Traveling the Hero’s Journey with our Exploratory Students

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Agenda

- Background Context
- Advisor Training and Development
- Review the Hero’s Journey (Campbell)
- Use in media and pop culture
- Review Narrative Theory (Hagen)
- How to incorporate into advising
In the heart of
Honolulu

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Education at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa strengthens you from the inside out, starting with core requirements that provide a solid foundation for the rest of your life. We help you develop critical thinking skills, guided by social values from the perspective of our Asia-Pacific region and host-culture.

WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO, WE CAN HELP YOU GET THERE.

FOUNDERATION
These are your basics: written communication, symbolic reasoning, and global and multicultural perspectives.

FOCUS
Focus requirements are designed to give you the additional skills and knowledge in two and well-defined concentrations.

DIVERSIFICATION
These courses broaden your mind by exposing you to the arts, humanities, and literature, as well as the social and physical sciences.

HUMANIAN OR ANOTHER LANGUAGE
At the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, students have the opportunity to gain skills in a language up to the 202 level.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CORE REQUIREMENTS, VISIT www.catalog.hawaii.edu/corerequirements
Student Characteristics

- 64.3% Hawai‘i (in-state)
- 29.7% Out-of-State & U.S. National
- 6.0% International
- 140 Countries & Regions Represented

- 60% Top 25% in H.S.
- 61.8% Female
- 3.64 Avg. H.S. GPA
- 1169 Avg. SAT Scores (1051 National Avg., Math/Reading/Writing)
- 18,025 Total Fall 2020 Enrollment (13,203 Undergraduate, 4,822 Graduate, 352 Law, 441 Medicine)
Mānoa Advising Center – Exploratory Program

Academic Advising for Exploratory (Undeclared) students.

https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/mac/

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How does this tie in to Advisor Training and Development?
NACADA Pillars of Academic Advising
Articulate a personal philosophy of academic advising.

Create rapport and build academic advising relationships.

Communicate in an inclusive and respectful manner.

Plan and conduct successful advising interactions.

Promote student understanding of the logic and purpose of the curriculum.

Facilitate problem solving, decision-making, meaning-making, planning, and goal setting.

Engage in on-going assessment and development of the advising practice.
Opening Activity

- What was the most difficult course you took while an undergraduate student?
  - What strategies did you use to overcome the challenge?
  - Did you drop the course?
What is the Hero’s Journey?
My feeling is that mythic forms reveal themselves gradually in the course of your life if you know what they are and how to pay attention to their emergence. [...] I have recognized in my quest all the stages of the hero’s journey. I had my calls to adventure, my guides, demons, and illuminations.

(Campbell, p. 37)
Use in Pop Culture

▷ Primary structure for most film and narratives
  ○ Buffy Summers (Buffy the Vampire Slayer)
  ○ Diana Prince (Wonder Woman)
  ○ Frodo Baggins (Lord of the Rings)
  ○ Harry Potter (Harry Potter)
  ○ Katniss Everdeen (Hunger Games)
  ○ Luke Skywalker (Star Wars)
  ○ Neo/Thomas Anderson (The Matrix)
  ○ Simba (The Lion King)
  ○ WALL-E (WALL-E)

Visual Chart: [http://go.hawaii.edu/pkP](http://go.hawaii.edu/pkP)
Harry Potter lives in the cupboard under the stairs at 4 Privet Drive.
Luke Skywalker lives on moisture farm on Tatooine.
Thomas Anderson lives a double life as a regular citizen and as Neo, a hacker.
Peter Parker is a nerdy student who is bullied by his classmates.
Simba is heir to the throne in the Pride Lands.
Frodo lives comfortably in the Shire and visits Bilbo.

ORDINARY WORLD
THE CALL TO ADVENTURE

Gandalf tells Frodo that he must destroy the One Ring.
Scar kills Mufasa and tells Simba to leave the Pride Lands.
A genetically engineered spider bites Peter and wakes up with powers.
Neo receives cryptic messages referencing "The Matrix."
R2-D2 gives Luke a message from Princess Leia, asking Obi-Wan Kenobi to help her.
Harry receives a letter to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.
How does Academic Advising Tie in?

▷ Departure:
  ○ Student leaves home to attend university

▷ Initiation:
  ○ Student is at university
  ○ Student earns their degree

▷ Return
  ○ Student leaves university and returns home or to the world of work
Narrative Theory in Academic Advising

- Awareness of the power of story
- Awareness of the need to adopt a stance of reverence toward story
- Awareness of the importance of the quest for meaning
- Awareness of the need to remain skeptical of being dominated by method
Advising is ultimately a narrative act, one during which the next chapter in the student’s life is being written (Hagen, p. 57)
How can you use this with students?
Planned Happenstance

▷ Chance plays an important role in everyone’s career. No one can predict the future with any accuracy

▷ Planned happenstance theory includes two concepts:
  ○ Exploration generates chance opportunities for increasing quality of life
  ○ Skills enable people to seize opportunities
Takeaways/Planning Worksheets

- Included handout include the storyboarding template and the sample
- Take 30 seconds to consider and write or sketch out your own Hero’s Journey toward degree completion
  - What challenges/obstacles did you face?
  - In what ways might your story align with those of your students?
- Framing the student experience as an ongoing process, lead by the student
What questions do you have?

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