

New Student Advising

The purpose of academic advising is to assist the student in planning his/her program of study so that all degree, diploma or certificate requirements can be completed.

1. New students will meet with a New Student Academic Advisor in Student Services prior to their first semester and through the initial add/drop period. If a new student wishes to change his/her schedule, drop a course, add a course, inquire about remaining courses in his/her program, or make any changes in that program, he/she must see the Advising Center Advisor first.
2. The New Student Academic Advisor will engage in life/career exploration to make sure that the student is in the correct program.
3. The New Student Academic Advisor will discuss program/degree requirements, placement based on SAT/ACT/Transfer credit/placement test results or multiple measures, and create a first semester educational plan, and offer additional test preparation options.
4. The New Student Academic Advisor will explain the advising process.
5. The New Student Academic Advisor will discuss next steps, including Orientation and OCtech Self service and Desire2Learn (D2L) and registration.
6. A New Student Academic Advisor will usually be able to assist with a variety of academic problems or concerns. Professional counselors are available Monday – Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm and Friday 8:00am-1:30pm. Students are urged to make an appointment with a New Student Academic Advisor to explore career options and discuss academic choices. Confidentiality is assured at all times.