While university is a time for greater independence, parents can play an important role in helping students in this new phase of life. Here are ways you can help your son or daughter succeed at AUS.
GET TO KNOW AUS

AUS provides a number of resources to help students during their time at university. Listed here are some of the key resources students and parents should know about.

• The Undergraduate Catalog contains valuable information such as the academic calendar, academic policies and procedures, program descriptions, graduation requirements, a proposed sequence of study for each of the majors and course descriptions. A soft copy can be downloaded from the AUS website (www.aus.edu/catalog).

• The Student Handbook contains detailed information about the Office of Student Affairs including campus services, the Student Code of Conduct, the Student Leadership Program, athletics and recreation programs, recognition and awards, residential life, student clubs and organizations, and more.

• The AUS website includes a wealth of information about AUS resources, program information, events and news, student support services, student life at AUS, access to the library catalog and more.

• Be sure to follow AUS on social media to stay current on all the latest news about AUS.

FACILITATE MAJOR EXPLORATION

Encourage your student to explore a major that fits with their strengths and interests and that is not just based on job prospects. The Academic Support Center offers the Strong Interest Inventory for students to help them select a suitable major based on their interests.

MONITOR PERFORMANCE

• Syllabus: Students are provided with a syllabus for each of their courses. This document includes faculty contact information, the grading scale, information on assessments and weighted grades, required readings, deadlines and assessment dates, learning outcomes and policies.

• Banner: Students have access to their transcripts, class schedule, fees and more online through Banner at all times.

• iLearn: Students have access to course resources through the iLearn website (www.ilearn.aus.edu), such as assessment grades for ongoing courses, syllabi, lecture slides and more.

PROMOTE UTILIZATION OF AUS RESOURCES

Become aware of the various resources offered through the university and encourage your student to use them frequently and effectively.

• Faculty office hours
• Writing Center
• Mathematics Learning Center
• Other tutoring services
• Study skills workshops
• Peer supports
• Advising through academic units and the Academic Support Center
• University Counseling Services
• Library services
ENCOURAGE A BALANCED LIFE

Students should:

• Study two hours each week outside of class time for each credit hour
• Utilize the Sports Complex for a healthy and active lifestyle
• Engage in the many extracurricular activities and development opportunities offered at AUS

REINFORCE CLASS ATTENDANCE

• It is very important that students attend all classes at AUS. The university has an attendance policy that students must closely follow (refer to the Undergraduate Catalog).

ENCOURAGE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

University is a place for growth and increasing personal responsibility. It is important that parents reinforce this by encouraging students to make informed decisions themselves, take initiative and follow through with commitments. It also means that students should face the consequences of their actions.

COMMUNICATE

Keep communication channels open with your student and nurture the adult-to-adult aspect of the parent-child relationship. Your student is your best source of information about AUS. The university does not communicate regularly with parents and will communicate directly with the student via email. Parents can consult their student regarding university updates.

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