

COLLEGE LIFE 101
Fall 2008 (.5 Credit)
Miller 20

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Course Description:

College Life 101 is a First-Year Experience-based course designed to introduce students to the liberal arts, assist students in developing the skills necessary for the academic experience at Cedar Crest College, develop students' critical thinking abilities, and help students adjust to the academic and social life at Cedar Crest College. The course is taught by a team of dedicated individuals that includes a faculty member, an administrator and an upper-class Orientation Assistant. This 0.5-credit course meets once a week for seven weeks during the fall semester. Each week students will meet with their faculty advisors at a predetermined campus event. Event times and locations will vary with each College Life section.

Grading Scale Part 1:

Attendance / Participation: 100%

Assessment:

Attending 7 events = A
Attending 6 events = B
Attending 5 events = C
Less than 5 events = F

Course Objectives:

SPS 120: College Life is designed to meet the following educational outcomes:

Students will demonstrate knowledge of College academic policies and procedures.
Students will demonstrate knowledge of the role of the academic advisor.
Students will demonstrate knowledge of campus life opportunities and expectations.

In order to attain these outcomes, SPS 120 has the following course objectives:

Understanding College policies is a crucial component of your academic experience. Your advisor, College Life staff leader, and College Life student leader will assist you in discovering the policies and procedures of the College.

Your advisor serves as a source of information throughout your academic career. In College Life, your advisor will help you understand his or her role in your education.

The college experience is multifaceted and each student adapts differently. Shared experiences with your advisor, College Life staff leader, and College Life student leader will assist you in making this transition.

SPS 120 meets its educational outcomes through the following forms of assessment:

Students will demonstrate knowledge of College policies and procedures through class discussion and adherence to policies.

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the role of the advisor through appropriate contact with their academic advisor.

Students will demonstrate involvement in campus life at Cedar Crest College through participation in various experiences in and around campus.

Class Policies:

If you have a disability that you would like to have documented in compliance with the ADA, please see the Disabilities Coordinator in Academic Services x4462. I fully support the Cedar Crest College Honor Code and the Classroom Protocol code as stated in the Customs Book.

Semester Schedule

Week 1: Wednesday 8/27 ** 5:00 (mandatory)
Meet at Activities Fair on TCC terrace

Week 2:

Tuesday 9/2, 7:00 Technology Workshop: What's In It for Me? Curtis 104

Learn about the online resources that are available to Cedar Crest Students, as well as the technology resources you'll be required to use as a student here at the Crest. Workshop is free, but registration is required. Email ITwkshp@cedarcrest.edu with the name and date of the workshop you wish to attend.

Alternate: Wednesday 9/3, 7:00 Volleyball Match against Kings College in Lees Gym

Week 3: Thursday, 9/11 ** 11:00 (mandatory)

LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT AMBAR, Nutrition Kitchen (MIL 16)

Week 4:

Wednesday 9/17, 6:00 Attend Student Government Association (SGA) meeting in the 1867 room.

ALTERNATE: Monday 9/15, 5:00 TCC Ali LaRock, "Bittersweet" Artist Talk and Reception

Week 5:

Thursday 9/25, 11:00 Science Panel_(Science 136)

*learn about science clubs, majors, internships, and post-graduation plans from upperclass science students

ALTERNATE: Thursday 9/25, 11:00 Tour of Lees exercise room

Week 6: Thursday 10/2 **11-11:50 am (mandatory), Miller 20 computer lab

Preparing for Registration

*curriculum

*appropriate courses for next semester

*mycedarcrest

* how-to use the course catalog

* register for next 7-week module

Week 7:

Thursday 10/19, 11:00 meet at the President's Garden

*Campus Lore

ALTERNATE: Thursday 10/9, 11:00, Freshmen and Finances