The First Wave Spoken Word and Urban Arts Learning Community is a cutting-edge multicultural artistic program for incoming students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Bringing together young artists and leaders from across the United States, First Wave offers students the opportunity to live, study, and create together in a close-knit, dynamic campus community. The First Wave Learning Community is the first university program in the country centered on spoken word and hip-hop culture.

**LINKED COURSE**

**Afro-American Studies 154: “Hip Hop and American Contemporary Society”** – The class traces hip-hop’s origins in Jamaica and the Bronx, its evolution in various regions of North America (primarily the United States), and its emergence as a global phenomenon. It explores the themes, ideas, and debates about hip-hop that have emerged both within the world of hip-hop and the broader society.

**Physics 109: “Physics in the Arts”** – This is a course on sound and light for non-science majors. It covers the nature of sound and sound perception; and fundamentals of harmony, musical scales, and musical instruments. Studies of light including lenses, photography, color perception, and color mixing. Two lectures and one two-hour lab per week.
FIG courses are designed to be taken together. When you enroll in a FIG, you are signed up for these courses as a whole group, not as separate courses.

If you change your mind, dropping one FIG course means ending your enrollment in all of the courses in the FIG.

So, here’s what you should know if you want to drop the FIG:

• You can drop all the courses on your own through your Student Center at my.wisc.edu. Any non-FIG course will not be affected.
• After classes begin (Tuesday, September 6, 2016), if you need to drop a single course within the FIG, please contact Kari Fernholz (see below) to review your situation. If necessary, she will provide the required authorization to drop the course.
• Wednesday, September 14, 2016 is the last day to drop courses without it appearing on your college transcript.
• Friday, September 16, 2016 is the last day to add a course without first getting departmental approval.

Enrolled in a FIG and you change your mind?