



Academic Advising Beyond Your First Year

Upon successful completion of your first year, you'll move on to a faculty advisor within your major's department. Moving forward, you'll be working with your faculty advisor for more specific major/career mentoring. Your advising conversations will begin to evolve into more in depth conversations about potential career paths/graduate school exploration and how to maximize the rest of your undergraduate career.

Advising Meeting Preparation

Identify Your Advisor

- PAWS (Academic Progress Tile → Advisors)

Check for Holds

- Advising holds are typically added in October (for spring registration) and March (for fall registration).

Review your PAWS account for any holds (e.g., advising, financial). List each hold, and note the steps you need to take to resolve it.

Review Your Academic Progress

- Review your Academic Requirements Report in PAWS (or run a What-If Report if you're considering a new major), alongside your Major Check Sheet.

College Core Requirements

- Identify which College Core requirements you still need to complete (e.g., Social Justice, Multidisciplinary Perspectives).

Note: Some College Core requirements will already be satisfied with your major requirements!

Course Planning for Next Semester

- Utilize your Major Check Sheet and Suggested Four Year Sequence to identify the courses you plan to take next semester. Remember to take into account any required prerequisites.

Note: Students are generally limited to 4.5 units in the fall/spring semesters. If you are interested in requesting an overload, please reach out to your major's school/department. Typically speaking, students are required to have a minimum GPA and a minimum number of earned units. For more information, scan the QR code to the right, and search for the Undergraduate Student Academic Load policy!



Questions & Topics

Before your meeting, prepare **at least 3** questions or discussion topics such as:

- Clarification about major or College Core requirements
- Course sequencing, prerequisites, course recommendations, minors/double majors, and/or certificate programs
- Opportunities such as study abroad, internships, independent study/research, etc.
- Co-curricular engagement
- Career/graduate school exploration

Enrollment Appointment Preparation

Your ‘Enrollment Appointment’ will be assigned in early October (for the spring semester and summer session) and early March (for the fall semester and winter session). At that time, you’ll be able to view the course schedule on PAWS.

Know Your Enrollment Appointment: _____

- Log into PAWS and find your Enrollment Appointment date and time. Write it down above so you don’t miss your registration window.

Build Your Shopping Cart with your tentative courses

- Don’t forget to “Validate” your Shopping Cart! This checks for prerequisite issues and helps you avoid registration errors.

Meet with a Peer Academic Coach (PAC) located in the lobby of Roscoe West

- If you need help navigating PAWS or preparing for your advising appointment, consider meeting with a PAC. Scan the QR code to view the PACS’ drop-in hours!



Notes:

