**­­­­UBE 101SEM-Y (16665) University Experience**

**Fillmore 328**

**Fridays 11:00-11:50 AM**

**Instructor Information**

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Peer Mentor

**Course Objectives & Goals**

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UBE 101 is one credit hour seminar intended to help in your transition to UB and provide an important framework to your academic success. UBE 101 focuses on information resources, university services and activities as well as understanding your responsibilities and privileges as you become apart of the UB community. Please think of our class as a way to relax and use as a tool towards your college success!

**Required Text**

# UB Reads Book: *Start Something that Matters* by Blake Mycoskie

\*\*Distributed Prior by University

**Office Hours**

You may communicate with us using email and texts on a regular basis. You may also meet with the instructor or peer mentor by appointment (ask, email or call.) Additionally, we are typically available before and after class.

**UB Learns**

Throughout the semester, we will be using UBlearns to share important information about class, campus announcements, and any other relevant information.

**Course Requirements & Grading**

UBE is a one credit, Pass / Fail course. To maximize your experience attendance and participation are essential. If you cannot attend a class, please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

The following are required to earn a Pass grade:

1. Submit proof of completed Library Skills
2. Meeting with Academic Advisor
3. Meeting with Instructor and Peer Mentor
4. Blake Mycoskie Distinguished Speaker Event on November 15\*
5. Participating in Service Day 11/16\*
6. Earn a minimum of 42 Points (out of a possible 48)

\* Alternate activities may be arranged with the instructor for those who cannot attend for legitimate reasons.

Points are awarded as follows:

* 2 points for each class attended (14 classes X 2 points = 28 Points)
* 3 points for completed Library Skills Workbook
* 2 points for Blake Mycoskie Distinguished Speaker Event on November 15th
* 2 points for Strengths Quest (Career Planning)
* 5 points for meeting with Academic Advisor
* 5 points for a Personal Meeting with Instructor and Peer Mentor
* 3 points for Service Day

**Assignments**

**Meeting with Instructor and Peer Mentor**

To help us get to know you better and gauge your progress in the college transition, you will be required to meet with the instructor and peer mentor for 30 minutes. The meeting will be informal, interactive and focused on you!

**Meeting with Academic Advisor**

Before you can register for the Spring 2013 semester, you will need to meet with your academic advisor. This is an easy requirement to fulfill, but timing is everything!

**Library Skills**

Successfully complete the UB General Education required Library Skills Workbook. The workbook is designed to help UB undergrads develop their library research skills. We will need proof of your completion of Library Skills.

**Service Day**

Have you heard of the phrase “Pay it Forward”? This activity will provide an opportunity for you to give some of your time and talents to others, and make an investment in your self-esteem. Plus its fun!

**Course Policies**

**Academic Integrity**

The University has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect for others' academic endeavors. By placing your name on academic work, you certify the originality of all work not otherwise identified by appropriate acknowledgments.

**Students with Disabilities**

If you have a documented disability, please register with the Office Disability Services, and inform the instructor as soon as possible.

**Cell Phones & Other Technology**

Out of respect for those in class, and to encourage active participation, please silence your cell phone and refrain from other non-class related activities.

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| Date | Course Topics | Location |
| 8/31/2012 | Syllabus and Introductions; Freshman Survival Guide | 328 MFAC |
| 9/7/2012 | Drugs and Alcohol; Life and Learning Workshop | 328 MFAC |
| 9/14/2012 | Time Management | 328 MFAC |
| 9/21/2012 | Academic Success Skills; Part 1 | 328 MFAC |
| 9/28/2012 | Personal Wellness | TBA |
| 10/5/2012 | Academic Success Skills; Part 2 | 328 MFAC |
| 10/12/2012 | Values Exploration | 328 MFAC |
| 10/19/2012 | Registering for Classes & Academic Advisement | 328 MFAC |
| 10/26/2012 | Planning for your Future | Career Planning |
| 11/2/2012 | Cultural Diversity | TBA |
| 11/9/2012 | UB Reads Discussion; “Start Something that Matters” | 328 MFAC |
| 11/16/2012 | Service Day | TBA |
| 11/23/2012 | No Class; Thanksgiving Break |  |
| 11/30/2012 | Library Skills | TBA |
| 12/7/2012 | Last Class Party | 328 MFAC |

**Course Outline**

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| Dates | Events to Remember! |
| 8/27/2012 | Classes Begin |
| 9/3/2012 | No Class; Labor Day |
| 9/25/2012 | No Class after 6PM; Rosh Hashanah |
| 9/26/2012 | Classes Resume at 6PM |
| 10/14/2012 | Alcohol EDU Part II Due |
| 10/19/2012-10/21/2012 | Parents Weekend |
| 11/15/2012 | Blake Mycoskie Distinguished Speaker Event |
| 11/21/2012-11/24/2012 | Fall Recess; Happy Thanksgiving! |
| 12/7/2012 | Last day of Classes; All points due |

**Important Dates**