FIG Guide

The First-Year Interest Groups offered for 2015 are first listed in this guide by being grouped into themes. By selecting a FIG in a theme you are interested in, you can ensure that your personal interests align well with the topics your FIG will explore.

In the ConFIGurations section the FIGs are listed alphabetically, and show all of the courses that make up the FIG.

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Two Carnegie Global Oregon FIG students discuss a book with Professor Shaul Cohen over a meal on campus.
FIG Themes

Art of Storytelling
Make sense of the world around us through stories and art

Art, Culture, and Comics
COLLEGE: A Screwball Comedy
Politically Creative
Portable Life Museum
Re: Creation
Stories We Tell
Visualize a Better World

Becoming Human
Discover our humanity through science

Animal Behavior
Electronic Nose
Human Genome Honors Chemistry (CHALLENGE) (RES)
Speak Your Mind
The Far Side

Building Society
Investigate the how and why people join together to form communities

Breaking the Wall
Face to Face
Human Hierarchies
Justice Matters (CHALLENGE)
Risky Business
Tomato, Tomàto
Culture in Review
Examine cultures and subcultures through a discerning lens

Carnegie Global Oregon (CHALLENGE) (RES)
Culture at the Crossroads
Hidden History
Hip Hop & Politics of Race (CHALLENGE) (RES)
Education Revolution
Social Progress, Social Change

Going Green
Delve in to how we affect the environment and how it affects us

Chemistry of Sustainability (RES)
Chemistry of Climate Change
Digging Up History
Inside Architecture
Justice, Beauty, and Nature
Oregon Outside
Urban Garden

Globe Trekking
Take a journey to a foreign land

Bella Italia!
European Grand Tour
¿Papas o Patatas?
Vive la France!

Limelight
Explore internal creative impulses through the arts

Art of Expression
Moving to the Beat
On the Big Screen
**Science and Society**

Solve problems and make an impact on the world through science

Mapping without Borders  
Rock ’n’ Physics  
Science in the News  
Science of Learning  
Startups from the Ground Up  
Students without Borders

**World Happenings**

Investigate life outside of the U.S.

Cultural Encounters  
Digital Humanitarians  
Exploring Africa (CHALLENGE)  
International Outlook  
Roots of Civilization  
World within Us

**Challenge FIGs**

Carnegie Global Oregon (CHALLENGE) (RES)  
Exploring Africa (CHALLENGE)  
Hip Hop & Politics of Race (CHALLENGE) (RES)  
Human Genome Honors Chemistry (CHALLENGE) (RES)  
Inside Architecture (CHALLENGE) (RES)  
Justice Matters (CHALLENGE)

Additional information about the College Connections faculty member and the FIG Assistant can be found at the **Meet Your FIG** page on our website:

- blogs.uoregon.edu/fyp/figs/meetyourfig
FIG ConFIGurations
(alphabetical order)

Animal Behavior
ANTH 171 Introduction to Monkeys and Apes
BI 132 Introduction to Animal Behavior
ANTH 199 College Connections

Art of Expression
AAD 251 The Arts and Visual Literacy
TA 250 Acting I
AAD 199 College Connections

Art, Culture, and Comics
ENG 280 Introduction to Comics Studies
AAD 252 Art and Gender
ENG 199 College Connections

Bella Italia!
ITAL 101 First-Year Italian
ITAL 150 Cultural Legacies of Italy
ITAL 199 College Connections

Breaking the Wall
GER 221 Postwar Germany: Nation Divided
PSY 202 Mind and Society
GER 199 College Connections

RESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE
Carnegie Global Oregon
(Three-term FIG. Read about this unique FIG below.)
GEOG 142 Introduction to Human Geography
ANTH 161 World Cultures
GEOG 199 College Connections

Chemistry of Climate Change*
CH 221 General Chemistry
CH 227 General Chemistry Laboratory
CH 199 College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below
RESIDENTIAL

Chemistry of Sustainability*
CH 221  General Chemistry
CH 227  General Chemistry Laboratory
CH 199  College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below

COLLEGE: A Screwball Comedy
TA 271  Introduction to Theater Arts
J 201   Media and Society
J 199   College Connections

Cultural Encounters
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology
INTL 240  Perspectives on International Development
SOC 199  College Connections

Culture at the Crossroads
MUS 270  History of the Blues
HIST 251  African American History
MUS 199  College Connections

Digging Up History
ANTH 150  World Archaeology
ENVS 201  Introduction to Environmental Studies: Social Sciences
ANTH 199  College Connections

Digital Humanitarians
INTL 101  Introduction to International Issues
GEOG 181  Our Digital Earth
INTL 199  College Connections

Education Revolution
EDST 111  Educational Issues and Problems
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology
EDST 199  College Connections

Electronic Nose*
CH 221  General Chemistry
PSY 201  Mind and Brain
CH 199  College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below
European Grand Tour
HIST 101  Western Civilization I: Ancient to Medieval
HUM 101  Introduction to the Humanities I
HIST 199  College Connections

CHALLENGE
Exploring Africa
INTL 345  Africa Today
ANTH 161  World Cultures
INTL 199  College Connections

Face to Face
PSY 202  Mind and Society
J 201   Media and Society
J 199   College Connections

Hidden History
HIST 201  History of the United States
ES 101   Introduction to Ethnic Studies
HIST 199  College Connections

RESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE
Hip Hop & Politics of Race
MUS 360  Hip-Hop: History, Culture, Aesthetics
ES 101   Introduction to Ethnic Studies
MUS 199  College Connections

RESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE
Human Genome (Honors Chemistry) ±
CH 224H  Honors General Chemistry
CH 237   Advanced General Chemistry Laboratory
CH 199   College Connections
± check pre- or corequisites below

Human Hierarchies
WGS 101  Women, Difference, and Power
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology
WGS 199  College Connections

RESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE
Inside Architecture
(NOT for admitted Architecture students)
ARCH 201  Introduction to Architecture
ARH 314  History of Western Architecture I
ARCH 199  College Connections
### International Outlook
- **PS 205** Introduction to International Relations
- **J 201** Media and Society
- **PS 199** College Connections

### CHALLENGE
#### Justice Matters
- **PHIL 307** Social and Political Philosophy
- **PS 201** US Politics
- **PHIL 199** College Connections

#### Justice, Beauty, and Nature
- **ENVS 203** Introduction to Environmental Studies: Humanities
- **PHIL 110** Human Nature
- **ENVS 199** College Connections

### Mapping without Borders
- **GEOG 181** Our Digital Earth
- **CIS 110** Fluency with Information Technology
- **GEOG 199** College Connections

### Moving to the Beat
*Recommended for dance majors, not for music majors*
- **MUS 125** Understanding Music
- **DAN 251** Looking at Dance
- **MUS 199** College Connections

### On the Big Screen
- **ENG 265** History of the Motion Picture
- **CINE 230** The Remix of Culture
- **ENG 199** College Connections

### Oregon Outside
- **GEOL 101** Earth's Dynamic Interior
- **GEOG 141** The Natural Environment
- **GEOL 199** College Connections

### ¿Papas o Patatas?+
- **SPAN 238** Spanish around the World
- **LING 201** Language and Power
- **SPAN 199** College Connections

+ check prerequisites at the bottom
Politically Creative
FLR 250  Introduction to Folklore
PS 201  US Politics
FLR 199  College Connections

Portable Life Museum
AAD 252  Art and Gender
FLR 250  Introduction to Folklore
AAD 199  College Connections

Re: Creation
REL 211  Early Judaism
ENG 107  World Literature
REL 199  College Connections

Risky Business
EC 101  Contemporary Economic Issues
PSY 202  Mind and Society
EC 199  College Connections

Rock ‘n’ Physics
PHYS 152  Physics of Sound and Music
PHYS 199  College Connections

Roots of Civilization
HIST 104  World History
REL 233  Introduction to Islam
HIST 199  College Connections

Science in the News*
CH 221  General Chemistry
CH 227  General Chemistry Laboratory
CH 199  College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below

Science of Learning*
CH 221  General Chemistry
CH 227  General Chemistry Laboratory
CH 199  College Connections
* check pre- or corequisites below
Social Progress, Social Change
ES 101   Introduction to Ethnic Studies
WGS 101   Women, Difference, and Power
ES 199    College Connections

Speak Your Mind
LING 101  Introduction to Language
PSY 201   Mind and Brain
LING 199  College Connections

Startups from the Ground Up
CIS 111    Introduction to Web Programming
BA 101    Introduction to Business
CIS 199    College Connections

Stories We Tell
SCAN 251  Text and Interpretation
PHIL 130  Philosophy and Popular Culture
SCAN 199  College Connections

Students without Borders
ANTH 175  Evolutionary Medicine
PSY 202  Mind and Society
PSY 199  College Connections

The Far Side
BI 132    Introduction to Animal Behavior
PSY 201  Mind and Brain
PSY 199  College Connections

Tomato, Tomâto
LING 201  Language and Power
SOC 204  Introduction to Sociology
LING 199  College Connections

Urban Garden
LA 260    Understanding Landscapes
GEOG 141  The Natural Environment
LA 199  College Connections

Visualize a Better World
AAD 250  Art and Human Values
J 201    Media and Society
AAD 199  College Connections
**Vive la France!**  
FR 150  Cultural Legacies of France  
HUM 101  Introduction to the Humanities I  
FR 199  College Connections  

**World within Us**  
ANTH 161  World Cultures  
PSY 202  Mind and Society  
ANTH 199  College Connections
Course pre-requisites and co-requisites:

+ SPAN 238 Spanish around the World: Lecture and discussion primarily in English, with some readings and class activities in Spanish; this class requires previous study of Spanish equivalent to two years in high school or SPAN 103.

* CH 221 General Chemistry: Prerequisite: high school chemistry; pre- or corequisite: MATH 111. Concurrent CH 227 or 237 recommended.

± CH 224H Honors General Chemistry: Prerequisite: high school chemistry; MATH 112 or equivalent; pre- or corequisite: MATH 241 or 251 or 261. Concurrent CH 237 recommended.

Residential & Challenge FIGs

Students in most FIGs may live in any hall or even off campus, if they choose, since these FIGs are not connected with a particular campus residence. Students in a RESIDENTIAL FIG live in the residence halls near each other and the FIG academic assistant, but intermingled with other students as well. Residential FIG selection will supersede your housing preferences for special-interest halls and room types.

CHALLENGE FIGs give students a distinctive academic experience because one of the courses in each challenge FIG is at the intermediate 300 level. They are smaller than the courses in many of the other FIGs, and are intended to encourage motivated students to explore subjects in depth.

What is unique about Carnegie Global Oregon?

The Carnegie Global Oregon FIG is the only FIG that continues for three terms. After the fall FIG courses, students enroll in 1-credit seminars in winter and spring, and the majority of its students remain active in this vibrant learning community throughout their years at the university. This provides a supportive mix as sophomores and juniors meet weekly for class and a meal to explore areas of ethical concern. To find out more, check out carnegieglobaI.uoregon.edu

Clark Honors College Students

To avoid duplicating course work, Clark Honors College students may enroll in one of two FIGs: Human Genome Honors Chemistry (for students planning to major in biology, chemistry, or human physiology), and Carnegie Global Oregon (for students interested in ethics).