

***First Year Experience Seminar***  
**Course Syllabus: NASD 105**  
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**Meeting Time:**

Tuesday (12:00-12:50)

Cultural Arts Center (CAC)

**What are the reasons for Seminar?**

**Think "GISMO": Gather, Integrate, Share, Motivate & Organize**

**"GISMO" Stands for:**

1. Gather: Seminar is a place where students and faculty come together as a group to build and maintain community.
2. Integrate: Seminar is where students and faculty establish connections between one and combine efforts for mutual benefits.
3. Share: Seminar is where announcements, concerns, personal reflections and other college-related information of value to students is shared.
4. Motivate: Seminar is an opportunity to provide and find motivation to accomplish student and college goals.
5. Organize: Seminar is a way in which we organize ourselves for the benefit of all.

**Requirements:**

1. Attendance: This class requires 100% attendance. In order to receive a Satisfactory Grade "S" - each student will need to attend ALL classes.
2. Participation: In order for the seminar to be a success, we need to all contribute. I look forward to hearing from each of you.
3. Journal Entries: Each student will be expected to keep a weekly journal that reflects on the experience of a first year experience college student. This can either be typed or hand-written. The journal should reflect the topics that you were exposed to throughout the week, through your readings and classroom experience, as well as reflect on your college experience, more generally
4. Service Learning Project

**Required Text:**

**First Person, First Peoples: Native American College Graduates Tell Their Life Stories**

### **What is Service-Learning?**

Service learning is curriculum-based volunteer work that serves the greater community as well as reinforces the course material.

The combination of volunteer work with your community service and classroom instruction, with a focus on critical, reflective thinking as well as personal and civic responsibility.

For this class, we will put together a welcome booklet for new students. This will help other students when they first arrive at NWIC. Sections could range from best places for take-out to best places to relax.

### ***Seminar Schedule***

- 1) September 18: Introduction and Welcome.....Exploring your personal goals and expectations as a college student at NWIC
- 2) September 25: Place-based learning...and becoming a life-long learner
- 3) October 2: Giving back to our community.....Service – Learning opportunities at NWIC – or – Town *and* Gown
- 4) October 9: Navigating educational resources... browsing through stacks and surfing the web
- 5) October 16: Discussion of Reading
- 6) October 23: Discussion of Reading, continued
- 7) October 30: Discussion of Reading, continued
- 8) November 6: Election Day. Civics in Indian Country
- 9) November 13: Service Learning Project
- 10) November 20: Service Learning Project
- 11) November 27 Wrap up and Celebration
- 12) December 4 Finals Week: No Class