

Congratulations
and
Welcome to UMass!

Our Common Goal

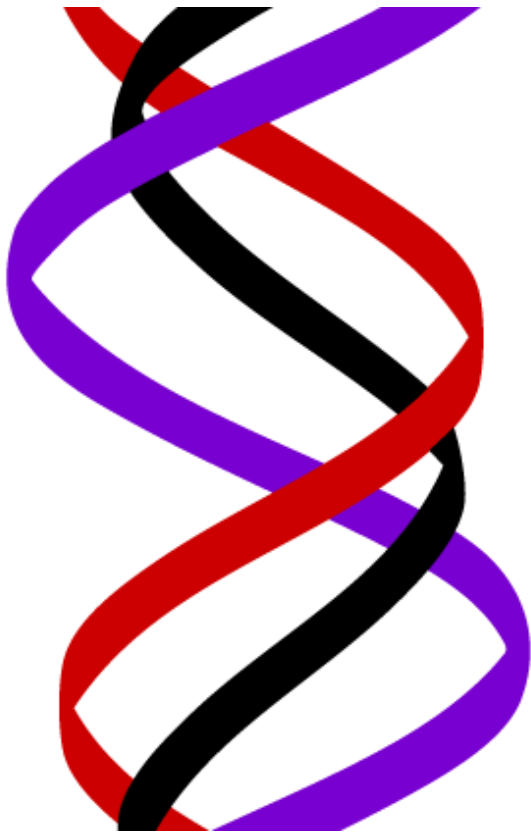
*Helping your student to thrive
through a robust and
meaningful educational
experience*

Our Challenges

- **Cultural Context**
- **Very Different From High School**
- **Freedom and Responsibility**

***How Can We Best
Support Them?***

“Triple Helix” of Liberal Arts Education



Foster Growth As....

- Intellectuals
- Community

Members

- Professionals

The “Right” Major is What They Love

- A major does not mean a career
- Ask what fascinates them
- Ask what matters to them

Gen Ed is an Opportunity

*College is a time to try
on new hats and have
your ideas turned on
their heads*

Get Involved Early

- Shrink the “psychological size” of the university
- Meet friends with similar interests
- Learn new skills
- Contribute to something that matters to them

Understand the Workload

- **15 credits = 45 hours of work per week**
 - **Class Meetings: 1 hr/credit/week = 15 hours/wk**
 - **Homework: 2 hrs/credit/week = 30 hours/wk**

This is their full-time job!

Get to Know Faculty and Advisors

- **Advice**
- **Recommendations**
- **Opportunities**
- **Resources**

Be Proactive....

Don't Wait to Get Help

- **Office Hours: Faculty and TAs**
- **Writing Center**
- **Learning Resource Center**
- **Librarians**
- **Disability Services**
- **Cultural Centers**
- **Study Groups**

NEVER MISS CLASS!

- **Arrive Early**
- **Come Prepared**
- **Sit in First Two Rows**
- **PARTICIPATE!**
- **Don't Leave Class Early**
- **Don't Text, Surf, etc.**
- ***Don't* Rely on Power Point Slides!**

Know What's Expected

- **Students MUST check email daily**
- **The syllabus is a “contract”**
 - **Check at least weekly**
 - **Write deadlines in planner first day of class**
 - **Ask your student to share the syllabus**

***Help Them to Stay Focused
on Why They're Here!***

Ask Questions!!

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