NUCLEUS
Network of Undergraduate Collaborative Learning Experience for Underrepresented Scholars

NUCLEUS is an undergraduate academic services support program funded by the College of Arts and Sciences that helps the University of Delaware recruit, retain and graduate academically talented students. The program serves a very diverse population of students representing more than 20 majors. Over the past 12 months NUCLEUS has successfully expanded to serve 167 students within CAS and 53 students across the other six colleges for a total of 220 students in the program. The number of students being served by NUCLEUS has more than doubled since its expansion was approved by Dean Watson in the spring semester of 2011.

The NUCLEUS program has students in the following CAS departments*:

- Art – 2
- Art Conservation – 1
- Art History – 2
- Black American Studies – 2
- Biological Sciences – 64
- Chemistry & Biochemistry – 15
- Communication – 7
- English – 8
- Fashion & Apparel Studies – 2
- Foreign Languages & Literatures – 8
- Linguistics & Cognitive Science – 4
- Mathematical Sciences – 5
- Music – 2
- Physics & Astronomy – 1
- Political Science & International Relations – 14
- Psychology – 27
- Public Policy & Administration – 5
- Sociology & Criminal Justice – 10
- Women’s Studies – 1
*Note: Numbers reflect double majors

Here is a summary of the latest demographics of the students in the program:

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<th>Gender</th>
<th>Female</th>
<th>71% (156)</th>
<th>Male</th>
<th>29% (64)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Race/Ethnicity</td>
<td>Asian</td>
<td>16% (35)</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>34% (76)</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>16% (34)</td>
<td>White</td>
<td>22% (48)</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>12% (27)</td>
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<td>Classification</td>
<td>Freshmen</td>
<td>36% (79)</td>
<td>Sophomores</td>
<td>30% (65)</td>
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<td>Juniors</td>
<td>27% (60)</td>
<td>Seniors</td>
<td>7% (16)</td>
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<th>Residency</th>
<th>DE</th>
<th>59% (131)</th>
<th>Non DE</th>
<th>41% (89)</th>
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<td>Eligible for Pell Grants</td>
<td>42% (92)</td>
<td>Transfered from other school</td>
<td>5% (12)</td>
<td>Associate in Arts graduates</td>
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<td>Affiliation with other programs</td>
<td>Honors</td>
<td>13% (28)</td>
<td>SSSP</td>
<td>10% (23)</td>
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NUCLEUS is open to all College of Arts and Sciences students and health sciences majors in other colleges. Students from historically under-represented groups, low-income and first-generation college students are especially welcome to apply.

For more information please visit the website: www.cas.udel.edu/nucleus

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Each semester we will issue a faculty advisement newsletter, highlighting policies, providing upcoming academic calendar dates, and addressing common faculty questions.

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UPCOMING DATES

Summer 2012 Registration Began
April 2

Academic Penalty Deadline
April 16, 2012 (last day to withdraw or change to Audit & Pass/Fail)

Fall 2012 Registration Begins
April 18

UAS Probation Sessions:
April 16—10:30 AM in 108 Memorial
April 24—2:00 PM in 303 Gore
April 25—5:00 PM in 205 Gore

Faculty members are welcome at any of these sessions. Your liaison would also be happy to conduct a probation training session for your department.

Last Day of Spring 2012 Classes
May 15

Last Day of Spring 2012 Final Exams
May 23

Faculty Q & A

Faculty Question:
What is the minimum grade requirement for College of Arts and Sciences breadth requirements?

Answer:

For students who began their degree PRIOR to Fall 2010, the minimum grade requirement for College of Arts and Sciences breadth is a “D-”.

Students who began their degrees in Fall 2010 and later are required to earn a grade of “C-” or higher in order to satisfy College of Arts and Sciences breadth requirements.

UNIQUE CURRICULAR PATHS

There are several options for academically successful students to meet their interests through customized curricula and interdisciplinary degrees.

Interdepartmental Majors
The Interdepartmental Major is a Bachelor of Arts degree option offered by the College of Arts and Sciences. The Interdepartmental Major allows students to combine two areas of study without requiring students to complete all courses required for each major. The major program requires a proposal that must be approved by each separate department Chairpersons and the Dean's Office.

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (BALS): http://www.cas.udel.edu/bals

This program is designed for students who have need and justification for developing their own undergraduate program within their 124-credit minimum. Instead of pursuing a major in one of the existing degree options of the College, a student in the BALS program will take a sequence of courses consistent with his or her stated educational goal and which will afford the student knowledge in some broad, interdisciplinary field. This degree differs from the traditional Bachelor of Arts degree in that it requires 60 credits at the 300-level or higher.

Dean's Scholars: http://www.cas.udel.edu/deans-scholar

The Dean’s Scholar Program exists to serve the needs of extraordinary students by allowing them to design, in consultation with faculty advisors, imaginative and rigorous individual plans of study to meet the total credit hours required for graduation. It is expected that the course of study outlined by the Dean’s Scholar candidate will represent a program that cannot be effectively achieved using options already available within the University.

We would hope that you would encourage academically talented students who could benefit from these programs to consider these options.

Additionally, such students could benefit from the Undergraduate Research Program (http://urp.udel.edu/) and the Undergraduate Teaching Assistant program (housed departmentally).

Additional information about these programs can be found on the UAS Programs page: http://www.cas.udel.edu/uas/academic-planning/Pages/majors-minors-and-programs.aspx

SPRING 2012 ACADEMIC PROBATION MEETINGS

As you know, all students on academic probation must seek advisement prior to registering for classes in their next term. Students may either attend a session held by UAS or may be advised by their faculty advisors.

UAS sessions will be held at the following times:

Monday, April 16 at 10:30 AM in Memorial 108
Tuesday, April 24 at 2 PM in Gore 303
Wednesday, April 25 at 5 PM in Gore 205

Any students who attend these sessions will have their registration holds removed. Faculty members are welcome to attend the sessions as well.

Any students who do not attend a UAS session will be required to meet with their faculty advisors prior to having their holds removed. Once you meet with a student, please email us at as-advise@udel.edu and confirm your meeting with the student. We will then remove the hold.

For more information about probation, please see our Fall 2011 newsletter: http://www.cas.udel.edu/uas/faculty-resources/Documents/Fall2011Newsletter.pdf

GETTING TO KNOW... SARAH MCCOWAN

Sarah began working with UAS in 2008 as a graduate student, gaining valuable experience in producing Senior Checkouts, reviewing degree eligibility, and advising for NSO. In 2010, she accepted a professional position as a Coordinator. Sarah earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Delaware, including a B.A. in Psychology with minors in Art and Philosophy, and an M.A. in College Counseling. For the 2011-2012 academic year, Sarah serves as a liaison to Art, Asian Studies, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Communication, Foreign Languages and Literature, Latin American & Iberian Studies, Liberal Studies, Organizational & Community Leadership, and Public Policy. Sarah enjoys paper crafts, crochet, fiction novels, movies starring Bruce Willis or Paul Rudd, and making her specialty - cheesecake stuffed strawberries.