



FYE First-Year Experience



Philosophy of the First Year

Craven Community College believes that the first-year experience is critical to the academic success and personal growth of our students as it is the foundation upon which future educational endeavors are built. Craven is committed to creating a comprehensive first-year experience program that integrates students into the college community as engaged learners and participants in campus life and facilitates their transition to college. To reach this goal, we are committed to creating:

- a welcoming environment both in and outside of the classroom that is sensitive to individual needs, backgrounds and experiences of all first-year students,
- connections across campus and points of contacts for students with faculty, staff and experienced students, and
- a vibrant student learning community that challenges and inspires students to actively engage in learning, achieve their maximum potential and become independent, lifelong learners.

The college recognizes that this commitment obligates all members of the Craven community to cooperatively and intentionally structure their programs, activities and services to promote first-year success.

Through the First-Year Experience, you will:

- learn in depth about the college and our expectations
- develop skills that will help you succeed academically
- become familiar with and utilize campus resources
- have a sense of membership and engagement in the Craven community
- work closely with faculty and professional staff
- form strong peer support systems
- prepare for the future and set goals for personal and professional development

Questions?

First-Year Experience Programs

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FYE First-Year Experience Programs

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*We hope your first-year experience at Craven Community College is one that **ENGAGES** your mind in and outside of the classroom,*

***ENRICHES** your life with opportunities to grow and develop personally and professionally, and **EMPOWERS** you to initiate, lead and pursue your passions. Craven is committed to your success and wants your experience here to be educational and fulfilling. We encourage you to take advantage of these first-year opportunities as one of the most important steps you will take towards your own success as a college student.*

Craven Community College Opportunities



New Student Orientation

To make the most of your first year at college, you are required to enroll in New Student Orientation. Orientation will give you a head start in making meaningful connections and introduce you to a host of resources to assist you with meeting your academic and personal goals. We will not only help prepare you for your first day of classes, we will also help you begin your journey toward graduation.

Your orientation to Craven continues with Welcome Week, the official semester *Kick Off* for new and returning students. Welcome Week is a series of fun and interactive activities designed to help familiarize students with their campus and get them excited about the new academic year. Attending orientation activities is critical to your first-year success.

ACA - Student Success Courses

As a new student, you will be required to take an ACA course designed to facilitate your first semester of transition and adjustment to college. The course

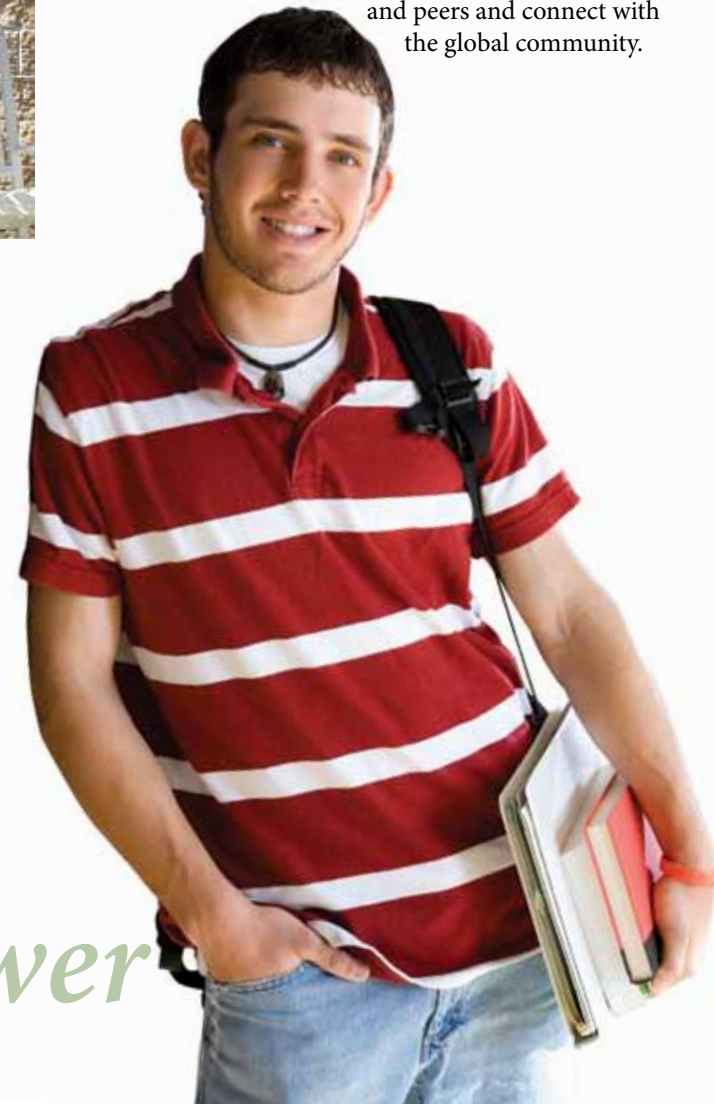
will increase your awareness of critical decisions that will need to be made during your first semester and provide a road map for decisions you will make over the course of your academic career at Craven. You will also gain information that will help you develop behaviors and skills that are critical for becoming an engaged learner and successful student.

Supporting First-Year Students

Our goal is to empower students with the skills, knowledge and resources necessary to actively and effectively pursue their education and reach their goals. As a new student, you will be required to meet with an academic advisor to discuss your educational goals and plan your schedule prior to registration. In collaboration with faculty and student support services, we can connect you with the people and services that can give you the best chance of success if you are having any academic problems or difficulties.

Student Engagement

At Craven, we believe that a successful student is both a quality student and an active member of our community. There are many ways that you can get involved on campus – join a student club or organization, become a student leader, participate in campus programs, or become a tutor. Engagement in learning experiences outside of the classroom will provide you opportunities to interact with faculty and peers and connect with the global community.



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