# RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

## AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE (AOK) AND CROSS-AREA REQUIREMENTS (CAR)

All FYEs meet a variety of the Collegiate Requirements, provided the entire FYE is successfully completed over the academic year. The requirements met are:

- Two AOK requirements (one in each of the disciplines represented in the FYC, as designated in the course description)
- The College's requirement for a speaking platform course
- The College's requirement for a writing platform course (when ENGL 185 is completed)
- Certain CAR requirements, if so designated in the course description

## **FAILURE**

If portions of the FYE are not successfully completed, the following policies apply:

- A student who does not complete successfully the first semester of an FYC is not permitted to take the second semester of the FYC. Those students should complete an alternative AOK course during spring. These students must still take ENGL 185 if it was not successfully completed during the fall semester.
- A student who does not complete successfully the second semester of a non-interleaved FYC receives AOK (and CAR, if appropriate) credit for first the semester, but not the second.
- A student who does not complete successfully the second semester of an interleaved FYC receives elective credit for the semester that was passed, but does not receive any AOK or CAR credit.
- A student who does not complete successfully either semester of an FYC must complete the alternative speaking platform course, COMM 180, during its next offering.
- A student who does not complete successfully ENGL 185 must repeat ENGL 185 during its next offering.
- Because the FYE is an integrated, year-long, experience, students are not permitted to drop any
  component except under extraordinary circumstances and with approval of the Provost in
  consultation with the Director of the First-Year Experience program.

### **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Transfer students are not required to take the FYE if they meet any of the following criteria:

- They matriculate as freshman during the spring semester and successfully complete at least 1 credit hour of work at R-MC. These students may choose to take the FYE starting the following fall provided that they have less than 48 credit hours at that time.
- They matriculate as freshman during the fall semester having already earned at least 1 credit
  hour of post-secondary work (not including dual enrollment, AP, IB, CLEP, etc.). These students
  may choose to take the FYE provided that they have less than 48 credit hours when they
  transfer to R-MC.

Transfer students who do not complete the FYE must complete the speaking (COMM 180) and writing (ENGL 185) platform courses except in cases where transfer credit is received for those courses.

#### **WITHDRAWALS**

Students who withdraw from the college during the freshman year and are later readmitted will be subject to the same policies as transfer students.

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