

# ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

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Academic Communities of Practice is the academic home for three courses, some or all of which are taken by most undergraduate students at Roosevelt:

Most freshmen take the 3-credit ACP 101 FIRST YEAR SEMINAR course, required for new students entering with fewer than 12 hours of transfer credit (excluding AP credit). Classes vary in content (discipline-specific seminars will have a name reflecting their content), but all include some common readings, informal writing, and assignments and experiences designed to aid students' transition to Roosevelt and to college life in general. The courses are taught by full-time faculty coming from a broad range of academic backgrounds. All courses are also staffed with a student peer instructor, who assists the faculty member; in many classes, a full-time administrator from student services or student affairs also works with the class.

ACP 110 PRIMARY TEXTS, usually taken in the second term by freshmen, is a 3-credit course that immerses students in central themes of philosophy, literature, and political theory, as they have been presented in key works of Western and non-Western thought. Themes for classes offered recently include "What it means to be human," "What does it mean to be educated?" "Defining 'the people,'" and "Personal empowerment." Transfer students whose programs require ACP 110 are exempt from the class if they bring in 30 hours or more of transfer credit.

In ACP 250 GROUNDS FOR CHANGE, students at the sophomore or junior level engage in problem-based learning in small groups. Grounds for Change courses have content-specific titles (such as Transit in Transition, Journalism and Social Change, or Creating Inclusive Capitalism in Chicago) and are taught by experts on the content. The courses address specific instances of injustice, access and power, and some course sections involve Transformational Service Learning. Transfer students who bring in 90 credit hours or more in transfer are exempt from Grounds for Change.

Students should consult with their advisors to learn which ACP courses are required for their programs. More detail on ACP courses is available on the University (<http://catalog.roosevelt.edu/undergraduate/general-education>) General Education (<http://catalog.roosevelt.edu/undergraduate/general-education>) page under the Academic Policies tab.