First-Year Success at Washburn University

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Washburn University

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There is nothing like the EXPERIENCE of your first year in college! Washburn University wants to help you SUCCEED from day one.

Washburn University has great opportunities to help first-year students get their college career off to a good start.

Convocation
WU 101 - The Washburn Experience
IS 120 - Major & Career Exploration
IS 170 - Library Research Strategies
IS 171 - Internet Research Strategies
IS 172 - Advanced Research Strategies
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Tutoring & Writing Center
Mabee Library
As you become an Ichabod, all first-year students are invited to Washburn University’s Opening Convocation 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 19, 2013 in White Concert Hall. Convocation is the traditional beginning of an academic year, where you as a member of the Class of 2017 are officially welcomed into the Washburn community of learning. President Jerry Farley leads the ceremony as we begin to develop your identity as an Ichabod. Later that night after WUFest is the Washburn Traditions event in Yager Stadium. It is a Washburn welcome that you will not want to miss!

Dear Fellow Ichabod,

Welcome to Washburn University! As a first-year student and as you become an Ichabod, you will quickly discover a wonderful array of exciting programs and services that enhance and support your academic experience at Washburn. In particular, the Center for Student Success and Mabee Library are dedicated to your academic success and development. In the following pages, you will discover how the First-Year Experience (FYE) program, Academic Success Center, Academic Advising and librarians in Mabee Library work collaboratively to provide you with the skills and support you need to be successful. As you develop your first semester schedule and lay a foundation for success as a Washburn scholar, enrolling in WU101: The Washburn Experience is the first step in your journey.

Go Bods!

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First-Year Experience supports the academic, social and personal transitions of all first-year students. Through collaborative efforts with faculty, staff and peer educators, we empower and support first-year students by providing intentional courses, programs and services that promote success and persistence in college. The Washburn FYE program seeks to help students begin the process of becoming information literate to promote student success in the Information Age.

WU 101: The Washburn Experience
Research makes clear the first semester of your university experience goes far in determining your success at Washburn University. WU101, a required 3-hour for-credit course, is designed to help you quickly find your scholarly identity at Washburn, while helping you develop a sound graduation plan. This plan includes a normal course load of 15 hours. In this course, you will learn how to succeed as a Washburn student, begin the process of becoming Information Literate and gain a personal success network of faculty, advisors, librarians and peers who are dedicated to you and your success.

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IS 120 - Major & Career Exploration
This course helps bridge the student's educational experience to the world of work. Readings, exercises and written reports are used to increase the student's knowledge of self. Additional resources provide a multi-disciplinary overview of the factors involved in career choice and development.

We live in the Information Age. Our Library Instructors will teach you the skills necessary to navigate the information resources you will need to succeed as a Washburn Scholar.

IS 170 - Library Research Strategies
This one-hour course is designed to introduce and improve basic library research skills using the print and automated information retrieval resources of Mabee Library. Additional in-depth analysis of database sources, the ability to construct search strategies and evaluation of materials are covered. Likewise, search methods in a variety of disciplines are explored.

IS 171 - Internet Research Strategies
This course will introduce and improve research strategies for finding scholarly information on the Internet, including resources in the Invisible Web that cannot be accessed with standard search engines, such as Google. Students will learn to formulate and modify an effective search strategy, investigate the theory behind the search process and critically evaluate electronic resources based on appropriate criteria.

IS 172 - Advanced Research Strategies
This course is designed to introduce and improve advanced research strategies for students that have completed both IS 170 and IS 171. Students will focus on research in the disciplines and create artifacts for an identified discipline. This course is ideal for students that are interested in tools and skills that facilitate development of an upper-level research plan.

IS 173 - Information Literacy for Scholars
In this course, students will use an advanced approach to the research process and methods for retrieving information for a scholarly paper. Experience in the research process, selecting a topic and retrieving information on topics is recommended. Focus is on developing the following skills: understanding the many types of research methods and the delivery of research results in the academic community.
Home of Washburn Tutoring & Writing Center, The Academic Success Center facilitates a series of workshops on a variety of student success subjects. We also work with students one-on-one if requested (academic coaching).

Academic Success WORKSHOPS

Some of our current workshops include:
- Time Management & Getting Organized
- Reading Strategies for Better Comprehension
- Note-Taking
- Test-Taking Strategies
- Tech Tips for Term Papers
- Studying—Tech Tips & Info
- Prepping for Finals—Create a study plan!

Established in 2007, the Washburn iREAD Program gives students the opportunity to participate in a common reading experience that will expand their critical thinking, discussion and reading skills, foster campus involvement and enhance the campus community.

The 2013-2014 iREAD book is rode by this year’s iREAD lecturer Thomas Fox Averill, Writer-in-Residence and Professor of English at Washburn University. rode is Averill’s story behind the folk ballad “Tennessee Stud” and has been named Outstanding Western Novel of 2011.

Students will read this book in classes ranging from English to Research Strategies to WU 101—The Washburn Experience. The iREAD program encourages the university mission of “learning for a lifetime” and creates partnerships across campus and in the community. To learn more about the Washburn iREAD program, visit www.washburn.edu/iread.

Mabee Library & WU FYE present
The 2013-2014 iREAD Lecture
Thomas Fox Averill
The 2013-2014 iREAD book: rode
September 24, 2013
7:00 p.m.
White Concert Hall
Washburn University
Located in the Mabee Library, the Academic Success Center and Writing Center are the places to go for students seeking additional help with their course work.

All Ichabods are encouraged to maximize their success by using the services offered in these centers. The Writing Center supports students who are seeking writing assistance in a one-on-one manner. The Academic Success Center offers tutoring services on a drop-in basis. In addition to helping with your course work, the Academic Success Center provides a series of workshops that allows students to develop necessary skills, such as time management, note-taking, and test-taking, to promote college success. All of these services are free!

Our mission is to collaborate with students to assist them in making informed academic plans based on their individual abilities and educational and personal life goals.

The Office of Academic Advising assists undecided students as their primary academic advising resource. Ichabods receive professional assistance for such needs as course schedules, academic program planning, selecting a major, course requirements and understanding university policies and procedures.

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Mabee Library is the intellectual and cultural center of Washburn University. In the Mabee, you can grab a coffee on the way to class or get comfortable for a few hours of studying. In helping you succeed as a student, the Mabee provides you access to the people and information materials that will prepare you for success in the Information Age. Whether you are reading a book in quiet, accessing the digital collections or studying in a group, the Mabee is where you will find your friends. While in the Mabee you can also participate in student poetry slam events, readings by local and national authors or get the news from one of the international news channels. In the Mabee, you will find students helping students in the Academic Tutoring Center and the University Writing Center along with the First-Year Experience Peer Educators. So, if you want either print or electronic books, databases or articles, to check out a laptop or an iPad or if you just need a place to study—you will want to check out the Mabee because it exists to promote your success.

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PEOPLE
As your personal search engines, our librarians are even better than Google. From anthropology to zoology, you will maximize your time finding quality resources.

TECHNOLOGY
From free printing, to computers and wireless Internet access, the library has the technology to help you turn out quality work.

CONNECTIONS
We have thousands of books and electronic resources available; however, if we do not have something you need, we will get it shipped from one of our partners for free and contact you when it arrives.

BOOKS+
The Mabee is the place to take assignments from start to finish, to reflect between classes, to relax on a busy afternoon, to plug into the Web and to discover new ideas and experiences. We are the academic living room of Washburn University.

SPACE
When you need a place to study, head for the library. We have areas for both quiet and group study and we are the perfect spot for meeting with a tutor—all in a safe and convenient environment.