



Academic Advising

University of South Carolina

UofSC Pre-Orientation Advising Module

Overview of Advising & Registration

What is academic advising and how will I work with an advisor during my college career?

In the courses you take at the university, learning will transpire when you make meaning of the content taught by your faculty.

Similarly, your academic advisor aids you in make meaning of the entirety of your UofSC experience by helping you do the following:

- articulate the purpose of the courses you complete,
- plan and engage in educationally purposeful beyond-the-classroom experiences, and
- prepare for life after graduation, including graduate school and professional careers.

Your academic advisor is here to help you achieve your educational, professional, and personal goals as you transition into and through the University of South Carolina.

What will academic advising look like at Orientation?

First, you should know that advisement at Orientation is a bit different than advisement during the academic year.

To prepare for advisement at Orientation, please be sure to do the following three things:

1. Review the curriculum for your major. See what classes you will have to take and read course descriptions. Go to sc.edu/advising and click on the link to major maps.
2. Have any AP/IB/Transfer or dual enrollment credit sent to UofSC Undergraduate Admissions to be applied to your official academic record.
3. Complete the online Pre-Orientation Advising Worksheet. Your advisor will use the information provided on this worksheet to prepare for when you meet during Orientation. You will learn more about the worksheet in the next module.

At Orientation, you will participate in a college session that introduces you to the programs, expectations, and opportunities within your academic college. Later, you will attend an advisement session for your official course advisement.

On day one of Orientation, you will participate in a college session that introduces you to the programs, expectations, and opportunities within your academic college. On day two, you will meet with an academic advisor for your official course advisement and registration.

Orientation advisement may be held in large group format, small groups format, or one-on-one. In some cases, you will meet with the person who will be your advisor during your first year, while in others, another advisor in the college may lead the conversation.

During advisement, ask questions and remember who you spoke with so that you can follow up afterward with any remaining questions.



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After you are advised you will be able to register for courses. You will not be able to register for courses prior to attending your online advisement session.

What will academic advising look like during the academic year?

In your first-year, you'll be assigned to an Undergraduate Academic Advisor who will help you find your place here. Be sure to regularly check your UofSC email as this is how your academic advisor will communicate with you. During your time at UofSC, your academic advisor will monitor your progress in your courses and share strategies and resources to aid in your success.

During the fall and spring semesters, you will meet one-on-one with your assigned academic advisor. These meetings will last about thirty minutes and they are required before you can register for courses for the upcoming term.

You should always plan for advisement. Resources are available on the University Advising Center website to help you with planning and preparation. In your advisement meeting, you'll discuss your course options for upcoming semesters, your transition to UofSC, campus resources, your plans to get involved, and your goals for your post-college experiences.

Academic Advising both at Orientation and during the academic year is required of all UofSC students. Advisement holds are placed on your record each semester and are removed once you meet with your assigned advisor. You will be unable to register for courses for the following semester until you meet for official academic advisement and the hold is lifted.

To learn more about academic advising at UofSC and find helpful academic resources, please visit www.sc.edu/advising.