Office of Student Development

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“The Whitt” is a place for students to get academic assistance, to study, to check email, or just take a break between classes.

All academic support services at the Whitt are free to Woodbury students!

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU REACH YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS?

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

While faculty provide an immediate link to learning, academic counseling and support outside the classroom and intrusive advising are critical for maximum performance and achievement in college (Abelman & Molina, 2001; Austin, Cherney, Crowner, & Hill, 1997; Cook, 2009; Earl, 1988; Frost, 2000; Thelin & Hirschy, 2009). The Office of Student Development collaborates with students and faculty to enhance the learning environment through supplemental advising and academic support.

Academic Counseling and Advising
Supports advising needs of students and faculty, including:
- Help students with schedule adjustments, graduation planning
- Provide academic counseling and problem-solving
- Make referrals to campus resources, as needed
- Help with course software (Self-Service/Moodle)

Tutoring
Trained peer tutors offer assistance in major courses and integrated general education courses. Woodbury’s Writing Center specifically provides writing assistance, in person and online.

Academic Peer Mentors (APMs)
Meet weekly with students to provide encouragement and discuss problem-solving, time management, and study skills, as needed.

Academic Success Workshops
Offering an academic “boost” to students of all abilities, these workshops include self-assessments, exploratory discussions about challenges, and proven strategies to help students reach new levels of academic success.

Students with Special Needs Services
Facilitate support and academic adjustments for students with documented mobility and non mobility-based disabilities.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

International Peer Advisors (IPAs)
Provide guidance for international students and plan social and cultural enrichment events for all students to experience together.

Career Development
Career counseling provided to all students and alumni including job & internship search, mock interview, occupational resources, and resume/cover letter assistance.

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION

“Early Alert” Academic Referral System
Faculty, staff, and students are requested and reminded to alert the Office of Student Development when they observe students showing signs of academic need. Developmental meetings provide students with the opportunity to explore their challenges and develop strategies to recover and succeed within the semester.

Student Support Committee (SSC)
A team of student support professionals representing Counseling Services, Academic Support, student affairs, Residential Life, and others meet each week to strategize intervention and support measures for individual students exhibiting at-risk behaviors, academically or personally.

Academic Counseling for Students on Academic Probation
Upon review each semester, students whose term or cumulative grade point average (GPA) has fallen below satisfactory level (2.0 undergraduates, 3.0 graduates) are required to meet with an OSD Advisor or the Assistant Dean of Academic Support to determine specific modes of intervention necessary to raise their GPA to a satisfactory level.

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE)

Recognizing that the risk of dropping out is highest during the freshman year unless students engage early in the academic and social life of the campus (Astin, 1984; Tinto, 1975, 1993), Woodbury has designed specific programming for students to transition smoothly to their new community and adjust to a higher level of academic inquiry and commitment.

Student Orientation, Advisement, & Registration (SOAR)
Prior to starting classes, a campus-wide SOAR team provides students an overview of the opportunities, expectations, and resources as a Woodbury student.

PPDV 100 Transition to College (1 unit)
All freshmen enroll in this freshman seminar course which provides connections to faculty, campus resources, higher-level academic performance, career connections, and peer support. PPDV 200 Transition to Woodbury (1 unit) also provides major-specific, transition programming for transfer students in certain majors.

Freshman Peer Advisors (FPAs)
Provide support for freshmen students in PPDV 100 courses through weekly contact, encouragement, and support. Transfer Peer Advisors (TPAs) also provide support for PPDV 200 transfer students in certain majors.

OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

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RESOURCES

Tutoring Center
- Drop-in tutoring Monday-Saturday or by appointment

Technology Access
- 6 IBM computers, 4 MAC computers
- 1 black and white printer
- Wireless Internet
- Copier, fax available for student use

Office of Student Development (OSD)
OSD provides most services free of charge to Woodbury students. Collaborating with both faculty and Student Leaders, OSD provides comprehensive academic support services as well as personal, social, and career-related resources for all enrolled Woodbury students.

WOODBURY WEB PORTAL (“The Portal”)
You can read more about OSD’s academic support services and many other student-related services and information on the University web portal: my.woodbury.edu/students

Click on “Academic Support Office of Student Development”