

1145-N1-731 **Ricardo V Teixeira*** (teixeirar@uhv.edu), 3007 N. Ben Wilson Ave, Victoria, TX 77901. *A MatheMAGICAL First Year Seminar.*

Some universities require that all new first-year students take a First-Year Seminar in their first semester. The course is intended to teach students skills that are necessary for success in college. The course also engages students with their major (or potential major) and other resources on campus.

Some faculty create courses designed around a theme and adapt the activities based on it. By being intentional in the selection of a theme, students will explore a topic that interests them and meet other students who share that interest.

With some math faculty having strong interest in magic tricks, the University of Houston – Victoria is planning to launch a “Mathemagics” FYS in 2019. Our presentation will cover the development of material to be used, showing samples of activities. We will also show how to adapt current events in FYS to have the Mathemagics theme. (Received September 13, 2018)