Welcome!

Meet Your Advisor Day

Sept. 7, 2015
Advisor Info

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Important Information

• My role as your advisor
• Your role as a student
• Academic resources
• Academic deadlines
• Opportunities outside of the classroom
What is my role as your advisor

• Help you develop an educational plan consistent with your goals
• Provide and explain general educational requirements
• Monitor and discuss issues of concern regarding your academic progress
• Recommend opportunities for personal growth and academic development
• Refer you to specific campus or community resources
Your role as a student

- To complete and review an educational plan.
- To monitor your progress towards your degree
- To come prepared with questions regarding curriculum, course selections, career options, etc. to discuss with your advisor
- To know your advisor’s office hours and email for individual consultations
- To understand that the advisor’s role is to give you information, and options for you to choose the path best for you.
- To let the advisor know when you are experiencing academic difficulty
Suggestions for Success

• Get a planner and use it.
• Write down your goals for the first semester and hang them on a surface where you will see them every day. Set high goals!
• Stay focused on your goals.
• Being a student is a full time job with some overtime, 40 – 48 hours/week.
• Avoid distractions such as computer games & social media.
• **Ask** questions. If you don’t understand the answer, ask again, or ask someone else.
Suggestions (con’d)

• Attend all classes.
• Complete all homework. On time!
• If you suspect you are in trouble, ask for help.
• Study in groups, perhaps one group per course.
• Be kind to yourself. Eat properly, make friends, exercise.
• Keep your parents informed of your progress.
• Check this out: Ready… Set… Calculus at http://calculus.math.rpi.edu/rsc/
What you need to succeed?

- **Online Course Catalogue** - all the information you need about your major, requirements, course descriptions, etc.  
  [http://www.rpi.edu/academics/catalog/](http://www.rpi.edu/academics/catalog/)
- **Curriculum Advising Planning Program (CAPP) Report** - tracks your degree progress (SIS) ***
- **Transcript** - includes AP & transfer credits
- **Course Syllabus** - read it and write down all of the important dates (tests, quizzes, hw)
- **Network** with your department. Get to know your professors, who they are, what they are interested in.
Advising Link on ECSE Webpage

- ECSE Undergraduate Advising Home

- Program Templates

- ECSE Advising Booklet
Important dates

• Add deadline is **Monday, Sept. 14**

• Drop deadline is on **Friday, Oct. 23**
  Consultation week starts on **Nov. 2**

• Our next advising meetings:
  • **Tuesday, Oct. 20** at 4:00 PM same place.
  • **Tuesday, Nov. 10** at 4:00PM same place
How are courses going?

• If you feel **overwhelmed** with the courses you have, come see me.
• If you are taking a higher level math or science and the pace is too **fast**, come see me. We might want to switch courses.
• Every Course should provide a syllabus- outlining the course, topics, and grading criteria. Any questions?
• Any problems with online submissions, HW?
Calculus 1(math 1010)

• Online resource for Calculus 1. 
  http://calculus.math.rpi.edu/CalculusHelp.html

• Great information for students 
  Calculus videos http://guinevere.icme.rpi.edu/math.html 
  Shows students how to solve similar Calculus problems used in 
  Classes.

Remember:
• Your Mentor Session!
• all quizzes count towards your final grade.
Common Test Times

• Chemistry: @ 8AM    IEA @8 AM
  Wed. Sept. 30         Wed. Sept. 23
  Thurs. Dec. 3rd      Wed. Nov. 21st

• Physics 1:          Computer Science
  Tues., Oct. 6th      Mon., Sept. 28th
  Tues., Nov. 3rd      Mon., Oct. 26th
  Tues., Dec. 8th      Mon., Nov. 23rd
Strategies to manage 2 exams

• Some of you will take 2 exams on the same day or the same week
• Make a study schedule-starting with the hardest one first
• Make notes what is not clear or confusing
• Go to your professor/TA office hours for clarification
• Go to the Supplemental Instruction & tutoring sessions
• Practice problems by doing them and checking your answers
• Form a study group to ask and review problems
• Get plenty of rest the night before
• Eat breakfast or bring a snack with you
ALAC Resources

**Advising and Learning Assistance Center**

**Academy Hall Suite 4200 X6269**

1. Learning Assistants (LAs) in residence hall – go over time management, study & test-taking skills, form study groups)

2. Learning Specialist for test taking skills, test anxiety, time management and organizational skills

3. Drop in Tutoring

4. Supplemental Instruction
Tutoring Center

Drop in Tutoring
Monday - Thursday 8 pm – 10 pm

Partial Schedule Staffed -- Begins Tues. Sept. 2nd
Check Website for Course Listing
http://alac.rpi.edu

staffed By Mon. Sept. 8th
Check Our Website Next Week For Course Listings
# Your Learning Assistant

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SI – Supplemental Instruction

SI Begins Week of Sept. 8

A Graduate student reviews professor’s lecture, goes over problems and helps you understand weekly concepts.

• Introduction to Engineering Analysis (IEA)-
  – Monday & Thursday from 8-10 PM
  – TBA location

• Physics 1
  – Monday & Thursday from 8-10 PM
  – Sage 5101
Other outreach services

• **Office of the First Year Experience**
• **Located in 4100 Academy Hall x6864** [fy@rpi.edu](mailto:fy@rpi.edu)
• **Tuesday Tool Box Series** 4-6 PM in Nason classroom (workshops on stress management, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, academic success)
• Helps resolve problems or concerns for first-year students
Health and Counseling Centers
Both located on 3rd & 4th floor of Academy Hall

• Health Center **X6287** - Opened 7 days a week
• Medical care
• Allergy care
• Health education

Counseling Center
**X6479** - Opened 5 days on-call 24/7
• Relaxation training for anxiety
• Improving communication skills
• Improving study habits
• Relating to parents
• Helping with depression
Career & Professional Development Center

- **210 Darrin Communications Center X6234**
- Career Counselors available for individual consultations on career paths and opportunities
- Cooperative Education- work experience
- Internships (summer, fall and spring)
Opportunities Outside the Classroom

• **Archer Center for Student Leadership**
  Academy Hall X 2119
  The Leadership conference (Impressions of Leadership-Design Yours)–open to all students! Need to sign up.
  **TBA** (networking, communicating, recruitment techniques)

• **NSBE & SHPE Career Fair** on Sept. 25th & 26th
Rensselaer Education Across Cultural Horizons

Information Sessions
@ the Student Union
Thurs, Sept. 4th @ 12:15 RM 3202
Wed., Sept. 10 @ 12:15 PM-rm 3202
Thurs., Sept. 11th @8:00 PM-rm 3602

Global Engineering Education Exchange Program
Individual educational opportunities at multiple universities worldwide

Campus wide programs through the Vice Provost’s Office
Remember to...

• Review your notes, read the text book
• Go to Professor office hours for assistance when needed
• Manage your time - 5-6 hours of studying per day is the average
• Any general questions or concerns, come to see me
• Get to know a faculty member
• Get involved in campus activities: clubs, intramural sports, student government, etc.