Millersville University

University College

Engage, Achieve, & Succeed

Dr. Rachel Finley-Bowman, Dean and Associate Provost
RESOURCES OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

ENGAGE
MENTORSHIP, ACADEMIC ADVISING, SUCCESS COACHING, ATTENDANCE, SIGNATURE EVENTS

ACHIEVE
STARFISH, WRITING CENTER, LEARNING SERVICES, TUTORING

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UNIVERSITY CENTERS, LIBRARY RESOURCES, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
MENTORSHIP MATTERS AT MU

• Mentorship Office in The Career Center
  - First-year student peer mentoring.
  - Transfer student peer mentoring.
  - College & departmental options.

• Become a mentor.
• Be mentored.
• Build mentoring skills.
• Increase belongingness in our community.

• Second-year student peer mentoring.
• Alumni career mentoring.
• Special interest & affinity group mentoring.
ACADEMIC ADVISING: OVERVIEW

- All students are assigned an academic advisor in their major.
- Faculty are academic advisors.

- Students and advisors meet during the advising period each semester to prepare for the next semester’s course registration.
- Faculty advisors provide students with their TAP numbers – which are login numbers needed for fall and spring course registration.

- Advisors also assist with career exploration, connecting students to academic resources, and questions about requirements in the major AND general education.
ACADEMIC ADVISING & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Skills for FY Success
1. Academic (Reading, Note-taking)
2. Self-Understanding
3. Self-Advocacy
4. Executive Function
5. Motivation and Initiative

Paths for FY Success

- Curriculum and MU Policies
- Referrals & Assistance
- Academic Planning
- Career Planning
- Communication & Professionalism

Dr. Kristen Lawson, Department Chair
• Science/Technology

Dr. Margaret Mbindyo
• AHSS/Business

Professor Joe Sciarretta
• Education/Human Services

Dr. David Henriques
• Exploratory (undeclared)
ACADEMIC SUCCESS COACHING

Academic Success Coaching

- For all students at MU.
- Personalized 1:1 partnership with a professional coach.
- Coaches work in collaboration with academic advisors.

- Improve organization & time management.
- Enhance your study skills & academic performance.
- Review your learning style.
- Identify strengths.
- Resolve barriers to your success.
- Use strategies aligned to your learning needs.

Contact: Success.Coaching@millersville.edu
COURSE ATTENDANCE

Academic achievement DECREASES as absenteeism INCREASES.


Millersville Course Attendance Policy

“Students are expected to attend all classes. It is the student’s responsibility to complete all course requirements even if a class is missed. If a student misses class for an officially excused reason, then he/she is entitled to make up the missed work but only at the convenience of the faculty member.

Responsibility for materials presented in, assignments made for, and tests/quizzes given in regularly scheduled classes lies solely with the student”.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PROGRAMMING

Signature Events
• CollegeFest
• Finish Strong
• Second Year Experience
• Semester Workshops and Seminars
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WHAT IS STARFISH?
A communication tool used by faculty, staff, and students to help support your success.

A central location to connect you to helpful people and resources.

WHAT CAN I FIND?
- Profile
- My Success Network
- Dashboard
- Messages
- Courses
- Raise Your Hand
- Appointment Scheduling

CHECK IT OUT -- Log into your MyVille portal, add a picture to your Starfish profile and complete the “Tell Us About Yourself” survey.
THE UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER

Provides quality peer mentoring to student writers in all fields of study, at all levels, and at any phase of the writing process.

Strives to create better writers by engaging and involving students in writing; encouraging reflection, growth, and confidence in writing; and developing effective, long-term writing habits.

How to Make an Appointment: Use Starfish

Types of Consultations:
• In-person
• Zoom
• Online

Contact Us: 717-871-7389
Writing.Center@millersville.edu

“Because every writer needs a reader”
THE OFFICE OF LEARNING SERVICES (OLS)

MISSION
- Promote and encourage the unique learning styles of all MU students.

TUTORING CENTER
- Tutoring for certain disciplines
- Supports college-based tutoring programs
- Offers flexible hours and locations
- Apply to be a tutor

ACCOMMODATIONS
- Early Registration
- Extended time/Distraction-reduced testing
- Note-takers/Recorded lectures
- Coaching & Tutoring
- Readers/Writers/Assistive Technology
- Screenings for ADHD and Learning Disabilities
- Housing/Dining

SPECIALIZED TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES
- Kurzweil 3000 (textbook reader & writing tool)
- Otter.ai (note-taking technology)
- F2F and online workshops in time management, organization, study, note-taking, and critical thinking skills
- Advocacy with faculty
- Professor letters that outline disability accommodations

Contact: 717-871-5554 or Learning.Services@millersville.edu
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THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CENTERS

The Center for Public Scholarship and Social Change (CPSSC)

MISSION
• Raise public awareness about, and responsiveness to, public issues.
• Collaborate with community organizations to meet their research needs.
• Mentor and train students in community-engaged research.
  • Dr. Carrie Smith, Faculty Coordinator

The Center for Civic Responsibility and Leadership (CCRL)

MISSION
• Develop civically engaged and participatory citizens.
• Participate in varied leadership and community-based learning opportunities.
• Study, research, and professionally network through CCRL’s fellowship program.
  • Dr. Laura Granruth, Faculty Coordinator
THE CAREER CENTER

MISSION
• Career programs, hands-on experiences, & co-curricular learning opportunities.

CAREER SERVICES
• Major/career exploration.
• Career assessments.
• Career document assistance.
• Interview practice.
• Job and internship fairs.
• Online resources & drop-in hours.

MENTORSHIP
• Join a mentoring community (FY, SY, etc.)
• Become a mentor.
• Build mentoring skills.
• Increase belongingness at MU.

INTERNSHIPS
• Engage in a professional experience with an employer partner to develop skills, apply classroom knowledge, and explore a field or industry.
• Earn up to 15 credits.
• Faculty supervised.
• Financial awards available.
• Internship search assistance.
• Pre-internship orientation support.

HANDSHAKE
• MU’s career management platform.
• Connects students to a network of employer partners (over 2,500) and jobs/internships (over 11,000).
• Register for job fairs and events.
• Internship registration process.

Contact: careers@millersville.edu
THE MCNAIRY LIBRARY AND LEARNING FORUM

RESEARCH & SERVICES

Faculty Librarian for Each Academic Program
- Research Assistance, Topic Formulation, Citation Help
- Connect in person or virtually

Digital Learning Studio
- 1:1 help with creating documents, editing photos/flyers, making & editing movies

Study and Collaborative Student Spaces
- Reserve space for individual or group activities

Archives & Special Collections
- Primary resources
- Special Collections include student theses & dissertations

INFORMATION RESOURCES

- Research databases specific to academic programs
- Millions of e-books, books, journals, articles, & streaming videos!
- Request items not available from the library

INTERNSHIPS, STUDENT EMPLOYMENT, & INDEPENDENT RESEARCH
- Research Fellows
THE MU EXPLORATORY PROGRAM (UNDECLARED)

• Housed in the Department of Academic Advisement & Student Development.

• MISSION – Help students graduate on time by exploring a variety of interests and matching their passions and skills to an academic major.

• For students who (1) don’t know what major to pursue or (2) cannot decide among several major/discipline options.

• Students must declare a major by 45 credits (usually by the third semester).
# MULTI-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES (MDST)

## Bachelor of SCIENCE

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<td>24-30 credits</td>
<td>(several advanced credits at 300 &amp; 400 level, including labs required)</td>
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<td>21-24 credits</td>
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<td>3 credits</td>
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<td>18 credits</td>
<td><em>These courses also fulfill 6 credits of Science and Mathematics, 3 credits in the Mathematics Foundations, and 9 credits in the Social Sciences requirements.</em></td>
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## Bachelor of ARTS

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<td>9-12 credits</td>
<td>*chosen in consultation with advisor, disciplines not used in Core One or Core Two</td>
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**Faculty approved concentrations** -
1. Applied Disability Studies
2. Business Analytics
3. Data Science
4. Educational Studies
5. Latinx & Latin-American Studies
6. Pre-Occupational Therapy
7. Science Writing

The MDST major bridges the liberal arts, sciences, humanities, and social sciences in ways that amplify diverse perspectives across the university’s established college and departmental structure. With careful guidance and academic advisement, faculty and students can tailor a concentration (an individualized course of study) unique to their areas of interest, inquiry, and innovation. Students can elect to pursue an approved faculty concentration or craft a unique proposal of their own, as they journey toward a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree.
INTEGRATED STUDIES

An inclusive post-secondary education initiative for young adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Peer Support Coaches are undergraduate and graduate students of various academic majors who support students in the following areas: Academic, Social, Independent Living, Vocation.

Millersville is committed to supporting all students on campus for a fully inclusive college experience.

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THE UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE

Celebrating over 40 years at MU!

MISSION – Provide distinctive learning opportunities appropriate to students of high academic promise.

Over 250 students from 30+ program/majors.

Enrich your Millersville experience -- Academic, social, and professional.

1. Academic Program - Honors courses and capstone - Thesis or Creative Project
2. Living Learning Community
3. Service & Social Events
4. Leadership & Employment Opportunities

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Dr. Charlton Wolfgang, Director Charlton.Wolfgang@millersville.edu
Kereah Keller, Administrative Assistant Kereah.Keller@millersville.edu
(717) 871-7552, Franklin House (6 N. George Street)
FIRST SEMESTER (AND BEYOND)

1. **GO TO CLASS!**
2. **USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES.**
3. **ASK FOR HELP.**
4. **ENGAGE WITH FACULTY AND STAFF.**
5. **ADOPT RESILIENCY AND GROWTH MINDSET.**
6. **TAKE THE “WHOLE PERSON” APPROACH.**
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