

Yearly Advising Goals



The following are skills you should gain by the end of each year in your academic program. Remember to reach out to your advisor who can explain what you do not understand or can help you identify your next steps.

Freshman Students (0-29 credits)

- Know who your advisor is and how to contact them
- Become familiar with the CORE I & II course requirements
- Know how to access and use Academic Maps
- Know how to access and use DegreeWorks
- Become familiar with your major specific course requirements
- Become familiar with the MU Academic Calendar and deadlines marshall.edu/academic-calendar
- Understand MU's expectations for student behavior and the Student Code of Conduct
- Learn to ask for help when you need it
- Learn about/complete financial aid responsibilities, including completing the FAFSA on time
- Understand requirements to maintain/renew scholarships
- Discover your own personal learning style and learn how you can use it to be a more successful student
- Become familiar with campus resources and services
- Become familiar with the Undergraduate Catalog
- Explore your academic, career, and personal interests
- Be able to use the Navigate app
- Communicate regularly and openly with your academic advisor and with your professors
- Get involved with the campus community

Sophomore Students (30-59 credits)

- Explore course requirements and the 'What if' feature in DegreeWorks
- Stay up to date on your course completion progress using your Academic Map and 4-Year plan
- Seek out experiences that help you clarify your future career goals and interests, such as internships, job shadowing, career fairs, etc
- Consider adding a minor to your degree program – talk with your advisor about options
- Visit the Career Education office and begin to develop a resume and portfolio

Junior Students (60-89 credits)

- Complete a degree audit with your advisor and determine the courses you need to complete to stay on track for graduation
- Research employment or graduate school options and requirements for admission/employment
- Research and understand any certifications specific to your field of study
- Begin the networking process - consider attending career/employment fairs
- Check registration dates for GRE/GMAT/LSAT/MCAT, etc
- Be aware of graduation process/dates/deadlines

Senior Students (90+ credits)

- Begin the graduation application process
- Meet with your advisor to be sure you're on track for graduation
- Apply to graduate school if you plan to attend
- Participate in a mock interview with the Office of Career Education
- Attend relevant career/employment fairs and on campus interviewing opportunities
- Polish your resume/cover letter/portfolio