

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

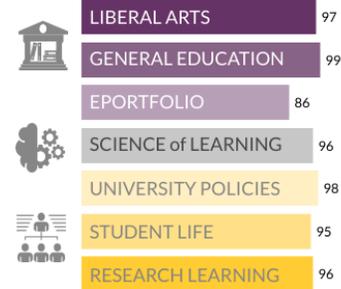
FYE @ WCU
Student Survey

Students *Agree* that taking the FYE @ WCU class made them feel ...



FYE @ WCU TAUGHT ME ABOUT ...

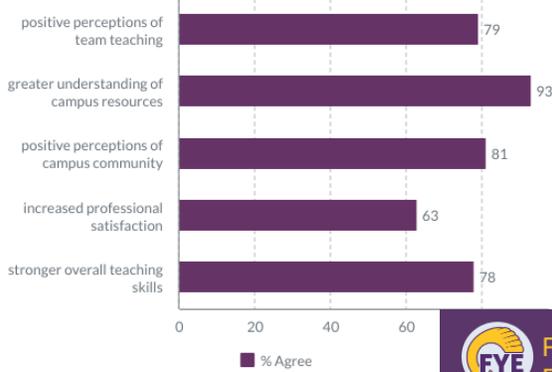
FYE Students understand core learning goals that build a foundation for academic, community, and personal success.



Student Survey

Faculty said

Participating in FYE gave me ...



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

Liberal Arts	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
General Education	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
ePortfolio	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Science of Learning	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
University Policies	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Research/Service Learning	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree