

Honors College Freshman Seminar Fall 2016

Academic Portfolio and Reflection Papers

A *freshman seminar reflection paper* is a means of documenting the various new experiences that are occurring during your first semester as a college student. The purpose is to reflect upon what you learn about yourself in relation to your studies, college community, family and friends. At the end of your Honors seminar experience, you will have a means of reviewing the changes that may (or may not) have taken place as you began your college studies.

Your *academic portfolio* is a means of keeping your reflection papers, Individual Education Plan (IEP) and resumes in an organized place so that you can refer to them easily and update them as needed during your college career at NJIT.

As listed in the Honors Freshman Seminar syllabus, you will be writing two reflections papers. These journals will be given to your teaching assistants (TAs) when they begin the TA Open Forum discussion in class. The first one is due next week – Monday, September 19/Tuesday, September 13 and the date for second one will be given in class.

Guidelines for writing your reflection journal papers are simple:

- 1) Include your full name, freshman seminar section number, date and reflection paper # (ex: #1, #2) in the upper right hand corner at the top of the page.**
- 2) When typing your papers, use the following fonts:
Times New Roman, 12 point, 1.5" spacing
Side margins should be 1 inch**
- 3) Hand papers in as requested each week**

Your first reflection paper is due next week. It should be a typed two-three page autobiographical essay that talks about where you have been and where you would like to go . It should talk about your impressions of NJIT and your first weeks of class. The goal is to begin reflecting upon what courses/activities you have been involved in within the recent past that brought you to NJIT. You may also wish to address your concerns about college life and what you are looking forward to as a Dorman Honors college scholar.