

Dear Culture and Society (HSS) Open Option Freshmen:

Welcome to TCNJ and to the School of Culture and Society (School of Humanities and Social Sciences, effective July 1). I look forward to meeting all of you on your assigned Summer Orientation Day: **July 18, OR July 19 OR July 20**. On this date, you will have the chance to discuss and complete your Fall 2011 schedule with me.

For now, I would like to provide you with some additional guidelines on how to begin the exploration of a major and on a possible first semester schedule selection: Please review the following bullet points:

- Dr. Rosa's Welcome Letter and suggested First Semester Sequence for Open Option Majors: <http://firstreg.pages.tcnj.edu/files/2011/05/X139A-CS-Open-Option.pdf>.
- The Office of Records and Registration, will pre-register you for the following mandatory graduation requirements, though ZERO credit courses: HSS 99: Section 01, or 02 or 03, IDS 102 and IDS 103.
- You will be asked to populate the shopping cart with **FOUR (4)**, ONE course unit courses:
 1. **FSP** – You are or will be pre-registered for an FSP by the Office of Liberal Learning.
 2. **Foreign Language Course**. I strongly recommend that you begin the second language Liberal Learning requirement in your first semester, especially if you plan to continue with the language you took in high school. If you are continuing with a language, remember that you must take a Language Placement test. For the link to the placement test or for the list of foreign language courses go to the Modern Languages Department website: (now known as the Department of World Languages and Cultures: **NOTE** that we offer Intensive Language Courses in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Russian. These intensive language courses count for TWO course units.
 3. **Foundation Course** of an exploratory major. See list below for the Foundation Courses for the C&S (HSS) majors
 4. **Liberal Learning Course** (If you are exploring Criminology, Sociology or Political Science as possible majors you could consider taking STA 115, as Statistics is a major requirement for our Social Science majors and it also satisfies a Quantitative Reasoning/Math requirement. For a complete list of the Approved Liberal Learning courses, visit the LL site: <http://www.tcnj.edu/~liberal/>.
- School of Culture and Society (HSS) Department Chairs Welcome Message and First Semester Sequence: <http://firstreg.pages.tcnj.edu/first-semester-sequence/>
- Culture and Society (HSS) Approved Majors and Corresponding Foundation Courses:

Criminology: **CRI 100**—Introduction to Criminology

English: **LIT 200:** -Introduction to Poetry

History: **HIS 110:**– World History I

International Studies	1) Second Language Course (1 or 2 units) OR 2) ECO 102 – Principles of Macroeconomics
Journalism:	JPW 208: Introduction to Journalism OR JPW 250: Introduction to Professional Writing
Philosophy:	PHL 100 – Introduction to Philosophy, OR PHL 120 – Introduction to Logic, OR PHL 135 – Contemporary Moral Issues
Political Science:	POL 110 – American Government, OR if previously taken, POL 230 – International Relations
Psychology:	PSY 101 – General Psychology
Sociology:	SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology
Spanish:	SPA 203 – Intermediate Oral Proficiency OR SPA 210 – Spanish for Heritage Speakers
Women’s and Gender Studies:	WGS 200 – Women, Culture, and Society

Please Remember: We will have ample time to review these guidelines, your AP scores, and any other questions you may have, when we meet in the computer/registration lab in July. Please be reassured that you will have a complete schedule by the time you leave campus on your assigned Orientation Day.



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