

HINTS FOR ADVISORS AND INSTRUCTORS

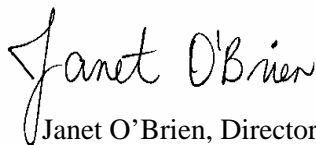
The Academic Success Center and the Office of Advisement are again asking for the assistance of advisors of freshmen and instructors who are teaching freshmen. We have found that first year students are often reluctant to recognize that they need help and they benefit from your urging them to take advantage of the academic support available to them. Three areas of intervention are especially important:

1. Encouraging freshmen students to check their mid-term progress reports on WINGS;
2. Informing students of the list of academic resources attached to the e-mail which tells them when and where to check for mid-term progress reports (this list of resources is also being sent to you as an attachment);
3. Supporting the academic culture on campus by making sure that students take advantage of learning and studying opportunities available to them through peer groups and technology as well as consulting with you (please use the bulleted list of questions below as appropriate to the student).

The following quick questions are some ways to explore with students what has gotten them into academic difficulty and how to get “back on track.” Whether you use this approach or an approach of your own choosing, please assist students in trouble to make an informed decision about their academic options:

- Are you attending all your classes? If not, why not?
- With which parts of your classes are you experiencing the most problems – for example, understanding class lectures or following class activities, taking notes, taking tests, completing assignments?
- Are you involved in any study groups or study sessions with other students in your classes?
- Have you sought help from the instructor(s) either after class or in the office?
- Have you sought help from (as applicable) the Academic Success Center, the departmental tutor(s), the Honor Society tutors, etc.?
- Are you accessing the WebCT Enhancement components for your classes?
- How much time do you allot to studying for each class?
- Are you taking advantage of technology to communicate with your professors or to help you study?
- Have you checked on what services the Student Disability Resource Center or Counseling Center have available to assist you in your academic work?

If you have additional questions or approaches which you have used effectively to help students improve their academic performance, please send them to Ms. Janet O'Brien, jlobrien@GeorgiaSouthern.edu for inclusion in future updates. Thank you for all your efforts to help Georgia Southern students be academically successful.



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