

## FIRST-YEAR STUDENT RESOURCES

The Klingler College of Arts and Sciences is by its very nature the heart of Marquette University. The tie that binds our more than 250 faculty and 30 majors of study is the opportunity for exploration. We'll challenge you to explore many ways of understanding, doing and succeeding – regardless of the major you decide to pursue.

We recognize that as a first-year student you are faced with many challenges and opportunities. To assist you in your transition from high school to your college academic career, we offer numerous resources, which we encourage you to use. They will help you not only to develop the academic skills that you need to succeed, but they will introduce you to the many faculty members, advisors and staff members throughout the College that are available to guide you as you discover the value of a liberal arts education.

### ADVISING CENTER

The Klingler College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center is a team of professional academic advisors committed to serving students and helping them achieve success. This award-winning center offers comprehensive assistance for each student's development and is open five days a week all year long.

Students are assigned an advisor prior to arriving at Marquette and receive service and support in a wide variety of ways. The advisors can assist you in choosing a major, determining career and academic goals, developing study skills, selecting your courses and class schedule, referring you to other campus resources, and preparing you for professional school.

### FRESHMAN FRONTIER PROGRAM

The Freshman Frontier Program is designed to expose you to college academics in a gradual way that is meaningful to you. The program begins in the summer before your first term at Marquette with a five-week session on campus when you'll take credit and non-credit courses. During the academic year, you'll be required to meet at least three times a semester with your FFP academic advisor. Tutors are available free of charge if you want extra help. You're in the program for a full year, although FFP students are welcome to use the services of the program on a voluntary basis in their remaining years at Marquette.

### FIRST YEAR SEMINAR: *INTRODUCTION TO INQUIRY*

What makes a class more exciting than an intense discussion? It's what college is about – arguing your point of view, questioning others' assumptions, reconsidering your own position and discovering what you really think. This is what happens in *Introduction to*

***Inquiry***, the first-year seminar for students in the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences. It offers you a way to learn the ropes of the most important place on campus, the classroom, with your academic advisor, someone who understands the challenges of being new to college, who knows what questions to ask, and how to listen.

## HONORS PROGRAM

For more than 40 years, Marquette University has invited its most intellectually talented students to accept the challenge of the Honors Program. The Honors Program provides students with something more for their Marquette experience. When you begin your courses in the Honors Program, you and a small group of your classmates will benefit from the attention and instruction of some of the university's finest professors. The Honors Program director will work with you throughout your years at Marquette — observing your progress, helping you assemble your curriculum, and acting as your resource to intellectual and professional opportunities at Marquette and throughout the city.

## FIRST-YEAR ENGLISH PROGRAM

This program is designed to help students learn to communicate effectively. To that end, the program develops students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills via critical literacy, which is the ability to express ideas, values and beliefs effectively in a variety of situations. To foster Critical Literacy, the FYE Program offers a two-course writing sequence: *English 1001*, *Rhet/Comp 1*, *Academic Literacy*, and *English 1002*, *Rhet/Comp 2*, *Public Sphere Literacy*.

## FIRST-YEAR READING PROGRAM

Through its faculty participation, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly supports the First-Year Reading Program, a university-wide initiative sponsored by the Manresa Project. Inspired by a desire to bring faculty, administrators, and students together outside of a formal classroom, the reading and discussion aim to help students begin the life-long process of finding meaning in their lives. The program encourages all incoming first-year students to read a common text and discuss it with a small group of fellow students, led by a faculty member and student leader, during New Student Orientation in August. *Peace like a River* by Leif Enger is the ninth book chosen for the program and was preceded by *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok (2002), *A Hope in the Unseen* by Ron Suskind (2003), *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott (2004), *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines (2005), *Hunger* by Lan Samantha Chang (2006), *Bombingham* by Anthony Grooms (2007), *Run* by Ann Patchett (2008), and *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi (2009).

## **NORMAN H. OTT MEMORIAL WRITING CENTER**

The writing center offers one-to-one tutoring to all Marquette students, staff, and faculty on all kinds of writing projects, from first-year English papers to graduate theses, from history papers to personal statements for law school. The center is staffed with mix of graduate students who usually teach a section of ENGL 1001 or 1002, and undergraduate peer tutors.

## **EXPLORE THE MAJORS FAIR**

The Klingler College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center sponsors the annual “Explore the Majors” Fair to encourage freshmen and sophomores who are undecided about their areas of study to explore the many majors and minors in the College. The fair provides an excellent opportunity for students to discuss majors and minors with faculty representatives, upperclassmen, and alumni from every major area in the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences.

## **ACADEMIC SUCCESS WORKSHOPS**

The Klingler College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center sponsors a series of workshops to help first-year students achieve academic success. These workshops are offered every semester, and focus on such topics as: Stress Management, Major Exploration, Study Skills, Test Taking Techniques, and Time Management.