Comments from a top-rated Gateway instructor:

“The Gateway experience provides students the opportunity to connect to the OU community. Through a variety of activities, students become acquainted with the many resources available to enhance both their academic and social lives during this time of transition.”

Bethany McCoy, Instructor of the Year
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How do I enroll in Gateway?

For enrollment information on Gateway to College Learning (UCOL 1002), contact University College at (405) 325-2072 or your campus academic adviser.

For more information about the nature of the course, contact:

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GATEWAY TO COLLEGE LEARNING
UCOL 1002
Reach for Academic Excellence

UCOL 1002 is a one-credit hour course designed to help students make the transition to college. The course is offered online, on campus, or in a hybrid format. It covers topics such as time management, study skills, and academic success. Students enrolled in the course will have access to a variety of resources, including online discussions, guest speakers, and workshops.

The course is taught by experienced faculty members who have a deep understanding of the college transition process. They will guide students through the process of developing a plan for success, setting goals, and creating a support system.

The course is open to all students who are new to college and who need support in making the transition. It is particularly useful for students who are transferring to OU, students who are returning to college after a break, and students who are new to the university.

UCOL 1002 is offered during the fall and spring semesters. It meets once a week for two hours, and students are expected to spend an additional two hours each week working on course assignments.

For more information, please contact the University College Office of New Student Programs at (405) 325-4894 or email alannie@ou.edu.
A Smooth Transition

The transition from high school to college requires many adjustments including leaving home; meeting new people; preparing for an intensive study environment; learning to budget time effectively; understanding university procedures; and making life-changing decisions.

What kind of course is Gateway?

Gateway is a letter-graded, two-credit-hour elective course. Students are expected to attend each class. There will be reading and writing homework assignments. Each class is limited to 25 students. Gateway may be somewhat different from other courses in that the format will be primarily discussion rather than lecture. Also, the content will be focused on the process of learning and becoming a university student rather than on an academic subject.

How will Gateway help me as a student?

This course is designed to establish foundations for becoming successful and effective college students. Course experiences will provide, among other things, opportunities to accomplish the following:

- Develop and refine skills that will help ensure academic excellence
  These will include training in time management and study skills, including note-taking and test-taking strategies.

- Investigate the nature of higher education and the University of Oklahoma
  Find out what constitutes a research university and enjoy learning about the history, traditions and culture unique to OU.

- Get to know an instructor to whom you can bring questions and problems
  Developing a relationship with a teacher in a small class can be extremely helpful in learning to solve problems.

- Learn about yourself as a student
  Gateway includes activities to encourage the examination of thoughts, feelings and/or behaviors that affect the performance of students and their acceptance within the campus community. Regular journals provide an outlet for personal expression.

Learn about the many resources at OU

The University of Oklahoma has vast resources: academic, social, cultural, technological and others. Gateway will help you access these resources.

Practice and improve your ability to communicate your thoughts

In college, students are expected to learn in ways different from high school. In Gateway, you will explore selected topics utilizing frequent class discussions, small group activities and journals.

Learn about other students and interacting in the community

Through a wide variety of experiences in Gateway, you will get to know your peers well, both inside and outside the classroom.

An Investment in Quality

Gateway is taught by instructors who are specially trained to teach this course. These teachers represent a variety of academic disciplines and intellectual pursuits. Some Gateway sections are linked in a learning community model with other freshman courses such as economics, chemistry, math, or political science among others. Your advisor will explain linked course opportunities before you actually enroll. Students often rely on Gateway instructors for guidance and recommendations for employment or graduate school long after the course is over.

Comments from Gateway students:

“Overall, I think I got more out of this course than any other course I have ever taken. Every class discussion seemed fascinating, and my teacher had an amazing way of keeping the class interested. Great course. Money well spent!”

“I feel that this course has helped me realize the way college works. With the help of discussions and instructor interaction, I was able to meet more people and have a better understanding of the university.”

“My teacher lit a fire under me and increased my enthusiasm about school as well as my confidence in my abilities.”

“My Gateway teachers talked to us like we were adults. This was my favorite class for the semester.”