

# QUESTIONS FOR YOUR COLLEGE ADVISOR



## Student Checklist:

- Schedule an appointment with the First-Year Advising Center (1-2 months before registration if possible).
- Bring high school transcripts and any college transcripts (for concurrent enrollment credit).
- Be prepared with answers to the following questions:
  - What do you want to do for a career?
  - What lifestyle do you want to pursue?
- Schedule an appointment with your college department within your first semester.



## First Advisor Meeting:

Students are encouraged to share this information during the first meeting with their advisor:

- o I plan to pursue a...
- o I'm going to college because...
- o These are my top areas of academic interest, and these are some careers that sound interesting, because...
- o I earned college credit in high school. How will they apply to my major?



## Finance:

- What are ways to pay for and finance my college education?
- Can you help me better understand college financial terminology?
  - o FASFA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>)
  - o Grants (potential link to grant)
  - o Loans (<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans>)
  - o Scholarships (link to any scholarships)
  - o College programs (Ex. Ambassador Program)
- What are the important deadlines that pertain to me regarding my financial support?
- How should a student best balance work, school, and a successful college experience?



## Graduation:

- Will you please help me create a graduation plan and show me a degree audit?
- Which classes are only offered once a year, on annual rotation, or certain semesters?
- How do I graduate in 4 years or less?
- What is the process if I need to take a break for a semester or more?
- What is the most efficient sequence of classes for my major?
- What are credits, semesters, full-time vs. part-time status?
- How often should I meet with my Academic Advisor and how do I make an appointment?



## Campus life:

- What are the academic support resources on campus?
- What are common college pitfalls and how can I avoid them?
- Where and how can I get involved on campus?



## Major and Minor:

- What is a major? What is a minor? What other academic pathways are there?
- What are the important deadlines for both the college/university and my major?
- What career options can I pursue with this major?
- What are alternative academic pathways to pursue my career?
- How competitive is it to be accepted into my major?
- Is there an application process for my major? If so, what are the requirements?

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