

First-Year Leader Benefits

- Earn 3 credit-hours for GST 300, gaining extensive leadership training while developing existing strengths
- Be a role model for fellow students, sharing strategies for academic success and knowledge about campus and college resources
- Gain significant experience in the areas of communication and collaboration. Add a CRLA Peer Mentoring Certification to your résumé
- Earn up to \$500 in scholarships each semester depending on how many years you've served



How to Become a First-Year Leader

The primary requirements are completion of GSD 101 as a freshman, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, and the desire to assist new students as they transition into college. Applications are submitted at the beginning of the spring semester and new First-Year Leaders are selected following an interview process in April.

Email fyc@eku.edu to express interest.

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Responsibilities

Inside the Classroom

- Set a positive example
- Facilitate group discussions and lead group activities
- Be available to offer perspectives, information and resources
- Attend at least one class per week
- Assist the instructor with creating course content
- Administer learning contracts and monitor student progress



First-Year Leader Program

In addition to an instructor, many GSD 101 classes have a First-Year Leader (FYL).

FYLs are selected in a competitive process that includes an evaluation of grades, public service, and performance in a variety of interviews and scenarios designed to reflect the dynamics of peer-to-peer mentoring.

FYLs are high-achieving students who serve as role models and mentors inside and outside the classroom. They take the GST 300 “Principles of Peer Mentoring /Tutoring” course and receive training throughout the semester.

Taking part in the FYL program is an excellent opportunity for Colonels to “pay forward” the mentorship and guidance they received from faculty, staff, and peers during their first semester of college.

Do you have what it takes to become a leader?

Responsibilities

Outside the Classroom

- Initiate one-on-one or group meetings with students to provide supplemental instruction
- Attend out-of-class experiences with students
- Coordinate events for the Office of First-Year Courses
- Attend mandatory trainings in the spring and fall and FERPA training online
- Attend all scheduled GST 300 meetings and perform satisfactorily on course assignments

