SSI Goal Constructs

The purpose of the Student Success Initiate is to create a welcoming and affirming environment for each student in order to foster retention and graduation. The primary goals of Galveston SSI include outcomes of:

Community formation & belonging

One of the essential elements of social engagement quality is the level of social or cultural connectedness a student receives from these social interactions. This connection is often characterized as a student's sense of belonging. Generally, sense of belonging is defined as a student's ability to authentically participate in academic and social activities resulting in positive associations with social circles and other groups within and beyond the university community.

Increased awareness of campus resources

As a student enters the university, they must build skills to navigate a new environment and begin to advocate for themselves to gain the resources they need to be successful. The first step in that process is to more fully understand the resources available which might include areas such as: academic advising, academic success services and support, career services, 1973 Center, writing support services, student activities, health care, recreation programs, financial aid, etc.

Develop skills to achieve personal & academic goals

Along with awareness of resources, a student must begin to implement learning behaviors and activities that promote academic achievement. Direct skills might include areas such as developing a study plan, notetaking, time management, using library resources, reading complex text, taking exams, meeting with faculty, dealing with anxiety, increasing focus, and asking for support. This construct also includes academic integrity issues and practices.

Contribute to a diverse & inclusive environment

Students will reflect on aspects of their own identity and diversity; discuss how others may experience campus differently; explore the meaning of equity, diversity and inclusion; and learn about resources that can support and assist them through their own growth and development in this area. This construct is directly related to students' success in the university and the workplace. Furthermore, this area supports our core values of respect and loyalty.

Build major commitment & define marketable skills

As a special purpose institution dedicated to the Blue Economy (broad marine and maritime industries), it is important for students to understand the depth and breadth of their particular major, explore opportunities, participate in experiential learning, and engage in high impact experiences. This area supports the students life goals and strengthens the commitment to the degree.

Student Success Initiative: Goals

Programs / Initiatives	SSI Goals					Additional Alignments	
	Community formation & belonging	Increased awareness of campus resources	Develop skills to achieve personal & academic goals	Contribute to a diverse & inclusive environment	Build major commitment & define marketable skills	QEP	Strategic Plan
1973 Center	●	●	●	●		●	ID, SE
Advising Council Community	●	●	●	●	●	●	AL, EN, SE
Collaborative for Teaching Innovation	●		●	●	●		AL, EN, ID, SE
Common Reader Program	●		●	●			AL, ID
Constitution Day Initiatives	●			●			AL, EP
Course Support & Guided Group Study	●	●	●		●		AL, EN, SE
Early Alert		●	●				AL, SE
F1RST Program	●	●	●	●		●	ID, SE
Gateway Program	●	●	●				SE
Honors Program	●		●		●		AL
Howdy Week	●	●	●	●	●	●	EN, ID
Hullabaloo U	●	●	●	●	●	●	EN, ID, SE
Journey	●	●	●		●	●	EN, ID, EP, SE
Living Learning Communities	●	●	●	●		●	EN, ID
New Student Conferences	●	●			●		EN
Pathways Program / Coaching	●	●	●				SE
Regent's Scholars	●	●	●	●		●	EN, ID, SE
Texas A&M Maritime Academy	●	●	●	●	●		NS, AL, SE
The Studio		●	●		●		AL, EN, SE
Transfer Student Initiatives (HU, Tiki Camp, CC Pathways, etc)	●	●	●	●	●		ID, SE
Undergraduate Research Scholars	●	●	●	●	●		AL, EP
Writing Lab		●	●		●		AL, EN, SE

NS = Integrate the New Ship, **AL** = Elevate our Prominence as Academic Leaders in the Blue Economy, **EN** = Grow and Strengthen Engineering at Galveston, **ID** = Develop Structures to Sustain IDEA Work, **EP** = Extend and Enhance External Partnerships, **SE** = Implement a Strategic Enrollment Management Process