

STUDENT SUCCESS

A Covenant for Learning

The Covenant for Learning is an educational pact between Northwest and its students designed to promote the highest levels of student learning by encouraging better planning and personal responsibility. It describes the historical commitment to teaching excellence of Northwest's faculty while defining a mutual commitment to student success shared by students, faculty, administrators, and all levels of staff. It both reflects and seeks to sustain the unique Northwest culture, one in which we recognize that student learning and personal development are promoted by close, caring relationships among all members of the University community.



The Classroom

At Northwest, we value a classroom experience in which students deepen comprehension of subject matter and strengthen their ability to apply what they are learning. The Northwest faculty continually strive to enhance learning in the classroom, an environment in which faculty and students respect one another, act with integrity, and embrace diversity. While faculty are committed to providing effective and focused instruction, students must develop and sustain a sincere and enthusiastic desire to learn.

Studying and Class Preparation

Northwest faculty design courses so much of student learning takes place outside the classroom. Classes focus on important concepts and help students to apply, assess, and extend what they have learned. The more time and energy students invest in

studying and preparation for classes, the more they gain. Students need to take an active role in assessing their needs for academic assistance and to seek help when necessary.



Support for Learning

A clearly defined and communicated curriculum, as well as knowledgeable and interested advisors, help students assume responsibility for their own learning and academic program. We believe in a partnership between faculty, administrators, staff, and students that leads to student success. At Northwest, the full-time undergraduate experience requires a full-time commitment.



Student Development Experience

Northwest provides a well-rounded, quality living and learning experience. Student development, which includes residential experiences, campus activities, community service, student organizations, student employment, and leadership opportunities, helps prepare students for full and effective participation in a diverse and changing society. Further, these activities provide students with increased self-understanding, meaningful social interaction, creative self-expression and personal development.

Living/Learning Environment

As members of the Northwest community, we believe in respecting the resources and physical environment of the campus in order to preserve its history, traditions, and landmarks. Furthermore, we all contribute to the preservation of a clean, safe, orderly, and attractive campus. Interactive communications, recreational opportunities and technological resources are vital components of the campus community.



MY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

As a student at Northwest, I take responsibility for the following commitments regarding my undergraduate experience:

(Student's personal statement)