ACADEMIC CONNECTION
Montclair State University
The Red Hawk 411
AGENDA

- Academic Transition
- Academic Advising
- Learning Communities
- College Affiliation
- General Education
- Fall Schedule
WHAT’S MY TRANSITION GOING TO BE LIKE?

- It depends, it could be:
  - Hard
  - Stressful
  - Overwhelming

- Or it could be:
  - Manageable
  - Easily adapted to

- Preparation and hard work are the difference!
YOUR TRANSITION

- New Learning Environment = New Learning Strategies
  - Larger class sizes
  - More of your education is your responsibility
YOUR TRANSITION
NEW LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

❖ You’ll need new *Time Management* skills
  ▪ In class half as much as High School
  ▪ More flexible time
  ▪ More responsibility

❖ You’ll need new *Study Skills*
  ▪ Professors might not take attendance
  ▪ You won’t be reminded to “do your homework.” All information will be on the syllabus.
  ▪ Lecture expands upon what you’ve learned in the reading
YOUR TRANSITION
NEW LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- This is Learner-Centered Learning
  - It’s up to you!
  - ...but you have help.
WHERE DO YOU START IF YOU DON’T KNOW WHERE TO GO?
ACADEMIC ADVISING

- What is academic advising
  - Advisors *are not* your high school guidance counselor
  - Advising *is not* only for when you struggle
  - Advising *is not* just class registration

Academic Advising *is* an educational process meant to guide you to achieve the First-Year Advising Learning Outcomes:

- understanding of the academic process within higher education
- becoming an active participant in your educational opportunities
- developing a sense of institutional knowledge
THE ROLE OF MAJOR ADVISOR

- Class selection and registration
- Major affinity and career advisement
- Advisement about your transition
- Explanation of policy and procedures
- Connection to other support services and campus resources
- Other questions
MANDATORY ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Each semester of your Freshman Year you will be required to meet with your advisor PRIOR to registration
  - Assures that you:
    - Have chosen the correct classes for general education requirements and major requirements
    - Are thinking about career paths
    - Are able to register on time each semester
    - Receive your PIN
      - You will be unable to register for courses until you’ve met with your advisor and get your PIN
HOW DO I FIND MY ADVISOR

- Log in to NEST and go to Degree Works
- Your advisor is listed on your Degree Audit

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HOW DO I CONNECT WITH MY ADVISOR?

1. Degree Works
2. Contact information for your advisor, faculty, and staff can be found using the search bar on the Montclair website.
COLLEGE ADVISING COORDINATOR

Courtney Cunningham - Dickson Hall 408

Unlike your faculty advisor, Courtney will not be listed on your audit, but is available to all students in the college if you have questions regarding:

- Graduation planning
- Credit adjustments
- Want to change your major
- Questions about adding a minor
- Connection to other support services
LEARNING COMMUNITIES

What are Learning Communities?
- 3-4 required courses that you take together with a group of 10-25 students

Benefits:
- Familiar faces
- Build connections with students and faculty
- Help ease transition to Montclair State
COLLEGE AFFILIATION

College of Science and Mathematics - CSAM

College of the Arts - CART

School of Business - SBUS

College of Humanities and Social Sciences - CHSS

College of Education and Human Services - CEHS

School of Nursing
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

- Provide a well-rounded education. Success in life demands a broad base of knowledge.
- Teach and build upon reading, writing, communication, critical thinking and reasoning skills.
- Are required for graduation at Montclair State.
- Help you find new interests.
Examples of General Education Courses you will see on your audit:

- Each of you will have:
  - WRIT 105 or 106 - College Writing I or College Writing II
  - GNED 199 - Freshman Seminar
  - A class in your major

- From there, the rest of your schedule may include:
  - MATH 109, PSYC 101, GNHU 285, CMST 101, CSIT 100, MUGN 100, HIST 117, ANTH 100, RELG 221, PHIL 100, SOCI 113, etc.

- Language courses: SPAN101/102/103, FREN 101, AMSL 101, ARAB 101, PORT 101, LATN 101, etc.
GRADUATE IN FOUR YEARS

- A minimum of 120 semester credits of coursework is required for the baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- More than 120 semester credits may be required depending upon the major field of study.
- Students are advised to review their program requirements with their faculty advisors or academic advisors, and review their audit in Degree Works.

Assumes:

- No course repeats or changes in majors
- No developmental coursework needed
- No summer or winter intercession courses will be taken
GRADUATE IN FOUR YEARS

- General Education Requirements = 42 credits
- World Language Requirements = 3-6 credits
- World Culture Requirements = 3 credits

Major Requirements
- All majors vary in number of credits needed:
  - Psychology major = 38 credits
  - Humanities major = 37 credits
  - Religion major = 33 credits
  - Philosophy major = 36 credits
  - Anthropology major = 40 credits
  - Political Science major = 33 credits
  - Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies major = 33 credits
  - Sociology major = 39 credits
  - Spanish major = 36 credits
GRADUATE IN FOUR YEARS

- 15 credits per semester = 30 credits per year
- 30 credits for 4 years = 120 credits

- Freshman = 0-30 credits
- Sophomore = 31-60 credits
- Junior = 61-90 credits
- Senior = 91+
GRADUATE IN FOUR YEARS

- What is the 120 credits made up of?
  - General Education course requirements = 42 credits
  - World Language & World Culture requirement = 3-9 credits
  - Major courses = 38 credits
  - $42 + 9 + 38 = 89$ credits

- What do you take for the other 31 credits needed to reach 120 credits?
  - Add a minor = 18 credits for most minors
  - Teacher Education = ~42 credits
  - Free electives = any course of interest
READING YOUR SCHEDULE IN NEST

Welcome, [redacted] to the OneMontclair Self-service System!

- Personal Information
- Student
- Financial Aid

Admissions
- Apply for Admission or Review Existing Applications

Registration
- Check your registration status, class schedule and add or drop classes

Student Records
- View your holds, grades and transcripts

Student Account
- View your account summaries, statement/payment history and tax information

- Select Term
- Update Variable Credit Course
- Registration Status
- Concise Student Schedule

- Add/Drop Classes
- Week at a Glance
- Update Student Term Data

- Look Up Classes
- Student Detail Schedule
- Registration History

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You currently have 16 credits, you still need 26 more credits.

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**Legend:**
- ✔ Complete
- ☐ Not Complete
- ✂ Complete except for classes in-progress
- ☐️ Nearly complete - see see advisor
### World Languages & Cultures

**Unmet conditions for this set of requirements:** You currently have 3 credits, you still need at least 3 more credits.

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Still Needed: Choose from 1 of the following:

Six credits of World Language are required when starting at Beginner or Beginner II level. Only 3 credits are required when starting at Intermediate/Advanced level.

- **American Sign Language**
  - (2 Classes in AMSL 101 or 102) or

- **Arabic: Beginner**
  - (2 Classes in ARAB 101 or 112) or

- **Arabic: Beginner II**
  - (2 Classes in ARAB 112 or 121) or

- **Chinese: Beginner**
  - (2 Classes in CHIN 101 or 112) or

- **Chinese: Beginner II**
  - (2 Classes in CHIN 112 or 121) or

- **French: Beginner**
  - (2 Classes in FREN 101 or 112) or

- **French: Beginner II**
  - (2 Classes in FREN 112 or 121) or

- **German: Beginner**
  - (2 Classes in GERM 101 or 112) or

- **German: Beginner II**
  - (2 Classes in GERM 112 or 121) or

- **Greek: Beginner**
  - (2 Classes in GREK 101 or 102) or

- **Greek: Beginner II**
  - (2 Classes in GREK 102 or 201) or

- **Hebrew: Beginner**
  - (2 Classes in HEBR 101 or 112) or

- **Hebrew: Beginner II**
  - (2 Classes in HEBR 112 or 121) or

- **Italian: Beginner**
  - (2 Classes in ITAL 101 or 102) or

- **Italian: Beginner II**
  - (2 Classes in ITAL 102 or 103) or

- **Japanese: Beginner**
  - (2 Classes in JAPN 101 or 112) or
### Major in Psychology, BA

**Unmet conditions for this set of requirements:** 38 credits are required. You currently have 3, you still need 35 more credits.

- **Major GPA of 2.0 or higher**
  - **Still Needed:** Your GPA in major coursework is 0.000; a Major GPA of 2.0 is required in all major and collateral courses.

Courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better. Major GPA includes only courses that count toward your degree and excludes courses for which the final grade is lower than the minimum required for your major.

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Only one of the following may be used as a major elective: CMPT 288, LNGN 288, PHIL 288, PSYC 288.
YOUR SCHEDULE

- Your schedule is available for you to view via NEST.
- They were created by Montclair State based on:
  - Your major
  - The Learning Community appropriate for your major and/or interests
  - Credit you’ve already attained (if submitted)
  - General Education requirements
  - The General Education Preferences Survey that was required of you prior to orientation
YOUR SCHEDULE

- Your schedule is set as is.
- You will have the opportunity to make your own schedule for future semesters.
- There are very few exceptions made to freshman student schedules, such as religious observance, taking a course you have already taken, or an athletic conflict for a recruited student athlete.
- Students interested in requesting an exception will have the opportunity starting at the end of July to petition the Provost's Office for a change; contact chssadvising@montclair.edu
QUESTIONS?

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