Academic Support & Achievement Program (ASAP)

For First-Year Students

Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice;
it is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved.

William Jennings Bryan

First-year students often face unanticipated academic challenges in their fall semester and end up on academic probation. These students will enroll in an academic support program called ASAP 1—OWU’s Academic Support and Achievement Program for first-year students. The goals of this one-semester spring program are to help students improve their cumulative GPA to 2.00 or higher and generate an action plan for future success—ASAP.

Unlike many probation programs, which require students to complete a set of generic workshops, Ohio Wesleyan’s Academic Support & Achievement Program (ASAP) allows students to develop an action plan that matches their academic needs, determined in part by the learning challenges they experienced in the preceding (fall) semester and also by their current selection of (spring) courses. To maximize their academic success, students will meet with their academic advisors, make appropriate schedule adjustments, learn about campus resources and support services, and, most important, complete an individualized academic support program.

Students will choose one of the following Instructional Support Plans (ISPs):

1. Departmental Tutoring (i.e., course-specific tutoring)
2. Academic Skills Workshops
3. Writing Workshops and Tutoring Sessions

In addition, students might augment their ISPs with a supplemental support option—e.g., attending study-table sessions, meeting periodically with a professor, or joining a campus study group.

Students who complete ASAP will be permitted to continue at Ohio Wesleyan University if their performance in the spring semester raises or maintains their cumulative grade point average, even if it remains below 2.0. For students who end the year with a lower cumulative grade point average, the Academic Status Committee will consider participation in the program as a positive step toward academic recovery when they make decisions about retaining students for the following (fall) semester.

Completing the Academic Support & Achievement Program will help students to

- Understand their academic obstacles and learning challenges
- Develop study skills that will contribute to their academic success in subsequent semesters
- Develop self-efficacy and take responsibility for their academic success
- Build a stronger bond with their academic advisors
- Learn about and use campus resources and academic support services
- Clarify academic goals and gain new insights about one or more potential majors
- Improve their cumulative GPA and attain good academic standing
- Retain academic scholarships and maintain athletic eligibility

All students possess unique abilities; OWU’s individualized academic support program allows students to utilize their strengths to develop the skills and tools they need to achieve academic success—ASAP.