A UP Student is Enrolled in My Class, now What?

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The Basics

- All UP students are non-degree seeking. They audit all classes. They need your permission to participation and your signature on their audit forms.

- UP students will be accompanied by a student aide (i.e. ‘support’), ideally from within your class.

- UP faculty liaison can assist you as much or as little as you desire.

- There are no requirements that you change the structure or format of your class to include UP students.
UP Students all have mild or moderate intellectual disability.

- What is intellectual disability (ID)?
- Cognitive impairment
  - significant limitations in intellectual functioning
  - limitations in adaptive behavior (conceptual, social & practical skills)
- Eligible for birth-12th grade services under IDEA
- All UP students accesses college differently from their peers (no SATs, GPA, course requirements, essays, etc.)
How will UP provide assistance?

• Address class on disabilities & UP Program

• Collaborate with the office of disability services to provide academic accommodations

• Assistive technology: i-Pad apps; digital recorders; smart pens

• Provide Universal Design for Instruction information & resources

• Modify & retrofit assignments- with your permission

• Discuss any classroom challenges & brainstorm solutions
UP Natural Supports

• Paid and unpaid WCU students, approximately the same age as UP students, who intervene as necessary to facilitate inclusive participation in dorm-life, course work, and social & recreational activities.

• Academic supports ideally will be enrolled in your class and receive small academic scholarship for assisting UP students with classwork and homework.
Why is the UP Program @ WCU?

• Higher Education Opportunity Act (reenacted 2008) has provisions for people w/ ID to have greater access to college.

• Transition & Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TPSIDS)
  • US Department of Education grant (WCU is one of 28 funded 2 or 4 year colleges; 5yrs 2010-2015)

• UP is a federal model demonstration program built to create strategies and evidence for including students with ID in college.
• Please reference the UP website for further information

• Feel free to contact Seb with any questions or comments

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