



Advising (Who Should I See: A Faculty Advisor or Professional Advisor?)

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What is Academic Advising?

Academic advising is the pathway to help students succeed in their academic, career, or personal life through insight or direction. It is:

- Engaging with a student to enable the student to foster success and achieve their goals.
- A collaborative process to help students navigate the major (curriculum) to obtain their degree.
- Different every advising session due to the dynamics and needs of the student, but each session is multi-layered with an intentional process to help the student gain lifelong success by teaching and learning.
- A partnership, and it is not an advisor telling/dictating what the student is to do. It is discussion to learn about options and how to help a student meet their goals.

Faculty Advisor vs. Professional Advising: Advising is not a competition between faculty and professional advising. It is a partnership to enable a student to be successful. We are all here for the same purpose: to help the student have a better college life, to watch the student learn, grow and graduate, and to alleviate obstacles along the journey.

The Role of Faculty Advisor: Faculty members are experts within the field they teach. Faculty are not only teaching courses in a specific discipline, but they are also helping students learn about the curriculum, navigate through the system, and learn what options are available to inspire lifelong learning and make this journey fun and exciting. A student will also want to get to know faculty to build professional relationships.

These are reasons to see a Faculty Advisor:

- To gain more in-depth knowledge in a specific field.
- To understand what courses they are teaching and get a deeper understanding of the topics.
- To ask questions about when to take specific courses, if certain courses are best taken during the same semester, and what the rigor level and expectations are of a course.
- Transfer students will want to see where the courses they took at another College/University will fit into the curriculum at KSU. Be sure to bring syllabi and unofficial transcripts (if the transcripts are not yet posted into Owl Express).
- To learn opportunities of Study Abroad and what countries and courses are taught and how these courses will fit into the curriculum.
- To discuss Internship/co-op opportunities.
- To learn more about scholarships in your major.
- To learn what is the best graduate school after undergraduate school, and what school fits in with your desires, GPA and experience. Are there Graduate Research Assistant positions or scholarships available at the college I am seeking to attend?
- To work with faculty to develop a professional portfolio to empower the student with career opportunities when they graduates.
- To discuss being a part of a research team and ask if credit can be given for being on the team.
- To understand Senior Seminar and learn when is the optimal time to take the senior seminar class.
- To match the student's personal goals with career aspirations and give steps on making both a reality.

These are reasons to see your Professional Advisor:

- To navigate the curriculum to avoid pre-requisite obstacles.
- To stay on track to graduate.
- To ensure you are enrolled in classes that are counting toward your degree each semester.
- To review Kennesaw State University's policies and procedures.
- To get to know you, your dreams, aspirations while in college and beyond (the holistic advising model).
- To discover aspects of being a college student and all the things available such as: study abroad, what to do with those upper division/related studies hours, minors and how will that affect your curriculum/career.
- To get involved on campus (discover intramural sports, attending a sporting event, attending a colloquial, getting involved with clubs, getting involved in Greek Life, getting involved with your major's professional organization, getting involved with Owl Radio or *The Sentinel*). Ask your advisor how this will help your goals to get involved on campus.
- To be referred to campus resources.
- To use as a sounding board while learning how to better communicate with parents and faculty.
- To learn more about the systems used on campus such as: OwlExpress, DegreeWorks, and EAB.
- To explore majors, minors, certificates and career options.
- To seek guidance when your grades fall short of your expectations. Discuss strategies of how to bring up grades before mid-terms or finals to increase your overall grade in the class.
- To create an Academic Plan with your advisor for an SAP Appeal.
- To remove advising holds, specifically the "<30 Credit Hour" advising hold, the "Academic Dismissal" advising hold, and the "Re-admission" advising hold.
- When you do not know who to ask, questions to ask, or where to go - see your Professional Academic Advisor.

To schedule an appointment with your advisor:

1. Navigate to our website at chss.kennesaw.edu/uac.
2. Click on the gold "Schedule an Appointment" button on the homepage.
3. Log in with your NetID and password. If you have trouble with your NetID and password login, contact UITS at 470-578-3555 or at studenthelpdesk@kennesaw.edu.
4. Choose the blue button on the right that says "Get Advising."
5. Click "Meet Your Faculty Advisor" to meet with a faculty advisor. Click "Humanities and Social Sciences" to meet with a professional advisor.
6. Select your major and reason for appointment. If you are a student on probation or academic dismissal, please meet with a professional advisor and click the "Probation/Readmission" option.
7. Select the office location.
8. Select an advisor.
9. Select a time that works for your schedule. You can also view walk-in times.
10. Click the "Confirm Appointment" button. You should receive a confirmation email in your KSUMail student account.

Questions?

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