

# ZZ-First-Year Experience - Prior to 2022-2023 Academic Year

## **Degree Type**

Program

## Program Goals

The First-Year Experience is designed to meet the following goals:

- Provide a small seminar of students with a faculty mentor/advisor who will help them to improve writing and thinking skills and familiarize them with the academic life of the College while they study a specialized subject area
- Provide a bridge between the high school experience and the Bethany experience designed to enable students to engage actively and successfully as they grow and learn inside the classroom and out
- Provide students with an intense, single-class, topic driven learning experience designed to enhance college level reading, writing and research skills

Students will:

- employ and enhance college-level academic skills through a topic-driven learning experience
- explore identity development, including personal and professional identification
- increase awareness and knowledge of available Bethany resources, including the institution resources, culture, and community
- embrace and understand the responsibilities of a professional learning community.
- demonstrate and maintain personal health and wellness
- demonstrate understanding of the power of a liberal arts education

All students who meet one of the following conditions are required to complete successfully the First-Year Experience, including BFYE 101, 101, and 102 or HSEM 101 and 102.

- The student has graduated from high school but never attended college, even if she or he has completed college credits while in high school.
- The student has enrolled in another college and is transferring fewer than 13 credits to Bethany.

Students who have been enrolled as a full-time, degree-seeking student at another institution and who have completed 12 or more credit hours at that institution are considered transfers and are exempt from the Bethany First-Year Experience (BFYE) requirement.

Further information on the BFYE courses can be found in the First-Year Experience section. Note on Completions: Students who do not successfully complete their first year seminar in the fall term will be required to make up this course during the next calendar offering of the course, usually the subsequent spring semester. Students who do not successfully complete BFYE 102 will be required to register for, and successfully complete the course during its next offering. If these courses are not successfully completed, students will not be eligible for graduation.

# Requirements for the Program

All students who meet one of the following conditions are required to complete successfully the First-Year Experience, including:

- The student has graduated from high school but never attended college, even if she or he has completed college credits while in high school.
- The student has enrolled in another college and is transferring fewer than 12 credits to Bethany.

Students who have been enrolled as a full-time, degree-seeking student at another institution and who have completed 12 or more credit hours at that institution are considered transfers and are exempt from the Bethany First-Year Experience (BFYE) requirement.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BFYE 100	First-Year Experience Orientation (Camp Bell)	
BFYE 101	First-Year Experience Seminars	4
BFYE 102	First Year Professional Learning Community	1

Note on Completions: Students who do not successfully complete their first year seminar in the fall term will be required to make up this course during the spring term of their first year. Students who do not successfully complete BFYE 102 will be required to register for, and successfully complete, the course in the May term of their first year, at additional expense. If these courses are not successfully completed, students will not be eligible for graduation.