

## /Health & Wellness

Student Development will collaborate with community services, the Student Counseling Center, advisors, faculty, and other campus resources to ensure you are supported throughout your time at MICA.

If you are struggling with mental health concerns, sexual or domestic violence, gender identity, or other concerns please contact SD. We are happy to speak with you, connect you with additional support, and make appropriate referrals.

It is to your benefit to speak with the Student Development early in the semester, or as soon as possible after a concern arises. Even if you are not sure whether or not SD can help you with your concern, you are welcome to reach out for guidance. Early intervention can often provide students with more options than waiting until a crisis situation has occurred.

## /FAQ'S

**Can you help me with excused absences?** We can work together to communicate with your faculty if you have absences from class due to health concerns or significant extenuating circumstances, but it is the decision of faculty whether the absence is excused. Documentation may be required.

**Can you help me medically withdraw from a class?** Yes, with documentation from a medical professional.

**I'm struggling, how can you help?** SD will meet with you to discuss your concerns, help you work through your problems and connect you with the appropriate resources.

**How can I remove my meal plan due to medical concerns?** We can work with dining services to explore alternative options for meals before taking you off the meal plan.

**I'm coming back to campus after an extended absence:** SD can help with your transition back to campus to make sure you have the proper support and resources.

**Is this the office of accommodations?** All academic & housing accommodations are processed through Accessibility and Disability Services (ADS)

**What is a mandated reporter?** Any individual with a legal obligation due to their position, such as ADSD & CSD, to report sexual violence and abuse.

## Welcome to /Student Development!

### A Guide for students

#### /What can SD help with?

- ❖ Coordination with faculty regarding the potential for extensions, incompletes, or other arrangements that may assist students with successful completion of course requirements.
- ❖ Communication with faculty if class attendance is affected by familial, personal health, or financial problems.
- ❖ Leave of absences or medical withdrawal if appropriate from one or more classes.
- ❖ Assistance with transitioning back to campus after leave of Absence
- ❖ Individualized problem solving that may include referrals to on campus and off campus resources.

**Office of Student Affairs**  
Location: Bunting 260  
Phone: 410.225.2422

## **/Absences, Withdraws, & Incompletes**

If you are struggling with personal, medical, or financial problems that are impacting your class attendance, SD can work with you to communicate with your faculty. While faculty make the determination as to whether or not to excuse an absence, SD can provide support and guidance in the process.

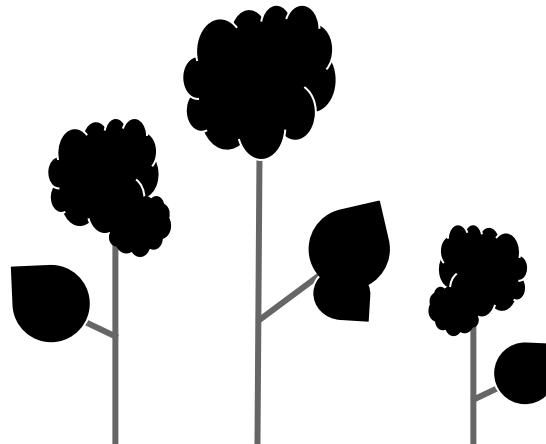
At times, there may be medical concerns that make it necessary for a student to withdraw from one or more of their classes. With documentation from a medical professional, SD can work with the student and Academic Advising to withdraw from course(s) being impacted by the student's health concerns.

In the event that it is necessary for you to step away from MICA for a semester due to medical or personal issues, then the ADSD can discuss with you the process of requesting a Leave of Absence. The ADSD will explore all possible options with you, and outline the impact of taking a leave, and the requirements for returning to MICA.

## **/Privacy**

The Student Development team are not a confidential resource like a therapist or doctor. However, SD will maintain student privacy, regarding personal information when speaking with faculty or other members of staff, unless it is necessary for collaborative support, there is a concern for the safety of the student or other individuals, or a report of sexual violence or abuse.

When in doubt, communicate with your faculty! By keeping MICA informed, we can work as a team to provide the help & guidance you need!



## **/Student Affairs Resources**

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### **/Other campus resources**

Public safety: 443.423.3333  
Student counseling: 410.225.2367 /1501 W. Mt  
Royal, Lower level  
Accessibility & Disability services (ADS):  
410.225.2416 /Bunting 110  
(OCI) office of culture & identity:  
443.552.1659 /1201 W Mount Royal Avenue  
2nd Floor Academic advising: 410.225.2315/  
Bunting 2nd floor Student Accounts:  
410.225.2356/Bunting 240 Residence life:  
410.225.2398/Founders Green Health services:  
410.225.4118/1501 W. Mt Royal, Upper level