

DePauw.year1 Mission and Goals

The depauw.year1 program aims to provide first-year students a challenging yet supportive experience that inspires self-discovery and an active engagement with the learning and growth opportunities available to them as they transition and integrate into the DePauw community.

Intellectual Engagement

The goal is for students to engage academically through exploration of intellectual ideas and familiarization with expectations and resources at DePauw.

By the end of their first year, students should:

- Understand the expectation of scholarly work and conduct academic pursuits with honesty and integrity.
- Evaluate their personal and academic skills, abilities and interests.
- Demonstrate responsibility for their learning by utilizing academic advisors and other resources to navigate academic processes such as scheduling courses, understanding the core curriculum and developing an academic plan.
- Develop intellectual curiosity by exploring intellectual ideas beyond current interests.
- Conduct academic work in critical and creative ways.
- Clearly express themselves and effectively participate in intellectual discussion.
- Reflect on how internships, Winter Term, off campus study and co-curricular opportunities fit into their academic plan.
- Explore post-graduate options based on academic major, interests, skills, abilities and values and understand how strengths can connect to potential career choices.
- Identify the purpose and role of Career Services in the development and attainment of academic and career goals.

Personal Growth

The goal is for students to develop communication, conflict resolution, personal wellness and decision-making skills through values clarification and interaction with a diverse community.

By the end of their first year, students should:

- Explore, identify and clarify values and beliefs and act in congruence with them.
- Be aware of the rights and responsibilities that come with independent living.
- Take responsibility for their DePauw experience by seeking information and understanding that asking for help is healthy and appropriate.
- Develop a sense of personal wellness and balance among academics, social life and campus and community involvements.
- Be mindful of personal behaviors and environments that promote health and safety.
- Become involved with activities and organizations that reflect personal values and interests.

Individual and Collective Responsibility

The goal is for students to learn to navigate the rights and responsibilities associated with living independently and acting ethically within a global society.

By the end of their first year, students should:

- Devote time to moral and ethical reflection.
- Ensure that their actions do not harm themselves or others and evaluate reasonable risk with regard to academic, social and personal decisions.
- Seek out opportunities that will prepare them to live in an increasingly global world.
- Understand what it means to live in this residential college environment and have regard for shared expectations.
- Read and understand all University publications that outline policies and guidelines, including the Student Handbook and the University Catalog.
- Be familiar with the DePauw University Student Code of Conduct, the consequences of violating the code and the Community Standards Process.
- Respond appropriately to official University communications.

Meaningful Relationships

The goal is for students to engage with a range of ideas, perspectives and cultures in order to develop meaningful relationships with students, faculty and staff.

By the end of their first year, students should:

- Develop an awareness and understanding of diversity and social difference, such as race, national origin, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, social class, gender, religious affiliation and physical ability.
- Associate with people from backgrounds different than their own.
- Demonstrate the ability to listen to others' points of view and treat others with respect.
- Work cooperatively with others in group setting.
- Be able to constructively resolve conflict with others.
- Effectively listen and communicate in a group setting and also learn and practice appropriate verbal, written and electronic communication.

Community Engagement

The goal is for students and their families to establish a sense of belonging to the DePauw and Greencastle communities.

By the end of their first year, students should:

- Develop important connections to the institution.
- Understand the nature and purpose of the liberal arts education, their membership in the community and their relationship to the institution and Greencastle.
- Have historical knowledge of the traditions of DePauw.
- Be familiar with the physical environment of the DePauw and Greencastle communities.
- Be aware of opportunities to engage in volunteer service in the Greencastle community.
- Understand the important role alumni play in the community.