



Academic Success in Your First-Year at Washburn University

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Graduation is Within Your G.R.A.S.P.

Goal	Graduate on-time
Resilience	Do not give up
Assistance	Ask for help
Schedule	Trust your Academic Advisor
Pace	15 to Finish



What is a University?

It is a Community of Learning



1978-2010



 **WASHBURN**
UNIVERSITY

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What is Academic Success?

- It is discovering one's intellectual and vocational passions
- It is retaining from Year 1 to Year 2
 - It is graduating on-time



University not High School

Students need assistance during the transition to university studies for 3 basic reasons:

1. The pace of studies is different
2. You must learn to raise your hand and ask for help
3. Information Overload



What is the Washburn University First-Year Experience Program?

- **A program designed to help students successfully make the transition into the University Community of Learning**
- **A program designed to introduce students to Information Literacy**
- **A program to help students consider their intellectual and vocational passions**



What is WU101: The Washburn Experience course?

- WU101 is the class around which the Washburn University First-Year Experience is built around
- It is a course designed to promote your student's success during the transition into the University Community of Learning by helping them start becoming **Information Literate**
 - Each section of the course has a 4 or 5-person Success Team: Lead Faculty; Librarian; Academic Advisor; and, 1 or 2 Peer Educators



Why 15 to Finish

Students who earn 30 or more credits per year:

- More likely to graduate on time
- Earn better grades
- Complete courses at a higher rate
- Pay less for their degrees
- Personalized course pathways with advisors



15 to FINISH is a Washburn initiative to help you graduate in four years. To do this, you need to take 15 credit hours each semester – an average of five classes per semester. No matter your major, you can graduate in four years if you follow the **15 to Finish** path.

Two Great Resources to Help You Choose the Right 15 and Graduate On-Time

1. Academic Advisors

2. Navigate

Study Buddies

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0yTkU2l5RA&t=29s>



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Do well in your classes

With helpful tips and advice



Explore major and career options

Based on your personal interests



Get involved on campus

By knowing what's available

