

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

WCU ACADEMIC ADVISING

At WCU, we strongly believe that academic advising is an educational partnership between a faculty member and a student whose goal is the student's academic, personal, and professional success.

So to help ensure your success, we need you to do your part:

- ❖ Understand what your advisor does and does not do. An academic advisor is different from a high school guidance counselor. In high school, the guiding principle is *"someone else is keeping track and will inform you of what you need to do."* In college, ***YOU are responsible for your academic life and for seeking out the resources you need to be successful!***
- ❖ Meet with your advisor at least once per semester (preferably more) to keep your advisor informed about changes in academic progress, career goals, and extracurricular activities, and to pre-register for classes.
- ❖ Work to clarify your professional and life goals. Investigate various sources of information to assist you in making life and career decisions. Our campus offers many resources, so take advantage of them!
- ❖ Read the WCU Undergraduate Catalog and your department's Student Handbook to educate yourself about campus policies, procedures, and opportunities. Some of them can be tricky, so learn about them and ask for clarification.
- ❖ Listen to your advisor's recommendations, ask questions, and make good class choices.
- ❖ Address challenges through knowledge and use of campus resources. Contact your advisor when academic or personal problems affect your academic performance.
- ❖ Use available technological tools to track your performance. MyWCU is full of good information about your academic requirements and progress.
- ❖ Understand and meet all graduation requirements for the general education component of your academic career as well as for your major program of study.
- ❖ Participate actively in the advising relationship and become increasingly self-directing.

You will be introduced to the requirements for your major during your orientation and then you will receive a permanent advisor late in the summer or early in the fall semester. Feel free to contact your advisor once the semester begins.

An active, collaborative advising relationship will help you do your best!