

# University College

## Welcome to University College!

A model urban academic program, [University College](#) offers a unique curriculum and array of services for all entering students as well as opportunities to participate in programs that will help ensure academic success and campus engagement. All students enrolling in undergraduate courses at IU Indianapolis are granted admission to University College (either full or dual admission with a degree-granting school). Students remain in University College until they declare a major and meet the necessary conditions for transfer to a degree-granting school.

Programs and services offered by University College focus on assisting students with the development of the knowledge and skills needed for success in the collegiate environment, including academic advising, academic support, career planning, peer mentoring, and new student orientation. University College also offers college readiness programs that focus on helping high school students to become college bound.

## Contact Information

Current contact information is available on the [University College website](#).

## History

As part of the institutional efforts to provide one portal of entry to the multiple degree units and to support student success, the IU Indianapolis Faculty Council approved the formation of [University College](#) in spring 1997. The founding faculty (representing all degree-granting schools at the time) and the dean were appointed soon thereafter, with the first students entering the college in summer 1998.

## Overview

[University College](#) is the academic unit at IU Indianapolis that provides a common gateway to the academic programs available to entering students. University College works with students through their time at IU Indianapolis to guide them in the development of meaningful pathways to student success. University College helps students explore and answer the questions: Who am I? Where am I going? How will I get there? The unit is committed to providing an environment that values diversity across all initiatives.

## Academic Appeals

When a student wishes to appeal a decision made by University College faculty, administrators, or staff regarding academic misconduct, requirements, or policies in a University College course, the student should first attempt to resolve the issue by discussing his or her concerns with the member of the university involved in the dispute. If the matter is not resolved to the complainant's satisfaction by contacting the person(s) involved, the University College formal appeals process should be invoked.

This appeals process does not generally apply in cases of grade change appeals based on quality of work for which

the final decision rests with the faculty member and/or course coordinator. It can only be used for grade appeals when there is a procedural or policy issue involved.

All appeals are subject to relevant campus policies and procedures as well as the University College appeals process outlined below. Thus, the appeals process for academic misconduct outlined in the *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* will be followed in all University College academic appeals. The items below clarify implementation of the stated university process within University College.

1. The student meets with the senior executive director of Campus Career and Advising Services in University College to discuss options for resolution of the problem.
2. If the problem is not resolved in the meeting with the senior executive director of Campus Career and Advising Services in University College, the student may submit a letter to the executive associate dean of University College within seven calendar days of the meeting with the senior executive director of Campus Career and Advising Services (excluding university recognized holidays and breaks) requesting that the matter be handled by the University College Appeals Board.
3. The appeal is considered by the University College Appeals Board formed by the executive associate dean of University College. This committee is comprised of three faculty members of the University College Academic Policies and Procedures Committee, the executive associate dean of University College, and two student representatives from the University College Student Council. The executive associate dean will appoint a faculty member to serve as the presiding officer and to convene the Appeals Board. Procedures for convening and holding the Appeals Board hearing will follow the process for academic misconduct as stated in the *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct*.
4. The University College Appeals Board is the final decision-making body for all University College academic appeals unless a documentable procedural error occurred during the appeals board process, in which case a final appeal may be made to the executive vice chancellor. In such a case, the procedures outlined in the *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* will be followed.

## Academic Dismissal

A student is considered in good academic standing with the university when maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (C average) or higher.

See the campus policy for more details on academic review and dismissal.

### First-Year Students\*

1. Beginning students who attempted 12 or more credit hours (including Ws) must obtain at least a 1.0 GPA at the end of their first semester or they [will be dismissed](#). Students will be informed of their dismissal status by letter and email notification.
2. Students who withdrew from all courses are exempt.

3. Students dismissed for the first time must sit out for a minimum of one regular (fall or spring) semester and petition by the established deadlines to be reinstated. Reinstatement is not automatic.
4. Students dismissed two or more times must remain out of school for two regular (fall and spring) semesters and petition by the established deadlines to be eligible for reinstatement.

\*First-year students are defined as learners enrolled in their first semester at IU Indianapolis and have completed fewer than 12 college credits following high school graduation or GED.

#### All Other Students\*\*

1. All other students on academic review who have completed a minimum of 12 GPA hours are [subject to dismissal](#) if they fail to attain a GPA of at least 2.0 in any two consecutive semesters (fall and spring) and their cumulative GPA is below 2.0. Students will be informed of their dismissal status by letter and email notification.
2. Students who are dismissed for the first time must sit out for a minimum of one regular (fall or spring) semester and petition by the established deadlines to be eligible for reinstatement. Reinstatement is not automatic.
3. Students dismissed two or more times must remain out of school for two regular (fall and spring) semesters and petition by the established deadlines to be eligible for reinstatement.

\*\*University College students with 60 or more credit hours should refer to policies for University College Transition to Degree-Granting Schools.

## Academic Review

### First-Year Students\*

1. 1. Students will be placed on [academic review](#) at the end of their first semester of attendance if their GPA is between 1.0 and 1.99. Students will be informed of their academic status by email notifications.
2. Students on first-time academic review will be required for the next semester of enrollment to participate in an approved intensive intervention provided by University College.
3. Students on academic review must register before the end of the first full week of classes. No full-term courses or first-eight-week courses can be added after the first full week of classes.
4. Students may be continued on review when their next semester GPA is 2.0 or above, but their cumulative GPA is between 1.0 and 1.99.
5. Students will be removed from academic review status once their cumulative GPA is 2.0 or above.

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### All Other Students

1. All other students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 will be placed on [academic review](#). Students will

be informed of their academic review status by email notifications.

2. Students on first-time academic review will be required for the next semester of enrollment to participate in an approved intensive intervention provided by University College.
3. Students on academic review must register before the end of the first full week of classes. No full-term courses or first-eight-week courses can be added after the first full week of classes.
4. Students may be continued on academic review when their semester GPA is 2.0 or above, but their cumulative GPA is below 2.0.
5. Students will be removed from academic review status once their cumulative GPA is 2.0 or above.

## Academic Reinstatement

Students who have been dismissed from any campus of Indiana University are not eligible to enroll in any courses through IU Indianapolis University College until they have been reinstated. By completing the online reinstatement petition, students are requesting reinstatement to IU Indianapolis University College.

1. [Reinstatement](#)\* for University College students will be the decision of University College.
2. Students' chances for reinstatement will be enhanced by carefully following all directions in the petition for reinstatement. This includes submitting a detailed essay that addresses previous academic challenges; what they would do differently to enhance their academic strengths; plans for using academic resources; and if they have attended another institution after their previous dismissal, evidence (such as an unofficial transcript) of their ability to complete successful academic work upon their reinstatement to IU Indianapolis.
3. Students who are reinstated will be classified on academic review until their cumulative GPA is 2.0 or above. During the first regularly enrolled semester on academic review, students must achieve a semester GPA of at least a 2.0. In each subsequent semester on review, students must achieve a semester GPA of 2.0. Failure to meet the semester GPA requirement will result in dismissal.
4. Students who are reinstated must register before the first day of classes of the term for which they are reinstated. If a student does not register, registration will be blocked on the first day of classes. In addition, a note will be placed in the student's file indicating that the student failed to meet the registration deadline.
5. Readmission after a second dismissal is extremely rare. Students dismissed two or more times who are reinstated must remain in good academic standing each semester as there will be no further reinstatements. Students who wish to petition for reinstatement must email [reinstat@iu.edu](mailto:reinstat@iu.edu) to request an appointment with the director of academic success. Before the appointment, students must submit a detailed plan in writing about their plans to achieve academic success should they be allowed to return. If the director approves the plans, students will then be required to submit a formal petition for

reinstatement by the deadline for the semester in which they plan to attend.

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## Dean's List

The Dean's List includes students who have completed at least 12 credits that term with a semester GPA of at least 3.50. In the specific case of the final semester before a student graduates, naming to the Dean's List can be made for fewer than 12 completed credits.

Pass (P) and Satisfactory (S) grades, while not used in GPA calculation, are considered passing grades and count toward the 12 credit minimum. Incomplete (I) and Deferred (R) grades, while not used in the GPA calculation, are not considered passing grades and are, therefore, not counted toward the 12 credit minimum requirement.

Students who have chosen to restrict the release of public directory information will not be included on the published Dean's List. Individual units/schools may establish additional lists to acknowledge academic performance with lower or higher GPA standards as notification should be made soon after the Division of Undergraduate Education publishes the campuswide list.

## Enrollment in First-Year Seminars

All new University College beginning and transfer students with 17 or fewer credit hours are required to enroll in a [first-year seminar course](#) during their first semester of enrollment at IU Indianapolis. Beginning students entering IU Indianapolis with college credit earned during high school, regardless of the number of credits, are required to enroll in a first-year seminar course. Upon extraordinary circumstances and the discretion of the academic advisor, this requirement may be waived.

## Exploratory Sophomore Hold

All exploratory students in University College with 29–59 credits will be placed on an advising hold until they declare a major. The hold will block registration for the next term(s) and will be lifted after students meet with an appropriate academic advisor. This policy is designed to support students in determining and declaring a major and transitioning to their degree-granting schools in a timely fashion to ensure on-time graduation.

## Fresh Start

University College follows the campus policy on Fresh Start.

## Grade Replacement

University College follows the campus policy on grade replacement.

## Academic Policies and Procedures

University College has academic policies and procedures in place to help students persist and succeed in their studies. These policies apply to students who are enrolled in University College. Please see the [University College website](#) for the most current information.

## Incomplete Process

University College follows the campus policy on the process for Incompletes.

## Post Automatic Withdrawal

University College follows the campus policy on post automatic withdrawals.

## Transition to Degree-Granting Schools

University College students who started at IU Indianapolis as beginning freshmen and then reached 60 GPA credits or above (including any subsequent transfer credits) must quickly transition to their major in the degree-granting school to ensure on-time graduation. University College will regularly monitor and evaluate students' academic progress toward admission to their degree-granting school. This policy applies to continuing University College students who started as new freshmen, continuing, and returning students who have earned 60 or more credits and are pursuing their first baccalaureate degree. Students who start at IU Indianapolis as transfer students are not subject to this policy.

**Beginning freshmen:** defined as students who have no postsecondary credit earned after high school.

**Continuing students:** defined as students who were enrolled at IU Indianapolis the previous semester.

**Returning students:** defined as students who return to enroll at IU Indianapolis after an absence of one or more semesters and were not previously dismissed from an IU campus.

**Satisfactory academic progress:** students who have 60 credit hours or more must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and enroll in and successfully complete courses that meet criteria for admission into the degree-granting school. Specifically,

1. Students must apply or certify to their degree-granting program or school within 24 credits of entering this policy status. Enrollment through University College is not guaranteed upon completion of 24 credits while on this policy.
2. Students will be placed on this policy with said restrictions for the duration of their enrollment as a University College student. Students will maintain an academic hold on their record for the duration of their enrollment as a University College student.
3. The academic hold will restrict registration services and will be lifted after students meet with an academic advisor or are enrolled in a degree-granting school.
4. Students must declare a specific major and develop a transition plan toward that major. University College reserves the right to restrict registration services until the student declares a major.
5. Students will be required to meet with an academic advisor in University College each semester to complete and/or update their transition to degree-granting schools contract until they are accepted into their program.
6. Students must enroll in coursework and meet course and program GPA requirements each semester as evidence of satisfactory academic progress toward acceptance into their degree program. University College reserves the right to restrict registration services if students fail to make

satisfactory academic progress toward acceptance into their degree program.

7. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to maintain enrollment.

#### Dismissal and Reinstatement Policies for Students with 60 or More Credit Hours

1. Current students will be dismissed from University College and IU Indianapolis if their cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 and the semester GPA of the most recent term of enrollment is below a 2.0. Summer terms are excluded in determining dismissal.
2. Students who are dismissed from any IU campus are not eligible to enroll in any courses through IU Indianapolis University College until they have been reinstated through the University College academic reinstatement process.
3. Students who are dismissed on this policy may petition for reinstatement through University College after sitting out one regular semester (fall or spring—summer sessions excluded). Reinstatement is not guaranteed. If this is their second dismissal, students must sit out a minimum of two regular semesters (fall and spring or spring and fall—summer sessions excluded) before they can petition for reinstatement.
4. Students who are reinstated under this policy must obtain a first semester GPA of 2.0 to continue enrollment in University College. They must obtain a semester GPA of 2.0 in all subsequent semesters to continue enrollment. Failure to do so will result in dismissal.

## Career Connections

### **Student Learning Outcomes for UCOL-U 210 Career Connections (1 cr.)**

Students who complete a University College Career Connections course should:

1. Identify their career-related interests, personality preferences, values, and skills based on self-assessment exercises.
2. Identify some academic and career options that are compatible with their self-assessment information.
3. Locate and utilize resources and experiences to explore academic majors, graduate school options, and career paths.
4. Develop and implement a plan of action that will help them choose major/career alternatives through integration of self-assessment, experience, and researched major/career information.
5. Identify the skills and experiences that will contribute to their professional success.
6. Explain the connections between their personal qualities (values, interests, personality, and skills) and their professional goals.
7. Find a sense of purpose in pursuing their degrees.

## Critical Inquiry

### **Student Learning Outcomes for UCOL-U 112 Critical Inquiry (1 cr.)**

Students who complete a University College Critical Inquiry course should:

1. Confront challenging problems arising from text and relevant issues they have a stake in solving.

2. Synthesize multiple viewpoints to arrive at reasoned conclusions about challenging texts and issues.
3. Analyze, reflect, and develop questions about challenging texts, relevant problems, and issues.
4. Collaborate with other students for multiple viewpoints and different approaches to challenging texts and issues.
5. Analyze challenging texts, pertinent problems, and issues to make sense of those texts' and issues' complexity.
6. Apply new knowledge to situations and problems posed within challenging texts and issues.

## First-Year Seminars

### **Student Learning Outcomes for UCOL-U 110 First-Year Seminar (1–2 cr.)**

Goal 1: Belonging

*This first-year seminar course will support students in developing a sense of belonging to the IU Indianapolis academic community. By the end of this course, students will:*

- Evaluate their personal connection to campus and involvement in the campus community and explain through reflection how it helps them in their academic, professional, and social identity development.
- Develop a personal support network to assist in achieving their goals at IU Indianapolis.
- Understand the purpose of college learning and reflect on their personal strengths and challenges in establishing a learner mindset.
- Demonstrate an understanding of their own identity and culture and seek to learn more about diversity in others.

Goal 2: Transitioning

*This first-year seminar course will support students in their first-year transition and prepare them to meet the challenges of IU Indianapolis. By the end of this course, students will:*

- Understand student expectations and acceptable behavior according to the IU Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct.
- Develop and implement academic success strategies.
- Identify resources and develop strategies to address personal wellness needs (including food, housing, safety, stress management, and self-care).
- Develop basic financial literacy skills.
- Identify connections between life experiences and academic concepts/ideas related to their own interests.
- Apply skills, abilities, concepts, or methods previously learned to a new experience that contributes to their understanding of the new situation or problem.

Goal 3: Planning

*This first-year seminar course will support students in developing and using planning strategies for success at IU Indianapolis. By the end of this course, students will:*

- Develop a plan to achieve academic, career, and personal goals that integrate co-curricular and engaged learning opportunities.
- Identify and plan career development opportunities that support academic and personal goals (e.g., internships, co-ops, research).
- Navigate the processes of academic advising and course registration.

## Undergraduate

### Student Learning Outcomes for University College Courses

#### 100-Level Courses

First-Year Seminar (UCOL-U 110)

Critical Inquiry (UCOL-U 112)

#### 200-Level Courses

Career Connections (UCOL-U 210)

## Courses