

Update on Reorganization of Advising for Undergraduates

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This is another update of the transition to the new model for undergraduate academic advising. Please note a change from the last update regarding the timing of the change in how we will handle new transfer students (the change will begin this spring).

To focus on the sites of advising for different categories of students in order to assist you in answering queries that may come your way, this update is stripped of some detail included in the update of January 23.

Main Campus Students (i.e., students not in wholly online programs within the Online Campus)

New freshmen are advised for fall classes during summer orientation by professional advisors in one of two offices and continue to be advised in these offices until they earn approximately 45 credit hours.

Freshmen with majors in Nursing; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Middle Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Special Education; K-12 Health and Physical Education Social Work; and Interpretation: American Sign Language /English are advised in the Advising and Support Center of the College of Education and Health Professions.

Freshmen in all other majors and undecided students are advised in the Office of Undergraduate Academic Advising.

After reaching approximately 45 hours, students will be advised in academic college centers or academic departments.

The Office of Undergraduate Academic Advising and the Advising and Support Center of the College of Education and Health Professions are also the first points of contact for advising for new transfer students. Depending on individual circumstances, transfer students may remain in these offices for advising or be referred to academic college centers or academic departments. The process of contacting new transfer students and advising them will begin this spring (March 1), since, although new transfers will be encouraged to attend summer orientations for transfer students, they will not be required to do so, and because we do not have the advising capacity to advise all transfers during orientation sessions.

Communications from the Office of Admissions will reflect this scheme. We also have created a series of webpages to help guide students. See especially <http://ualr.edu/advising/> , <http://ualr.edu/advising/who-is-my-advisor/> , <http://ualr.edu/advising/undergraduate-advising/> and links off these pages.

Students in wholly online programs within the Online Campus

At least for advising for Summer and Fall 2018, students enrolled in the Online Campus (or who want to be enrolled in the Online Campus) will continue to be advised by a designated online program advisor in an academic department or college. The Office of eLearning, The Office of Undergraduate Academic Advising, and Advising and Support Center of the College of Education and Health Professions will help direct students to these advisors. The Online Campus website also includes contact information for advisors for wholly online programs: <http://ualr.edu/online/contact/>