HOW TO BE A GREAT ADVISEE

• Take initiative and responsibility.

• Make an appointment to see your advisor.
  o Don’t wait for him or her to contact you.
  o Don’t wait until the last minute.

• Check in regularly, not just at registration time, so your advisor gets to know you as a person.

• Be organized and prepared:
  o Do a degree evaluation.
  o Write down a tentative list of courses you’d like to take.
  o Think long-term -- not just about next semester.
  o Come up with specific questions.

• Be respectful and open to your advisor’s suggestions; he or she may have ideas about classes or learning opportunities that you are not aware of.

• Seek out an advisor who is a good match for you. *Hint:* Get to know your professors.

• Take the time to build a relationship with your advisor.

Follow these tips, and you won’t have to go it alone! You will have a trusted advisor to share the work of choosing your classes and planning your academic career.

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