

University Success Center

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Mission Statement

The University Success Center is an academic program that seeks to challenge students to think critically, to identify personal values, to develop skills for college success, and to grow in Christ.

The University Success Center promotes student success through developmental advising, delivery of two general education courses (University Seminar and Critical Thinking), and initiatives that encourage students to build relationships with the campus community. The USC faculty are responsible for advising all first-year students and all transfer students who are undecided on their major or who have less than 30 hours completed. Students are assigned an advisor in their major during the spring semester of their first year.

University Studies (2 hours)

The University Studies courses are general education courses. All first-year students are required to enroll in UNI 1111 University Seminar during the first semester and UNI 1121 Critical Thinking during the second semester. It is recommended that transfer students take both University Studies courses within their first two semesters at SBU. These courses are designed to promote an understanding of a personal value system, the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college, and the ability to use higher order thinking skills.

UNI 1111	University Seminar	1 hour
UNI 1121	Critical Thinking	1 hour

Academic Advising

The USC faculty serves as academic advisors to all first-year students. Each student is assigned to one faculty member. The USC advisor will assist the student in developing their class schedule for the fall and spring semesters. In addition, the advisor is available to answer questions the student may have and to assist students who are struggling academically.

Run 2 Win

Run 2 Win is a voluntary program for students who desire to do well in college but need additional support to help them make a successful transition. The *Run 2 Win* Coordinator will connect the student to a peer mentor who can assist the student in the areas that need improvement. Peer mentors are upperclassmen who have attended SBU at least one year. Students and peer mentors will meet regularly to study, prioritize the student’s schedule, and discuss issues that are pertinent to the student’s success. The *Run 2 Win* program is located in the University Success Center.

Collaboration with Other Departments

The USC works with the Office of Admissions, the Office of Student Life, and the academic colleges to provide programs and services that will assist the first-year student in transitioning to SBU in all areas - academically, spiritually, socially and physically - and in developing a sense of belonging and identification with SBU.