

## University College Areas of Focus

**1. Please update your one-page focus area document that you submitted last spring, and include the faculty that participate in each of the areas of focus.**

☞☞ Provide interdisciplinary programs and activities for faculty and students

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☞☞ Provide opportunities for older, non-traditional students to pursue graduate education through the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program developed expressly for part-time, adult students.

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☞☞ Provide reentry points for non-traditional students who have been out of school for years to return to the university and to complete undergraduate programs through interdisciplinary individual studies programs.

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☞☞ Provide delivery, service and degrees for RODP programs and students.

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☞☞ Provide the setting for the university to develop new programs to respond quickly to emerging community needs.

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Establish partnerships with community and professional groups to provide links to the university.

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The Family and Consumer Sciences Concentration, accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, is designed to prepare students to demonstrate:

- an ability to perform as a leader in a variety of community settings, businesses, agencies and schools;
- an understanding of the integrative approach to the relationships among individuals, families, communities and the environments in which they function;
- professional expertise in fashion merchandising, home furnishing merchandising, or family and consumer studies;
- the critical thinking, problem solving, and technological skills essential to work effectively with a specific group of clients, consumers, or students; and
- an understanding and appreciation of diversity and multicultural/global perspective as a leader in an urban environment.

**2. Identify those areas that fit within the University's areas of focus and within your College's areas of focus.**

Diversity in student body: Students in University College are diverse in terms of educational background, age, and ethnicity. Forty-one percent of undergraduate majors and 44 percent of graduate students in University College are African-American students. The college serves many older students.

All University College programs are interdisciplinary by definition.

University College is the university's leader in use of technology in delivering courses and majors online.

University College programs are created in direct response to the community's educational needs. Among these programs are fire

administration, preschool and childcare administration, paralegal services, fashion merchandising, home furnishings and commercial aviation as well as the individual study programs designed by students to meet their individual academic and professional needs.