FIQWS Description (Fall 2007-Spring 2013)

A FIQWS is a six credit Freshman Inquiry Writing Seminar required of all students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The FIQWS is divided into two parts.

3 credits: The first part is a seminar about a specific topic, and in any semester an exciting variety of FIQWS are offered: the topic section might concern an exploration of a famous writer or artist, or a particular school of philosophy, a scientific discovery or a key historical event. 
This part is comparable to an elective in the subject of the topic: art history, psychology, music, etc.

3 credits: The second part of the FIQWS is an intensive writing seminar, comparable to English 110 (English Composition). In it, an instructor will guide the student in writing essays and research papers dealing with the subject matter studied in the topic section. They will learn far more than the mechanics of writing; they will also learn to analyze texts, develop clear ideas and arguments, and to research and compose a college level research essay. 
This part is comparable to English 110, or Freshman Composition, and it fulfills the English Composition requirement at City College.

Although integrated in a single 6 credit course for which one grade is awarded, for transfer purposes the two components of the course should be treated as two separate 3 credit courses, one in the topic area, the other in freshman writing.

Please contact me or if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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