

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.

1. From your earliest memory, what were your interests?

2. As you begin college, what are your current interests? How do you understand the changes, if any?

3. 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.

4. Identify two skills you hope to gain during your college education.

5. Spend some time on the Dickinson website reviewing academic departments and programs. What new fields of study might you like to explore at Dickinson?

6. Identify three academic courses that are of special interest to you at this time.

7. Are you thinking about studying abroad during your Dickinson Career? Spend some time on Dickinson's Global Education website, and identify any particular study abroad programs that interest you and why.

8. Successful academic work at the college level requires significantly more effort and focus than what most students experience in high school. As you begin your academic career in college, take some time to assess what you believe to be your strengths and weaknesses in areas such as writing, quantitative reasoning, time management, exam preparation, and oral presentations. How do the things you've identified relate to your academic interests?

9. Name three careers that you can imagine yourself doing after college. Why?

10. List any extracurricular activities you would like to pursue during your first year of college. Do these relate to your academic interests? How?

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