CLA Advising

As College of Liberal Arts advisors, we are here to facilitate your exploration of different majors, minors, and experiences. We encourage our first-year students to explore their academic interests through intentional selections of coursework, co-curricular, and experiential learning opportunities. We are also here to help you navigate the transition to a university setting and to your major advisor in spring term.

START Appointment
This is typically your first advising appointment at OSU and occurs during New Student Orientation (aka START). It serves as a general introduction to advising and utilization of university tools and resources.

- General check-in and discussion of your interests
- Introduction to online tools: myOSU Portal, the online catalog, and MyDegrees
- Discuss U-Engage courses and their benefits
- Explain the purpose and potential of the Bacc Core and CLA Core
- Develop a schedule of 12-15 credits that includes any alpha section courses, introductory major courses, and Bacc Core or CLA core classes of interest
- Discuss your math placement test score and how to be successful in math
- Discuss and potential AP/IB or transfer credits

Regular Advising Appointments (appointments that occur at least once per term)

During the appointment we might talk about:

- How you are doing
- Current course schedule and workload/time management
- The purpose of the Bacc Core, CLA Core, and BA/BS 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, CLC)
- Using the Planner in MyDegrees to develop a list of potential courses for the upcoming term
- Study-abroad and internationalization options
- Common academic regulations
- How to get involved; internships, research, club and organization participation
- Summer school
- How to use and where to find transfer articulation tables
- The differences between CLA Central advisors and major advisors
- Answering your questions and/or provide information about different resources

Registration PIN

All first-year CLA students need a new registration PIN to register for each academic term. PINs are given by Central CLA advisors during your appointment. You cannot register for the next term without a PIN.
Scheduling an Advising Appointment
You will register each term during priority registration. Your registration time is based on how many credits you have earned. You can check your priority registration time by logging into your myOSU Portal, selecting “Student,” and clicking “View My Priority Registration Status.”

- You must schedule an advising appointment every term during your first-year.
- You can either call 541-737-0561 or come by Gilkey 213 to schedule your appointment.
- We do not schedule appointments via email.
- We encourage you to start looking for your registration date and time around week 4 or 5 of the current term.
- You should also check your myOSU Portal to see if you have registration holds (student health, final transcripts) that could prevent registration.

Mark Your Calendar!!!
These are a few of the events that should be in your calendar.

- **September 25th-28th, 2014**
  CONNECT Week
- Halloween, schedule your Winter Term Advising appointment
- **Thursday, September 25th, 2014**
  Get CONNECT’ed BBQ:
- **January 12th-16th, 2015**
  Winter Welcome
- Valentines’ Day, schedule your Spring Term Advising appointment
- **Wednesday, April 8th, 2015**
  Matriculation Celebration
- Cinco de Mayo, schedule your Fall term appointment with your Major advisor

Student Resources
OSU offers a wide variety of resources to help you be successful. We have highlighted some of these resources. If you don’t see what you are looking for, ask your advisor.

**Academic Success Center (ASC)**
102 Waldo Hall, 541-737-2272
The ASC is home to academic coaches, the Writing Center, ALS 114 & 116, and a variety of handouts to promote student success. You may want to visit their Learning Corner Website at: success.oregonstate.edu/learning-corner

**The Valley Library, 541-737-3331**
Osulibrary.oregonstate.edu
The Valley Library is a great space to study, hold group meetings, and houses the Collaborative Learning Center (CLC). The CLC provides chemistry, physics, and math tutoring.

**The Math Learning Center (MLC)**
Kidder Hall 108, 541-737-0797
www.math.oregonstate.edu/mlc
The MLC provides free drop-in tutoring, a study room, and textbooks, solution manuals, and a few calculators that can be checked out for use in the MLC.

**Kerr Administration Building**
This building is home to Financial Aid, The Registrar, Business Affairs, and Veteran Services.

**Career Services**
B008 Kerr Administration, 541-737-4085
Oregonstate.edu/career
Provides career counseling, self assessments, and job search and graduate school preparation. You can also find the Career Trail and Beaver JobNet on their website.

**Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)**
5th Floor Snell Hall, 541-737-2131
CAPS provides individual/group/couples counseling, consultation about personal issues, psychiatric services, and stress management.

“Step out of your comfort zone by going to as many open houses, campus events, and activity fairs as you can. You might discover your new major or passion.”

-Hannah Whitley, Current Sociology Major