Welcome

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Department of Special Education, Language, and Literacy, we would like to welcome you to the Special Education Five-Year Program. We believe that the programs in the School of Education offer an excellent combination of academic strength, flexibility, and practical experience. We are looking forward to meeting you as you become an important part of our TCNJ community. You will be working with an outstanding faculty ready to inspire and challenge you to do your very best work and move yourself forward in achieving your goals.

Advising Information

One of us will be acting as your temporary advisor over the summer. A new advisor will be assigned at the beginning of the Fall 2015 semester. Please see the reverse side of this letter for information regarding your first semester course sequence and the liberal learning program, including instructions for selecting your First Seminar class (FSP).

Your First Semester

We would like to take this opportunity to explain what has been done so far in terms of registering you for courses for the Fall 2015 semester. Based on the records we have received, consistent with our curricular sequence, we will have registered you for most or all courses you will be taking during your first semester. This will consist of four course units, the normal course load for students in most TCNJ programs. These courses may include special education program courses, second major courses, and/or liberal learning courses. After you have been enrolled in a First Seminar class (FSP) you will have a complete schedule for the fall semester. Please be sure to follow the instructions on your First Semester Sequence sheet (the reverse side of this letter) prior to coming to summer Orientation. And don’t forget, you will have an opportunity to discuss your schedule with an advisor at that time and to make schedule changes as appropriate. If necessary we will be available to advise you about courses you may substitute for those in which you have already been enrolled. Changes may also be necessary due to recently taken courses for which we may not have received the latest transcript information. However, we would encourage you to work with the schedule that we have prepared for you as much as possible. Nevertheless, please be assured that, except for your FSP, schedule changes may still be made after your Orientation session. If there are any concerns that cannot be handled during the Orientation, we will be available during the week of July 12. Simply email Dr. Helene Anthony at anthonyh@tcnj.edu (609-771-2992) or Dr. Nadya Pancsofar at pancsofa@tcnj.edu (609-771-3150) with your concerns and one of us will get back to you to resolve the issue or to set up an appointment.

As undergraduate coordinators, we are excited to have you join our community. Let’s make this a great year! WELCOME!

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**UNDEPARTMENT YOUR FIRST SEMESTER SEQUENCE**

Every major has a guideline for its first semester students: the **First Semester Sequence**. Within this sequence of courses, you will see Major Requirements, First Seminar Program (FSP), and Interdisciplinary Studies requirements. Please reference this First Semester Sequence while completing your online First Semester Worksheet.

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| First Seminar Program (FSP) | First Seminar Program (FSP): The FSP is the cornerstone of the Liberal Learning Program. Please select six FSP courses from the categories on the left, and indicate them on your online First Semester Worksheet. View all sections on the First Seminar website: [http://fsp.pages.tcnj.edu](http://fsp.pages.tcnj.edu). Please bear in mind that we will only see them in alphabetical order, not your order of preference, and that we will make every effort to enroll you in one of the six. |
| Select six from the following recommended FSPs (1 unit): | |
| FSP 161 (Any Section) |                     |
| FSP 162 (Any Section) |                     |
| FSP 163 (Any Section) |                     |
| FSP 164 (Any Section) |                     |

| Liberal Learning | Liberal Learning: There are three ways to complete your liberal learning (LL) requirements: What you see on the left is the distribution option. You can also satisfy your LL requirements by completing a six to eight course Interdisciplinary. If you complete a second major, then there are further reductions in total LL requirements. See [http://www.liberallearning.pages.tcnj.edu](http://www.liberallearning.pages.tcnj.edu) for additional information. |
| You need to take one liberal learning course. However, you should select six courses from any of the following liberal learning categories on your online First Semester Worksheet (1 unit): | |
| • Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts |                     |
| • World Views and Ways of Knowing |                     |
| • Social Change in Historical Perspectives |                     |
| • Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Perspectives |                     |
| • Natural Science (with lab) |                     |
| • Quantitative Reasoning |                     |
| • And/or any course satisfying at least one civic responsibility category. |                     |
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| Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Requirement | Interdisciplinary Studies: IDS 102 is a required, online, non-credit course administered by the library staff satisfying the information literacy component of the Liberal Learning Program. You should meet this proficiency during your first semester. IDS 103 is our way of keeping track of your community engaged learning requirement. As above, you receive no specific academic credit for it, but you should complete it by the end of your first year. |
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| IDS 102 – Information Literacy Proficiency |                     |
| IDS 103 – Community Engaged Learning |                     |
| SRP 99 – Summer Reading Program |                     |

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Please make your request on your online Worksheet as above.

Summer Reading Program (SRP 99): This required, non-credit program welcomes you to TCNJ’s intellectual community by asking you to critically read a thought-provoking book and share your insights about the book in small group discussions with your peers led by a facilitator during Welcome Week.