

LinC 100 2R: Introduction to College Life
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Course Description:

This is a half unit (.50) course requirement whose primary goals are to introduce first year college students to the intellectual life of Moravian College, to promote a smooth transition to college life, and to help students develop a coherent plan for their education. Each class meeting will address a specific theme including the history and culture of Moravian College, on and off campus recreation, housing issues, and making the most of all campus resources available to you.

Class will meet once a week on Friday afternoon @ 2:20. Please note that attendance is mandatory. If you are unable to attend class please contact your instructor via email or by office phone before the scheduled class time. As your academic advisor, I am always here to help you with whatever questions you may have. This is certainly an exciting beginning to your college career.

Grading:

Attendance and Participation 300 pts

5 Event Papers 35 pts each

Speaking Assignment 100 pts

Participation in library session 40 pts

6 Reflection Papers 50 pts each

Registration/Scheduling 60pts

Summer Reading Lecture 25pts

Campus Events: Moravian College provides a wide variety of informative events, artistic performances, athletic contests and other intellectual and social events. To encourage you to sample a variety of the non-academic opportunities available to you at Moravian, the course requires you to attend at least **5** such events this semester. Of these 5, there is one mandatory event: summer reading lecture). For each of your 5 events, write a two page paper of your experience. The paper should include a few sentences describing the event, but should focus more so on your reaction.

August 24: Anne Fadiman Discussion/ Presentation/ Syllabus Review

- **WRITING ASSIGNMENT:** Write a 2 page paper on the Anne Fadiman discussion and text.

August 25: Library Information Session- (Report Directly to Reeves Library)

Exploring Reeves Library—Meet the librarians and learn about the resources available to you through Reeves Library. Games and prizes are included. Attendance will be taken.

August 29: Intro and 1st week of school discussion

- **TURN IN EVENT PAPER:** Anne Fadiman presentation (1)
- **WRITING ASSIGNMENT REFLECTION #1:** Why I choose Moravian
- **Assignment for 9/5:** bring with you the following materials:
 - **Freshman CD**
 - **Log-in Letter**
 - **Student ID**

September 2: LAST DAY FOR DROP/ ADD**September 5: Computer Information Technology****(REPORT TO REGULAR CLASSROOM FIRST) ******Turn in Reflection Paper #1**

Steve McKinney from CIT presents: What technology is available to you at Moravian College? The session will discuss the use of Blackboard, e-mail, MC's Acceptable Users Policy and issues with RIAA.

September 12: Preparing for Academic Success (joint class with Brion Morro's Class)

Laurie Roth, Director of Counseling Services joins us to talk about study habits, the dangers of poor study habits and the availability of the Counseling Center.

Turn in Event Paper #2

Assignment for 9/19: Read hand out and pick one of the discussion questions to answer for Reflection Paper #2

September 19: Discussion of *Letter to a "B" Student***Turn in Reflection Paper #2**

Assignment for 9/26: Reflection Paper on 1st Month of College

September 26: Living College Life and the Weekend Challenge with Brion Morro's class**Turn in Reflection paper #3**

Sean Tallarico, Chief of Police at Moravian College speaks about the dangers of weekend life and "Red Line" issues that face college freshmen.

October 3: Your brush with Moravian College fame (joint class with Brion Morro's class)

Turn in Event #3 Paper

Assignment for 10/10: Reflection Paper #4, How my study habits have changed.

Meet the President, Dr. Christopher Thomforde President of Moravian College.

October 10: Matt and Hazar

Turn in Reflection Paper #4

October 17: Election Discussion (joint class with Brion Morro's class)

How will the upcoming Presidential Election affect you as students? Let's have a candid discussion on the topics facing the two nominees.

Turn in Event Paper #4

October 24: Class Advising Session

Assignment for 11/14: Personal Education Plan

October 31: Moravian Heritage: The Moravian Archives (joint class with LinC 100.2)

It's time to learn about the history of Moravian College and what makes Moravian so unique. Please visit the Moravian College Church Archives Building located on Locust Street.

Turn in Event Paper # 5

Assignment for 11/7 Reflection Paper: What makes the history and heritage of Moravian College so unique?

November 7: Oral Presentations

Turn in Reflection Paper # 5

November 14: Oral Presentations

Turn in PEP

November 21: Study Abroad

Learn about Study Abroad opportunities at Moravian College.

Assignment for 12/5 Reflection Paper #6: What you liked about LinC and what could be done to improve class

November 28: NO CLASS- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**December 5: Looking Back**

This is our final class meeting. All late assignments are due and preparations for final exams are to be made.

Turn in Reflection Paper #6

Fill out evaluations