

# *First Year Inquiry*

Fall 2009

<http://www.ncsu.edu/firstyearinquiry>



*First Year Inquiry "Q" courses are specially designed for first year students who want more!*

*"I liked my FYI class because my teacher never let my first answer be my final answer." ...FYI student*

## **What's It All About?**

- ◆ classes with small faculty-student ratio and active learning
- ◆ close relationship among students and professor
- ◆ students working with a faculty member on important, timely topics
- ◆ building a basis for future learning through development of critical reading, writing, and discussion skills
- ◆ making the leap from high school- to university-level thinking

## **What Is Expected From The Student?**

- ◆ participating actively and attending regularly
- ◆ confronting different opinions respectfully, responsibly and wisely
- ◆ thinking toward workable solutions for complex problems

## **Who's Teaching?**

- ◆ faculty committed to first year students
- ◆ faculty with innovative teaching styles

## **How and When Do I Register?**

- ◆ FYI Fall 2009 classes are limited to incoming first year students
- ◆ enrollment is first-come, first-serve
- ◆ during New Student Orientation registration periods

## **What Requirement Will Taking An FYI Course Fulfill?**

- ◆ one of the General Education Program (GEP) requirements

*An FYI course provides an "innovative learning environment that stresses mastery of fundamentals, intellectual discipline, creativity, problem solving, and responsibility."  
....NC State University Mission Statement*

Fall 2009  
First Year Inquiry "Q" Courses  
and  
General Education Program (GEP) Requirements Fulfilled

**Introduction to Public Speaking**

COM 110-011Q

T TH 10:15-11:30

**GEP Fulfilled:** Visual and Performing Arts

**Ms. Sandra Stallings**

Whether it's in the design and delivery of speeches or reviewing academic options as an adviser, Ms. Stallings is happiest when she is helping students understand their opportunities.

**Interpersonal Communication**

COM 112-016Q

MWF 12:25-1:15

**GEP Fulfilled:** Social Sciences

**Ms. Julie Mayberry**

Teaching Communication at NC State and other local universities, Ms. Mayberry, a newlywed, has lots of interesting examples of how interpersonal communication impacts relationships.

★ **Principles of Microeconomics**

EC 201-011Q

T TH 3:00-4:15

**GEP Fulfilled:** Social Sciences

**Dr. Allen Dupont**

While Dr. Dupont's main interests are in economics and undergraduate education, he also teaches a course about the history of Soviet espionage against the U.S.

**Introduction to Shakespeare**

ENG 209-003Q

MWF 10:15-11:05

**GEP Fulfilled:** Humanities

**Dr. Bill Shaw**

Although, Dr. Shaw's special area is Renaissance literature, he has recently published a book on World War II and has written a screenplay based on his book.

**Great Works of Western Literature**

ENG 220-001Q

MWF 12:25-1:15

**GEP Fulfilled:** Humanities

**Dr. Meredith Fosque**

Meredith lived in China for a year. She has taught literature for many years, and enjoys two things - hearing what students think about what they read, and imagining the worlds of writers.

**Contemporary World Literature II**

ENG 224-003Q

MWF 12:25-1:15

**GEP Fulfilled:** Humanities

**Dr. Maria Roupail**

Maria has traveled extensively throughout the world and twice to Cuba as a member of the Witness for Peace delegations.

**English Literature II**

ENG 262-005Q

MWF 9:10-10:00

**Fulfilled:** Humanities

**Dr. Laura Linker**

The Restoration and 18<sup>th</sup> Century British literature and culture are Laura's primary areas of interest with a particular focus on the court and GEP theater of Charles II.

★ **Introduction to Entomology**

ENT 203-002Q

T TH 10:15 – 11:30

**GEP Fulfilled:** Natural Sciences

**Dr. John Ambrose**

This professor makes delicious snacks *from insects and serves them with pride.*

**Latin America Since 1826**

HI 216-002Q

T TH 11:45-1:00

**GEP Fulfilled:** Humanities

**Dr. Rich Slatta**

"The Cowboy Professor," has taught history at NCSU since 1980 and researches frontier societies and ranch life in the Americas and Hawaii. Ride on over to his home range at: <http://www.cowboyprof.com>.

**The World in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

HI 233-001Q

11:20-12:10

**GEP Fulfilled:** Humanities

**Dr. Nicolas Robins**

Dr. Robins studies colonial Latin American history, ethnic conflict and MWF genocide. He enjoys traveling in Latin America and experiencing different cultures. When not traveling, he spends time gardening.

**The World in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

HI 233-002Q

**MWF 1:30-2:20**

**GEP Fulfilled:** Humanities

**Dr. Nicolas Robins**

Dr. Robins studies colonial Latin American history, ethnic conflict and genocide. He enjoys traveling in Latin America and experiencing different cultures. When not traveling, he spends time gardening.

**Early American History**

HI 251-001Q

T TH 10:15-11:30

**GEP Fulfilled:** Humanities

**Dr. James Barker**

Academically, my primary interest is in the American Civil War era. In my spare time, I play in a rock band with eccentric people, travel far too much and am working to earn my private pilot license.

★ **Early American History**

HI 251-002Q

11:45-1:00

**GEP Fulfilled:** Humanities

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**Dr. James Barker**

I taught for 20 years in New England boarding schools and now teach at T TH Duke as well as at State. I love NC State and the South and plan to settle here for the rest of my life.

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**Environmental Ethics**

IDS 201-003Q

TH 10:15-11:30

**GEP Fulfilled:** Interdisciplinary Perspectives; Global Knowledge

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**Mr. Philipp Tavakoli**

Mr. Tavakoli practiced international business law in Austria. His research focuses on the reciprocal relationship between humans and the environment.

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★ **Environmental Ethics**

IDS 201-004Q

TH 1:30-2:45

**GEP Fulfilled:** Interdisciplinary Perspectives; Global Knowledge

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**Mr. Philipp Tavakoli**

Mr. Tavakoli practiced international business law in Austria. His research focuses on the reciprocal relationship between humans and the environment.

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**Calculus for Life and Management Sciences A**

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**Ms. Elizabeth Dempster**

"I love Math and helping students understand it. I earned my undergraduate degree at UNC-CH and my masters at NC State. Family time is important to me and I like spending it with them outdoors and at the beach!"

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**Phage Hunters**

MB/BIT 210-001Q

T TH 8:30-9:30

**GEP Fulfilled:** Natural Sciences

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**Dr. Sue Carson**

Sue earned her B.S. from Rutgers and her Ph.D in Microbiology and Immunology from UNC-CH. She is interested in the scholarship of teaching and learning as well as curriculum development.

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**Introduction to Musical Experiences**

MUS 180-001Q

MWF 9:10-10:00

**GEP Fulfilled:** Visual and Performing Arts \* *Additional Breadth Only*

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**Dr. Bob Petters**

"I'm much more interested in composing, performing, and listening to music than learning facts about music."

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★ **Introduction to Musical Experiences**

MUS 180-002Q

MWF 10:15-11:05

**GEP Fulfilled:** Visual and Performing Arts \* *Additional Breadth Only*

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**Understanding Music**

MUS 200-001Q

T TH 1:30 – 2:45

**GEP Fulfilled:** Visual and Performing Arts

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**Dr. Alison Arnold**

Dr. Arnold is an ethnomusicologist, who plays flute, piano, Irish flute and tin whistle.

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**Fitness Walking**

PE 102-017Q

T TH 2:35-3:25

**GEP Fulfilled:** Physical Education/Healthy Living

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**Dr. Nita Horne**

"I enjoy introducing students to various experiences through physical activity and to help them relate to these experiences based on their personal fitness and wellness."

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**Water Aerobics**

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**Dr. Kristine Clark**

Kristine is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine as a registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist and Exercise Specialist.

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★ **Introduction to American Government**

PS 201-010Q

MWF 11:20-12:10

**GEP Fulfilled:** Social Sciences

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**Dr. Daniel Graham**

Political philosopher/activist and Little League coach, Dr. Graham helps students develop paths to knowledge and wisdom.

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★ **Controversial Issues in Psychology**

PSY 201-001Q

MWF 10:15-11:05

**GEP Fulfilled:** Social Sciences

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**Dr. Samuel Pond**

Dr. Pond is a jazz-band musician with a psychologist's beat.

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**Principles of Sociology**

SOC 202-004Q

MWF 9:10-10:00

**GEP Fulfilled:** Social Sciences

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**Mr. Adam Driscoll**

A 3<sup>rd</sup> year graduate student pursuing his doctorate in Sociology, Adam's research revolves around social change and the evolution of societies. A rock climber and outdoor adventurer, Adam also plays music and enjoys home brewing.

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**Principles of Sociology**

SOC 202-008Q  
MWF 10:15-11:05

**GEP Fulfilled:** Social Sciences

**Principles of Sociology**

SOC 202-015Q  
T TH 3:00-4:15

**GEP Fulfilled:** Social Sciences

**Sociology of Family**

SOC 204-001Q  
MWF 8:05-8:55

**GEP Fulfilled:** Social Sciences

**Social Deviance**

SOC 206-003Q  
T Th 11:45-1:00

**GEP Fulfilled:** Social Sciences

**World Population and Food**

STS 323-002Q  
T H 4:30-5:45

**GEP Fulfilled:** Interdisciplinary Perspectives; Global Knowledge

**Ms. Gretchen Thompson**

A doctoral student in Sociology, my research interests include food security, global inequality, environment and community. When not at work, I enjoy camping with my family and two dogs.

**Ms. Sarah Rusche**

"I absolutely LOVE sociology and teaching people about it! I am also studying student reactions to the social underpinnings of Hurricane Katrina."

**Ms. Christine Mair**

Christine studies families and globalization with an emphasis on aging populations. In her spare time, she plays hand drums and each fall, she cheers on the Florida Gators.

**Ms. Lisa Tichavsky**

Lisa finds the study of deviance fascinating. She also researches homicide, family violence and delinquency. In her spare time, she likes hiking, boating, fishing and flying airplanes.

**Dr. Bob Patterson**

"It's not the answers that enlighten, but rather the questions. Let's explore the real questions that address strategies for breaking the global poverty- hunger cycle."

**Fall 2009 FYI Linked "Q" Courses are designated with a "★"**

The First Year Inquiry Program, in partnership with the First Year College (FYC), offers nine FYC Village "linked" courses. Linked courses consist of a First Year Inquiry "Q" course and a FYC USC 101 Introduction to University Education course in which students share enrollment. Enrollment is restricted to incoming First Year College students who will reside in Owen Hall and Tucker Hall.

For more information about the FYC Village and "linked" courses, please visit:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/fyc/prospective/village/linked.html> or contact Ms. Karen Hauschild @ 919-515-8266.

**Q & A**

- **Who is eligible to take a FYI course?**  
FYI classes for the fall semester are intended for *incoming first-year students* at NC State. Eligibility for FYI classes excludes first-year transfer students who have spent earlier semesters at another higher education institution.
- **Are the 300-level FYI courses appropriate for First Year Students?**  
Yes. All the FYI courses are designed with First Year Students in mind.
- **What is expected from the student?**  
Active participation and regular attendance  
Confronting different opinions respectfully, responsibly and wisely  
Thinking together toward workable solutions for complex problems
- **Who can help me?**  
Your academic adviser is available to help you.
- **Who is teaching?**  
Faculty with innovative teaching styles that are committed to First Year Students
- **How can I fit an FYI course into my academic program of study?**  
FYI courses fulfill **General Education Program (GEP) requirements**.  
**Note** -- Colleges may differ on what coursework is acceptable within specific curricula.  
In all cases you should, **consult with your academic adviser** as to how a particular course fits into your course of study.
- **What are General Education Program (GEP) requirements?**  
The mission of general education is to provide students the opportunity to experience diverse and integrative disciplinary perspectives. Students will take thirty-nine credits to fulfill these requirements. Visit the GEP website for further details.  
<http://www.ncsu.edu/uap/academic-standards/gep/gepcategories.html>

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