

"I was lucky enough to be a part of the of the FSC. I was placed in the biochemistry FSC and in that small class, I made some of the closest friends I have today. The bond I share with these friends is so special and unique; we share all the highs and lows of being a college student."

"Overall I am so happy to have been a part of this FSC because it helped me a lot academically and personally. I am going to be able to apply so many lessons from this class to the rest of my time at school and the rest of my life."

"Have fun, meet new people, come out of your comfort zone, make the best out of your college experience, lastly, do yourself a favor and join a FSC community."

**CHECK OUT WHAT FORMER STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THEIR FSC EXPERIENCE!**

## LET'S CONNECT

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# FRESHMAN SUCCESS COMMUNITIES



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## WHY JOIN?

- Make lasting friendships!
- Build personalized relationships with your faculty & peer mentors.
- Explore career pathways specific to your major.
- Start on track with your classes. FSC students have reserved seats in CSM's most popular classes!

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students are placed into “communities”—small groups of students enrolled in two or three of the same introductory courses. Each community is anchored by a seminar course led by experienced faculty and staff members. Communities have access to supplemental instruction to support their rigorous academic schedules. Students receive excellent support services from the Student Success Center staff and CSM faculty to ease the transition to college and assist as they move toward graduation.

FSC class spaces are limited and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students who wish to participate in a FSC will need to have their most up to date math and writing assessments completed in order to be assigned to a FSC.

## HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Sign up for an early freshman orientation session.

Take care of your New Student Assessment (Math Placement and Guided Writing Assessment) at least one week before your orientation session to be eligible for this exciting program.

Sign up for an FSC on Day 1 of your Orientation!

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

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## WHAT IS AN FSC?

**THEY ARE SMALL COHORTS OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS STUDENTS WHO:**

Help each other navigate through a large university setting

Enroll in the same two or three core courses grouped by academic discipline

Receive priority enrollment in major courses

Connect with university resources and faculty for academic support and to find research and career opportunities

Form study groups to achieve academic excellence and finish their degrees in a timely manner