A Semester of Academic Success

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The Student Success Office offers services and resources to assist students in completing their undergraduate degrees. These services include:

- Coordinating reenrollment
- Centralizing resources for students, advisors, and faculty
- Managing data from exiting students
- Leading retention initiatives
Presentation Outline

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Terms to Know

- **Course Syllabus** – document that lists information about a specific course, outlines deadlines, and defines expectations and responsibilities.

- **Faculty Office Hours** – office hours are time slots set aside by faculty to meet with students outside of the classroom.

- **Semester GPA** – the semester GPA is based on grades earned within that semester at UMD.

- **Cumulative GPA** – based on all grades earned within all semesters of attendance at UMD.

- **Good Academic Standing** – to achieve satisfactory academic progress, students must maintain a minimum of a 2.00 GPA. A GPA under 2.00 is considered unsatisfactory performance.
Terms to Know

- **Withdrawal** (from the University): A withdrawal is available anytime between the first and last day of classes in a semester. Students must submit written notice of withdrawal to the Office of the Registrar no later than the last day of classes.

- **Continuous Registration**: students must continue to register for classes every Fall and Spring until graduation; students who do not, will need to apply for reenrollment.

- **Registration Blocks**: issues in the form of “holds” on a student’s account that prevent them from registering for classes. [Read more](http://registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/Blocks,%20Permissions,%20and%20Stamps.html).
Weeks 1 - 2: Schedule Adjustment

- Students receive course syllabus listing:
  - Expectations
  - Deadlines for assignments
  - Dates for exams

- Students have the first 10 days of classes to make changes to their registration
  - Changes that result in a student moving from full time to part time may result in a change in tuition
    - Student Financial Services and Cashiering: https://billpay.umd.edu/
Weeks 3 - 9:

- **Students should:**
  - Go to class
  - Study

- **Students experiencing difficulty (or any student) should:**
  - Make use of faculty office hours
    - [How to talk to faculty during office hours](https://tutoring.umd.edu/index.html#tutoringresources)
  - Review Academic Success Resources
    - [https://tutoring.umd.edu/index.html#academicsuccess](https://tutoring.umd.edu/index.html#academicsuccess)
  - Utilize Tutoring Services
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Weeks 10: Mid-Term Grades

● Mid-Term Warning grades are posted by the 10th week of class for
  ○ All first year students
  ○ Anyone in 100/200 level courses
  ○ All student athletes

● Notification from College
  ○ Most colleges send notifications to students with mid-term grades of D, F or U
Weeks 11 - 12:

If student is utilizing the resources available on campus and performance is unsatisfactory, they should meet with their Academic Advisor to:

- Discuss situations that affect their grades:
  - Time management and study habits
  - Health, stress, and other concerns
  - Poor major fit

- Discuss their options:
  - Dropping a course with a W (Withdraw)
  - Changing major
  - Reducing course load from Full-Time to Part-Time
  - Taking time off to address health issues, to work/save money, take classes elsewhere, etc.
Weeks 13 - 16:

- Begin studying for finals
- Register for next semester
  - Students are given a date/time based on their credits
  - Student should remove any registration blocks prior to this date/time
- Students should:
  - Make use of faculty office hours
    - How to talk to faculty during office hours
  - Review Academic Success Resources
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End of Semester

- GPA calculation is processed
- Student transcripts are updated
- Students with a cumulative GPA below 2.00 are notified about academic probation or academic dismissal
  - **Academic Probation** – a warning (probationary) semester following a semester where a student earns a cumulative GPA below 2.00. To return to good academic standing, students must raise their cumulative GPA to 2.00 by the end of their probationary semester
  - **Academic Dismissal**: when a student on academic probation does not raise their cumulative GPA by the end of their probationary semester, they are dismissed from UMD based on their academic performance
  - **Terp Family Webinar**: [Academic Probation, Dismissal, and the Reenrollment Process](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tu_mNPVz8z8)
Tutoring & Academic Success Resources

https://tutoring.umd.edu/

- Tutoring Resources
- Academic Success Resources
- Other Academic Services
ABC’s of Parent & Family Help

● **Acknowledge student concerns**

● **Be** aware that external factors can impact a student’s academic performance:
  ○ Family and/or Friend issues
  ○ Financial issues
  ○ Mental health/Personal issues
  ○ Poor major/Institution fit

● **Consider** options for students who may be stressed
  ○ Time off
  ○ Schedule: course load, extracurriculars, work hours, etc.
  ○ Major change
  ○ University change

● **Delayed graduation** is better than no graduation

● **Encourage** your student to ask for help when needed
Additional Information to Questions Asked During Webinar Registration

- **Major Change Process**
  - Differs for each college. Review department website for more information on how to start the process.

- **Semester withdrawal or retroactive withdrawal**
  - [http://registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/withdraw.html](http://registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/withdraw.html)
  - Students wishing to withdraw from all courses must complete the withdrawal process through the Office of the Registrar.

- **University Career Center & The President’s Promise**
  - [https://careers.umd.edu/](https://careers.umd.edu/)
Websites

Offices

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