WHAT ARE FIGS?
First-year Interest Group Seminars (FIGS) are one-credit, ten-week courses taught by talented and informed upper-class Peer Instructors during the fall semester. Taking a FIGS course will allow you to explore an exciting area of study with a small group of peers and examine the opportunities available at Rutgers and beyond. Since our courses are taught by experienced upper-class students, you will gain valuable advice on how to navigate college life from someone who was once in your shoes. In your FIGS, you will discover the basics of academic, research, and co-curricular involvement; connect with faculty in your interest area; identify educational tracks and career options; and learn the ins and outs of Rutgers resources.

CHOOSING A FIGS
Because FIGS courses are popular, we recommend ranking several FIGS classes that interest you. In addition to alphabetical course descriptions, you will find course topics grouped thematically below. Please note that some courses address multiple interest areas(*).

**Arts, Communications, and Entertainment**
- American Studies & Pop Culture
- Art History
- Asian American Studies
- Communication
- Creative Writing
- English Literature
- Information Technology & Informatics*
- Journalism
- Linguistics & Speech and Hearing Sciences*
- Linguistics & World Languages*
- Music
- Philosophy*
- Theater

**Education and Public & Human Services**
- Africana Studies
- Community Activism & Civic Engagement
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Geography & Global Studies*
- Government & Public Policy
- History
- Law & Leadership
- Linguistics & World Languages *
- Philosophy*
- Political Science
- Psychology*
- Public Health*
- Social Work
- Women’s & Gender Studies

**Life Sciences and Health**
- Careers in the Sciences*
- Chemistry*
- Cognitive Science*
- Dental Professions
- Exercise Science – Kinesiology & Health
- Genetics & Genetic Counseling
- Health & Medicine
- Linguistics & Speech and Hearing Sciences*
- Nutrition*
- Psychology*
- Public Health*

**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math**
- Careers in the Sciences*
- Chemistry*
- Cognitive Science*
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Geography & Global Studies*
- Mathematics*
- Physics & Astrophysics
- Statistics & Data Analysis*

**Food & Agriculture and Environmental & Natural Resources**
- Animal Science
- Careers in the Sciences*
- Chemistry*
- Ecology, Evolution, & Natural Resources
- Environmental Policy & Awareness
- Geography & Global Studies*
- Nutrition*
- Plant & Agricultural Science
- Science of the Environment
AFRICANA STUDIES
Are you interested in learning more about the African American Experience in the United States, Africa and abroad? Do you want to discuss the importance of social movements like #BlackLivesMatter or learn about how Rutgers University was involved in the fall of apartheid in South Africa? Regardless of your specific major or career interests, these are important questions that impact us all. This course will focus on debunking myths regarding African Americans, the African continent and the African diaspora as well as introducing you to the beauty and intriguing nature of Africana Studies and its importance today. Along the way, you’ll gain valuable knowledge as well as an introduction to the skills and Rutgers resources necessary to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

AMERICAN STUDIES & POP CULTURE
Do you enjoy studying American history? Are you also interested in pop culture and cultural history? Have you ever thought about why pop culture is so widely discussed? If so, then join us as we discuss a wide range of topics on how pop culture affects our everyday lives. Filled with intriguing music, film, and texts, this course will be a great introduction to the field of American Studies. Also, this seminar will explore the many academic resources and involvement opportunities that Rutgers has to offer. If you are interested in culture, then Exploring American Studies and Pop Culture is for you.

ANIMAL SCIENCE
Do you love working with animals? Come and explore academic paths and career opportunities within the field of Animal Science. This FİGS will focus on degree programs directly related to the tending, care, and supervision of animals. Learn more about opportunities for co-curricular involvement and research at Rutgers, meet faculty working in the field, and discover specialization areas.

ART HISTORY
Are you interested in art and architecture? Have you ever wondered why people make art and what it means? Would you like to know what it takes to be an art historian or work in an art museum? If so, join us as we explore the study of art and the field of Art History. In this FIGS, you will be introduced to important artists and architects, meet faculty from the Art History department, go to the Zimmerli Museum, and learn about a variety of resources available to Rutgers students. If you’re interested in art and want to share that curiosity with others, then this is the course for you.

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES
This FIGS will introduce students to the diversity of Asian American peoples and cultures in the United States and inspire a better understanding of one of our country’s most vibrant sub-populations. Looking at examples such as cinematic and literary works, the course will discuss topics such as history, stereotypes of the “Model Minority” and the “Perpetual Foreigner,” language, society, and popular culture. Throughout this FIGS, students will meet faculty and staff members affiliated with the Asian American Studies Initiative and Global Asias Initiative; explore relevant study abroad, academic, and involvement opportunities; and network with peers who are also interested in Asian American culture.

BUSINESS
Would you like to learn about the business world and explore the current issues, trends, and practices shaping the future of domestic and international business? This FIGS will introduce you to various undergraduate plans of study for business and liberal arts majors as well as the Rutgers Business School and business-related graduate programs. Additionally, you will discover the vast array of relevant academic resources and co-curricular involvement opportunities while also hearing from faculty and business majors who will provide valuable insight and advice on current hot topics in business.
CAREERS IN THE SCIENCES
Are you passionate about science? This seminar will explore the variety of majors, minors, and career paths available to students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields. Find out about emerging issues, discover prospects for research and involvement in science-related opportunities at Rutgers, and learn how to be a successful student in STEM. Students will also connect with student leaders and faculty in the sciences and learn about the process of applying to graduate programs and medical schools. This FIGS will help you determine which science path is best for you.

CHEMISTRY
Are you interested in the many applications of chemistry, like the development of new materials, beneficial drugs, or innovative technologies? Are you intrigued by scientific theories or wanting to learn more about the commercial application of chemical laboratory research? This seminar will expose you to a wide range of professional and academic career paths for those interested in chemistry—from graduate school to law school to medical school—and will provide opportunities for you to network with faculty and upper-class students in the field. You will also discover the numerous resources Rutgers has to offer to aid students in a successful college journey. Join this class and bring the periodic table to life!

COGNITIVE SCIENCE
What does it mean to have a mind or a sense of consciousness? Could Alexa or Siri ever think and feel like a human? How does our brain make sense of the world around us? Cognitive Science is a cutting edge field of research that explores all these questions and more. Rutgers offers you the chance to combine your passion for neuroscience, philosophy, computer science, linguistics, psychology, and/or behavioral economics into this exciting new major. In this course, we’ll explore what it means to study Cognitive Science, the wide range of career options the major provides, and how to take advantage of the incredible resources and opportunities Rutgers has to offer.

COMMUNICATION
Learn about this exciting field through the exploration of interpersonal, mediated, and organizational communication. Students will be introduced to current topics within the study of communication such as the function of public relations, advertising, and reputation management to the outsized influence of the media and popular culture, and will see how this discipline impacts their everyday lives. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about related co-curricular resources available at Rutgers while discovering the limitless applications of the field of communication.

COMMUNITY ACTIVISM & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
This course will introduce students to different types of civic engagement—such as advocacy, rallying, and political campaigning—and will demonstrate how these practices have been used historically to promote social change. Students will learn to think analytically about how various forms of activism are used to solve different social issues while being introduced to social justice opportunities on- and off-campus, relevant academic disciplines, and exciting career possibilities.

COMPUTER SCIENCE
Have you ever thought about pursuing a career in computer science? If so, this course will introduce you to the field’s diverse academic and career opportunities while explaining its connection to other relevant disciplines such as math, computer engineering, and economics. The class will explore facets of computer science such as software development and hardware innovation, look at faculty research and emergent technologies, and help students learn more about academic resources, internships, and other job-related resources offered at Rutgers.
CREATIVE WRITING
Do you have a passion for creative writing? Would you like to make writing a part of your undergraduate experience? In this seminar, you will study the craft of story building and developing a narrative voice and discuss ways to incorporate your interest in writing into your academic life. You will also learn about writing-related programs and workshops at Rutgers, examine relevant major and minor options, explore internship opportunities and job market resources, and discover how the Rutgers community can be an engaging place to foster your creativity.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Are you thinking about a career in criminal law, counseling, or law enforcement? Do you want to know more about working within the court system, correctional facilities, or even the FBI? A degree in Criminal Justice will satisfy a variety of interests and provide you with a strong foundation for academic and professional success. This seminar will explore the connections between criminal justice and social issues such as race, class, violence, and discrimination. This course will also offer the opportunity to explore relevant academic and co-curricular resources to make your criminal justice journey at Rutgers a success.

DENTAL PROFESSIONS
Are you interested in dentistry as a possible career? Do you know what it takes to be a successful dentist? This FIGS will introduce you to topics such as new dental technologies and procedures, dentists’ involvement in both local and global health efforts, and the many options and specialties available to dental students. If you would like to learn more about the dental field and understand its relation to other medical disciplines while gaining valuable insight on how to navigate Rutgers resources, come and explore the field of dentistry.

ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, & NATURAL RESOURCES
What exactly is ecology, and why is it important? If you are interested in the life sciences—from animal science to marine biology, environmental science to zoology—but do not know how to pursue all of these fields at once, you should consider the field of ecology. This FIGS will focus on topics such as the evolutionary origins and maintenance of biodiversity, the conservation, and restoration of native ecosystems, and the management of natural resources within rural and urban environments. You will discover relevant academic and co-curricular resources, while also interacting with faculty from the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources and exploring a variety of exciting careers in this dynamic, growing field.

ECONOMICS
Are you interested in working on Wall Street, consulting for the government, or applying the study of economics to another industry? In this FIGS, you will explore the diverse field of economics and discover how it intersects with fields such as politics, psychology, public policy, health, and finance. Basic economic concepts like resource allocation, individual decision-making, and global trends will be discussed as you get a taste of the powerful analytical tools and skills developed in economics. We’ll also examine the flexible academic and career paths and the wide array of opportunities available for economics majors, such as research, extracurricular activities, various certificates in Economics, internships, and more!

EDUCATION
Are you passionate about changing the lives of tomorrow’s youth? What about a career in K-12 teaching? Educators today have immense influence, yet face a wide range of issues in our ever-changing society. This course is designed to introduce you to teaching in the United States educational system. Discover your options through the perspective of an upper-class student pursuing a career in education and find out more about becoming a certified K-12 teacher in New Jersey. You will also examine the relevant academic resources and involvement opportunities Rutgers has to offer for a successful college career.
ENGINEERING
Are you interested in math and science? Would you like to develop your problem-solving skills? Do you enjoy building things and, on occasion, tearing them down as well? If so, then this is the FIGS for you! This course will introduce you to the many Engineering majors, and minors offered at Rutgers as well as the STEM-related career paths available to those who pursue a degree in this dynamic field. Throughout this seminar, we will discuss cutting-edge issues and advancements in Engineering, connect with research opportunities and learn about other avenues for involvement. Join us as we lay the foundation for future success.

ENGLISH LITERATURE
Do you love to read? Would you like to channel your literary creativity? Are you wondering how to get the most out of your interest in English literature? In this FIGS, you will study short works of historical and contemporary literature and discuss significant authors and important literary movements. You will meet faculty from the English department, explore a wide range of curricular offerings and extracurricular resources available to Rutgers students, and learn more about the exciting internship and job opportunities available to English majors.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & AWARENESS
Are you interested in improving and protecting our environment? This course will provide information about what you can do to be a global citizen and an ethical consumer. Topics covered may include fair trade, locally sourced goods, sustainable initiatives, and environmental policies. You will also learn about relevant academic resources, co-curricular involvement opportunities, exciting career possibilities, and meet faculty specializing in environmental awareness. Learn what you can do to keep our planet safe and secure, both as a Rutgers student and as a future professional.

EXERCISE SCIENCE – KINESIOLOGY & HEALTH
Are you interested in exploring a future in the field of Exercise Science? If so, then this is the FIGS for you! Learn more about this multi-disciplinary field; examine the links between physical activity and health, science and medicine; consider career options such as physical and occupational therapy, medicine and athletic training; and meet faculty from the Department of Kinesiology and Health. Along the way, you’ll gain valuable knowledge as well as an introduction to the skills and Rutgers resources necessary to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

GENETICS & GENETIC COUNSELING
How do genes determine disease risk? What are the ethical considerations of stem cell research? Are you interested in learning about CRISPR? Genetics is at the forefront of finding solutions to fundamental human issues in health, technology, and more. Whether you want to become a genetic counselor, write code to help process biological data, or study the evolution of animals, Genetics serves as a valuable foundation. This course will help you take advantage of academic, research, and co-curricular opportunities as you build a network of other students and faculty in the field of Genetics.

GEOGRAPHY & GLOBAL STUDIES
Are you interested in developing your understanding of Planet Earth? Have you ever wondered how geography impacts culture, economics, and the connections humans have to the environment? In this FIGS, you will learn more about our globalized world as you explore both natural and human-altered systems. We will explore the vast dimensions of geography from urban planning to threats to biodiversity, and by the end of the course, you will have a newfound appreciation for the “science of where.” You will also be introduced to research opportunities and career options available for geography majors. Come network with other students and faculty and find out how Rutgers resources can help you have a successful future as a global citizen.
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY
Interested in practical applications of public policy, governmental theory, political science, sociology and economics? This FIGS explores using policy analysis, quantitative methods, sociological analysis, public finance, politics, and government studies to create concrete solutions to real-world problems. Throughout the course, you will dive into the theory and evidence of specific policy issues such as healthcare, education, and other current policy concerns. You will interact with faculty, learn about academic and co-curricular resources for these fields, and discover options for graduate studies and rewarding career paths.

HEALTH & MEDICINE
Have you thought about going to medical school or becoming a healthcare professional? Are you intrigued by scientific research? During this class, you will discuss current issues in healthcare, network with fellow students and Rutgers faculty, look at the medical and graduate school application process, and learn about the many undergraduate plans of study for those interested in medical careers. Also, you will discover the basics of academic, research, and co-curricular involvement that will pave your path for a successful college experience at Rutgers.

HISTORY
How is history relevant to our everyday lives? Can we learn from the past? In this FIGS, we will study both primary and secondary sources and discuss the methodologies that historians use to examine and understand historical events. History will come alive as we learn more about the exciting courses offered in the department, meet a faculty member and talented upper-class students, gain insight on navigating relevant opportunities for research and involvement at Rutgers and discover the many career paths available to those who pursue a degree in History.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & INFORMATICS
Are you passionate about technology and looking to use your skills to change the world? Not only will this course cover the latest and greatest in all things tech, but it will also foster creative thinking in the modern technological era. In this course, you will gain valuable skills in learning how to utilize a combination of emerging technologies to creatively solve major current issues. Also, you will learn about the plethora of academic resources, exciting on-campus activities, internships, and job opportunities in a leading and rapidly growing field.

JOURNALISM
Are you interested in the dissemination of news and information? Whether in print, radio, television, Internet, or Podcasts, journalists serve a critical function in media every day. In this course, we will discuss topics such as how to critically evaluate information, important writing and presentation skills, and the practical experiences and professional activities that will help you thrive in the rapidly changing field of journalism. You will learn about the departments and academic resources at Rutgers related to journalism and receive an introduction to the many on-campus publications and relevant involvement opportunities available to Rutgers students.

LAW & LEADERSHIP
Are you a budding legal ace? Do you want to engage in civic leadership? This course will examine a wide range of legislative and judicial issues that have shaped our nation and our world and will introduce you to the political and legal spheres. You will also learn more about different career and educational paths, including law school, pursuing a Ph.D., and other possible vocations. We’ll introduce you to the tools and information necessary to become leaders in the Rutgers community and the greater world of law and politics.
LINGUISTICS & SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES
What do typical language and communication look like, and what happens when things go wrong? How do we diagnose and treat communication disorders? What is the range of cognitive and communication disorders, and what do they say about the relationship between language and cognition? In this FIGS, you will learn about the important connection between the fields of Linguistics and the Speech and Hearing Sciences. You will see how an understanding of linguistic phenomena and the physical and cognitive mechanisms that make communication possible can prepare you to be a skilled researcher, clinician, pathologist, or audiologist—and there are resources available to you right here at Rutgers that help make these various career paths possible!

LINGUISTICS & WORLD LANGUAGES
Are you interested in how children acquire language and how people attain varying degrees of mastery of different languages as first or second language learners? Do you know what linguists do? In this FIGS, you will explore something every human knows something about: language! You will come to appreciate the role of language in our global society and culture, what it means to study language scientifically, and how language helps define who we are as humans. You will also become aware of the wide variety of linguistics- and language-related resources and opportunities right here at Rutgers. This course will provide you with insight into the career options available to graduates with linguistic and language expertise, and the real-world applications of this knowledge in an increasingly multilingual world.

MATHEMATICS
Do you enjoy solving complex math problems? Do you see yourself working with numbers for a living? As one of the most uniquely versatile academic subjects, mathematics serves as the logical “common denominator” behind various disciplines including (but not limited to) computer science, education, engineering, and physics. This FIGS will introduce you to different courses of study, numerous academic resources, and involvement opportunities while helping you to integrate your mathematical passion into your Rutgers experience. Meet fellow students interested in this field, network with faculty, and learn about the many career paths available to those who pursue a degree in mathematics. Join us, and we’ll prove it to you!

MUSIC
From Paleolithic bone flutes to Spotify and Pandora, music remains a timeless, universal language. In this FIGS, we will dive into the origins of different musical genres and explore how music remains prevalent in a variety of art forms and professional career paths. Discover the music-related academic tracks that Rutgers offers; learn about out-of-class opportunities to experience, appreciate, and perform music; and discuss the career opportunities available to students interested in the musical arts. Also, you will also meet a faculty member and learn about the resources and opportunities Rutgers offers. If you love music, then this is the course for you!

NUTRITION
Are you eating healthy meals? Have you ever given any thought to the labels found on food packages? Do you know what it means to maintain a “balanced” diet? In this course, you will discuss some of the current issues and advancements in nutrition and explore both the different options within the nutrition major as well as career paths the field of nutrition offers. You will also discover relevant academic, research, and co-curricular opportunities at Rutgers and meet faculty from the Department of Nutritional Sciences.
PHILOSOPHY
Who are you? What gives your life purpose and meaning? Why do you do the things you do? Join this seminar as we explore such questions and engage in philosophical speculation and debate. Throughout the course, you will learn how to analyze major issues, strengthen arguments, and prove points. This FIGS will expose you to different philosophical fields and to the opportunities and academic resources that exist at Rutgers to pursue an academic and career path related to philosophy. If you like to think about thinking, then enroll in this seminar and learn more about the field, network with upper-class philosophy students, and get to know faculty from the Department of Philosophy.

PHYSICS & ASTROPHYSICS
Physics can be used to describe everything in the world around us, from fundamental natural phenomena to the processes that make even the most complex technologies work. This FIGS will explore the diverse array of subfields within physics, ranging from astrophysics to particle physics and all the scales in between. We will discuss modern advancements within the fields, how these advancements impact our daily lives and the variety of opportunities and resources open to those who study Physics at Rutgers. Join us and embark on the exciting journey of becoming a physicist!

PLANT & AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE
Have you ever wondered why New Jersey is called the “Garden State”? Why does Rutgers have a tomato named after it? Discover the answers to such questions in this FIGS course and explore the important role plants play in society and the environment. Topics covered may include New Jersey agriculture, organic farming, GMOs, urban horticulture, and plant biotechnology (to name just a few). You will learn about the many research, involvement and career opportunities available in the “fields” of agriculture and plant science—pun intended!—and will get to know students and professors from the Plant Biology department.

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Do you know how politicians are elected or how legislation is passed? Have you ever wondered why countries get involved in some international conflicts but not in others? Are you interested in national politics and world affairs? Students enrolled in this FIGS will explore the various subfields of the Political Science major—including American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, and public law—and will learn about involvement opportunities and professional career paths in both the public and private sectors. Discover the numerous resources Rutgers has to offer for a successful college career and meet like-minded peers and faculty from the Department of Political Science.

PSYCHOLOGY
Do you often wonder why people do the things they do? Or what drives human behavior? In this FIGS you will learn about psychological theories, subfields within psychology, current psychosocial trends, and the everyday applications of psychology. You will discover the broad array of internships and career paths available to students interested in psychology, while also learning about relevant research and co-curricular involvement opportunities available to Rutgers students.

PUBLIC HEALTH
Public health affects every aspect of our daily lives. From the food and water we consume to the air we breathe, our knowledge of public health can enhance the lives of people dramatically. This FIGS course will explore public health from an interdisciplinary perspective so that you can understand its role in human behavior, environmental policy, professional research, humanitarian interventions, and much more. You will examine health statuses among different populations and be introduced to a wide variety of career opportunities, co-curricular involvements and Rutgers resources relevant to the field of public health.
SCIENCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT
Are you interested in studying the earth’s environment and protecting its natural resources? This FIGS will demonstrate how science education can prepare you to address concerns related to climate change, resource management, and human and ecosystem health. Learn more about environmental problems and their solutions through the lens of the biological, chemical, and physical sciences. If environmental science, geology, marine science, or ecology sound like interesting majors, this FIGS will help you envision which academic path best complements your specific interests and future career goals, while also exploring the relevant Rutgers resources and co-curricular opportunities to help you be successful.

SOCIAL WORK
Do you enjoy helping others? Are you interested in how to best use your helping skills? This course will explore different models and approaches to social work and social welfare as well as academic options and involvement opportunities here at Rutgers. You will learn how to take the skills you already have—gleaned from life, school, and work experiences (to name a few)—and to direct these skills to the profession of social work. Possible course topics include the history of social work and its place in contemporary society, the career paths available to students interested in the field, and the impact that social workers have on the world at large.

STATISTICS & DATA ANALYSIS
Are you interested in using numbers to tell a story? Do you like applying math to the real world? If so, join us as we jump into the versatile world of statistics. In this course, you will gain the necessary analytical perspective to apply statistics to many industries, including finance, healthcare, retail, and education. This course will connect you to important resources at Rutgers, including professors and research opportunities, and show you what it means to pursue a career in the exciting world of data science.

THEATER
The theater is unquestionably a meeting place of the arts. In this seminar, we will discuss the wide range of academic options and career paths open to theater majors—from acting and playwriting to set design and production—and will explore involvement opportunities for Rutgers students interested in this field of study. Also, we will learn more about the theatrical world through a local excursion and hear from a Rutgers faculty member. If you have a passion for the performing arts, this course is for you!

WOMEN’S & GENDER STUDIES
Have you ever given any thought to the acquisition and perception of gender roles? Are you interested in learning more about the depiction of women in today’s society? This course will introduce you to the complexities of feminism and help you understand its relevance to social, economic, political, cultural, national, and religious issues. As we explore research, academic, and co-curricular opportunities, you’ll see the variety of career paths for those with a background in Women’s and Gender Studies. Enjoy thoughtful, rousing discussions and begin to look at gender from a whole new perspective.
I’m not sure what I want to major in. How should I decide which FIGS topics to sign up for?

FIGS are a great opportunity to learn more about an area of interest and explore whether it might be the right major for you. Ultimately, you should be interested in the content of the class, so select a topic that you want to learn more about.

Are FIGS available to all first-year students?

Only students enrolling in the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, and Rutgers Business School can register for a FIGS.

How many students are in a FIGS?

Each FIGS will have no more than 25 first-year students. This will be significantly smaller than most classes that you take in your first semester, which is another great reason to take a FIGS.

Will I get my first choice of FIGS?

We will make every attempt to place you in your first choice; however, your schedule may require that we place you in one of your other choices. If you do not see your first choice on your schedule, you may also try to sign up for an open FIGS in early September during the add/drop period.

How are we graded in FIGS?

FIGS courses are one-credit courses graded Pass/No Credit. There will be some homework to complete, but you will spend much of your time in this course exploring your interest area, discussing hot topics, and learning about the many resources available to you at Rutgers.

Does taking a FIGS impact my grade point average?

No. FIGS are graded Pass/No Credit, which means you do not receive a letter grade. Therefore the grade that you receive is not factored into your grade point average.

Does the credit count towards graduation?

Yes, all students who successfully participate in FIGS will receive one credit, which counts towards graduation. If you do not come to class and fail to complete the minimum assignments, you may receive no credit in the course. FIGS do not satisfy specific core curriculum requirements.

What should I expect each week in FIGS?

Your weekly FIGS class will be planned and facilitated by your Peer Instructor. FIGS are seminar courses, which means they are based on participation. You will receive the most benefit from this class if you come each week and take advantage of learning from your Peer Instructor and fellow students. All FIGS students will have the opportunity to hear from a peer panel, meet a faculty member, explore the various aspects of your interest area, and learn about the many services and resources available at Rutgers. You will have some short homework assignments and projects, but they are all designed to complement your learning, not provide you with busywork.

How do I register for a FIGS?

When you visit campus on advising day, indicate your choices on the appropriate course registration form. You can select up to four FIGS courses and rank them in order of preference. If you did not indicate interest in taking a FIGS at your advising day or find that you are not registered for a FIGS when you get your class schedule in August, you may still register for one during the first week of classes through the online Web Registration System (course number 01:090:120 or 11:090:120). To see the list of available FIGS, visit the Schedule of Classes in late August/early September at sis.rutgers.edu/soc/

Can I take a FIGS and a Byrne Seminar?

Yes, if you are interested in both FIGS and Byrne Seminars, you should note this on your course request form when you are selecting your fall classes. FIGS are only offered in the fall semester; Byrne Seminars are offered in the fall and spring.

If I applied for a learning community, how do I reference the corresponding FIGS on the course request form?

Students selected to participate in the Discovery House, Health & Medicine and Bunting Cobb Learning Communities are guaranteed placement in the related FIGS course for that community and will automatically be assigned into this class by a first-year dean. You are welcome to list alternate FIGS options on course request forms in the event you are not assigned to a learning community.
ABOUT UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES
University Career Services is committed to assisting students with making connections between their academic experience and career paths. We provide career-related advising, resources, and programs to help individuals discover themselves, explore careers and majors, develop their skills, and pursue their goals. We build relationships with alumni, employers, and graduate schools to optimize internship, job, and career opportunities while also creating strategic partnerships with campus departments to assist students in developing and articulating co-curricular experiences that will help to ensure they are competitive in their future pursuits.