

Link 1P8-2 Student Services

Student Success Program

USM has implemented the Student Success Program to ensure that students become acclimated to college life. The program contributes to a student's growth through coaching, classroom presentations, and special topic workshops that cover topics from time management and test preparation to choosing a major and adjusting to college life. In addition, the program monitors student success through attendance and grade reports. Student success personnel contact the students advisors when they note low grades or excessive absences.

First Year Experience

Freshmen are required to complete a two-semester course called First Year Experience. The goal of which is to provide students with the tools they need to meet the challenges of college life and be successful. The course was designed to promote a sense of community, address retention issues, and ensure students are well advised. Faculty in the FYE serve as the student's advisors during the first year so that their success at USM is carefully monitored.

Academic Resource Center

The Academic Resource Center offers specialized academic support for all students, including tutoring in math, English, and other subjects. The ARC also offers accommodations for disabilities. See USM website for more information regarding the ARC.

The Counseling Center

The Counseling Center offers confidential counseling on topics such as stress management, choosing a major, depression, test anxiety, and relationship issues.

Individual Education Plans

Students with learning disabilities and on probation establish an IEP with ARC that activates USM support systems.

Athlete Study Halls

Coaches coordinate with ARC Director and hold mandatory study halls for athletes.

Early Alert System

Student success coaches and faculty advisors are kept informed as to the attendance and academic success of first year students. This includes a focused effort within the system for student athletes or whom we have a significant number and for whom greater attention is merited.

Senior Mentoring Program

Pairs seniors with freshmen who are on academic probation.

Advising System

An extensive review and revision of USM's advising program, targeting especially freshmen and transfers.

Self-Identification

Students can activate learning supports by requesting it from faculty, student life, Library, and ARC.

Attendance Reporting System

When excessive absences occur, faculty request the Dean to follow-up with a letter to the student. This activates support from advisor, student life, and ARC.

Strategic Issue

USM will improve its retention and graduation rates by improving academic success, enhancing students' sense of belonging and building a stronger student community, and improving student-athlete success by promoting a positive culture for discipline and learning.

Placement

Improvements have been made in our academic offerings in mathematics and writing. Students are placed based in appropriate courses based on their ACT, SAT, or Compass Exam scores.

NSSE

USM implemented an indirect measure of student learning, which will also provide an even broader gauge of student learning and success. NSSE is a self-reporting survey of student engagement in many different forms.