

PS FRESHMAN COLLOQUIUM

Illinois State University

Special Points of Interest:

- *The PS Program began in 1987.*
- *Students in the Service Learning Colloquium contributed nearly 6,000 hours of public service in 2006.*
- *Of the 22 PS graduating in May 2008, 15 chose to study abroad and 7 did Area Studies.*
- *PS Club is an active registered student organization on campus and welcomes freshmen's involvement.*



FAQ—WHAT? WHEN? WHO? WHY?

What is a colloquium? What will we do in this class?

A colloquium is a small, discussion-based class. Through this course you will:

- Hear about **Study Abroad** opportunities from upperclass students who have studied abroad
- Discover hands-on learning opportunities available through **Service Learning**
- Learn about the **PS Core Curriculum** and create a **4-year plan of study**
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- Meet other Presidential Scholars as you participate in **special events**

When do I take the course?

This class is only offered in the fall, so you will begin the course in August.

Who teaches this course?

The course is taught by the coordinator of the PS Program, Becky Mentzer. Co-facilitating the class is a Presidential Scholars Assis-

tant (PSA) who is an upper-class student. You will receive a letter from your PSA during the summer.

Why is this a required class?

One valuable aspect of the course is that it will help you get started on the right foot at the University and with the PS Program ready to take full advantage of all of the opportunities available to you in the Honors Program. You will also learn all the requirements and benefits of being a Presidential Scholar.



WHAT DO STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THE PS FRESHMAN COLLOQUIUM?

"This course was a good way to get used to college. I like the fact that I now know who to turn to if I need a question answered. It provided a good explanation for the Presidential Scholars Program and provides good opportunities to get involved on campus."

"This course was very helpful to me in the transition to college!"

"I felt like this course really helped me grow as a person. It definitely helped me learn more about the scholarship and Honors Program."

"The best thing I did at ISU was to get involved. The PS Colloquium encouraged me to do this by talking about the opportunities available and making me get outside my comfort zone sometimes."

