

ACADEMIC ADVISING

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Academic Advising Philosophy

Northern Michigan University is committed to the academic and professional development of its students. While a student's academic program is ultimately his or her own responsibility, the university, through the academic advising process, provides the student with information about career options, educational programs, courses, resources, policies and procedures.

The academic advising process is a shared responsibility that involves administration, faculty, staff and student peers. However, a key element is the student-adviser relationship. In this relationship, a faculty or staff adviser and student work together to select, plan and accomplish the student's academic and professional goals. This relationship also provides students with an opportunity to affiliate with professionals in their chosen disciplines.

Orientation and Initial Course Registration

New student orientation programs are provided before each semester. All newly admitted degree-seeking freshman students, undergraduate transfer students and guest students who will be enrolling for classes on the Marquette campus are required to participate in an orientation session. At the orientation session, students receive academic advising and information about university policies and requirements, learn about the campus community and complete their course registration. Questions regarding orientation should be directed to the new student orientation program, Academic and Career Advisement Center, 906-227-1707 or 800-682-9797.

Adviser Assignment

After selecting a major, students are assigned to an adviser in the department that houses their major. Students should maintain close contact with their advisers and keep their own personal file of their academic progress. Students are ultimately responsible for meeting the academic requirements for their desired degree.

Students who are undecided about a choice of curriculum and who do not wish to declare a major are assigned advisers from a core of faculty and staff selected to work with undeclared students. These students should work closely with their advisers to build course schedules satisfying general graduation requirements and also providing some exposure to new fields of interest. During the semester, undeclared students should work with academic advisers in the Academic and Career Advisement Center to discuss potential majors. They may also take advantage of career planning activities coordinated by the Center.

Students who plan to enter preprofessional and other interdisciplinary programs are assigned advisers from the appropriate academic departments.

There are many resources available on the NMU campus to assist students in obtaining an excellent education. Students should become familiar with the staff, faculty and other resources available to them and seek these resources out in a timely manner.

Any undergraduate student who would like to discuss an academic and/or career advising issue at NMU may schedule an appointment with an academic adviser in the Academic and Career Advisement Center.