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Office Hours: You are free to drop in anytime that I have office hours. Priority will be given to those who have signed up on the office hour sheet posted on my door.

### Description

Academic Planning (APL) 202 completes the advising and planning begun in your first year, and is the third in a three course sequence in which you explore your interests and design a program of study and co-curricular activities that meets your academic, professional, and life goals.

### Grading

APL 202 is graded on a credit/no credit basis. To receive credit, you must complete two written assignments and meet with me individually at least twice during the semester, once early in the semester and once again shortly before registration for the fall semester begins.

### Assignments

| <u>Due Date</u> | <u>Assignment</u> |
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| Friday, Mar. 27 | <b>Assignment One</b> (described below) is due in my office mailbox by 5pm. |
| Friday, Apr. 24 | <b>Assignment Two</b> (described below) is due in my office mailbox by 5pm. |

#### Assignment One — What you observe

Attend a lecture, performance, panel, or other event at Allegheny College. In a 1000-word essay, explain how the skills, knowledge, creativity, or experiences that you have had in courses so far are reflected in the event that you have chosen to attend. For example, if you are listening to a speaker on an environmental topic, reflect on how a particular course that you have taken is corroborated or reflected by what you have heard. You may also reflect on important skills related to the event you attend. For example, perhaps a speaking course has given you an insight into the success or shortcomings of the event you attend.

#### Assignment Two — Two years later

Write a letter to your high school advisor, an influential teacher, an employer, or anyone else who was instrumental to you in your high school days. In your letter, explain how your high school education prepared you for your major, and, if appropriate, how your high school might have prepared you better. Explain also how your potential academic path compares to what you had thought it would be when you were in high school. Bring in two copies of the letter. Place one signed copy of the letter into an addressed envelope (I can provide one); I'll provide the stamp and mail the letter.