## Course Title:
First Year Experience

## Department:
Academic Strategies

## Curriculum:
College Preparation

### Course Descriptors:
Make certain that the course descriptors are consistent with college and Board of Trustees policies, and the current course numbering system.

### Course Code:
CSS-101

### Course Type:
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### Elective Type:
G

### Prerequisites:
None

### Credit Hours:
3

### Developmental:
no

### Contact Hours:

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### Corequisites:
None

### Other Requirements:
None

### Catalog Course Description:
Prepares students to develop their own plan for academic, personal and professional success through self-evaluation, application of specific strategies, discussions, guided journaling and classroom exercises. These activities help students acquire effective study strategies, stimulate critical thinking, practice oral and written expression, establish goals, identify and participate in the co-curricular life of the college, encourage meaningful relationships with professors and classmates, and choose behaviors leading to a more successful academic experience.

This three credit college-level course is strongly recommended for all students who are new to Tunxis.

### Topical Outline:
List course content in outline format.

1. **The Culture of College**
   - Realistic academic expectations
   - Tunxis' general education learning outcomes and their relevance to education
   - The student/professor and student/student relationship
   - Classroom decorum and personal conduct
   - College policies and procedures
## 2. The Behaviors of Successful Students

- Self-assessment: identifying initial behaviors and beliefs
- Self-responsibility: making appropriate choices
- Self-motivation: goal setting
- Self-management: time management
- Interdependence: relationships and networking
- Self-awareness: habits, beliefs and wise choices
- Life-long learning: learning styles
- Emotional intelligence: knowing your emotions

## 3. Critical Thought

### Definition

- Affective Strategies
- Cognitive Strategies

## 4. Study Strategies

- Memory
- Reading
- Writing
- Note-taking
- Listening
- Test Taking

## 5. Computer Skills

- Create FYE electronic portfolio in Digication
- Upload electronic files to FYE ePortfolio
- Manipulate basic features of Digication

### Outcomes:

Describe measurable skills or knowledge that students should be able to demonstrate as evidence that they have mastered the course content.

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<td><strong>COURSE:</strong></td>
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<td>1. explain the culture of college and its relationship to academic success</td>
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<td>2. explain the relevance of general education abilities to their educational goals</td>
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<td>3. apply critical thought to their course work</td>
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<td>4. apply study strategies to their course work</td>
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<td>5. apply computer literacy skills to their course work</td>
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<td>6. work collaboratively with their classmates</td>
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<td><strong>PROGRAM:</strong> N/A</td>
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### GENERAL EDUCATION:

**Critical Analysis/ Logical Thinking** - Students will be able to organize, interpret, and evaluate evidence and ideas within and across disciplines; draw reasoned inferences and defensible conclusions; and solve problems and make decisions based on analytical processes.

- **Demonstrates:** Identifies the issue(s); formulates an argument; explains and analyzes relationships clearly; draws reasonable inferences and conclusions that are logical and defensible; provides support by evaluating credible sources of evidence necessary to justify conclusions.

- **Does Not Demonstrate:** Identifies few or no issues; formulates an argument without significant focus; provides an unclear explanation of analysis and relationships; drawing few reasonable inferences and conclusions that are illogical and indefensible; provides little to no support using credible sources of evidence necessary to justify conclusions.

### Evaluation:

Outcomes are assessed through the following course components:

- writing assignments (journals, campus interview, co-curricular event)
- participation in class activities,
- homework,
- campus interview presentation,
- attendance at a co-curricular event,
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<th>Instructional Resources:</th>
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<td>List library (e.g. books, journals, online resources), technological (e.g. Smartboard, software), and other resources (e.g. equipment, supplies, facilities) required and desired to teach this course.</td>
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<td><strong>Textbook(s)</strong></td>
<td><strong>On Course Study Skills Plus</strong>, Downing Cengage</td>
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