What is advising?

Academic advising is an educational relationship in which students and advisors are partners in planning academic, personal, and career goals. It fosters intellectual and personal development that leads to academic success and self-directed, life-long learning.

Advising Philosophy

Since Academic advising is a partnership between the advisor and advisee, the advisor needs to be a good listener and the advisee needs to ask good questions. This is a shared responsibility to develop an educational plan for the advisee starting with “hearing” the student’s story and moving forward from there.

Expectations of advisee

- Schedule regular appointments and/or contacts during each semester
- Review your degree audit report
- Be familiar with the university online catalog
- Come to appointments prepared with questions/topics to discuss
- Provide accurate and truthful information when being advised
- Accept responsibility for your decisions and actions
- Develop and clarify your personal values and goals
- Seek assistance with study habits and academic progress
- Keep written records of all advising interactions
- Take responsibility for and follow through on decisions made during each advising session
- Be respectful in interactions with advisor

Expectations of advisor

- Understand SES degree requirements and effectively communicate to advisee
- Provide a respectful, supportive atmosphere
- Maintain understanding of university policy and procedures
- Listen carefully to advisee questions and concerns
- Monitor progress toward educational/career goals
- Refer advisee to appropriate resources
- Maintain confidentiality
- Encourage and support advisee to gain skills and knowledge necessary for success
- Assist advisee in making course and major decisions
- Be honest and respectful in interactions with advisee
Student Learning Outcomes

The student will:

- Understand general education and major requirements
- Develop an educational plan based on assessment of abilities, aspirations, interests, and values
- Be aware of and utilize the degree audit program to select appropriate courses for degree plan
- Research information from various sources to make decisions concerning degree and career goals, set goals, and work toward achieving these goals
- Assume responsibility for meeting academic program requirements
- Register for classes online
- Utilize advisor referrals to resources and services on campus
- Graduate in a timely manner based upon educational plan

Academic Year Timeline

[http://registrar.wsu.edu/Registrar/Apps/AcadCal.ASPX](http://registrar.wsu.edu/Registrar/Apps/AcadCal.ASPX)

Degrees Offered in the School of Economic Sciences:

**Bachelor of Science in Economic Sciences**
- provides students with the basic economic knowledge, quantitative tools, and communication skills necessary to secure professional positions in a wide range of industries and public organizations. Economics is the study of the allocation of resources between competing and alternative uses. Options:
  - agricultural economics
  - business economics
  - economic analysis and policy
  - environmental and resource economics
  - financial markets
  - graduate school preparation
  - international trade and development

**Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Food Systems - Agricultural and Food Business Economics**
- gives students the information they need to succeed in the food and agricultural business world – knowledge of business and economics practices as well as a deep understanding of animal, plant, and food systems. This college-wide, interdisciplinary program is advised within the School of Economic Sciences.