

ACADEMIC DEANS



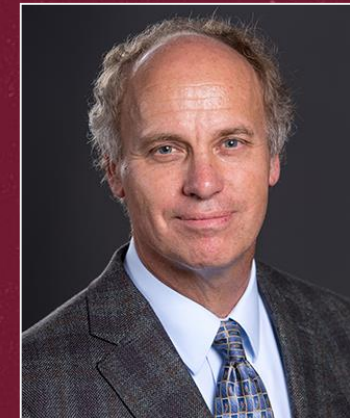
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College 101 for Parents and Family Members

As Deans, we know that you are:

- Excited
- Worried
- Supportive
- Encouraging
- Questioning

What is your role as a parent/family member?

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High School vs. College

High School

Attendance checks

Makeup tests

Redo assignments

Parents see grades

Assignment grades posted

Difficult to fail

Teacher accountability

College

Attendance encouraged

Test just once

No assignment redo's

NO parental grade checking

Maybe grades are posted

EASY to fail

Student accountability

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School Structure

High School

Daily or block schedule
30+ hours weekly class time
0-10 hours weekly study time
Many smaller assignments
Time managed by teacher
Teacher accountability

College

M/W/F or T/H or one day
15+ hours weekly class time
20-30 hours weekly study time
A few larger assignments
Time managed by SELF
Student accountability

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Curriculum in 3 Parts = 120 Total Credits

Major Courses

- Student's primary area of study
- Interrelated classes
- Introductory through advanced courses
- Build knowledge and skills for employment in a specific field

General Education

- Common to all students
- Four broad categories
- Flexible course choices
- Soft skills needed in workplace and life

Electives

- Open course choices
- Could take:
 - More major courses
 - A second major
 - A minor (or two)
 - Random interesting classes

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Academic Success TIPS

- GO TO CLASS
- PAY ATTENTION
- ASK QUESTIONS
- TURN IN THE ASSIGNMENTS
- TAKE THE TESTS

**SOUND TOO SIMPLE? THESE FIVE ACTIONS OFTEN
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FAILURE.**

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Success Resources

- Professors
- Academic Advisor
- College Dean's Office
- Center for Academic Success and Achievement
- Writing Center
- Tutoring Services
- Math Lab
- TRIO
- Library
- Registrar's Office
- Financial Aid
- Student Accounts
- Veteran's Center
- Women's Center
- GLBTQ Center
- Dean of Students
- Student Organizations
- Community Assistant
- Counseling Center
- Health & Wellness Center
- Public Safety
- Parents & Family

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Free College Credits! [Free Money!]

- ALEKS Math Placement
 - Take it online; enroll in the proper math course
- Foreign Language Placement
 - Take it online; receive additional course credits after earning a C or higher in recommended foreign language course
- AP Credits
 - Contact College Board to send scores to Kutztown
- Dual Credits
 - Contact the college offering the course to send official transcript to Kutztown

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Support Your Student

- TALK, text, message, video call, email, handwritten notes
- Grades are important, but what else can you talk about?
- Offer support, but don't take over
- Respect privacy and keep an open dialogue
- Encourage delegated access
- Remind that persistence is important – don't give up!
- Check social media for college events and happenings
- Attend campus events
- Read the monthly Parents Bulletin
- Try and try again, like learning to ride a bicycle...

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