Academic Advising FAQ

Outcomes you should expect from your advising appointment

1. Why do I need academic advising?

- To help you understand academic requirements including the DSU Plan for General Education and Major requirements.
- To assist you in developing a successful academic plan.
- To help you set goals for yourself and identify resources on campus that can help you reach your goals.
- To establish a professional ally for petitioning, references, and referrals.
- To assist you in understanding the registration process.

2. What do Advisors do?

- Provide academic advising for all students throughout their tenure in college.
- Serve as a University resource for students.
- Counsel students on personal, academic, and career concerns.
- Meet with students experiencing academic difficulties at mid-term and the end of the semester.

3. What can I expect from my academic advising appointment?

- A general conversation about how things are going.
- Discussion of your Degree Audit Report.
- Review of your DSU general Education Plan and academic department Requirements.
- Explanation of the 2nd semester registration process.
- Review of the academic calendar, course schedule book, and the DSU Bulletin.
- Resource and referral Information.
- Discussion about your major or the anxieties about being undecided.

4. What do Hall Managers do?

- Manage the overall operation of the residence hall.
- Supervise the Student Staff Members and Graduate Assistants.
- Meet with every resident individually.
- Serve as a University resource for students.
- Counsel students on personal, judicial, academic, and career concerns.
- Meet with students experiencing academic difficulties at mid-term and the end of the semester

5. What can I expect from my appointment with my Hall manager?

- A general conversation about how things are going.
- Discussion of your experience at DSU including the hall.
- Review your career plans career goals and how your classes fit into those goals.
- Explanation of the staff responsibilities, expectations of the community and your role in the community.
- Review of social activities, your choices, resources and your outlook about making a mark on the DSU and the world.
- Resource and referral Information.

6. What don't they do?

- Tell students what classes to take.
- Tell students what to major in.

- Follow-up with students on a daily basis.

7. Your Adviser or Hall Manager should be the first person you talk to when:

- You are struggling in one or more of your classes.
- You are thinking about dropping a class.
- You want to withdraw from the University.
- You are confused about your major.
- You want to make changes to your schedule.
- You are not sure about a University policy.
- You are not performing as well academically as you'd like.
- Your midterm grades are not what you expected.
- Your first semester grades resulted in you being on academic probation.
- You need to petition a University regulation.
- You're not sure where to get help.
- Extenuating circumstances keep you out of class for more than 3 days in a row.
- You're not happy at Delaware State University .

8. Successful registration is dependent upon you, the student:

- Read all information you receive pertaining to academic advising.
- Attend departmental info sessions and fairs meeting.
- Be on time for your appointment.
- Bring a printed copy of your Degree Audit Report to your appointment.
- Bring your *DSU Bulletin* to your appointment.
- Write down courses you are interested in taking second semester.
- Bring your departmental major information/materials to your appointment.
- **Write down questions** for your Adviser.

Be willing to make the process a joint effort between you and your Adviser.

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