

First Teams

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Mission Statement

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Relationship to Retention

First Teams provides students with the opportunity to connect with one another while connecting to the culture of the university.

Common FAQs

Which SEU Students should be in Teams and the CC&U Class?

Full Time Undergraduates, Degree Seeking Traditional & Transfers (with less than 24 credit hours)

Note: If the student has been involved in dual enrollment, Advanced Placement, Summer Scholar, or has earned college credit during High School, they ARE required to be in a First Teams group for 2 semesters.

What Are The Goals of First Teams?

The overarching purpose of the program is retention focused in three goals: assimilation of the new student, creation of a care network and spiritual growth through discipleship.

Is First Teams A Required Program?

Yes, attendance is recorded and chapel credit is earned each semester.

Who Leads the Team Meetings?

Trained upper classmen. [more than 90 leaders have been recruited & will be trained in August for the current academic year]

What Happens?

Freshmen meet each Monday both fall & spring semesters for one hour at 9am or 9pm in an assigned discipleship team. Students must attend at least eight of the eleven scheduled meetings each semester or face fines. Freshmen meet their team leader and group members during fall orientation.

What About Dual Enrolled Students?

Students who enter SEU from High School with college credits will be assigned to a team. Although they technically already have credits they are new students for the purposes of First Teams.

Who May Apply for Exemption?

Students that are married, living off campus, those working full time and students who can demonstrate hardship may apply.

How Do Students Apply For Exemption?

Exemption forms are available in the First Teams Office in the Bolin Building, Room B122. Each applicant for exemption will be interviewed individually by the program Director before permanent program exemption is awarded. Students who are awarded exemption from First Teams will be notified via email.

Is there an exemption deadline?

Yes, exemption forms must be submitted on or before the published drop/add deadline in order for exemption to be reviewed and fees credited to the student account. Fees will not be credited to students applying after the drop/add deadline date.

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