

FIG Frequently Asked Questions

What does “FIG” stand for?

Freshmen Interest Group

How is a FIG unique?

FIGs are small communities of students who live together and explore a specific theme throughout their first year at LSU. They enroll in LSU 1001 together and take 1-2 other courses during the year that help tie the theme of the FIG together. Students participate in a ropes course, service project, study groups, and several other activities during the year. We have professional and student staff members who work with the students in their FIG community.

Are there requirements to be in a FIG?

There may be prerequisite requirements depending on the nature of the FIG. FIG students are assigned to a specific residence hall community and have course requirements.

What will I do in the FIG?

Besides enrolling in a few courses with your fellow FIG students, our staff will coordinate a variety of activities related to the outcomes of each FIG and student interest. Some of these activities include the ropes course (visit www.lsu.edu/urec for more information), service project, study groups, guest speakers, welcome and closing events, and many more.

Where will I live if I am in a FIG?

- Career Exploration is housed in McVoy Hall
- Health Science is housed in Annie Boyd Hall

What classes are required for the FIG?

All of our FIG students will be enrolled in LSU 1001. Additionally each FIG has 1-2 other courses they will enroll in during the year. Visit the FIG website for the most current course information for each FIG.

Do the courses “count” for anything?

Yes. All of the courses we select for our FIGs count towards general education requirements, with the exception of LSU 1001 (counts as a free elective). If you have questions about how the class will count for your degree program, we recommend you speak with your academic advisor.

What is LSU 1001?

LSU 1001 is a one-credit first-year seminar course designed to tie the theme of the FIG together, orient students to LSU and academic success, and integrate the theme of the FIG. The class meets one hour per week and is taught by master’s level professional staff members on campus. Students also work together on a group service project and participate in ongoing self-reflection exercises. LSU 1001 counts as a free elective.

Can I drop my FIG classes or change sections?

In order to be in the FIG, you will need to enroll in the courses required for the program. You may be able to switch to a different section of LSU 1001 as long as the section’s theme is the same. Those students who have significant schedule conflicts with the FIG courses should speak with our Academic Programs Coordinator to explore options for resolving those conflicts.

Who adds the FIG classes to my schedule?

Our Academic Programs Coordinator will pre-schedule these courses for you prior to your scheduling the remaining courses for the semesters. If you are requesting the FIG program once you have courses scheduled, our Academic Programs Coordinator will work with you on your schedule.

Is there space left in the FIG?

Space is limited, so students should apply early for these programs. An assignments staff member or our Academic Programs Coordinator can give you an update on the remaining available space in each FIG program (typically beginning in the early spring semester).

What if I no longer want to participate in the FIG?

We can drop you from the FIG program; however, you may be reassigned to a new living space on campus. This could mean moving to a new building. Please speak with our Academic Programs Coordinator if you are a current FIG student wishing to drop the FIG experience.

If I drop the FIG, will I need to move to a new room?

Your housing assignment is contingent on your participation in the FIG. If you drop the FIG, you may be removed from your current assignment and may be reassigned. In the event we have a waiting list for the program, you will likely be asked to move to allow for active FIG participants to live in the community.

Who do I contact if I still have more questions?

The Academic Programs Coordinator (APC) is the contact for all of our FIG programs. The APC can be reached via email at reslifefig@lsu.edu or by phone at 225-578-5155.