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# First-Year Experience

First-Year Convocation is a tradition at Columbus State University. Each year hundreds of freshmen - plus families, faculty and staff - gather to welcome new students into the college environment.

## About the First-Year Experience

New students face many challenges when making the transition to university life. CSU's First-Year Experience Program is designed to help smooth this transition. The components listed below are intended to assist new students in building a foundation for academic success while promoting social, cultural and personal development.

- [Career Development and Exploration](#)
- [Perspectives Courses](#)
- [Orientation](#)

All entering freshmen must satisfy the First-Year Experience requirement by enrolling in a PERS 1506 course or PERS 1507 course, ITDS 1779H, or LEAD 1705 before they reach sophomore status (30 credit hours). Transfer students with fewer than 30 credit hours must have transferable credit from another institution in order to be exempt from this requirement.