

# Academic Advisement Center

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## Our Mission

Dixie State University Academic Advisors guide students to take ownership of their education as they make decisions to engage in active learning and live an active life.

## Academic Advising

### When to Meet with an Advisor (<http://advisement.dixie.edu/advisors>)

New freshmen will connect with an academic advisor before and/or during summer orientation. Returning students or transfer students who are undeclared can meet with an advisor in the Academic Advisement Center, or students who have declared a major can meet directly with a program advisor. Meeting with an advisor before registration will reduce a student's risk of taking unnecessary courses or otherwise straying from his/her graduation plan. An advisor will encourage students to meet often (typically at least once per semester) to review degree requirements and apply for graduation in a timely manner.

### What to Expect When Meeting with an Academic Advisor

An advisor will:

- Discuss goals and interests to help students develop strategies for achieving academic and future career goals.
- Provide students with accurate, up-to-date information regarding degree/certificate requirements.
- Introduce students to Degree Works including how to log in and navigate the degree audit system
- Assist students in selecting courses appropriate to academic/career goals.
- Orient students to academic policies, procedures, requirements, and deadlines.
- Challenge students to develop strong decision-making and self-advocacy skills, and promote self-directed learning.
- Educate students regarding online advisement resources.
- Understand career opportunities and refer students to Career Services as needed.
- Refer students to additional services as needed.

### What to Expect after Meeting with an Academic Advisor

Students will be able to:

- Make decisions regarding personal and academic goals.
- Register for courses or make schedule changes.
- Approach professors or university administrators to resolve issues.
- Keep the advisor informed about schedule changes, course selection, and career goals.
- Provide written authorization allowing the advisor and other college departments to share information, including your grades, academic progress, and courses, with parents, guardian, or spouse.
- Recognize the academic deadlines.
- Be familiar with prerequisites and graduation requirements for certificate or degree programs.
- Discuss how prerequisites will affect the sequencing of classes.
- Understand academic performance standards.
- Know the GPA requirements for graduation and specific degree programs.

## Academic Standing

Dixie State University is an open-enrollment institution; because of this, all students with the desire to academically succeed are welcome to attend classes. However, each student must assume the responsibility to progress academically while attending the college.

Students are considered to be in good standing with the institution as long as the student's cumulative GPA remains above a 2.0. DSU credit and transfer credit carry the same academic weight in a student's GPA calculations.

If a student's cumulative GPA is below 2.0, he/she will be placed on Academic Warning, Academic Probation, or Academic Suspension. Therefore, it is vital for students' academic success that they maintain, keep, or return their GPA to at least a 2.0 or higher. A student cannot graduate from Dixie State University with a GPA less than 2.0, and will have holds placed on his/her accounts when on Academic Warning, Probation, or Suspension. Students should contact their academic advisor if their GPA falls below 2.0. To access the advisor directory, visit <https://advisement.dixie.edu/advisors/>.

## **Low Academic Status Categories**

- **Academic Alert:** This occurs when a student's semester GPA below 2.0 but still has cumulative GPA remains above a 2.0.
- **Academic Warning:** This status will occur when a student's semester GPA is below a 2.0 and their cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0.
- **Academic Probation:** If a student who is on Academic Warning fails to raise his/her cumulative GPA above a 2.0, s/he is placed on Academic Probation. Students who are placed on Academic Probation will be required by the institution to meet certain requirements to remain eligible for enrollment at Dixie State University.
- **Academic Suspension:** If a student who is on Academic Probation does not achieve a 2.0 GPA the semester or semesters after being placed on Academic Probation, the student will be suspended for at least one regular semester (fall or spring) and will be required to petition the college for readmission.