

First Term First-Year Adjustment Discussion Questions

These discussion questions are meant to be an aid for parents. They should help you get a feeling for your son's or daughter's progress at Wartburg College. The student who can respond positively to the following questions is showing good adjustment and good use of college resources. These tend to be indicators that the student has a high probability of success at Wartburg.

1. Do you know the name of the Pathways Center Director and where her office is located? (Vicki Edelnant, Pathways Center, 3rd Floor, Vogel Library, 352-8615, vicki.edelnant@wartburg.edu Dr. Edelnant is also the First-Year Experience Coordinator.)
2. Can you name four friends whom you have made at Wartburg? (Most likely roommate, suitemates, classmates, members of a team or group your student belongs to.)
3. Do you have at least one activity (but not *too* many activities ☺) that you are participating in at Wartburg? (There are over 60 clubs and organizations on campus. If your student missed the Involvement Fair, s/he can find out about these groups from Campus Programming at 352-8536 or check in the Pathways Center.)
4. Have you set a goal for your grade point average at the end of the first term? (Somewhere between 2.6 and 3.50 is reasonable.)
5. Do you know your academic advisor's name and the location of his/her office? (Students can check their "personal information" tab on I-net or My.Wartburg to see their advisor's name. Check campus directory or call Pathways to get office location, phone number, and office hours.)
6. Have you met with your adviser to confirm or adjust winter term registration? (First-year students were required to meet with their advisors during Registration Verification week, Oct. 30-Nov.3.)
7. Do you know a faculty, staff, or administrative person that you could go to in a time of need? (A favorite teacher, residence hall director, counselor, Pathways staff member perhaps)
8. Do you know the location of the Wartburg Writing/Reading/Speaking Lab? (Pathways Center, Vogel Library. Open 6-10 PM Sunday-Thursday, 9-11 AM weekdays, 1-3 M-Th & Sat.)
9. Did you get mid-term notices from any of your professors? If so, have you made an appointment to talk with that professor and your advisor?
10. Have you received your Student Handbook and read it?
11. Communication is IMPORTANT! Do you check your **Wartburg** e-mail regularly to get information about campus events? (The Page, an electronic bulletin is published MWF and sent to campus e-mail accounts; FY listserv also sends out occasional bulletins. The Trumpet, the campus newspaper, comes out on Tuesdays, and most campus events are listed in the Wartburg Planner. Have you hooked up your residence hall voice mail so faculty and staff (who probably DON'T have your cell phone number) can reach you?)
12. Do you like Wartburg and feel as if you are going to be successful?