

Academic Advising

Navigating through your academic life may, at times, seem challenging. It definitely can be! Fortunately Ball State has prepared for your arrival in advance whether you are a freshman, upperclassman, transfer student, non-traditional student, honors student, or student athlete, and have created the tools that you need to successfully map a course that leads to your graduation.

Academic advisors at Ball State are **personal, professional, and prepared** to give you the advice you need and the resources you will use as you journey through course work, campus life, and your learning communities. Your **freshmen academic advisor** will train you in the most basic advising processes (how to make a schedule, add a class, calculate your GPA, declare a major, etc.). Your **faculty advisor** will assist you as you begin to focus on your major and minor, guide you towards internship and immersive learning experiences, and help you plan for your tier 3 University Core Curriculum (UCC) requirement. Finally, your **advising center** will serve as you are preparing for graduation "destination" as you beginning thinking about commencement and completing the requirements of your degree.

Differences in Freshman Advising and Faculty Advising

As a freshman, you will have a **freshman advisor** based in the Academic Advising Center (NQ 339) who offers personalized, one on one support in areas such as course selection, choice of major, college transition issues and referral to other support services. Upon completion of 30 credits, you will be assigned to a **faculty advisor** in the department of your declared major. If you have completed 30 credits and have not declared a major, you will continue with an advisor in University College who can help you consider options and make wise choices regarding a major.

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Hours: 8 a.m-5 p.m. Monday-Friday (Summer Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

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BSU Academic Advising web site: <http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/Advising.aspx>

How to Find Who Your Academic Advisor Is

To find who your academic advisor is, you can go to the BSU website under the “Current Student” area. In the “Advising” category, there is a “Who is My Advisor?” link. You will be asked to enter your BSU username and password and you will be given the information about your advisor.

Advising Centers on Campus:

Freshman Advising	NQ 339	285-1161
Upper Division Advising	AC 224	285-5490
Student Athlete Advising	NQ 320	285-1184
Honors College Advising	Ball House	285-1024
Arts and Communications	AC 414	285-8686
Cooper Science	CP253	285-5513
North Quad	NQ320	285-1167
Robert Bell	RB 116	285-5515