

# ACADEMIC ADVISING AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

## Academic Advising

OSU recognizes that quality academic advising is integral to the academic development and well-being of students. Quality academic advising includes both the prescriptive elements of advising (assisting with course selection, maintaining curriculum checklists, tracking degree progress and completing degree audits, etc.) and the developmental aspects of advising (major and career decision making, integration in campus and academic cultures, assistance with and referrals surrounding issues affecting a student's academic success, etc.).

While each college has developed an advising system sensitive to the needs of its academic disciplines and departments, there is consistency in that each also has a head advisor. Undeclared students receive advising through the University Exploratory Studies Program (UESP).

## Vision

Oregon State University aspires to be recognized nationally for excellence in academic advising among land grant institutions.

## Mission

Oregon State University academic advising is a teaching and learning process dedicated to student success. Academic advising engages students in developing a plan to realize their educational, career and life goals.

## Values

The values associated with OSU advising are closely aligned with the stated values of the university.

**Accountability:** We are committed to providing timely, accurate, and intentional advising.

**Diversity:** We honor the unique nature and interests of each student. Advising services and delivery methods will be shaped to fit the diverse needs of our campus populations.

**Respect:** We seek to establish a reciprocal relationship with students based on an ethic of care and shared responsibility.

**Social Responsibility:** We foster a culture of independent thinking and global awareness so that students make informed, socially responsible choices consistent with their academic, career and life goals.

**Integrity:** We seek to engage students in a fair and professional process of meaningful self-reflection and authentic inquiry.

## Purpose of Academic Advising

Academic Advisors act as interpreters of the OSU learning environment and facilitators to the undergraduate degree experiences. In working toward degree completion, an advisor can help make sense of options, obligations, and opportunities related to student's academic interests. An advisor can also help students start to think about how undergraduate learning relates to career opportunities. An advisor can help in the decision-making process, especially when the relationship is based on openness, honesty, and trust. Above all, an academic advisor is a person who is invested in helping students create rewarding learning experiences.

For the advising relationship to be effective, students and advisors both need to be engaged in the process. OSU advisors have created this list of **Advisor-Advisee Responsibilities** to outline the obligations of each:

## As an advisee, you should:

- **Understand and accept that you are ultimately responsible for your education and your own decisions.**
- Initiate a purposeful relationship with your advisor and make appointments when requested and/or when necessary.
- Utilize the technological resources available to you (MyDegrees (<https://login.oregonstate.edu/cas/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fmyosu.oregonstate.edu%3A443%2Fportal%2Flogin>), OSU Online Catalog and Schedule of Classes (<http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/>), Baccalaureate Core website (<http://oregonstate.edu/main/baccalaureate-core>), your college, school, or department website (<http://oregonstate.edu/main/academics>)) to inform yourself about your degree requirements and options.
- Prepare for and be active in your advising session, and ask questions when you have them.
- Work to clarify your personal values, abilities, and goals and share them with your advisor.
- Provide accurate and truthful information when being advised.
- Keep your local address and phone up to date in Online Services and utilize and **check your ONID account daily** for important information coming from your advisor and the institution.
- Learn and understand OSU's policies, procedures, and requirement as they relate to your academic success and/or degree completion.
- Follow through on plans-of-action identified during advising sessions.
- Be aware of and abide by academic calendar deadlines (<http://registrar.oregonstate.edu/osu-academic-calendar>).
- Call to cancel appointments that cannot be kept.

## Your advisor should:

- **Develop a purposeful relationship with and be an advocate for their advisees.**
- Inform students of the nature of the advisor/advisee relationship.
- Assist students in defining and developing expressed educational, career, and life plans.
- Provide timely and accurate educational information.
- Promote learning opportunities that will help students define or meet personal goals and plans.
- Assist students in preparing a program that is consistent with their abilities and interests.
- Monitor progress toward educational/career goals.
- Interpret and provide rationale for institutional policies, procedures and requirements.
- Inform inquiring students of campus resources and special services available to them.
- Refer students to those resources that can enhance or supplement their academic or personal experience.

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