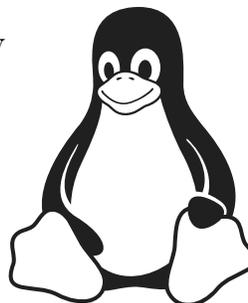


# UNIV 110—Do YOU F-ing Love Science?\*(2 credits)

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## SYLLABUS

**Class Dates** : August to December 2018

**Course Description** : UNIV 110 First-Year Seminar. 2-3 Hours. An academic course linked to two other courses to form a first-year experience learning community. The course should inspire and support the transition to university life and learning and provide opportunities to engage with the campus and larger community. Topics vary according to the theme of the learning community.

This learning community course is for first-year students enrolled in Biol 151 / Introduction to Zoology OR Biol 154 / Introduction to Botany. Many are likely enrolled in Chem 121 / General Chemistry I together as well. These courses are typically taken by biology majors or other health science majors.

First-Year Learning Community (FYC): FYCs are required at Minot State University by all incoming students with fewer than 24 credits.

**Learning Outcomes** : The First-Year Experience (FYE) at Minot State University is an opportunity for you to participate in a powerful learning experience that will inspire your transition to university life and learning through unique learning communities, peer mentors, and opportunities to engage with the campus and larger community.

**Goal 1** To connect you to your peers and faculty members.

**Goal 2** : To engage you with the campus and larger community.

**Goal 3** : To enhance your sense of belonging at MSU.

**Goal 4** : To communicate and facilitate your understanding of the academic expectations of the university.

**Goal 5** : To enhance your competency in some of the following skills and capacities:

- written and oral communication
- critical thinking
- critical reading
- collaboration
- information literacy
- quantitative literacy
- problem solving.

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\*Name based on a popular website <http://www.iflscience.com!>

This First Year Experience should help you get settled into the biology major, but more importantly, to help you as students, more easily navigate the first year of college, by creating a common learning group. The UNIV 110 course will introduce you to many aspects of biology and research, and general skills needed to succeed in college.

**Instructors** : UNIV 110: Dr. Alexey Shipunov ([alexey.shipunov@minotstateu.edu](mailto:alexey.shipunov@minotstateu.edu)); BIOL 151 Dr. Alexandra Deufel; BIOL 154 Dr. Alexey Shipunov; CHEM 121 Dr. Robert Crackel

**Peer Mentor** : This FYC has a peer mentor (a Minot State University student) who will assist with the class: provide specific activities, help in preparation and setting up presentations, check attendance, receive absence emails and monitor participation in the discussions. Peer mentor in this class is Yun Ji, her email [yunji.nam@minotstateu.edu](mailto:yunji.nam@minotstateu.edu) — this is a preferable way of communication.

**Meetings** : Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

**Common reading** : We will read, present and discuss the **most influential historical papers in biology**.

**Engagement activity** : FYC experiences require students to show personal and social responsibility. In fact, the UNIV 110 course fulfills one of your general education course requirements in Personal and Social Responsibility. To that end, you will be expected to participate in one or more activities and assignments that ask you to respond to a community need.

**Drop** : Because the FYC bundles 2 courses, you must be aware of the nature of the drop policy. UNIV 110 is part of a 2-course (6 credit), first-year learning community. These courses are linked and must be taken together. If you decide to drop one of these classes, you will be required to drop both of them. You will need to obtain a permission code from your UNIV 110 instructor (me) and will be required to meet with your other instructors prior to receiving this code. Dropping these courses could have significant impact on your student record and financial aid. It is also recommended, prior to dropping, to consult with the Financial Aid Office.

Since the FYC is a requirement for graduation, you will be required to take the FYC again—in the same 2–3 course format. So it is inadvisable and virtually unnecessary to drop the FYC!

**Welcome Week(end)** : It is a part of New Student programming at Minot State University. This experience introduces first-year students to campus and community resources that are vital to success as a student. During the Welcome Week(end) experience, students participate in an on-campus and an off-campus experience. The on-campus experience helps students learn about the services that assist them in being successful during their first year of college. The off-campus experience helps students become familiar with the Minot community and gives them a sense of place in the community, along with helping out your community. Participation in these campus sessions is required and included in your UNIV 110 grade.

**Grading** : Assignments totaling about 200 points will be assigned for the UNIV 110 class (separate from assignments in Biol 151 and Biol 154). These points will be given to those who (1) attend every class; (2) made their own paper presentation; (3) participate in each discussion.

**Important Dates** : Assessment Day, October 8, 2018

## University Policies

### University Sanctioned Events Policy

Minot State University has a commitment to students who represent the University in official capacities. University-sanctioned activities include events that are required or encouraged by a class, program, club, or

athletic team. When a student has a scheduled absence due to a university-sanctioned activity, it is the student's responsibility to communicate with the faculty member prior to his or her absence.

Faculty members should have a procedure for student absences in each syllabus that details the method and advance time for students to communicate their absence. If a student notifies the professor in accordance with the faculty member's policy, students should be allowed to complete class work. If a student does not communicate with the faculty member in advance of the absence, it is up to the faculty member's discretion whether to allow the student to complete the work. If disputes arise with this policy within the semester, students should contact in progressive order, the faculty member, department chair, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

## **Academic Honesty Policy with Penalty for Violating the Policy**

*See the information in the Undergraduate Catalog and in the Graduate Catalog; also see the Student Handbook.*

## **Disability Statement**

In coordination with the Disability Support Service, reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified students with disabilities (LD, Orthopedic, Hearing, Visual, Speech, Psychological, ADD/ADHD, Health Related, TBI, PTSD and Other). Please meet with the instructor during the first week of class to make arrangements. Accommodations and alternative format print materials (large print, audio, disk or Braille) are available through the Disability Support Service, located on campus in the lower level of Lura Manor, or by calling 701-858-3371 or by e-mail at [evelyn.klimpel@minotstateu.edu](mailto:evelyn.klimpel@minotstateu.edu).

## **Non-discrimination Statement**

Minot State University subscribes to the principles and laws of the state of North Dakota and the federal government pertaining to civil rights and equal opportunity, including Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments. Minot State University policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability in the recruitment and admission of students and the employment of faculty, staff, and students, and in the operation of all college programs, activities, and services. Evidence of practices which are inconsistent with this policy should be reported using the Student Complaint and Anti-Discrimination Form located here: <https://form.jotform.com/72996849416981>.

## **Title IX Statement**

Title IX policies help protect/assist students who have experienced sexual discrimination or violence.

### **Title IX Option 1**

In the event that you choose to write or speak about having survived sexualized violence, including rape, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, Minot State University policy requires that, as your instructor, I share this information with Lisa Dooley, Title IX coordinator. Lisa or one of the Deputy Title IX coordinators will contact you to let you know about accommodations and support services at MSU as well as options for holding accountable the person who harmed you. You are not required to speak with them.

If you do not want the Title IX coordinator notified, instead of disclosing this information to your instructor, you can speak confidentially with the following people on campus and in the community. They can connect you with support services and help explore your options now, or in the future:

- MSU Counseling Center, 701 858 3371
- 24-7 Crisis Center and Shelter: Domestic Violence Crisis Center, 701 548 2480

- 24-7 Rape Crisis Line: Domestic Violence Crisis Center, 701 857 2500
- Campus Ministry (Wellness Center, 2nd floor)

### **Title IX Option 2**

MSU faculty members are “mandatory reporters,” which means that once we are apprised of violence or harassment based on sex and gender, we are required to report the incident to the Title IX office on campus, regardless of whether the student wants this information reported or not. It may very well be that you would like the information reported, but you do not know whom to approach about this information, in which case our mandatory reporting requirements will be desirable to you. However, if you just wanted to talk about an incident but do not want it reported, neither you nor I have any choice in this matter, and once divulged, I must report it. This is just to let you know about the kinds of requirements under which we all are operating. Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses subject to accountability and support. If you or someone you know has been harassed on the basis of sex and gender or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources on/off Minot State University’s campus.

These resources include:

- Minot State University Information Counseling Services (confidential): Lura Manor-south lower level, 701 858 3371
- Campus Ministry (confidential): Wellness Center, 2nd floor
- Health Services: Lura Manor-south lower level
- Campus Security: 701 500 2423

Local Community Resource Information:

- Domestic Violence Crisis Center (confidential): 24-hour Crisis Line, 701 857 2200
- 24-7 Rape Crisis Line, 701 857 2500
- Minot Police Department: 911 / 701 852 0111

### **Title IX Option 3**

Minot State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender in any of its education or employment programs and activities, and it does not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of sex or gender. If you or someone you know would like help related to an experience involving sexual or gender-based harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, intimate partner violence, or retaliation for reporting one of these type of prohibited conduct, please contact the Title IX Office at 701 858 3447 or report online at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/title9/keep-u-safe/forms.shtml>.

The Title IX Office can assist students who need help with academics, housing, or other issues.

Students may also contact the Counseling Center, a confidential resource, for advocacy and other support related to nonconsensual sexual intercourse or power-based personal violence at 701 858 3371.