UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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University College (UC) was created in 1999 to unite several important academic and student services. UC is the official college of undecided students, conditionally admitted students, some pre-nursing students, students enrolled in college courses in the high schools/early entry high school students, special admits, transient students and exchange students. In addition to academic advising for undecided, conditionally admitted and some pre-nursing students, UC provides many opportunities to all Marshall University students including Tutoring Services, University Studies (UNI) courses, the National Student Exchange Program, and math placement exams.

Mission Statement

University College offers students a solid foundation of academic skills for progression into another Marshall University college to declare a major and graduate. University College is dedicated to adhering to national academic advising standards, providing professional academic guidance in a holistic and caring manner, understanding and practicing inclusion, operating with high ethical standards, embracing innovation and creativity, collaborating with the university community to ensure student success, safeguarding the privacy of students, and encouraging student engagement in their own educational process. University College extends this mission to all Marshall students by providing a broad range of academic services and transitional support programs.

University College provides advising for undecided students, conditionally admitted students, some pre-nursing students, students enrolled in college courses in the high schools/early entry high school students and special admits. Undecided, conditionally admitted and pre-nursing students will be assigned a specific University College advisor. Advising is provided in a supportive atmosphere where students may obtain information regarding various majors and academic opportunities. Appointments are encouraged, but not required.

Conditionally Admitted Students

Marshall University offers a limited number of conditional admissions to entering freshman students whose academic credentials fall slightly below regular admission requirements. Students not meeting the requirements for regular admission should contact the Office of Admissions to inquire about this opportunity.

Conditional students are admitted to University College and are not eligible to declare an academic major. Students must meet specific requirements within three semesters to gain full admission to the university. Requirements include:

- For students having Verbal ACT scores of less than 18 or SAT ERW 480, successful completion of required corequisite English course.
- Successful completion of academic support class (UNI 100 Freshman First Class).
- Completion of 18 earned hours with a 2.00 GPA (cumulative and MU) or 15 or more earned hours with a 3.00 or better during first semester as a conditionally admitted student..

Students will be assigned an academic advisor, who will guide them through their conditional requirements while enrolling in courses meeting general education requirements and recommended exploratory courses in majors of interest. Once all requirements and prerequisites are met, students are eligible to declare a major in a degree-granting college at Marshall University. (*Note:* Some majors and colleges require a separate application and have additional requirements for admission into their programs.)

Students who are conditionally admitted will be advised to take courses that meet general education requirements for all majors as well as the opportunity to take up to 12 hours of exploratory coursework outside of general education requirements. Students may also enroll in UNI 103 Career Planning Undecided.

Undecided Students

Advisors will work with undecided students to help them explore a major that meets their interests and abilities while enrolling in courses meeting general education requirements and recommended exploratory courses in majors of interest. In addition, students will be provided with opportunities to improve their student success skills and development of a career path. Students must declare an academic major upon completion of the 30th credit hour of coursework.

Undecided students will be advised to take courses that meet the general education requirements for all majors as well as the opportunity to take up to 12 hours of exploratory coursework outside of general education requirements. Students may also enroll in UNI 103 Career Planning Undecided.

Pre-Nursing Students

Pre-Nursing students will be assigned an academic advisor who is knowledgeable of the nursing major and course requirements, as well as the nursing application requirements and application procedures required by the College of Health Professions. The assigned advisor will assist students in selecting required general education courses and will assist in the exploration of other health-related academic majors.

Pre-nursing students in University College will be advised to take courses that meet the general education requirements for all majors as well as specific courses that help students earn points on the ASN (two-year) or BSN (4-year) nursing program application. Pre-nursing students may also take up to 12 hours of exploratory coursework outside of general education requirements.

Early Entry High School Students

Marshall University offers a variety of early admission options. Students may apply to attend Marshall University on either a full or part-time basis prior to graduating from high school.

Early enrollment students are subject to the same policies as other Marshall University students, including academic probation and suspension policies. Students who enroll at Marshall University prior to high school graduation are not eligible for freshman admission, financial aid, or on-campus housing. For admission to Marshall as an Early Admission student, applicants must meet the requirements listed in the Admissions section of this catalog. Students with an exceptional talent in a discipline such as music may request permission to enroll in coursework in that discipline.

Transient Students (Students Visiting from Other Institutions)

Students enrolled in a degree program at another accepted, accredited institution during the previous year who would like to enroll at Marshall for no more than two consecutive semesters (excluding summer terms) can be admitted as transient students. See the entry under "Admissions" for further information. For assistance in enrolling in classes, transient students should contact University College by calling 304-696-3169.

Placement in English and Math

Students are required to obtain a Verbal ACT score of 18 (SAT ERW 480) to be eligible to enroll in college-level English composition courses. Students with verbal scores below 18 must enroll in a corequisite English course, ENG 101P Beginning Composition Plus, where prerequisite work is combined with college-level coursework.

Required prerequisites for math courses vary based on the individual course. The prerequisite for each course is noted in the Courses of Instruction section found in this catalog. Students who do not meet the prerequisites for their required math course(s) may challenge their placement by taking an exam coordinated by University College. Tests are currently being offered remotely. To schedule a remote exam and obtain information to prepare for the exam, please call 304-696-3169 or visit the University College website at https://www.marshall.edu/uc (http://www.marshall.edu/uc/).

Academic Probation and Suspension Policy for University College Students

All Marshall University students are subject to the Academic Probation and Suspension Policy as defined in the "Academic Information" section of this catalog.

Early enrollment students have the same rights and responsibilities as on-campus students and are subject to the University's Academic Probation and Suspension Policy.

Dismissal from University College

Students who are conditionally admitted to Marshall University must meet specific requirements within three semesters to gain full admission to the university. Failure to meet these defined requirements (see above) in the allotted three semesters will result in dismissal from University College and Marshall University. University College students may have the opportunity to appeal dismissal based on extenuating circumstances and appropriate documentation.

National Student Exchange

Please see description under "Learning Opportunities and Resources (http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/learning-opportunities-resources/)."

Tutoring Services

Please see description under "Learning Opportunities and Resources (http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/learning-opportunities-resources/)."

Courses

UNI 100 Freshman First Class

1 Credit hour

An introduction to the academic structures and expectations of the University including the E-portfolio process.

Attributes: No Textbook Required Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 102 Strat for Academic Success

1 Credit hour

An academic enrichment course which provides students with strategies and practical experience for academic success. Topics to be covered include research skills, critical thinking applications, and effective study skills.

Attributes: No Textbook Required **Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode

UNI 103 Career Planning Undecided

1 Credit hour

Designed for undecided college students. Explore career options and majors. Topics include interest testing, career information, decision-making skills, and job finding strategies. Course does not count toward graduation.

Attributes: No Textbook Required **Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode

UNI 104 Adv Strat for Acad Success

1 Credit hour

Course provides practical strategies for assessing personal and academic challenges, honing critical thinking skills to make informed decisions, improving learning and time management skills, tracking progress toward personal goals.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 201 Peer Mentoring

1 Credit hour

Students trained as peer advisors will lead discussions, campus field trips and work with faculty advisors in the design and implementation of the freshman introduction to campus life and classes. (Prerequisite: Permission of the Executive Director CAE or Dean of University College)

Attributes: No Textbook Required **Grade Mode:** Normal Grading Mode

UNI 202 Introduction to Scholarship

1 Credit hour

Prepares students to participate on an active research team, with the guidance of (a) faculty research mentor(s), pursing a line of research.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 203 Scholarship Discovery

3 Credit hours

Engages students in original research that advances knowledge and seeks to improve community conditions.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 204 Strategy Successful Career Dev

1 Credit hour

Students will learn tools to navigate the workforce successfully by exploring, identifying, and preparing for future career paths; and developing job search skills in today's advanced technological climate. **Pre-req:** UNI 103 with a minimum grade of D.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 280 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hours

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 281 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hou

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 282 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hours

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 283 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hours

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 284 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hours

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 301 Peer Leadership I

1 Credit hour

Course will focus on defining the role and responsibilities of peer leaders, developing communication strategies, and building strategies to engage first-year student involvement in university resources, activities, and services.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 304 Scholarship of Application

3 Credit hours

Empowers students to synthesize information and knowledge gained from original research into a meaningful, coherent, and public body of work.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 400 Graduate School Preparation

2 Credit hours

This course will provide necessary steps, tools, and resources future graduates need in completing their undergraduate career and pursuing a graduate degree. Designed for students graduating within one year.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 480 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hours

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 481 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hours

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 482 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hours

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 483 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hours

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 484 Special Topics

1-3 Credit hours

To be determined by the new course at the time of development.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 485 Independent Study

1-3 Credit hours

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 486 Independent Study

1-3 Credit hours

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 487 Independent Study

1-3 Credit hours

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

UNI 488 Independent Study

1-3 Credit hours

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode