

# Advanced-Entry Seminar

The Advanced-Entry Seminar (AES) is a required, four-credit course taken during your first semester. Your AES experience will be your first exposure to Southwestern's *Paideia*® philosophy of making connections. Your AES faculty member will guide you as you begin to practice an education that arcs over the whole course of your *Southwestern Experience* and across the Southwestern curriculum, connecting the questions and perspectives you encounter and the skills you develop to each other and to the world.

## ADVANCED-ENTRY SEMINAR TOPICS

Now, don't let the intriguing titles mislead you. Seminars are real multidisciplinary courses focused on exploratory topics that will help you think about what you are learning in your other courses and even in your out-of-classroom experiences. Seminars are not intended to be introductions to majors—although you may end up liking the subject area so much that you consider it as a major!

Seminars meet for 10 hours during Welcome Week, which begins Monday, August 19, and continue meeting twice per week through Thursday, October 31. One of the highlights of the AES program is First Symposium, at which students present their work to the campus community.

### Recent AES offerings:

- International Climate Fiction
- Roadside America
- Going to the Dogs
- Altruism, Adventure, and Activism
- The Transportive Experience of Wearing a Mask
- Seeing the Water

### Next Steps

Check out [southwestern.edu/academics/advanced-entry-seminar](https://southwestern.edu/academics/advanced-entry-seminar) to learn more about each of the exciting seminars. You will be notified of your assigned AES a few days prior to your Sprog Orientation, and your course schedule will be built around the seminar.

