Learning Communities
Two Classes Linked Together for Optimal Learning

Has your student enrolled in one of UVU’s Learning Communities? Students within a Learning Community attend both classes as a group and are encouraged to study together. Class sizes are kept at a minimum which allows students the ability to receive extra help from the professor and be more active in the learning process.

Professors from both courses go to extra lengths to make sure course materials coincide, helping students to receive a more complete learning experience. For instance, English and Geology can be taken together, allowing the student to learn about Geology and then apply what they’ve learned by writing about related topics in their English class.

Many benefits are associated with Learning Communities including a higher GPA, higher levels of educational involvement and more academic and social opportunities.

Andrew Jones recently completed a Learning Community and said, “I really loved the support [my Learning Community] gave and the friendships that grew from it... I liked how the classes bounced off each other, how they worked with each other.”

Students interested in a Learning Community can register with the help of their advisor or by contacting One Stop (both courses within a Learning Community need to be registered for). Students generally earn total of six credit hours from a Learning Community and can find a list of offered courses at www.uvu.edu/learningcommunity. Information taken from www.uvu.edu/learningcommunity.

Learning Communities give students a cohesive learning experience.
Textbook Tips
How to Purchase Textbooks Without Breaking the Bank

Textbook costs can add up quickly for students, especially when paying for tuition and other expenses. Here are a few tips on how to save a penny or two when purchasing textbooks.

Consider buying used books and explore multiple vendors when purchasing. New and used textbooks can be purchased from many different sources including: the UVU Bookstore, amazon.com, half.com, and more.

Ask the professor if an earlier edition can be used. Some professors are open to students using an earlier edition of a textbook, which is an immediate money saver.

Rent. UVU’s library is a great source for saving a few bucks on textbooks. The library stocks many of the more expensive books, as well as books that are required by a large number of courses. Textbooks can be checked out for two hours at a time. Your student can see if the library carries specific textbooks by visiting www.uvu.edu/library/ and clicking on Books and Media and then Find Textbooks.

UVU’s bookstore also has options for renting textbooks by the semester, for a set fee.

Purchase or rent E-textbooks. Electronic textbooks can be downloaded to a number of devices from kindles to phone aps. For students taking block classes, E-textbooks can also be rented for short periods of time.

Don’t procrastinate in selling back textbooks. In order to receive the highest possible return, students should sale back textbooks quickly before they become outdated. Too many books get left on a shelf and are never used when they could be a great source for funding the next semesters’ books!

These are just a few quick tips on saving money when purchasing textbooks. If you have more great ideas on how to save money when purchasing textbooks, e-mail us at parents@uvu.edu so we can pass them on!
Author Visit at UVU
Anousheh Ansari Kicks-Off the 2013-2014 Freshman Reading Program

As part of their first year experience, all freshman are encouraged to participate in a common read. This year’s book is, My Dream of Stars, by Anousheh Ansari. Anousheh followed her dream of going to space and teaches her readers that with hard work, they too can accomplish their goals.

Anousheh will be speaking on September 11th, followed by a book signing. For more information about the Freshman Reading Program visit www.uvu.edu/firstyear/freshmanreading/.

UVU Advisors
Helping Students Feel Confident in their Academic Goals

All students attending UVU are assigned a advisor. Advisors can inform students about opportunities they may not be aware of and help them get started on a successful path.

New students are assigned to a general advisor until they have declared their major. After declaring a major, students are given an advisor who has direct experience in advising within the student’s chosen field.

Freshmen are required to see their advisors before registration and all other students are encouraged to visit with their advisors every semester. Here are a few of the many services advisors provide:

Deciding on a Major
Advisors are supplied with tools to help students target their strengths and interests. Advisors help students gain a better understanding of what majors are best suited to their goals. Advisors can be especially helpful to students when they are in the process of changing majors, making sure the transition is done smoothly and accurately.

Wolverine Track
Once a student has decided on a major, advisors help students enter their classes into Wolverine Track. Wolverine Track is an online planning tool that lets students see what classes they have completed and what classes they have yet to complete for their degree program.

15 to Finish
15 to Finish can be beneficial to students who are trying to complete college within a traditional time frame. 15 to Finish encourages students to take 15 credit hours each semester, allowing them to graduate within four years. Summer semesters can be used to make up credit hours when needed. Advisors help students plan out their college career in a time frame that best suits their needs.

Your student can get more information on who their advisor is and set up an appointment by visiting www.uvu.edu/acc/ or calling 801.863.8425.
Freshman Convocation
Inspiring the Newest Generation of Wolverines

Students will be inducted as true wolverines by their Student Body President.

UVU is getting ready to host it's annual Freshman Convocation! Freshman Convocation is an important UVU tradition that celebrates our new incoming class, welcomes them to UVU and inspires them to achieve academic excellence. All new freshman need to attend and are invited to bring their families.

Freshman Convocation is a commemorative event and the first of many UVU traditions that your student will want to participate in as a Wolverine. It will be held the first day of school, Monday, August 26th at 6:00 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to arrive on campus by 5:20, allowing time for parking and seating.

Following the program, students and their families are invited to attend an after-party consisting of a BBQ-style dinner and concert featuring “The New Electric Sound.” The entire evening is free to freshman and their immediate family members.

Freshman Convocation is a great way to support your student in their new college adventure. To get more information, or have your student RSVP, go to www.uvu.edu/firstyear and click on the Freshman Convocation tab. This is an event that you won’t want to miss!