Parent & Family Orientation

• 9:30-9:35 Introduction & Preview
• 9:35-10:00 Financing Your Student’s Education: Mr. Michael Wright-Director of Student Financial Services, Mrs. Jessica Swords-Director of Student Accounts
• 10:00-10:25 Academic Focus: Mr. Alan Kramer-Asst. Dean of Students
• 10:25-10:30 Break
• 10:30-10:55 Campus Support Services
  • Health Center
  • Police
  • Bookstore
• 10:55-11:30 Living and Learning at ABAC
  • Student Development
  • Residence Life
  • Student Affairs
Family Orientation

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
School Information

School of Agriculture & Natural Resources-Dr. Jerry Baker

School of Human Sciences-Dr. Darby Sewell

School of Liberal Arts-Dr. Bobbie Robinson

School of Nursing & Health Sciences- Mr. Troy Spicer

School of Science & Mathematics-Dr. Johnny Evans

Stafford School of Business- Mr. and Mrs. Dill and Susan Driscoll
What is your student doing?

- Meeting with Deans and School faculty members
  - Introductions
  - Communication
  - Banner
    - Log-in
    - Familiarity
  - Schedule
    - Staying on track within major/pathway
    - Changing
      - Online
      - E-Core
      - Jobs
      - Athletics
      - Clubs/orgs, etc.
  - Major specific
Introductions

The Academic Support Center at ABAC

• The ASC supports students from orientation to graduation

• Consists of the Academic Support Counselors (ASCs), Compass Testing, Learning Support, and Tutoring services

• Also handles: Study Abroad, Transient Permission, Graduation Applications, etc.
Faculty Expectations

• **Follow class syllabus and instructor’s directions**

  What is a syllabus?

• **Complete class assignments/exams on time**

  Most faculty do not permit make-ups or accept late assignments

• **Engage in the learning process**

  Show up prepared and ready to work

• **Follow the attendance policy for each class**

• **Be respectful during class**
Common College Vocabulary

**Semesters**
Each academic year is broken up into three semesters: Fall, Spring, and Summer

**Hours**
Credits can also be referred to as hours (the number of hours you are in that class for the week)

**Credits**
Each class is worth a certain number of credits; these work to total a required amount for graduation

**Full-time status**
15 hours per semester (to finish within four years)
What is The CORE?

For students receiving a bachelor’s degree or a transfer degree, there is a required 42 hour list of core classes needed

Areas A-E
• Include English, Math, Institutional Options, Humanities, Lab Sciences and Social Sciences courses

Area F
• Pathway courses for students
What is The CORE?

• For an AA, AS, BAS, BA, or BS degree - students have 18 hours of Area F classes

• For a bachelor’s degree at ABAC, students earn 120 hours, plus meet the Physical Education requirement

• Most students begin their college career with mainly CORE classes and work their way up to Area F classes as they progress

So, where can you find this info?
http://www.abac.edu/academics/registrar

Complete catalogs are on the Registrar’s website under the Resources links
Some Differences in The CORE

Non-science Majors

• Take 2 lab science course, but do not need to be a series (ex: Biology I and Physical Science I and labs)

Science Majors

• Must take a sequence of lab science course (ex: Biology I and II and the labs)
• Science and math majors will require higher level Math courses in CORE areas A and D

What happens if I change my major from a non-science to a science track?
Working towards Graduation

2 year degree (Associates) = 60 credit hours (2 years)*
4 year degree (Bachelors) = 120 credit hours (4 years)*
*plus Physical Education Requirement

• 15 hours each semester (Fall/Spring) or 30 hours per academic year (Fall/Spring/Summer)

• Aim for a balanced class schedule each semester
Advisement

Will I be advised by the same faculty member I see during orientation?

• You may have the same advisor or may not- advisors are assigned after orientation day

How will I know who my advisor is?

• You can see who your advisor is on Degree Works through Banner Web, contact Academic Support, or check your ABAC email- many advisors send welcome messages to their new advisees
Advisement

How often do I meet with my advisor?

• Each student is required to meet with their advisor before each registration period- so once a semester
• You can always meet more though

Is advising in a group setting or one-on-one?

• Usually, students meet one-on-one with advisors
Welcome to the ABAC Family
Campus Support Services
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