

Attachment #2

**Proposed Revision to FYI Guidelines (Revised 7/25/07; Reviewed and approved by the FYE Steering Committee 9/7/07 and GERC 9/13/07)**

**1. Encourage incoming students to take a First Year Inquiry (FYI) course which will count as part of a Connections and Exploration block.**

FYI is a component of General Education specifically designed for first semester freshmen and offered in a seminar format, typically linked to a foundations course (either ENGL 110 or COMM 100) as part of a living/learning community. Students will choose from several varieties of FYI courses offered each semester. A major function of these FYI courses is to introduce a process of critical inquiry applied to important social, cultural, scientific, technological, and/or aesthetic problems. Each FYI course will introduce multiple perspectives related to the understanding and resolution of these problems. A second function of these FYI courses is to support students' transition into the college experience academically, socially, and personally. Each FYI course topic will be approved according to guidelines specified in University Governance and Policies and will meet the general requirements specified in the generic UNIV 103 Course Shell.

Specifically, each FYI course involves 3 credit hours at the 100 level and:

- a) encourages students to consider multiple perspectives in advancing their understanding of the importance of social, cultural, scientific, technological, and/or aesthetic problems.
- b) introduces and supports (i) the development of critical inquiry skills and (ii) the exchange of ideas in a seminar format.
- c) supports the students' successful transition into college life by fostering connections between and among students, teachers, and the college community.
- d) provides intellectual richness through its assignments and assessments.
- e) strengthens students' information literacy.
- f) has a meaningful written and oral component, but may not carry a W label.
- g) fosters an appreciation of the importance of civic engagement and promotes participation in service learning activities.
- h) promotes an understanding and appreciation of the liberal arts tradition and the General Education program at Millersville.