

# University of Wisconsin – Whitewater

## Academic Advising

### **ADVISING PHILOSOPHY**

Advising is most effective when it is viewed as an on-going process in which the students and the advisors work as partners. Students must conscientiously work with their advisors in order to develop comprehensive academic plans that lead to successful career planning. Ultimately, students have the responsibility for their own educational plans and for monitoring all requirements for graduation.

### **ADVISING RESPONSIBILITIES**

**STUDENTS are responsible for developing their educational plans by**

- Taking initiative to seek advising
- Monitoring their course of study
- Understanding and fulfilling all degree requirements
- Using appropriate student services

**ADVISORS are responsible for providing guidance to students by**

- Providing accurate information on requirements and policies.
- Helping students evaluate their academic success and choice of major and minor.
- Supporting and encouraging students as they work to meet their goals.
- Making appropriate referrals to student services.

**THE UNIVERSITY is responsible for guiding students to achieve their academic goals by:**

- Developing a structure within which effective advising can occur.
- Providing appropriate advising support for all students.
- Providing access to academic, personal and career advising.
- Communicating requirements and expectations for graduation.

### **ADVISING STRUCTURE**

First-year students and students who have yet to declare a major will be assigned advisors at the Academic Advising and Exploration Center. After their first year, students who have declared a major will be assisted by advisors within their college or by a faculty advisor within their major department.

Students should contact their advisors for help with course selections, managing academic concerns and career planning. Students are encouraged to discuss program options such as study abroad, and internships or other related work experiences.