EDUC 125
OASIS First-Year Seminar
Opportunities for Academic Success with Individualized Support
A branch of Pre-Major Advising Services (PAS)

WHAT IS IT?
The OASIS First-Year Seminar is a one-credit Pass/Fail course, specifically designed to help undeclared students make a smooth transition to UMass. It will provide opportunities for students to develop skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for success at the University.

The OASIS First-Year Seminar is taught in small groups (15-20 students) by Pre-Major Advising Services academic advisors who have a special interest in first-year students.

WHY ENROLL IN THIS CLASS?
If you participate in this class you will have the opportunity to:

- **Get to know yourself as a learner**
  - Time management – Explore ways to balance your academic and personal life.
  - Study methods – Discover new methods to organize material from a variety of courses.
  - Interests, Talents and Values – Learn how this information can influence your choice of major.

- **Improve general student success strategies**
  - Faculty relationships - Learn beneficial ways to work with professors.
  - Critical campus resources - Learn how to get the most out of the library and other support services.
  - Note-taking skills – Master these skills necessary for survival in large lecture classes.
  - Test-taking strategies - Explore new techniques to improve your exam grades.

- **Make the most of the General Education Curriculum**
  - Recognize how to use this opportunity to expand your awareness of academic disciplines.
  - Become familiar with possible majors and future career opportunities.

- **Master UMass**
  - Important people and places - Learn who is who and what is where around campus; for your business, academic and personal needs.
  - Academic policies and procedures - Understand important UMass rules and regulations so that you avoid falling into trouble academically or socially.
  - SPIRE - Conquer this computer program and discover ways to use it to your advantage.

- **Build a support network**
  - Your seminar instructor will also be your academic advisor. He or she will be able to provide assistance with future registration and academic planning.
  - The small class size and discussion format is designed to promote the development of peer relationships.

WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO?
The requirements of this class include:

- **Attendance** – This class will meet once per week throughout the semester.
- **Participation** – Group discussions will be an integral component of this seminar.
- **In-class assignments** – There will be a combination of individual, small group and large group activities which must be completed during the class meetings.
- **Out-of-class assignments** – There will a variety of out-of-class assignments designed specifically to assist students in learning about the campus community and resources available.
- **Academic advising** – A requirement of this seminar is that each student schedule time to work individually with his/her advisor at least two times during the semester.

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