



Suggested first-semester advising questions for new advisees

Advisors can involve students actively in the process of building the relationship. Before or during an advising session, advisors can encourage students to reflect on goal setting and skills needed to succeed throughout and after college. Below are possible questions to guide this reflection and relationship building that would be helpful to include in the advisor-student first meeting.

1. What were your favorite classes in high school? What are your academic strengths?
2. What are your goals for your first year in college?
3. Are you considering fields of interest (or majors)? If you are, what are they? What attracts you to these area(s)?
4. What do you intend to accomplish in college?
5. What do you most eagerly anticipate in college?
6. What is your greatest academic concern?
7. What two academic skills will you work hardest to improve? Why are these skills important to you?

Mathematics

Studying

Writing

Reading

Oral Communication

Time Management

Other _____

8. What activities outside of the classroom interest you?
9. What brings out the best in you? How do you learn best?
10. Is there other information you would like me to know about you?