Freshman Learning Community

The Freshman Learning Community (FLC) at Sam Houston State University gives freshmen a unique opportunity to become more familiar with the necessary academic and social skills to be successful. FLC students share a dynamic undergraduate experience that will prove invaluable in the workplace or graduate work.

The FLC cohorts are non-residential learning communities. The FLC differs from the Bearkat Learning Community (BLC) in that the BLC has a residential (living) component, and the FLC does not. Students in the FLC take a structured, two-semester sequence of three common courses among their other courses. There will be six FLC cohorts in 2007-2008: Agriculture & Industrial Technology, BioMath, Business, Career Development, Criminal Justice, Education, and SAM. Each cohort will be capped at 25 students.

Benefits of learning communities include meeting a group of friends quickly, having opportunities to establish strong study groups, sharing connected educational experiences, enhancing leadership skills by working collaboratively, and feeling empowered through being part of decision-making while achieving your educational and social goals.

Agriculture & Industrial Technology Cohort

(for incoming freshmen interested in a career in agricultural sciences or industrial technology)

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<td>SAM 136W.70 – Introduction to Collegiate Studies</td>
<td>6780</td>
<td>TTh 5-6:20</td>
<td>POL 261 - Principles of American Government – National &amp; State</td>
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<td>AGR 164.70 – Principles of Agricultural Economics</td>
<td>7288</td>
<td>MW 7:30-8:50</td>
<td>AGR 165 – Plant Science</td>
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<td>IT 139.70 – Introduction to Computer-Aided Design Lecture &amp; Lab</td>
<td>7298 &amp; MW 8-8:50 &amp; F</td>
<td>IT 161 – Engineering Graphics</td>
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<td>HIS 163.70 – US History to 1876</td>
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<td>8-8:50</td>
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<td>7293</td>
<td>MWF 11-11:50</td>
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BioMath Cohort

(for incoming freshmen majoring in Biology or majoring in Mathematics with a Biology minor)

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<td>MW 10-10:50</td>
<td>MTH 143 – Calculus II</td>
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<td>TTh 9:30-10.50</td>
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<td>BIO 161.70 – General Botany</td>
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<td>BIO 111.70 – General Botany Lab</td>
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Business Cohort

(for incoming freshmen interested in majoring in business)

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<td>SAM 136W.77 – Introduction to Collegiate Studies</td>
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<td>TTh 3:30-4:50</td>
<td>GBA 180 – Electronic Communications Techniques</td>
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<td>ENG 164W.71 – Composition I</td>
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<td>MWF 10-10:50</td>
<td>ENG 165W – Composition II</td>
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Career Development Cohort
(for incoming freshmen interested in exploring majors and career options)

**Fall Common Courses**
- **SAM 136W.76** – Introduction to Collegiate Studies
  - CID: 6774
  - Class Time: MWF 12-12:50
- **HIS 163.70** – US History to 1876
  - CID: 7293
  - Class Time: MWF 11-11:50
- **ENG 164W.71** – Composition I
  - CID: 7410
  - Class Time: MWF 10-10:50

**Spring Common Courses**
- **POL 261** – Principles of American Government – National & State
- **HIS 164** – US History since 1876
- **ENG 165W** – Composition II

**Criminal Justice Cohort**
(for incoming freshmen interested in majoring in criminal justice)

**Fall Common Courses**
- **SAM 136W.74** – Introduction to Collegiate Studies
  - CID: 6866
  - Class Time: TTh 12:30-1:50
- **CJ 261W.70** – Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
  - CID: 7291
  - Class Time: MWF 8-8:50
- **HIS 163.70** – US History to 1876
  - CID: 7293
  - Class Time: MWF 11-11:50

**Spring Common Courses**
- **MUS 264** – History of Rock, Jazz, & Popular Music
- **CJ 262W** – Criminology
- **HIS 164** – US History since 1876

**Education Cohort**
(for incoming freshmen interested in a career in teaching)

**Fall Common Courses**
- **SAM 136W.73** – Introduction to Collegiate Studies
  - CID: 6862
  - Class Time: TTh 9:30-10:50
- **HIS 163.70** – US History to 1876
  - CID: 7293
  - Class Time: MWF 11-11:50
- **ENG 164W.70** – Composition I
  - CID: 7292
  - Class Time: MWF 10-10:50

**Spring Common Courses**
- **CS 138** – Multimedia & Network Computing
- **HIS 164** – US History since 1876
- **ENG 165W** – Composition II

**Success and Math (SAM) Cohort**
(for incoming freshmen interested in succeeding in basic mathematics)

**Fall Common Courses**
- **SAM 136W.75** – Introduction to Collegiate Studies
  - CID: 7297
  - Class Time: TTh 2-3:20
- **MTH 032.70** – Developmental Mathematics II
  - CID: 7294
  - Class Time: MWF 9-9:50
- **MUS 161.70** – Introduction to Study of Music
  - CID: 7296
  - Class Time: TTh 9:30-10:50

**Spring Common Courses**
- **CS 133** – Introduction to Computers
- **MTH 164** – College Mathematics
- **POL 261** – Principles of American Government – National & State

If you are interested in applying to be in one of the FLC cohorts, please complete the following application and agreement.

[Application and Agreement](MS Word)
[Application and Agreement](PDF - need Adobe Acrobat)

For more information, contact the First-Year Experience.