the fall semester. The program started in 1999 with 11 learning communities and has grown to include communities for each of the University's college and all student majors.

FLCs link clusters of courses, usually four or five, from the Core Curriculum with GSU 1010, an orientation course that provides students with essential information about the academic demands of the university, its rules, resources, and academic, social, and personal "survival skills" that contribute to academic success.