



PARENTING 101: Tips for Student Success

Greetings to our UM family! Whether you are the parent of a senior or a newly minted freshman, there is a certain amount of excitement that comes with the start of each new semester. This is the year that your student can make a new start or continue to make great strides towards the career they seek. The University of Montevallo is dedicated to providing the support that will help your student succeed. Information about many of the forms this care can take are listed below. We hope you remember these services when your student expresses a need during the semester. More information can be found at www.montevallo.edu.

Career Development Center – The CDC provides help with job search skills or choosing a major. Career services include career assessments and employability skills training, information regarding full and part-time jobs, information about on-campus interviews, internships, graduate school, career events, and seminars on various career-related topics.

Counseling Services - Students deal with a variety of issues when making the transition to college and sometimes need the help of a counselor. By appointment, our staff provides counseling services including mental health screening and evaluation/assessment, as well as short-term personal, group and crisis intervention counseling. Referrals will be made for students with needs that fall outside the scope of our department's practice.

Disability Support Services—Students with physical, emotional and learning disabilities can work with the department of Disability Support Services to arrange accommodations. A variety of accommodations and services are available through DSS. Please contact the office of Disability Support Services in order to make arrangements for documented needs. If your student has an injury that requires accommodations during the semester, you can contact DSS to help arrange for temporary parking and other types of accommodations.

The Harbert Writing Center- The HWC offers free consultation services to writers at all stages of the writing process. HWC Writing Consultants are trained to assist members of the University of Montevallo community with writing projects across the curriculum. No appointment is necessary. We are located in Comer Hall Rm 311.

Student Health Services—Where does your student go when they are sick at school? Student Health Services provides direct, basic care and health assessments to students and serves as a referral source for students needing care beyond that available on campus. Most services are covered by the undergraduate health fee.

Housing and Residence Life—The University of Montevallo residence halls offer students an opportunity to share a spirit of community that enriches their collegiate experience. Research shows that living on campus during the freshman year is a positive factor in student success.

The Learning Enrichment Center – The LEC supports academic success by providing free services including individual and group tutoring, group study and academic needs assessment. Please call 205-665-6113 for more information.

Public Safety - The University of Montevallo Police Department is responsible for maintaining campus security and providing a safe environment for campus life. We provide the University with a full service Public Safety Agency that is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Please feel free to contact any member of the UM Police Department with questions about services we provide.

Student Life—Getting involved in extracurricular activities is one way your student can expand his or her academic experience beyond the classroom. With over 90 student organizations to choose from, there is something for everyone.

Veteran & Military Affairs—The University of Montevallo's Veteran Center is located at 845 Valley Street in the GLOCO building. UM students receiving GI Education Benefits are encouraged to visit the center where we offer a computer lab, free printing services, a lounge area, phone charging stations, a quiet area for studying and a conference room to assist veterans, service members and dependents.