1st Year Mandatory Advising Program

The University of Utah and the Medical Laboratory Science program are committed to student success and degree completion. We encourage students to meet with their advisors multiple times throughout their college life.

The 1st year Mandatory Advising Program (MAP) opened on September 28th. This required meeting will help students to continue to navigate through their major and ensure they are informed about upcoming opportunities. The 1st year MAP milestone advising appointment benefits students by allowing them to get early registration for April 2021 classes!

To schedule a 1st year MAP appointment, students should use the following link on our website.

Students in the Honors College are required to meet with their major advisor OR major exploration advisor AND honors advisor. Students who are pursuing pre-medical, pre-dental, or other pre-professional programs should also meet with their respective pre-professional advisor.

U Matter!

The University of Utah has facilitated a website dedicated to all safety-related information, reporting and support resources, training and more. We encourage all students to visit the website.

We would like to also share the website for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion team.

If you need help, make sure you reach out and speak up. This is a very unprecedented year and we must help each other. The University Counseling Center is another great resource for students seeking guidance or help.

Featured Faculty - Omar Munoz

We are very honored to feature Assistant Professor Omar Munoz. Omar was born in Mexico City. He and his wife Michelle have two children, a 20-year-old daughter, and a 13-year-old son. He has two brothers and two sisters; he is the oldest. Most of his family still lives in Mexico.

He moved to the United States to study architecture, but got a job in the laboratory which he fell in love with. He had several mentors in the laboratory, which lead him to Salt Lake Community College to earn an associate’s degree in Medical Laboratory Technology. He then pursued his bachelor’s degree and later a master’s degree in Medical Laboratory Science and Biomedical Science.

He is an assistant professor in the Medical Laboratory Science Program at the University of Utah. He enjoys teaching Hematology and Hemostasis. He believes Hemostasis is “a very artistic and beautiful science that is possible to see with your own eyes.”

“Growing up, I played many sports, if you can think of a sport, I most likely played it. Now, I spend time coaching my kid’s little league teams.”

“Our program is very fortunate to have Professor Munoz. He is full of ideas and is constantly looking for ways to improve his courses or better our program. He is a great colleague and is always willing to help other faculty members when they need him.” - Lacey Murphy

Omar, we are honored to have you as part of the MLS family!

Virtual Panel

The MLS Division will host the last virtual panel of the year, called “Pathways to Clinical Research.” Interested in learning about the clinical research? Have questions about what it entails? Wondering what path to follow after graduation?

If you would like to learn more about clinical research, stay tuned for additional details.
Financial Aid Opportunities

The new 2021-22 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don’t delay! Many other scholarships and financial aid opportunities require submission of FAFSA. To begin your application go here.

Applications for FA Davis Scholarship Program are now available. The deadline for submissions is October 12, 2020. If you have any questions, contact scholarship@fadavis.com. FA Davis has 3 awards of $1000 each. Pre-MLS students are also able to apply, contact the MLS Advising email for an enrollment verification letter.

Junior and senior Medical Laboratory Science students are eligible for a $2000 scholarship through The American Proficiency Institute. Deadline for application submission is November 9th. To begin your application go here.

Webinar Sessions

For our last two webinar sessions of the year we have prepared great material! October’s webinar session will be featuring our Pre-MLS Academic Advisor, Lauren Bustamante. Lauren will talk about “The Importance of Laboratory Professionals in Health Care: Mapping Your Way Through The Medical Laboratory Science Program.”

In November, our feature speaker is Adjunct Professor Karen Brown presenting “The Importance of Laboratory Professional in Health Care: The CCs of MLS: Career Chances and Certification Caveats.”

Make sure you sign up!