College of Interdisciplinary Studies

Academic Advising Syllabus



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Academic Advising is an on-going, intentional educational partnership dedicated to promote student academic success. As your advisor, I care about your academic progress and want to help you reach your academic and career goals. You can always count on me to give you accurate and complete information you need to be a successful student. You will get as much out of your advising relationship as you put into it. Meet with me regularly and be sure to use the information and skills you learn from your advising experience to make intelligent, informed decisions throughout your college career. If you experience academic difficulty, I can assist you in finding ways to become a more successful student, and I can direct you to free, valuable resources on campus. The bottom line: I am here to guide you and teach you about your career choices, degree requirements, university policies and procedures, and how to be a successful student.

Important Links - https://www.tntech.edu/is/student-success-center

Three R's of Advising

• Relationships

Remember advising is a two-way street
Foster open communications
Build a connection
Clarify your values, interests and goals

• Responsibility

Take ownership of your education Follow through with tasks Schedule regular visits

Resources

Take advantage of opportunities Read your email!

Learn policies, procedures & requirements

Advisor Responsibilities

- Provide academic support to ensure successful progression to graduation.
- Explain academic policies and procedures.
- Assist in understanding the benefits of higher education.
- Encourage and support development of the skills necessary to attain educational plans.
- Guide decision-making and responsible development of educational plans for achievement.
- Assist in identifying university resources for finding opportunities for work, community service, and volunteer experiences.
- Teach how to develop skills needed to successfully enter and thrive in a variety of work environments.
- Provide information and strategies for using university resources and services.
- Monitor and accurately document progress.
- Collaborate to ensure academic success.
- Collaborate to facilitate comprehensive student support.
- Be accessible during office hours, by telephone, or e-mail for advising.

• Maintain confidentiality pursuant to FERPA.

_Think about joining an organization.

Student Learning Outcomes

You will learn to	When
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1. Know your academic advisor.	after initial advising interaction
2. Access your academic advisor when needed.	after initial advising interaction
3. <u>Understand critical tracking</u> .	after initial advising
4. <u>Utilize your academic advisor in a supportive and</u>	each semester
caring environment	
5. Participate in regular, individualized academic	each semester
interactions with your academic advisor.	
6. Make progress toward career goals.	each semester
7. Demonstrate knowledge of university policies.	each semester
8. <u>Understand your degree audit (Degree Works).</u>	after first semester
9. Acquire and demonstrate awareness of	upon completion of first semester
resources.	
10. Acquire and demonstrate awareness of	upon completion of first semester
university support services.	
11. Register for classes by the end of the enrollment	after each academic advising
period.	interaction
12. Make progress toward graduation.	after second advising appointment
Important Activities Each Semester	
Check your TTU email account.	
Verify the start date, end date, and add/drop deadline for each class.	
Identify books, websites, study aides, and classroom location for each class.	
Familiarize yourself with all requirements of classes.	
Check your class schedule prior to the semester starting.	
Visit your academic advisor, if needed, during first week of school.	
Connect with tutoring services. https://www.tntech.edu/library/tutoring/	
Learn about community resources and workshops.	

_____Visit Career Services https://www.tntech.edu/career/