



Richard Bland College
of WILLIAM & MARY

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

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PHASE ONE



DISCOVERY

- Research
- Best Practices
- FYE National Conference

PHASE TWO



PLANNING

- Task Force
- Philosophy
- Objectives
- Learning Outcomes



PHILOSOPHY

The First Year Experience is designed to provide students with foundational skills, supportive relationships, creative and scholarly habits of mind, and the confidence necessary to make a successful transition to a college learning environment.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Communication

Students will demonstrate competency in oral, written, and interpersonal communication, and will engage in effective conflict resolution strategies.

Curiosity

Students will effectively use critical thinking in problem-solving, reasoning, analysis, interpretation, and synthesizing information.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Wellness

Students will demonstrate growth in the area of self-management using skills necessary to lead emotionally, physically, and fiscally healthy lives.

Literacy

Students will develop information, communication, media, and internet literacy as members of a global community.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Leadership

Students will acquire leadership skills necessary to engage effectively in contemporary life with a sense of teamwork, collaboration, and cooperation within and beyond the classroom.

PHASE THREE



EXECUTION

- ESE101
- Population Selection
- Faculty
- Special Topics
- Workshops
- Events & Activities

ESE101 COURSES

Special Topics

Social Awareness

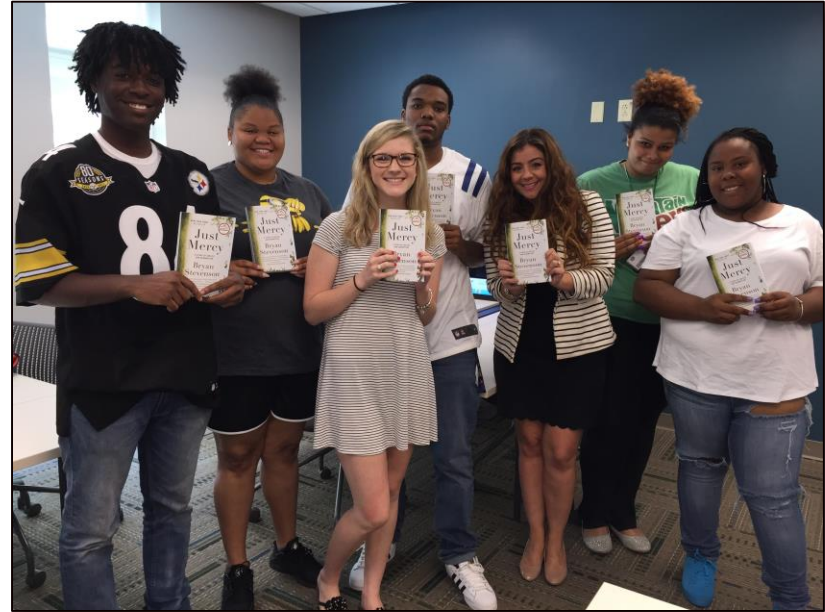
(Dr. Tiffany Birdsong)

The Biology of Athletics

(Dr. Shawn Holt)

Creativity & Innovation

(Aimee Joyaux)





ESE101 COURSES

Special Topics

***Reading for Self-empowerment
& Academic Success***

(Dr. Evanda Watts-Martinez)

The Environment as Classroom

(Dr. Eric Miller)

Equine Assisted Growth & Learning

(Dr. Barbara Morgan)





ESE101:03 - SOCIAL AWARENESS

"You can't understand most of the important things from a distance. You have to get close."

Learning Outcomes

Communication	→
Curiosity	→
Wellness	→
Literacy	→
Leadership	→

Sample Course Activities

Law school application paper
Off campus events (VMFA, UVA)
Stress management workshops
Just Mercy readings & discussions
Group final project

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Thank You

