



WHO WE ARE

All Notre Dame students enroll in the First Year of Studies their freshman year. Throughout the year students complete the First Year Curriculum, including the Moreau First Year Experience. Our full-time advising faculty provide support for our students as they complete the First Year Curriculum and make the challenging transition to college life.

The role of First Year of Studies is to provide the newest members of our Notre Dame family with the opportunity to *become thoroughly informed about the University and the many educational options we provide before they make a very important decision—what their future college and major will be.*

FIRST YEAR CURRICULUM

The First Year Curriculum contains a subset of the University Requirements that must be completed in the first year at Notre Dame. This ensures students are on track to complete their degree within four years of entering the University.

- 1 University Seminar
- 1 Writing and Rhetoric course
- 2 semesters of mathematics
- 2 semesters of a science* or foreign language
- 1 additional University Requirement
- 2 program requirements or electives
- 2 semesters of Moreau First Year Experience

CORE UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

- Writing and Rhetoric: 1 course
- Mathematics: 2 courses
- Natural Science: 2 courses
- History: 1 course*
- Social Science: 1 course*
- Theology: 2 courses*
- Philosophy: 2 courses*
- Fine Arts or Literature: 1 course*
- Moreau First Year Experience: 2 courses

*One of these requirements must be a University seminar.

The First Year of Studies processes advanced credit and/or placement by examination. Please consult fys.nd.edu for detailed information.

ENROLLMENT

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Undergraduate Students

DISTINGUISHING FACTORS

- First Year of Studies students have access to abundant resources including the Writing Center, the Learning Resource Center, and the First Year Librarian—all provide assistance tailored to first-year students.
- Hugh Page, Dean of the First Year of Studies, has created a set of “must-do” activities called The Dean’s A-List to inspire students to find their unique calling at Notre Dame.
- Students get to know the local community by taking the First Year Urban Challenge. Teams of 2-3 students complete five suggested activities around South Bend in one of five categories: Arts and Culture, Service, History and Future Development, Local Economy, and Recreation.
- First Year of Studies hosts programs like Den Dialogues and Faculty Fireside Talks, giving Notre Dame students the opportunity to interact with the community and faculty in a lively exchange of ideas.
- The Moreau First Year Experience is a one credit, two-course sequence designed to integrate the academic, co-curricular, and residential experiences of new students. The course is organized around multiple foci including: *orientation to university life, health and wellness, community standards and cultural competence, academic success, spiritual life, and discernment.*

