

# Second Year Advisement Syllabus

## What makes this different from last year?

By this time you should already know the basics of advisement. If you haven't chosen a major, you will want to make sure you do by the end of your second year. Be sure to revisit the office of Career and Professional Development, take exploratory classes and work with your advisor to narrow down your major.

If you have chosen your major, this year you will want to focus on exploring possible careers, internships, and research options that you can start while in college. When exploring major elective options or thinking about a minor, you will want to pick classes that align more with your long term goals. This is also the time to consider studying abroad while in college. Meet with the Study Abroad Office to discuss countries and programs that would be a good fit for your major.

By the end of the first semester of your second year, you will also want to finalize your personalized four year degree plan in Degree Works. This is where you can plot out the classes you plan on taking to complete all major, minor and core requirements to ensure you are on track for graduation.

## Preparing for your advisement appointment

You will want to continue to prepare for your advisement appointments as you did during your first year. Make an appointment. Come with an idea of what classes you are considering taking, update your plan in Degree Works, and bring your questions about internships and research opportunities. Also come prepared to talk about how things are going in your classes and what your overall goals are with your major. If you are considering a minor, bring those questions as well. If you are considering studying abroad bring along information on the countries and programs you are exploring.

Some of the questions you may be asking are:

1. What career options do I have with X major?
2. Do I need to have a minor or certificate? What is the benefit?
3. Do I have room for a second major? What would the benefit be?
4. I am considering studying abroad. Can we talk about how that would impact my four year plan?
5. I am considering doing X after graduation. What would you recommend as good internship or research or other experiences I can complete prior to graduation?
6. I have to work during the summers, can you recommend a job or experience that pays that would help me gain experience and something to help build my resume?
7. What are some extracurricular opportunities that would be good?

## What to Expect

Your advisor will listen and offer suggestions. They may also leave the big decisions up to you. Your advisor may give you multiple options but won't tell you what to do. Your advisor is there to help lead you and answer questions, but you will determine where to go from here. Be sure to take into consideration all of the information you are given. Don't expect your advisor to give you all of the answers.