

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT



The mission of the Department of Academic Advisement and Student Development is to provide an integrated and effective academic advising program as well as resources for students, faculty and staff.

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Our advising program provides students with opportunities to assess their interests and academic abilities, encourage the fullest intellectual development of all students, foster an understanding of the value of a liberal arts education and provide an environment in which students can learn about the full array of educational opportunities available to them.

Advisors assist students in taking responsibility for learning by setting academic, career and personal goals and the strategies for achieving them, as well as graduating in a timely manner. Integral to our mission is providing faculty advisors with the advisement-related training to assist their advisees in achieving these goals. Ultimately, academic advising is a relationship between student and advisor, between student and institution, and between advisor and institution.

VISION STATEMENT

The Department of Academic Advisement and Student Development serves as a University leader, model and catalyst for the delivery of excellent academic advising services across Millersville University.

RETENTION INITIATIVES

Campus-wide initiatives are in place to support students who find themselves in less than good standing. Initiatives include University-sanctioned seminars that meet at the start of each semester. These seminars are placed on the student's schedules. Our retention initiatives provide an opportunity for students to develop an academic recovery plan, gain perspective on the college experience and connect them to additional resources on campus. Attendance and participation are recorded and included as part of a student's permanent record of institutional outreach.

GOALS OF ADVISEMENT

- Encourage intellectual development
- Foster an understanding of the value of a liberal arts education
- Develop educational plans
- Clarify career and life goals
- Provide a personal contact that connects students with institution
- Support appropriate course selection and other educational experiences
- Interpret degree requirements and academic progression
- Enhance student awareness about available educational resources (e.g., internships, study abroad, honors and learning services)
- Evaluate student progress toward established goals
- Support development of decision-making skills
- Reinforce student responsibility and self-direction
- Make referral use of institutional and community support services
- Collect and distribute data regarding student needs, preferences and performance for use in making institutional decisions and policy
- Utilize supplemental technology systems to deliver advising information
- Provide an environment which fosters learning about available educational opportunities
- Provide opportunities in assessing interests and academic abilities

UNDERSTANDING GENERAL EDUCATION

What can general education do for you? It gives you a broad-based knowledge of **yourself, your world, relationships** between things and **appreciation** of and respect for differences

Your general education coursework:

- Helps you figure out who YOU are
- Let's YOU decide what it is you want to learn
- Can reinforce skills and abilities YOU have
- Lets YOU gather increased perspective on who YOU want to become
- Clarifies what YOU want to do in your career path