

## Starting your college career at Dickinson College . . .

This form is designed to help you think about your expectations as a new college student at Dickinson. In addition to the opportunity you have for self-reflection, consider your responses to the following questions as your introduction to your advisor.

1. When you were small, what did you dream of being when you grew up?  
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2. As you begin college, what do you now dream of doing? \_\_\_\_\_
3. If these two dreams are different, explain why / how. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. List three careers that you can imagine yourself doing after college.  
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5. For one of these careers, explain how you became interested in it. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What have you done this summer to prepare for your new role as a college student? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Everyone has different goals and expectations for their first semester of college. List your top three goals (beginning with most important) for the first semester.
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Identify two skills you hope to gain during your college education.
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
9. What new fields of study might you like to explore at Dickinson? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Identify the academic issues and questions you are interested in investigating during your first year of college.  
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11. Do you expect that you will need help with your study skills during your first year of college? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

12. How would you assess your strengths and weaknesses in the following areas?

- a) Writing: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b) Quantitative Skills: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- c) Oral Expression: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- d) Study Habits: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- e) Exam Preparation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- f) Time Management: \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. From the list below, please identify any areas of concern that you currently have for your first year of college at Dickinson.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I don't expect any problems
- \_\_\_\_\_ planning my academic program
- \_\_\_\_\_ handling the content of my courses
- \_\_\_\_\_ balancing academic and pleasure interests
- \_\_\_\_\_ some aspect of parent and/or family relations
- \_\_\_\_\_ adjusting to changes
- \_\_\_\_\_ finding my own goals and direction
- \_\_\_\_\_ getting along with my roommate
- \_\_\_\_\_ finances
- \_\_\_\_\_ adjusting to a small-town environment
- \_\_\_\_\_ establishing new friendships
- \_\_\_\_\_ other – please describe \_\_\_\_\_

14. List any extracurricular activities you plan to pursue during your first year of college: \_\_\_\_\_  
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