There’s a First Time for Everything

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1. First-year students

- Core 100: Required course in core curriculum
- Common theme
- Mentoring
Learning Outcomes

Identify and critically assess multiple dimensions of an ethical issue in an attempt to reach a conclusion

• Interpreting challenging readings
• Employing effective library research and information literacy skills
• Constructing arguments supported with evidence
1. University History Course

FYS: Exploring Xavier’s History Guiding Questions:

• How do we, the University community, collectively remember our history?

• How does Xavier’s history contextualize and influence your student experience?

• How do you create or contribute to Xavier’s history?
1. Course Logistics

• Team teaching
• Preparation
• Primary source sets
Course Content

Resources:
• Contextual readings
• Primary sources from University Archives
• Databases
• Guest speakers, tours
Course Content

Assignments
• Reflections
• Presentations
• Projects

Other outcomes: archival literacy vs. primary source literacy
Collections access
Assignment Scaffolding

Digital Exhibit Project
- Archival research
- Historical context
- Digital tools
- Public presentation
1. Course Outcomes

• Student success
• Course evaluations
• Learning outcomes
• Faculty community
Challenges
Rewards

- Library prize for first-year students
- Discussion
- Mentorship
- Better understanding of goals, tools, and outcomes for student learning
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