

First Year Seminar Activity & Assignment Plan for Instructors

ISU Campus Tour

Brief description:	This activity requires one 50-minute class session. A campus tour is provided by a staff person from facilities. The major buildings on campus are identified and a brief history of the campus is provided.
FYS goal(s) addressed:	Goal 1 –Students will identify and/or utilize key campus resources and facilities available to support their individual academic goals. Goal 5 – Students will explore what engagement in the university culture means to them.
Learning outcome(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will begin to get to know the layout of the campus and its culture.• Students will have the opportunity to get to know each other better outside of the classroom.
Detailed description:	Students are required to meet at a predetermined location to board a campus bus. During the 50-minutes class session, they will be given a tour of the campus. During the tour they will hear anecdotes and historical references.
Activity assessment:	There will be no direct assessment per se. Rather the students will be given credit for attending the tour.
Grading rubric:	This is a Pass/No pass activity. Students pass if they attend the tour and fail if they do not.
Required materials:	We suggest you handout a map of campus at the beginning of the tour. These can be obtained from the Parking Office.
Optional materials:	None
Suggested modifications:	If you wanted to extend the student’s understanding of the campus, you could take another partial or full class session to conduct a related activity. This activity would consist of a blank map containing only the streets on campus. The students would then form 3-4 student groups that would work together to try to draw in and name as many buildings they could from memory.
“Attitude” survey question:	I feel comfortable finding my way around campus. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strongly agree2. Agree3. Disagree4. Strongly disagree5. No opinion
Bloom’s level:	
Contact Person:	Facilities Office (e.g., Darrell Buffaloe)