

# FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS – SPRING 2015

First-year seminars are designed to help students with the intellectual transition to college, by emphasizing reading, written communication and critical thinking skills. These are taught through theme-oriented academic courses designed specifically to meet your needs as you fulfill graduation requirements. Each course is limited to twenty first-year students and involves an exciting theme. Faculty teaching these seminars help students meet the academic and personal challenges involved in making the transition to college. First-year seminars involve intensive faculty mentoring and provide a source of support and insight to students who are encountering the new responsibilities connected to being a college student.



## General Psychology II (PSY 2)

What helps to predict and explain people's behaviors? Why do people feel compelled to make themselves stand out from the crowd? How do others perceive such people? To what degree does culture make a difference in people's behavior? These are just some of the questions that will be addressed in PSY 2. This class will address questions such as how intelligence is defined and measured, what role personality plays in behavior, how behaviors are defined as normal or abnormal, what distinguishes different types of therapy, and how the people we are physically and emotionally close to can affect our behaviors. Throughout, class discussion and activities will emphasize the application of findings, ideas, and concepts from Psychology to real-world settings and situations.

**PSY 2 01FY (1223)**

MW 11:00 AM-12:20 PM

**PROFESSOR FRYE**

## Social Institutions: Institutions of New York (SOC 2)

Why is it so expensive to live in the New York area? And does the high cost of living drive young adults away, or, for those of us who stay, serve as a form of birth control? How do residential segregation and the increasing concentration of wealth and poverty in the New York area complicate our society's goals of providing all children with equal educational opportunities? Will New York City's status as a global city benefit all families or just those already well off? These are just some of the questions we'll consider in this

freshman-only section of Sociology 2, where we'll use New York City as a mega case study to explore the principal social institutions of society: the family, the economy, politics, education, religion, and the mass media. We'll use LIU Post's central location in the metropolitan area and close proximity to the city to explore these institutions up close and in more depth, using real life contexts to reveal how these institutions address social needs but also play a role in reproducing social inequality. Course readings, activities, and field experiences will critically examine what New York City is and will be—as a collection of communities housing millions of people, as centers of commerce and creativeness, and as the seat of various kinds of global power.



**SOC 2 01FY (2848)**

TuTh 11:00 AM-12:20 PM

**PROFESSOR SWEENEY**



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