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science.psu.edu/premed/advising-faculty-and-staff

Penn State Learning
pennstatelearning.psu.edu

Pre-Law Advising
dus.psu.edu/students/prelaw

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dus.psu.edu/students/sem_plans.html

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“I JUST WASN’T SURE WHAT TO MAJOR IN. I was overwhelmed by the choices and decided that I wanted to take time to explore my options.”
Lily Sears
 Communication Arts and Sciences

This fact sheet is available online at:
dus.psu.edu/about/news.html

Making Major Decisions

Start now to research majors and plan your Penn State experience

Explore

1. Read about majors and complete *Interest Surveys* at dus.psu.edu/students/start_search.html#interest_surveys
2. Explore *Majors by Interest Area* at dus.psu.edu/students/start_search.html#interest_area
 - ▶ Click on the names of the majors that interest you and the Degree Bulletin descriptions that go along with them. For each possible major, ask yourself, “Am I interested in the topics this major addresses?”
 - ▶ Continue across the chart to Recommended Academic Plans. Does the major require courses you think you would enjoy and do well in?
3. Visit *Learn About Majors* to find out more about your possible majors: dus.psu.edu/students/majors.html. Discuss with your adviser.

Experience

4. Work with your adviser to discuss your research, your experiences, and your future plans: dus.psu.edu/students/adviser.html
5. Get involved outside the classroom: dus.psu.edu/students/activities.html

Decide

6. Plan future semesters: dus.psu.edu/students/course_reg.html
7. Think beyond DUS: dus.psu.edu/students/etm/index.html

Find all of these resources at dus.psu.edu/students



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Find Your Academic Adviser

You can find your academic adviser's name and contact information in eLion (elion.psu.edu). Just click on *Adviser Information*.

Make an Appointment

You can make an appointment with your academic adviser several ways:

- > Schedule online at dus.psu.edu/students/make_appt.html
- > Call 814-865-7576
- > Stop by the reception desk in the Grange Building lobby (weekdays 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

Does DUS Set Time Limits?

There is no minimum time of enrollment in DUS. You may move into an academic college when you are qualified and ready to do so. **There is, however, a maximum time limit.** You may remain in DUS for two semesters beyond your first year at Penn State.

Entering first-year students, therefore, may stay in DUS for as long as two years. By then, all DUS students have entered majors.

"I HAD NO IDEA WHAT I WANTED TO DO WITH MY LIFE and no concept of the process of getting a degree at Penn State. Even though your major doesn't dictate what you'll do for the rest of your life, it usually is a huge factor. Thankfully, I had a great DUS adviser to help me narrow down my interests."

Ashley Krizauskas
Psychology

This publication is available in alternative media on request.

Get the MOST out of your first two years

- > **Read the weekly DUS News:** dus.psu.edu/about/dusnews
- > **Follow your DUS advising syllabus:** dus.psu.edu/documents/advising_syllabus.pdf
- > **Get involved!**
Join student activities and groups: dus.psu.edu/students/activities.html
Sign up for college e-mails and newsletters: dus.psu.edu/students/listserv.html
Attend college/major open houses and information sessions.
Go to interesting lectures, performances, and seminars: events.psu.edu
- > **Plan internship and research experiences** dus.psu.edu/students/intern_research.html
- > **Think Global!** Learn what's going on in the world through a class or major or club: dus.psu.edu/students/global
- > **Use Advising @ PSU (psu.edu/advising), a one-stop location to find academic information at Penn State.**
- > **Check out study abroad opportunities:** gpglobalea.gp.psu.edu

What Can eLion Do?

eLion (elion.psu.edu) gives you access to your academic records. You can register for classes, check grades, explore majors, pay your semester bill (or grant your parents access to do this), check your final exam schedule, see your unofficial transcript, find out your adviser's name and contact information, and lots more.

eLion is available seven days a week, 7:30 a.m.–3:00 a.m. Eastern time, excluding University holidays.

Facts about ANGEL

ANGEL is Penn State's official course management system. Most of your classes will use ANGEL as the place where you can find syllabi, view and post assignments, take quizzes, check your grades, etc.

You can communicate with students in your class and with your instructor on ANGEL, too.

Find ANGEL at cms.psu.edu.

Do I Need to Use WebMail?

Yes. WebMail is Penn State's official e-mail client. You can log on at webmail.psu.edu. To communicate with your academic adviser and other University officials, you must use your Penn State WebMail account.