

## First-Year Interest Group (FIG) Program

**TO:** Advisors of incoming freshmen

**SUBJECT:** Information on advising students who have joined the FIG program

This student has joined the **First-Year Interest Group (FIG)** program. FIG is a program designed for first-year students with similar majors or interests who will live in the same residence hall and take 2-3 core classes together both fall and spring semester.

### REGISTRATION CONSIDERATIONS:

**Seats have been reserved for them in their FIG courses.** Your FIG advisee has a packet of FIG registration information, including a **GOLD** Advising and Registration form which has the FIG courses typed in for the student.

- FIG advisees must use the **GOLD** registration form for registration to ensure that they get the reserved seats in the FIG courses. Please write in the additional courses the student chooses.

**Core class sections:** Please advise the student into the reserved FIG sections of the FIG courses listed on the gold registration sheet. If there is a course that the student already has credit for, or has tested out of, simply cross that course off of the sheet. If you must advise a student out of a FIG course please make a note on the sheet as to why so we can track our course enrollments.

**Spring FIG courses:** Please advise your student to avoid taking Spring Semester FIG courses during the fall semester. They are on the FIG course schedule provide.

**When a FIG is not a good fit:** A few majors do not work smoothly with a FIG (for reasons such as sequencing of required curriculum or very tight course scheduling). If you experience this please call me. A student can opt out of the FIG program at any time over the summer.

If you have any questions or concerns during advising, please contact me,  
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For questions or concerns outside of orientation advising please feel free to  
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