

PLAN4WARD: Fostering Initiative, Intentionality and Integration

Berry College Quality Enhancement Plan

The historic mission of Berry College has emphasized an integrated education of the “head, heart and hands” that prepares students and alumni for lives of service to others. The college is committed to facilitating this integration through the Quality Enhancement Plan.

To this end, first-year students will, in conjunction with advisors and mentors, develop and implement a plan to evaluate their own interests and strengths, identify meaningful and ambitious goals, and acquire skills and experiences that relate to their goals. Students will be encouraged thoughtfully to select, from among the wide variety of opportunities offered in Berry’s liberal arts education, experiences such as study abroad, applied projects, internships, faculty-collaborative research, service, leadership and on-campus work positions that will best help advance their education. The student’s individual plan will then be used as a basis for continued learning and experimentation as students work with advisors in subsequent terms. Students will use the plan to prepare intentionally for each term’s advising sessions, selecting courses and learning opportunities that will support their aspirations and goals. The senior-year experience will also be strengthened. Along with enriching the opportunities for seniors to interact with faculty, administrators and alumni, the college will establish a required senior retreat that will challenge students to express creatively and meaningfully what they have learned and accomplished at Berry and how they have integrated their educational experience.

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