

## **ADVISING SNAPSHOT**

### **October 2021 Edition**

#### **Fall Important Dates**

- Early Alert: October 6-12
- Last day to drop 14-week course: October 22
- 1<sup>st</sup> 7-week ends: October 26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-week starts: October 27
- Last day to add 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-week course: November 2
- Last day to add 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-week course with Add Card: November 9
- Last day to drop 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-week course: November 23

#### **Spring Registration Dates**

- Seniors (90+ credits): October 25-29
- Juniors (60-89 credits): November 1-5
- Sophomores (30-59 credits): November 8-12
- First-year students (0-29 credits): November 15-23

#### **Make an Impact on Student Retention**

Sometimes, with everything on our plates, we forget that the little things can make a big difference in the lives of our students. It is important to show your advisees you care and demonstrate your desire to have more than just a transactional relationship with them. You can do this by...

- Sharing something about yourself with your advisees. This lets them know that you are a real person and not just the “sage on the stage.”
- Providing meaningful feedback when you are concerned about a student’s progress in their courses and/or major. This shows your advisees you care about them and their academic career.
- Offering encouragement and support, especially leading up to major decisions or applications to future programs. All advisees need a little nudge from time to time. They love to hear that you care about them and want to see them succeed.
- Checking in with your advisees on life outside of school and mental health. Showing concern for your advisees in all aspects of their lives helps them feel connected to you and the University.

## WACADA at UW Oshkosh

Mehgan Clark, Assistant Director of Advising for the College of Nursing in the UARC, is serving as the Wisconsin Academic Advising Association (WACADA) President, which is a 3-year position. As President, Mehgan oversees all the association's activities.

Samantha Retzlaff, Graduate PAL in the UARC, is serving as the WACADA Graduate Student Representative. In this role, Samantha acts as a liaison between the student members of WACADA and the Executive Committee.

WACADA is not just for professional advisors, it is for faculty advisors as well! There are a multitude of resources on the website and many opportunities for professional development, including the Spring Conference which comes free with your membership.

<https://www.wacada.org/>

## J-Term/May-Term Reminder

Beginning with the fall 2021 semester, UW O's 3-week interims have been removed from the fall and spring semesters and became separate terms. During the 3-week interim, students usually took 3 credits and could apply those credits to achieve full-time status for the semester.

Separating the interims from the regular semester means: to be considered full-time, undergraduate students must take at least 12 credits in the 14-week semester. It also means that students must pay for the credits taken during the 3-week session, regardless of the number of credits taken during the 14-week session.

The new interims are called J-Term (previous January interim) and May-Term (previous May interim).

For more information about J-Term and May-Term, see this reference:

[J-Term/May-Term FAQ](#)

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