

GOOD MORNING

Eagle Summit 2016



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MISSION OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

At American University, undergraduate academic advising is a collaborative and purposeful partnership between advisors, the AU community, and students. Approached from a holistic perspective, this process considers and respects students' diverse backgrounds, interests, and abilities. Academic advisors facilitate the identification and achievement of the student's educational and professional goals.



CHARTING YOUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS

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PREPPING FOR THE JOURNEY

Registration:

Online Math Placement

Completed the Blackboard Pre-Registration courses

Language Placement Exams (if needed)

Credit by Exam – AP/IB

Eagle Summit – congrats on completing this!

Participate in Welcome Week activities



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The First Year

- Encourage your student to meet with their Academic Counselor & Professors – should occur every semester
- Become familiar with the resources (offices) available (use all 4 years)
 - Academic Support & Access Center (ASAC)
 - Writing Center
 - Math & Stats Tutoring Lab
 - Counseling Center
 - Dean of Students
- Encourage exploration of majors & career interests
- Get Involved!
 - SPA Academic Welcome – Friday before classes begin
 - Student Involvement Fair – within the first couple of weeks



The Second Year

- Officially declare the major with their academic counselor
- Develop an academic plan that completes all degree requirements needed for graduation; include major concentrations, double majors, minors
- Decide about studying abroad (about 60% of AU students do, about 50% of SPA students do)
- Start planning for credit-bearing internships (quality over quantity)
- Explore undergraduate research opportunities
- Continue getting involved but think about running for office, applying to be an RA or OL, joining a fraternity/sorority, etc.



The Third Year

- Update the academic plan based on any changes
- Study abroad (if you are planning for this)
- Complete a credit-bearing internship (quality over quantity)
- Complete an undergraduate research project – maybe in a group
- Continue involvement & leadership opportunities
- Develop a professional network – attend a career fair and/or networking reception
- Begin planning for post graduation plans - graduate/law school entrance exams



The Fourth Year

- Finalize all academic plans & make sure all requirements will be complete with academic counselor so that you can apply for graduation
- Complete a credit-bearing internship (quality over quantity)
- Complete/present an undergraduate research project– consider individual project
- Continue developing your professional network
- Continue working on post graduation plans – apply for jobs, apply for graduate/law school, etc.
- Apply to be the Undergraduate Student Speaker at Commencement
- GRADUATE!



Parent & Family Checklist

Tuition Insurance

Must register by the end of Add/Drop through student portal

Academic Calendar

Add/Drop, last day to withdraw from a class & change a grade type, Registration, final exams, breaks

Academic Integrity Code

Forming your own thoughts & arguments and citing when you use other sources

Academic Regulations

Degree requirements, Freshman Forgiveness, Academic Standing, Interruption of studies

FERPA

We may not be able to give out information, but we can always take it in. Portal access is not the same thing.



Orientation Leaders

Harrison & Shannon