

SUMMER ADVISING INFO - WEEK 4

This week’s advising email is intended to help you understand the role of an academic advisor in comparison to what you experienced with a high school counselor. Although some services may be the same, some are different. We created a quick visual below to help you navigate this new college environment and better understand the role of an academic advisor.

One commonality is to help you set goals, plan for those goals and then adjust them or the plan if needed. Academic Advisors are here to support you in your college journey and help you get connected to other resources on campus if/when needed!

High School Counselor	Academic Advisor
Made schedule for you based on choices	Helps you identify course options, you make schedule
College Prep	College Success
Counseling services	Not a counselor (will refer to University Counseling Center)
Potentially same all 4 years	Will transition to different advisors based on major, year in school
Provided hands-on assistance to you in completing tasks	Helps you become more independent in managing your education
May consult with parents	Works directly with you; can only talk to parents with your permission
Generalist	Specialist

Typically, a high school counselor is a generalist and can serve your needs in multiple areas. Whereas an academic advisor focuses on your academic goals, plans & progress. You will find other offices across campus that can assist with services like Career & Professional Development, Counseling Services, Tutoring and Accessibility Center for classroom accommodations.

Next week’s topic = Differences in high school vs college