College of Arts and Sciences 101
First-Year Forum
Fall 2008

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This course has multiple roles: first, to provide a forum in which you can discuss issues related to transition to the academic and social environment at Syracuse University; second, to help you become familiar with resources available to you at the university; third, to work on time management and study techniques; and fourth, to reflect upon the issues raised by Ishmael Beah’s book.

Readings


Short readings to be handed out in class or made available via the course Blackboard site.

Assignments and Grading

This course is graded on the traditional A-F scale based upon the following:

- Attendance and participation all class-related activities: 40%
- Weekly journals of your experiences: 30%
- Miscellaneous assignments: 30%

Note that class-related activities includes three events outside the classroom: the Milton Lecture on September 22, small-group lunch with instructor, and a cultural activity.

Thursday, August 28

- Introductory class.

Thursday, September 4

- Discuss Ishmeal Beah’s *A Long Way Gone*. 
• Hand out time-use study charts for next two weeks.

• Assignments due:
  – Journal

**Thursday, September 11**

• Discuss initial impressions from ongoing time-management study and “It’s Time to Study” handout.

• Presentation by Ruth Federman Stein of the Academic Integrity Office.

• A Myers-Briggs style personality assessment survey will be distributed to you online. Complete this before next week.

• Assignments due:
  – Journal
  – Bring brochure/material from assigned office and describe their services

**Thursday, September 18**

• Program by Chuck Reutlinger of the Center for Career Services.

• Assignments due:
  – Journal. Should include assessment of what you found from your time-management study.
  – Hand in time-use study charts.
  – Completed personality assessment survey.

**Monday, September 22: Milton Lecture by Ishmeal Beah**

• The lecture is at 7:30 p.m. in Goldstein Auditorium. We will meet at the statue of Abe Lincoln in front of Maxwell Hall at 7:00 and walk over to the auditorium as a group.

**Thursday, September 25**

• Discussion of the lecture by Ishmael Beah.

• Assignments due:
  – Two-page reaction paper to Ishmeal Beah’s lecture.
Thursday, October 2

- Program by Kristin Blake from the R.A.P.E. Center.

- Before next week, meet with your assigned Recorder in the Student Records Office, 329 Hall of Languages, and obtain printout of Core Checksheet. The Recorders are available on a walk-in basis Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 am and 1-4:30 pm. On Fridays, they are available 8:30-11:45 am. When you enter the office, swipe your ID card to sign-in for an appointment.

- Assignments due:
  - Journal.

Thursday, October 9

- Discuss issues related to registration for Spring 2009 term.

- Assignments due:
  - Journal.
  - Printout of Core Checksheet from the Student Records Office.

Cultural Event: Time and Date to be Announced