

ACADEMIC ADVISING

In high school, you were most likely advised by a counselor and registered for classes through a counselor. Not necessarily so at Fresno State!

Where do you get academic advising?

If you have a declared major, academic advising for your major is done in your major department. Departments have their own methods of assigning faculty advisors. For example, some are assigned while other departments may let you choose. Go to your major department or call to make an appointment for academic advising.

If you have not yet chosen a major, you are “undeclared.” You will be advised by academic advisors/counselors in the Office of Advising Services (Joyal Administration Building, Room 224, 559.278.1787). If you are an EOP, UMS, International student or an athlete, you will be advised by your respective assigned advisors or counselors, as well as, by faculty advisors in your major department.

Why should you see an advisor?

Regular academic advising is a key to the successful and timely completion of your degree. Academic advisors are available to explain major, General Education (G.E.), and degree requirements; assist with planning your class schedule; help you stay on track for your degree; write letters of reference, and more. You should schedule an appointment with your advisor at least once a semester.

Lastly, even though academic advising is provided for you as described above, you are still responsible for knowing and meeting the various major and other degree requirements as stated in the 2005-2006 **General Catalog**.

ROAD MAPS

The faculty at Fresno State have put together what they call “Road Maps.” Your “Road Map” assists you in choosing courses and mapping out your degree in a four-year plan. You can access “Road Maps” online at http://www.csufresno.edu/degreeroadmap/site_index.htm or obtain one from your major department. If your “Road Map” is not yet available, or you have questions, you should contact your major department for further assistance.

At a minimum, you are expected to review your “Road Map” to graduation with your advisor from your major department by the end of the term in which you complete 75 units. Some departments require advising earlier and more often. The Office of Advising Services can advise students on General Education and non-major-related degree requirements.

If you are a freshman entering the university without a major, you are strongly encouraged to declare a major before the end of the term in which you complete 45 units. You must declare a major no later than the term in which you complete 60 units. For further information, contact the Office of Advising Services.