

The First-Year Advising Program

Augustana College

Vision

Advising is central to student learning, development, and well-being at Augustana College. Informed and supported by the partnership between student and advisor(s), the advising program empowers students to thoughtfully develop and attain their educational and personal goals.

Mission

The academic advising program at Augustana College nurtures student development, empowers students to effectively manage their own academic growth, and enriches students' personal growth and self-awareness through partnership with academic advisors.

Learning Outcomes

Advising is a partnership between student and advisor. As a result of the partnership, students will be able to:

- access and utilize resources such as the academic calendar, college catalog, and Arches.
- read and use the Progress Report tool in Arches to monitor and plan academic progress.
- locate and explain registration and financial aid policies and procedures relevant to first year students.
- locate and describe the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum requirements and be able to identify courses that meet them.
- know the resources available for academic and personal support.
- describe the three broad categories of college-wide learning outcomes.
- explain and provide examples of how activities in and outside of the classroom contribute to their individual learning experience.
- give examples of what it means to be an engaged member of a community.
- identify strengths in the context of future goals.
- take active ownership of their college experience.

Responsibilities in the Student-Advisor Partnership

You can expect your advisor to:

- be available by email, phone and in-person during office hours or by appointment.
- provide a safe and respectful space to ask questions, discuss your interests and express your concerns.
- understand and effectively communicate the curriculum, graduation requirements, and college policies and procedures.
- work with you to assess your academic performance and areas of strength to ensure they are consistent with your plans.
- support you in defining your academic, career and personal goals, and assist you in creating an educational plan that is consistent with those goals.
- assist you in gaining decision-making skills and skills in assuming responsibility for your educational plans and achievements.
- help you identify connections between learning experiences in and outside the classroom.
- provide referrals to other campus resources.

Your advisor expects you to:

- check your augustana.edu email account at least once per day and respond as needed.
- organize your advising materials and bring them to advising sessions.
- plan ahead for advising appointments; come prepared with questions, materials for discussion, and all relevant decision-making information. Be on time, silence your phone, and actively participate in the meeting.
- demonstrate professionalism in your communication and interactions.
- become knowledgeable of campus policies, procedures, programs and resources.
- take primary responsibility for making your own decisions based on available information and advice.
- seek help when needed and use appropriate campus resources.