

## ADVISING OVERVIEW

The Students First Office serves as the centralized academic advising center for all Exploratory majors at UNCG. As an Exploratory student, your academic advising experience is much more than simply selecting courses. Your advisor is especially interested in getting to know more about you and your goals as a student, and is also knowledgeable about the wide variety of academic areas, resources, and opportunities at UNCG. You will meet with your assigned advisor at least two times per semester. These meetings are strategically designed to give you and your advisor ample opportunity to get to know one another, discuss your interests and strengths, establish academic and personal goals, and assess the progress you have made toward achieving those goals. Your advisor will also help you understand important UNCG policies and procedures.

## EXPECTATIONS

Expectations of You	Expectations of Your Advisor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule and attend at least 2 meetings with your advisor each term.</li> <li>• Maintain responsibility for scheduling, canceling, and rescheduling advising appointments through Starfish.</li> <li>• Arrive on time for your advising appointments.</li> <li>• Come prepared to advising appointments with questions, assignments, and materials for discussion.</li> <li>• Familiarize yourself with the deadlines outlined in the University's academic calendar (see calendar link on pg. 3).</li> <li>• Keep a personal record of your progress toward meeting your goals.</li> <li>• Accept responsibility for your personal and academic decisions.</li> <li>• Check your UNCG email daily for pertinent information and updates regarding courses, academic policies, and advising.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an open, accepting, respectful, and safe environment in which your thoughts, concerns, choices, needs, and personal attributes are valued.</li> <li>• Understand and effectively communicate the policies, procedures, graduation requirements, and UNCG curriculum.</li> <li>• Encourage you and monitor your progression as you develop and pursue your goals.</li> <li>• Assist you in locating and utilizing various academic supports and resources at UNCG.</li> <li>• Assist you in learning to value academic exploration through the General Education Program.</li> <li>• Maintain confidentiality in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). No academic or identifying information will be released without your written consent.</li> </ul>

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Through your Exploratory Advising experience, you will...

1. Participate in exploratory programs to identify strengths, generate academic interests, and develop community among exploratory peers.
  2. Create a personal success plan to identify goals and strategies for personal, academic, and career exploration.
  3. Partner with and utilize Career & Professional Development to explore connections between academic majors and career aspirations.
  4. Utilize UNCGenie, Degree Works, and the University Catalog to create schedules and plan courses that fulfill University requirements.
  5. Maximize the General Education Core to strategically select courses that allow for exploration of academic areas of interest.
  6. Discover and utilize campus resources to explore academic interests.
  7. Identify sources of academic support and employ appropriate resources to enhance academic performance.
  8. Demonstrate knowledge of critical academic policies and procedures and apply them as necessary to maximize academic success.
  9. Acquire self-knowledge and discover personal values, interests, and abilities to identify and explore majors and careers that lead to personal enrichment and community engagement.
  10. Evaluate the outcomes of your self-exploration process to select a program of study that supports your academic interests and career goals.
  11. Maintain a partnership with your Students First Exploratory Advisor by scheduling appointments and consulting with the advisor when making academic decisions.
  12. Make connections and intentionally engage in curricular and co-curricular experiences with faculty, staff, and peers.
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### Important Information about Schedule Changes and Course Withdrawals:

- You may make changes to your schedule for the first five days of class in fall/spring semesters. Any dropped courses during this period will not be displayed on your permanent record. *The schedule adjustment period for winter and summer terms is typically the first two days of classes.*
  - You may withdraw from a course through the eighth week of classes without incurring a WF (withdrawal failing) grade. *The deadline to withdraw without receiving a WF for winter and summer terms occurs about halfway through the term.*
  - Course withdrawal decisions should be made in collaboration with your academic advisor and with consideration given to academic standing and withdrawal policies, as well as financial aid eligibility and other implications.
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### WHAT CAN I DO TO EXPLORE?

- Be an active participant!
- Utilize Career & Professional Development.
- Work with your assigned advisor to develop a personalized plan for your exploration.
- Test out departments of interest while satisfying General Education Core (GEC) requirements by strategically selecting courses.
- Use the assignments, reflections, activities, and experiences in your FYE 101 course to explore your academic and career interests.

### ACADEMIC RESOURCES

- University Catalog.....[catalog.uncg.edu](http://catalog.uncg.edu)
- Academic Calendar.....[reg.uncg.edu/calendars](http://reg.uncg.edu/calendars)
- Students First Office.....[studentsfirst.uncg.edu](http://studentsfirst.uncg.edu)
- Starfish.....[studentsfirst.uncg.edu/starfish-overview](http://studentsfirst.uncg.edu/starfish-overview)
- Academic Achievement Center.....[success.uncg.edu/departments/aac](http://success.uncg.edu/departments/aac)
- Career & Professional Development.....[cpd.uncg.edu](http://cpd.uncg.edu)
- Math Help Center.....[uncg.edu/mat/mathhelpcenter](http://uncg.edu/mat/mathhelpcenter)
- Speaking Center.....[speakingcenter.uncg.edu](http://speakingcenter.uncg.edu)
- Writing Center.....[writingcenter.uncg.edu](http://writingcenter.uncg.edu)
- Degree Works.....[reg.uncg.edu/degree-evaluation/degree-works-faq](http://reg.uncg.edu/degree-evaluation/degree-works-faq)
- UNC Genie Class Schedule.....[Class Schedule Search tool](#)

