

Academic Advising

Academic advising is an extension of the educational process and is considered an essential part of the student's educational experience. Its primary purpose is to assist students in the development of meaningful educational plans which are compatible with their life goals. While the academic advisor assists the student by helping identify and assess alternatives and consequences of decisions, the student has the ultimate responsibility for making these decisions.

The College maintains an advising process for the benefit of students. Every student enrolled will be assigned a faculty advisor. Each student is encouraged to discuss plans, problems, and needs with the faculty advisor. If students do not know who their advisor is, they should call the Advising Center at 256.331.5221.

Advisors aid students in verifying that all educational requirements of both the College and their specific programs are met. Advisors are available during advising days and regular office hours throughout the semester. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with their advisor prior to registering for classes each term. Distance education students may seek advising assistance by contacting their assigned advisor or Advising Center staff by phone or email.

Students experiencing academic difficulty or considering withdrawal from the College for any reason are encouraged to contact their advisor, counselor, advising coordinator, or respective dean.