Bourdieu’s First Year: First-Generation Students, Habitus, and Retention

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Habitus
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Capital (Individual)

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- Social
- Cultural
- Economic
- Educational
Habitus
Capital (Individual)
Fields (Group)

Fields
- Work, school, social group, housing area
Doxa

Rules of a group, values, standards, normative behaviour
[ (Habitus) (Capital) ] + Field=Practice
Shared language between Capital and Field through the translation of Doxa
OR

The ability to speak the correct “Cultural Language” for a given setting without intense cognition, training, or studied habituation
Thank you