

## University College Frequently Asked Questions

We realize being conditionally admitted to Marshall University may raise several questions. We hope this FAQ sheet will serve as a start to understanding your academic journey at Marshall. If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to email us at [uc@marshall.edu](mailto:uc@marshall.edu) or call and speak with an academic advisor at (304) 696-3169.

1. **Why was I conditionally admitted?** – Marshall University offers admission to a limited number of students who do not meet freshman admission requirements. Students who are admitted conditionally to University College must enroll on the Huntington campus and complete all below requirements within three semesters.

Requirements include:

- For students having English ACT scores of less than 18 or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 480, successful completion of required corequisite English course.
  - For students having Math ACT scores of less than 19 or SAT Math 500, successful completion of required prerequisite or corequisite math course(s).
  - Successful completion of academic support class (UNI 100).
  - Completion of 18 graded hours with a 2.00 GPA (cumulative and MU).
2. **Does this mean that it will take more than 4 years to earn my college degree?** - Simply being conditionally admitted does not mean that it will take longer to earn your degree; however, degree requirements may mean that you have pre-requisite course requirements that may result in enrollment beyond 4 years. Pre-requisite courses are based on your test scores, not your admission status.
  3. **What is a corequisite or a prerequisite course?** – Generally, a corequisite course is one course that must be taken at the same time as another designated course. For students who need extra help in English and for some students needing extra help in math (based on ACT/SAT scores), we have developed single corequisite courses that include just-in-time remediation alongside college-level work. A prerequisite course is a course that must be successfully completed before enrolling in the next level course.
  4. **Is University College part of Marshall University?** – Yes, University College is part of Marshall University. We are no different than the College of Science, College of Health Professions, etc. The name University College comes from the fact that students enrolled in “University” College will declare majors all across the “university” in different fields of study.
  5. **What is the difference between conditional admission and full admission to Marshall?** – Truthfully, there is very little difference. The only difference you will see are the requirements listed above in question #1. Fully admitted students do not have requirements they must complete prior to becoming eligible to declare an academic major. Conditional students are undecided and only have three semesters to complete their specific requirements to avoid being dismissed.

6. **Will people know that I am conditionally admitted because I'm in University College?** – No. University College houses several different student populations including undecided and pre-nursing students. Other students will not know the difference in conditional admission and other student populations.
7. **Do I get to take “regular” Marshall classes?** – Yes, you will complete the same courses any freshman would take based on your ACT/SAT test scores.
8. **Can I avoid conditional admission?** – Yes, your conditional admission is based on the information that Marshall University had at the time you were admitted. If you choose to re-take the ACT/SAT and increase your test scores prior to the beginning of our semester or your high school GPA improves upon your high school graduation, your admission status will be re-evaluated.
9. **Who is my primary point of contact during my time in University College?** – All conditionally admitted students have an academic advisor who is their primary point of contact during their time in University College. The Academic Advisor serves as a mentor who encourages, motivates, and connects you to campus-wide resources. You will work with your Academic Advisor to make sure you take the right classes at the right time to progress toward the degree program you choose.
10. **How long will I be in University College?** – All conditionally admitted students are given three semesters to complete the requirements described in question #1. However, students typically complete their requirements in two semesters. Students become eligible to declare their major when their conditional requirements have been met.
11. **Will my financial aid be affected?** – No, you are admitted to Marshall University and therefore are granted the same financial aid opportunities as all other students. Being conditionally admitted has no bearing on your financial aid.
12. **Can I select my own classes?** – When you come to orientation, we will have a completed schedule for you. This is done for all new students at Marshall. Our hope is, by completing this survey, we will get you into classes that you will enjoy. Your schedule can be adjusted during your advisor meeting at orientation. As long as you remain in good academic standing, you will be able to select your future courses with guidance from your advisor.
13. **What type of support does University College offer?** – University College staff prides itself in the variety of support programs in which students are eligible to participate. You can find a full list on our website [www.marshall.edu/uc](http://www.marshall.edu/uc).
  - Textbook Loan Program
  - Textbook Support Program
  - Tutoring Services
  - University Studies (UNI) Courses
  - Academic Study Hall with computers
  - Free Printing Services