SOAR
NETWORK
ASHLAND UNIVERSITY

Getting Started
Student Guide

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Welcome to the SOAR Network

The SOAR Network, a Starfish Solution,© provides you with a central location to connect to the people and services that can help you finish what you start – all accessible from the side navigation menu of your SOAR **Home** page.

Log in to your SOAR Network Home page:
Use your full AU email address and password to log in

https://ashland.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops

The navigation menu ☰ includes access to a customizable profile and personalized channels that make it easy to schedule the dedicated time you need with your instructors, advisors, or counselors. Starfish can also help you manage the steps you need to take to stay on track and meet your goals.

## Three Great Ways to Get Started:

1 **Set up your profile**

Make it easier for your instructors and advisors to get to know you and stay in contact.

2 **Connect to people and services that can help you**

Use your personalized **My Success Network** and **Courses** channels for quick access to contact information, appointment scheduling, and course help.

3 **Stay on track**

Use the **Upcoming** tab to keep track of upcoming appointments, and your personalized **Dashboard** to see assignments, plans, and recommendations from your instructors.
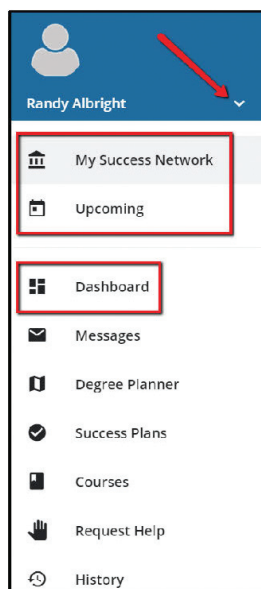
Not Sure What You Need?

Use the **Request Help** option if you can't find what you're looking for through your personalized channels.

Set Up Your Profile

Begin by setting up your student profile. Your profile lets instructors and advisors know who you are and how to contact you. It also gives you control over how you wish to receive emails.

1 Open the navigation menu and click your name, and then Profile to open your profile.

From here, you can customize your profile by uploading a photo, setting appointment reminders, and adding a secondary email address for receiving SOAR Network emails (e.g. your mobile phone).

To have SOAR Network emails sent to your mobile phone (in addition to sending to your primary institutional email address):

- Enter the **email address** of your mobile phone in the **Alternate Email field.** This address will be a combination of your phone number plus carrier information. Click the more information icon (▢) for a list of common carriers and email address formats.

- Check the **Also send notifications to my alternate email address** radio button.

2 Once you have made your desired changes to your profile, click the **Submit** button to save your updates.

Connect to People and Services That Can Help You

The **My Success Network** and **Courses** channels display the people and services that are available to help you succeed. Here you can find key contact information as well as links to student service web sites and online appointment scheduling.

Messages

Select **Messages** to display messages sent to you in Starfish. Click on any message in the list to display the full contents of that message.
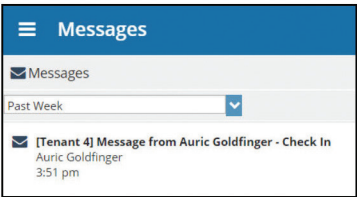
My Success Network

Select **My Success Network** from the navigation menu to display your personalized network. This channel lists the people and resources that are available to assist you. For each person or service listed, you will find contact information, supporting websites, and, if online scheduling is enabled, a link to Schedule Appointment. If a service includes a waiting room for drop-in appointments, you can click the "Waiting Room" link to find out how many students are currently in line.

The Services that are most relevant to you are displayed first. Select Show Other Services at the bottom of the page to see additional services.
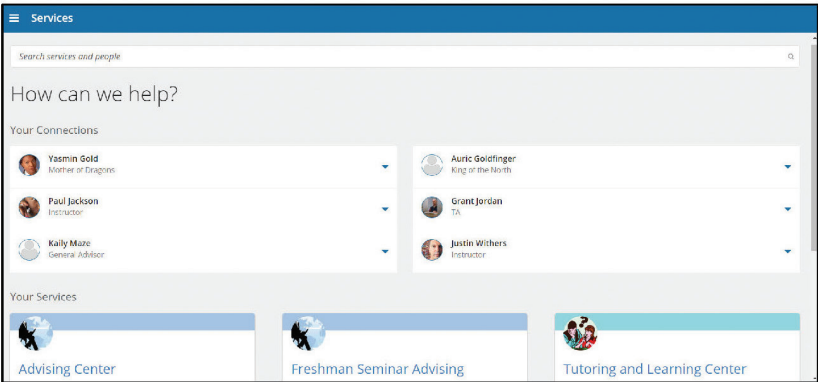
Courses

Select **Courses** from the side navigation menu to display information about courses you are enrolled in as well as contacts and available support related to each. Like the **My Success Network** channel, it is personalized to show the people and services specific to the courses you are taking, and gives you the ability to Schedule Appointment or **Request Help** related to a course.
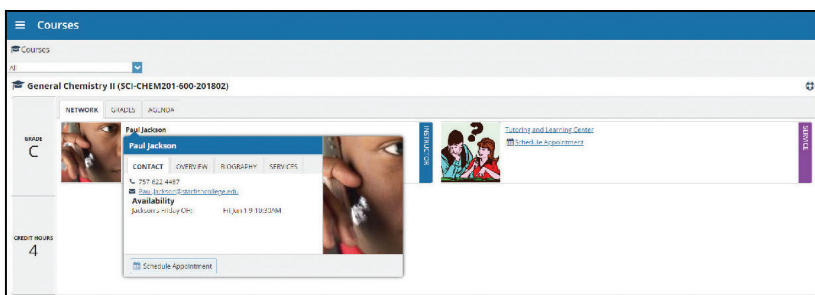
① Click the Help icon (⊗) link in the upper, right corner next to any of the courses in which you are currently enrolled.

② This will bring up the Request Help form. Select the **Type** of help needed from the drop down menu and give specific **Details** on how staff can assist you.

③ Click the **Submit** button to submit your request when you are finished.

Make an Appointment

① From the **My Success Network**, click the triangle beside the name of the person you want to schedule an appointment with, and then select **Schedule**.

For Services where appointments are available, select **Schedule** for the desired service.

Or, from the **Courses** channel, select **Schedule Appointment** below the contact information for the desired person or service.
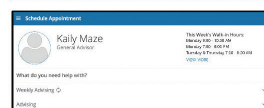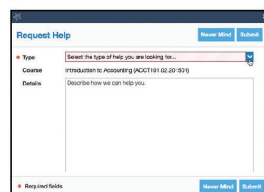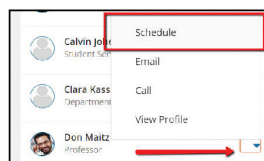
2 Select the type of appointment you want to schedule and choose a reason from the list.

Paul Jackson
Instructor

What do you need help with?

Teaching

○ Discuss grades | ○ Review exam or quiz

3 Adjust the date range as needed to find days and times that work for your schedule, and then select a time from the list.

What day and time works for you?

05/30/18 → 06/01/18

Friday, 05/01 | 6 available

May 2018

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

○ 09:00 - 09:15 am
My Office | 15m

○ 09:15 - 09:30 am
My Office | 15m

○ 09:30 - 09:45 am
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○ 09:45 - 10:00 am
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4 Complete your sign up by adjusting any details, such as duration or course, where applicable, and add a description for why you want to meet.

5 Click **Confirm** to finish scheduling the appointment. You will get an email with the appointment details and the appointment will be listed on the **Upcoming tab**.

Does this look correct?

Date and Time
Friday, June 01
09:45 – 10:00 am
Change duration

Location
My Office
Knock once and enter

Reason for Visit
Review exam or quiz Change

Course
Add a course

If you want, tell us a little bit about what's going on so we can help

BACK | CONFIRM

Change an Appointment

On the **Upcoming tab**, you can view scheduled appointments and make changes. Click on an appointment to make changes to it, such as changing the location or duration, when available. You can cancel the appointment by clicking the ellipsis (■ ■ ■) and selecting **Cancel appointment.**
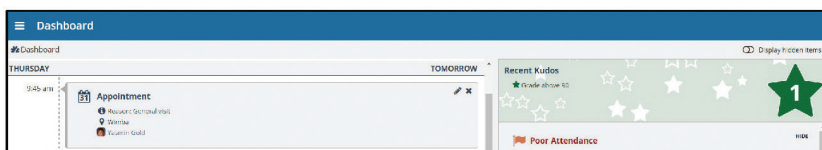
Stay on Track

Dashboard

Your **Dashboard** also displays upcoming appointments as well as date-based tasks on the left to help you plan your week. The right-hand column of your Dashboard highlights items that require your attention and may include alerts related to your class work, recommended referrals to campus support offices to help you succeed, and Kudos from your instructors.

Plans

The **Success Plans** channel will display any customized success plans created for you by your advisor. These plans contain specific tasks with due dates. Click the **View Details** button associated with a plan to display a printable version of the plan.

Not Sure What You Need?

Request Help

Select **Request Help** from the navigation menu to see information about where to go for assistance.

From here, you can select **Help Me** to submit a request for help. You will be asked to provide additional information such as the type of help you are requesting, the related course (if applicable), and a description.

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