

What is required to become and/or continue as a course that carries the First Year Experience (FYE) attribute?

Academic units (departments, schools, colleges) desiring to either initially propose a course as a First Year Experience (FYE) course or continue carrying the FYE attribute on an existing FYE course must [submit a proposal](#) on an annual basis to the Office of First Year Experiences. Courses identified as FYE courses are included in the university metric – *Entering Students Attending First Year Experience Classes* – and are eligible for pedagogical and financial support.

FYE courses are housed in and align with the mission of the academic unit and the content emphasis of the discipline(s). The proposal process is an opportunity to demonstrate that the course will

- Integrate one or more of the learning outcomes of problem solving, inquiry, and/or integration of learning;
- Demonstrate teaching and learning practice that support the FYE programmatic goals of: advising and mentoring; campus community; diversity and inclusion, ethical use of information and good teaching and learning practices;
- Partner with the University Libraries;
- Utilize and/or partner with campus resources outside the academic unit (e.g., Student Success Center, Career Services, VT Engage, Intercultural Engagement Center, Undergraduate Honor System); and
- Integrate the university's common book.

Additionally, faculty members teaching FYE courses are expected to participate in

- ongoing FYE support for teaching activities; and
- ongoing programmatic assessment efforts.

For more information on current FYE courses offered at Virginia Tech please visit

<http://www.fye.vt.edu/>

Faculty developing new or revising existing courses to include the FYE attribute should include a letter of support from the Office of First Year Experiences in the governance approval process.

If you have specific questions about the FYE course proposal and/or assessment process contact Dr. Jennifer Culhane, Director of First Year Academic Initiatives, Office of First Year Experiences, [jculhane@vt.edu](mailto:jculhane@vt.edu)