

SCRIBNER SEMINARS

All Scribner Seminars are interdisciplinary. The seminars invite students to think about the liberal arts as a whole, to challenge their preconceived notions about inquiry and knowledge, to examine issues from multiple perspectives, and to make connections across disciplines. Faculty instructors participate not only as specialists in particular fields of knowledge, but as models of people who have themselves been liberally educated, and are thus able to apply their thinking to a variety of new as well as familiar experiences.

Seminar topics change from year to year; students should consult the First-Year Experience website for currently offered courses and their descriptions.

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SSP 100 - Scribner Seminar

Credits: 4

These interdisciplinary seminars introduce students to perspectives on a particular subject of inquiry. Each seminar, limited to 16 first-year students, allows participants to work together closely and also acts as a foundation and context for future college studies. Faculty instructors develop the seminar theme around their research and scholarly interests. In addition, faculty instructors serve as mentors and advisors to the students enrolled in the seminars. During each seminar, students enhance their abilities to read critically, communicate ideas both orally and in writing, and relate the seminar to their educational goals. Click Scribner Seminars to view the list of seminars available. All first-year students must take one Scribner Seminar in their first semester. This course must be taken for a letter grade.