

First-Year Student Advising Day

Exploratory Studies

August 25, 2023



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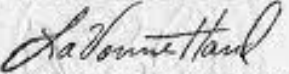
Exploratory Studies

- Normal to be undecided
- Many resources to help make decision
 - Academic Advisor
 - myWidener ES office
 - Undergraduate Catalog
 - Advising information
 - Campus Resources
 - Career Design and Development
 - Focus2 Interest Inventory
 - Deans/Faculty



Transcripts

- Summer courses – submit to Admissions
- AP test scores and credits entered in Student Planning
- See transcript in Student Planning
- If courses are missing, see your academic advisor TODAY

HOURS 29.0		CURR. GPA 3.20	CURR. CR. 13.0
06/08/72		CUM. GPA	CUM. CR.
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968		Class of 73	
SUMMER SCHOOL			
12/01/72			



Important Semester Info

- Add/Drop: First week of class
 - Contact Academic Advisor ASAP
 - **Deadline Tuesday September 5th**
 - After September 5th – “W” on transcript or grade earned
- Early Assessment Alerts – 5th week
- Midterm Grades – Friday, Oct 20th
- **Deadline for class withdrawal without academic penalty November 27th.**
- Final Grades Review

**more details on your advising syllabus*



Pre-Advising Day

- Monday, October 9th Noon
- Advising hold on account before registering for courses
- Preparing you to create your schedule for Spring 2024
- You remain with your
Exploratory Studies advisor
until you declare your major



Online Portals/Software

- www.widener.edu, WU Links

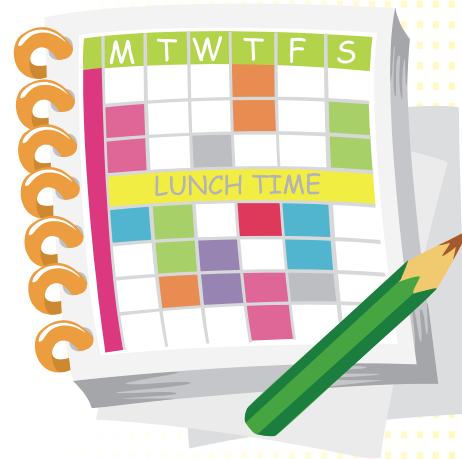


- **MyWidener:** Search feature: offices, FERPA, help, etc
 - **Student Planning** – Schedule, midterm/final grades, unofficial transcript
- **WuMail:** Widener email/Outlook; **Add your pic!**
- **Office 365:** Free downloads Word, PPT, Excel
- **Canvas:** All class info, syllabi, upload assignments, grades posted throughout semester, attendance; **Add your pic!**
- **Microsoft Teams (PSST); Add your pic!**



Schedules

- Available to view in **Student Planning** (vs Canvas only if published)
 - Verify **courses** and **room locations** prior to classes on Monday
 - Only courses in GREEN (enrolled)
- Should have between 14-17 credits
 - PE (0.5 cr) or Varsity Sport (1 cr)
- Schedule grid available in myWidener ES office



Exploratory Studies Learning Community

- FYS 101 C (TTH 11-11:50am) & ENGL 101 B2 (MWF 10-10:50am)
 - In two classes with the same students
 - Not eligible if already in a LLC
- Assists with your transition and success in college
- Residents or Commuters
- Programming outside of class – Saturday is first event!
- Opportunity for additional resources, support, and study groups
- 1 seat left – if interested, let your academic advisor know!



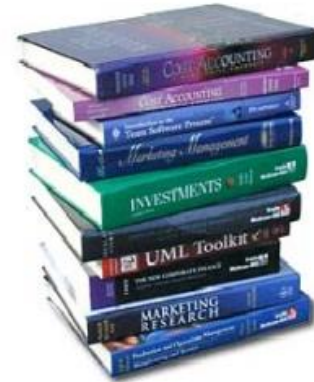
Letter of Agreements

- Crozer, Engineering, or Nursing
- Emailed at Summer Registration
- Requirements to declare



Class Tips

- Use professor office hours (*on syllabus*)
- Attendance Policy
- Buy textbooks now
 - Textbook info available on Bookstore website, ID #
 - Bookstore is located at 1440 Providence Ave
 - Notify professor if you do not have the textbook
 - Do not open shrink wrap textbooks until class is confirmed



Tips for navigating your classes

- MyWidener
- Canvas Help for Students
- ITS helpdesk
- [Student Success @ Widener](#) canvas course



Communication is key!

Check your **Widener** email and **Canvas** daily!!!

- Download following apps:
Outlook, Canvas, Microsoft Teams



We want to know....

Polls about Your Study and Work Habits



1. How many hours a week *did* you study in high school?
2. How many hours a week do you *plan* to study in college?
3. How many hours a week do you *plan* to work?



Office of Student Success

- Importance of high GPA
- Study 30-45 hours a week
- Time Management!!!
- First-Year-Experience Coach – check your email Sept 5th
 - <https://www.widener.edu/first-year-experience-coaching>
- Academic Enrichment – no additional cost
 - Tutoring
 - Writing Center
 - Math Center
 - Counseling & Psychological Services
 - Student Accessibility Services



Personal Student Success Team

- Academic Advisor – meet today!
- Student Success – Kim Robinson
- Librarian – Jill Borin
- Student Affairs – Corina Evans
- Peer Mentors
 - Kylie Campbell (ES LC & others)
 - Meghan Scheb
 - Sarah DeCarlo



Group Advising

Make an appointment with your assigned academic advisor (search in myWidener)

***Best wishes for your first semester at
Widener University!!***

