FOCUS FACT SHEET

The FOCUS program provides students with documented disabilities a comprehensive support program while at Ursuline College. The FOCUS program is aimed at:

- Helping students make the transition into college life
- Guiding students to the appropriate campus resources
- Working with students on self-advocacy
- Developing strategies with students to apply to academic success

The FOCUS program is offered in two phases to better meet individual students’ needs.

FOCUS PHASE I: ($1450/semester)
- Incoming special orientation with the disability specialist
- Two guaranteed weekly meetings with a disability specialist to cover all areas of academic progress
- Special academic advising on courses and registration
- Priority registration
- Guaranteed weekly tutoring sessions in math, writing, and science and/or other subjects depending on course schedule

FOCUS PHASE II: ($760/semester)
- One guaranteed weekly meeting with a disability specialist to cover all areas of academic progress
- Academic advising on courses and registration
- Priority registration
- Guaranteed tutoring sessions in math, writing, and science and/or other subjects depending on course schedule
- Mid-term progress monitoring

All students in the FOCUS program are also given the following services based on individual documentation at no additional cost:
- Extended testing time
- Distraction free testing environment
- Note-taking assistance
- Reader for exams
- Use of a scribe
- Audio recording of lectures (instructor must permit)
- Audio textbooks or textbooks in alternative format
- Enlarged print
FAQ’s of FOCUS:

How do I apply to be a member of the FOCUS program?
- To be eligible for the FOCUS program, students must first meet the admissions requirements of Ursuline College and be accepted to Ursuline College. Once admitted to Ursuline College, students should contact the FOCUS program coordinator to apply.

Is there a fee to participate in the FOCUS program?
- The fee for the FOCUS program varies depending on the phase that a student enrolls in. FOCUS Phase I is $1450 per semester and FOCUS Phase II is $760 per semester.

Do FOCUS students take the same classes that other students take?
- Yes, students enrolled in the FOCUS program must take the same classes and meet the same expectations as any other student at Ursuline College.

What if I haven’t been diagnosed with a learning disability but still think I need to be in FOCUS?
- Only students with documented disabilities can be accepted into the program. However, students who believe they may have a disability could be evaluated to determine if they have a disability. If a student is unsure how to be evaluated, they may contact the disability specialist who can provide the student with local testing center information.

Why are there two levels in FOCUS?
- The FOCUS program is structured to meet the individual student’s needs. During the freshman year, students are enrolled in phase I which provides intense weekly coaching and mentoring with the disability specialist. Once students feel comfortable, they can choose to enroll in phase II which is offered at a reduced cost and reduced meetings with the disability specialist.

How do I find out more about the FOCUS program?
- Students and parents can find out more about the program by contacting the disability specialist at Ursuline College. We hope to hear from you soon!