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Academic Success for Nontrad Students

Many nontraditional students are attending college after years of being away from formal learning, and some do not know of the resources that are available to them. A commitment to learning and knowing tools that are afforded to undergraduates, may assist you in your academic success.

Concerns for Nontrad

Many nontraditional students who are attending college for the first time have fears, doubts, and misconceptions about their pursuit of a degree. They may lack the support system of many traditionally aged college students, the resources that they need, or the amount of time that is needed to academically succeed. Nontraditional students may face the following issues when attending a university:

• Lack of understanding of how a university works.

• Little knowledge of how to maneuver through everyday tasks such as utilizing online learning.

• Have been away from education for an extended period of time and may lack study or writing skills.

• Have families and dependents that make attending college challenging.

These issues can contribute to lower retention rates, periods of transition that are stressful, and can result in poor academic performance. Minnesota State Mankato has resources to help with transitioning back into academics and to assist with basic skill sets.

Resources

Minnesota State Mankato has resources for students to help shape academic success. Center for Academic Success (put bullet below with no line space)Trained staff of graduate and undergraduate tutors can guide students through the process of writing an effective paper, preparing for an important exam, or completing a challenging assignment

Assignment Calculator: Create timelines for assignments (http://eresources.lib.mnsu.edu/assignmentcalc/)

Library Tours, Workshops, and Orientation
• Part of the Library Services' mission is to provide continued outreach to the campus community. In response to this mission, the library offers tours and workshops to the university community (students, faculty, and staff) on a first come, first serve basis

Student Support Services-Tutoring
• Provides tutoring that includes assistance with course content and academic success skills while building the self-confidence, academic ability, and personal responsibility

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