ORIE 305: First Year Experience
For FYE Students at Towson University
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Description: ORIE 305 is a one semester, non-credit program required of all freshman students at Towson University who enter the Fall semester. Each freshman is assigned to an FYE advisor who assists the student in his/her transition to Towson and who serves as a facilitator and resource person during the student’s first year. The purpose of ORIE 305 is to help students:

a) become more knowledgeable about the academic programs, policies, and opportunities available at Towson;
b) learn and apply the skills necessary to make sound decisions and develop a plan for completing his/her degree at Towson;
c) identify and use resources at Towson University in order to successfully transition to the University and to enhance the educational experience; and
d) select and prepare for the transition into a major.

Learning Outcomes/Objectives: Through ORIE 305, students will:

a) understand the Core Curriculum at Towson including its purpose, philosophy, and requirements;
b) learn how to develop an educational plan for their second semester;
c) learn about educational resources available to them which address interests/needs
d) learn how to select, schedule, and register for courses for the second semester;
e) learn how to use the Academic Requirements report in their Student Center to assist them in planning and monitoring their educational program at Towson; and
f) research and select, and declare a major, if ready to do so.

Program Requirements: Basic requirements for all students in ORIE 305 are to:

a) participate in an academic planning workshop or meeting during the semester;
b) have and use their Towson email account regularly to facilitate communication;
c) meet with their advisor to discuss course selection and registration; and
d) complete a graduation requirements assessment to demonstrate their understanding.

Program Expectations: To enhance their educational experience, students in ORIE 305 will:

a) consult with their advisor prior to making any changes in course enrollment;
b) maintain an educational records and planning folder; and
c) complete and submit an evaluation of the FYE experience and the advisor.

Any student with a disability or special need is encouraged to discuss this with their advisor as this may have an influence on course selection and other educational decisions.
Outline of Semester Events / Expectations

August/September:

1) After the initial mandatory FYE orientation meeting, your advisor will be sending important information relating to significant policies, procedures, dates and reminders, as well as other notable information to your Towson email account. It is important to get into the habit of regularly checking your TU email!

2) September – come in for individual advising appointment to discuss your academic plan and address any questions or concerns as you settle in to Towson.

October - There will be a required group meeting in mid to late October to discuss how the semester is going and to explain the process of preparing for your Spring semester registration.

November - Mandatory individual advising meeting to plan and discuss your course selection for Spring. The advising hold placed on your registration access for Spring cannot be removed without this advising session.

Satisfactory Progress to Graduation

Towson University is committed to fostering conditions that enable a student to complete their degree and providing support to help students achieve this goal. In accordance with MD law and University policy and in order to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward completion of a degree, all Towson University students shall:

- Complete ENGL 102 or ENGL 190 (English Composition – Core 2) within a student’s first year at Towson;
- Complete or qualify for a waiver of TSEM 102 (Towson Seminar – Core 1) within a student’s first year at Towson;
- Complete all requirements for developmental coursework in mathematics or reading, as determined by the University’s assessment process, within a student’s first year at Towson;
- Complete one course from Mathematics (Core 3) within a student’s first year at Towson; and
- Complete and file a Degree Plan by the point at which a student has earned 45 units. For students who have transferred to Towson with more than 45 units, the plan shall be filed by the end of a student’s first semester of enrollment at Towson. This plan must:
  - Include the remaining course requirements and the other standard graduation requirements that a student must complete for a degree;
  - Include a chronological sequence of the courses to be taken; and
  - Be reviewed and approved by an advisor prior to final submission.
- Details regarding how and where to file the Degree Plan will be available to students through their primary academic department.

We are looking forward to working with you and we hope you have great first semester here at Towson University!