

# WELCOME

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**NO ONE HAS IT  
FIGURED OUT.  
(REALLY)**

# First Year Steps

**\*General Education**

**\*Math and Writing Requirements**

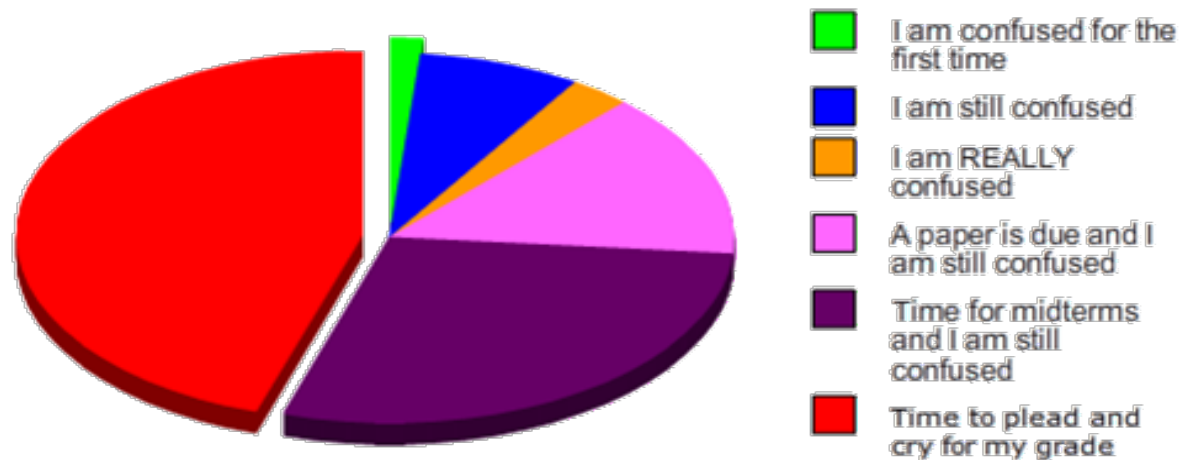
**\*Meet with Your Academic  
Counselor**

**\*Meet with Faculty**



# My Approach as a Faculty Member

# I am most likely to go to Professor/TA office hours when...



# **Unsolicited (But Very Good) Advice**

**\*Take Ownership**

**\*Get Involved**

**\*Find Resources**

**\*Get Lost**

**\*Coffee is not a Food Group**





# Unsolicited (But Very Good) Advice

	Urgent	Not Urgent
Important	<p>Quadrant 1 <i>Important And Urgent</i></p> <p>Crisis Deadlines Problems</p>	<p>Quadrant 2 <i>Important But Not Urgent</i></p> <p>Relationships Planning Recreation</p>
Not Important	<p>Quadrant 3 <i>Not Important But Urgent</i></p> <p>Interruptions Meetings Activities</p>	<p>Quadrant 4 <i>Not Important Not Urgent</i></p> <p>Time Wasters</p>



# 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**



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# 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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