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10 Things Potential Mentees Should Know

1. **How are Mentees selected?** Mentees are selected based on the thoroughness of their application. We use the application to closely find a suitable Peer and Faculty/Staff Mentor who will be able to assist and support the Mentee's transition to UM, so complete answers that give us a comprehensive picture of the Mentee are very helpful. We also are limited to the number of spots we have in each academic discipline, but do our best to provide as many mentoring opportunities for incoming students as possible.
2. **How are groups matched?** The Mentorship staff assigns Mentees to their Faculty/Staff and Peer Mentor according to similarities in academic interest, extracurricular activities, and career goals. As stated above, we utilize prospective Mentee applications to determine group assignments. Considering the popularity of the program, we cannot always guarantee that a Mentee will be placed with Mentors who have identical interests in all three fields.
3. **What are my responsibilities as a Mentee?** Mentees are expected to remain active for the entire fall semester. We realize that students have multiple interests and responsibilities, which is why Mentorship is designed to supplement the student experience and not compete with other obligations. Mentees are expected to actively engage in group activities and be responsive to their group members' communications. Please view the Mentee Contract for more information.
4. **Does the University Mentorship Program include a tutoring service?** Mentorship does not have a tutoring program. However, Peer and Faculty/Staff Mentors are great resources who can help you discover the myriad academic resources provided by the University of Michigan. They can also give tips on how to succeed in classes and make a smooth transition from high school to college courses.
5. **Am I limited to only interacting with people in my Mentorship group?** Mentorship is designed to help you expand your network with and beyond your assigned group. We sponsor large activities and encourage all participants to attend. These program-wide events provide you with a chance to meet other Mentees, Peers and Faculty/Staff Mentors. Consider your Mentorship group as a "home base" with a direct connection to over 400 other people at UM!
6. **What kinds of activities does the Mentorship program sponsor?** The great thing about Mentorship is that we design programs around YOUR interests! Every month you can count on us to provide a wide array of activities, from recreation-based to visual and performing arts activities. You'll get the scoop about both Mentorship and UM sponsored activities through our weekly E-News and monthly newsletter.
7. **I plan on being active in other organizations while managing my college course load for the first time. Will I have time for Mentorship?** You'll find Mentorship to be a very flexible and fluid program. We are first and foremost a resource for all participants. Each Mentorship group creates their own "groundrules" for participation, whether it is scheduling biweekly coffee dates or attending a monthly performance series. Program-wide events will be planned to connect you with other students, faculty and staff outside of your group as well as to expose you to the wonderful opportunities on UM's campus!



8. I hear that getting into Mentorship is competitive for students from smaller academic programs (Engineering, Kinesiology, Nursing, etc.). Is this true? Due to the limited number of Peer Mentors representing Engineering, Kinesiology, Nursing, Music, etc., it is more competitive for Mentees looking specifically for Peer Mentors in those areas. However, the College of Engineering and Division of Kinesiology provides a number of mentoring programs for their students. For more information visit the websites below:

College of Engineering: <http://www.engin.umich.edu/students/mentoring/>
Kinesiology: <http://www.kines.umich.edu/prospective/ugrad/mentorform.html>

9. How does the University Mentorship Program differentiate from other mentorship opportunities on campus? Mentorship is designed to assist you with your overall transition to campus. By connecting you with a Peer and Faculty/Staff Mentor, our goal is to provide you with an immediate support network. Participation is not based on housing, specific classes or meetings. Many students take advantage of Mentorship in addition to other learning communities and programs. We encourage you to make a personal decision based on your individual needs when applying to the University Mentorship Program.

10. How is Mentorship related to the Office of New Student Programs? The University Mentorship Program is a program housed in the Office of New Student Programs, and coordinates with other branches of the ONSP office to provide services to UM students. Other initiatives housed in ONSP include Student/Parent/Transfer/International Orientation, Welcome to Michigan, Parents Weekend, UM Educational Theatre Company and Arts at Michigan.