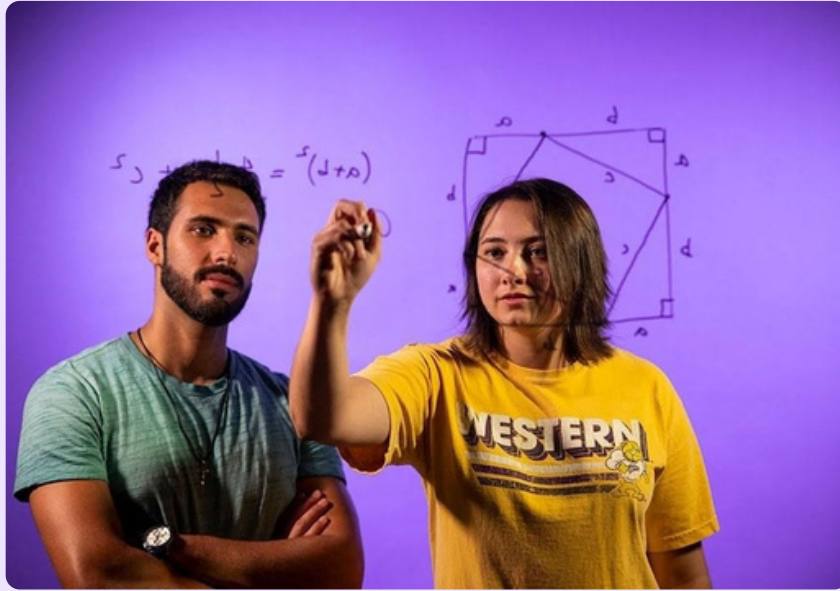


Academic Success



The main reason for attending college is to learn and succeed in reaching your career goals. WIU has many resources to help you with those aspirations.

A 1-credit course that provides first-year students with an introduction to social, intellectual, personal, and physical wellness as they relate to college-level success, U100 Personal Growth and Well-Being in Higher Education has proven beneficial for many students.

FYE Y courses connect the material being learned in UNIV 100 to the topics covered in their pre-professional or department specific Y classes so that students are not only learning the material for how to transition (UNIV 100) but also have an environment where they can apply these tools for success (Y course).

Get to know your professors. Class attendance, asking questions, and participating are key in being successful in your classes. They want to see you succeed!

A part of the Retention Initiatives office is the [New Student and Family Programs](#), which provides various services and areas of support that assist students toward a successful transition into the Western Illinois University community.

These services include:

- Leatherneck Launch (New Student Orientation) during fall, spring and summer which is designed to introduce new students to Western

- Camp Leatherneck, an engaging program for new students that takes place prior the start of the academic year. Camp has a social focus and is based on the tenets of Leadership, Service and Community.
- Resources and support for Leatherneck family members and special student populations.



The [University Writing Center's](#) writing consultants are resource experts who offer writing support in one-on-one and group settings to all writers on any project at any stage of the writing process. You can bring in any type of writing such as essays, resumes, etc. for them to assist you revise and improve.

Committed to student success, the academic advisors in the [First Year Advising Center](#) are full-time professionals who support students as they establish and realize their personal, academic, and career goals. Through the relationships created by this caring team, students are empowered to take personal responsibility and ownership of their educational endeavors.

Getting a head start on preparing for your career is crucial. [The Center for Career Preparation and Employer Engagement](#) supports students and alumni by empowering individuals to create and achieve their career goals through active career planning and preparation. The Career Center offers engaging programming through individual appointments, workshops, and partnerships with employers and faculty/staff members to ensure a successful transition between college and professional careers.

Study tips: several of our departments offer study tips on their pages.

[Study Skills Power Points](#)
[Tips for Online Learning](#)