New Student Orientation
Summer 2015

Undergraduate Education
Undergraduate Education at UAlbany

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Success

WHAT PEOPLE THINK IT LOOKS LIKE

WHAT IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE
Follow your Passions!

Considering a career path and a plan of study is something that should be guided by what interests you and the areas that seem to motivate you to move forward—passion!
UAlbany Major Choices!

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Actuarial & Mathematical Science
Accounting
Africana Studies
Anthropology
Art
Art History
Atmospheric Science
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Chinese Studies
Communication & Rhetoric
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Documentary Studies
Earth & Atmospheric Science
East Asian Studies
Economics
English
Environmental Science
French
Geography
Globalization Studies
Greek & Roman Civilization
History
Human Biology
Interdisciplinary Studies
Italian
Japanese Studies
Journalism
Judaic Studies
Latin American Studies
Linguistics
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Health
Public Policy
Religious Studies
Russian & East European Studies
Social Welfare
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre
Urban Studies & Planning
Women's, Gender and Sexuality
UAlbany Advisement

Foster Intellectual Curiosity

Support and Guide

Empower Student Success
Specialized Advising Services:

- Pre-Law
- Pre-Health
- Academic Support
- Advising Plus
- Tutoring
- 3+3 Law

The UAlbany Academic Advisors

Professional, full-time academic advisors

Experts in developmental advisement

Experienced in the first-year transition
Academic Requirements

ALL students will complete:

- Major
- Minor
- General Education

Great options include:

- A second major or minor
- Study Abroad
- Internships
- Research
- Experiential Learning
- Community Engagement
Working with Advisors!

Individual advising sessions at least once a semester

Unlimited individual advising sessions available year-round!

Never hesitate to ASK US!

Call us,
Email us,
Skype us,

We’re excited to help you on your journey!
Shared Vision

We share a common objective... the success of “our” student!
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Advising Plus
Advising PLUS connects students to what they need to be successful.

Academic Enrichment
Academic Support
Academic Support

Many students are used to sailing through school.
Is your student transitioning successfully?
Old, familiar behaviors don’t work
Bumps in the road

Require self-adjustment
Red Flags

- I don’t have to go to class
- I don’t have any homework
- But I studied ALL night!
- I need some balance.
- It’s not my fault!
What to do?

- Challenge the behaviors
- Give them a chance to change
- Call Advising PLUS
Advising PLUS can help!

Here’s how:

Individual consultation
Study groups
Specific course review sessions
Connection and follow-up to campus services
Advising PLUS

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Coordinator

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Welcome to UAlbany!

- Undergraduate Education  518-442-3950  
  ugeducation@albany.edu

- Advisement Services Center 518-442-3960  
  advisor@albany.edu

- Advising PLUS  518-442-3961  
  advisingplus@albany.edu
Student Involvement & Leadership

WHAT HAVE THEY DONE?

WHAT WILL THEY DO?
Student Involvement: A Developmental Theory for Higher Education

“According to the theory, the greater the student's involvement in college, the greater will be the amount of student learning and personal development”

Journal of College Student Development, Sep/Oct 1999 by Astin, Alexander W
Because of their INVOLVEMENT . . .

90% Said They:
Gained skills and abilities to use after college

“As President of an organization, I have learned how to operate a group of people in a way that includes all of their voices but still gets things done effectively. I have learned to network with other people and other organizations as well. I have also learned how to conduct myself against others in times of conflict without the situation having to escalate.”
Because of their INVOLVEMENT . . .

73% Said They:

Felt more CONNECTED to their campus community

"The various groups I am involved in on campus have helped me develop better interpersonal skills, public speaking skills, and has helped me forge connections between myself and faculty which I feel will be useful after my studies at the University at Albany"
Because of their INVOLVEMENT . . .

65%

Said They:

Were now happier with their college experience
Because of their INVOLVEMENT . . .

70% Said They:
Were more PRODUCTIVE

“Being involved with campus activities has improved my organizational and time management skills...”
Student Involvement & Leadership

Involvement Leads to SUCCESS
GETTING INVOLVED

✓ Attend
✓ Participate
✓ Volunteer
✓ Organize
✓ Lead

"Success is a ladder that cannot be climbed with your hands in your pocket."

Student Involvement & Leadership
A Great Dane Welcome!

8/22 Convocation
8/23 Great Dane Pre-Game
8/24 Explore UAlbany
8/25 Great Danetopia
8/29 Dance-A-Thon
9/5 Involvement Fair
9/12 Great Dane Game Day
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**STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- The Acchords Accounting Club
- African Students Association
- Albany Anime Club
- Albany Breakin' Club
- Albany Criminal Justice Association
- Albany Entrepreneurs
- Albany Handball Club
- Albany Optometry Club
- Albany Pagan Society
- Albany Roller Hockey Club
- Albany In-Line Skating Club
- Albany Running Exchange
- Albany State Ice Hockey
- Albany State Indian Alliance (ASIA)
- Albany State University Black Alliance (ASUBA)
- Albany Student Press (ASP)
- Albany Student Television (ATV)
- Albany Women's Rugby
- Alpha Chi Rho Alpha Epsilon Pi Alpha Omicron Pi Alpha Phi Alpha
- Alpha Xi Delta American Marketing Association (AMA)
- American Society for Information Science & Technology (GSO)
- Amnesty International
- Angelic Voices of Praise (AVP)
- Anime Gamers Alliance
- Anthropology (GSO)
- Artistic Society of Theatre
- Association Bicultural Education and Research
- Association of Haitian Americans
- Association of Latin American Students
- Association of Playwrights
- Association of Studen... (Continued)
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SPECTATOR SPORTS

Homecoming

Great Dane

Game Day!

Every home football game
• INTRAMURAL
• AQUATICS
• OUTDOOR RECREATION
• GROUP EX
• FITNESS
• CLUB SPORTS
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SPECTACULAR SERVICE

6,800 students Participated in community service

UAlbany Named to U.S. President’s Community Service Honor Roll
Emerging Student Leaders
10 week Leadership Development program for freshmen and sophomores.

Higher Retention Rates

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Higher GPA

Fall 2014 Sophomores

- ESLP Graduates: 3.23
- Non-ESLP Graduates: 2.88
Participation in the Pathways to Success program is easy and begins by becoming an Involved Dane.

Then Become a(n):
- Academic Dane
- Athletic Dane
- Civic Dane
- Intercultural Dane
- Purple and Gold Dane
- Wellness Dane

Become one Dane or ALL six Danes, it is your choice! After all…

…the best pathway to success is your own!

Meet Other Students ★ Feel Connected to the University ★ Populate Involvement Record
Become an Involved Dane!

Higher Retention

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Higher GPA

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FEATURED EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015
Convocation
Location: SEFCU Arena
Description: Join us as we officially welcome new students into the University at Albany’s student body. All first year students and transfers are welcome!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015
First Night Fest
Location: Science Library Lawn
Description: Enjoy your first night on campus in style at the video dance party with a 50’ screen showing all the latest music videos. Dance and have a blast with entertainment, activities, and giveaways!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015
Welcome Candlelighting Ceremony & Fireworks
Location: Entry Plaza
Description: This UAlbany tradition officially welcomes you to the UAlbany Community with a ceremony symbolizing the beginning of your collegiate career as we light the University flame of knowledge. Fireworks to follow!

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015
Explore UAlbany
Location: Lecture Centers
Description: Explore UAlbany is your opportunity to investigate a topic of interest while connecting with some of UAlbany’s most outstanding faculty! Choose one of the 15 Explore UAlbany sessions to learn what it takes to succeed as you begin your academic journey at UAlbany! Sessions will include an interactive question and answer period and a time for you to meet the faculty and other students over refreshments. Receive your 2015-16 Student Handbook and have chances to win great prizes!

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015
Joel Meyers - Comedy Illusionist
Location: Lecture Centers
Description: Impossible is just an opinion – Joel Meyers will capture your imagination! This interactive comedy illusionist has taken the world by storm performing a progressive brand of magic for celebrities like Brad Pitt and Al Pacino and college and university audiences worldwide. You can’t miss this captivating evening of entertainment!
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Being Involved Leads To Success!!
Get Involved & Stay Connected

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UALEBANY GO
GET INVOLVED. STAY ACTIVE. GO.
Questions? Comments?

Office of Student Involvement & Leadership

Campus Center 130

Get Involved at UAlbany

#OurUAlbany

www.albany.edu/involvement
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University Counseling Center
The University Counseling Center

An Overview For Families
We Want To Get To Know You

- College students turn to their friends and families in times of need
  - 2 out of 3 students would talk to a parent first if in emotional distress*

- Independence develops later for managing health concerns

* Healthy Minds Study
How Do You Know If Your Student Needs Help?

- Persistent sleep problems
- Missing classes or other activities
- Low energy, interest, or mood
- Anxiety, sadness, or hopelessness

- Unexpected drop in academic performance
- Heavy use of alcohol or drugs
- Saying or doing uncharacteristic things
Top 10 Factors Affecting Academics

1. Stress 33%
2. Sleep difficulties 29%
3. Anxiety 23%
4. Internet use/computer games 20%
5. Relationship difficulties 14%
6. Depression 14%
7. Employment 14%
8. Finances 11%
9. Alcohol 9%
10. Homesickness 6%
Confidentiality

• For Students
  o We do not share student information with anyone
  o Client information is *not* part of the academic record

• For Families
  o Our consultation with you is private
  o We can talk with you about your concerns and explore options
  o We need a release to share information about your student, except...
Respect For Culture and Individuals

- We value diversity in backgrounds, cultures, and individual personal characteristics
- Our staff is diverse
Counseling and Assessment

- Individual and group counseling
- Variety of issues addressed
- Referrals as needed
- Comprehensive psychological evaluation when appropriate
Setting Up An Appointment

- Students call 518-442-5800
- Initial appointments generally within 1-3 days
- Already paid!

- Let us know if the situation is urgent
Consultation

- For students and families
- Call 518-442-5800 or email consultation@albany.edu

- Information about mental health topics
- Exploring options for responding to a concern
- Encouraging your student to come in
- Referrals to local providers
What is LET’S TALK?

• Non-traditional student support
• Convenient on-campus locations
• Informal and confidential
• Schedule & staff bios. listed on website
Prevention and Health Promotion

- Alcohol and other drugs
- Suicide prevention
- Healthy relationships
- Body image and eating awareness
- Emotional & behavioral health
Peer Education

Middle Earth
Peer Assistance Program

- Nationally recognized program
- Opportunities to get involved on campus
- Leadership and service
- Course credit
Learn More About Us

• Resource Fair
• www.albany.edu/counseling_center
• Find us on Facebook
  ○ UAlbany Counseling Center
• Call 518-442-5800
• Email consultation@albany.edu
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UAlbany Health Center
Welcome!

REQUIRED HEALTH FORM

- NO physician input necessary
- Takes less than 5 minutes to complete
- Accessible from the Welcome Website via the “Checklist”
Welcome!

New Student Programs

University Health Center

**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

1) MMR info (PHL 2165)-submit with Required Health Form
2) Health Questionnaire (9 questions)
3) Permission to treat (if <18 years old)
Welcome!

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University Health Center

OPTIONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION

Any physician summaries or other medical information you feel would be pertinent for the student’s medical record.

Submit with Required Health Form and MMR info.
Welcome!

University Health Center

TUBERCULOSIS

• All students are screened

• Only those with a Risk Factor are required to have further TB testing.
OTHER IMMUNIZATIONS
(recommended—not required):

1. Meningococcal Vaccine (PHL 2167)
2. Tetanus and Pertussis (TdAP)
   • Tetanus every 10 years
   • Pertussis booster in adolescence
   • Referenced on Required Health Form
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FLU VACCINE CLINIC

• Every Fall Semester
• Campus Center
• $25 - payable by check & many Insurances
• Students will be notified via-UAlbany e-mail address and FAMILY PROGRAMS NETWORK. (Albany.edu/parents - to join).
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University Health Center

LOCATION

• 400 Patroon Creek – 1 mile from center of campus to HC
  o Directions on the website—less than 5 minute drive from campus.

• Shuttle from campus
  o Round Trip every 30 Minutes
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University Health Center

STAFF

• 2 full time Physicians
• 1 part time Physician
• 4 full time Midlevels (NP and PA)
• 1 part time Midlevel
• 1 part time Psychiatrist
• 10 Nurses
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SERVICES

- General Medical Clinic
- Women’s Health Clinic
- Lab
- Immunizations
- Pharmacy
- Total Visits: over 17,000/year
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HOURS

M-F 9-4:30 in session
M-F 8-3:30 during break
Closed weekends

Call 442-5229 to schedule an appointment
< 3 minutes 99% of time

ON-LINE appointments available
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All visits to the UAlbany Health Center are at no cost:

- Covered by the Health Fee paid by all registered students.

  *Health Fee is part of the Comprehensive Fee*

- Some small fees for in house lab tests, some pharmaceuticals, durable medical goods.
Welcome!

BILLS

• We do not accept Insurance
• Go to Student Accounts to pay
• We do not accept any payment at the HC
• Holds will result from late/non-payment
Welcome!

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HEALTH FEE VS. HEALTH INSURANCE

• Health Fee - covers visits to Health Center and Health Center Pharmacy

• Health Insurance - necessary for specialists, outside lab tests, x-rays/imaging and emergency room/hospital
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PHARMACY

- Limited Formulary:
  - Antibiotics, OTC cough & cold meds, antidepressants, allergy meds, asthma meds, OCP’s & MAP.
- Co pays: allergy meds, OCP’s & MAP and OTC cold meds (billed to student account)
HEALTH INSURANCE

• “Uninsured Health care costs are the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the US today.”
• Health Insurance is a requirement at all SUNY Universities and most colleges.
• Affordable Care Act (ACA) will requires all US citizens to have Health insurance.
• Be sure your insurance will “work” in Albany (do not assume it will)
HEALTH INSURANCE CONT.

- All full time (12 credits) undergraduate students will be required to carry Health Insurance. (Students taking less than 12 credits are not required to have health insurance)
- Students with private health insurance must “waive out”.
- Failure to waived out results in the Health Insurance being billed to the student along with all UAlbany charges.
HOW TO COMPLETE WAIVER

• Waiving out of the UAlbany Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)-done at www.albany.edu/ship/

• Must be registered Full time (12 credits) to complete the waiver (may take up to 4 days after registration for the waiver option to be active).
Don’t Miss the Deadline

- If you do not actively waive out of the UAlbany SHIP on-line—you will be billed for health insurance.
- Deadline to submit waiver is October 19, 2015.
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SHIP OPTIONS

1. Waive out online to avoid the irreversible Health Insurance charge
2. Actively enroll if you KNOW you want the SHIP
   - Allows early access to insurance cards rather than waiting for mid-semester waive out deadline
3. Do Nothing—enrolled automatically and irreversibly
Welcome!

ALLERGY SHOTS

- Not performed at the HC
- Available at local ENT’s

Please review the UAlbany Health Center website’s Allergy Injection Policy.
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WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK

• Call you for advice
• Call their doctor at home
• Go to an ER or Urgent Care Facility
• Call 911 (5-QUAD) (within 5 miles of campus)
  ○ 518-442-3131 from a non-campus phone
• ? Health Insurance Nurse Hotline
• Fone-Med Nurse Hotline
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STUDENT SATISFACTION:

• Over 90% satisfaction in general based on surveys and comment cards

• Reason for dissatisfaction:
  ○ Unmet treatment expectations
    ▶ Viral syndrome/Antibiotic expectations
Welcome!

CONFIDENTIALITY

Healthcare info for patients ≥ 18 y/o not shared with parents (or anyone) UNLESS:

- patient provides permission for that specific information
- medical emergency
PATIENTS <18 YEARS OF AGE:

- Info regarding sexual activity is protected as if the student is ≥18.
- Any patient ≥12 y/o can specifically request that the treating Medical Provider not share information with a parent regardless of the nature of that information.
Welcome!

WHAT TO TELL YOUR STUDENT

• Wash your hands... OFTEN
• Respiratory Hygiene
• Sleep
• Sex/Alcohol/Drugs
• Bring a thermometer--PLEASE
• Bring Insurance Card
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POLICIES ON OUR WEBSITE

• Allergy Policy
• Antibiotic Policy
• Confidentiality Policy
• Medical Excuse Policy
• Medical Records Release Policy
• Post Graduation and Summer Medical Care Policy
• Students Rights and Responsibilities
Welcome!

WELCOME WEBSITE

4 Required steps to complete
1. Submit MMR Information
2. Submit Required Health Form
3. Acknowledge Meningitis Statement
4. Hard Waiver Student Health Insurance Requirement
Welcome!

NEED HELP?

General Questions: askuhc@albany.edu

Student Health Insurance Plan: ship@albany.edu

Required health information (including MMR): healthforms@albany.edu
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Announcements!