What to Expect from Your Advising Appointments

Your advisor is a facilitator who is here to help you identify and make meaning of options, obligations, and opportunities that can help you reach your goals. They are your link to the assistance you need to navigate campus support resources, and the logistics of completing your degree. Advisors also help you maximize your educational experience by referring you to professional development, leadership, and experiential learning opportunities. Advisors know how to find help for almost any issue. Advisors want to get to know you so they be a partner who helps you achieve your full potential.

START Appointment

The intent is to introduce you to the OSU academic environment and some of the tools and rules to help you be successful.

- Prior to your OSU Orientation day you will get access to a College of Ag Sci CANVAS site that includes an orientation video and additional resources.
- You will attend a College of Ag Science Info Session on the day of your OSU Orientation that will provide information about the College. You will schedule your advising appointment during that session. **(NOTE: Your advising appointment will take place AFTER your OSU Orientation Day).**
- Your interactions with your advisor may be in small groups or one-on-one.
- You’ll discuss the role of the Baccalaureate Core and how it intersects with courses in your major or majors you are exploring.
- You will discuss prior experiences with college level coursework – AP, IB, or transfer credits from another institution.
- You’ll develop a first term schedule that may incorporate first-year skills courses, introductory courses in your major or any majors you’re exploring, and courses designed to help you with transition into OSU.
- You’ll receive assistance with registration.

Follow-up Appointments

- In the College of Agricultural Sciences, advising appointments are scheduled at least once a term. Meetings allow for ongoing conversations about your interests, goals, and questions, as well as course planning for the following term. You will receive a new Registration PIN number from your advisor each term (except summer). Preparing for your advising appointment can make the most of your time and your advisor’s time. Here are a few simple tips below to help you prepare for your appointment:
  - Think of questions and bring them along!
  - Research where you are in your program by viewing your MyDegrees audit.
  - Check your credits (earned vs. remaining).
  - Prepare a list of classes you may be interested in registering for (including backups).

Between Registration Appointments

- You may need to meet with your advisor to talk about:
  - Whether to add/drop a course this term?
  - How to look for summer jobs/ internships?
  - Should you consider summer courses?
  - Just not sure this course/program is right?
  - I need HELP! Tutors, success referrals etc.
Mark Your Calendar!

- Move-in dates - Sept 22-24 - visit uhds.oregonstate.edu/housing/move-guide for more information
- Classes begin - Sept 27, 2023
- CAS Welcome Event - Sept 26, 2023
- CAS Career Fair & Student Showcase - October 26, 2023

*Information about OSUWelcome activities will be shared later this summer.

Please go to https://registrar.oregonstate.edu/osu-academic-calendar/ to see a full list of important dates and deadlines related to registration changes. Take the time to put these important dates and deadlines in your daily calendar.

Prior to course registration

You will be registering each term during “priority registration.” Check your priority registration day and time by logging into your MyOSU Portal, Online services (click registration tab; then check registration status).

- We encourage you to start looking for new registration dates for the following term around week 4 of the current term.
- Check “holds”. As a first year or transfer student, you may have a hold on your account (student health, final transcripts). Check by logging on to MyOregonState. Click on the Academics tab in the top right tool bar. You will see your active holds in the Academic Overview card. Some holds prevent registration, so you will want to ensure these are cleared prior to your registration date and time.

Tips to being a successful student in the College of Agricultural Sciences

- Attend all of your courses regularly.
- Form study groups or join available study groups through the Supplemental Instruction Program.
- See your Advisor and Instructors as soon as you start having difficulties in a course.
- If an emergency prevents you from attending classes or doing coursework, notify your Advisor and/or Instructors as soon as possible.
- Check your ONID emails daily so you don’t miss important deadlines, risk losing Financial Aid, fail to get course directions, etc.
- Never be afraid to ask for help!

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