Student Academic Success

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Session Goals

• Academic advising today and beyond
• Enrollment process and Campus Connection
• NDSU academic structure
• Academic transcript
• Importance of dates and deadlines
• Steps to academic success
Academic Advising at NDSU

Advising & Registration Today

- Session this afternoon
- Meet with a faculty member or professional advisor from selected major
- Individual vs. group advising
- Review what classes are needed for first semester
- Register for classes using Campus Connection

Advising Beyond Orientation

- Look up assigned advisor in Campus Connection
- Use the Student Success Collaborative (SSC) advising platform to make an advising appointment
- Review educational goals and report any academic difficulties
- Learn about the program and other campus services
“Shouldn’t I be there?”

- Space
- Learning moment for students
  - “Preparing for Academics” session
- Advisors and registration staff in clusters
  - Protects student records
  - Directory vs. Non-Directory Information
  - Third Party Consent to Release form online
Transfer & examination credits

Transfer Coursework

- PSEO & Dual Credit
- Final official college/university transcripts must be sent directly to NDSU (Credit is not awarded from a high school transcript)

Credit by Examination

- Advanced Placement (AP) – NDSU receives scores in July
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Score reports must be sent directly to NDSU

Schedule Adjustments

- Students have the ability to adjust schedules once final scores are known and/or transfer coursework is evaluated
Connected Students

- Understanding NDSU electronic services:
  - **NDSU Email** – official communication source and notifications regarding financial aid, transfer credit, degree progress come through NDSU email
  - **Campus Connection** – official source for enrollment and registration; tuition and fee billing; financial aid awards and other funding sources applied to student’s account
  - **Blackboard** – online course management software used by many NDSU faculty to deliver course information
  - **SSC** – advising platform to connect with advisors
  - **Guide** – app connecting students with resources, including tips for success during their educational journey
Understanding Campus Connection

- **Academics**
  - Enroll for courses
  - Review transfer credit equivalencies
  - Review degree progress with Academic Requirements

- **Finances**
  - Account information and summary
  - Online tuition payment
  - Financial Obligation Agreement
  - Review financial aid and accept or decline awards

- **Personal Information**
  - Update contact information

- **Other Important Information**
  - Review if there are holds on account that prevent registration activity or release of transcript
  - View assigned academic advisor
  - Upcoming registration enrollment dates
  - Important student communications from various NDSU offices
## Academic Structure

### 7 Academic Colleges
- Agriculture, Food Systems & Natural Resources
- Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences
- Business
- Engineering
- Health Professions
- Human Development & Education
- Science & Mathematics

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  - Bachelor of Music
  - Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
  - Bachelor of Nursing
  - Bachelor of Fine Arts
  - Bachelor of University Studies

### 100+ Undergraduate Major Programs
- **Examples include:**
  - Accounting
  - Animal Science
  - Biological Sciences
  - Chemistry
  - Computer Science
  - English
  - History
  - Management
  - Pharmacy
  - Radiologic Sciences
  - Spanish Education

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  - French Studies
  - Geology
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  - Managerial Psychology
  - Physics
  - Journalism

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  - **Journalism**
Degree Programs and Majors

- General Education Courses
- College or Department Courses
- Major Program of Study Courses

Bachelor’s Degree
Creating the Academic Transcript

Meet with assigned academic advisor

Build a schedule of classes

Register for classes using Campus Connection

Registration creates NDSU Official transcript

Why is the transcript important?

- Official university document
- Permanent and will never be destroyed
- Important for admission to other institutions [i.e. other undergraduate programs, graduate school, professional school (medical, law, etc.), etc.]
- FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
Dates & Deadlines

- Pay attention to semester deadlines
  - Enrollment/registration
  - Financial aid
  - Assignments in class
  - Final exams

- Missing deadlines has consequences
  - Impact GPA and academic standing
  - Loss of financial aid
  - Lower grade in a class
  - Ineligible to participate in campus activities (athletics, student organizations, etc.)
Steps to Academic Success

- To be in good academic standing and be eligible to enroll each semester without restrictions or conditions, a student must achieve/maintain a minimum semester and cumulative **GPA of 2.0 (C grade average)**.

**Successful Academic Behaviors**

- 4 of 5 NDSU students report attending class at least 90% of the time.
- NDSU students spend an average of 13 – 16 hours/week preparing for class.
- A majority of students check their NDSU email and Blackboard at least 18 times/week.
- A majority of NDSU students use tutoring or other academic services at least once/month.
- 19 of 20 NDSU students meet with their academic advisor at least once/semester.
- 9 of 10 NDSU students use a personal calendar to prioritize their academic work.
- 4 of 5 NDSU students believe it’s important to approach college like a full-time job.
- 4 of 4 NDSU students believe it’s important to register for and complete 15 credits a semester.
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Student Resources

• Enrollment verifications
  – Self-service on Campus Connection
• Student grades and transcript
  – Available 24/7 online
• If plans change – student needs to contact NDSU One Stop
• Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources
  – Exit right, proceed left (Mandan)

• Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
  – Exit right, proceed left (Rose)

• Business
  – Exit left, proceed right (Meadow Lark)

• Engineering
  – Stay in this room

• Health Professions
  – Exit right, proceed straight forward (Hidatsa)

• Human Development and Education
  – Exit left, proceed right (Badlands)

• Science and Mathematics
  – Exit right, proceed left (Prairie)

• Advising Resource Center
  – Exit right, proceed forward (Arikara)