

Freshman Seminar Program

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The Freshman Seminar Program debuted in 2003–04 to offer students early intellectual contact with faculty members, spark their interest in a broad range of topics, and enrich the undergraduate experience at UC San Diego. These seminars create a unique classroom environment by providing new students with opportunities to engage in intellectual discussions with faculty and peers in a small supportive class setting, and by fostering the development of critical thinking and analytical skills. Incoming students are highly encouraged to enroll in freshman seminars during their first year at UCSD. Students can select from an interesting and exciting array of seminars each quarter, designated by courses numbered 87 (e.g., PHYS 87).

Faculty from all departments offer approximately 150 seminars each academic year. Seminars offer one unit of credit and are graded Pass/Not Pass. Enrollment is limited to twenty students per seminar, with preference given to entering freshmen, and up to four seminars may be taken for credit.

Please visit the Freshman Seminar Program Web site at <http://ugseminars.ucsd.edu> for a description of seminars currently offered. This site also contains useful information, such as enrollment procedures for freshmen with advanced standing, and additional program details. Questions about a specific freshman seminar should be directed to the department offering the seminar.