

LinC 100.1D: Introduction to College Life

Fall 2001

INSTRUCTOR	CLASS HOURS	OFFICE HOURS
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The primary goals of the course are to introduce you to the intellectual life of Moravian College, promote a smooth transition to college life, and to help you develop a coherent plan for your education here at Moravian College and beyond. Upon completion of the course, you should have a greater understanding of yourself, and your responsibilities as a student, a member of the College Community and a citizen in the larger society. You should also be developing the necessary skills for maximizing your academic performance, as well as, an appreciation of the relevance and importance of a liberal arts education to helping you establish a pattern of life-long learning.

COURSE POLICIES:

1. *Administrative Structure*

Successful completion of LinC 100 is a graduation requirement for all day program students. Given the special nature of the course a student may not withdraw from the course. In the event of a medical emergency or other special circumstance a student may appeal to the director of the Introduction to College Life program for a special exception to this policy. If the appeal is approved the student would be granted a "W" for each semester enrolled in the course. In the event that a student withdraws or does not earn a passing grade in LinC 100 or 101, there will be a mandatory second year no credit experience, LinC 200 or 201, that will be graded on a Pass/No Credit basis. LinC 200 or 201 then must be successfully completed to fulfill the graduation requirement.

2. *Course Structure and Grading*

Although this course is a full year experience you will enroll each semester (LinC 100.1 fall and LinC 101.1 spring), earn separate grades and be awarded 1/4 course unit each semester.

3. *Attendance Policy*

Attendance is mandatory for all sessions. Every unexcused absence will lower your final course grade for the semester by a full letter unit. A student should miss no more than one class during the semester due to an instructor-approved excused absence.

a. *General Workload Expectations*

At Moravian College students should be expected to spend at least 3 hours of work outside of class for each "class hour" (50 minute period spent in class). In LinC 100 the out of class work will include assigned reading, attendance at community events, library or Internet research, written journal assignments and preparation of your personal education plan. You

will have the equivalent of approximately 11 "class hours" this semester in LinC 100, so you should expect to spend approximately 33 hours on out of class work for this course. That is the basis upon which class assignments have been planned.

b. *Academic Honesty*

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Plagiarism is the misrepresentation of someone else's work as your own. This includes such instances as quoting directly from a published work without giving the author credit (i.e. proper citation), inserting the author's words as your own, using or "borrowing" another student's work, buying a paper from a professional service, etc. It is your responsibility to be familiar with what constitutes plagiarism and, in the event of uncertainty, to ask in a constructive manner about the situation in question before the assignment is due in a final version. You are also required to keep all note cards, outlines and rough drafts on papers and assignments until given a grade for that course. Evidence of plagiarism and cheating will be dealt with in accordance with the college policy on academic honesty found in the Student Handbook. In the event of a suspected infraction – in fairness to your peers and the standards of the college – it is my job to send the materials in question to the Dean's Office at which time the student is given the chance to provide his/her perspective on the matter.

c. *Late Assignments*

Assignments will not be accepted after announced deadlines without an excuse that has been accepted by me before the deadline. When the excuse is accepted, a new deadline will be set with a significant reduction in the maximum grade possible. There will be no second delay of any deadline on any single assignment.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Required Textbooks

Ethics and College Student Life, by Kenneth A. Strike and Pamela A. Moss, Allyn & Bacon, Needham Heights, MA 1997 (ISBN 0-205-17347-0) (ETHICS)

Moravian College Student Handbook (MCSH)

Community Events

In addition to academic experiences, the Moravian College Community provides a wide variety informative events, artistic performances, athletic contests and other intellectual and social events. To encourage you to sample a variety of the non-academic opportunities available to you at Moravian College, we are requiring that you attend at least 5 such events this semester. As indicated in the list below, three specific events are required, but you are free to select the other two: from two of the four listed categories. For each of your 5 events, write a journal entry on your experience. (See description of journal entries below.)

1. "Lecture and Discussion by James McBride", Sunday, August 26, at 1:30 PM in the Foy Auditorium. (Occurred during orientation.)
2. "The 4 Stages of Drinking" a Presentation by Mike Greene, Sunday, September 23 at 7:00 PM in Prosser Auditorium.

3. "Verbal Violence: Laying Down the Arms of Language", by Juliet Funt, Monday, November 5 at 7:30 PM in Prosser Auditorium.
4. & 5. Choose events from two of the following categories. (Only one from any category.)
 - a. A campus theatrical performance
 - b. A campus musical performance
 - c. A campus International Film
 - d. A Moravian College athletic competition. (NOTE: This must be one at which you were a spectator rather than a competitor.)

First-Year Journal

LinC 100 will provide you with a number of new experiences. The learning process is aided greatly by reflecting on new experiences. To help you develop a habit of reflection, I am requiring that you maintain a journal of your experiences during your first year at Moravian College. I suggest that you take a few minutes each evening to retrace your daily activities and record your thoughts on, or reaction to the day's events. You can keep your journal in any form that works for you: a notebook, separate sheets of paper in a folder, or a series of electronic documents in a folder on a computer or network disk drive. In general, your journal is for your own benefit, but you will be required to submit a few specific journal entries to me by e-mail. Submitted journal entries will be of three types:

1. Formal entries on community events (See descriptions above.) These journal entries should include a brief (a few sentences) description of the event, but **focus primarily on your reaction to the event**. Each entry should be at least 300 words. Deadlines for these entries are given in the FALL COURSE SCHEDULE below. These entries will be graded and returned to you by e-mail.
2. Formal entries on class readings due by noon on the Monday before each class. These weekly entries (A total of 6) will relate your reaction to the reading assignment for that day's class. See specifics in the FALL COURSE SCHEDULE below. Each entry should be at least 300 words. These entries will be graded and returned to you by e-mail.
3. Informal weekly entries due each Friday of the semester beginning August 31 (A total of 14) will relate your reaction to the most significant experience of the week. These are ungraded but required. There is no length requirement, but you must deal with YOUR REACTION to the experience not just a description of the experience.

FORMAT FOR E-MAIL JOURNAL ENTRIES.

1. TITLE LINE: Must START with your LAST NAME and include the assignment (e.g. Jones-on McBride or Smith-Aug. 31 weekly or Williams-Sept. 5 Ethics)
2. The body of the entry should be in the text of the e-mail (not an attached document). If you use a word processor to prepare your entry, copy the text and paste it into your e-mail message. Then check to correct any strange characters that might result.

NOTE: Entries that do not conform to this format will not be accepted or graded.

Developmental Advising Inventory (DAI)

The DAI is a self-scored inventory that allows you to explore your development in a number of areas and gives you a sense of your level of satisfaction with the extent of your development. Copies of the DAI will be distributed in class on August 28. Your completed copy is due in class on September 4. We are using the DAI as a snapshot of your self-evaluation as you enter Moravian College. You will have an opportunity to complete the DAI later in the year to see how you are progressing in areas that are initially unsatisfactory to you.

Personal Education Plan

One of the primary goals of LinC 100 is to help you think about your long-term educational goals. Thus, by the end of spring semester, you will produce a comprehensive Personal Education Plan. In our interactions this semester we will begin to explore your strengths, needs and desires for the future to help you begin to formulate a plan for your education at Moravian

College and for your life beyond. A first draft of your plan will be due when we meet for a spring term advising discussion.

Grade Distribution

Weekly Journal Entries	20 %
Class Participation	20 %
Personal Education Plan	20 %
Community Events Journal Entries	20 %
Class Readings Journal Entries	20 %

FALL SEMESTER COURSE SCHEDULE

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Assignments</i>
8/26	Required Community Event. “Lecture and Discussion by James McBride”	Journal Entry (e-mail) Due by noon, Wednesday, September 5
8/28	WHAT IS THIS COURSE ALL ABOUT? EXPLORING OUR EXPECTATIONS, and discussion of reactions to James McBride Professor Stinson's Sunday evening talk and	Read the syllabus in class
9/4	ETHICS AND COLLEGE POLICIES	ETHICS Chapter 1, pp. 1-11 <i>MCSH</i> : Read sections on the Student Policies. Complete and return <i>DAI</i> Journal Entry (e-mail) on the ETHICS Assignment, due by noon, Tuesday, September 3.
9/11	SHARING ROOMS AND FACILITIES PERSONAL SPACE	ETHICS Chapter 4, pp. 56-80 Journal Entry (e-mail) on the ETHICS Assignment, due by noon, Monday, September 10
9/18	HOW DO WE JOIN THE MORAVIAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS? RESPONSIBILITY, AND A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION	<i>MCSH</i> : Read sections on the College Mission, the Strategic Goals and the Moravian Heritage. Moravian College Learning in Common Curriculum Document (handout). Journal Entry (e-mail) on the Learning in Common Curriculum Document, due by noon, Monday, September 17
9/23	Required Community Event.	Journal Entry (e-mail) Due by

“The 4 Stages of Drinking” a Presentation by Mike Greene, Sunday, September 23 at 7:00 PM in Prosser Auditorium. **noon, Wednesday, September 26.**

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10/2	ACADEMIC HONESTY and Reactions to Mike Greene's Presentation	ETHICS Chapter 2, pp. 12-28 Journal Entry (e-mail) on the ETHICS article, due by noon, Monday, October 1
10/16	GENERAL EDUCATION AND THE BEGINNINGS OF A PERSONAL EDUCATION PLAN.	ETHICS Chapter 8, pp. 159-179 Personal Education Plan handout Journal Entry (e-mail) on the ETHICS article, due by noon, Monday, October 15.
10/19	Complete an Optional Community Event	Journal entry due by Friday, October 19
10/30	TOLERANCE AND JOYS, CONCERNS AND PLANNING FOR SPRING REGISTRATION.	ETHICS Chapter 3, pp. 29-55 Journal Entry (e-mail) on the ETHICS article, due by noon, Monday, October 29.
11/5	<i>"Verbal Violence: Laying Down the Arms of Language", by Juliet Funt, Monday, November 5, 7:30 PM, Prosser Auditorium</i>	Journal Entry (e-mail) Due by noon, Wednesday, November 14.
	Advising session	<i>Personal Education Plan <u>draft</u> due</i>
11/13	HOW HAS THE SEMESTER GONE AND WHAT WILL FINALS BE LIKE?	ETHICS Chapter 7, pp. 133-158 Journal Entry (e-mail) on the Ethics article, due by noon, Monday, December 11.
11/30	Complete Final Community Event	Journal entry due by Friday, November 30