



## Course Syllabus Spring 2017

**Course Title:** Lies My Teachers Told Me (FIGS-100)

**Credit Hours:** 1

**Total Contact Hours:** 15

**Format:** Online

**Office Hours:** By Appointment

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### **Course Description**

Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) are theme based one-credit courses that combine college success skills, goal exploration and setting, and investigation of a topic. This FIG will explore a revisionist view of American history.

### **Course Objectives**

After successfully completing the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe and apply effective study skills, test taking, and time management strategies
2. Explore career and academic opportunities using a variety of tools
3. Develop and articulate achievable academic goals
4. Demonstrate proper note taking techniques using various methods
5. Learn about financial management
6. Successfully navigate an online course

### **Course Requirements**

In order to successfully complete this course you must complete the:

1. Readings and actively engage in the online discussions and assignments
2. Assignments in Blackboard, SALT, and Career Beam (All found in MyMaineGuide in MYSMCC)

3. Weekly Quizzes

4. Final Exam

### **Student Evaluation and Grading**

Assignments/Discussion	40%
Quizzes	40%
Final	20%

### **Textbook:**

Please see Blackboard. All textbooks are free and can be downloaded from Blackboard.

### **Attendance Policy:**

Since this is a short 8 week course, attendance requirements will be strict. **Attendance is defined as completing your weekly coursework.** The academic work week will start each Sunday and end the following Saturday. If you do not participate in the course by Sat of each week, I will send you a warning email. If I do not see progress by the following Saturday I will send you a final notice. By Monday of the following week, I will remove you from the course and post your status in the course as an AF.

### **Missed Work Policy:**

All course work and exams are due on the indicated due date as listed in the course. **Late work will not be accepted unless you have a documented medical or family emergency.**

### **Course Calendar:**

The course is divided into eight weekly modules. The academic work week will start each Sunday and end the following Saturday.

### **End-of-Course Evaluation**

Students complete evaluations for each course attended at SMCC. Evaluations are submitted online and can be accessed through the student portal. Students can access the course evaluations beginning one week before the end of classes. The deadline for submission of evaluations occurs Monday at 5 PM following the last day of the class. You will receive an email to your student email account when course evaluations are available.

## **ADA Syllabus Statement**

Southern Maine Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information, please call 207-741-5798. If you have a disabling condition and wish to request accommodations in order to have reasonable access to the programs and services offered by SMCC, you must register with the Disability Services Coordinator, Sandra Lynham, who can be reached at 741-5923. Further information about services for students with disabilities and the accommodation process is available upon request at this number. Course policies about online testing are modified to suit each individual's accommodations.

## **SMCC Pay-for-Print Policy**

### **Per Page Costs**

Each semester students receive a \$20 printing credit. The balance resets at the end of the semester and any remaining credits are removed. The cost varies depending upon page size and whether printing is done in black and white or color.

- a. There is a \$0.10 per page fee for standard 8.5" by 11" black and white documents.
- b. The reverse sides of duplex (double-sided) documents are free.
- c. There is a \$.50 per page fee for standard 8.5" by 11" color documents.
- d. There is a \$.20 per page fee for 8.5" by 14" (legal) or 11" by 17" (tabloid) black and white documents.
- e. There is a \$1.00 per page fee for 8.5" by 14" (legal) or 11" by 17" (tabloid) color documents.

Duplex charges (printing on both sides of a page) work in the following fashion: One page is \$0.10, two pages are \$0.10, three pages are \$0.20, and four pages are \$0.20, etc. The flipsides are free, but another sheet of paper is \$0.10. Please be aware that a document with any color at all (when printed to a color printer) will by default be printed in color. You are responsible for setting the print job to print black and white if you do not need color. For directions, please go to the IT Help tab in My SMCC.

### **How does it work?**

The College's pay-for-print system monitors printing on all printers (including those in general access labs, library printers, the Academic Achievement Center, Noisy Lounge and technology labs). Students can check the number of pages they have printed by using the Printing Balance tool available on SMCC computers (located in the lower right corner of the screen, near the clock). Departments with work study students who need to print documents for the department should contact the Help Desk at 741-5696 to have a special account set up.

### **Refunds**

Print jobs are eligible for a refund in the event of mechanical or electronic error on the part of the

printer, print server, or software used to submit the job. Jobs are not eligible for a refund in cases where the job was not set up correctly, was submitted multiple times, or the student is not satisfied with the result. To request a refund, please bring the offending print to the IT Department in the basement of the Ross Technology Center. Refunds will be granted in the form of a credit to the student's account.

### **Why is SMCC charging for printing?**

The pay-for-print system is an effort to control escalating printing costs. Charging for printing helps offset the increasing cost of supplies and encourages students to conserve resources. To find ways to reduce your printing charges, please go to the IT Help tab on My SMCC. If you have questions about the pay-for-printing policy or your printing charges, please contact the Help Desk at 741-5696 or send an email to [helpdesk@smccme.edu](mailto:helpdesk@smccme.edu).

Be sure to log OUT of the system when you've finished your printing, to prevent unauthorized access to your account.

### **Add-Drop Policy**

Students who drop a course during the one-week "add/drop" period in the fall and spring semesters and the first three days of summer sessions receive a 100% refund of the tuition and associated fees for that course. Please note any course that meets for less than the traditional semester length, i.e., 15 weeks, has a pro-rated add/drop period. There is no refund for non-attendance.

### **Withdrawal Policy**

A student may withdraw from a course only during the semester in which s/he is registered for that course. The withdrawal period is the second through twelfth week of the fall and spring semesters and the second through ninth week of twelve-week summer courses. This period is pro-rated for shorter-length courses. To withdraw from a course, a student must complete and submit the appropriate course withdrawal form, available at the Enrollment Service Center (no phone calls, please). The designation "W" will appear on the transcript after a student has officially withdrawn. A course withdrawal is an uncompleted course and may adversely affect financial aid eligibility. Failure to attend or ceasing to attend class does not constitute withdrawal from the course. There is no refund associated with a withdrawal.

## **Plagiarism Statement**

Adherence to ethical academic standards is obligatory. Cheating is a serious offense, whether it consists of taking credit for work done by another person or doing work for which another person will receive credit. Taking and using the ideas or writings of another person without clearly and fully crediting the source is plagiarism and violates the academic code as well as the Student Code of Conduct. If it is suspected that a student in any course in which s/he is enrolled has knowingly committed such a violation, the faculty member should refer the matter to the College's Disciplinary Officer and appropriate action will be taken under the Student Code of Conduct. Sanctions may include suspension from the course and a failing grade in the course. Students have the right to appeal these actions to the Disciplinary Committee under the terms outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.