



Academic Advising 101

WHAT: Academic advising is the process of meeting with a trained advisor in order to make sure you are taking the courses you need in order to graduate in a timely fashion. **Advising is a cooperative effort between you and your advisor.** We want for you to be invested in your education and to understand what's going on with it. For future advising sessions we would like you to review your Plan My Degree audit, curriculum sheet (evaluation) or major map to see what classes are required. Then utilize class schedule in Pathway to have at least a rough idea of what classes you need in a given semester before you meet with an advisor. During your first semester, you will work to create a semester-by-semester plan in the Plan My Degree audit program. Coming to your advising session with a suggested schedule gives us a starting point. We can then spend time on other issues of concern to you.

WHERE: Bloch Heritage Hall, Room 115, the Student Services Office.

WHEN: we have several ways for you to meet with an advisor: walk-in hours and appointments, phone appointments and Zoom meetings.

Appointments are available as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Fridays 9:00-12:00 p.m. & 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.

Walk-in hours are as follows:

Wednesday 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (if social distancing prevents walk-in advising, these will become appointment times)

'Walk-in' means you do just that: walk in to the office and sign in. You will be seen by an advisor in the order you signed in. This sort of advising is truly intended for quick questions and is not recommended as a first point of contact for a new student.

An appointment is made in advance by calling 816-235-2215 or by scheduling through your Success Network in UMKC Connect. You will show up at the appropriate time/date and meet with an advisor.

WHO: All new students must be advised before their first semester at UMKC. Freshmen, juniors, and students on probation must be advised each semester. Even if you are not required to be advised, you are always welcome.

WHY: You'll probably have questions when you're considering what classes to take in a future semester. Advisors are a resource for you as you progress through your degree program. They can answer many questions, or point you in the right direction to find your own answers. **ADVISORS DO MORE THAN ADVISE.** We can help you get matched up with various campus resources that can enhance your time at UMKC. We like to talk with you about things other than the best time to take a UMKC Essentials course. What do you hope to accomplish here? Are you interested in getting involved in campus activities?

DID YOU KNOW: All this information (and much more!) is also available on the Bloch School's web site, www.bloch.umkc.edu. This information is subject to change, but you can always check the web site—that will be updated as often as needed.

FINALLY...plan ahead! Check your UMKC e-mail for information on priority enrollment dates/times and advising information from your advisor. Priority registration for spring will take place in November, but the schedule will post and advising will begin in early to mid-October. Summer priority enrollment is in March; fall semester priority enrollment is in April. Don't wait until your enrollment date to seek advising.