

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE

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ACADEMIC ADVISING

You make the decisions that fit your academic plan. We'll help you know your options.

Academic advisors are experts who help you explore UW–Madison courses and understand the components of your degree. They help you find learning support, tutoring, activities, and services that enhance your college experience, such as First-Year Interest Groups (<https://figs.wisc.edu/>), Study Abroad (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/>), and honors classes (<https://honors.ls.wisc.edu/>).

Enrolled undergraduate students always have at least one assigned advisor; find yours in MyUW's Academic Navigator (<https://my.wisc.edu/academic-navigator/>).

Discuss your academic plan with your advisor frequently throughout your college years.

You connect with your advising team at SOAR (<https://soar.wisc.edu/>), the orientation for all incoming students. Your assigned advisor will have a broad knowledge of courses, majors, and certificates.

When you declare a major, your primary academic advising shifts to an advisor in that major's department who specializes in its requirements and opportunities.

Additional Advisors

UW–Madison has specialist advisors for students interested in future study in medicine and health professions, law, business, and more. Students developing research for a senior thesis and other kinds of advanced study may have a faculty advisor who is an instructor or professor.

advising.wisc.edu/advising-101 (<http://advising.wisc.edu/advising-101/>)
– This all-campus advising website is an excellent place to start understanding how advising fits into your college life.

advising.ls.wisc.edu (<http://advising.ls.wisc.edu>) – L&S Academic Advising Services is the College's central coordinating office for undergraduate academic advising.

POLICY ADVISING

If you are told to "talk to a dean" or you "need deans' permission," this means a special kind of college administrator called an academic dean.

Academic deans assist students on issues and processes related to college policy, such as grade changes, enrollment updates, credit overloads, and degree clearance. They also support students who are experiencing academic challenges, helping them navigate academic suspension, withdrawing from the term, and seeking readmission to the College. In their work, academic deans make discretionary decisions regarding the interpretation and implementation of College policy for individual cases and manage appeals of related concerns.

deans.ls.wisc.edu (<https://deans.ls.wisc.edu/>) – Our academic deans are in L&S Undergraduate Academic Deans' Services. They interpret and apply academic policy to L&S students, faculty, and staff and provides accurate and comprehensive information about L&S academic rules and processes.

CAREER ADVISING

Many departments in Letters & Science have career advisors dedicated to students in the major: check the "Advising and Careers" sections of programs in this Guide. Career advisors have deep connections to alumni and other professionals in fields related to the major. They assist with internships, networking, and other services to help students build a plan toward chosen careers.

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try "Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them," (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students