What is FYE?
The First Year Experience (FYE) is a required General Education Foundational course that provides students with the skills and knowledge to grow and thrive at WCU. FYE courses are dynamic and engaging because they are developed by teams of faculty from across the University. FYE students learn about core academic concepts and skills, as well as about disciplinary trends and research.

What are the FYE Student Learning Outcomes? (Read more here)
1. An overview of the Liberal Arts tradition
2. An overview of the structure of Gen Ed
3. An introduction to the e-portfolio and its use across the undergraduate degree
4. An overview of Research in the Science of Learning
5. An overview and discussions about University Policies, Ethics, Student Life
6. An Experiential Learning project (either research or service learning)

What are the FYE Disciplinary Teams/Areas?
• Arts
• Business
• Culture & Communication
• Education
• Exploratory
• Health
• Humanities
• Social Science
• STEM

What is the Class Format?
• All First Year Students
• Based on Major/Disciplinary Interest
• Success & Skills
• Team Taught (typically 4 faculty)
• Large sections & Breakout Sections
• Large section = 150 students
• Breakout section = 35 students
• Modality ranges from 0-50% online

Where can I learn more about what is taught in FYE?
Check out some of the syllabi (separate tile) that integrate the success-building FYE SLOs, disciplinary goals, distance education pedagogy, and each team's individual flair.

How can I get involved in teaching FYE?
If you are interested in setting our first-year students up for success by teaching FYE, talk to your Dean and contact Shannon Mrkich, Director of FYE.

What do the students and faculty think about FYE?
Below are just some of the results from recent faculty and student surveys of the FYE experience
Students Agree that taking the FYE @ WCU class made them feel...

- My work has Value: 91%
- I can be Successful: 94%
- I belong at WCU: 85%
- I have grown personally: 66%

FYE @ WCU TAUGHT ME ABOUT...

FYE Students understand core learning goals that build a foundation for academic, community, and personal success.

- LIBERAL ARTS: 97%
- GENERAL EDUCATION: 99%
- ePORTFOLIO: 86%
- SCIENCE of LEARNING: 96%
- UNIVERSITY POLICIES: 98%
- STUDENT LIFE: 95%
- RESEARCH LEARNING: 94%

Faculty said Participating in FYE gave me...

- Positive perceptions of team teaching: 79%
- Greater understanding of campus resources: 93%
- Positive perceptions of campus community: 93%
- Increased professional satisfaction: 63%
- Stronger overall teaching skills: 78%

First Year Experience
West Chester University

Total FYE Students: 2,815
Total FYE Faculty: 70
Disciplinary/Large Sections: 19
Breakout Sections: 80

Faculty Survey
I was able to aid students in achieving Student Learning Outcomes