

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE FRESHMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The Freshman Scholars Program is a series of College of Letters and Science initiatives designed to invigorate the academic experience of first-year students entering into the College and the University. It provides students with the opportunity to enroll in Freshman Seminars and participate in learning communities, social events, and other curricular and extra-curricular activities.

The Freshman Scholars Program is intended to enhance the recruitment and retention of students by:

- a) assisting students in building analytical and critical thinking abilities required for success in college;
- b) helping students develop familiarity with the University and how it works in order to alleviate the concerns some students have about the size and complexity of the institution;
- c) offering students the opportunity to engage in active discussion and debate in small classroom settings as opposed to the large lectures that are common in much undergraduate education;
- d) providing mentors (faculty and peers) on whom students can rely for advice and information;
- e) creating opportunities for students to learn how to be peer mentors and to participate in the Peer Mentoring Program;
- f) improving students' knowledge and application of electronic media technology;
- g) assisting students in making social adjustments to help them with the separation from family and friends;
- h) teaching students knowledge that they can apply in college and after graduation.