

Academic Advising

Advising at WSU is an ongoing educational partnership between the student and professional/faculty advisors and advising staff. Academic advising promotes student success with the goal of helping students graduate in a timely manner. Academic advising is much more than just schedule building; it is a personalized way to explore options, get information and make good decisions. New, incoming, traditional freshmen students go through the first-year advising process at OneStop. All other new students are required to see a college academic advisor prior to enrollment. Certain colleges and departments have additional advising requirements as well.

Academic advisors form partnerships with students in the following ways:

- Academic advisors assist students to set goals — both short term and longer term — that help them in determining and achieving their degree objectives.
- Academic advisors provide, and can also show students how to access accurate information about the graduation requirements of degree programs, and can work with students to plan the strategic progression of coursework that will allow graduation in the most timely manner consistent with the student's life circumstances. Advisors can provide career information regarding the degree fields of interest and will also refer students to appropriate career research resources in printed, electronic or in-person format.
- Academic advisors are well informed about official university policies and procedures for enrollment, dropping or adding courses, changing colleges, changing majors, and other such policies and procedures important to a student's ability to progress. Advisors are also able to instruct students in the execution of those procedures. Advisors can show students how to access reliable and accurate sources for university policies and procedures in both print and electronic formats.
- Students are given access to various means of initiating contact with an academic advisor, including email, phone and personal contact. Academic advisors are available to meet with the student within a reasonable time frame after the student's request and appointment time(s) will be allotted to carry out the activities needed.
- Academic advisors have comprehensive knowledge of campus resources, including electronic resources, which are important to student success at the university, and can show students how to access that information. Advisors assist students in referral and access to such services as counseling, career and employment services, assisted instruction, success courses, math and writing labs and other help available for the student's academic skill development.

Where to Go for Academic Advising

- Incoming, traditional freshmen students meet with a first-year advisor at OneStop for the first two semesters of enrollment.
- Degree-bound students who have chosen a major within a specific college should meet with an advisor in that college.
- Degree-bound students who are still deciding on a major should meet with an advisor in the LAS Advising Center.
- Nondegree-bound students who are enrolled in classes for purposes other than completing a degree should meet with an advisor in the LAS Advising Center.
- Graduate students should contact the Graduate School or their graduate program for advising assistance.

Academic advising is available through the individual offices listed below:

One Stop

OneStop
Shocker Success Center, Room 104
316-978-3909
Website: First-Year Advising (<https://wichita.edu/firstyearadvising/>)

Honors

Dorothy and Bill Cohen Honors College
Shocker Hall, Room A1180
316-978-3375
Website: Dorothy and Bill Cohen Honors College (<https://wichita.edu/honors/>)

Business

W. Frank Barton School of Business
129 Woolsey Hall
316-978-3203
Website: Business Advising Center (<https://wichita.edu/businessadvising/>)

Education

College of Education
107 Corbin Education Center
316-978-3300
Website: College of Education Advising (<https://www.wichita.edu/academics/education/advising/>)

Engineering

College of Engineering
Partnership 2, A101
316-978-7691
Website: Engineering Academic Advising (<https://wichita.edu/engadvising/>)

Fine Arts

College of Fine Arts
319 McKnight
316-978-6634
Website: College of Fine Arts Advising (<https://wichita.edu/cfaadvising/>)

Health Professions

College of Health Professions
402 Ahlberg Hall
316-978-3304
Website: College of Health Professions Advising Center (<https://wichita.edu/chpadvising/>)

Liberal Arts and Sciences

LAS Advising Center
115 Grace Wilkie Hall
316-978-3700
Website: Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center (<https://wichita.edu/lasadvising/>)

Graduate School

Graduate School
107 Jardine Hall
316-978-3095
Website: Graduate Coordinators (<https://wichita.edu/academics/gradschool/GradPrograms.php>)