

Supports and Services for Learning on Campus: PAWS



Structure

What is the overall course structure?

- PAWS is a two-year, four-semester program
- PAWS students do not take courses in the summer
- PAWS students take 12-15 credit hours per semester consisting of a combination of PAWS-specific courses and electives from the UM Course Catalog

Courses

What types of courses are required of PAWS students?

- PAWS program-specific courses include:
 - Seminars specific to PAWS students
 - A course about preparing for personal success
 - Courses related to developing safe and strong relationships
 - Courses to engage in career exploration

Unrequired Courses

What other courses from the university catalog can PAWS students take?

- PAWS students take at least one UM course per semester
- After the first semester, students continue to enroll in at least one UM course but can elect to enroll in up to two UM courses if they would like
- Students take UM courses for credit; however, discussions about possibly auditing the course will occur on an as-needed basis

Certificates

What type of credential, certificate, or degree do students earn upon completing the program?

- Students earn a certificate of completion after completing the 2-year program

Support

What supports do PAWS students receive related to their academic coursework?

- PAWS students engage in daily check-ins each morning via Zoom
- Check-ins are related to:
 - Students' daily schedule
 - Changes in the daily schedule
 - Upcoming events
 - Last-minute preparations
- PAWS students engage in study halls and have access to peer coaching
- Mizzou Career Center is available to all UM students
 - Offers drop-in hours, workshops, full- or part-time job listings

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