Like I always say, I didn’t choose Pine Manor, Pine Manor chose me. As a bilingual student, I was hopeless to find a great school for my education, but Pine Manor came to the rescue. EFP has been a great support for me at PMC. It has helped me improve my English, my writing and my speaking. If I’m a better student today, it is because of EFP. EFP gave me a great family, formed by students from different parts of the world and great teachers who really care about me, in addition to academic success as a student at Pine Manor College.

Program Overview: The distinctive Enhanced Foundational Program (EFP) is a year long program designed to help young women with limited English proficiency to successfully complete a private, four-year degree at Pine Manor College. It features full-credit undergraduate course, individualized tutoring and writing lab sessions, close monitoring by faculty advisor, and a big sister mentoring program. EFP students can expect to complete their bachelor’s degree in eight or nine semesters.

Program Structure:

Two semesters of Grammatical Writing
This course stresses language acquisition through an emphasis on grammar usage (prepositions, verb tenses, sentence structure, vocabulary, and syntax) as well as essay writing and the use of topic sentences, summaries and connectors. In the second semester, students will focus on research papers, peer editing, thesis statements, reports and responses to other forms of writing. Students will also gain an understanding of MLA formatting, a format used widely at the college for writing papers and citing sources. (MLA stands for Modern Language Association).

Two semesters of Reading in the Disciplines
This course focuses on comprehension and critical analysis through the reading of short stories, news items, plays and analytical essays. In the second semester, students will focus on literature, critical thinking and analysis, and plays.

First year Seminar
All Pine Manor students are required to take a First Year Seminar in the first semester of their first year. Seminar topics range, but students can expect a list of about 10 seminars from which to choose. Students are asked to rank their top 4 seminar choices to aid the registrar in making FYS assignments.

A full course load for the semester includes 4 courses, or 16 credits. This means students take a total of 8 courses for the year, or 32 credits. EFP students may elect 3 additional courses of their choosing from the list of course offerings for the semester to round out their year.

PMC Highlights:
- Pine Manor College is proud to rank #1 for campus diversity among BA liberal arts colleges by U.S. News and World Report America’s Best Colleges of 2010
- Average class size: 14 students
- One of the oldest internship programs with over 1,000 sites
- Cross registration opportunities at Boston College and Babson College
- Seven NCAA Division III athletic teams—Basketball, Cross-Country, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball

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