The University College at ASU

University College Advisory Council
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What is University College?

- University College is an academic entity providing courses and degree programs on all campuses as well as off-campus and via distance learning.

- UC is the academic anchor & degree incubator for the new Downtown Phoenix Campus.
  - University College will offer a full range of classes so that students enrolled in any college on the Downtown Phoenix Campus have the option of taking all of the classes needed to complete their degrees on that campus.

- UC provides a range of academic support programs including enhanced advising and academic & career exploration opportunities for students in transition.
What do we mean by “Students in Transition”?

- Students moving into the University or across University units:
  - Freshmen entering ASU from High School who are actively exploring their academic & career options
  - Transfer students from the community colleges or other universities
  - Students who are not accepted into a professional program or their first choice of major
  - Students who wish to reevaluate their choice of major

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Students in transition, continued:

- Students wanting more flexibility in their studies, who opt for an interdisciplinary degree program (e.g., BIS)
- Students who are University-eligible but disqualified from their College
- Degree completers (e.g., former ASU students)
- Working adults completing certificates or degree programs to advance in their chosen careers
- Students seeking non-credit opportunities for any reason
- Nontraditional, adult re-entry, and previously untapped groups of students
Encouraging *Active* Exploration

- **“Undeclared” to “Exploratory”**
  - “Exploratory” as active and normative.

- **Career Development Education**
  - Interventions & opportunities that promote academic and career exploration & decision-making.

- **Key assumptions**: Students who have a clear idea of how their education fits into their lifelong plans will be more:
  - motivated and engaged in their studies;
  - likely to be retained in their current educational setting; and
  - likely to achieve at their highest potential.
UC Partnerships with MCCCD

- Alliance Program
  - Director (Joint hire)
  - Joint admissions, advising for select programs
  - Alliance faculty
  - New course transfer agreements on select degree programs (e.g., Online BIS in Organizational Studies with Rio Salado)

- Transfer Centers
  - Featured on DPC in Student Success Center
  - Transfer Success Courses
  - Other interventions & activities in support of transfer students

- Course offerings online and “live” anywhere around the Valley through Extended Education
Academics in University College

- **School of Interdisciplinary Studies**
  - General Education course offerings on the DPC
  - Academic home for exploratory students (N > 3000)
  - Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (N > 2000)
  - Hosted degrees & Degree Incubator: e.g., Education, Business, Fine Arts, Architecture
  - Other Degree programs, including adult degree completion programs

- **Faculty in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies**
  - Professors in Charge
    - Tenured ASU faculty supervising Instructional areas
  - University College Professors
    - Tenured ASU faculty with excellent records in teaching & learning who will re-envision the classroom as a site of engagement and intellectual fusion, drawn from ASU schools and colleges, Emeritus Faculty, and visiting faculty
  - University College Distinguished Professors
    - Title competitively awarded for exceptional tenured ASU faculty who are identified as distinguished by virtue of their contributions to research and teaching; Will teach a DPC class for freshmen that will feature at least one public lecture for the downtown community
  - Outstanding Lecturers, Clinical Faculty, Professors of Practice
  - Faculty Associates & Graduate Teaching Associates
  - UC Visiting Fellows (Visiting faculty, authors, scholars)
Academic Support Programs in the UC

- **UC Academic Advising**
  - Advising for exploratory students/students in transition
  - Academic and career exploration for exploratory students
  - Professional development for ASU advisors

- **Academic Success and Engagement Programs**
  - University Success Courses (various UNI courses)
  - Transfer success courses
  - Freshmen Interest Groups & Academic Learning Communities (e.g., Campus Match)
  - Supplemental Instruction/Structured Learning Assistance
  - Academic Community Engagement Programs (e.g., Service Learning)
  - Summer Bridge Programs
  - The Writing Center & other tutoring

- **Community College Relations**
  - Academic Transfer Articulation Office
  - Transfer Center/Alliance Advising (*Center for Academic Advising*)
  - MCCCD Alliance Program
UC across ASU (*DRAFT*)

- Core academic support services available in UC on every ASU campus:
  - Exploratory advising
  - Academic & career exploration, decision making
  - Academic success courses & interventions
  - Transfer Center/Alliance Programs
  - Tutoring

- Director, UC Programs on the Polytechnic campus
- Director, UC Programs on the West Campus
Continuing & Professional Education

- School of Extended Education
  - Academic & Professional Programs
  - American English & Culture Program
  - Community Outreach Programs
  - Downtown Center
  - Distance Learning & Technology
    - New goal to increase access and ASU’s impact locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally: 100,000 new enrollments
    - Distance education & ASU Online are being reconceptualized and dramatically expanded. More from Patty….
Questions, Feedback?