Our Mission

Dixie State University academic advising empowers students by teaching them to develop a personalized learning plan through a collaborative relationship that offers support for students as they transition into college, succeed in college and prepare for a career.

Academic advising is a service provided through the Academic Advisement Center and through all degree programs. From orientation through graduation, academic advisement is a primary resource regarding academic issues.

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 the Academic Advisement Center at (435) 652-7690 if their GPA falls below 2.0.

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.

Registration & Orientation (R.O.A.D.S.)

Registration & Orientation at Dixie State is a program of summer sessions designed to assist new students transition to college and campus life. R.O.A.D.S. includes a campus tour; presentations about various services and programs; orientation/registration process; and meeting academic advisors to help new students find which degree and program of study is the best fit. R.O.A.D.S. shows students how to be responsible for their academic careers while being guided by an academic advisor. R.O.A.D.S. also introduces and explains Student Services, academic programs, and many other resources that help students succeed at DSU.

General Education Letter of Completion

A student who completes DSU’s General Education requirements and has a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA may request a General Education “Letter of Completion,” which will be accepted by other Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institutions in fulfillment of General Education requirements in the same manner as an Associate of Science or Associate of Art degree. Under the authority of the Registrar’s Office, the Academic Advisement Center. may issue a General Education Letter of Completion to eligible students.

According to Utah Board of Regents policy R470, a student who transfers to DSU and completes DSU’s General Education requirements must meet the institutional residency requirement of 20 lower-division credits and have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA in order to receive a General Education Letter of Completion.
When to Meet with an Advisor

New freshmen students will be able to meet with an advisor while attending summer R.O.A.D.S. sessions. Returning adult or transfer students can meet with an advisor in the Academic Advisement Center, or students 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 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 a strategy for achieving academic and future career goals.
• Provide students with accurate, up-to-date information regarding degree/certificate requirements.
• Assist students in selecting courses appropriate to the student's goals.
• Orient the student to academic policies, procedures, requirements, and deadlines.
• Challenge the student to develop strong decision-making and self-advocacy skills, and promote self-directed learning.
• Educate the student 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.

Student Resources

Canvas (https://www.dixie.edu/helpdesk/canvas.php)

Canvas is an online system for students and instructors to share information, assignments, and other materials that relate to classes and the student’s education. Many professors use Canvas for online courses, including LIB 1010 and CIS 1200. Some professors use Canvas as a supplemental resource for coursework by posting course syllabi, assignments, related documents, notes, videos, web links, and updated grades. Canvas also lists names of classmates so students can get in touch with them throughout the semester for questions or even form study groups. Login information for Canvas is the same login as student's Dmail account. Students can access Canvas by clicking “Canvas” on the left side of the University main website (http://www.dixie.edu). or by clicking here. (https://canvas.dixie.edu)

Dixie OneCard

The Dixie OneCard has multiple uses while students attend Dixie State University. First, the card is the student's university ID and indicates status as an admitted and enrolled student. As an ID card, it will allow students to access events and check out materials from the Library, as well as use the Computer Center, Fitness Center, Tutoring Center, and other campus resources.

Second, the Dixie OneCard is used for financial purposes. The Financial Aid Office applies excess funds from scholarships, grants, and loans to the card. Once funds are placed on the card, it can be used just like a debit card both on and off campus. Dining Services also uses the card for all meal plans.

Dmail (http://dixie.edu/helpdesk/dmail_faq.php)

Dmail is the student's Dixie State University email account. This email account will be used by professors, financial aid, registration, cashier’s office, academic advisement, campus security, student government, and many other DSU departments to contact students when needed. It is important to check Dmail frequently to not miss key information about class assignments, campus notifications, graduation status, and scholarships—to name just a few.
Dmail is a special Gmail account that will not be terminated after the student’s time at Dixie State University is completed. By keeping an account active, students can still be an involved member of DSU’s campus life.

Students can also have their dmail forwarded to their personal email account (Hotmail, Gmail etc..) by following these instructions. (http://dixie.edu/helpdesk/dmail_forwarding.php)

**MyDixie**

MyDixie is the link to the Student Services log in where students can find and update all information related to their status as a DSU student. Students can register for classes, view grades, order official transcripts, view financial aid accounts, and change contact information. The Student Services system should be used frequently so students are clear about their standing with the university. The link is located at the top of DSU’s home page (http://www.dixie.edu). Or by clicking here (https://bannersec.dixie.edu/proddad/twbkwbls_P_WWWLogin).

**Testing Center** (http://dixie.edu/testing)

**Tutoring Center** (http://dixie.edu/tutoring)

**Writing Center** (http://www.dixie.edu/owl)

**Disability Resource Center (DRC)** (http://dixie.edu/drcenter)