What is Academic Advising?

"Academic advising is a developmental process which assists students in the clarification of their life/career goals and in the development of educational plans for the realization of these goals. It is a decision-making process by which students realize their maximum educational potential through communication and information exchanges with an advisor; it is ongoing, multifaceted, and the responsibility of both student and advisor."


Roles include:

- Faculty Advisor
  - Be an expert guide to curriculum and course content
  - Knowledgeable about resources to further artistic practice/skills/knowledge
  - Refer students to faculty or community partners as needed
  - Collaborate with academic advising to develop educational goals and improve the student experience

- Academic Advisor
  - Be an advocate and support student exploration
  - Assist students in developing educational/career goals
  - Be a guide to campus and department policies/procedures
  - Connect students with appropriate resources
  - Coordinate course planning and track academic progress

- Student
  - Have initiative, ask questions and come prepared for advising sessions
  - Develop an educational plan
  - Be an active participant in the department community
  - Seek out opportunities and invest time in determining your personal/career goals
  - Take action on information and resources provided

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### Expectations

- Be courteous, respectful, on time
- Review curriculum and applicable materials prior to advising session so you are prepared to discuss and ask questions
- Bring all educational plans with you to review with an advisor and be sure to have the student section of forms completed
- Take action in a timely manner, seek assistance a minimum of three days prior to deadlines or enrollment times

### Resources

- Faculty and TA Office Hours
- Department Academic Advising and website
- Career Services Center
- Financial Aid Office
- Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)
- Counselling and Physiological Services (CAPS)
- Campus Community Centers
- Department Metal/Woodshop
- Internet

### Path to Success

#### Step 1: Learn it

**During 1st Quarter:** connect with Academic Advising, learn your requirements and resources, start an educational plan, visit galleries, attend office hours

#### Step 2: Use it

**Take Action:** seek out resources, get involved with the department community, select courses/ opportunities to meet your interests and future goals

#### Step 3: Own it!

**Junior/Senior Years:** consider career options, participate in experiential learning, collaborate with Faculty/Advising regarding opportunities, prepare for graduation

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