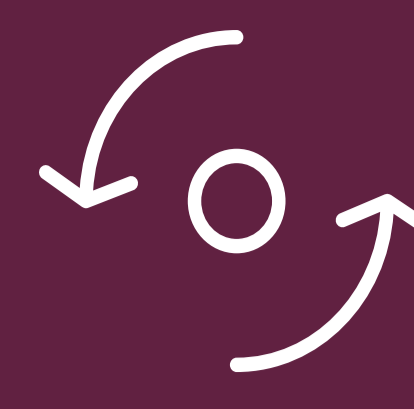


Academic Advising for Saint Mary's University Students



What is Advising?

Why is it important to your degree program?



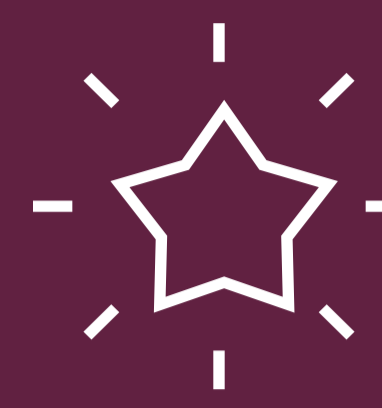
Collaborative

A reciprocal relationship between a student and advisor.



Student-centered

Focus on unique, individual student needs to meet academic, personal, and career goals.



Achieve your goals

Advisors create a positive educational experience to help all students succeed.



Students and advisors form a partnership where they work together to discuss goals, make decisions, solve problems, and learn from each other.

Both sides are responsible and accountable for working towards a common goal.



Academic Advising Responsibilities



STUDENTS

- Ask for help and contact advising regularly
- Attend classes and complete course work
- Read important advising and SMU emails
- Communicate questions, goals, and interests
- Prepare for advising appointments and review your *Degree Works* progress



STUDENTS & ADVISORS

- Develop course plans and review degree progress
- Discuss student goals and plan next steps
- Review important university information and regulations to inform decisions
- Explore interests and campus opportunities



ADVISORS

- Provide guidance and support to all students
- Understand academic regulations, policies, and procedures
- Communicate important academic and program information
- Ensure support is accessible and available to all students

How Can Academic Advisors Help?

*Not sure what you need help with or where to get help?
Meet with an advisor.*



Degree progress

- Confirm degree requirements
- Discuss degree progress
- Review any transfer credits



Course planning

- Explore program & major options
- Plan your course for the next academic year
- Review your course selection



Academic issues

- Review academic standing
- Discuss different appeal processes
- Verify academic regulations, policies, & procedures



Course concerns

- Discuss questions about a course
- Help connect with your instructors
- Review your course load



Campus resources

- Academic support services
- Counselling & accessibility
- Student experience & campus life



Future planning

- Review resources available for Career Services
- Discuss post-graduate options
- Prepare for graduation

BA & BES Advising

E: BAadvising@smu.ca
W: smu.ca/artsadvising



**Saint Mary's
University**
ARTS

BComm Advising

E: sobey.bcomm@smu.ca
W: sobey.smu.ca/advising



**Sobey School
of Business**
Saint Mary's University

Science Advising

E: advisor.science@smu.ca
W: smu.ca/scienceadvising



**Saint Mary's
University**
SCIENCE