

Dropout Detective FAQ

1. What is Dropout Detective?

Dropout Detective is a student retention and success s12.5 (i)-h cTi.1 .q9t()[7t01 .q9tl ret

2. What information will faculty be able to in Dropout Detective?

In each for their individual course Canvas, faculty will have the option of clicking on Dropout

7. If faculty members choose to utilize Dropout Detective, how often should they review Dropout Detective in their course(s)?

Dropout Detective will automatically update on a nightly basis and faculty may review Dropout Detective as often as they like. It is recommended that faculty review Dropout Detective for their course(s) on a quarterly basis at a minimum. For a 4-week class, that would be every four weeks. For an 8-week class, that would be every two weeks.

8. What are best practices for intervening with students at-risk?

Most faculty already have a system for reaching out to students who are at risk of dropping out or failing their course(s). This may be through an email, a chat after class, or a scheduled face-to-face or online appointment. All of these methods are appropriate and serve the purpose of trying to connect students with the resources they need to achieve academic success.

9. What are the resources available to students on campus?

While the list below is by no means exhaustive, it does provide an overview of some of the most commonly utilized student resources on campus. All resources listed below are available face-to-face or online. For more information about resources that support student success, please reach out to the University Success Center at success@una.edu or (256) 765-4722.

[Disability Support Services](#) Provides assistance with the provision of accommodations for students diagnosed with learning, physical, and/or psychological disabilities.

[Educational Technology Services](#) Provides assistance with educational technology tools, including UNA's learning management system, Canvas.

[Information Technology Services](#) Provides assistance with technology solutions, including issues with email and student login.

[Mitch West Center for Social Inclusion](#) Provides assistance with education, research, and community.

[University Career Center](#) Provides assistance with career advising and professional development, including r0sum0 development and mock interviews.

[University Case Management](#) Provides assistance to students experiencing difficult situations (e.g., illness or injury) through advocacy, resources and referrals, ~~and referrals~~

[University Success Center](#) Provides academic support services designed to empower students to achieve their highest academic potential.

[Academic Tutoring Services](#) Provides assistance with peer tutoring, ~~most 100 and 200 level general education courses~~

[Center for Writing Excellence](#) Provides assistance with writing assignments across the curriculum, undergraduate and graduate.

[Mathematics Learning Center](#) Provides assistance with most 100 and 200 level general education mathematics courses.

[Testing Services](#) Provides assistance with academic testing, including ACT, SAT, GRE, MAT, and PRAXIS.

[University Advising Services](#) Provides assistance with advising for majors and other academic counseling services.

10. Will faculty have access to their advisees in Dropout Detective?

Faculty who also serve as advisors will not have access to their advisees in Dropout Detective this time.

11. How will Dropout Detective be utilized at UNA larger scale

In January, UNA is holding a ~~day~~ Rapid Improvement Event (January 19 & 21) that will focus on our current processes for students. One of the goals of the event is to determine how to most effectively utilize Dropout Detective at UNA to identify students and provide early intervention. A diverse group of community stakeholders will participate in the event, including faculty members, professional advisors, and the Associate Deans from all four academic colleges. Please reach out to your respective Associate Deans if you have any questions or concerns that you would like the group to discuss during the event.

12. There are two Dropout Detective Instructor Trainings in January. Do faculty need to attend both trainings?

Both trainings will cover the same information. They are just being held at two different times to try and accommodate as many faculty as possible. A recorded training will be posted in Canvas for those who are unable to attend either of the live trainings. Faculty may also

select into a Canvas course that provides an overview of Dropout Detective by visiting the following the link: <https://una.instructure.com/enroll/TT99ML>

13. Are faculty required to attend a Dropout Detective training?

No, faculty will not be required to attend the training. However, faculty are strongly encouraged to attend.