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# First Year of College

# First Year 101

What everyone should know  
about being a First Year  
student at Marietta College!



# Is College Worth it?



# Value of a College Education



Average percent of entry-level positions that require bachelor's degree



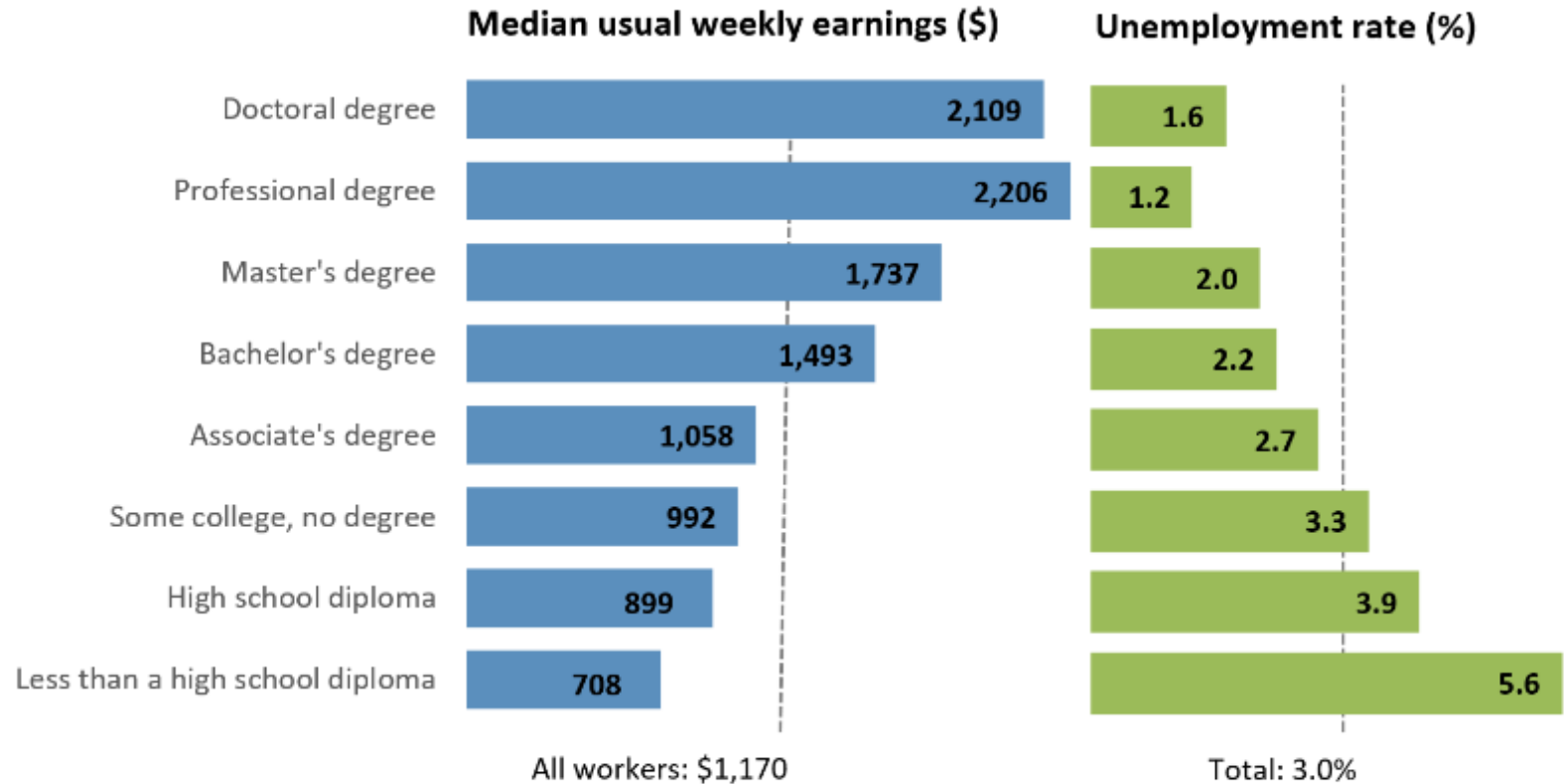
Employers reporting discussions to waive degree requirement for jobs were because of a lack of confidence in college degree



Employers rating college/university certificates as high/very high quality

## Education pays

### Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2023



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

# Why a Liberal Arts Education?



## Attributes Employers Seek on a Candidate's Resume

Attribute	% of Respondents	Attribute	% of Respondents
Problem-Solving Skills	88.7%	Interpersonal skills	58.2%
Ability to work in a team	78.9%	Computer skills	54.6%
Communication Skills (written)	72.7%	Leadership	52.1%
Strong work ethic	71.6%	Organizational ability	44.8%
Flexibility/ Adaptability	70.1%	Strategic planning skills	34.5%
Communication skills (verbal)	67.5%	Friendly/outgoing personality	25.8%
Technical skills	67.0%	Creativity	21.6%
Analytic/ quantitative skills	66.0%	Tactfulness	21.1%
Initiative	65.5%	Entrepreneurial skills/risk-taker	18.6%
Detail-oriented	61.3%	Fluency in a foreign language	5.2%



National Association of  
Colleges and Employers

Source: Job Outlook 2024, National Association of Colleges and Employers

What does a  
Liberal Arts  
Education Look Like  
at Marietta College?



# Contemporary Liberal Arts

## General Education & Major & Secondary Concentration

THE PIONEER PATH CORE CURRICULUM			
REQUIREMENTS	HOURS	IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PIO 101*	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
WRIT 102 (min. C-)	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
COMM 203 (min. C-)	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
COMMUNICATION PROFICIENCY	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Capstone</b> COURSE(S)			<input type="checkbox"/>
*Transfer students are exempt if transferring in 25+ hours. This exemption does not apply to college-level courses taken while in high school.			

SECONDARY CONCENTRATION	
	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION	
	<input type="checkbox"/>

DIVERSITY & GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES <i>May also be counted below</i>	HOURS	IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
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DISTRIBUTION			
<b>QUANTITATIVE REASONING</b>	HOURS	IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>ARTISTIC EXPRESSION</b>	HOURS	IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CIVILIZATION &amp; CULTURE</b>	HOURS	IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>SOCIAL ANALYSIS</b>	HOURS	IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY</b> Minimum of one (1) 4-credit Lab course	HOURS	IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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# Navigating the Academic Path



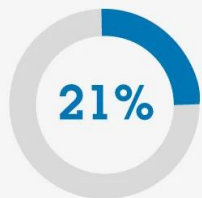
# Choosing a Major

- First Years may enter MC in 2 ways:
  - Declare a major
  - Declare exploratory with up to two interest areas
  - Sampling general education classes help students discover major.
  - A major **MUST** be the student's choice!
- Must declare major by 2<sup>nd</sup> semester sophomore year.

The average person will change careers 5-7 times during their working life. Approximately 30% of the total workforce will now change jobs every 12 months. *Source: the U.S. Department of Labor.*

U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS  
Employee Tenure Summary, Sept. 2020

How much do Americans **use their education** (specific to college major) at work?



ALL OF THEIR  
EDUCATION



HALF OR LESS  
OF THEIR  
EDUCATION



NONE OF THEIR  
EDUCATION



College graduates  
experience 4.2 stints.

Does Major  
Matter?

# Academics

- All First Year Students Take:
  - PIO 101 Course
  - WRIT 101 or 102 Fall or Spring
  - General Education
  - General Education or Major Course
  - General Education or Minor Course
- Must average 15 credits per semester.
- Petro majors average 17.25 per semester!

# PIO 101: Information Literacy – 3 credits

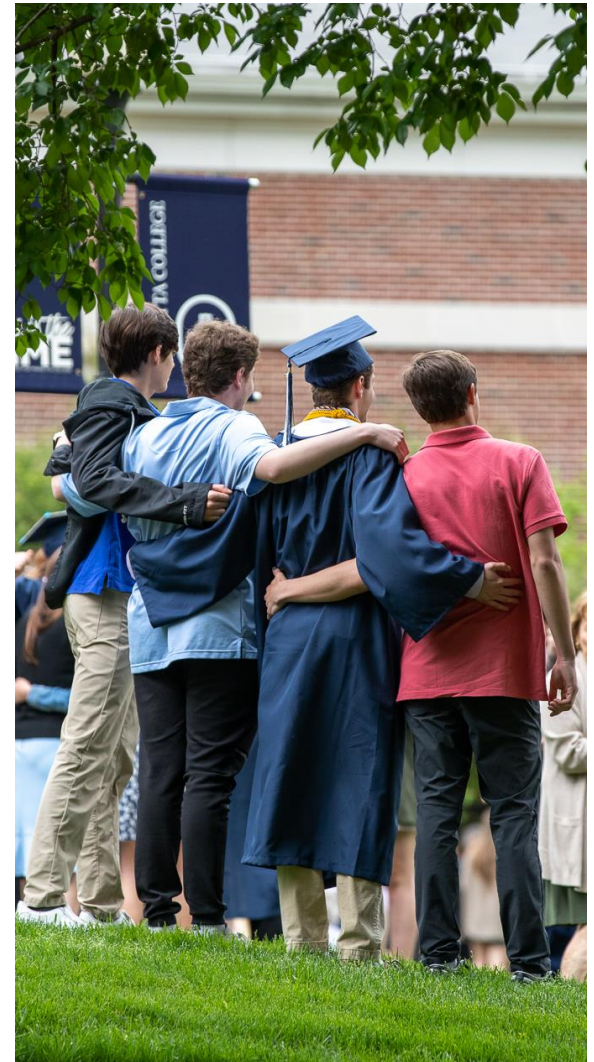
- Topics based course
- Faculty is advisor for first year!
- Peer Mentor support
- Built on First Year Philosophy of **Engagement in Academics, Engagement in Campus and Community, and Engagement in Self-Discovery**
- Focused on community-building and engaged learning
- Committed to helping students help each other as they develop transferable skills needed as MC students and global citizens

## 4 years at a glance

- 120 hours total
- Major 39-60 hours
- General Education 35-38 hrs (53)
- 25-45 hours for minor/double major/electives

# Academic Progress

- G.P.A.
  - 1.8 Freshmen
  - 2.0 Sophomore,  
Junior & Senior
- Class Standing
  - 24 or less, Freshman
  - 25 to 58, Sophomore
  - 59 to 91, Junior
  - 92 or more, Senior



# Assuring Success





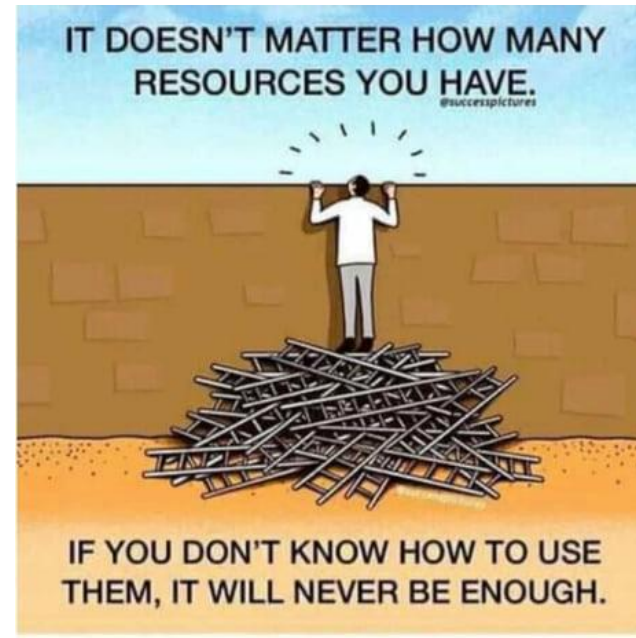
# Support Services – Helping First Year Students Succeed!

## Academic

- Academic Resource Center
- Writing Center
- Tutors
- Navigate
- Career Center –
  - PathwayU
  - COLL 201
- Faculty Advisors
- Faculty Office Hours
- Staff Mentors
- Detailed Syllabi

## □ Transition

- Peer Mentor
- Work Study
- Counseling Center
- Pio2Pio Center



# Download the Navigate App



## Navigate Student

EAB Global Education

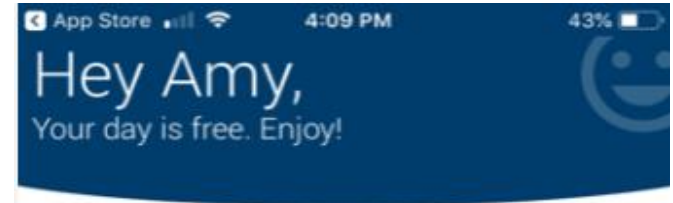
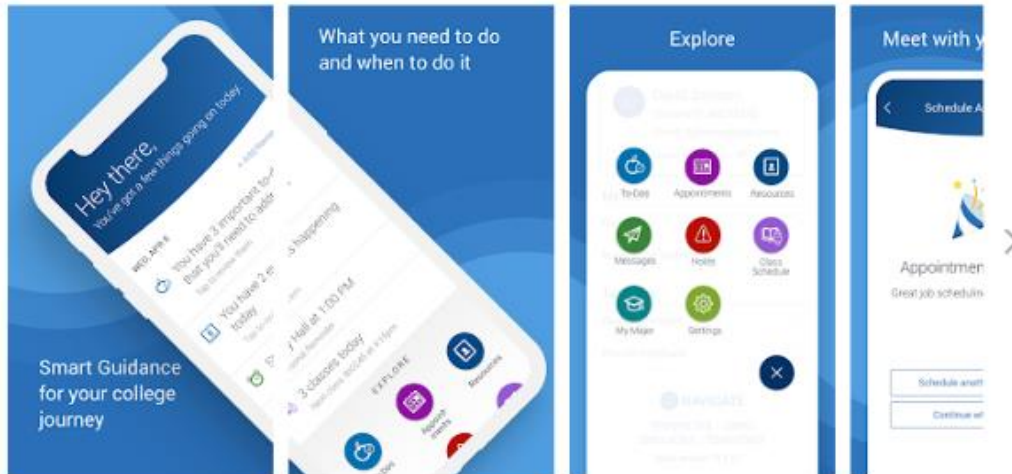
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There's nothing to do today  
Interested to see what's coming up in  
the next week or so? See upcoming...

### EXPLORE



To-Dos



Appointments



Study Buddies



Resources



Holds



Class Schedule



My Major



Settings

Now What?

**READ**



**Marietta College**

<https://www.marietta.edu/summer-session>

**\$485.00 per credit**

**Encourage them to go to class & talk to their professors!**

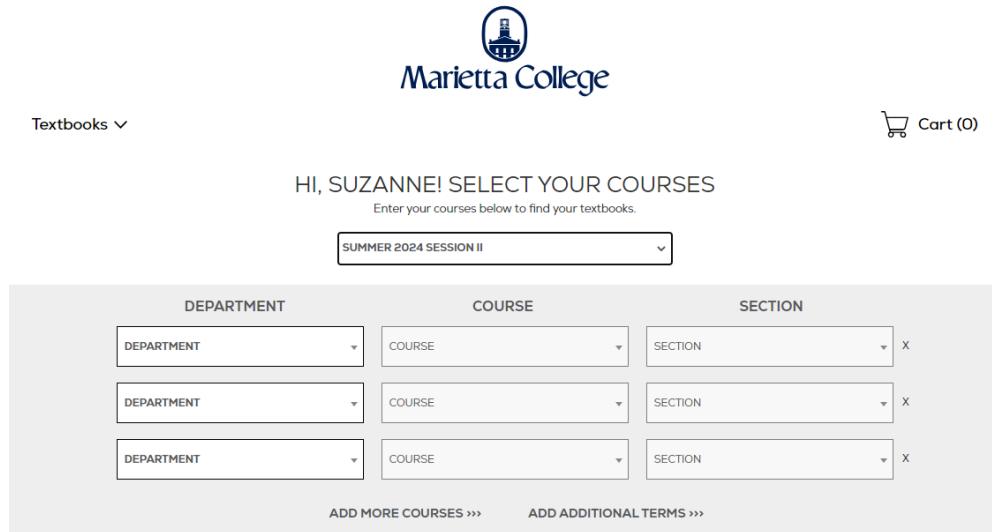
# Ordering Textbooks

- Order through ECampus:  
<https://Marietta.ecampus.com/>
- Students can charge their textbooks to their student accounts through the first 2 weeks of the semester!
- Involve your student in ordering!

**Inclusive Access – Access this item in Canvas.**



Right Books. Right Price. Free Shipping TO CAMPUS\* ORDER NOW. PRICE MATCH GUARANTEED. SHOP BY SCHEDULE → SHOP BY COURSES →



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Textbooks ▾ Cart (0)

HI, SUZANNE! SELECT YOUR COURSES  
Enter your courses below to find your textbooks.

SUMMER 2024 SESSION II ▾

DEPARTMENT	COURSE	SECTION	
DEPARTMENT ▾	COURSE ▾	SECTION ▾	X
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ADD MORE COURSES >>> ADD ADDITIONAL TERMS >>>

# Scheduling for Fall 2024



# Advising

- Today **students** will work with faculty advisors to choose courses for Fall.
- Schedule clean-up day during H.O.M.E. in August.
- First week of the semester may add classes.
- First two weeks of semester may drop classes.
- Immediate concerns contact -  
Dr. Suzanne Walker: [walkers@marietta.edu](mailto:walkers@marietta.edu) or 740-376-4628.

# May parents attend the advising session?



- NO!
- Why NOT?



# But what about...

- Dual Enrollment/CCP credit
  - If transcripts were sent to MC, advisors will have them to help place students in classes. If not, can make adjustments prior to school starting.
- AP Scores or IB Scores
  - Will register student in course required, but will make changes once score is in. We **will** contact you!
- Poor Decision Making – you can review afterwards – NO schedule is set in stone

# But I pay the bills!

- Will grades be sent home?
  - No
  - Midterm grades available to student on-line in Self-Service by Monday, October 15
  - Final grades available to student on-line by Tuesday, December 17
- Can I call the school?
  - Of course, but...

Faculty and staff can NOT talk to you about your student's grades or other issues until they verify that a Waiver to the Buckley Amendment is on file in Records!

# Navigating the Transition



# Managing Transition– Dos & Don'ts

## Do

- Stay connected.
- Expect ups & downs.
- Encourage independence.  
(Remember the goal is not moving HOME in 4 years!)
- Encourage going to class! (4 YEARS ARE BETTER THAN 5!)
- Listen & Be Supportive –  
Remind them of Support Services.

## Don't

- Call every day!
  - “Fix” everything!
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- A photograph of a red and blue life preserver mounted on a blue wooden post. A white sign with red text above the life preserver reads "EMERGENCY USE ONLY". The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and trees.
- Go home/Ask them to come home every weekend!
  - Ask them to live your lives!

**Do – Encourage them to go to class & talk to their professors!**

# Questions?

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