

First Year Program

The First Year Program fosters entering students' academic, social and personal transitions necessary for successful participation in the total life of the college community. The First Year Program begins with the moment you choose Guilford, continues into the Days of CHAOS (Guilford's Orientation program) and extends through the first year until you declare a major.

The First Year Program provides models, resources, information, mentoring, programming, advising, courses and experiences to assist new students in their transition to college culture and to help them become active participants in the learning community. Some of the components include:

- first-year advising
- peer mentoring
- course offerings and a schedule based on first-year student need and preference
- accurate and early Foreign Language, Quantitative Skills and English placement
- social programming
- assistance in the declaration of the major
- first-year advisory board and faculty adviser

Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *The Princeton Review* as well as being one of the 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College inspires each student to achieve excellence through an engaging community, rooted in Quaker values, which nurtures creativity and social responsibility.

What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T State University, Elon University and High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

First Year Center

Located on the second floor of Founders Hall, the First Year Center (FYC) is a place for new students to get information, find out about campus resources and meet with peer mentors. Workshops, programs and information sessions specifically for new students take place through the First Year Center.

The Curriculum

The first semester in college is an academically challenging experience. Guilford's curriculum is challenging and flexible and designed to help you get the most from your learning. For first-time fall semester college students, a central component of the first semester is the First Year Experience (FYE) Course. The FYE is a Foundations course designed to engage entering students in significant interactive inquiry. With a focus on speaking and listening and experiential learning, the course explores an interdisciplinary content area as well as aids in the academic and social transition to college life.

In early June, you will have access to a *Course Registration Guide* with complete course selection instructions, and the First Year Program director and peer mentors in the First Year Center will help you with your academic choices. If you are a transfer student with credit for 12 or more academic hours or entering in January, the Associate Academic Dean will correspond with you about course selection and registration after your transcript has been evaluated.

Academic Advising

The faculty who teaches your FYE course will also be your academic adviser. The Associate Academic Dean will appoint an advisor for those students not enrolled in FYE. Your adviser will meet with you during the days of CHAOS or January orientation to finalize your first semester schedule and will remain available to you throughout the semester. Your adviser is more than someone who helps you select your courses. Your adviser is there if you have questions about future career goals, graduate school, service learning opportunities, etc. Your adviser can lend a good listening ear if you need someone to talk with about the transition to college. When you declare a major, your first-year academic adviser will assist you in finding an appropriate faculty in that department to become your new adviser. For fall semester, course registration materials are available online in early June, and it is important to register online during the registration period.

FYE Lab

To assist you in the transition to Guilford and to help you form a sense of community early on, all first-year students entering in the fall semester take a lab section associated with their FYE course. You share in learning about:

- diversity
- campus resources
- Quaker testimonies at Guilford College
- skills of college success
- your own learning strategies
- The Honor Code

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For additional information about the First Year Program at Guilford College visit www.guilford.edu/firstyear

