



## TURN THE CITY INTO YOUR CLASSROOM

The first year of college is an amazing time, filled with exciting experiences. However, making new friends, wondering if you can keep up with college level courses, and discovering your own voice as you become more independent, can also make your first year uniquely stressful. At Warner Pacific, we want you to start off on the right foot by participating in a First-Year Learning Community (FYLC). When you join a FYLC, you'll have the chance to build meaningful relationships with your peers as you navigate classes together. You'll also create a strong network of support as you get to know professors and mentors outside of class through special activities designed exclusively for your FYLC, including: visiting a local farm, exploring Portland's neighborhoods, conversations with politicians at the capitol, worshipping with another faith community, and catching a show at one of the city's many concert venues. Your FYLC isn't just another class; it's a community that will help you feel more at home as you settle into campus life.

### OVERVIEW OF FIRST-YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITIES



FYLCs are groups of 12-15 students who participate together in learning activities that extend outside the traditional classroom setting.

These Learning Communities focus on issues relevant to incoming students including: transitioning to college, social support, study skills, and community building. Using the city as their classroom, FYLCs explore topics relevant to Portland, immersing students in interdisciplinary, collaborative, hands-on learning. They embrace the mission of the College, which serves as the framework of our FYLC model through the themes: Christ-centered, urban, liberal arts, and diversity.

The students in each FYLC will be in at least one other core class together in the same semester, as well as a thematically linked class across semesters. Dedicated faculty, co-curricular educators, and upper-class peer mentors provide a strong framework of support and connection.

"IT CHALLENGES YOUR THINKING, BUT THROUGH THAT YOU GAIN SO MUCH KNOWLEDGE; PLUS, THE LEARNING COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE IS FULL OF ADVENTURES AND IT'S A BLAST!"

-FYLC STUDENT

### AT A GLANCE

#### WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE

- Founded in 1937 as Pacific Bible College
- 1,442 total students (501 Traditional, 860 Adult Degree Program, 81 Graduate)
- 11:1 student/faculty ratio
- 43% residential students, 57% commute
- 99% of full-time students receive financial aid
- \$19,136 average financial aid package
- 52% of incoming students identify as persons of color
- Religious affiliation: Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)

# FIRST-YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITIES (FYLCs)

"MY RELATIONSHIP TO LEARNING HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY SINCE BEING A PART OF THIS LEARNING COMMUNITY."

-FYLC STUDENT

## CLASSES OFFERED FOR 2014-2015 ACADEMIC YEAR

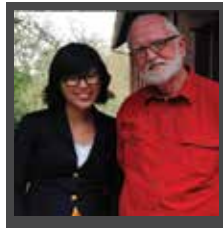


**Faculty members:**  
*Dr. Luke Goble & Jenna Thompson*

**Linked Courses:**  
*Fall—EN 95, Writing & Grammar*  
*Spring—EN 101, College Composition*

### **HUM 160X Boyz n Girlz in the Hood: Justice and Neighborhood Change in PDX**

Draw on the personal experiences you had growing up in your own neighborhood and discover how the places we live affect us as people as you explore the neighborhoods of Portland.

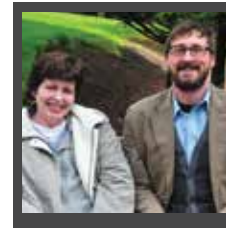


**Faculty members:**  
*Stephanie Mathis & Dr. Arthur Kelly*

**Linked Courses:**  
*Fall—EN 101, College Composition*  
*Spring—REL 220, Spiritual Formation*

### **REL 160X Faith, Justice, and Portland: Advocating for Social Change**

Find your unique voice as you speak for those living in the margins of society and learn how to use your story to impact real-world social change as you visit politicians, policy makers, and local social advocates.

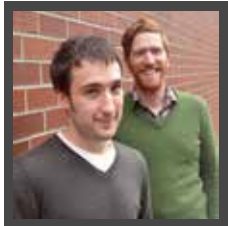


**Faculty members:**  
*Derek Moyer & Heidi Owsley*

**Linked Courses:**  
*Fall—EN 101, College Composition*  
*Spring—EN 200, Advanced Composition*

### **HUM 150X Food Carts, Farms, and Freddy's: Thinking About Eating in Portland**

Experience Portland through the city's farms, markets, co-ops, gardens, and food carts as you share and prepare meals with your classmates and professors while discussing the politics and ethics of food production.

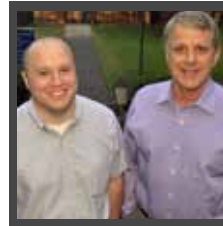


**Faculty members:**  
*Lance Chamberlain & Michael DeBenedetti*

**Linked Courses:**  
*Fall—PHS 101, Intro. to Physical Science*  
*Spring—MUS 241, Intro. to Music Literature*

### **MUS 160X What's on Your iPod?: Music in Human Nature**

Discover how music impacts us as physical, social, and spiritual beings. You'll uncover the physics of sound and learn how music and science are related through exciting, hands-on service opportunities.



**Faculty members:**  
*Nathan Dunbar & Bart Valentine*

**Linked Courses:**  
*Fall—Math 104, Math Concepts & Applications*  
*Spring—EC 203, Economics*

### **BUS 160X All About the Benjamins: Financial Literacy and Resources**

Learn how to develop basic business skills and utilize those skills to serve your community. Explore your own understanding and beliefs about money as we think about ways to use and manage resources together in our city.

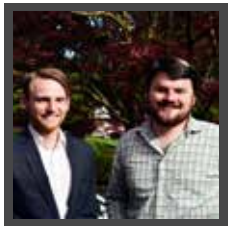


**Faculty members:**  
*Windy-Ayers Wray & Dr. Pam Plimpton*

**Linked Courses:**  
*Fall—EN 101, College Compositions*  
*Spring—EN 200, Advanced Composition*

### **HUM 161X Image and Word: Design and Print Culture in Portland**

Explore images and words in Portland's media culture as you actively engage in service opportunities, make contact with local marketing and communications professionals, and receive training in Adobe InDesign.



**Faculty members:**  
*Joseph McLendon & Brandon Baker*

**Linked Courses:**  
*Fall—BI 151, The Bible as Literature*  
*Spring—SOC 140, Principles of Sociology*

### **REL 161X One Love: Interfaith Conversations in PDX**

Explore Portland's religious traditions and discover the connections between faith, service, justice, and self. Gain insight into your own beliefs through conversations with members of diverse faith communities.



**Faculty members:**  
*Dr. Ryan Hubbard & Joe Fitzgibbon*

**Linked Courses:**  
*Fall—EN 101, College Composition*  
*Spring—HHK 150, Personal Health & Fitness*

### **HHK 160X Live Long and Prosper: Building Bridges to Wellness in PDX**

Discover our interconnectedness through the lens of wellness as you engage in discussions and service opportunities to gain insight into the many opportunities and challenges surrounding wellness in Portland.



**Faculty members:**  
*Dr. Aisha Hollands & Ruth Knott*

**Linked Courses:**  
*Fall—PSY 140, General Psychology*  
*Spring—SS/COMM 200, Interpersonal Communications*

### **SOC 161X Power & Privilege: Emerging Leaders in Portland**

Learn to utilize your personal story as an avenue for improving communities. You'll explore your social identity through film, hands-on activities, and service to gain a deeper understanding of diversity in leadership.

## YOUR NEXT ACTION STEPS:

Speak with someone at Warner Pacific by contacting the admissions office at 503.517.1020 or 800.804.1510. Learn more: [warnerpacific.edu/fylc](http://warnerpacific.edu/fylc). Apply for admission: [warnerpacific.edu/applynow](http://warnerpacific.edu/applynow).