Ways Students Rise from First-Year Seminars

The First-Year Seminar Program (FYSP) is a unique opportunity for incoming students to begin their Oberlin educational experience in a small seminar setting. The topics and academic approaches of seminars are diverse, but all are designed to help students hone their critical thinking, discussion, and writing skills. First-year seminars introduce students to resources for learning at Oberlin; many include work involving the libraries, art museum, Writing Center, Career Development Center, or Bonner Center for Service and Learning. Moreover, first-year seminars provide important opportunities for students to get to know a faculty member well and to reflect upon the personal value and social relevance of a liberal arts education.

First-Year Seminars That Might Lead to Research:

- FYSP 198: Truth or Consequences (psychology)
- FYSP 121: Everyday Evolution (biology)
- FYSP 199: Designer Babies and Other Possibilities (biology)
- FYSP 149: The Puzzle of Non-Profits (politics)

Internships:

- BFYSP 114: Know Your Place: Civic Humanism and Community Engagement
- FYSP 006: Quantitative Sustainability

Study Away:

- FYSP 114: Know Your Place: Civic Humanism and Community Engagement (Students may take an optional Winter Term trip to work with course partners in Hong Kong.)
- FYSP 117: Nature and the Environment in East Asian Culture
- FYSP 014: Silence=Death: Rhetorics of HIV/AIDS (Students will interact remotely with a class at the American University of Nigeria.)

Experiential Learning:

- FYSP 142: Well-being (Students will practice innovative problem-solving through team-based design projects meeting needs in the community.)

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