

## Postcard:

Alternatives for Individual Development Program at Worcester State University

### History

For the last 50 years, the Office of Multicultural Affairs mission has been to increase access and academic success for first generation, low income, and/or ALANA/BIPOC\* students. The office proudly hosts successful programs such as the Alternatives for Individual Development, the Upward Bound Academy; a pre-college pipeline program, the Multicultural Programming Committee, and Third World Alliance; a student organization committed to promoting pluralism on campus and within the Worcester community.

\*ALANA (AFRICAN-AMERICAN, LATINE/X, ASIAN, AND NATIVE AMERICAN)

BIPOC (BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR)

### Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the program you must be:

- Meet minimal admissions requirements
- Include two/three letters of recommendations
- SELECT "YES" TO QUESTION under Enrollment Preference ON THE WORCESTER STATE APPLICATION that reads: *"Would you like to be considered for the Alternatives Individual Development Program."*

**Space is limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.**

### Alternatives for Individual Development Program (A.I.D.)

The Alternatives for Individual Development Program (A.I.D.) is an educational assistance program for students who may require support services in order to succeed in college. Included in this category are students who identify as first generation, economically diverse, and/or ALANA/BIPOC.

### Summer Program

Participation begins with an intensive six-week Summer Academy (June/July) in preparation for Fall enrollment. Courses and Workshops covered over the summer include International & Comparative Education, English, Math and Verbal skills. Students have an opportunity to gain 3-12 college credits during the summer program to count towards their graduation requirements.

### Additional Services:

Financial Aid Advising

College Academic Adjustment

Cultural Enrichment

Academic Advising

Career Counseling

Personal & Social Development

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