

Introduction to College Studies:

A Student Success Manual

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Preface

Welcome to Olivet. You are beginning the Introduction to College Studies course that is designed to introduce freshmen to the ethos of Olivet Nazarene University and to the collective expectations that administrators, faculty, and staff have for students' success. Olivet Nazarene University ascribes to a holistic approach to higher education that helps students reach their fullest potential. Introduction to College Studies: A Student Success Manual contains chapters that define for you the University's commitment to "Education With a Christian Purpose." The authors of each chapter have addressed one of the key principles that constitute the University's mission. Reading these chapters will help you understand the University's position with respect to our heritage, liberal arts education, personal development, career and professional readiness, scholarship, lives of service, and contribution to the Christian environment.

The Olivet Nazarene University Mission Statement

Olivet Nazarene University, a denominational university in the Wesleyan tradition, exists to provide a university level liberal arts "Education With a Christian Purpose." Our mission is to provide high quality academic instruction for the purpose of personal development, career and professional readiness, and the preparation of individuals for lives of service to God and humanity. "We seek the strongest scholarship and the deepest piety, knowing that they are thoroughly compatible [and] . . . a Christian environment . . . where not only knowledge but character is sought."

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Dedication

This text is dedicated to the women and men: administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and parents who over the years have given so much to preserve the distinctive mission of Olivet Nazarene University and to secure the legacy of Education With a Christian Purpose for future generations of students.

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