

University of Wisconsin – Platteville

Advising and Career Exploration Services

Mission/Purpose:

Mission: To provide a comprehensive set of services that will assist undecided students in maximizing their educational experience at UW-Platteville, as well as to provide career exploration services for all students, regardless of major.

Purpose: Dedicated to assisting students in developing meaningful educational plans consistent with their life goals, we do this by helping students to:

- Establish and realize their academic and career goals
- Acquire relevant information, including selecting appropriate courses
- Utilize necessary services, including expanded educational resources (e.g., internships, study abroad)
- Make responsible decisions compatible with their individual skills, interests, and potential
- Evaluate progress toward established goals and educational plans

Learning Outcomes:

According to the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS), the ultimate responsibility for making decisions about educational plans and life goals rests with the individual student. We work with students to develop these learning outcomes:

1. Ability to build a class schedule incorporating General Education requirements, academic program requirements, and university requirements for graduation.
2. Understanding of university, college, and academic program requirements in the context of obtaining and valuing a liberal education and in terms of employer requirements.
3. Ability to relate skills, interests, and values to potential career areas.
4. Ability to utilize resource services when needed to resolve personal or academic issues.
5. Ability to make appropriate decisions to progress toward established goals.

Assessment Tools:

The following will be used as assessment tools:

- A. Individual advising sessions scheduled by student (notes are written in file by advisor)
- B. Exit survey of ACES' services, completed by students declaring majors
- C. Assessment Survey of ACES' services, completed by continuing undecided students

A campus-wide academic advising assessment will be conducted every other year in cooperation with Academic Affairs.