

# 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/>)<sup>1</sup>

### 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/>)<sup>1</sup>

### Business

W. Frank Barton School of Business

129 Woolsey Hall

316-978-3203

Website: Business Advising Center (<https://wichita.edu/businessadvising/>)<sup>1</sup>

### Applied Studies (Education)

College of Applied Studies

107 Corbin Education Center

316-978-3300

Website: College of Applied Studies Advising (<https://www.wichita.edu/casadvising/>)<sup>1</sup>

### Engineering

College of Engineering

Partnership 2, A101

316-978-3420

Website: Engineering Academic Advising (<https://wichita.edu/engadvising/>)<sup>1</sup>

### Fine Arts

College of Fine Arts

319 McKnight

316-978-6634

Website: College of Fine Arts Advising (<https://wichita.edu/cfaadvising/>)<sup>1</sup>

### Health Professions

College of Health Professions

402 Ahlberg Hall

316-978-3304

Website: College of Health Professions Advising Center (<https://wichita.edu/chpadvising/>)<sup>1</sup>

### 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/>)<sup>1</sup>

### Graduate School

Graduate School

107 Jardine Hall

316-978-3095

Website: Graduate Coordinators (<https://wichita.edu/academics/gradschool/GradPrograms.php>)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Link opens new window.