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The academic experience at Etown from first year to graduation.





Introduction

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Rapid Introductions

- Find someone you don't know.
- Take one minute to introduce yourself to your partner and then have your partner introduce themselves to you.
- Share one joy and one sadness associated with today.

Outline

Academics

- General information
- Core program
- First Year Seminar

- Academic support systems for students
- Myth busting



Academics at Etown – Comprehensive College

- Educate for Service learning is most noble when used to benefit others
- Liberal arts core program coupled with majors that emphasize professional and applied skills
- College offers 60+ major programs, 40+ minor programs
- Strengths-based institution CliftonStrengths assessment





Academic Schools

- Arts and Humanities
- Business
- Engineering and Computer
 Science
- Public Service
- Sciences and Health
- Graduate and Professional Studies

Core Program

- 1. Provide a sense of mission and purpose to general education
- Provide foundation for successful study in liberal are and professional programs
- 3. Integrate knowledge across disciplines
- 4. Develop habits of mind that foster continued intellectual growth (i.e. a passion for life-long learning)



Core Program

- Exposure to a wide-range of courses and programs:
 - First-Year Seminar (FYS)
 - Power of Language
 - English (PLE)
 - "Other": ancient/modern languages (PLO)
 - Mathematics (MA)
 - Creative Expressions (CE)
 - Western Cultural Heritage (WCH)
 - Non-Western Cultural Heritage (NCH)
 - Natural and Physical Sciences (NPS)
 - Humanities (HUM)
 - Social Sciences (SSC)

One course must also be Guided Writing and Research (GWR).

Signature Learning Experiences

- Supervised Research
- Internships, Field Placements, or Practicums
- Capstone Course, Project, or Portfolio
- Community-Based Learning
- Cross-Cultural Experience

Students complete two experiences prior to graduation.

First Year Seminar (FYS) – Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate understanding of the academic expectations of college life.
- Demonstrate critical thinking, reading, and composing skills.
- Develop informative, inclusive public speaking skills and deliver an effective formal presentation.
- Apply introductory information literacy skills based on instruction by a librarian to course assignments.

• Relate their opportunities for learning outside the classroom to their academic courses, personal interests, and intended program of study.

First Year Seminar (FYS)

- Each includes College skills development and a particular topic/content area
- FYS instructor serves as the Academic Advisor
- Each FYS also assigned at least one Peer Mentor
- Instructor and peer mentor work together to support students and develop a sense of belonging

First-Year PATHWAY

All students in their first year at Etown, including new transfer students, should use this pathway to successfully navigate their first year. Complete the milestones, think about the questions, and set yourself up for success.

First Year Seminar (FYS)

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And many more!!!

Support Systems

- Academic Advising: Every student is assigned a major (and minor) advisor(s) and must meet with their advisor at least once a semester.
- Center for Student Success: Academic Advising, Learning Zone, Writing Wing, Disability Services
- Campus Wellness Network
- Counseling Services

• Career Services: Career Action Plan



Studying the same way that I did in high school will work just as well in College.

I should already know what I am going to do after graduation. I can't change my major (or drop a course) because that is viewed as quitting.

I can't possibly go to my professor for help, they know what I earned on that last exam (or quiz, or assignment).

I'm the only one who is homesick and misses their pet(s).



I must have a great first academic semester.

Questions...



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2:15 pm: An Insider's Guide to Etown, Leffler Chapel *Meet up with your student & attend together

3-4 pm: Schedule Questions, Leffler lobby
 Get your ID picture taken, Leffler Chapel, McCormick Gallery
 Momentum program meeting, Leffler Chapel
 Visit the College Store, Brossman Commons