Program Syllabus Fall 2021

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| **MISSION** |
| The First Generation Leadership Program is designed to instill pride in students for their first-generation identity, empower them as leaders, develop academic confidence, and create a sense of family among first-generation students. This program serves to improve leadership and advocacy skills and create community among first-generation students at MSU Denver. |
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| **OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM** |
| Students who participate in the First Generation Leadership Program will earn a leadership certificate and an opportunity to receive the First Generation Scholarship. Students connect with what we call a Family Leader who serves as a mentor and resource during the first year of college. During the fall semester, students in the program meet once a week to discuss aspects of leadership and academic success skills. In the spring semester, students will continue to meet to discuss leadership and academic success skills biweekly and participate in a community service project. Throughout the year, they will build a connection with the other first-gen students in their Family Group and participate in events hosted by First Generation Initiatives staff! Being a part of the program is an excellent opportunity to build life-long friendships and get involved in our first-generation community at MSU Denver! |
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| **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS** |
| *General Requirements** Read and respond to emails/text messages from the First Generation Initiatives staff
* Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA
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| * + Your grades will be checked at the middle and end of each semester
	+ You will be asked to attend the Second Semester Success: The Come Back Retreatif you are below a 2.5
* Demonstrate leadership on and off campus

*Fall Semester Requirements** Attend the Program Kick-Off Event on Friday, August 20, 2021 from 11am- 2pm
* **Attend all** Family Group Meetings that occur weekly for 1 hour and 15 minutes in the fall and biweekly in the spring
* Attend at least one Family Group activity (scheduled by your Family Leader)
* Attend Spring Service Projects planned by your Family Group
* Attend at least one event put on by First Generation Initiatives
	+ Find a list of available events at <https://www.msudenver.edu/first-generation-initiatives/events/>
* Meet with your Family Leader two times per semester for one-on-ones
	+ First round due: Week 5
	+ Second round due: Week 13
* Attend weekly study sessions hosted by any of the Family Leaders
	+ More information will be shared by your Family Leader
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| **PROGRAM REMINDERS** |
| * Attendance and participation are mandatory to receive the scholarship.
* You cannot miss more than two workshops during the fall semester, except for extenuating circumstances which will be approved by your Family Leader.
* If you think you are unable to complete the requirement for the program, please discuss with your Family Leader.
* If you do not maintain at least a 2.5 GPA, you may be asked to participate in additional academic support programs such as the **Second Semester Success: The Come Back Retreat on January 21st from 9-3pm**
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| **FALL 2021 IMPORTANT DATES** |
| Add/Drop Deadlines * August 29, 2021: Last day to **add** full semester courses
* August 29, 2021: Last day to **drop** full semester classes with 100% refund
* September 9, 2021: Last day to drop full semester classes with 50% refund

**What does it mean to drop a class?** When you drop a class, it means that you remove a class from your schedule that you are already registered for. If you drop a class before the add/drop deadline, it will not show on your student record or transcript and you will not receive a grade for the class. As long as you drop the class by August 29, 2021, you will **not** be required to pay for any fees associated with it. If you already paid for the class, you will receive a full refund. If you drop a class after the August 29, 2021 then you **will be required** to pay some of the fees, and you **will not** get a full refund for it. |
| Withdrawal Deadline* November 5: Last day to withdraw from full semester courses
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| **What does it mean to withdraw from a class?** Withdrawing from a class is different from dropping a class. Withdrawing means that you were in a class for a large portion of the semester and for extenuating circumstances you needed to remove that class from your schedule. If you withdraw from a class you will receive a “W” on your transcript, indicating that you were in the class, but that you did not receive an actual grade. This does not affect your GPA. Sometimes students withdraw from a class if they are at risk of not passing it. Please talk with your academic advisor and your Family Leader if you think you might be in this situation, so that you can determine the best way to proceed.In some cases, you may owe money to the university if you withdraw. If you need to withdraw from a class, please speak with [Financial Aid](https://www.msudenver.edu/financialaid/) about payments and impacts this might have on your financial aid. Find all important dates through the [MSU Denver Academic Calander](https://www.msudenver.edu/events/academic/)  |

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| **FALL 2021 COURSE SCHEDULE** |
| **Week** | **Dates** | **Details** *\*\*\*Subject to change* |
| Kick-Off Event | August 20 (11am-2pm) | Jordan Student Success Building Lawn |
| Week 1 | August 23-27 | Session: Defining Leadership \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Important Announcements:* Syllabus Party! Date and time to be announced by your Family Leader.
* Start scheduling one-on-ones with your Family Leader (due by September 23rd)
* August 29, 2021 is the last day to add full semester courses
* August 29, 2021 is the last day to drop full semester classes with 100% refund
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| Week 2 | August 30-September 3 | Session: Time Management \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Important Announcements:* Continue scheduling one-on-ones with your Family Leader
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| Week 3 | September 6-10 | Session: Understanding Strengths \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Important Announcements: * September 6, 2021 is a holiday. No classes that day!
* September 9, 2021is the last day to drop full semester classes with 50% refund
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| **FALL COURSE SCHEDULE CONTINUED** |
| Week 4 | September 13-17 |  Session: Learning Styles, Skills, & Note-Taking\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Important Announcements: * Continue meeting with Family Leader
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| Week 5 | September 20-24 | Session: Multicultural Leadership – Identity & Intersectionality\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* Complete one-on-ones by September 23, 2021
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| Week 6 | September 27-October 1 | Session: Test Taking & Textbook Reading\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Week 7 | October 4-8 | Session: My Life as a River (Part 1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Important Announcements: * Plan Family Group Activity!
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| Week 8 | October 11-15 | Session: My Life as a River (Part 2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **FALL COURSE SCHEDULE CONTINUED** |
| Week 9 | October 18-22 | Session: Self-Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Important Announcements: * Schedule second round of one-on-ones with your Family Leader (Due by November 19th,2021)
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| Week 10 | October 25-29 | Session: Growth Mindset and Resilient Leadership \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Week 11 | November 1**-5** | Session: Advocating for Self\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Week 12 | November 8-12 | Session: Multicultural Leadership – Power, Privilege, & Oppression\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Important Announcements:* Continue scheduling one-on-ones with your Family Leader
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| Week 13  | November 15-19 | Session: Final Workshop\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Important Announcements:* Complete one-on-ones with your Family Leader (Due by November 19th)
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| **FALL COURSE SCHEDULE CONTINUED** |
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| Fall Break  | November 22-26 | NO WORKSHOPS |
| Week 15  | November 29 - December 3 | NO WORKSHOPS |
| Week 16  | December 6-10 | NO WORKSHOPS (Finals Week) |

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| **THINKING AHEAD FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER** |
| Important Dates* Spring Classes Begin January 18
* Second Semester Success: The Come Back Retreat on January 21st from 9-3pm
* One-on-ones
	+ First Set: January 18-February 18
	+ Second Set: April-May 5
* Spring Break March 21-25
* Finals Week May 9-13
* Award Ceremony – Date to be determined, but likely in April

Service Project and Program Activities* Service Project – To be determined by your Family Group
* Family Group Activities – To be determined by your Family Group
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| CONTACT INFORMATION |
| Family Leaders* Alicia
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* Cell: 303-875-4128
	+ Family Group Meetings: Wednesdays 12:30pm – 1:45pm
		- Location: Jordan Student Success Building (JSSB) 207
	+ Study Hours: Tuesdays & Thursday’s 11:30am-12:30pm
		- Location: TBD
* Araceli (Celi)
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	+ Family Group Meetings: Thursdays 3:30- 4:45 pm
		- Location: Jordan Student Success Building (JSSB) 207
	+ Study Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 pm
		- Location: TBD
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	+ Family Group Meetings: Thursdays 2:00-3:15 pm
		- Location: Plaza Building M203
	+ Study Hours: Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 pm & Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm
		- Location: TBD
* Mariana Pascual-Miranda
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	+ Family Group Meetings: Wednesdays 2:00pm – 3:15pm
		- Location: Jordan Student Success Building (JSSB) 207
	+ Study Hours: Mondays 12:30-1:30pm & Tuesdays 10:00-11:00am
		- Location: TBD

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Remember, you are a leader! Welcome to the first-gen family 😊