UD Scholars Program
Frequently Asked Questions

• What is the UD Scholars Program?
  o The UD Scholars Program is an academic support program that begins during the summer with students participating in GET READY and continues through graduation. After successful completion of GET READY, students will continue to receive services such as free individual tutoring, academic check-ins with the UD Scholars (UDS) Program Coordinator, connections to resources and much more to assist UD Scholars in earning their degree.

• What are the requirements of students who participate in the UD Scholars Program?
  o Students must attend and successfully complete Get Ready prior to beginning their fall semester on the Newark Campus. Students must participate for the full 5-weeks. (See FAQs for UDS participation in GET READY below)
  o Students must live in a residence hall during the Academic Year in the UD Scholars living learning community. This means all UD Scholars will live together in the same residence hall and will have UD Scholars as roommates.
  o Students must meet with UDS Academic Program Coordinator monthly during their freshmen year and then twice a semester during remaining years to be eligible for program services.

• What are the expectations of students who participate in the UD Scholars Program?
  o Students are expected to fully engage in their academic experience and commit to their educational goals.
  o Students are expected to use the variety of resources available to contribute to their success.

• When can UD Scholars declare a major? Can they choose to declare any major?
  o UD Scholars are admitted into the University Studies Program. After they complete their first semester, UD Scholars can change their major.
  o Some majors are restricted and/or competitive, which means there may be additional requirements a student must complete before being able to change their major. Some majors have limited spaces and may not be able to accept more students during the academic year.
  o The Nursing major is one of the restricted majors that typically can’t take many change of majors. They typically only have a few spaces for students who want to switch into the major and there are certain courses those students need to complete before they can apply.
  o Engineering majors are highly competitive at UD. Gaining admission to Biomedical Engineering and Chemical Engineering programs can be difficult due to capacity issues. While other majors may be more accessible, students will need to maintain a high GPA and perform strongly in math/science classes to actualize goals of degree completion.

• Are UD Scholars able to choose any courses for the fall semester?
  o Students will have an advisement meeting during New Student Orientation (NSO), in which they will discuss courses and desired major or academic interests with their academic advisor.
  o During the fall semester, UD Scholars will register for a math course based on their math placement score and desired major, UNIV101-First Year Seminar, HDFS102-UD Scholars Seminar, PSYC100 and University Breadth courses. The UD Scholars Program will choose a select number of breadth courses for students to choose from.
  o During the spring semester, students will have more flexibility with scheduling, but all students will be required to complete ENGL110 and a UD Scholars Seminar.
UD Scholars Participation in GET READY

- **Does Get READY cost anything? Do I need to bring money with me for the summer?**
  - The UD Scholars program and any available financial aid covers tuition, housing, meal plan, fees and planned social activities for students.
  - Students should bring spending money for things such as laundry, shopping, personal items and miscellaneous purchases beyond what is provided to you during social activities off campus.

- **What are the dates of the program?**
  - Move-in Day is July 12th.
  - Classes being July 13th.
  - Classes end and students move out on August 15th.

- **Are there program policies or regulations students will need to adhere to in order to successfully complete the program?**
  - Yes, one of the goals of this program is to help students transition successfully to full time UD Students in the fall. This means we will have certain policies related to class attendance, curfews, use of electronics, mandatory study hours, tutoring sessions as well as policies related to classroom behavior and carrying oneself as a scholar. These policies will be strictly enforced by program staff and are in place to help students establish positive academic habits.

- **Will I earn college credits? What courses will I take?**
  - Yes, students can earn up to 6 credits, if they successfully complete all their courses.
  - Students will take an English course (3 credits), English discussion course (1 credit), Math prep course (1 credit) and Academic Self-Management (1 credit)
  - These courses will be included in on your transcript as a UD student.

- **Will I live in the same residence hall room for the fall? Do I have to move out after the program and move back in for fall?**
  - No, you will not live in the same room for the fall.
  - You will have to move out after the program and move back in during move-in weekend for the fall semester. Please keep this in mind when determining what to bring for the summer as you will have to move it out and then move it back in about a few weeks later.

- **Can I go home on the weekends?**
  - UD Scholars must stay on campus for the first two weekends of the program. For the remaining 2 weekends the student can choose to go home or stay on campus. Weekends are great for exploring campus, connecting with friends, reading the common reader and studying. There are also fun social activities for the students. In the past there have been trips to the mall, Main Event, the beach and more.

- **Who can I contact if I have additional questions?**
  - For questions regarding the general UD Scholars Program, you can contact Kelly Ringgold, Program Coordinator by email at Kgoldie@udel.edu or by phone at 302-831-4555.