

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

First Year Experience (FYE) Program

Program Goals

First Year Experience (FYE) is a student success program designed for first-time students transitioning into college. FYE ensures that first-year students have the tools and support necessary to navigate through college and beyond.

With the support of academic counselors, faculty, staff, and student peers, FYE students will engage in the college experience and connect to the Ventura College community. Through this program, students are empowered to take ownership of their education and life goals.

Eligibility

This program is open to any of the following students:

- All first-time college students with no prior college experience
- Former dual-enrollment students
- Students with fewer than 15 college units or have been out of college for 5-10 years
- Complete an online orientation (in portal), understand Math & English placement, and complete a My Academic Plan (MAP) workshop.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
COUN V01	College Success	3
COUN V02	Career Exploration and Life Planning	3
COUN V03	College Orientation	1
COUN V05	Exploring Careers and College Majors	1
EAC V01	Strategies for Success in College and Life	3
ENGR V01	Introduction to Engineering	3

Students must apply to the program and attend Arrival Survival (Summer Orientation)

Students must enroll in English and Math during their first year

Students must complete FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application

Benefits

Educational counseling and planning

Academic & student success workshops

Career counseling

Enrollment assistance

Extended orientation

Transfer guidance

Priority registration for spring and summer/fall semesters (for students who complete program requirements)

Social gatherings to help integrate students into the college community

For more information, please call the FYE Office at **805-289-6438**, or visit the FYE page on the Ventura College website.