



FIRST-YEAR ADVISING

College of Liberal Arts advisors are here to help you explore your academic interests through the intentional selection of coursework, along with co-curricular and experiential learning opportunities. We are also here to support you in your transition to living and learning in a university setting.

START Appointment

Your **START** appointment serves as a general introduction to advising and how to use university tools and resources.

We will discuss:

- Your interests and goals
- Introduction to online tools: BeaverHub, the online catalog, and MyDegrees
- The purpose and potential of the Bacc Core and CLA Core
- Your Math placement test score and how to be successful in Math
- Your language assessment exam (if needed)
- Any potential AP/IB or transfer credits
- Assist you in creating a schedule
- Come prepared to engage and take notes

Advising Appointments occur at least once per term, during appointments we may talk about:

- How you are doing
- Current course schedule and workload/time management
- The purpose of the Bacc Core, CLA Core, and B.A./B.S. requirements

- Major fit and exploration
- Potential minors/certificates
- The S/U/W process: how, why, and potential outcomes
- On-campus resources (Academic Success Center, Writing Center, Collaborative Learning Center)
- Using the Planner in MyDegrees to develop a list of potential courses for the upcoming term
- Study Abroad and international options
- Common academic regulations
- How to get involved: internships, research, club and organization participation
- Summer classes/courses
- How to use and where to find transfer articulation tables
- The differences between CLA Central advisors and Major advisors (more details on the next page)
- Answering your questions and/or provide information about different resources

TIP: Come to your advising appointment prepared to discuss any of these topics.

Scheduling an Advising Appointment

- You must schedule an advising appointment every term during your first year in order to receive your registration PIN
- You can call 541-737-0561 or email liberalarts@oregonstate.edu to schedule your appointment*



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- Look for your registration date and time around week 4 or 5 of the current term.
- You should also check your Beaver Hub to see if you have registration holds (student health, final transcripts) that could prevent registration.

* Art/Graphic Design, Music and Theatre Arts students are required to meet with major advisor each term.

Scheduling Tips

Things to tell the front desk when scheduling your advising appointment:

- Your name, major and OSU ID#
- That you are a first-year student
- If you are pre-med, pre-education or pre-law
- Purpose of your appointment

Registration PIN

All first-year CLA students need a new registration PIN to register for each academic term. PINs are given by CLA advisors during your appointment.

Your registration time is based on how many credits you have earned. You can check your priority registration time by logging into your Beaver Hub, selecting “Student,” and clicking “View My Priority Registration Status.”

Mark Your Calendar!

These are a few of the events that must be in your calendar:

- **OSU Welcome
September 24-30**
- **Welcome BBQ
September 26**



- Beginning Week 4, of Fall Term schedule your **Winter** term advising appointment
- Beginning Week 4, of Winter Term schedule your **Spring** term Advising appointment
- Beginning Week 4, of Spring Term schedule your **Fall** term advising appointment with your major advisor

Transition to Spring Term Advising

All first-year CLA students will transition to meeting with their major advisors during spring term. Your major advisor is eager to meet with you and answer any questions you have regarding future classes.

Beginning week 4 contact your major advisor’s office to schedule an advising appointment to discuss fall term classes and receive your fall PIN. Their contact information can be found at:

CLA Student Services > Find your advisor
<https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/find-my-advisor>

Bexell Living Room

When you arrive for your advising appointment please check in at the reception desk located in the Bexell Living Room. The Bexell Living Room is also a great place to study, and work on group projects

Drop-in appointments are offered daily. Come in if you have questions about:

- Bacc Core
- MyDegrees
- Credits
- Change of Grading
- Minors & Options

Scholarships

Information about scholarships available through the College of Liberal Arts can be found here: <https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/scholarships>

