

Academic Advising Syllabus

Text:

First-Year Students – <http://artsci.utk.edu/advising/ways-to-prepare-for-academic-advising/first-year-students/>

Second-Year Students – <http://artsci.utk.edu/advising/ways-to-prepare-for-academic-advising/second-year-students/>

Junior Year – <http://artsci.utk.edu/advising/ways-to-prepare-for-academic-advising/second-year-students/>

Senior Year - <http://artsci.utk.edu/advising/ways-to-prepare-for-academic-advising/senior-year/>

Mission:

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville places academic advising within the teaching/learning mission of the institution and recognizes it to be a critical component of students' educational experience and undergraduate success. Faculty, administrators, and professional staff promote academic advising as a shared responsibility with students. Academic advising serves to develop and enrich students' educational plans in ways that are consistent with their personal values, goals, and career plans. Additionally, academic advising in Arts and Sciences supports the mission of the College of Arts and Sciences by assisting students in crafting educational plans that uphold the highest standards of academic freedom and cultivate critical thinking skills, intellectual inquiry, and understanding of diverse human cultures that are necessary to become engaged global citizens.

Goals

- To assist students in becoming responsible, self-directed learners and skilled decision makers
- To assist in the development of educational plans that are consistent with students' personal values, goals, and career plans
- To encourage holistic engagement with the college experience (academically, socially, culturally, and professionally) preparing students for a life of learning in a global society
- To encourage the development of mentoring relationships between faculty and students that introduces scholarly and professional opportunities within the discipline.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate they know

- Curricular requirements, milestone courses, and course sequencing related to a chosen/ intended academic program in order to graduate in a timely fashion
- The career and professional development opportunities available as well as on-campus support for identification and exploration of career paths
- Academic policies and procedures
- Campus resources and support systems that promote academic success

Students will demonstrate they can

- Develop an academic plan and assess degree progress through graduation
- Critically reflect upon academic and career goals
- Develop skills and strategies for academic success that include accessing and using institutional resources, policies, and procedures
- Take responsibility for making decisions regarding their academic success

Students will demonstrate they value/appreciate

- The importance of academic planning and student responsibility in that process
- The enhancement that co-curricular/extracurricular and inter/intracultural activities add to a degree
- The responsibilities of UT students as educated citizens of a democratic, diverse, and global community
- The value of the educational process and of lifelong learning

Appointments:

Declared majors will need to contact your department for regular semester advising. You will find a list of College of Arts & Sciences department websites by division here: <http://artsci.utk.edu/advising/ways-to-prepare-for-academic-advising/websites-by-division/>.

If you would like to meet with an academic advisor in the College of Arts & Sciences Advising Services office to review your DARS, for a graduation check, for questions about petitions, for information on a pre-professional program, or for general questions, please schedule an appointment online through the Grades First link on your MyUTK.edu portal, call 865-974-4483 (the Arts & Sciences appointment line) or stop by 313 Ayres hall. Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 7:30-6:00 and on Friday from 7:30-5:30. We are closed on weekends and holidays.

Resources:

- Academic Calendar
- Career Services
- Counseling Center
- MyUTK
- Office of Disability Services
- Programs Abroad Office
- Student Activities Office
- Student Success Center

Note: Please understand that your advisor will not make decisions for you during our advising sessions. Your advisor will provide you with the most accurate information available to them, and you will work together to create a realistic plan to accomplish your educational and career goals. However, the educational choices you make are yours and the responsibility of knowing and fulfilling degree requirements rests with you (Gordon, et al., 2011).