



# FRESHMAN PROGRAMS

Welcome!

# Where should I start?



# Why Freshman Programs?

- ❑ UNIV 100 learning community
- ❑ A place to belong
- ❑ Exposure to campus resources and opportunities
- ❑ Lava Lounge resources
- ❑ Lifelong friendships





# The Freshman Programs Mission



**FRESHMAN PROGRAMS AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON, PROMOTES COLLEGE SUCCESS BY PROVIDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES DESIGNED TO ENSURE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS' SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO HIGHER EDUCATION.**

# Freshman Programs Goals

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- ❑ ACADEMIC SUCCESS
- ❑ CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT
- ❑ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



# FRESHMAN PROGRAMS LEARNING COMMUNITIES



# What is a Learning Community?

- A structure in which classes are linked to create a community of students
- Students have the opportunity to form study groups and discuss class topics because of common course schedules
- This structure is an instant recipe to create networks to support students over their four years at CSUF



# University Studies 100

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- Setting goals & managing time
- Critical thinking & decision making
- Learning styles, and study & test taking skills
- Campus services & resources
- Library competency and research skills
- Diversity, relationships, & communication skills

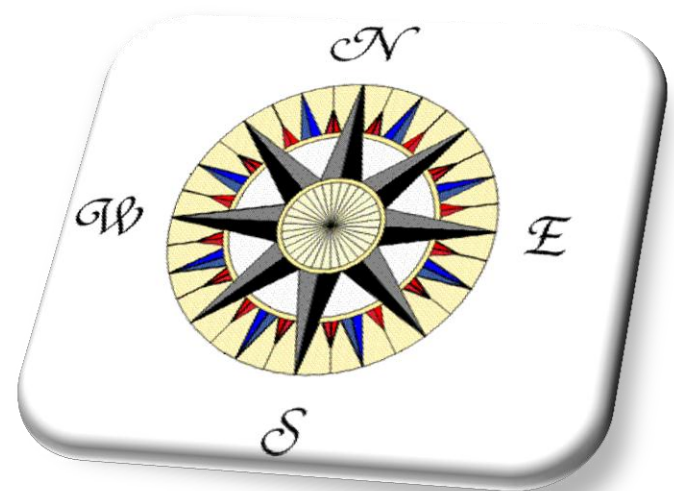
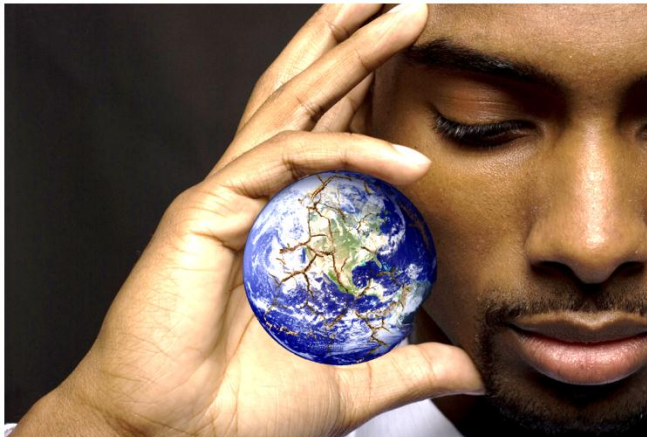


# Thematic Learning Communities

□ **FULLERTON FIRST YEAR**

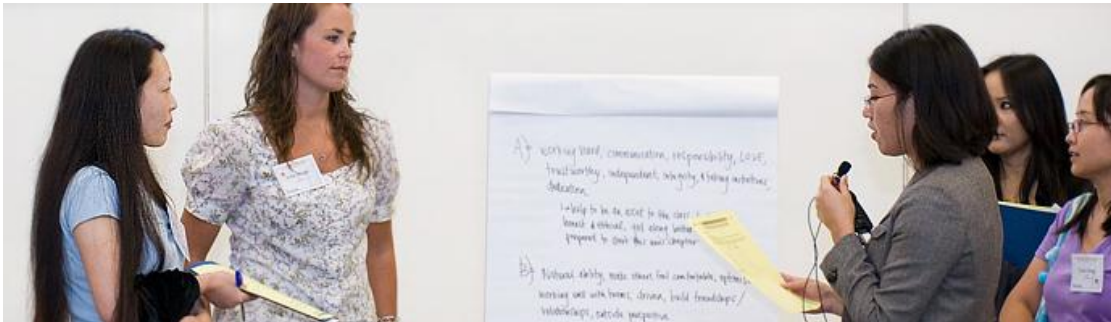
□ **COMPASS**

□ **iSUSTAIN**



# Discipline-based Learning Communities

- ❑ **FULLERTON FUTURE TEACHERS**
- ❑ **COMPASS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MAJORS**
- ❑ **MIHAYLO FIRST YEAR**



# Make your connection

- Meet other first-year students who share your academic, personal, and social goals at CSUF
- Meet dedicated professors and staff members who offer a network of support during your first year
- Meet Peer Mentors who will give you the inside tips for Cal State Fullerton



# Stay on track

- ❑ Reserved seats in popular general education courses
- ❑ Academic advising to assist you in deciding courses for your first year
- ❑ Faculty, staff and peer mentor support





# Get Involved!

- ❑ Use the Lava Lounge to meet up with new friends, create study groups, work and print papers
- ❑ Enhance your learning by participating in educational trips to cultural sites
- ❑ Participate in the Freshman Programs Student Association





# Freshman Programs Support Services

- University 100
- Experiential Learning
- Reserved Seats in Popular General Ed Courses
- Early Alert Probation Prevention
- Academic Coaching
- Library Competency
- Learning Community Field Trips
- New Lifelong Friendships



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## FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS TEAMS

### Peer Mentors



### Academic Affairs

Faculty  
Librarians  
Academic Dept.  
Academic Advisement  
Service Learning

**YOU!**

### Student Affairs

New Student Programs  
Athletics  
Health &  
Counseling Services  
Judicial Affairs  
Women's Center

DO YOU PLAN TO  
LIVE ON CAMPUS?



# First Year Connection





# First Year Connection

*A residential life experience*

- Eligible for housing in the Pine Residence Hall
- On-site classroom
- Pine Resource Center:
  - ▣ Tutoring
  - ▣ Academic coaching
  - ▣ Study groups
  - ▣ Community building events
- Introduces you to faculty members, student services staff, peers and campus resources



# LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



# Freshman Programs Student Association (FPSA)

- ❑ FPSA is a student-run club with an Executive Board
- ❑ FPSA provides an opportunity for first-time freshmen to achieve a leadership position on campus that can be a stepping stone to more advanced leadership opportunities
- ❑ Plan community service, socials and fundraisers



# Peer Ambassador Committee (PAC)

- A group of volunteer student leaders who support first-year students' transition to college
- Current and former Freshman Programs students and student leaders
- Collaborate with Freshman Programs staff, faculty and students to represent the department and CSUF





# Peer Mentors

- ❑ Peer Mentors serve in a section of UNIV 100 where they act as a resource, support system and role model to new students
- ❑ Sophomore and above class standing
- ❑ Students learn about first-year transition; develop communication, facilitation, leadership and other skills; and contribute to the University





# STUDENTS IN FRESHMAN PROGRAMS

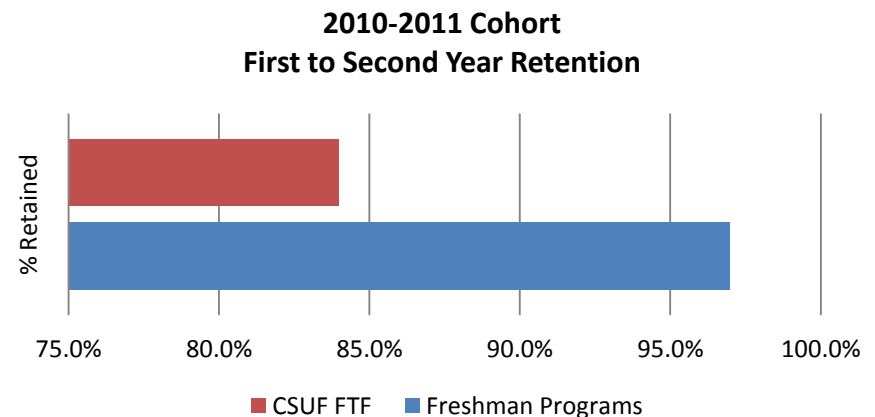
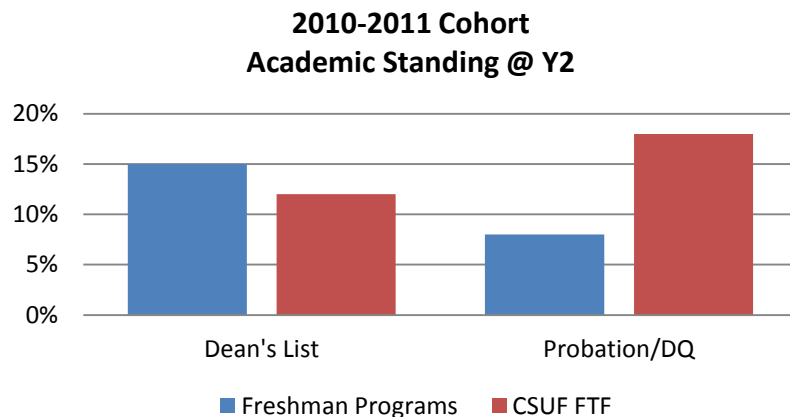




# We Care About Your Success!

Education research shows students participating in similar programs are more likely to:

- Earn higher grade point averages & progress more successfully towards degree completion.



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- ❑ Experience lower stress levels.
- ❑ Become more self-disciplined and self-motivated.
- ❑ Improve overall academic performance (i.e. communications skills, study habits, relations with faculty)
- ❑ Feel confident using campus resources (i.e. career & academic advising, library, health services, recreation centers, student unions)



# APPLY TODAY!

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**Apply by May 1st for first consideration**

**It takes only 10 minutes to secure your spot today!**

**First come, first serve basis**

**FREE to participate!**

**A student leader will guide you to the computer lab in the Pollak Library, where our staff is ready to assist you!**

# Questions?

- ❑ Visit us at the Resource Fair today
- ❑ Visit us in Langsdorf Hall (LH) 216
  - ▣ Monday- Friday
  - ▣ 8:00- 5:00 p.m.
- ❑ Call us at (657) 278-3709
- ❑ Or visit us on the web
  - ▣ [www.fullerton.edu/freshmanprograms](http://www.fullerton.edu/freshmanprograms)
  - ▣ <http://www.facebook.com/FreshmanPrograms>

