First-year seminars, offered by nearly all departments and programs in Weinberg College, are small, discussion-oriented classes designed to develop students' basic intellectual skills: reading critically, thinking logically, and communicating effectively. Expository writing is an important activity in each seminar.

Most Weinberg College students are required to complete two first-year seminars. For more information, see the section on the first-year seminar requirement under Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#schoolrequirementstext).