Week 1 Optional Seminars

MONDAY
6:00: Publications Interest Meeting, Lizzie Martin, Publications (PH 114)
Learn how you can help with the summerbook and student newspaper. The staff is looking for a diverse group of students, including designers, writers, photographers, and artists. No experience necessary!
6:30: Running Group Interest Meeting, Anna Wallace (PH 216)
Come meet the staff members who will get up early to run with you three times each week! All skill levels welcome.
7:00: Introduction to Films/International Film Series, Matt Morris, Area II (Wanek Movie Theater)
An exciting preview of the International Film Series with selected clips from each movie and commentary from the series coordinator.
8:30: Photo Scavenger Hunt, Ryan Rotella, Activities (David Hayworth Park – amphitheater between Slane and Wanek)
Bring your phone and your hall mates!

TUESDAY
4:00: Ethics and Charity, Chris Saboleik, Area II (HC 122)
At some points in life, we have all encountered a charitable organization, giving situation, or service opportunity. This seminar explores the hidden ethical dimensions of that decision of whether to help or not.
4:00: Juneteenth! Because July 4th Red, WHITE, & Blue was not for those of a Darker Hue, Londan Sims, Area II, Tamara Akinbo, Area II (PH 120)
This seminar will explore June 19th, or Juneteenth, the celebration of the end of slavery and the day of independence for African-Americans in the United States. Students will also be introduced to St. Philip’s Heritage Center.
5:00: Queer, Trans, and Questioning Weekly Dinner, Sabrina Boyer, Area II, Carrie Hart, Area II (PH 206)
Join us for a relaxing atmosphere with other lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual students. You can come once, three times, or every single week—it is always drop-in and always open to all in the LGBTQ+ community, including questioning folks and strong allies.
7:00: The Shape of the Universe, Bob Davis, Math (PH 216)
This talk will discuss the shape and geometry of the universe by introducing the audience to the mathematical world of topology.
7:00: Learners, Loyalties, and Debunking Pseudoscience, Lizzie Martin, Publications (PH 120)
What does it mean to identify with a political party? How do people choose their parties, and how do their choices interact with how they vote? We’ll talk about what surveys of American voters can tell us and what they likely miss.

WEDNESDAY
4:00: Counting to Infinity, Matt Evans, Math (PH 216)
How big is infinity? Come find out.
4:00: De-bunking Pseudoscience, Josh Bragg, NS (PH 120)
This seminar will discuss the phenomenon of pseudo-scientific beliefs: people’s ideas that appear to be scientific but are not supported by current scientific knowledge. An overview of typical pseudoscientific beliefs will be given along with tips for engagement and debunking those myths.
4:00: Perks of Being a GWU Wallflower: Carrie Hart, Area II, Sabrina Boyer, Area II, Dan Naber, Area II (PH 114)
Being around so many people can be overwhelming! In this seminar, we will examine elements of shyness, homesickness, and social anxiety and brainstorm some strategies for meeting new friends.
7:00: Fat Triangles: An Intro to Spherical Geometry, Emily Casey, Math (PH 216)
What is geometry? More specifically, what is geometry when we change the rules that we are used to? The rules that we are used to model a flat plane. We will change the rules to model the sphere.
7:00: SSDGM: The Intersection of Gender Identity, True Crime, and Self-Care (Part I), Nikil Russolati, SS, Sabrina Boyer, Area II (HC 122)
Drawing from the podcast My Favorite Murder with Georgia Handstark and Karen Kilgariff, we will explore how our society’s gender construction aids and facilitates the “stranger danger” dynamic. We will also explore ways to stay sexy and not get murdered!
6:00: Yoga, Anna Wallace, Art, Carrie Hart, Area II (Secrest Gallery)
Come get stonger at this multi-level yoga class, and learn more about the physical and emotional benefits that yoga practice can provide. Wear clothes that you can move in and bring a mat if you have one, but it’s not required. This class will be a recurring event every Thursday at 4:00pm in Secrest Gallery.
7:00: All I Do is Win... Emily Casey, Math (PH 216)
… win win no matter what. Games and math! You know it! This seminar will serve as an introduction to combinatorial game theory through games such as Nim, Domineering, Clobber, etc. Students will learn strategies to win these games without fail, as well as prove theorems within the large branch of mathematics known as game theory.
7:00: What Happens When You Die?, Randall Hayes, NS (PH 120)
This short TED Ed video I wrote with animator Anton Bogyar is up to almost 3 million views. It focuses more on science than theology, but historically there’s been quite a bit of overlap on this issue. We’ll also talk process.

THURSDAY
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FRIDAY
4:00: The “Wisdom” of Misoposis: Safetism and the Three Great Untruths, David Phillips, English (PH 120)
Learn how faulty belief in psychological fragility, emotional reasoning, and “Us versus Them” thinking are impacting a new generation of American students—and how to break out of a dangerous cycle of “safetyism.” (Based on The Coddling of the American Mind by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt.)
4:00: Fun with Fibonacci (Part I), Matt Evans, Math (PH 216)
The Fibonacci sequence is a very famous sequence of numbers that pop up in surprising places. We will explore some of the properties of this sequence and demonstrate a connection with a famous irrational number.
7:00: Modeling CO2 Levels in the Atmosphere, Bob Davis, Math (PH 216)
The amount of CO2 in Earth’s Atmosphere has been recorded by NOAA at Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii since the 1950’s. In this seminar we will discuss the data, its trends, and mathematical models. We will look at an attempt to model the data collected from Mauna Loa and discuss conclusions and consequences of the analysis.
7:00: Terry Riley’s “In C.” Peter Zlomick, IM (Chess Board Patio)
Join the IM students and faculty for an informal presentation of the American composer Terry Riley’s seminal work, “In C.” Wander among the musicians and experience his work from all perspectives!
8:30: Tea Party; Evan Mitchell, Theatre, Theatre Students (Black Box)
Down the rabbit hole we go. (Only 32 audience members admitted. Line up early to secure a spot.)
8:30: Movie Night, Ryan Rotella, Activities (Wanek Movie Theater)
Come for a screening of Toy Story 2!

SATURDAY
8:00: Eco Friendly: Multi-disciplinary Presentation, GSW Faculty, Staff, Students (Hayworth FAC)
Faculty, staff, and students will present ideas, sights, and sounds from various disciplines.