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Mission and Goals for UC

University College is committed to providing an academically focused, student-centered supportive, structured environment for the entire University community with an emphasis on freshmen. This environment is focused on improving matriculation, retention and graduation rates, increasing student success in academics and facilitating a smooth transition to the world of higher education. University College consists of Divisions of Academic Advisement, Academic Enhancement and Student Life which are tasked to provide holistic advisement, effective academic enhancement, accessible, centralized support services and academically focused residential learning community.

The Goals for UC:

- To improve students' overall academic performance
- To improve retention rates to the sophomore year and graduation rates
- To provide activities that foster scholarship, leadership, civic engagement, cultural and personal development

Within University College each student belongs to a University College Academic Team (UCAT) consisting of approximately 100 to 125 students a professional advisor (PA), a learning community manager (LCM), two community assistants (CA), and a faculty fellow (FF). Most of the students in each UCAT are housed in the same residence hall. The staff, faculty and older students on each team provide the support services/referrals, the sense of community and the concerned "others" a freshman needs to flourish in the college environment. The team provides the heart of the freshman's orientation to the university.

The UC mission and goals are implemented by:

- [The UC Division of Academic Advisement](#),
- [The UC Division of Academic Enhancement](#),
- [The UC Division of Student Life](#)
- [The ACCESS Program](#)