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FORMING AN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY — ONE NEW HUSKY AT A TIME

AN INTENTIONAL APPROACH TO ADVISING AND ORIENTATION

First Year Programs and Undergraduate Academic Affairs Advising develop and lead an academically-focused Advising and Orientation program in which first-year students begin to shape their identity as learners, scholars, researchers, leaders and Huskies.

Collaboration is key. Academic departments, the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity, Student Life and advisers from across the University contribute their expertise to Advising and Orientation. Together, we welcome students to campus and help them establish a base of support for their academic journeys.

**During Advising and Orientation, students are guided through:**

> The UW's breadth of majors and classes, academic resources, advising services, and class registration.

> Navigating the transition to college, from interactions with faculty to time management and financial literacy.

> Opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, including leadership development, undergraduate research and community-based service learning.

> Ways to contribute to the UW's diverse and inclusive community.

> Resources for career readiness, which include building a strong social and academic support network.

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**CONTRIBUING TO PERSISTENCE**

92% of freshmen return for their sophomore year  
(Freshman class of 2015)

83% 6-year graduation rate for entering freshmen  
(UW’s average time to degree is four years.)

**QUICK FACTS**

57 orientation sessions from mid-June to mid-September serve:

- 6,500 freshmen*
- 1,300 transfer students
- 3,400 parents

11,200 TOTAL SERVED  
(2016 anticipated)

*Includes international students.

3,200 students completed a First-Year Interest Group  
(Freshman class of 2015)

20 transfer-student-specific Dawg Days events  
(2015 data)
FOCUSING ON THE UW’S INITIATIVES AND VALUES

Healthy Huskies Initiative: A comprehensive approach to health and wellness

- Developed new University 101 wellness module to address Title IX, stress management, consent, sexual assault, relationship violence and drug and alcohol abuse.
- 5,000+ students participated in confidential tool to screen for and address alcohol abuse.
- Expanded health and wellness messaging to parents and families through departmental panels, open houses and presentations.

Integration with the UW’s Race and Equity Initiative

- Featured Race and Equity Initiative in the Husky Guide, a publication for first-year students.
- Provided ways for students to identify their communities, such as first generation to college, other languages spoken and/or gender pronouns used.
- Began each program by honoring the Native American tribes who inhabited the land on which the UW stands.
- Partnered with Center for Communication, Difference and Equity to develop FIG curriculum around interrupting micro-aggression.
- Implemented in-depth training for student leaders to strengthen facilitation skills around conversations about equity, difference and inclusion on campus.
- Encouraged students to visit identity.uw.edu to update their preferred name on class rosters.

Describing the Husky Experience

- Led students through interactive sessions designed to frame course selection and major exploration in terms of their unique interests and curiosities.
- Student leaders helped new Huskies find and form communities that align with their interests and goals.