Student Success at UT
Our Mission

We help each scholar maximize their individual strengths and understand how their strengths contribute to their academic dreams, career paths, and personal well-being.
Student Success Strategic Goals

Enhance academic support infrastructure

Reimagine curricular and co-curricular efforts to elevate transformational, active learning

Create an environment that encourages healthy wellbeing

Strengths-based approach
Student Success
Signature Programs
Scholar’s Vol Success Team

Academic Advisor

Academic Coach

Scholar

One Stop Counselor
Vol Success Teams

Our scholars’ feedback indicates those who engaged with their Vol Success Teams reported:

- Lower stress
- Increased sense of belongingness
- Increased academic success perception
New V.O.L Experience

Virtual Advising

Online Pre-Orientation

Extended Welcome Week Period – “Big Orange Welcome”
New V.O.L Experience
Pre-Orientation

5,009 scholars completed pre-orientation, including 1,027 first-generation scholars

- More comfortable with decision to attend UT
  - 98% after program

- More aware of services UT provides
  - 99% after program

- Better equipped to attend UT
  - 98% after program

- Pre-Orientation was great first step in college experience
  - 98% after program
Let’s Talk: Vol to Vol

184 small-group sessions of 2500 first-year scholars discussing diversity & inclusion

Feel a part of a respectful community
84% before program  →  91% after program

Feel heard and understood
72% before program  →  87% after program

Feel comfortable expressing their ideas and perspectives
72% before program  →  83% after program
The Vol First-Year Experience (VFYE) focuses on ensuring first-year scholars (excluding transfers) have opportunities to:

- Engage with peers, faculty, and staff within their college while learning how to navigate college life at UT
- Attend a first-year seminar sponsored by their college and be co-enrolled in an academic course
Vol First-Year Experience

First-Year Scholars' Responses

Scholars participating in the Vol First-Year Experience feel closer to the UT community and believe they will excel at UT.

- 76% Feel they are part of the UT community
- 88% Believe they will excel academically at UT
The Path Forward

Six Weeks of Welcome

Strategic Direction of Vol Success Teams

UT LEAD – Enhanced Support for First-Gen Students

UT Brothers of the Academy
Student Success

Amber Williams
Vice Provost for Student Success

vpss@utk.edu
studentsuccess.utk.edu
Thank You