From the AVP’s Desk

I used to tell students, “It’s ok to be undecided on a major or career choice, but it’s not ok to not be doing something about that.” February is historically one of the slowest months of the year for when it comes to students exploring majors and careers. I want to remind folks, now is a great time to continue the journey to determining your passions and living those passions out in your academic life. There are some simple questions students can ask themselves at this time of the year to assist them in this process.

First and foremost, have you thought about what it is that you really want to do? What classes are you enjoying? Are you working? If so, what do you like about that work? Sometimes, answering these very simple questions can help shape the kinds of jobs you continue to pursue as a college student, the kinds of courses you want to take next semester, and the kinds of activities you involve yourself in on campus. Doing what you love is a tenet that I firmly believe in as a former academic advisor. Students that focus their educational lives on the things they are truly passionate about, do a much better job of making the most of their undergraduate experience. In addition, here are a few other tips to assist in your major and career decisions.

- Meet with an academic advisor in University Division. They can help you determine your values, interests, and skills.
- Take the Strong Interest Inventory and have it interpreted by one of our career counselors.
- Look at a list of all the USI majors. Eliminate programs you know that you don’t want and begin to research programs that look interesting to you.
- Visit the homepages of the colleges and departments that interest you. These pages have great information about program requirements and student organizations that can enhance your academic life.
- Visit the resources page of the University Division Exploring Majors section at http://www.usi.edu/Uni_Div/exploringmajors-resources.asp
- Register for GENS 111, Career Planning, a one-credit, five-week course designed to assist in the major/career exploration process.

All of these tips get you moving in the right direction toward an informed major/career decision. So, don’t short yourself during the shortest month of the year. Take an active role in your academic life and figure out a way for you to do what you love!
Eagles Baseball Players Define Role of Student-Athlete

The University of Southern Indiana baseball field is not the only place where you will find baseball players on campus. Academic Skills is home to an array of tutors and academic coaches that includes five students from the Eagles Baseball Team. Bryson Jenkins believes being involved is a great way to spend your college experience. He says "It’s great to be an athlete, but at the end of the day you’re a student first; if you excel in the classroom you’ll have a bright future.” The USI Baseball team will have many home games this season. Come out and cheer on your Eagles!

Bryson Jenkins (Newburgh, Indiana) is a junior Biochemistry (Pre-Med) major. Bryson plays outfield for the USI baseball team. He is a sophomore eligibility-wise after redshirting his freshman year but looks to make a big impact this year. “Tutoring in Academic Skills gives me a chance to help people out in a subject that I enjoy.”

Blaine Alvey (Waverly, Kentucky) is a redshirt junior Sport Management major. After transferring to USI from Olney Central College, Blaine will look to step in as a key pitcher out of USI’s bullpen. “I enjoy helping incoming freshmen transition from high school to college because I know from experience that it can be tough at times.”

Kyle Kempf (Evansville, Indiana) is a redshirt senior pursuing his master’s degree in Business Administration. Kyle plays right field for the Eagles and was part of the 2014 National championship team. “I like Academic Skills because I love helping other students. Being able to give back from knowledge that you have gained over the years is a tremendous feeling.”

Hamilton Carr (Evansville, Indiana) is a redshirt senior Exercise Science major. Hamilton has been a four year starter for the Eagles and played a big role in USI’s 2014 National Championship Title. “I enjoy working in Academic Skills because I get to meet new students all the time. I also enjoy helping the students in anyway that I can.”

Joe Redburn (Newburgh, Indiana) is a redshirt sophomore accounting major. Joe transferred to USI from the University of Evansville and was a big contributor last season for the Eagles. He plans to make an even greater impact this season as USI’s second baseman. “Previous tutors have helped me through difficult classes and it’s nice to do the same for other students in return.”
If you can’t explain it simply, you don’t understand it well enough.  
- Albert Einstein

Textbook Assistance Program

Academic Skills continues to help students offset the cost of attending college. A copy of each science textbook for the following courses will be available to students and tutors for studying purposes while in Academic Skills:

BIOL: 105, 121, 122, 144
CHEM: 103, 107, 141, 261, 262
PHYS: 175, 176, 205, 206

Please contact Dr. Darrin Sorrells with any questions: ddsorrells@usi.edu.

Need Chemistry Help???

But you don’t have time to visit Academic Skills?

Academic Skills is now offering a new distance learning opportunity for students! If you can’t make it to our on-campus location, you can now reach us via Skype!

When: Wednesdays (listed below) from 6:30-8:00 PM

2/10/16; 2/17/16; 2/24/16; 3/2/16; 3/16/16; 3/23/16; 4/6/16; 4/13/16

How to register:

Create a Skype account
Add AcademicSkills01
Email brjenkins@eagles.usi.edu to let our office know about the class you need help with and if you are attending that week’s session. Assistance with CHEM 103/107/141/261/262 is available!

Come with any questions you might have!
Congratulations to the members of the 2015-16 USI Sophomore Academy! The USI Sophomore Academy is in its second year. This year, nine second-year students were selected to participate in the program. There are two major goals of the program:

1. To recognize the academic, professional and personal accomplishments of outstanding sophomores and proactively engage this high-achieving group on campus.
2. To assist undecided sophomores with academic major and career exploration to reduce the number of undecided sophomores on campus.

The nine sophomores selected to participate in the USI Sophomore Academy have been working as peer tutors for Academic Skills since fall 2015, where they assist students with such content areas as biology, chemistry, computer information systems, history, and physics. This semester, they will also serve as mentors to their undecided sophomore peers, meeting with that population to connect undecided students to career counseling resources and helping them to explore possible academic majors on campus. In addition, the nine members of this year’s USI Sophomore Academy will be learning about various services.

**Cameron Riecker**
Biology Major
Celestine, Indiana
“In my free time I enjoy playing basketball, baseball, and reading, and I like Academic Skills because it is a great way to share what I have learned with other students.”

**Matt Tiffany**
Finance and Accounting Major
Speedway, Indiana
“I like getting to know the students more personally and seeing them around campus and talking to them about their classes.”

**James “Brian” Davis**
Biology (Pre-Med) Major
German Minor
Brownsburg, Indiana
“I like Academic Skills because of the focus towards the students and the enhancement of USI starting with academics.”

**Tiffany Summers**
Biology (Pre-Med) Major
Lynnville, Indiana
“I love the moment when something finally clicks for a student. I get to see that every time I tutor in Academic Skills.”

**Jonah Quirk**
Biophysics Major
Evansville, Indiana
Jonah is a graduate of North Posey High School and works as a chemistry and physics tutor for Academic Skills.

**Michael G. Hayden**
International Studies Major
Criminal Justice Minor
Huntingburg, Indiana
“I like working for Academic Skills because it allows me to learn more about working with my peers in order to help solve their problems.”

**Justin Gentry**
Spanish Teaching Major
Secondary Educ., Biology Minors
Hanson, Kentucky
“Being a student at USI allows me to connect in ways that I believe I would not be able to if I attended another University. Tutoring helps me stay refreshed on studies and enhance my interpersonal skills.”

**Kelsey Shipman**
Biology Major
Olney, Illinois
“I love that USI’s professors are student oriented, and it is awesome that students trust Academic Skills enough to continually come back.”

**Sarah Koester**
Biochemistry Major
Fort Wayne, Indiana
“What really drew me to USI was the environment and how comfortable I felt here and being able to still get a quality education without the huge price tag.”
Early each spring semester, University Division hosts Student Success Week, an entire week dedicated to students’ academic success and retention. This fun-filled week offers students the opportunity to connect with University services, Colleges, and support offices under one roof in the University Center. Throughout this semester’s carnival-themed event, presenters from throughout the USI community delivered sessions about study skills, library skills, academic advising, counseling services, financial aid, student organizations, stress management and much more. More than 300 students participated in the year’s Student Success Week in early February!

Student Spotlight: Kassie Moore

- Kassie is a sophomore from Evansville and is undecided on her major.
- She is a front desk worker in Academic Skills and also in the Writers’ Room.
- After graduating she thinks she would like to come back and find a job at USI.
- For fun Kassie enjoys reading and playing with her pets.
Visit Us

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Where To Go...

Having trouble finding a major or classes to take next...?
Visit University Division Advising on campus which works with all first-year and all “pre” students who haven’t yet been admitted to their academic programs.

To make an appointment call 812-228-5042
Location: ED 1142

Walk-in Hours:
Monday 8 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.
Tuesday 8 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.
Wednesday 1 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 8 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.
Friday 8 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.

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Supplemental Instruction Schedule

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University Division Mission Statement

**Advising:** To provide academic services that embrace the connection between students and the University of Southern Indiana

**Academic Skills:** To enhance student success and the educational process at the University of Southern Indiana