

# Welcome to the Division of Undergraduate Studies

College Advising Meeting  
Starting at 1:30 pm



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← Please visit our website!

# Goals for today

## Parents & Families

- Learn about DUS
- Learn about informed decision making and the role of academic advising
- Learn academic support opportunities

## Students

- Meet with an academic adviser
- Learn how to use advising tools
- Learn about General Education
- Enroll in courses
  - Summer (if applicable)
  - Fall



# An Introduction to DUS



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# Who are DUS students?

## VERY EXPLORATORY

No particular majors of interest or MANY majors of interest.

## LESS EXPLORATORY

Have determined a major or college and need to meet entrance requirements.

## SOMEWHAT EXPLORATORY

Exploring only a few majors with a general focus in mind.



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# DUS Academic Advising

## Allows you to:

- Work with a professional academic advisers
- Explore interests in multiple colleges
- Test interests and strengths
- Build a unique academic plan



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# The DUS Team



# Academic Advising in DUS

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# Academic Advising at Penn State

## Advisers Can...

- Help build academic plans
- Challenge students to think about their academic decisions
- Suggest appropriate courses
- Assist in navigating University policies and procedures

## Advisers Do Not...

- Enroll students in courses that are full
- Control the
  - availability of courses
  - time of courses
  - mode of instruction

**Academic advising is proactive and focused on student success but requires student participation to be most effective.**



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# How can students meet with an adviser?

	Scheduled Appointment	Quick Question Advising	Drop/Add Week Advising
<b>Length of appointment</b>	30 minutes	5-10 minutes	Based on student need
<b>How to make an appointment</b>	Make appointment through Starfish	Zoom Link available on DUS "How to make an Appointment" website or in-person in 101 Grange	Zoom Link available on DUS "How to make an Appointment" website or make appointment through Starfish
<b>Who you meet with</b>	Meet with assigned adviser	Meet with adviser on-duty for Quick Questions	Meet with first available adviser via QQA or appointment with assigned adviser
<b>What can be discussed</b>	<i>Discuss future plans, schedules, involvement, research &amp; what you want to learn at PSU</i>	<i>Discuss urgent issues</i> including: late drop, deadlines, & where to go for help	<i>Discuss any issues</i> that pertain to current semester



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# What if family members have a question?

1. Talk with your student first
2. Contact Penn State Parents Program for tips on how to support your student
  - 814-863-1313 or [parents@psu.edu](mailto:parents@psu.edu)
3. Call or email DUS
  - 814-865-7576 or [dus@psu.edu](mailto:dus@psu.edu)
  - We can answer general questions



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# Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

- Due to FERPA, *students have the right to control disclosure of their educational record*
  - Educational records include notes, files, documents and other materials that contain information directly related to a student & maintained by PSU
- Examples of students' educational records:
  - Grades
  - Class lists
  - Student course schedules
  - Disciplinary records
  - Student financial records
  - Payroll records for student workers



# Engagement Opportunities in DUS



DUS Leadership Council



Academic Peer Mentors



# Academic Support



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# Welcome to **Starfish Info**

**STARFISH LOGIN** 

**WHO USES STARFISH?**

**SHARING STUDENT PROGRESS AFTER SURVEYS CLOSE**

**READ MORE**



# PENN STATE LEARNING

**Unlock your  
learning potential with**

- Guided Study Groups
  - The Math Center
  - The Writing Center
  - World Languages
- Study Smarter Resources

*Tutors are free,  
in-person or remote,  
and instructor-supported.*

**Drop in or make an appointment.**

**220 Boucke | 7 Sparks | W102 Pattee**

**[pennstatelearning.psu.edu](https://pennstatelearning.psu.edu)**



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# Student Disability Resources

## What is SDR

Explore individualized **reasonable accommodations** for use during classes, exams/quizzes, and assignments.

Receive support **interacting with course instructors**.

Connect with on- and off-campus **resources**.

Participate in **peer support groups** and **academic workshops**.

## Registration Process

1. Contact Student Disability Resources to schedule an **intro appointment**

2. Complete Student Disability Resources **online intro** and provide **documentation**

3. Provide instructors with **academic accommodation letters**

## Contact Information



116 Boucke Building (main office)  
101/102 Boucke (student center)



814-863-1807



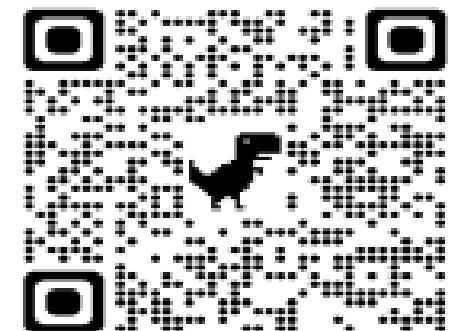
edaccessibility@psu.edu



equity.psu.edu/student-disability-resources



@psudisabilityresources



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# Academic Requirements



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# Entrance-to-Major

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## Most Majors

2.0 or Higher CGPA

3<sup>rd</sup> Semester Standing  
(29.1 credits)

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3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Standing (29.1 credits)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Standing (29.1 credits)
-	C or better in Entrance-to-Major (ETM) Courses
-	Additional Requirements per Major



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# Entrance-to-Major

Most Majors	Academic Controls	Administrative Enrollment Controls
2.0 or Higher CGPA	2.0 or Higher GPA	Specific Minimum CGPA by Major
3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Standing (29.1 credits)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Standing (29.1 credits)	Credit Window (Min & Max Penn State Credits earned)
-	C or better in Entrance-to-Major (ETM) Courses	C or better in Entrance-to-Major (ETM) Courses
-	Additional Requirements per Major	Additional Requirements per Major

# Administrative Enrollment Controls

The following colleges have at least 1 administrative enrollment-controlled major:

- Smeal College of Business
- Donald P Bellisario College of Communications
- College of Earth & Mineral Sciences
- College of Engineering
- College of Information Sciences & Technology



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# General Education Requirements

Foundations		
Writing & Speaking	GWS	9 credits
Quantification	GQ	6 credits

Integrative Studies		
Interdomain		6 credits

Exploration		
Natural Sciences	GN	3 credits
Additional Courses		6 credits

Breadth of Knowledge		
Natural Sciences	GN	3 credits
Arts	GA	3 credits
Humanities	GH	3 credits
Social & Behavioral Sciences	GS	3 credits
Health & Wellness	GHW	3 credits



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# Delivery of Course Instruction at Penn State

Delivery of Instruction	Description
In-Person (P)	Class meets in-person at days/times listed
Remote Synchronous (RS)	Class meets remotely at days/times listed
Remote Asynchronous (RA)	Class will be taught asynchronously. There are no set days/times when the class meets. Material has to be complete by due dates set by instructor.
Remote Blended (RB)	Class meets remotely at days/times listed and have asynchronous content they are responsible for completing.



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**What is your student doing now?**



# Student Advising Session

- Students will meet with an adviser within a small group of students
- Adviser will cover with each student individually:
  - Majors of interest and their entrance to major requirements
  - Course placement
  - Course recommendations
- Students will learn how to use:
  - LionPATH to search and enroll in classes
  - Starfish to make appointments with their adviser
  - Penn State Bulletin to see Entrance-to-Major Requirements, major requirements, and major overviews
  - General Education to explore majors they are exploring

**Note: Student cell phones are silenced during the College Advising Meeting.**



# An Exploratory Schedule

If a student is exploring **Sociology** and **Food Science**, we could recommend:

-**BIOL 110** (required for Food Science but will count as GN for Sociology)

-**SOC 1** (required for Sociology but will count as GS for Food Science)

-**Any humanities** (both majors don't have prescribed courses for that general education category)



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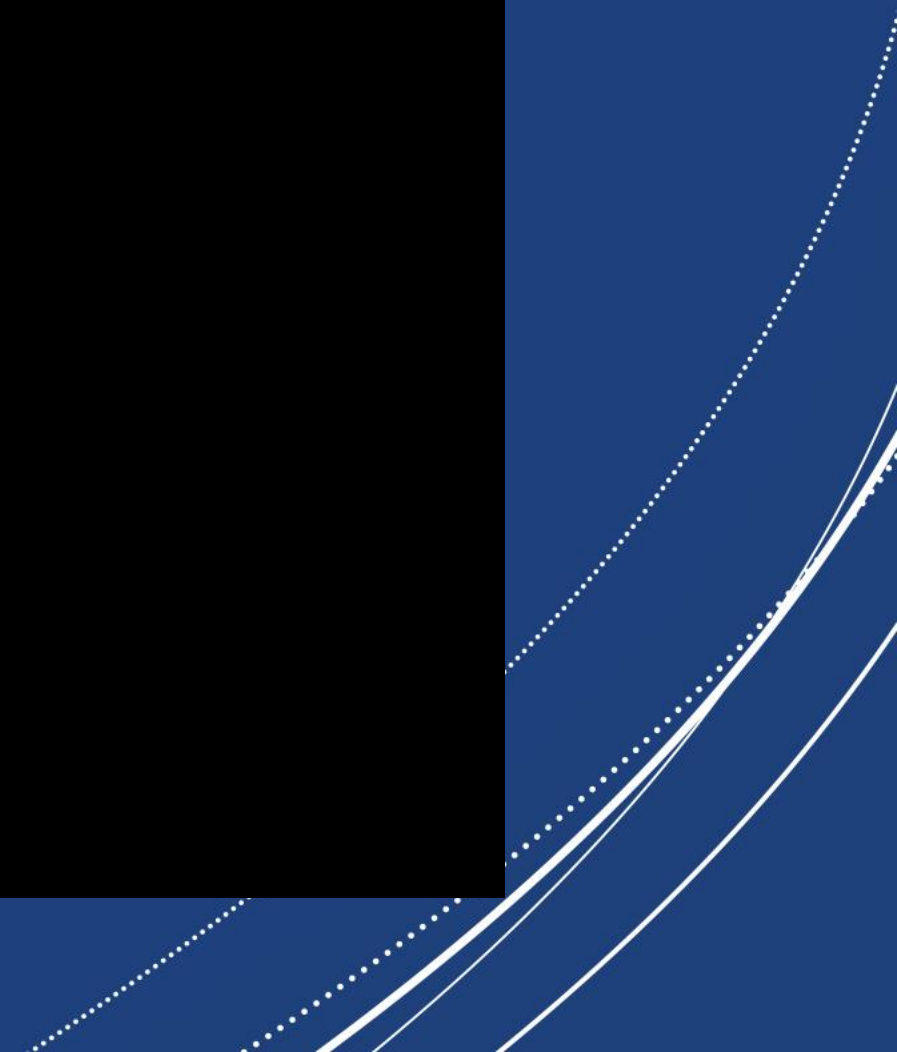
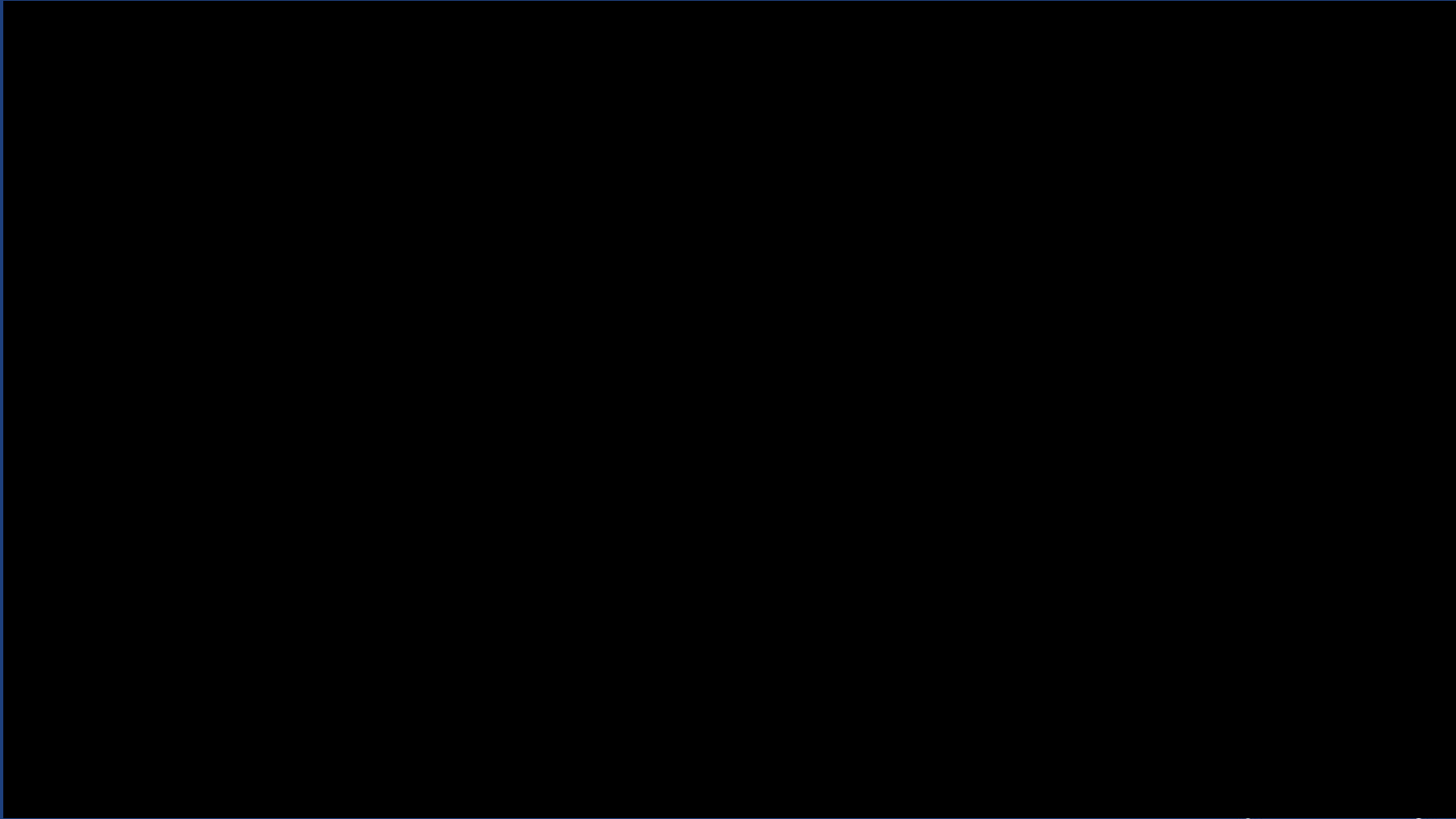


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**It's OK not to know...**



**Students will reach out when they are done enrolling in classes.**



# What's Next

- **Parents and Families Self-Guided Opportunities**
  - Access using the QR code
- **NSO Evaluation**
  - Sent in approximately one week
- **Welcome Week**
  - Visit [welcomeweek.psu.edu](http://welcomeweek.psu.edu) to learn more about Summer and Fall Welcome



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NEW STUDENT  
ORIENTATION