Welcome

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No one has it figured out. (Really)
First Year Steps

* General Education

* Math and Writing Requirements

* Meet with Your Academic Counselor

* Meet with Faculty
My Approach as a Faculty Member
I am most likely to go to Professor/TA office hours when...

- I am confused for the first time
- I am still confused
- I am REALLY confused
- A paper is due and I am still confused
- Time for midterms and I am still confused
- Time to plead and cry for my grade
Unsolicited (But Very Good) Advice

*Take Ownership
*Get Involved
*Find Resources
*Get Lost
*Coffee is not a Food Group
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What NOT to Do First Year

“Eighty percent of success is showing up”—Woody Allen
Beyond the First Year

* Declare a Major
* Research
* Leadership Roles
* Internships
* Study Abroad
“Trying to be perfect may be sort of inevitable for people like us, who are smart and ambitious and interested in the world...but nothing important, or meaningful or beautiful or interesting or great ever came out of imitations. The thing that is really hard, and really amazing, is giving up on being perfect and beginning the work of becoming yourself.”

- Anna Quindlen
SPA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Paul Manuel, Faculty Director
Prof. Claire Griggs, Faculty Advisor

2016-2017 Student Co-Directors:
Allie Preston & Sharon Lee
Meet Some Important Staff

Rachel Lindsey, SPA Career Advisor

• Guidance at any point in your career development process

• Share jobs & internships from employers and alumni seeking AU students

• Bring employers to campus

• Advisors in the Office of Merit Awards advertise scholarship opportunities & help students to identify appropriate opportunities

You don’t need to have everything planned out your first year!

Olivia Ivey, Assistant Librarian & Public Affairs Librarian

• Assistance finding assignment appropriate research materials

• Ensuring library collections reflect research interest in the SPA community

• When in doubt, ask me!
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