**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Fall 2013 Learning Community & FYS “Paris: From Department Stores to Mystery Stories”**

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**I love the course topic. Do I have to know something about Paris to take the course?**

No, absolutely not! This FYS doesn’t assume that you know anything at all about Paris. Typically, students in this FYS have different levels of familiarity with Paris, and it makes the class interactive and really interesting for everyone.

**If I participate in this program, what will my living situation be like?**

As part of the FYS learning community, you’ll live in a co-ed dorm. (All of the first-year residence halls at Wake Forest are co-ed.) Your living arrangement will be no different from that of any other WFU first-year student, except that you'll be housed in the same residence hall as your FYS classmates / fellow advisees. The students in the class will be housed on the halls for women throughout the dorm, so you'll likely have a few classmates on your hall, with the others on different halls.

**The course description says that we’ll participate in activities outside of class. Do you know what these will be? How are they chosen? How many will there be?**

We'll participate together in a few selected activities during the semester. These might be events on campus like a play or a speaker, a Parisian-themed dinner, a volunteer project such as Campus Kitchen, a film at a local independent cinema, etc. These activities will be determined by the calendar of events on campus and in Winston-Salem, the topic of the course, the interests of the students in the group, and our schedules. If you have a particular interest you’d like to share with the group, we’ll try to fit in a related activity! The number will depend on the kinds of activities we choose; I envision starting with four or five, and adding more if the group would like.

**I’m concerned about being overwhelmed academically. Is there more work for this course than for a typical FYS? Will the co-curricular activities interfere with my other courses?**

The academic work for the class is exactly the same as it has been when I've taught this course without the learning community component. The new aspect – the group activities – will not be overwhelming. (You would never be required to attend an activity that interferes with another class!) The idea is to get to know one another outside of class and to have fun together. Since part of the goal is to help you make the transition to WFU smoothly, it would be counterproductive to overdo it!

**What should I do if I still have questions?**

Contact Professor Tarte: tartekb@wfu.edu. I’ll be happy to answer your questions!