UNI 101J – Freshman Seminar  
Fall 2006

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Textbooks:  
The Highest Tide by Jim Lynch  
The Rule of Saint Benedict  
Privilege, Power, and Difference by Allan Johnson

Course Mantras:  
♦ “Start with the end in mind” (Stephen Covey and others)
♦ “A schedule is nothing other than something to deviate from” (Gary Whitney)
♦ “Think globally, act locally” (bumper sticker)

Course Objectives:  
♦ Establish a foundation for a smooth transition to university life.
♦ Provide a forum to share concerns with your peers and a faculty mentor.
♦ Create a sense of purpose that will guide your college career.
♦ Use your time and talents to help others.
♦ Introduce the principles and practices of the Benedictine tradition.

Grading: (No Extra Credit possible)

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In-class Assignments

These assignments will vary. As long as you are in class and participate in the activity or discussion, you will receive full credit. The class dates are noted on the schedule as well as being listed below. It will not be possible to make up these assignments.

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** Failure to attend either evening talk will result in a score of −200, that is, a loss of 200 points for the course. This is equivalent to a 2/3 drop in the letter grade, e.g., a B+ to a B-. 
General Philosophy/Attendance:

◊ College prepares you for a professional position.
◊ In the working world, you are responsible for your career and you are accountable for your decisions. For example, class attendance is expected (just as you are expected to go to work), but not required.

Important Dates:

September 4, 2006: Labor Day, no class
September 8, 2006: Last day to add/change a class.
October 4, 2006: Jim Lynch lecture 7–9 p.m. in WCC. No class at 8:00.
October 10, 2006: Allan Johnson (Tuesday night)
October 13, 2006: Fall break, no class
November 3, 2006: Last day to withdraw from a class
November 10, 2006: Saint Martins Day, no class
November 17, 2006: No class–payback for 10/9, 10/10, and 10/11
November 23-24, 2006: Thanksgiving recess, no class

Students with Disabilities:

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have a medical and/or safety concern to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible