

Division of Student Success (UNIV)

COURSES

UNIV 1000. FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE. 0 Hours.

A course that orients students to life on UTA's campus and emphasizes engagement beyond the classroom. Students in this course will experience the UTA community by attending campus events and making connections beyond their studies, including interaction with career services, the library and financial literacy services. Students will also be able to identify campus resources to support their wellness from multiple aspects of their lives, both the social and the physical. Each UNIV 1000 class section has a Peer Academic Leader (PAL), who is a student that has already taken the course and assists as a discussion leader for the class under the supervision of the instructor. PALs will work with students on finding their place on campus, learning academic success skills, and developing a degree map.

UNIV 1101. CAREER PREPARATION AND STUDENT SUCCESS. 1 Hour.

A course for new transfer students that will help students transition into UTA and achieve academic and personal success through recognition of campus resources and community building. Students will discover effective ways to balance personal and career obligations with academic goals. The course will allow for the discovery of marketable skills within a chosen academic discipline and the professions associated with that program of study. Experiential learning opportunities will be discussed, including undergraduate research, leadership, international engagement, community engagement and career development. Each UNIV 1101 class section has a Peer Academic Leader (PAL), who is a student that has already taken the course and assists as a discussion leader for the class under the supervision of the instructor. PALs provide peer mentorship and work with students to take a deep dive into how critical thinking and study skills can be applied to major academic content, raise awareness and understanding of students' majors and possible career pathways, and connect students to resources on campus and school-specific activities.

UNIV 1131. STUDENT SUCCESS. 1 Hour.

A learning community course that will teach new students academic success skills to aid their transition into college. The goal of the course is to help students identify their individual needs, determine what resources are appropriate, recognize the faculty role in their development, and formulate a plan for an actively engaged and enriched experience from campus to career. Each UNIV 1131 class section has a Peer Academic Leader (PAL), who is a student that has already taken the course and assists as a discussion leader for the class under the supervision of the instructor. PALs provide guidance, raise awareness and understanding of students' majors, and help support collaborative and co-curricular opportunities available within the School/College.

UNIV 1302. COLLEGE LEARNING. 3 Hours.

An introduction to the learning strategies and behaviors necessary for academic success in academic programs and in personal and career development. Focus is on self-assessment, self-regulation, and employing cognitive and psychological theories and strategies for self-change. Students complete a self-change project based on theories and models of behavior modification. Gateway Advantage students are required to enroll in this course during their first semester.

UNIV 3335. PEER ACADEMIC LEADER TRAINING. 3 Hours.

Students are trained on the expectations and responsibilities of becoming a Peer Academic Leader (PAL). These students will work as group leaders for UNIV 1131 after successful completion of the course. Students will learn group instruction procedures and requisite guidance material to explain academic regulations and student services, analyze study skills, initiate appropriate study habits, and make appropriate referrals when necessary. Focus on classroom management, learning theory, and lesson plan development. Elective credit; does not count as part of the professional education certification requirements. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.