

Dear Incoming Aggie,

As an incoming student and member of the USU Aggie Marching Band, you may want to consider taking a special section of the [USU 1010 Connections class](#) meant for students who are unable to attend the pre-semester sections of Connections.

We have a 7-week version of the course that begins the same week as regular semester classes and ends in mid-October. We have two 7-week sections, taught by Jacob Van den Akker and Kylee Hopkin, two of the most enthusiastic and engaging members of the USU orientation staff. These classes will be interactive, informative, and fun. It will be a great way to meet other incoming students, and to meet a mentor who works at USU and cares deeply that you succeed.

We highly recommend you add one of the following 2-credit sections of USU 1010 to your schedule:

- [USU 1010 section 078, CRN 44663 taught by Jacob Van den Akker](#) held Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (If the section is full, get on the waitlist and we will make sure you get in.)
- [USU 1010 Section 079, CRN 44664 taught by Kylee Hopkin](#) held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (If the section is full, get on the waitlist and we will make sure you get in.)

All USU 1010 courses cover the same curriculum, and are designed to help you answer three questions:

- Why am I here?
- How do I best engage myself in the process of becoming an educated person?
- How do I become a fully engaged member of the university community?

We really feel strongly that taking USU 1010 will be extremely beneficial for you, and we will open enough seats to accommodate anyone who would like to take the course. If you have any difficulty registering, feel free to give us a call at the number below.

As a student in the 7-week Connections section, you will still read the common literature book *When Breath Becomes Air* and complete a brief online discussion about the book, but that online discussion assignment is not due until after the semester begins. You will get more information about the assignment on your first day of class.

We look forward to seeing you in August. Go Aggies!

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