

LinC 100 2U: 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 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. 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.

Text:

The Education of Character: Lessons for Beginners- Author: Will Keim

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: (The Cohen Art and Lecture Series). 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 typed or handwritten.

August 30: *The World Without Us*: Discussion and lecture

- **WRITING ASSIGNMENT:** Reflection paper on *The World Without Us*.
- **READING ASSIGNMENT:** Lesson 13: “Class is a lot like life.”

September 1: Library Information Session- (Report Directly to Reeves Library at 8:00pm)

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

September 3rd- Job Fair, Snyder Room- HUB

September 4: 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 college policy and learn about the college.

- **READING ASSIGNMENT:** Lesson 11: “Freshman: A Growing Person is Always a Freshman”
- **WRITING ASSIGNMENT:** Write a 250 journal entry and reflect on your first week in college.
- **TURN IN REFLECTION PAPER-** Alan Weisman-*The World Without Us*

September 8: LAST DAY FOR DROP/ ADD

September 11: “Talkin about My Generation”

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

PRP: Write a personal reflection paper on what defines a generation. (Due 9/18)

September 18: CIT:

Steve McKinney from the Center for Information Technology at Moravian College will speak to the class about setting up your student drives, RIAA information and successfully using AMOS as a tool while on campus.

- **READING ASSIGNMENT:** Lesson 16: “Stress and Stress Reduction” Lesson 17: “Alcohol and Drinking” Lesson 18: “Drugs: Be a part of the solution, not the problem” Lesson 19: “Sex- The College Sex Scene” Lesson 20: “Dating on a College Campus”

September 25: 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.

- **WRITING ASSIGNMENT:** Reflection paper on the dangers of Sex, Drugs, and Alcohol abuse on a college campus.
- **READING ASSIGNMENT:** Lesson 6: “On being yourself in College” and Lesson 14: “On How to Be a Good Student”

October 2: Preparing for Academic Success

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.

- **READING ASSIGNMENT:** Lesson 2: “Culture- Life in the Global Village” Lesson 27: “Contributorship- You will Lead Occasionally, But You Can Always Contribute”

October 9: Making a Difference at Moravian College

Meet the President! Dr. Christopher Thomforde, President of Moravian College, will take questions, comments and concerns you have about Moravian College.

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

October 16: Study Abroad

Come learn about the Study Abroad opportunities available to you. Kerry Sethi, Director of Study abroad will talk about current options for Moravian Students.

October 23: Moravian Heritage: The Moravian Archives

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.

PRP: What makes the history and heritage of Moravian College so unique? (Due 10/30)

October 30: Academic Advising Day- NO CLASS

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

November 6: 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 11/13)

READING ASSIGNMENT: Lesson 8: “Finances- Thoughts on Money and Credit”

Lesson 9: “Consumerism- You are the consumer of the education”

November 13: Character Education and Moravian College

November 20: 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 27: NO CLASS- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

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

December 4: Looking Back, Looking Forward!

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?