

Academic Advising at Oregon State University

Vision Statement

Oregon State University aspires to be recognized nationally for excellence in academic advising among land grant institutions.

Mission Statement

Oregon State University academic advising is a teaching and learning process dedicated to student success. Academic advising engages students in developing a plan to realize their educational, career and life goals.

Values Statement

The values associated with OSU advising are closely aligned with the stated values of the university.

Accountability: We are committed to providing timely, accurate, and intentional advising.

Diversity: We honor the unique nature and interests of each student. Advising services and delivery methods will be shaped to fit the diverse needs of our campus populations.

Respect: We seek to establish a reciprocal relationship with students based on an ethic of care and shared responsibility.

Social Responsibility: We foster a culture of independent thinking and global awareness so that students make informed, socially responsible choices consistent with their academic, career and life goals.

Integrity: We seek to engage students in a fair and professional process of meaningful self-reflection and authentic inquiry.

Goals Statement

OSU academic advising reflects the institutional goal of excellence in teaching and learning that is focused on student success. We will...

1. Continually assist students in understanding the nature, purpose and potential of higher education.
2. Ensure that students have access to knowledgeable and informed advisors who demonstrate care and respect.
3. Mentor students as they explore and clarify their values and educational and life goals.
4. Provide accurate information about educational opportunities, requirements, policies and procedures.
5. Collaborate with students on the development and implementation of academic plans and educational experiences congruent with the student's interests and abilities.
6. Communicate regularly with students to monitor and evaluate their educational progress.
7. Teach students to utilize university resources to maximize their unique educational and personal potential.
8. Improve University-wide academic advising via an ongoing assessment program.

Learning Outcomes

OSU academic advising celebrates the diversity and the unique needs of our academic units and our student populations. The following outcomes, intrinsically tied to our eight goals, encompass this diversity and ensure consistency in our advising principles.

1. Continually assist students in understanding the nature, purpose and potential of higher education.

Advisor and Delivery Outcomes	Student Learning Outcomes
University, college, department, and program literature will clearly articulate the nature, purpose, and potential of higher education.	Students will articulate and appreciate the purpose of higher education and what it means to be a member of a community of scholars.
Advisors will introduce the nature, purpose, and potential of higher education during recruitment and orientation for students.	Students will participate in university opportunities as a conduit for maximizing their potential.
Advisors will reinforce this understanding throughout the student's academic career.	

2. Ensure that students have access to knowledgeable and informed advisors who demonstrate care and respect.

Advisor and Delivery Outcomes	Student Learning Outcomes
Advisors will participate in ongoing professional development and advising education.	Students will be able to articulate the purpose and benefit of academic advising, as well as their responsibility in that process.
Advisors will access technology that supports and enhances their ability to work with students.	Students will access academic advising in a timely and appropriate manner.
Advisors will be attentive and respectful in their interactions with students.	
Units with advising responsibilities will ensure that students have timely and appropriate access to advisors.	

3. Mentor students as they explore and clarify their values and educational and life goals.

Advisor and Delivery Outcomes	Student Learning Outcomes
Advisors will promote intentional programs for first year students that introduce them to opportunities for intellectual and personal growth.	Students will articulate and examine their personal values as they relate to their educational and life goals.
Advisors will foster and support relationships with and refer students to campus programs, offices, and personnel that facilitate intellectual and personal growth.	Students will be able to identify fields of study that are consistent with their interests, abilities, and life goals.
Advisors will continually challenge and support students in their pursuit of meaningful university experiences and progress toward achievement of individual educational goals.	Students will participate in co-curricular activities that enhance their classroom experiences.
	Students will identify campus mentors who had an impact on their success.

4. Provide accurate information about educational opportunities, requirements, policies and procedures.

Advisor and Delivery Outcomes	Student Learning Outcomes
Advisors will understand, adhere to, and effectively communicate their understanding of university requirements, policies, and procedures.	Students will know where to access accurate information about educational opportunities, requirements, policies and procedures.
Changes and additions to information relevant to advising will be regularly communicated to advisors.	Students will be aware of opportunities such as internships, study abroad, and co-curricular activities.
Advising resources will be frequently evaluated to assure they are accurate, accessible, and effective.	Students will understand the curricular requirements for their chosen field of study.
	Students will be knowledgeable of institutional academic regulations, policies, and procedures.

5. Collaborate with students on the development and implementation of academic plans and educational experiences congruent with the student's interests and abilities.

Advisor and Delivery Outcomes	Student Learning Outcomes
Utilizing effective communication skills, advisors will establish a positive working relationship with students.	Students will be able to identify and articulate their interests and abilities.
Advisors will assist students in making connections between their interests and abilities and available educational programs.	Students will be able to explain the relationship between their educational plan and their interests and abilities.
Advisors will promote an intentional decision making process and demonstrate how students can effectively use it.	Students will develop a meaningful and feasible educational plan consisting of curricular and co-curricular elements.
Advisors will provide a non-judgmental environment in which students can explore educational options.	

6. Communicate regularly with students to monitor and evaluate their educational progress.

Advisor and Delivery Outcomes	Student Learning Outcomes
Advisors will be accessible to students for regular consultation every term.	Students will maintain regular communication with their advisor to monitor and evaluate educational progress.
Advisors will use appropriate technology to enhance delivery of services.	Students will be able to utilize online technology independently to evaluate their progress toward degree completion.
Advisors will teach students to use online tools to monitor progress.	
Advisors and the institution will maintain accurate student academic records.	Students will make appropriate adjustments in their educational plan when necessary.

7. Teach students to utilize university resources to maximize their unique educational and personal potential.

Advisor and Delivery Outcomes	Student Learning Outcomes
<p>Advisors will demonstrate knowledge of university resources and make appropriate referrals.</p> <p>Advisors will demonstrate knowledge of student development theory as it applies to academic advising and student success.</p> <p>Advisors will develop and maintain relationships with relevant campus offices which support student success.</p> <p>Advising offices and the institution will provide clear up-to-date information about resources in a variety of formats.</p>	<p>Students will know where and how to access appropriate support services to accommodate their unique needs.</p> <p>Students will explore and evaluate a range of potential opportunities as they shape their educational plan.</p> <p>Students will select and integrate curricular, co-curricular and extra curricular activities into their university experience.</p>

8. Improve University-wide academic advising via an ongoing assessment program.

Advisor and Delivery Outcomes	Student Learning Outcomes
<p>The University community will participate in assessment as an ongoing process of inquiry.</p> <p>The University and individual advising units will utilize information from assessment to enhance and improve advising services.</p>	