

Dear New Undergraduate Students:

Throughout your education you will need to be in close contact with your academic advisor, Nicole Blotnick. Her email is nblotnick@argosy.edu and her phone number is 312-777-7639. You will want to keep her information handy for when you have questions and for other important tasks such as registering for classes, getting answers to your questions, etc.

All new undergraduate students must take ASP 100 *Skills for Success* and PSY 180 *Interpersonal Effectiveness* in your first term at the university. The courses you will take in your second term depend on several factors.

If you attended another institution prior to Argosy University and you received a grade of a B or better in a college level English course, you do not need to take the writing portion of Argosy's placement exam – ACCUPLACER. Likewise, if you received a grade of a B or better in a college level Mathematics course at another school, you do not need to take the Mathematics portion of ACCUPLACER. If these situations are not true – either you received grades below a B or you never had the courses – then you will have to take ACCUPLACER. Taking this exam gives you the opportunity to “pass out” of refresher courses in English and Mathematics. If you pass ACCUPLACER or meet the grade requirements outlined above, you will work with your academic advisor to know what classes you will register for after *Skills for Success* and *Interpersonal Effectiveness*. If you decide not to take the ACCUPLACER or you do not pass one or both sections of the exam, you will be required to take refresher classes in English and/or Mathematics during your second term.

Ideally the ACCUPLACER is taken before you start your first day of ASP 100 *Skills for Success*, but you will have until the end of the fifth week of that class to contact your advisor to make an appointment to take the exam. **Not taking the ACCUPLACER by the fifth week of this class is the same as not taking ACCUPLACER at all.** You cannot take the exam after the fifth week of the course. So it is VERY important you contact Nicole Blotnick, your advisor, to arrange a time to take the exam if you need to.

On behalf of the entire department, I am very happy you have chosen to pursue your undergraduate education at Argosy University, Chicago. We are dedicated to providing you with a high quality educational experience.

Sincerely,

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