

Introducing Yourself on the First Day of Class

On the first day of class, professors may ask you to introduce yourself and share a little about your background, reasons for taking the course, and what you hope to learn.



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Professor: Hi. Good morning! It's wonderful to be back for a brand new semester. It's equally wonderful to see you here.

Let's start with why I am teaching this class.

I'm David Lee, and I'm teaching this class because I sat in a similar one as an undergrad, and it was one of the most useful classes I had taken up until that point. This is why I am teaching this class called *Introduction to University Studies*.

Before going over the syllabus and course details, I'm going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourselves one by one. Tell us a little about your background, where you're from, what you're studying, and why you're taking this class.

● **Professor:** Let's begin with those sitting in the back of the room and work our way up to the front. How about starting with the gentleman seated in the last row closest to the door?

● **Aaron:** Do you mean me?

● **Professor:** Yes. Tell us a little about your background and why you're here.

● **Aaron:** Hi, there. I'm Aaron Jae. I go by my initials, AJ. I graduated from Tainan First Senior High School. I'm a first-year student, and I'm studying history, but I hope to transfer to the Chinese Literature Department. If that doesn't work out, I hope to at least pick up a minor in Chinese literature. My friend recommended this class. That's why I'm here.



● **Professor:** That's great, AJ. I hope you find this course helpful. Let's continue with the student sitting next to AJ.

Doreen: What's up, everyone?

My name is Doreen Lee. I lived in Indonesia until I was 12.

Then my family moved to Taiwan because of my dad's job.

I'm a sophomore studying biology. I'm interested in this class because I would like to learn how I can do well in college.



Professor: Thank you for sharing your background with us, Doreen.

Next, how about the student to Doreen's left?

William: My name is William Li.

You can call me Will. I am a freshman currently majoring in psychology.

I originally wanted to study English, but I wasn't able to get in. I hope I can minor in English. My older brother took this class and told me about it.

That's why I'm taking it.



Professor: Welcome, Will, and thank you for telling us what you would like to study. Let's have Erica go next.

Erica: I'm Erica Tao. I'm a transfer student from Tunghai University in Taichung. I grew up in Taichung and am pretty excited to move to Taipei for school. I was a statistics major at my previous school. Here, I'm a psychology major. I'm taking this class because even though this is now my second time being a first-year student, I still feel lost. I would like to learn how to navigate college better.



Bruce: I think I'm next. Morning everyone. My name is Bruce Li. No, I'm not related or connected to the Bruce Lee you're thinking of, although I am a huge fan of his. I just started the graduate program in biodiversity here. I heard about this class from friends and thought it would be fun to take even though I'm a grad student. I spent my undergrad years living at home and didn't really have a chance to experience college life. I guess a part of me hopes to make that up now.



Professor: Thank you, everyone, for sharing about yourselves. We really have a diverse class. There will be many opportunities for us to get to know each other better throughout the semester. Now let's take a look at the course syllabus.



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