

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Weekly Digest for the Week of June 18, 2009(Special Summer Edition)

Welcome to the FYE community of faculty, staff, and students dedicated to supporting our new first-year and transfer students create a more successful transition to the University of Connecticut. The Weekly Digest will publish every Friday during the Fall semester and contain details about workshops, upcoming events, tips/techniques, and other information geared to help you have the best semester possible with your FYE class. This summer we will send you a bi-weekly edition to update you prior to the semester. Information will be sent to both INTD 1800/1820 and Learning Community instructors. Comments, suggestions and constructive critique are welcomed. E-mail kevin.sullivan@uconn.edu or David.Ouimette@uconn.edu

Save the Date: August 27, Noon to 1:30PM→Instructor/Mentor Luncheon
Follow this [LINK](#) for more information and to access the sign-up form.

Thoughts from the Director, David Ouimette

Welcome to the special summer edition of FYE Weekly Digest. This Digest is our primary communication vehicle to provide information we hope will guide the planning of your FYE-INTD class. For those of you who are new instructors, we send the weekly digest every Friday during the semester in an attempt to avoid flooding you with emails as we get many requests from the UConn community to inform FYE instructors about special events and programs to pass on to your students.

The audience for the FYE Digest includes the family of INTD courses typically associated with First Year Experience. These include INTD 1800 – University Learning Skills, INTD 1810 - Learning Community Seminars, and INTD 1820 - Faculty Student seminars. The Digest is typically divided into brief sections focused on Instructor Development (e.g. training), Students (e.g. activities/assignments), and Special Events. Since 80% of the first year students and many of the new transfer students enroll in an FYE class, I believe it is critical that we share information that fully supports new students' successful transition to UConn and their academic majors.

It is our hope that we can provide you with all the necessary tools and information to make your FYE class special. Please take a look at the trainings we have listed below and select the ones that are most appropriate. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Instructor Information

(This section will include schedules for HuskyCT training sessions and instructor workshops as well as helpful information for planning your classes)

FYE Summer Workshops and HuskyCT Training

We are offering ongoing training to prepare instructors for the Fall Classes. For more information and to access the sign-up form for workshops, [click here](#).

| Date | Workshop Title | Time | Location |
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| June 22 | HuskyCT: Basics for 1800 Instructors | 10:00 AM-noon | CUE 214 |
| June 25 | HuskyCT: Basics for 1810/1820 Instructors | 10:00 AM-noon | CUE 214 |
| June 29 | HuskyCT: Basics for 1810/1820 Instructors | 10:00 AM-noon | CUE 214 |
| July 1 | HuskyCT: Basics for 1800 Instructors | 10:00 AM-noon | CUE 214 |
| July 9 | HuskyCT: Basics for 1800 Instructors | 1:00-3:00 PM | CUE 214 |
| July 15 | INTD 1800 Returning Instructors Workshop | 1:00-3:00 PM | HBL Class of '47 Room |
| July 16 | INTD 1800 Returning Instructors Workshop | 10:00 AM-noon | CUE 134 |
| July 20 | HuskyCT: Grade Book Features | 1:00-3:00 PM | CUE 214 |
| July 21 | HuskyCT: Creating the Instructor Webpage | 1:00-3:00 PM | CUE 214 |
| July 22 | HuskyCT: Grade Book Features | 1:00-3:00 PM | CUE 214 |
| July 23 | HuskyCT: Refresher for 1800 Instructors | 1:00-3:00 PM | CUE 214 |
| Arranged | HuskyCT: One-on-One Training | Arranged | Arranged |

Sign up on the web: [FYE Workshop and Training Sign Up Form](#)

INTD 1800 Instructor Workshops

First Year Programs is doing training a bit differently this year. Rather than grouping all instructors together, we're focusing on first-time instructors and returning instructors as well as having separate workshops for INTD 1800, 1810 (Learning Communities), and 1820 classes. NOTE: A workshop for first-time instructors is planned for a yet undetermined date in August. The next FYE Weekly Digest will have information about that workshop.

HuskyCT: Basics for INTD 1800 Instructors

For INTD 1800 instructors ONLY. Review of the Home Page icons. Focus on new organization of Instructor Resources. Demonstration of "Ask Ali" videos. Step-by-step review of uploading syllabus to the Home Page and adding your photo to the Roster. Focus on how to manage the "My Weekly 1800" section, which will involve step-by-step review of the following: 1) setting up an "Overview" page, 2) adding a link to a Student page from a Learning Module, 3) adding a link to an article of interest to the students that was previously uploaded and 4) creating links to pertinent websites.

HuskyCT: Basics for INTD 1810/1820 Instructors

For INTD 1810/1820 instructors ONLY. Review of the template's content and ideas for how to use Learning Modules in your seminars. Step-by-step review of uploading syllabus to the Home Page and adding your photo to the Roster. Focus on how to manage the "My Weekly 1810/1820" section, which will involve step-by-step review of the following: 1) setting up an "Overview" page, 2) uploading files to be used in class, 3) adding a link to an article, website, or Learning Module

HuskyCT: Refresher for INTD Instructors

For ALL INTD instructors. Review of the Home Page icons. Focus on new organization of Instructor Resources. Demonstration of "Ask Ali" videos. Review of uploading files, adding your picture to the Roster, creating HTML pages using HuskyCT, and creating links to articles, websites, and Learning Modules.

HuskyCT: Grade Book Features

The Grade Book has several features to track grades. This class will focus on these features in Discussion Groups, creating rubrics for projects, and matching total points to grades.

HuskyCT: Creating the Instructor Webpage

Connect with your students by creating a webpage in HuskyCT (similar to Mentor webpage). Step-by-step instructions on 1) uploading files to be used on your webpage, 2) using the Learning Module structure to provide contact information, fun photos, and "my favorite things" list.

HuskyCT: One-on-One Training

Feel you need some individualized help with HuskyCT? Lesa von Munkwitz-Smith will be offering personal sessions at the First Year Programs office, or she will come to your office. Contact Lesa at 6-1735 or e-mail her at lvon@uconn.edu to schedule a session

Special Events

(This section will include events in September and early October that students can attend for the Writing Assignment or personal enrichment.)

- The Fall 2009 Campus-Wide **Involvement Fair** takes place on **Wednesday, September 9th from 3:00-8:00 PM** in the Student Union. The Involvement Fair is an easy way to explore many of the exciting things to do and get involved with on campus. This event is an easy way for students to find something enjoyable to be a part of, discover a new interest, and even meet new people. More than 200 student organizations will be represented! Go to http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv_fair.html for more information.
- Constitution Day 2009: *The Constitution and Civil Liberties in War Time* is **September 17th, 2009**. Keynote speaker will be John E. Finn, Professor of Government, Wesleyan University. He will speak in the Konover Auditorium from 5:00-6:00PM.

- The University is planning a Metanoia: *Preventing Violence Against Women* for **October 6th and 7th**. Look for more information on specific programs as the planning progresses.
- Opening of the Asian American Heritage Month is on **October 6th, 2009** with special speaker Socheata Poeuv, director and producer of *New Year Baby*, a film about human rights conditions in Cambodia.