

ACADEMIC ADVISING SYLLABUS

COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

WHAT IS AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR?

As academic advisors, our first priority is getting to know you as an individual, with your unique perspectives, identities, and goals. We are here to support you in many ways: academic planning, navigating the campus and its resources, and coaching you as you prepare for your next steps! See advising.umn.edu for more information.

Bottom line - We want to get to know you and support you!

CONNECT WITH AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Appointments

You are always welcome to schedule an appointment with us! We do require appointments at a few points in your undergraduate experience. We'll send you an email prompt to schedule when a meeting is required.

Email

Advisors will return your message as soon as possible and within a maximum of three business days.

Drop-in Advising

Current CBS students can stop in for 10-15 minute advising sessions on a first-come, first-served basis. Check the drop-in calendar for up-to-date hours z.umn.edu/cbsdropin.

To Schedule

-  612-624-9717
-  z.umn.edu/cbsapt
-  MCB 3-104

WHAT TO DISCUSS WITH AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- Identity and background
- Mental health
- Major and minor options
- Interests
- Tutoring resources
- Skills and strengths
- Career goals
- Campus climate
- Accomplishments
- Registration/classes
- Campus resources
- Degree planning
- Learning abroad
- Research
- Post-graduation planning
- Disability resources and accommodations
- Personal and academic challenges
- Getting involved on campus

TEAM ADVISING

CBS Student Services uses a team approach to advising. Although you are assigned a primary advisor, you can meet with anyone on the advising team. If you develop a positive relationship with another advisor and want to change your primary advisor, you can do so at any time by submitting the "Change my advisor" form on the CBS Student Services website. Get to know more about us here: z.umn.edu/cbsssbios. Also, the University of Minnesota maintains a shared notes system called APLUS. This allows advisors to better support you by accessing up-to-date information about your interactions with campus staff.

PRIVACY

Advisors welcome conversations about not only your academic, but also your personal well-being. Advisors are mandatory reporters that are a private, but not legally-protected confidential resource. Your advisor will make every effort to respect and safeguard your information. If you are unsure of your advisor's responsibilities to report or ability to maintain your confidentiality, please speak with your advisor to help make an informed choice of the information you disclose.