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Introduction to KSAS Academic Advising & Undergraduate Education

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What is the Role of Academic Advising?

We are...

- Your guide on this new journey, and home-base if you lose your way.
- We connect you with different resources across campus and share important information while you make your way towards graduation.
- A safe space to support you – this is YOUR journey! We are your personal cheerleaders championing the whole of you.

Advisor Tip: Don't get caught up in what others are saying or doing. There is no wrong way to be a Hopkins student, and everyone's journey is different.



The mission of academic advising at Johns Hopkins University is to provide quality advising that calls on the expertise of faculty, staff, and administration who work with students to identify and explore the unique curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular opportunities that define the Johns Hopkins University undergraduate experience. Advisors use evidence-based and pedagogically sound approaches to empower students and support their holistic well-being as they navigate their academic choices, explore meaningful experiential learning opportunities, and engage in a richly diverse campus community that cultivates inclusivity and promotes intellectual curiosity. Through collaborative efforts across the various campuses and schools, advisors work to ensure that all students have the opportunity to define and pursue their personal, academic, and professional goals.

Mission Statement

Types of Advisors & Mentors

- Professional Academic Advisors
- Success Coaches in Academic Advising
- Pre-Professional Advisors
- Faculty Mentors
- Directors of Undergraduate Studies (DUS)
- Whiting School of Engineering (WSE) Advisors

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Full-time and dedicated to KSAS students

These advisors are full-time professional Academic Advisors, dedicated to KSAS students. These advisors will help you transition to and navigate through the university. These advisors provide a holistic approach to assist students with their academic and personal goals. Academic Advisors are a great place to start, if you are not sure where to start! You will have this advisor until graduation.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Pre-health and pre-law population

These advisors work with students who are pre-health or pre-law. If you are a pre-health student, you will attend Pre-Health 101 as a first-year student. These advisors do not replace your professional academic advisor or success coach.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS/ SUCCESS COACHES

Commonly known AA/SCs

Academic Advisor/Success Coaches provide increased support with a holistic view of the student. AA/SCs assist students with their academic and personal goal exploration to ensure alignment with their professional aspirations. Students meet with their Academic Advisor Success Coach regularly for academic advising and to identify opportunities and campus resources that lend support to their overall well-being while at Hopkins.

FACULTY MENTORS

Know specific majors and minors

Students will be connected to academic departments through their enrolled courses and declared majors. Faculty mentors help students navigate curricular and co-curricular opportunities within the academic discipline, connect students to experiences, and advise on post-graduation plans.



Resources for Incoming Students and Families

Academic Advising Canvas Course

Students will use this course as a tool to learn the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary for student success, holistic student development, and general well-being.

Each semester, students will complete required modules prior to scheduling their semesterly meeting with their assigned academic advisor.

Academic Advising Canvas Course

- **#1 resource for finding information**
- Major & Degree Requirements
 - Foundational Abilities
 - First Year Foundation
- Placement Exams
 - Math, Language
- Registration
- Transfer Credits
- AP/IB/GCE Credits
- Credit Limits
- Campus Resources
- Meeting with your Academic Advisor



Resources for Incoming Students and Families

Where Can I Find Answers to My Questions?

- [Canvas Course](#)
- [Advising.JHU.edu](#)
- [First Year Guide](#)
- [Checklist](#)

Your Advisor!



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Undergraduate Education

First-Year Foundation

First-Year Seminar
3 credits



Reintroduction to Writing
3 credits

Foundational Abilities

#2: Science and Data
15 credits

#3: Culture and Aesthetics
15 credits

#1: Writing and
Communication
15 credits, 6 within your
primary major

#6: Projects and
Methods
6 credits

#4: Citizens and Society
15 credits

#5: Ethics and Foundations
15 credits

Although each
course can only
count towards one
of the FAs #2-5, a
course can count for
one area #2-5 plus
#1 and/or #6.

First Year Foundation & Foundational Abilities

Undergraduate Education

- **First Year Seminar (FYS)**
 - Only offered during the Fall semester.
 - Welcomes students to the intellectual life of Johns Hopkins through academic exploration, experiential learning, and faculty mentorship
- **Reintroduction to Writing**
 - Offered both Fall & Spring semesters.
 - Teaches students to become agile, curious, creative, and resilient writers.

First Year Foundation

Foundational Abilities

Undergraduate Education

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FA1 Writing and Communication



Develop command of language as a writer, reader, and speaker while learning to communicate clearly and effectively with different audiences.



Write • Speak • Persuade

FA2 Science and Data



Use scientific, quantitative, and analytical reasoning to investigate questions and evaluate evidence about the natural world.



Analyze • Investigate • Interpret

FA3 Culture and Aesthetics



Explore literature, art, music, language, and creative expression while understanding their cultural and historical meaning.



Create • Explore • Interpret

FA4 Citizens and Society



Examine democracy, equity, civic life, and the forces that shape local and global communities.



Engage • Question • Connect

*Note: FA4: Citizens and Society includes 3 credits of coursework that explores democracy and civics.

FA5 Ethics and Foundations



Reflect on ethical, moral, social, and political questions while developing critical thinking and sound judgment.



Reflect • Reason • Evaluate

FA6 Projects and Methods



Design meaningful projects, apply research methods, collaborate with others, and communicate ideas with impact.



Research • Build • Collaborate



Resources for Incoming Students and Families

Academic Support for Students

- Learning Den
- PILOT
- Study Consulting
- Writing Center

[AcademicSupport.jhu.edu](https://academicSupport.jhu.edu)



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