

LinC 100 2S: 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, we will also discuss other issues ranging from credit and financial issues, the history and culture of Moravian College, on and office campus recreation, housing issues, and making the most of all campus resources available to you.

Class will meet once a week on Friday afternoon. 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	25%
Attendance at community events and write up	30%
Speaking Assignment	10%
Interview	10%
Participation in library session	5%
Individual advising session	5%
Weekly in class written assignment	15%

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: (TBA). For each of your 5 events, write a one page (250 words) journal entry of your experience. The journal entry should include a few sentences describing the event, but should focus more so on your reaction. Journal entries can be types or handwritten.

August 24: Anne Fadiman Discussion/ Presentation/ Syllabus Review

- **WRITING ASSIGNMENT:** Write a 250 PRP on the Anne Fadiman discussion and text.

August 26 @ 6:00 pm: 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: Survivor or The Amazing Race: Negotiating your way...

Call it a wrap! You've finished your first week of college and it's time to reflect on your classes. Bring the Syllabi for all of your other classes with you. Let's review and learn about Moravian College policy.

- **TURN IN REFLECTION PAPER:** Anne Fadiman presentation (1)
- **WRITING ASSIGNMENT:** Write a 250 journal entry and reflect on your first week in college.
- **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 MEMORIAL HALL ROOM 202) **

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.

- **READING ASSIGNMENT:** Binge: Chapters 3: *How Hard are Students Studying* and Chapter 4: *Emotional Troubles*

September 12: Preparing for Academic Success (joint class with LinC 100.2)

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.

September 19: "Talkin about My Generation"

What defines a Generation? How will your generation be defined?

PRP: Write a personal reflection paper on what has defined your generation. (Due 10/5)

September 26: Living College Life and the Weekend Challenge

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

- **READING ASSIGNMENT:** Binge: Chapter 2- *Hooking Up: Sex on Campus* and Chapter 5: *The College Alcohol Crisis*

- **WRITING ASSIGNMENT:** Write a 250 word journal entry on “Red Line Issues facing College Freshmen”
- **COMMUNITY EVENT:** Family Weekend Activities

October 3: Your brush with Moravian College fame (joint class with LinC 100.2)

Meet the President... No, not George Bush, Dr. Christopher Thomforde President of Moravian College.

PRP: What ways can you make a difference for future students at Moravian College?

October 10: Matt and Hazar will lead class discussion.

October 17: 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.

- **COMMUNITY EVENT:** Homecoming Weekend

Cohen's Arts and Lectures Series (Community Event, Mandatory Attendance)

October 24: Class Advising Session (No Class, schedule a meeting)

Schedule a meeting time with Mr. Morro and Matt to schedule next semester's classes

October 31: Election Discussion (joint class with LinC 100.2)

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

PRP: What makes the history and heritage of Moravian College so unique? (Due 11/9)

November 7: Integrity in the Classroom and Academic Honesty

Reference & Electronic Resources Librarian Beth Fuchs will discuss issues surrounding Academic Honesty and Research at Reeves Library.

PRP: Write a reflection on Academic Integrity? Should Moravian College have an Honor Code? (Due 11/30)

READING ASSIGNMENT: Binge: Chapter 13: *Improving the Undergraduate Experience*

November 14: Preparing for Life

We will have a candid discussion about your life. Stephanie McLaughlin, Moravian College Financial Aid will speak to you about personal finance, the dangers of credit card debt, and debt consolidation after graduation. Also joining us will be Amy Saul, Director of the Career Center to talk about your leadership role on campus and the importance of internship experience.

November 21: Study Abroad

Learn about Study Abroad opportunities at Moravian College.

November 28: NO CLASS- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

PRP: What can Moravian do to improve the undergraduate experience? (Due 12/7)

December 5: Looking Back, Looking Forward!

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

PRP/ Class Evaluation: What can Mr. Morro do to improve on the ICL experience next year?