Welcome to the University College

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Mission of the University College

• The mission of the University College is to provide students with an academically safe and productive place where they can receive academic advising, learning support, and major exploration that is vital to their success at IUP.
Identify your strengths in areas of interest before selecting a major:

- **EXPL-STEM**: disciplines in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics
- **EXPL-HSS**: disciplines in humanities such as history and English or the social sciences such as political science and sociology
- **EXPL-ARTS**: disciplines in art, art history, music, theater, and dance
- **EXPL-EDU**: disciplines in teaching, special education, disability services, and communications
- **EXPL-HHS**: related health fields such as nursing, safety sciences, sports sciences or a field related to the human experience such as criminology, family studies, fashion merchandising, and interior design
- **EXPL-BU**: business related fields such as management, marketing, finance, information technology and accounting
- **EXPL**: explore disciplines/areas of interest across the entire university
University College Students Have Access To:

- Help in Selecting a Major;
- Dedicated Exploratory Advising;
- Linked Courses;
- First-Year Experience Courses;
- Academic Support;
- Peer Mentoring;
- Student Success Specialists.
Dedicated Exploratory Advising

• The University College provides each first-year student in the college with a dedicated Academic Advisor in the student’s discipline area.

• Academic Advisors in the University College are faculty members who teach courses in their area of discipline and will serve as College Mentors to their advisees.

• All College Mentors/Academic Advisors have designated weekly office hours specifically for students in the University College.
University College Linked Courses

• All first-year University College students are enrolled in Linked Courses.

• These linkages coordinate clusters of two to three courses designed to form a learning community of students; allowing more opportunity for students and faculty to build relationships that contribute to academic success.

• Linked courses connect students to their College Mentor, who will also serve as a faculty member and Academic Advisor to students in the University College.

• Studies show that students who are enrolled in Linked Courses experience higher performance outcomes than for stand-alone courses.
First-Year Experience Courses

A set of courses that support students in their first year of college and enhance their transition to IUP

- **DVST 150**: Introduction to Higher Education
- **DVST 160**: Learning Strategies
- **DVST 170**: Career Exploration
- **XXX 281**: Pathways in (specific EXPL disciplines)
Peer Mentoring

• Each first-year student in the University College has the opportunity to connect with an upper-classman serving as a Peer Mentor.

• Designed to strengthen students’ first-year experience by pairing students with mentors that are pursuing similar career goals or who have a similar background, concentration, or academic interest.

• During each semester, Peer Mentors will facilitate activities focusing on student success and engagement while holding dedicated office hours during the week for students in the Academic Resource Center, located near the University College in the library.
All University College students will meet with an experienced Student Success Specialist

Student Success Specialists:

• assist students in navigating IUP practices, direct students to appropriate services, and programs based on individual needs;

• provide students academic coaching, including tips on time management and study skills;

• guide students in exploring IUP’s majors and academic offerings;

• support, encourage and motivate students in achieving their academic, professional and personal goals.

University College Staff:

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Questions?

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