University College

Engage, Achieve, & Succeed

Dr. Rachel Finley-Bowman, Dean and Associate Provost
MISSION AND VISION

1. INCLUSIVE STUDENT SUCCESS, ENGAGEMENT, AND ACHIEVEMENT.

2. AGENCY IN LEARNING.

3. ONGOING PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.
RESOURCES OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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

ACHIEVE
STARFISH, WRITING CENTER, LEARNING SERVICES, TUTORING

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

• Mentorship Office in The Career Center
• Become a mentor or be mentored, build mentoring skills, and increase belongingness in our community.

1. First-year student peer mentoring.
2. Second-year and transfer student peer mentoring.
3. Alumni career mentoring.
4. College/departmental options for special interest/affinity group mentoring.
ACADEMIC SUCCESS COACHING

• Available to all students at Millersville University.
• Personalized 1:1 partnership with a trained professional coach.
• Consider ways to improve your study skills, time management, and academic performance.
• Examine your learning style to identify strengths and resolve barriers to your success.
• Work with your coach to create and implement effective strategies aligned to your needs.
• Coaches work in collaboration with academic advisors.

Contact: Success.Coaching@millersville.edu
ACADEMIC ADVISING

• All students are assigned an academic advisor in their major at Millersville University.
• Faculty are academic advisors.
• You typically meet during the advising period each semester in preparation for course registration for the next semester.
• Faculty advisors provide students with their TAP numbers – which are login numbers needed for fall and spring course registration.
• Advisors can also assist with career exploration, connecting students to academic resources, and questions about requirements in the major AND general education.
COURSE ATTENDANCE

Research Proves.....

Academic achievement decreases as absenteeism increased. (Ancheta, et al. 2021, Hancock, et al., 2013, and Ricardo, 2011)

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.

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 offers consulting services to guide students in writing best practices, develop long-term habits and skills, and encourage growth and confidence in writing.

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
• Archives & Special Collections
• Digital Learning Studio
• Information Literacy
• Study and Collaborative Student Spaces
• University College Offices

INFORMATION RESOURCES

• Hundreds of thousands of eBooks, books, journal articles, streaming videos, and more.
• Interlibrary Loan
• Digital Collections

INTERNSHIPS, STUDENT EMPLOYMENT, & INDEPENDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

• The McNairy Library Research Fellows
• The Library Research Fellows: Startup
• **MISSION – PROVIDE** opportunities to explore a variety of interests, match your passion, and align your skills to a major to help you to graduate on time!

• **IS THIS FOR YOU?** -- If you are unsure about a major or have several options narrowed down but have **YET** to decide.

• Students must declare a major by 45 credits (usually by end of 3rd semester).

• Housed in the Department of Academic Advisement & Student Development (5th floor McNairy Library).
### Bachelor of SCIENCE

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<th>Core Program 1</th>
<th>24-30 credits</th>
<th>(several advanced credits at 300 &amp; 400 level, including labs required)</th>
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<td>Core Program 2</td>
<td>21-24 credits</td>
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<td>Capstone Course</td>
<td>3 credits</td>
<td>(advanced research seminar, internship, or practicum)</td>
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<td>Required Related Electives</td>
<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><em>chosen in consultation with advisor, disciplines not used in Core One or Core Two</em></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.
ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO:

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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