

A Guide to First Year Advisement

A First Year Faculty Advisor is a faculty member specially trained to help first year students make decisions about academic courses, activities, and resources

- Each faculty advisor has approximately 25 first year advisees, allowing each student to get a great deal of individual attention!
- Every first year student has an advisor in his or her major or a closely related major
- First year Faculty Advisors may be working with a First Year Peer Advisor who is an upper-class student who has volunteered to help incoming students with their transition to college

Think of these advisors as a personal support team, ready with the expertise and tools to help make each student's first year a success.

Make a Date

First year students are required to meet with their First Year Faculty Advisors five times during their first year.

FALL MEETINGS

1: Opening Meeting:

To meet faculty, peer advisors, and other students. Students will get an idea about what to expect over the next year.

2: Early semester:

To discuss the results of the RMS and develop intervention strategies as needed.

3: Mid- Semester:

To prepare for class registration and receive their Personal Identification Number (PIN) for registration.

SPRING MEETINGS

4: Early semester

To review academic progress and discuss the student's major/minor and career planning.

5: Mid-semester

To prepare for summer and fall registration and make the transition to a new advisor (if applicable).



FAQ's

Q. When is registration for the Spring semester and what do students need to do?

A. Registration begins around mid-November (for the following spring semester). Students are REQUIRED to meet with their assigned First Year Faculty Advisor before registering!

Students are given a PIN (personal identification number), which they will receive in their third meeting with their faculty advisor. This PIN is **NEEDED** in order to register.

Only assigned First Year Faculty Advisors can give out a student's PIN, so students need to make sure they keep in good contact with their advisors prior to registration.

Q. What is the RMS?

A. The RMS is a survey taken by all incoming first year students during summer orientation. This survey asks students specific questions related to social and academic skills, areas of concern, and willingness to seek help. This information will help advisors target issues that might cause a student to struggle in the first year and allow them to refer appropriate services on campus.

First Year Faculty Advisors, Peer Advisors, and Students work as a team to help incoming students get started down the path to success.



For more information about SUNY Oswego's First Year Programs check out our web site at:

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