

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Want good advising? Take the initiative! Get to know the advisers in the Division of Continuing Studies. They can assist you with academic problems, advise you on how to handle certain courses, suggest appropriate sequences for taking required courses, and suggest worthwhile electives.

You need to see an adviser regularly. If you have questions about your overall program and what your general plan should be, you need to make an appointment with an adviser. Preferably this kind of discussion should not be scheduled immediately before registration when advisers are at their busiest. Advisers have a mix of available appointment times and walk-in advising hours. Check the on-line scheduler for availability. Walk-in advising is limited to 15 minutes, so this is not a good time to make changes to your overall plans.

Remember, advisers are not there to tell you what to do; they are there to give you information to help make a decision. All academic advisers can do, at their best, is advise you from the perspective of their personal and professional experiences. You are the one responsible for any academic choices that affect your education. So talk to other students, meet with faculty whose interests parallel yours, and make use of your campus resources. What you do on campus is limited only by your imagination, your desire to do something with your education, your ability to ask the right questions, and your ability to find the people who can answer those questions. Take the initiative!

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Student Responsibilities:

- Gather relevant decision making information
- Clarify goals, interests, and values
- Become knowledgeable about programs, policies, requirements & procedures
- Accept responsibility for decisions

Adviser Responsibilities:

- Help student define/develop goals
- Identify special needs
- Connect student to available resources
- Assist students to make plans consistent with goals
- Monitor progress toward those goals
- Discuss links between academic and career goals