**First-Year Seminars**

**Fall 2015 for first-year students**

**REGISTER NOW!**

Receive a free credit¹ toward your degree, learn tricks to navigate Blackboard and UAOnline, and boost your GPA and reduce your time to graduation².

**Banned! Challenges to Intellectual Freedom Around the World **

**Instructor: Karen Jensen**

FYE F100 F02

Huck Finn, Fahrenheit 451, Captain Underpants... What do these books have in common? They’ve been banned! Have you ever seen a library display for Banned Books Week? It’s not just a publicity stunt; books, movies and more really do get censored in today’s information-rich world. Understand the dilemmas faced by librarians, publishers, booksellers and writers when faced with information that may be “too hot to handle.” In this course we will examine the motives for and means of censorship in print and online, and discuss why it is sometimes difficult - yet vital – for libraries to defend intellectual freedom.

**Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:00**  
**September 4 – November 6**  
**CRN 74742**

**How Do We Build Sustainable Communities in Alaska?**

**Instructor: Cindy Fabbrini**

FYE F100 F03

We will examine what it means to have a sustainable community. Students will bring their own ideas and examples to the table to help the group explore issues of importance in urban and rural Alaska (i.e. water and sanitation, energy, health, food security, economic development, biodiversity, air quality). The group will work collaboratively to identify strategies that we can use to make Alaska’s communities more sustainable.  

**Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:30**  
**September 4 – November 6**  
**CRN 77960**

**Hidden Mysteries**

**Instructor: Leslie McCartney**

FYE F100 F04

A scroll of papyrus paper containing nine mathematical problems, a stone-age tool, a pot shard, a credit card, a microchip... every object, found in every corner of the globe tells a story of how humans, in just over two million years, have shaped our world and have been shaped by it. We will look at museum artifacts that shine a light on human history worldwide and in Alaska.

**Tuesdays 3:40 – 5:10**  
**September 4 – November 6**  
**CRN 74744**

**Fact or Fiction: Critical Thinking in Fisheries Conservation & Management**

**Instructors: Trent Sutton & Andy Selz**

FYE F100 F05

Engage in active learning and problem solving about fisheries conservation and management issues by considering current case studies in fisheries management. These case studies will be real-life issues and scenarios that will challenge you to think critically and creatively.  

**Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:30**  
**September 4 – November 11**  
**CRN 79708**

**Running with the Devil: The History of Evil & the Supernatural in Music**

**Instructor: Morris Peiter**

FYE F100 F06

Explore how and why the Devil, the supernatural, and evil has come to influence such a large breadth of musical activity. Through a survey of musical genres including classical, jazz, blues, hip hop, rock and other popular music forms, students are invited to enlighten themselves to the dark side of music.

**Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:00**  
**September 4 – November 6**  
**CRN 79798**

**Success Curriculum ** required for all FYE 100 students

All students will be required to attend three additional sessions to complete the Success Curriculum.

**Wednesdays 5:30 – 7:00**  
**September 9, October 7 and November 4**

1Tuition and all fees paid by UAF. Students who enroll but do not complete pass the course will be charged $45. Graded pass/fail. All seminars are 1 credit.

2National Research shows that first-year seminars improve 4-year graduation rates and college GPA among all students.

For more information, contact your advisor or URSA at 907-450-8772, www.uaf.edu/ursa.