

Academic Planning and Registration Preparation

Students are advised to prepare short- and long-range plans according to curricular guidelines for the degree program selected. Attention to such details as semester credit loads and course sequences are recommended for optimum experiences.

Academic Advising

The academic advising program at NDSU is designed to facilitate the student's intellectual and personal growth, to assist students in using university resources, and to guide students in making informed choices regarding academic and career plans. Following admission to NDSU, each student is assigned an adviser from the college or department in which the student is majoring. If a major has not been declared, an assignment is made with an adviser in the College of University Studies (https://www.ndsu.edu/univ_studies). An adviser assists a student in selecting courses to ensure a well-balanced education and helps interpret university and college policies and requirements. However, students are fully responsible for their academic decisions including selecting courses, meeting course requisites, corequisites/prerequisites, and adhering to policies, procedures, and deadlines. Academic advising for course registration typically begins one week prior to the start of registration each semester. Students should see their adviser prior to registration. Students with adviser holds are required to meet with their advisers to have the hold lifted. Adviser assignments and holds may be viewed on Campus Connection.

At any time, students and their advisers may track their degree progress using the Academic Requirements Report (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/advising/advisement>) (degree audit) feature on Campus Connection. This functionality is interactive and allows the student to plan for and register for upcoming semesters within the report. Instructions and information on how to access and utilize these reports are available to both students and advisers.

Advisers also assist students with campus referrals, career planning, and campus policies and procedures. NDSU delivers services to support student academics and meet special needs. Refer to Student Resources (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/advising/students>) for additional services.

The Office of Registration and Records (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar>) serves as a support center for academic advising on campus. Each of the academic colleges on campus has a designated staff member in Registration and Records (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/office/liaisons>) who serves as a liaison to support and facilitate academic advising activities and undergraduate student degree progress. Academic advising resources (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/advising>) are available online.