

THIS NEWSLETTER
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SUPPORTING THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF OUR STUDENTS AS THEY
ATTAIN THEIR ACADEMIC GOALS

ADVISOR RESOURCES

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Did you know...

Registration for IUP's Summer 2016 Courses begins Monday, December 7th! The schedule of Summer Session classes is available on the IUP website at www.iup.edu/summer

Help your advisees get ahead by sharing this information with them and encouraging them to register for a summer class.

Helping IUP Students Excel

The Department of Developmental Studies (DVST) offers a number of academic services to help students prepare, advance, and excel. These services are available to all IUP students and include:

Supplemental Instruction (SI)

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an international model of academic support and retention targeting "high-risk" courses, that is, courses with at least 30% rates of D/F/W's. The primary courses supported by SI at IUP are entry-level science courses required for one or more majors.

Noncredit Workshops

These workshops, led by trained peer educators, address a variety of study strategies and other academic success topics in small group settings.

Walk-In Tutoring

Walk-in individual and group tutoring provides peer assistance for a wide range of disciplines and courses.

Math Homework Helpers

Homework Helpers guide students on math content and how to learn math skills. They assist students on to manage the demands of their math homework and to stay ahead of their assignments by attending on a regular basis.

All peer educators who are employed by DVST must successfully complete an I-credit training course (DVST 250, Peer Educators: Theory, Practice, & Assessment) before starting their paid positions.

Entering Final Grades for Fall 2015

Faculty may begin entering grades for the Fall 2015 semester beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8th.

Grades must be entered by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16th.

When entering grades,

use caution to assure that grades are entered for all students.

Grades will be available for students to view on Friday, December 18th.

Spring 2015 incomplete "I" grades are due in the Registrar's Office by Monday, December 7th.

If you need additional assistance entering grades, The Office of the Registrar offers a worksheet in the "Faculty" section of the "Banner Information" webpage, available here: <https://www.iup.edu/registrar/faculty/banner-information/>

Student Success Collaborative (SSC) Advisor Platform

Advising Tools at IUP..Which to Choose!!!

The **SSC Advisor Platform** can be used to:

- Create a list of all currently enrolled advisees.
- Run a list of the most at-risk students, list of those ready to graduate, those not making progress toward a degree.
- To create a list of students who need to take a particular course identified as a Success Marker.
- View a specific population of students by a population (such as transfer students).
- Get a quick snapshot of the student's academic performance.
- View a transcript that includes mid-term grades, transfer courses, placement testing scores and SAT/ACT scores.

DegreeWorks can be used to:

- Perform a degree audit.
- Check courses against graduation requirements.
- Perform "What If" scenarios with student as they explore majors and major requirements.
- View courses taken and those in progress.

GPA "What if" Calculator can be used to:

- See the impact of a particular grade on semester GPA and overall GPA
- Calculate the benefit of a D/F repeat on academic grade.

How to access them???

SSC Advisor Platform ⇒ MyIUP ⇒ Academics tab ⇒ Advising Tools folder ⇒ Student Success Collaborative advisor tools

DegreeWorks ⇒ MyIUP ⇒ Academics tab ⇒ Advising Tools folder ⇒ Degree Evaluation ⇒ DegreeWorks for Faculty

What If Calculator ⇒ MyIUP ⇒ Academics tab ⇒ Advising Tools folder ⇒ GPA "what if" Calculator

International TUTOR Training Program Certification

In academic year 2014-2015 IUP underwent a collaborative process to develop its new strategic plan in which academic success was identified as a key focus area. As a result of this plan, the Academic Success Center (ASC@IUP) was created. DVST and ASC@IUP are collaborating to create a universal tutor application, a tutoring program, and evaluation system that all departments will use when hiring tutors. We are in the

process of applying for the International TUTOR Training Program Certification through the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). Our two-day tutor training program will be piloted in spring 2016.

In order to be hired as a tutor, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and a grade of "B" or better in any course to be tutored. In addition, they must obtain

two faculty recommendations including one from the instructor of a course to be tutored.

To become certified all tutors must complete the two-day tutor training program (10 hours) and 25 hours of tutoring. Topics to be covered during the training program include: fundamentals of tutoring, communication strategies, learning preferences, study skills, student learning theory, and ethical practices.



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*It's easy to connect
with ASC@IUP!*

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