

First Year Experience Program

Georgia Southern University



Establish Expectations

- Mandatory Southern's Orientation, Advisement, and Registration (SOAR)
- Expectations Brochure
- Conversations with Professors



Establish a Solid Academic Foundation

- First-Year Seminar (2 credit hours)
- Global Citizens Course (1 credit hour)
- Optional Learning Community Opportunities
 - Residential Interest Group (RIG)
 - First-Year Residential Experience (FYRE)
- Academic Advisement

Intervene When Necessary

- Supplemental Instruction
- Midterm Progress Reports
- Peer Leaders (TAs in First Year Seminar)
- Peer Mentors (Work with potentially at risk freshmen)



Acknowledge Success

- Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society
- Enhanced retention rates
- Reduced rates of D, F, W grades in key courses
 - MATH 1113 (12 percentage point reduction)
 - MATH 1441 (14 percentage point reduction)
 - BIOL 2107 (10.6 percentage point reduction)
 - CHEM 1145 (3 percentage point reduction)



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