Introduction

This survey was devised by the Advisor’s Council to assess student perceptions regarding the advising process and utilization of advising tools at The University of Alabama. All undergraduate students were notified via email and solicited to complete the survey online. Students completed the survey at the end of the spring 2013 term. A total of 5,020 usable and identifiable responses were collected. Jon Acker compiled the following report of the results.

The survey is reproduced in the results. The number of respondents (N) for each structured item is given with the percentages of structured responses reported in the given tables. Results are given for the entire University and broken down by first-major college. Open-ended responses are highlighted in red text. Comments for the final item (Additional comments) are additionally categorized by college and first-major of the student.
### Advising Survey: Spring 2013

2. Which college/school advised you this term?

**University of Alabama**

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127 When I called they just directed me to the biology department. (The people who told me to call them in the first place)
157 It is not helpful for specific concerns about courses— but perhaps my problems are just not general enough for them.
311 They were not available when I needed them.
531 not friendly!
702 no reason to call the hotline
1020 It takes them forever to call you back and sometimes they don’t return your call.
1171 did not respond promptly
1482 they were unknowledgable of what I needed to graduate and did not help me make sure I had enough credit hours with all the electives and everything that I needed. I had to go to another advisor on my own that I just happened to know to get help.
1545 They were very curt and somewhat rude. Did not answer my question, instead referring me to their website.
1699 I submitted a request for advising due to being located off campus for a cooperative work term. Was delegated to an advisor. After repeated emails and phone calls I was finally “advised” with my plan over a month later.
1872 It was not helpful. Advisor did not know courses.
2076 not only was it not useful, but the lady on the other end was extremely rude and once she answered one question she was unwilling to help me.
2184 took forever to get anyone to call back
2442 people did not ever seem to know how to answer my questions
2553 never on time, messages not returned, confusion with what I needed for my major
2771 they usually just transferred me to other people
3575 My problem (not being able to contact my advisor) was not addressed, and I was forced to email the engineering advising department multiple times in order to be recognized.
3856 They can’t answer questions
3934 did not get reply to my message.
4158 The phone is never answered when I call
4498 I have had a very hard time getting in contact with my advisor. For Fall 2013 I still have yet to have anyone call me back so I can prepare a schedule.
4554 never needed it
4678 no need
4908 was put on hold because she did not know the answer, it was a simple enough question
20. Have you ever had problems with registration that required an override?

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22. Do you have any suggestions for improving the academic advising or registration process here at UA or have any additional comments?

Arts and Sciences

AMS

12 Finding a way to link degree works to the courses offered each semester would help since I found myself looking to enroll in courses that were only offered during certain semesters.

19 I am very pleased with DegreeWorks. It is an excellent resource that I think is extremely helpful. However, as it is largely self-explanatory at its current status, I think it would be the most beneficial for advisors to go over it with students so everyone can benefit from this resource.

ANT

27 My adviser is a tenured professor and you can tell when you sit down with him that he is really not interested in helping make your schedule. I would prefer a dedicated team of add-visors only comprised of motivated/happy individuals.

32 I wish my advisor would remember me every time I come in.

34 The transition from A&S college advising to major advising needs to be improved. I received no information from the college or my department about where to go for advising this year, or what the process was - A&S thought I was declared anthropology, but the anthropology department didn’t! The department was fantastic about everything - the college was worse than useless.

37 The only time I have been satisfied with my advising was after I got an adviser in the department of my major. Undecided advisers are horrible and absolutely no help. Before my current adviser, I was told to take classes that did not satisfy any requirements for my major. In my freshman year alone, I took three courses that were not needed for any major. As a student coming into the university who has never been in a situation where you have to pick classes this way, it is unacceptable that we do not have better advisers. Without the guidance of a former teacher, I still would have no idea what I was doing, and wouldn’t have the adviser I do now. I had to seek them out myself, when it should be the other way around.

38 Self advising after freshman year may be easier.

39 More online classes would be better. I am a non-traditional student with a family who is supporting two households so my wife and I can attend school. The vast majority of classes are not offered as an online option for anyone but distance learning and that is wrong. If I were able to take half of my class load, or more, online, it would make life much easier.

41 I think that the advisor should be able to give you clearance to register instead of having to take the form back to the department and getting clearance there to register.

ARH

45 This semester I had a very bad experience with the Advising department. My personal adviser sent me to the main advising department to make sure I was set for graduation and to make sure my hours checked out ok. When I went, toward the middle of March, I spoke with the receptionist about seeing an adviser. The receptionist was incredibly rude to me and made me feel like a complete idiot. She would not listen to what I was trying to say. She took my name and number and email address on a piece of scrap paper and told me someone would be in touch. I never received a phone call or an email. I went back in a week or so ago and talked to the same receptionist, and once again she and the guy sitting next to her were both incredibly rude to me. Once again, she took my name, number and email down on a piece of paper. I left very irritated because I wasn’t able to see an adviser and no one was able to solve my problem. I don’t understand why the receptionist was so rude to me. I had to get my actual adviser to send an email to get me some answers. I hope to never go back to that office.

48 Specifically I am advised in the Art History department of Arts and Sciences. I am in my senior year and I have a good relationship with my advisor, Dr. Lucy Curzon. Despite my good relationship with my advisor, I think the advising at Alabama needs a serious reworking. 1. Amount of classes available and times of availability. I am a double major in Art History and History. There are not a sufficient number of Art History classes available. I have taken every art history class available except for three classes. Because there is not an array of classes, student are limited. There need to be more classes that are intrinsically specific to a specific subject. For example a class strictly on Leonardo’s work. The History Department does a good
job of giving a variety of classes. The History department also offers a multitude of times for classes. In my schedule there were several classes I could not take because the majority of classes fell at the same time, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. I realize that these are the main class times, however the Art History department offers no night classes. The Art History Department needs to add classes that are available after 4:00 pm. 2. Advising in the Art History Department is not sufficient. Advisors are not knowledgable enough to direct students beyond mere class selection and core requirements. I found the advising system incredibly lacking in advice for the major. For instance, I am a senior and I have continually expressed to my advisors that I am interested in a career teaching Art History at the Collegiate level. I received very little information or advice on how to achieve this goal. I was unaware of certain requirements like the need for the GRE. In fact, once I did take the GRE my advisors were completely unaware of what scores were necessary or compeitive. I still am uncertain of the requirements of the Graduate School after having multiple meetings with faculty members, advisors and visiting the graduate school website. The most I can garner is that Arts and Sciences requires a 300. There is no information on what verbal score is required for admittance into the MA art history program. When I had trouble in the GRE I asked my advisor for help. She was uncertain of any resources available so she sent me directly to arts and sciences. Arts and Sciences sent me to Rose Administration. Rose sent me to the library. Eventually, frustrated with the merry go round of infromation, I hired a tutor outside of the University. The program cost me around $600. Our advising staff in the Art History department is ignorant of the requirements of work or study beyond undergraduate study. I am baffled at how the department can have no fore sight for it’s students. The department needs to seriously work on talking to students in the sophomore and junior years about the track they are considering after graduation and work to help them be the most sucessful students they can be. Advisors should be able to suggest the most compeitive programs, which programs specialize in what areas, how to apply for scholarships, what interships or work study is available, grants etc and the necessary requirements of application to graduate school, including how to write a statement of purpose, how to prepare for the GRE and what colleges expect in an application. This would only require a quick qrite up a a brochure to be kept in advising. The brochure could be easily distributed to students to help prepare them for life outside of class drop/ad. The Art History department and Arts and Sciences as a whole needs to have a serious reworking of advising. I suggest further polling students, gathering information on what students require, especially outside of choosing classes, since any student can do that on their own. Advisors have forgotten how to “advise”. I need my advisors to give opinion, be knowledgable and be able to guide me in the direction I want to go. Instead I have a friendly meeting with an advisor who I can tell wants to help, but is unsure how.

ART

49 I’d like to see some guidelines and suggestions for full time university staff who are taking advantage of the education benefit on navigating schedules and working through the advising requirements, and maybe figure out a standard method of “orienting” staff members who are starting out a degree program - an orientation that wouldn’t take us away from our jobs for too long! :) I have heard many coworkers talk about the confusing process for getting started, and I can’t help but think it’s got to waste a lot of time for student services staff as well. The education benefit is incredible and I know that UA wants their employees especially to be models of “life long learning”. It would just be nice to have a summary of options and suggestions for using the education benefit, especially if staff members are only taking one or two classes per semester. I work in Professional Development and we’re really working to simplify our administrative processes for our customers, so it has been on my mind. :) 

51 More time, have them explain courses more and for everyone to be appointed one and not have someone different everytime

56 Before I was advised by my main adviser of the Arts and Sciences (who was excellent and very helpful) I was given the opportunity for a group advising session with Blount Undergraduate Initiative. Overall, these advisers were unhelpful to the students. Mine gave me misinformation (which I was able to sort out with my Arts and Sciences adviser) and told me that she knew nothing about my major (Studio Art) and could not help me. She told me to see another adviser right off bat when I started to ask for her guidance (though I was required to come see her). When I asked her about core classes that did not pertain to my major she only stared at me and told me she just needed me to write down a certain number of hours worth of classes so she could clear me and be done. I would suggest that the advisers that see the BUI freshmen be not so dismissive and uninformed when advising. The majority of other students were not helped by these advisers either. (I find the idea of allowing BUI students their own group advising session a good idea, though. I am not suggesting to eradicate that concept.) 

59 Almost every semester I have trouble getting into the classes I need. Opening up more sections of courses might be a good idea.
I have yet to see my advisor because he has not responded to my emails in 3 weeks. I think the advising process should be optional. I feel totally capable to register for my own classes. However, it would be nice to have someone to go to if I needed a question answered. Wasting my time and obviously his is not working for me or my advisor. Thanks.

Offer Studio Art classes at times that don't conflict with Art History classes...

I have no additional comments.

Please replace MyBama and the online course selection tool. They are simply awful to deal with.

Make it clear when a group advising session is for undecided majors only. I think I could have had a much better advising session if my advisor knew and understood my majors.

Don’t change someone’s advisor the semester before their graduation. That’s so ridiculous. My replacement advisor did not answer multiple emails over several weeks and so I had to just get another faculty member to sign my sheet so I could register. Send advisors that aren’t faculty to advise the art school. Tracking down your assigned faculty member is not an easy task if you aren't currently enrolled in one of their classes.

So many classes that I want or need overlap, or they are only offered once a year, which becomes a problem. But I'm sure not many other people have this problem.

Out of 7 advising sessions here at UA this was the only time I've felt advised. My current advisor confirmed classes with the degree against DegreeWorks, to make sure it didn't have a problem. We talked about classes and he actually helped me. Every single other advisor was difficult to meet and pointless. The previous advisors looked at DegreeWorks and told me everything I already knew from looking at DegreeWorks five minutes prior to the meeting. So they wasted my time and didn’t seem to care. If all the advisor is going to do is look at DegreeWorks we shouldn't be forced to go to them. Just let us register for classes and if we have questions, comments, or concerns then we can go to an advisor. OR this university needs real advisors.

More knowledgable advisors, that could offer help beyond basic advising needs and beyond the specific department/major.

I don't think advising should be required

I have had four advisors in the entire three years I've attended UA. I think it would be a good idea to limit a number of students to one advisor each semester that way they can develop a relationship with the advisors, and there will be little confusion.

No. It is all as I would think it should be.

BY

Martha my advisor ROCKS!

At BamaBound registration was very stressful, it would have helped me if it was not so chaotic.

Have them know what classes are offered in what semester.

No. I like the process overall. I don't like having to get up really early to register at my given time so maybe that could be moved back a couple of hours.

I think that major advisors should have to contact departmental advisors about Freshmen's schedules. My departmental advisor and my major advisors were on two different pages (one was okay with the classes I wanted to take and one was not) and it made my process very stressful. My biggest problem with registration was that the professors for my classes were not up, which makes choosing a schedule difficult.

Try to have more class time selections for the science classes.

No comments my experience was excellent! Very efficient and I felt enlightened about everything I needed to do and the courses I needed to take!

I changed from the college of arts and sciences to the college of education and I cannot express how completely different they are. The college of education is so much more informative and personable, while I always felt like I was unwanted by the college of arts and sciences. When I was advised by the college of arts and sciences I chose the adviser I wanted to see, picked a scheduled date to meet with her, and left. When I came for my appointment, I was questioned as to why I was there and if I was sure I chose that adviser. I ended up not even meeting with the adviser I chose. Also, the college of education has a sheet with all the classes I need to take, and if I have taken them, they are crossed off. This is extremely helpful because it gives me a visual idea of what I need to do. The college of arts and sciences does not have this, it is so disorganized, and I always left feeling confused. Also, a major important thing that advisers should tell students interested in dental school is that they DO NOT HAVE TO BE A BIOLOGY MAJOR!!! Thankfully I found this out and changed my major before I ended up taking pointless biology classes!
113 Open up all classes for upper class men to register, especially UH 210 courses.
117 More openings for classes. Should not be days in between each registration period.
121 Not to change anyone advisor after there junior year. For some old reason my advisor was changed this semester.
123 All went well for me.
131 None, it's a very good process.
136 More classes offered.
137 No, everything ran smoothly.
138 Google should be listed as an advisor. It's more worthwhile than any of ours in the science departments. Outdated and a waste of time to require meeting with someone who doesn't at all care about your degree.
140 I would like to know when overrides are granted rather than not knowing and not being able to take the classes needed
142 For Pre-Health students like myself, I think it is imperative that we have a college adviser assigned to us. Faculty advisers are not familiar pre-requisite classes needed for these professional schools or often which ones would help prepare us the most. A college adviser is necessary so future graduates can truly see their lives coming together outside of their undergraduate degree.
145 The advisors should be matched more closely with students that have the same career interests as them and are more knowledgeable on the courses in their major.
148 Even though I attended advising sessions with two different advisors two days before my registration opened, my academic advising hold had not been lifted when my registration opened. I then had to go in to the office and have it fixed. That should have already been done. Also, my advisor failed to warn me about the prerequisite for intro accounting.
149 Dr. Phillip Harris is a phenomenal advisor!
155 More KNOWLEDGEABLE advisors for the biology department
157 I love the way the Biology department does advising. However, they recently decided to switch up a bunch of advisors/advisees and while I love my new advisor, I would not have minded staying with the old one.
161 My advisor is really good about knowing me and it makes going to talk to her fun and helpful. All colleges should try to foster this type of student faculty relationship. DegreeWorks planner is also a huge help in seeing where a student believes things are going, and advisors should require it to see if a student's goal is realistic.
163 The only problem I had was that I needed a override for my classes, which caused me to not get the times I needed for that class in order to register for my other core classes during the time I got stuck with because my advisor said I needed an override, but never said that I had to contact the school and ask for one. I never was told specifically that I had to contact the school and do it, I assumed since she was the advisor she was the one in control of that. Just make sure you tell students they have to do it next time.
166 The biology department (or my advisor) seems to do a very good job of making us sign up for registration and use DegreeWorks. DegreeWorks is great. I use it all the time. The online course catalog is great too (courseleaf.ua.edu). I've heard a lot of complaints from my friends being advised by people outside of the bio department. But I have never heard a complaint about Biology advising.
173 My advisor Dr. Rasco has been extremely helpful and due to me being a Spring Semester Transfer Student she made sure that I was aware of all that my degree has to offer.
177 I believe that the academic advising process is difficult at best. It has taken me 4 semesters to figure out the best way to make a schedule prior to registration. If there was some way to make a planner prior to registration that helped you figure out class conflicts, time restrictions for travel between classes, etc, we would all love that.
187 I wish advisors for the department were taught more on how to advise. I felt like I was being rushed because she needed to get back to her research and actual students. I can work Degeworks by myself on my own time so basically just referring me to Degeworks for any questions I have is not helpful. Advisors should know paths most students take or just be able to answer questions without simply telling me to look it up myself. I feel it is a waste of my time to get my pin cleared if the whole meeting is looking at a Degeworks schedule I create and her just saying "Sure that looks good". If she's there to make sure I am passing classes then she could look that up without me taking 30 minutes out of my schedule to sit in her office.
188 Emphasize on one on one, personal appointments. Especially for freshman and sophomores. It's easy to feel like a little fish in a huge pond here.
195 My advisor was so very helpful and made a stressful time very easy for me.
197 I did NOT like the format of walk-in advising in the College of Human Environmental Science. I was rushed and did not have sufficient time to meet with my advisor, even though I arrived an hour and a half before her session closed. I waited for
45 minutes to be seen, and when I was finally seen, she told me “I have class in 10 minutes, do you have a lot of questions?” I absolutely did have questions, seeing as I just changed my major, switched colleges, and had no idea how to pursue this major and still be pre-med. She told me to come back “another time.” I had wasted almost two hours of my day trekking to the far-off building to wait, only to be more confused about my schedule than where I started. The advising system needs to be treated more personably and less systematically. I know I go to a large university, but that shouldn’t mean I just become a number.

I have had different faculty advisors for each advising session which does not enable me to form a good connection with my advisor. Students should keep the same advisor all throughout their college career.

Create more times, stop accepting so many students because it fills up the classes way over capacity. Don’t put TBA for teacher during registration periods because I don’t want to all of a sudden realize that I have the hardest teacher for a class that should be easy

Advisor needs to know more/have more access to specific classes that transfer to and from the U of A. (summer classes)

It is as efficient as it can be with the number of people. Good work!

It would be nice if all professors were listed during registration.

Not make freshmen attend both major and departmental advising. Going to both is not useful.

I think that there should be college students that are older that should also assist in advising.

An online appointment system for private advising sessions.

Both my biology advisor and my history advisor were very helpful. However, as I am pre-med, I went to see a pre-health advisor to make sure I was taking classes to prepare for the MCAT. The pre-health advisor was extremely unhelpful and gave me incorrect information that I fortunately later discovered. I am very upset at the lack of knowledge and helpfulness of the pre-health advisory, especially since that is their only job. I would NOT recommend seeing them.

allow students to be waitlisted for a class and still exceed the maximum hour requirements so they do not miss out on another class and also do not get into the class they were waitlisted for

Make it easier to get an advising appointment. For my advisor, we had times but many people I know have advising where there are no appointments. They just show up during office hour. Every advisor should have appointment time.

The wait list system confused me at first, I was not a fan of feeling like I wouldn’t make it into my class.

Not really, except maybe extending the advising hours from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

In regards to overrides, the department should have the ability to do so in the main office, otherwise, the student is almost on a wild goose chase to get an override, like I was.

There needs to be more UH fine arts classes or other honors seminars classes for non-freshman. Or there needs to be more seats available in the classes that are offered because they are all taken by the second day of registration.

Put students with advisors who are knowledgeable about the university and have similar careers as what the students are pursuing.

Stop making declared majors (biology specifically) go through both arts and sciences advising and specific advisor advising. Or just make one required rather than both.

Overall, fine. Always have trouble with scheduling because I’m not in honor’s college.

I do not intend to compose an essay, but I believe that there is only one issue related to the registration process at the University of Alabama: priority registration. I am a student with a 4.0 GPA, but I have to wait until April 15th to register for classes. Individuals should not be given preference simply because they can afford to live in Honors Housing. I believe that individuals with disabilities should be given priority registration, but that otherwise, it should be based solely on GPA.

I do not like the registration process. I think if the waiting list for a class includes over 50 students, there should be additional classes added to the schedule or the class size should increase. Students should not have to wait to join classes required for their major.

The lack of even class times on TBA courses makes it very difficult to put together a schedule.

I use the website MyEDU for planning my schedule, it’s very helpful.

The academic advising for me is great. I love my adviser because she is very helpful at helping me choose my classes so that I can graduate on time.

Advisors need to be more aware and helpful in regard to professional school prerequisites. My advisor had no interest in helping with the classes that I needed to take for further enrollment in a professional school. When I was not able to enroll in a specific class needed for said professional school, her only advice was to seek information from someone else because she didn’t feel she could give me proper guidance. Overall I am very dissatisfied with the advising process at the University and have never received any sort of proper advice. I even was forced to delay my graduation a semester because of
an error that was not caught by my advisor regarding my schedule. It was not until I was applying for graduation that the graduation office caught it and informed me I would not be able to graduate because of my mistake. This delayed graduation in turn caused me to delay my application to professional school by a year. Thought this should me made known.

Advising throughout campus for upper classmen (junior and senior levels) should be private. Adviser should discuss plans after graduation and help prepare student for their future by providing appropriate resources. Students with credits granted by other universities should be allowed to register with overall credits instead of just UA credits. Courses that require an override should not require five or more trips to the department office to be granted access to the course (I have had this problem twice for BSC 398 after having turned in my instructor’s permission form).

Students in the honors college getting priority registration is unfair. If they’re attending the same classes and getting the same degree, then everyone should have equal footing on registering for classes.

I wish that we had a general idea of what will be offered the following semester, especially for seniors and athletes because I am having an EXTREMELY hard time finding a Biology Lab that will work with my schedule and practice time. Also the Honors College UH course schedule is pathetic. Almost every single class is at 3 or later... Athletes have practice and I dont feel that we should be not be able to take any honors seminars because every year they are offered at the same times, always conflicting with practice. I havent been able to schedule a UH class in like 3 semesters because of times offered. What happened to morning classes?? I also was a victim of poor advising my freshman year and took several unneeded classes...being a first generation college student I had no clue about any of this stuff and put complete trust in my advisor. I think it would be helpful to have extra mentoring for first generation students because EVERYTHING is new to us with absolutely no prior experience from anyone in our families. I might have to take an extra semester because I was mis led my freshman year and also because I cannot find any of the classes I need to work together.

Do not allow underclassmen honors to be able to register before seniors. It is very problematic and requires unnecessary overrides.

The registration process works very well at the university except for one thing that has bothered me the four years I have been here, especially this year. I believe that honors students should be able to register first, but I believe it should go by year. I am a senior this year going into my fifth year and I am still having trouble getting classes that are required because I am not in honors, which I think is ridiculous. It should go senior honor students then regular seniors students, junior honor students then regular junior students, ect... I do not think it is fair that students who have been here ample amount of time are not getting to register for the classes they want/need first.

Do not schedule every biology course between the hours of 9 and 11. I know they have research to do but there are an incredible amount of biology majors and only a limited number of seats available. I was just barely about to scrape together a schedule that would allow me to graduate on time and that is very important as I’ve already been accepted to a graduate program that starts a few weeks after graduation.

This information is regarding the past semester advising as I am a graduating senior. However, advising needs some improvement in that we need faculty to sit down and talk to us about a plan, not just tell us what classes to take.

I would suggest that advisors email student prior to the registration period to inform them of available advising times.

I know what I needed to register for, as a senior I feel everyone shod by now I found it an inconvenience to have to meet with an advisor and go through the motions only to register for what I was going to anyway.

I do not think advising sessions are necessary for class registration. I do not understand the purpose of advising, when I am required to have my schedule pre-planned on DegreeWorks planner, just so I can waste time visiting the advisors office so that he/she will glance over my schedule, tell me, “this looks good, email me if you have questions,” and finally the advising pin will be cleared for registration. I only want to see an advisor if I have questions about my schedule. I have never benefited from an advising appointment at the University of Alabama in the 4 years of my attendance.

Prior to this past semester I was away from school since 2004. Overall I’m very impressed with the newer advising processes as well as the mybama website.

I think it is unfair that the Honors College freshman are allowed to register before the Seniors/5th Year Seniors for classes. I understand that they deserve priority because of the nature of the program, but I transferred as a junior, so I didn’t have the time for the Honors Program and it turned into a mess. I couldn’t register for basic core classes because they would be filled by Freshman and Sophomore Honor’s Students. I am a 5th Year Senior and barely got a seat into introductory classes. I think the Honor’s students should have priority over all the non-Honor’s Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman, but Seniors cannot be as flexible. Most seniors have a set schedule that they must have in order to graduate, but the registration process makes that difficult for non-Honor’s students. Thanks

Registration by hours and then priority status would help many upperclassmen with set schedules until graduation (ex: registration with 120+ hours and priority registration, then 120+ hours without priority registration. Otherwise, publicizing
said “advising hotline” that I’ve never heard of and also telling students what their advisor can help them with other than registration would make the process better year-round.

I think that the order of registration needs to change. I am an honors student and had a lot of hours coming in to college so it has never really been an issue for me, but I know a lot of people who will be senior starting in the Fall and were still unable to get all of the classes they needed. I do believe that Honors students need to have priority over the other students in registration, however I believe that it needs to be more based on hours than Honors status. The way registration should happen is for Honors seniors to register first and then regular seniors. This pattern would continue all the way through the Freshman class. It is unfair when students who are sophomores and freshman fill up the classes that many seniors need to graduate.

My adviser was Dr. Ryan Earley. He is an absolutely incredible person to talk to about education. I would go as far as to say that he is the reason I love learning so much now.

Being a senior, I have had the opportunity to register for classes on multiple occasions and the only discrepancy I have with the process is the method by which priority registration takes place. I understand that organizations like athletics, honors college, etc. have priority registration; however, I do not understand why freshman, sophomore, and junior priority registration students are allowed and given permission to register before the senior who are getting ready to graduate. I feel that priority registration should be adjusted to each class: priority seniors then seniors, priority juniors then juniors, priority sophomores then sophomores, and so on.

Advisors are too overwhelmed with the number of students they are responsible for and advising should be started earlier if possible.

Get a staff that is committed to advising. There are too many teachers who don’t care about these advising appointments and just give kids schedules that fulfill a “normal” range of hours/expectations. There is no reason for the large number of complaints I have personally heard from fellow students about advisors “telling me [sic] to take a class without credit toward my major.” This school has great resources in so many departments, but advising is definitely not one of them. Why would you not want your students to efficiently, effectively, and enjoyably complete their curriculum here at the Capstone? Everyone has different needs, so there should be an advising staff at a central location to help those needs. Why do you not get to choose your advisor? I get to choose classes and teachers, but not the person giving me advice on them? It makes little sense.

Also, only REQUIRE advising sessions for first and second year students. These advising lessons should be very focused and detailed. The student should be given a loose 4 year plan to strive to complete. Students should be educated about what is expected of them early on, so they can better prepare themselves and avoid taking incorrect/non-credit classes. If you don’t know how to navigate classes and schedules and teachers after your second year (4 semesters) you probably need the help of your (chosen!) advisor to pick classes and possibly a new major! There is no need for a responsible, all-A, senior student to go schedule an appointment then sit through 30 minutes of “advice” in which I am told I did it correctly and my hold is finally removed.

DegreeWorks is a great program. It very clearly tells exactly what is needed and allows students to project their 4 years in a tangible medium that can be saved. I think the Alabama software that complements DegreeWorks is faulted, though. Why aren’t there links attached to “non-complete” areas of the planner that guide students to classes that will fulfill that requirement? There are some links, but they often lead to rather nonspecific pages with some classes not even offered for that semester. They also don’t give class times, which teachers, etc. Certain degrees require certain forms of classes and I don’t know if that is always effectively communicated to many students.

I hope that the information written will help some future UA students. If whoever is reading this has any further inquiries about the process from a graduating 4 year senior, I am open to voice my opinions in a meeting of sorts. Feel free to contact me at amklein1@crimson.ua.edu and have a great day!

I was switched between advisors many time during my college career. I wish I would have only had one or two advisors throughout my college career. This way it would be more personal. I think this would make the process more beneficial.

I would appreciate it if the college advisors got to my schedule when they said they would. I'm a graduating senior and there are still errors on my transcript due to poor advising and refusal of the “head advisor” to take the time to remove classes for which I did not register, but somehow ended up on my transcript.

I am in the biology department and I would suggest that they stop changing my advisor.
I think the UA advising staff is wonderful and should leave it how it is! They are very helpful and whenever I have gone they have helped me with my schedule based on my needs.

Upper level classes need to be offered during the spring and the fall.

Have advisors that know the prerequisites for classes they are suggesting so they don’t mess students up on registration day.

No I do not. My advisor does an excellent job.

I personally do not agree with the course schedule. I do not think Honors freshmen should schedule before rising seniors who are not in the honors college. Rising Seniors need certain classes more than honors freshmen and sophomores.

Advisors should have a plan of action for more than just the typical students. Sometimes things come up and some classes are not optimal to take at the suggested times. Advisors should prepare for that. They should know how to advise for unplanned or unexpected changes students are facing. It would also help if they showed some type of interest in the students and their particular situations.

The only suggestion I have is specifically for the Communicative Disorders Department. Registering for class can sometimes be difficult because there are such a limited amount of classes and meeting times available. Most of the time students need to take more than one major class at a time. It is hard to do this when you need two classes that both meet at the same time and they are only offered in a certain semester. This could potentially put students behind. The major is getting larger and larger each year so I think we need more class times to accommodate everyone.

Get a universal registration system.

The advisors need to be more knowledgeable about the courses and how they work. If students have a confirmed major, then they need to see an advisor that is actually with their department of study and not just an advisor that is in the college.

Non major/ college advisors could use some work

Fix the overriding issue

I would prefer to only do advising via email unless I have to meet my adviser in person because of problems or questions.

For my major they don’t contact you about advising, and sometimes you find out the hard way when you can’t register because you have an academic advising hold.

One suggestion for my academic advisor would be for her to be a little more interested in the success of the student rather than her Spring Break plans.

The system will fail when too many students are trying to access it at the same time. Find a way to split registration times further, or prevent the system from failing.

My advisor was through the faculty in the speech and hearing center. He was not knowledgeable with the arts and sciences requirements for graduation and almost caused me to not graduate because he did not familiar enough with A&S requirements only the CD ones

People with a certain number of hours Should not have to meet with an advisor

I am a double major in Biochemistry and Finance. Because these are two very different majors and are obviously in different colleges, it is hard to plan out future classes I still have to sit and take here at the Capstone, so it would be nice if there was someone who knows all of the degree requirements that could help people in multiple colleges plan. Also, Degree Works does not allow you to plan for a double major across different colleges.

We need to create more open advising opportunities. It is a more efficient use of the student's time and the advisor's time. It also provides a more collaborative environment.

The VA office is difficult to schedule an appointment with. They have rarely returned calls and appointment requests to me. In order to change my major and withdraw from a class, I have to go through them because of the funding I receive from the GI bill. However, I haven’t been able to do this since I haven’t received information on who I should meet with and when. I have called and gone to the office to schedule an appointment and nobody has reaches out to me. The VA office needs availability to its students and more organization!

Chemistry department - allow students to make advising appointments online.
Advising once you are enrolled at UA is satisfactory. However, Bama Bound registration is wretched. The advising sessions at Bama Bound are too general, and they assume that students want to do the least amount of work. I am a Chemistry major, and going to medical school, and was automatically put on the non-ACS Chemistry major track without knowing it as a freshman. Now that I am aware of this difference, it is too late to change and still graduate on time. If students were made aware of this difference in the beginning, this wouldn’t be such a problem. But now, it’s just aggravating. 

Even though there are a lot of students going to this university, I feel like the advisors could still put forth more effort into trying to help, especially at an earlier time (freshman year). My advisors have not exactly prepared me as well as I would have liked and I’m premed.

CJ

No everything is perfect
advising is good for the Criminal Justice major, but I have several peers that have had terrible advising experiences
No. Perfect
my adviser is awesome
Criminal Justice advising is great!
Moving up the date to turn in an advising sheet
No, Mr. Douglas Klutz is an awesome advisor and professor.
My advisor has not shown up for my scheduled meeting two semesters in a row. I have not had an academic hold removed for the summer semester after having to see an alternate advisor twice. This will probably result in a failure to get in my necessary summer courses.
It would be great if the UA could offer more upper level classes in the evenings or online for people who work during the day.
Advisors having more knowledge on specific careers for better pathways to the future.
Criminal Justice advising is top notch

DN

specific classes for your major are pretty easy to figure out but it gets overwhelming when you have to meet all the basic requirements(especially if you are a double major). It would be great if advisors could help narrow down the classes that would meet basic requirements and that would pertain to your major as well.
I am on an internship away from school this semester. I could not get in touch with an advisor, even after calling and emailing multiple times and leaving messages. Thankfully, Dr. Witte helped me out (the HDFS website is also not working). I just changed majors from here, so I had no idea who my advisor was or what I needed to do, as I am in a completely new college. I did all of my scheduling on my own through Degree Works. I could not contact any of the advisors or get the information for them. Thankfully, everything got sorted out, but the advisors and the staff at HDFS may want to be more prompt in responding to students, especially those away from campus. They may also need to check on the HDFS website as, like I said, it is not working. Sorry to be so sour about the experience, just wanted to let it be known!
I am a dancer major and am unable to take most of the electives because of dance classes and rehearsals. It would be nice if a class could be offered at different times each semester. Also my adviser did not know what I needed to graduate let alone what classes he was teaching the next semester.
Have a better advising process for freshman and sophomore so that their future college terms will go smoother
Ind for staff to be less hostile or rude with students regardless of the bad day they may be having or not get aggravated when students are very confused on the class registration process.

ECAS

The secretary I had was absolutely awful. I came in to see if there were any open windows, and she turned me away, assuring me that they were all busy. I then went online (through my phone) and booked an appointment for thirty minutes later. When I went to the desk to check in, she was rude, and when I sat down to be seated, I could hear her openly gossiping about my annoyance to her day with her coworkers and other advisors.
I know the catalog back forth to the point where the University should hire me as a registrar. I know this is untypical, but for people who can plan their own degree programs and class schedules there is no point to being advised—it
just puts one more thing on an already busy plate. While I do concede that having required advising sessions is important to, probably, the significant majority of the University Students' success, this is not omni-necessary. I think there should be a way that we can clear our own pin.

I think that Degree Works audits should be required every semester-- that really helped me, but I didn't do it with an advisor until my first semester of junior year, which is kind of late.

Yes / get rid if advisors and do it all through the departments.

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Staff should be more friendly, but advisors are great.

I think it is highly ridiculous that underclassmen can register for classes before upperclassmen even if they are honors. I have invested more time and way more money into this university than the underclassmen, but I'm having to rearrange my entire schedule because they are filling up classes I need to take in order to graduate in two semesters. If the university wants to give honors students some sort of priority, fine, however, it needs to be reworked. Either only designate a certain amount of spots in a class for honors students or have it so that honors seniors register, then regular seniors, honors juniors, regular juniors and so forth. It is absolutely insulting that freshmen can register for classes before me and I've been on this campus for 5 semesters. Rework it.

I don't think it should be required for students who have everything figured out. I use my degree works and the course descriptions, and that is enough advising for me.

I'm a rising senior and have pretty much relied on my own ability to plan a schedule throughout undergrad. This was because when I was coming in as a freshman, I got the run-around from a bunch of ladies who had no idea what they were talking about. I was told that an AP credit would transfer during Bamabound in 2010 and, of course, it did not. Similar struggles occurred when I was trying to find out information about language requirements. So I stopped asking advisers in the College of Arts and Sciences. My adviser, David Ainsworth, knows what he is talking about, so it has been good ever since I've been paired with him, but that only happened after my sophomore year.

A few people, myself included, have had blocks placed on our registration during some point or another due to the university not having our HS transcripts. In all of these cases, final transcripts had been submitted prior to attending the university. This is my only complaint with the registration process; I feel that whatever issue is causing the disappearance of HS transcripts needs to be resolved. Having to get a new transcript to the school is extremely inconvenient, and sometimes difficult, for OOS students and their parents.

Seems like it works okay to me. Carry on.

I wish advisors took more time to develop a relationship with the students they advised. I think that they should be meeting with students more than once a semester and also help advise them about options after graduation. They should be more like life advisors. During the best advising sessions I've had, my advisor talked with me about my plans for after college, how my semester is going, and just life in general. During those conversations I feel like my advisor cares about me as an individual and doesn't view me as just another item on the checklist. Also, John Wingard is a phenomenal advisor!! More people should be like him!

I would like more opportunity for online courses than are offered.

Some how mark the difference between AP earned credits and credits earned at UA. I am considered a junior based on credits, but I'm in my second year. Considering that I'm attempting to graduate in four years with one major and three minors, it would be really great if my advisor didn't have doubts of whether not I would graduate on time. Aside from that, I think that DegreeWorks is a fantastic tool as far as registration. It helped me decide what I could feasibility complete within four years here.

Not really. No matter what you do, some students will be unsatisfied. All of this PR is bullshit. Focus on teaching, and leave the rest to people with less education.

I would like to know ahead of time that my prerequisites have not been met for registration.

Advisors should help with outside opportunities and internships not just scheduling.

The weakest part of the advising process occurs at Bama Bound. I received terrible advice that cost me precious time.

I don't think advising should be mandatory before scheduling your classes. Both times I met with an advisor I had no questions and the meeting lasted less than 5 minutes. It was an inconvenience to have to meet with them when I already was sure of my schedule.
I was very pleased with advising this semester. Setting up an appointment through the Office of Veterans Affairs made things very easy. My advisor was able to answer all of my questions and provide very helpful advice, as well.

I had trouble getting into a class I needed for next semester because the software didn’t recognize that I was currently taking the class I needed as a prerequisite. If there was some way for it to know what I was currently taking before I had officially finished the course, that’d be helpful.

No advising from the college or audits, they are a waste of time. Just departmental advising

Appointments should begin at their scheduled time, every time. I had trouble with this when meeting with my college advisor.

Keep up the good work!

Make sure advisors are thoroughly trained in core requirements and the proper procedures to lift pins off of registration. I have been delayed in registering twice because my advisor did not quite understand how to lift my pin. Also, the graduation audit wasn’t helpful. I don’t know more or less than I did before advising.

No, I think it works very well, though it does put onus on students’ initiative to get the advising done.

My freshman year, my advisor never contacted me, so I just met with someone in the English department. I was given a different advisor after that, and he was fine until the 2012 fall semester. Half way through the semester, I realized one of my classes was showing up on DegreeWorks as an elective instead of under my Social and Behavioral Sciences. My advisor told me that class would meet the requirement, but it did not. He advised me to take another similar class this semester to fill that requirement, and I decided to double check this with my Arts and Sciences advisor. She told me that he was wrong and that I needed to choose from an entirely different list of classes. So, in my opinion, the department advisors shouldn’t be making these mistakes. If this had happened a semester later, I wouldn’t be graduating on time. It’s very frustrating.

Longer sessions that include BOTH career planning and course advising

I really like the advising process that is used now.

When I was in Bama Bound I was dissatisfied with the advising procedure because I felt I was dealing with someone who knew less than I did. However, the Environmental Science advising sessions are always helpful.

Get advisors that actually care and know how to help instead of just signing a paper and getting through the appointment

Open more biology courses

Advisors should work with students to teach them how to use Degree Works.

Academic override automatically for fall classes when your taking pre-req that summer

Teach elderly faculty how to work degree works (not my advisor but others don't know how). Also it would benefit some of us if registration was earlier so for the summer semester we would have longer to know how much money we would need to come up with. I also think that people in a specific department should be able to register for the classes in there department before other department people fill them up and delay others from graduating on time.

Pay advisors like Fred Andrus more money (He is head of the undergraduate section of the Geology Department).

Larger student cap for high level classes.

Offer more CH102 and PH102 sections. They often conflict with other major specific courses.

Dr. Andrus is the Best!

More clear information regarding the time for registration

This survey is strictly concerning engineering computer science and not my geology major. I am utterly displeased with the way advising is handled. For two semesters I have tried to talk with the advisor because as a transfer student I am at a loss. However I was referred to an advisor not in the department and both semesters have been told they are booked solid until a month or more after registration. This is really unacceptable and frankly nothing productive has been done with my CS major since transferring to this university as I cannot obtain answers to my questions.

More class times. Dr. Andrus in geology department is terrific
In the Geology Department it is easy to get one on one excellent advising! It’s the best! Also degree works is pretty awesome!

Banish group advising. That was the worst thing that has happened to me since arriving at this school. I tell every incoming freshman to take that potential waste of time and money when considering attending this school over another.

It was easier to meet my academic advisor at Bryant Hall as I am there most evenings outside of school and sport commitment. Also having evening sessions is a lot more helpful as the times usually clash with either my training times or class.

nope. I think the advising is just about perfect.

Get rid of the CS 102 pre-req for GIS classes.

I do not believe that all honor students should be allowed to register for classes before other students. I have enough hours to classify me as a senior for next semester, I should not have to register for classes after freshman, honors college or not. Just because they are in the honors college should not give students with less hours than me an advantage to sign up for classes, causing the classes I need to be closed by the time I can register. They are upcoming sophomores, they have more than enough semesters left for them to register for a class. I am an upcoming senior, I only have two semesters left. I believe should have the upper hand. Registration should be done by hours AND honors college. Highest hours honor college students followed by regular highest hours students, then next level of hours honor college students followed by regular students with equivalent hours, and so and so forth until you get to the last grouping of students.

I have never had a negative experience with advising in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Everything is perfect

Don’t require it for anyone. Every time I go to advising is a waste of time. I can figure out what I need to do by myself by viewing Degreeworks

Online system would not allow me to register for two separate classes within the honors college because they shared the same number in their names. This changed all of my registration plans at the last minute and caused great frustration.

I am a parent and a full-time employee-- it is imperative that I be able to register for the classes I need at the times I need. this semester was the first time that has happened-- this has happened because of the upper lever classes I am taking, not because of my registration time. This has been a constant point of frustration throughout my time at the University. Secondly the people doing the degree audits in Clark NEED to get on the same page with the departments and which classes apply to what requirement. A class on Cuban history does meet the requirement of a Latin American History class according to the History Dept.

Making the wait list process simpler for students and having teachers override capacity limits for those truly dedicated to taking their class but are unable to do to their time for class registration.

A call, email, for sit down with someone would be best. That way someone would not be confused like I have been.

I feel that faculty advisors are the best advisors, especially the ones who are departmental head because they are more experience and give great insight and suggestions.

I feel that more classes in the evening could be scheduled. The lack of classes offered at night and with only a few courses left to graduate left made me feel mislead. It said to me that here is this University that you can graduate from but no classes are offered to allow you to hold a job and go to school which was not the case previously.

I am a history major and for the past three registrations it has been hard for me to sign up for the intro level history classes. Perhaps the registrar believes the best system is one where freshmen get a better chance to sign up for these classes, but creating an artificial scarcity of only five seats in a class throughout all upperclassmen registration seems a little ridiculous to me. I am forced to pick courses taught by mediocre teachers rather than professors that can actually teach me well. In short, I feel that upperclassmen should get first crack at these classes with the entire compliment of seats available just like every other class. Freshmen have four years to take all these courses and I have two.

My only complaint is how small some classes were. I could not get into a class that I wanted because it only took 7 people. It was already full by the time I registered even though I have a fairly early registration time.

When someone comes and asks for an audit to be done, don’t give that person the run-around. DegreeWorks is not always accurate.
This semester's registration was really easy. I'm doing the UA in Italy Study Abroad trip, so that was really all handled internally. This will be my final semester as an undergraduate.

Students who have already achieved junior or senior standing at UA should not have to get advised to lift their registration pin. By that point students either already/or should already know how to register and everything that goes along with it.

Students should have improved access to faculty advisors. Advisors should do a better job at monitoring student progress and course selection as it relates to graduation to improve UA's 4-year graduation rate.

Please make sure that advisors are a little more in tune with general education requirements. This caused much strife when having to trek around campus to find the people that my advisor recommended I speak with because he did not know the information.

Encourage the advisors to keep the same students every visit so they will get to know you and your situation. Make the advisors know who they are helping, like Cathy Elliott and Tim Dillard in A&S, they are fantastic. Familiarity works well with students. One advisor-One student

to much time in front of a computer. I made one wrong computer move in february and an still paying for it.

The only thing I could think of is to make students more aware of how useful academic advisors can be other than in course selection, because my advisor this year actually helped me a lot more in earlier months when I considered dropping a course.

Just try to get professor assignments and book lists out earlier if possible.

I wish better classes were offered Fall 2013. Also, more classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays that start at 11 would also would be helpful. Also, my adviser is good but she is new and i wish she was given more information on how to advise and maybe a mock advising appointment or maybe sit in on one to see how it is done.

for other advisers, they need to relate to each student and ensure trust. they need to have knowledge on each students interests so they can provide the best advising. advisers should take the time to know there students, so they can build a relationship.

Mrs Galbraith did a good job of helping me see exactly what I needed to complete in my last couple years of college in order to graduate.

I am pleased with my advising experience at UA.

New College advising is awesome, I just wish there was a way that DegreeWorks could work for New College students.

The schedule put out before registration open needs to be more accurate. I used that to plan out my schedule for registration, but when it came time for me to register, the scheduling of classes had changed completely.

I'm graduating in May, so perhaps my data isn't as useful as others may be.

New College has the most personable advising atmosphere.

Roll Tide!!

My original Arts and Science advisor in Clark Hall was terrible. She didn't care nor did she help me when I was a freshman. When I found New College, I found faculty who actually cared and wanted to help develop my ideas. I saw that the New College faculty had patience. I began working in the New College office and other students began to experience the same thing. Students pay a lot of money for tuition and professors are paid with our dollars. The university should mandate an 'advisory attitude check' or something to better help students feel wanted, respected, and given the accurate information about their future courses.

I don't know if my answers will work well for New College Lifetrack. I hope I answered your questions. Keep up the good work. Please contact me personally if I have been selected for the gift certificate. Thank you!

As a New College student, I really wish I didn't have to wait for a permit to be entered by my advisor everytime I want to take a class.

Met w/ advisor at the initial course registration for distance learning. I was advised to register for on-line courses, group contracts, weekend courses. Basically take as many courses each semester as possible. When I left, we had verbally planned to take take the required writing skills and a few weekend classes. We never sat down individually and discussed the
best course of action. I had nothing in writing for a one or two year suggestion of courses. So I have picked a few that sound interesting, but not sure how they work towards the final degree. I realize I need pretty much everything, but I feel as if I am self-advised. I did have trouble getting acknowledgement from Kevin T. during the Analytical Thinking course. Emailing my advisor was fruitless. I did have a conversation with Ana S. and she leaned on Kevin more than once for him to simple grade assignments. My husband is also enrolled in the NCLT, with different advisors. He is currently taking the course w/ Kevin and to date has not had a single module graded, no acknowledgement of rcpt of modules. Not sure why he is an instructor. My husband also met w/ his advisor during almost a year ago when I did. He left with a written plan for the next eighteen months. This has been interesting. I have decided to take more of the “fun” courses and take the harder ones once I am more used to the college experience. I have considered changing advisors, but not sure how to go about it. Thanks for your time,

Sally Marsalis

794 As an adult student who receives tuition reimbursement, it would be nice if the amount the student paid for each course was available for printing. Since it is not, I must contact the financial aid office everytime and have them send me this information.

796 Not at this time. After more interaction with this organization I may have.

797 This survey might not appy to me. I am a distance student with New Life College (old EXD). Thank you.

807 My dissatisfaction with advising (question 8) is the difficulty I had finding courses that meet the peculiar humanities requirements of New College Life Track, in which I am enrolled. Many courses that interest me are marked as humanities, but don’t actually meet the humanities requirement of my program. This lead to a time consuming and somewhat frustrating back-and-forth with my advisor. I have no problems with my advisor who is always responsive, courteous, and helpful. Still, I was hoping to be taking a class right now, but I'm still not enrolled (hence my answer to question 21). The reason I don't use DegreeWorks is because I was advised not to. Apparently it doesn't work properly for New College Life Track students. I did not answer questions 5 and 14 because, as a distance learning student, the idea of “attending” advising has no appeal whatsoever. Finally, I understand that survey questions need to be brief; however, I get frustrated when I don't understand a question, or when “my” answer to a question is not one of the choices. Please consider adding hyperlinks in the survey that lead to more detailed and precise explanations of each question. If I get frustrated every time I take this survey, I'll stop taking this survey.

808 Kevin thornthwaite is awesome as an advisor. I will graduate May 4

818 I wish everyone had clear direction as I now have with New College Life Track. This is a different story for me now that I am a return student. I did not have any advising in 1989 and I was not successful. Thank you for great changes and great improvements!

819 Kevin Thorntwaite is excellent!

820 Having gone through the pre-computer forms of registration, I think the current system is WONDERFUL!

822 I am not sure what department/college New Life College is under. I do know that I will be receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. Kevin and every one connected with New Life College has been fantastic. It has been a great experience overall. I would recommend it to anyone.

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829 Specifically for the College of Arts and Sciences there are a number of things the University can do to enhance the overall experience: 1. Remind and if necessary re-train the front office secretary on the southern ways of hospitality, professionalism, and excellent customer service. Every time I have come into the CAS Advising Office, Ms. Dixon has been extremely standoffish, unaccommodating, and brash. When I come walk into an important University building such as an Advising office I expect to be greeted first and foremost by a person with a warm and charming disposition (smiling is not a crime); and secondly by an individual that appears willing to answer any and all questions that a confused student is likely to have with a professional demeanor regardless of actual personal feelings. 2. It is imperative that Advisors do their best to foster a quick relationship with each and every kid they advise in order to avoid the student feeling like they are just a number. 3. Once inside the advisor's personal office, the advisor should be well-versed in their area of specialty and have all written material pertaining the specialty at arms length. 4. Furthermore, it is the advisor's job to advise confused kids about their future course matter as well as inspire and motivate those kids who are feeling overwhelmed. I was very disappointed in the customer service this semesters CAS advising office provided. I personally look forward to seeing if my suggestions were solicited or simply thrown out of the topic of discussion. I guess I will find out in the fall when it comes time to register for classes again. Until then IMPROVE!! I was very disappointing

830 We need longer sessions and the advisers need an attitude adjustment.
Generally the process has improved from past semesters, especially in the college of arts and sciences. An addition to DegreeWorks talking about advising times would be a great addition.

Within the College of Arts and Sciences, it might be a good idea to have more specialized advisors -- for instance, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences being separated. Because it is disconcerting when the advisor is completely unfamiliar with the major's basic requirements. The advisor I had was great, though. I took her business card and will be requesting her in the future.

My department (International Studies) did not open up times for mandatory advising until class registration began. This could have been very difficult for many students who were to register in the first days of registration times. Also, I have a class that needs an override for the fall semester. Yet, when emailing the professor to receive an override, I have not received an email response of any kind. It is very difficult to gain an override with this system, particularly within a time frame that would allow for registration within a course. Further, there was a small situation of confusion regarding the indication of a cleared pin. My DegreeWorks indicated that my alternate pin had not been cleared and recommended that I see an advisor even two weeks after I had had my advising appointment. I had to go through two different levels within the department to learn that it was simply a disconnect between the department's records and my DegreeWorks. It would be wonderful if this issue could be remedied for future semesters.

Extending the amount of time that we have to talk with an advisor would enable us to not just talk about our schedule for the upcoming semester, but more importantly our overall time here at The University of Alabama.

Offer more of the listed classes.

No one is extremely helpful with the international studies major. There are many courses to take, and I want to make sure that I graduate with classes that are relevant to my major and jobs that I would like.

I wish it wasn't mandatory to go see an advisor to get cleared for registration. Degree works is really clear. I only saw my advisor for three minutes then I was out. But I also saw both of my major advisors and it still says my pin is not cleared. I'm classified as a sophomore in degree works, but am actually a freshman. However, because of that, I got registration information meant for sophomores, not freshmen, and therefore had no idea what was required of me as a freshman in order to talk to my advisor. When I emailed for help, they gave me a phone number to call, which no one answered, and I ended up just calling the general number for A&S. Thankfully, the guy who answered was helpful and told me exactly who I was supposed to make an appointment with. My suggestion would be to make sure the students receive the right information for their grade.

Advisors need to be more knowledgeable about degree works and the requirements of the majors in their department. I felt that I was able to plan my schedule better than my advisor could.

I did not have a listed advisor on DegreeWorks even though I had declared a major. I had to make lots of calls to find out who my advisor was. It should be easier to know who your advisor is and their contact information with office hours should be listed.

I just want to reiterate not requiring it. I felt it was particularly pointless this time. The advisor told me that they had been here for two semesters (like myself) and didn't seem to know any more than I did. But I still had to wait to see them which made me miss out on classes I wanted. That being said, I would love to have the OPTION for an advising meeting.

International Baccalaureate foreign language credits should be taken by the university in the same way AP foreign language test scores are.

Make the process clearer. My first 3 semesters at UA I could never figure out who my advisor was, when advising occurred, or who to ask about it.

The departmental advisors are generally unaware of the extensive core requirements. They also know very little about the requirements for majors and minors outside their department, which inhibits a student's ability to obtain a complete advising experience in one location.

This semester I did not see my regular advisor, Dr. Lahiri, but rather another one of my professors, Dr. Patton. Dr. Patton showed a genuine interest in my well being and success as a student. I never felt this from Dr. Lahiri. Rather than just signing off on my sheet, Dr. Patton spent time to talk with me about my plans for the future. This was very meaningful to me and I think it would behoove other students to ensure all advisors behave in this manner.

Keeping students with the same departmental advisor throughout their undergraduate career is important.

After I switched majors from Engineering, I was never assigned an advisor for the Arts and Sciences College. I was tossed from person to person, no one to talk to at length and had no one that I felt I could go to with questions. Every time I asked a question to someone, they brushed me off on someone else. Once, after I emailed Wendy McMillan after I had met with her about advising (which did not go well), and the reply I got said, “Ashley, I do not know what is going on with that. You
need to speak with someone in the CL department in BB Comer to see. I hope you have a good day. Thank you." My name is not even Ashley.

873 My major is incorrectly categorized—under PSC when it should be business. I was very close to not being able to graduate due to my advisor’s lack of knowledge about requirements for business courses. Outside of that, my advisor has never really been very helpful or informative; I have never gotten any information from my advisor that I couldn’t get online or elsewhere. As a side note, he has never been friendly or cordial, and I am almost certain he has no idea who I am each time I visit.

874 Please do not let students sign up for things they do not need unless they absolutely want to take it. I took so many courses I though I needed, but really did not. Took me an extra year to graduate, not happy about that! Although Degree Works is wonderful and helped me understand things better! Wish I had used it my freshman year!

875 Make sure that Degree Works accurately shows what classes must be taken in order to fulfill major requirements

877 Do not make it a requirement. My advisor’s time schedule does not allow for extended meetings and a lot of the time, it does not agree with my own. It delays the registration for classes that I desperately need. If you have to see someone to help you with class selection, then you should have that option but for people who know what classes they need, an advisor is just an unnecessary obstacle to registration. My advisor was not helpful and overall I was completely unsatisfied.

878 Make peer advising optional as well

MA

880 Listen to the student more.

882 The Math department could do a better job of advising. It’s hard to schedule an appointment because they want to do it through email. I also had a very hard time scheduling my classes because several were only offered at one time and conflicted with each other. I am also in the band and I’m going to have to miss two practices a week because they were not able to change a class I need for my major to another time that would work or open another class. There was only one class time available.

883 All advisers need to be better educated! Most advisers here at the university have little to NO clue what to advise their students to do so they can graduate as soon as possible.

885 I wish I actually had a relationship with the advisors so I can speak frankly with them about more than just classes for the next semester. It’s hard to talk about personal plans and goals when you are unfamiliar with your advisor as a person. I also think there should be better communication between the departments and the colleges they are in. It would be nice to be able to go to one advisor for all my questions.

886 Course availability is pretty poor. My adviser is knowledgeable but you need to squeeze the information out of him

890 In degree works, there should be, in addition to what classes you need to take for a concentration or a minor, it should list what classes need to be taken in order to take those classes.

892 My favorite adviser is a man in the Business School. He was willing to help me before I was a business student, and he always involves me in the process. My advisors in the Education College always doubted my abilities.

898 I have now registered for 5 semesters of classes. Only once have I seen an actual advisor who knew what he/she was talking about. I happened to see her only because I wanted to change my major and needed to be advised at the same time. I went to the offices of the Arts and Sciences college and was pleased with the result. The other semesters has been a hodgepodge of email advising and ineffective ‘advisement teams’. All I want is an email telling me where to go and who to see. Especially in the College of Engineering, where there is no dedicated advisors, it is almost impossible to receive a valid, useful advising session.

899 More description if courses and the restrictions that a course has, ie only distance learning students are able to register.

903 Our web registration system is frustratingly outdated. One wrong click and you have to go back to the home of myBama again.

905 I loved my advisors while with the college of education, but my advisor in arts and sciences had no idea what they were talking about. Sometimes I feel like meeting with advisors is a waste of time since I have more knowledge about the classes I need and when I need to take then than they do.

908 All my advisor did was sign a paper saying I could register. Having him actually talk to me about my goals would have been nice.
Departmental advisors should prepare you for what you’ll need post-graduation, getting a job, etc. My advisor never looked ahead of the next semester’s classes, and wasn’t really interested in what I was going to do with my degree. They should at least tell you to familiarize yourself with the career center if they don’t help you with these things.

Perhaps giving out more information about prerequisite overrides (for people taking both chemistry 101 and 102 during a summer, or something like that) during advising or before registration so that there are no issues when registering. I think that scholarship recipients with high ACT scores who have completed college-level work as concurrent high school/college students should be eligible for phone advisement and registration instead of having to register at on-campus orientation. There should be a way for upper-level students to self-enroll as auditors without having to have an override. It’s not clear how to obtain an override to audit a course. Meeting face-to-face with an advisor should be an option but not a requirement. DegreeWorks is awesome; I’m very glad to have access to it. The recitation schedules have been a problem because the computer system won’t let you schedule anything else during those times. However, the classes usually don’t meet according to the schedules which indicate the classes meet for longer periods of time then they actually do and/or sometimes don’t meet every time.

Need to avoid having only one section available for a particular class. Creates a lot of problems.

For the advisors to listen to the student and not put them down and tell that they can not make it and that it would be better to just go find a job.

Advisor’s should be more friendly and treat their advisee’s with a friendly, professional attitude.

Give suggestions about classes, too many comments like, “well, it’s really up to you”.

UA needs to offer more honors courses because the classes fill up to quickly before all of the students are able to get the credits they need.

The registration priorities need to be changed. Juniors and seniors like myself have problems getting into some required classes because they are filled with freshman and sophomores honors students. Honors seniors should have first choice on classes and then regular seniors after them and etc. This way classes needed to graduate can be completed.

Advisors need to be more knowledgeable about classes and persons for referral to deal with issues. Scheduling is very difficult when the advisor doesn’t really care or refers you to the wrong person.

It seems like all of the advisors only use DegreeWorks to know what to recommend for each student. Using DegreeWorks is something I could do on my own, without having to make and go to an advising appointment. It would be great if the advisors were more knowledgeable about who they’re advising and what to recommend or if it wasn’t necessary to have an appointment in the first place (since using DegreeWorks is something I could do on my own).

I have registered for my classes at 7:00 AM every semester since I have started school here. Could it be changed up so that I could register at a normal hour of the day instead?

I believe that all of the faculty I have come in contact with as a part of my advising have had sufficient knowledge of the credentials that I am required to have, both core and departmental. However, I would like to see more faculty advisors that fully understand the Honors College and how my personal credits work regarding Honors’ credits that I need to graduate. Other than that, I am very pleased with the advising I have had in my years here.

The degree works program is very confusing to read, particularly regarding transfer credits.

Classes that are only offered every other year or often only have one lecture time listed greatly work against students, especially students who have busy schedules such as music majors.

I have needed an override all 8 of my semesters here because I had a class that did not require attendance (MUS-010), a class from which a portion of attendance was excused (marching band, MUA 179), or two classes that had 0 minutes
in between but were in the same building. The override system is a huge pain and insults my intelligence and ability to notice that two classes overlap.

PERF

974 There shouldn’t be a pin required for taking more than 18 hours for those students with 3.9 gpa’s. Lord, we know it’s hard, but we have to graduate and most of us have a good plan. I could’ve been in the most elite musical ensemble on campus again if I hadn’t need a dumb pin clearance to take 19 hours. Get rid of that crap.

975 Honors surveys are almost impossible to get into. I typed in the CRNs without even having to click anything, and I finished registering in under 1 minute. I still missed out on all of the available honors seminars... Luckily, I didn’t HAVE to take it this semester. But I would have liked to.

976 More knowledgable advisors. Maybe offer a class for them...

978 The advising set-up in the School of Music seems to be more intimate and personal than other departments, since the faculty member has worked with you for all 4 years and knows you personally. The music major requirements are very difficult to schedule, and my advisor was always very helpful and patient with me.

979 I think the college advisers (student services staff) need to work on being more available to the students and preparing us for future semesters. I don’t think students have a clear idea of all requirements for graduation and the advisers’ purpose is to prepare us and make us aware. I know many students who couldn’t graduate on time because there was a miscommunication about required courses. Advisers need to help us devise a plan for the rest of our time at UA, not just focus on the upcoming semester.

980 Make sure the faculty advisors are actually knowledgeable of the course material and contents. Transfer students, I believe, should automatically have advising with the “top dogs”. It took me two and a half years after transferring here to realize that I should have initially gone straight to Robert Hayes and Tom Dillard to help resolve my transfer issues. My faculty advisor was of no help to my academic planning, and if anything, was a hinder. Had I been assigned a competent advisor from the beginning, I would have bypassed semesters of stress. Fall 2012 I was told that I would be graduating within a year or maybe a year and a half. FALSE. After meeting with Hayes and Dillard, I am now graduating Spring 2013. ALL THANKS GO TO THOSE TWO MEN. For normal students, I’m sure the advising process is just fine. Clarity of information is number 1.

981 Departmental Advising is only useful for seeking help in your major coursework. General Ed classes are usually a grey area for dept advisors. However, Degree works should be more than enough for any student needing to register for classes. Advising is only necessary for Freshmen, transfer students, change of major students, or those with unordinary circumstances.

PH

982 Encourage advisers to tell their students to get more involved with school activities.

987 I have been unimpressed overall with the general College of Arts and Sciences advisors, and even more unimpressed with the “advising” offered during Bama Bound and at general group session. My general advisors have not really offered advice. However, the people at the Honors College and in charge of each department (History, English) have been wonderfully helpful and knowledgable. I’ll be only going to them from now on.

989 The biggest thing I like in an advising appointment is the privacy and the personal attention, both of which I got.

PHL

993 I think the advisors should be more personal and make the students feel like their advisors actually care about them.

997 Departmental advisors need more training; I expect advice from an advisor to accurately reflect graduation requirements, but, in my experience, it has not.

1002 MAKE A COMPETENT ONLINE CATALOGUE! there is NO current way to see a DESCRIPTION of classes online. some departments might have it online, many don’t. philosophy doesn’t, I know that. You have to go to the office and read a paper booklet for a summary. other classes are like that...I even know employees in departments who can’t find an online catalog. it's crazy
PLSD

1005 Adviser's need to be very familiar with the description of the courses.
1006 :D
1007 Make sure the non main advisers know and understand things other than the core requirements
1013 CBA advisers are very knowledgeable about what they do and it shows. I can honestly say they make my academic life easier for me. I can talk to them about more than just registration. I also can talk about things that are affected my progress and have me worried. I am always left satisfied when walking out of student services.
1014 Be more available to meet with students. Better contact.

PMST

1020 Advisors need to be patient with students because from my experience I felt like my advisor was just trying to get me out of there as quick as possible.
1022 I feel that a private advising session is better because it puts less stress on the student, and the advisor can focus more on the students schedual for next year and not feel in such a rush to help the next person. like they did in the group advising session.
1027 Cathy Elliot from the College of Arts and Sciences should be well recognized for the work she does. She advised me and made the process stress-free and enjoyable! She is extremely personable and knows EXACTLY what she’s doing. I was changing my major, but had already had an appointment with her, and she advised me anyway and knew every aspect of the planning. She has been a tremendous help in figuring out this crazy thing we call college. I appreciate hard workers like her and I thank her for all that she does and continues to do.
1035 My advisor did not seem like she wanted to be there. Also, I would have liked for her to forewarn me that UH 300 sections fill up fast and then suggest an alternative course option, since she recommended I take the UH class.
1037 Do not make Advising mandatory. Often questions arise in the moment and it is hard to get an appointment with your adviser in a reasonable time, because they are filled up with clearing people to register. The hardest and most pointless part of registering for classes is to have to make an appointment and meet with an adviser. Maybe, first semester freshman should have mandatory advising, but not everyone needs it.
1047 It is difficult to figure out degree works on a student's own. It has many different plans that are confusing.
1052 I wish they could help a little more with whether or not certain classes from other colleges transfer over to the university.
1053 I believe that my advisor really helped me and that every student should have to go speak with their advisor if they want to sign up for classes.
1061 Students with undecided majors should be given slightly better direction in helping them find what they are interested in. Most ideas of possible majors are shut down and they are told to not worry about that now and stick with their core studies.
1066 Make the requirements for certain classes a little more clear and easier to get to.
1072 The only real suggestion I have for advising is that each student gets assigned a time to go instead of doing walk-ins. Sometimes it's not easy to wait for a long time in the nursing building to see an advisor. I got lucky enough to know my advisor well and I had an appointment, but I have had to wait before and it was hard to do with a job and other classes.
1080 The registration all went well. I was very satisfied. The majority of issues I had had to deal with one of my possible majors being in a different college (CBA instead of A&S) and there were some questions about that. I was able to meet with another adviser for my possible major (MIS) and get it all worked out however. Very satisfied
1085 Just that when I attempted to register on the assigned day and time, I went online immediately and my courses were already full and even the waiting lists were full. If certain courses are required to complete a program, the colleges should provide enough sections of those courses to be available for the number of people in that program. My advisor was wonderful, however, and assisted me in getting registered in those courses. I’m not sure that it will always be the case.

PRCD

1089 The online appointments do not always work. I've tried four appointments for this past semester and had to keep rescheduling due to computer errors. This definitely needs to be fixed.
More advisors who are not overloaded or will respond to their students, more compassion and caring for the future of the students and not just herding them in and out like a group of animals. More direction instead of unneeded criticism.

I am an honors student and I am supposed to have the benefit of early registration. Every time I try to sign up for the honors classes that I am interested in, the classes fill up before I even get the chance to register. I don’t feel that it is fair for me to have to take classes that I don’t really enjoy just so that I get the required honors credit. I think that a good way to improve this would be to either stagger the spots in each course so that each registration group has an equal chance to take the classes they want, or to simply offer more of the honors classes that are being filled so quickly.

I took Geology and found out that the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) changed the rules mid-year and nobody told me so I took Geology for nothing. Instead of being able to choose your science, you now have to take Chem or Physics. It would have been nice to get an email when changes like this occur so I can drop the class I am paying for that doesn’t count towards anything. I wasted money on a class I have no interest in.

My advisor is a faculty member and always seems to preoccupied with other responsibilities when I see her. She doesn’t seem to care much about helping with advising. I know she is knowledgeable about my field of study, but usually tries to just hurry me out of our meetings. Thank goodness for degree works, or I would be lost.

The advising office is horrible! they do not care about you because you are one of thousands and they make you feel that way! I pay a lot of money for my education and the advising office is terrible!!! I can’t stand it! I make sure I tell people this everytime someone looks at attending Alabama!

I work on staff and would like to to it by phone or email. Seeing an advisor takes up alot of time that I don’t have especially if they are running behind or if the advisor is late or has a long session in front of you and your appointment starts late.

I do not have any suggestions. Overall, registering for classes is pretty straight forward and my advisor helped me greatly to pick the right classes I need.

Make the advisers give you more basic info because I felt like I was stupid to ask the basic questions. Other than that it was great!

I would like to have a earlier time to register for class. When I register most classes are full

give Chenault a raise

No, not at this time.

Classes should not be open for registration by last name or number of credits. It puts many students at an unfair, disadvantage.

I wish that advisors would be more knowledgable of all degree types. It would be very helpful for when a student was considering switching majors.

You are all doing great!

The advisors need to be more caring and less blunt. My advisor upset me when I had my appointment.

For the online registration, it would be convenient to be able to reset the term to no classes without having to withdraw. For example, if I have a class that interferes with another as far as time schedule (due to not getting the original time wanted for that particular class), I cannot delete the one class to add the other, and it will not let me add the other due to the time conflict. The process to go through to exchange them should be much simpler.

It is very hard to get a schedule together as a double major When the majors aren’t in the same college, the schedules they give me conflict and each adviser isn’t willing to learn about other college to make adjustments. It would also be helpful to have a 4-year plan to stay on track.

It would be very helpful if professors for core classes, especially difficult ones, could be listed. It was difficult to plan my schedule because the professors for organic chemistry were not listed when I was able to register.
Since Dr. Hutt is leaving some Pre-Health advisors seriously need to step up! He was the only one that I actually felt connected too and the only one who I actually thought cared about my future! I've only seen one other advisor besides him so based on advising with her some advisors definitely need to step up.

When I went in for advising I was a walk-in and I was there to change my major. I felt rushed when I went in and felt like the adviser just needed me to get in and out and I didn't want to ask to many questions because I didn't want to hold them up.

Registration during bama bound affects a students entire educational experience. There should be longer more personal, private sessions with freshman during Bama Bound.

Self-advising would be really nice

Private sessions for 30 minutes should be an option, rather than only 15 minute sessions.

When actually registering for classes the notifications that pop up when you are not allowed to sign up for a specific class should be much more specific and less vague and broad. They should actually state why you are not allowed to take the class, specifically.

You're doing great!

I was very unsatisfied with my adviser. She was very rude and made me feel uncomfortable.

Just for Bama bound advising for arts and sciences- make it more personable and kind.

I have been very unsatisfied with my advising in the past but this semester my advisor, Ansley Gilpin, was incredibly helpful and knowledgeable. The general Arts and Sciences advisors tended to give me unhelpful or bad advice. My new advisor within the Psychology department, however, went out of her way to find the information I needed if she didn't have it.

No, Matt took the initiative to make sure I had the resources necessary to decide on my major. He also made sure I knew what was required of me for my major. The only advisor thus far to do that and I went to a community college prior to UA.

The registration process is unbearable. To start off the chemistry classes completely control the schedule. This might be because you can not register the lab and the class seperately like biology. Also some of the classes that are necessary for the same major are only offered at the same time. In the summer time you can not take chemistry and physics in the same semester because they are only offered at the same time.

I wish there was an easier way to communicate with the professors on a class that requires an override. It is sometimes hard to get in contact with someone to discuss getting into certain classes

Its really good, and satisfying, doesn't need any change whatsoever!

I think there should be better communication as far as when registration is happening and when advising needs to be done. While I know there is a lot of information online, as a lower class man, I have sometimes been very behind simply because nobody communicated what was expected of me. As a result i have ended up taking classes to fill time gaps and at inconvenient times.

Allow more ample time for advising prior to registration, and advisors need to be in better contact with their students.

Open more sections at the beginning of registration to give students more choices.

I wish my pre-health advisor would have given me an insightful opinion when I asked her about which summer programs would be more beneficial. She was literally no help, and I planned my whole schedule myself.

With more students coming in year after year we need more advisors. I also did not like the fact that advising appointments were cut shorter by 15 minutes. I need more time to talk with my advisor than fifteen minutes and it felt like I was in and out in a flash.

Group advising sessions can become hectic and the session develops a rushed quality.

I really like that we get to meet with a faculty advisor. It gives students the chance to get to know the attitude of future professors while building a relationship with both professors and advisors.

There needs to be more options for class times/days. Most of my classes tend to overlap or they are all scheduled at the exact same time which is not helpful.

Get more classes!

I am a first year student here but had enough credit hours to be classified as a sophomore and so it was confusing figuring who I needed to be advised by to have my hold lifted

I believe advising should be stressed more, longer before registration so that everyone can be advised before their date to pick classes. My advisor John Clark was very good at sending emails reminding his advisees to plan a schedule and sign-up for an advising appointment; however, many of my friends had not receieveied any warnings or reminders for advising and registration.
When I did advising for the Fall 2013 semester, I scheduled my appointment with one advisor that I particularly favor over the original advisor I was assigned, and I did not get the advisor I made an appointment with because she was out of the office. I ended up with the advisor I was originally assigned, and she was rude to me. I did not enjoy this advising experience at all. I love Catherine Elliott, and that is the only advisor I will ever go to again. This other advisor was rude and inconsiderate. She made me feel like I was stupid and almost made me cry. I will walk out if I ever have to meet with her again.

It was difficult to get honors courses as a freshman and now also as I applied for my first semester of sophomore year. More honors courses would definitely help with registration.

GET ACTUAL ADVISORS THAT ARE TRAINED TO HELP STUDENTS NONE OF THEM ACTUALLY HELP.

Email the department a student is a part of to let them know that registration advising sheets have been put up

The advisor needs to be given more time. I felt rushed and didn’t feel helped. This made me search out a professor to advise me. I am a pharmacy not pursuing a degree so I felt left out and generalized with the arts and science advisor.

Very satisfied with my advising and my schedule for next semester.

My meeting was very rushed, and my advisor filled my next 3 semesters out on degree works without really talking through it. When I asked questions about taking summer classes elsewhere (since I am out of state) she did not know the answers to my questions.

first come first serve and everybody signs up at the same time

I believe prior to registration for all departments having a hold on an account should notify them before their registration time. I was unaware that my TB skin test was out of date, not knowing every 12 months it needs renewed, and I was ready at 8:00 a.m. to register, just to find out I couldn’t. I’m about to be a Junior and I am dissatisfied with the lack of prior notification that those things would not allow me to register, now I have to get classes that are not available. I have to wait for the results just to get in classes. Completely disappointed.

My advisor was in a hurry to get me in and out. She hardly even spoke to me. I had a lot of questions and she answered none. Also, there needs to be more honors classes. I would take more if I could actually get in them.

Assigning a specific advisor for students in their specific college once a major is declared.

It would help if they would walk you through degree works the first time to make sure you understand how it works. Also if they could tell us if we are actually headed in the right path to graduating in four years or not.

Get advisors who know what they are doing and who are patient

Those who advise in group sessions ought to know what they are talking about. My advisor did not give hardly any input into our session, and then told me the wrong date that I could register. I missed out on classes I need because of my advisors lack of CORRECT information. I could have done just as well without even meeting an advisor.

Trying to change my major is very difficult because the college I am transferring into from arts and sciences have not responded so now I am stuck not being able to register for some of the classes I need to take.

It was a very easy process... Thanks!

The school should send an email to someone if they have any holds on their account. Otherwise, unless you specifically look to add/drop a course, you would not know. Everything other than that is fine.
It would be nice if you were able to come into the University with a set advisor. Also, the lack of professorial decisions made it difficult when registering for fall classes.

It is very challenging for freshmen to get into honors classes.

I think that the advisors should be familiar with the courses that they are referring. Also I don’t think that they should be able to refer a class that is not available during that term. My advisor acted like she was rushed and was very vague with all of my questions. Also during my registration time I had a problem with two classes because they had each other as a prerequisite and would not let me sign up for them until I got assistance.

I think the appointment-scheduling process is very easy and efficient. My adviser was extremely helpful and friendly and cleared up any confusion I had about registration and credits.

PSC

I think advising is a fast, easy process. Sometimes it seems redundant.

When I went to schedule my classes, at 7am, the registration site said that my pin had not been cleared. I had already been to an advising appointment yet my pin was not cleared. Because the university did not open until 8, I had to wait an additional hour to schedule my classes and one of the classes I wanted was full by this time. I emailed my advisor as soon as the problem occurred and the email I received back (after 8am) was rather rude and blunt. I called the office right at 8am and a very kind woman cleared my PIN. I was very disappointed with my advisor and I will not be seeing her again.

I don’t think that advising should be required at all, but at the very least not for Juniors or higher - in most cases, albeit there are exceptions to every rule, by a student’s Junior year they are aware of what the want to do and the classes required to do it. It is in reality a hassle for both the student and the advisor.

It’s pointless, if I had been well advised at the start of college I would be graduating on time. They need to give more information to incoming students. The only reason I meet with an advisor is so I can get my PIN cleared.

My advisors availability is very minimal. Also, I think you should have the option of 2 or 3 advisors

The prerequisites for a class I wanted to take weren’t listed in DegreeWorks, so I couldn’t take it. Please make them more clear (in this case it was for EC 423)

More classes should be offered on both the MWF schedule and the T&H schedule.

I had to see my department advisor as well as a general advisor to have my pin cleared. I found this unnecessary and not a good use of my time. I believe I should only have to see my department advisor at my current level of study

Some classes are listed as available for the semester in question, but when it is time for registration they are not available/open, meaning they have 0 total seats offered. The particular class I am referring to is UH 210 Arts of Tuscaloosa.

No matter how many students you’ve seen still remain friendly because if not advising can seem very intimidating

Degree Works is a wonderful tool but I feel students are not aware of the benefits and do not know how to work it. During Bama Bound there should be more focus on explaining to students how to complete a Degree Works edu planner and maybe require that students bring a Degree Works edu planner for advising. It would save a lot of time on advisers and although initially it may seem unnecessary and yet something else to do for students it will be beneficial to them as well. It takes no more than 15 minutes to sit down look over the catalog and create an edu planner.

I feel like I would have been able to get a few better classes at better times if I could register earlier. But, I couldn’t register earlier because I hadn’t been advised. And then my advisor’s schedule was full for 4 days. So, I wish I didn’t have to see them, because what can they possibly tell me in 15 minutes that I don’t already know?

It takes maybe 10 minutes to advise someone. You have to schedule an appointment a week in advance to talk to someone. The last time I was advised the lady told me “You’re supposed to come into this meeting prepared” with an attitude... for what reason? None of the classes that are put on my sheet ever end up in my real schedule. By the time I am allowed to pick classes I’m stuck with classes I’m not very interested in due to the others being full. Is it really that much of a hassle for advisors to slap some classes without requiring an appointment? I’d like to point out that they wouldn’t have a job if not for students. Most of the advisors are very respectable. The specific one I’m talking about is Caramel Drake. No need for her to get snippy because I wasn’t prepared for my advising appointment. Isn’t that what she’s supposed to do? ADVISE me on which classes would be best for me? Chances of me getting into those classes are slim to none anyway. Advising appointments are pretty much pointless every semester. I’m 25 years old. I don’t need my hand held and I don’t feel like it’s appropriate that I have to make an appointment every semester just to clear the ‘hold’ on my account (because I haven’t been advised) to register for classes. I’d settle for e-mail, telephone, chat room.. whatever.. as long as I’m not required to squeeze an appointment in between my work/class schedule I would be ok.

Just use degree works
Have advisors who actually care!!

I am a senior and it has never been made apparent to me who my advisor actually is. I met with a general advisor and felt like they had zero knowledge of anything. The only reason I have a decent schedule is because of the groundwork I did on my own. The current system is inadequate to support the number of students it is supposed to.

I was lucky to get a good advisor, however, I had to go through two others who couldn’t have cared less about me before I found one that was extremely helpful. Advisors should be more encouraged to treat the students as if they do care about the education the students are getting through the university.

Barbara Chotiner is a wonderful lady and great advisor.

In the past I have had problems with overrides. Also, if a class requires a waiver exam (CS 102) as a prerequisite, I wish it was possible to register for the class conditionally until the waiver exam can be taken. I had to take the waiver exam but could not do so until after registrations, so I could not sign up for the section I wanted.
I've never had an advisor that's been GOOD at giving me classes. They look on DegreeWorks and name random things out. I can do that too and I usually do after I leave. I think you should have the choice to be advised over email. I knew what I wanted to take. I don't need to have to leave work to go sit for 30 minutes and listen to joining an organization that I had previously said I had no interest in. If people want to do face-to-face and want help from their advisor, that's fine. But, I didn't need their help because they're usually never helpful.

It is frustrating that when you have something such as a time conflict and the registration page does not specify the time of the course that you have a conflict with. It is frustrating to go between your week at a glance and the actual registration page multiple times to attempt to resolve these conflicts. Often doing this can result in missing a seat in a class.

Spots should be left for non priority and non seniors. Classes should not be able to fill up before all students have time to register.

For incoming freshman it should be made more clear who exactly is their advisor.

Each semester since freshman year there has been a hold on my record that doesn't allow me to schedule classes. I have had to meet with a new person each time to fix this. They are not sure why it happens and assure me it will not occur the next semester, yet it always does. If there is any way this issue could be fixed this would make my registration, and the registration of a few friends of mine that have had the same problem, a lot easier and satisfactory.

Be able to change courses and lift holds over the phone.

To improve the process, I think advisors should know a more broad range of degree requirements. For instance, I have had to go to my major advisor, minor advisor, honors college advisor, and pre-med advisor to confirm that I am on the right track. It would be more efficient if my particular advisor knew more information about other courses. If that's not possible I think it would help a lot if the advisors would reply to emails so we wouldn't have to schedule so many appointments for simple questions.

Make it available earlier.

I only had one problem with registering this year. While it was small problem, it still affected my schedule for next year. I was unable to take Bio 109 because it would not sign me up for the class if I selected the first lab spot (which had 48 open seats and was not restrictive in any way). Due to this I had to resort to taking Bio 108. Although I was able to overcome this problem, I feel that other students might not have the luxury I had. Whoever is in charge of online registration should make sure that everything works properly.

Don't require advising.

We should know if we need an override prior to our registration date.

More meeting time and more informed advisors

Make clear when it is a group or private advising session when signing up. Twice now I have wasted my time at a group session where the people could not answer the in-depth questions that I needed a private session for.

E-mail and/or self advising—no required appointment/meeting to lift registration holds.

A brief description of each course would help.

I used to be in the Arts and Sciences college and Cathy Elliott was a great help in guiding me to another amazing advisor Mary Sella in social work. I am very pleased in the way they both helped me.

More opportunities for one on one advising sessions

My adviser for my group advising session did not clear me to register after I met with her, this caused me a lot of anxiety, because I could not register on time or properly. However, Wendy McMillian has been more than wonderful during this time, and helped me a bunch.

The academic advising process here at UA is Awesome.

I have a double major and a minor in a different college than my majors, it was a little frustrating having to set up 3 different advising appointments.

No, advising goes well for me each time!

Students should be sent to college advisors for general education requirements and that is all. Students who are placed ahead because of dual enrollment or AP credit should be referred to major advisors.

I have lots of credits from other schools, therefore I can't register until the 15th! I'm going to be a junior and am starting to need specific classes. Hoping they aren't full!

Advising should not be required senior year unless specifically want to receive it. DegreeWorks does a great job at laying out the classes you need to take in order to graduate.

My advisor has never advised me at all. The first time I was sent to him in 2011, I knocked on his door (it was open) and I waited outside of it, he looked at me and looked away back and fourth for close to five minutes before saying a word. When I went in he pulled up my information and said, “You don't have a minor declared so there's not much I can do. You
should take statistics. I'll clear your pin.” He was not my set advisor at the time. He then became my set advisor and I was told to go to his office. I knocked on his open door, waited outside and looked at me and I said, “I was told to come see you about being advised.” At that time he walked to the door and pointed to a paper on the wall with times on it and returned to his office never saying a word. He has only cleared my PIN number for me. Every time I have been to his office I have been made to feel as if I was bothering him. I have never been advised by him and it has really been frustrating. I feel as though you should have a good relationship with your advisor as there are things you need to know about your future. I am supposed to graduate soon and I have no idea what I have to do to prepare for it. I want to attend graduate school but I haven’t been advised of anything so I am stressed over this. At this point I really do not think that I would feel comfortable trying to seek advising from him. I have spoken with several of my classmates who have the same advisor and they have the same complaints as I do. By no way am I trying to be disrespectful in this message and I sincerely apologize if I appear to be as that was not my intention. I understand that the staff are under tremendous workloads with many students to see. I am not one that likes to complain, this is the only area I had any problems in and I do love my experience here and love the University of Alabama! Again I apologize if I have came across a being rude or out of the way in any form.

1482 educate the advisors on what people need to graduate. I almost was not able to graduate because my advisor had poor knowledge of what I needed

1483 I have recently had good experiences with the advisors in Clark Hall for Arts & Sciences, but when I was an education major I was advised (more than one semester this happened) to take classes that I actually didn’t even need to take at all - this is when I began using DegreeWorks to do it myself because I was sick of depending on someone who told me to take unnecessary courses in which I spent out-of-state tuition on.

1491 When registering, it would be helpful if you need an override for a contact to be provided when it gives you the error. I had a lot of overrides needing to be made, and I had to find different contacts for each class, and it was difficult.

1492 I am a criminal justice minor, and taking at least 2 upper level criminal justice courses is required for my minor. However, to register for an upper level criminal justice course, you need an override if you’re not a major, even though it is required for my minor. I find this very nonsensical and frustrating.

1493 I do not think it is fair for Honors students to be able to register before everyone else is able to register.

1495 I was never happy with my previous advisors, but since Doug Klutz is now the advisor for the Criminal Justice department, I am thrilled! He works very hard to answer any question I might have, regardless of the topic. I know that if there is something I don’t understand, I can talk to him and he will help me straighten it out.

1496 Improved communication between colleges for interdisciplinary minors.

1507 My advisor was extremely rude to me and did not give me any advice. I was not pleased with him at all, I had to figure everything out for myself over Degreeworks

1509 All upper division advisors seemed to rush one in one out. My undergraduate advisor, Matt Chenault, really took the time to thoroughly help me. I assumed this was regular protocol, but was extremely Unsatisfied with the service. My original advisor for prepharmacy was not helpful, lacked adequate information, and really made me feel stupid for some of the questions I asked. I switched to another but it seemed this next advisor Was so busy he did not have time to provide adequate attention. I would have preferred my advisors to be on a more personal level. I would recommend having more advisors to reduce the machine like feel of it.

1511 Since registration is by priority, maybe advising should be by priority, so those with priority registration aren’t rushing to be advised with everyone else before it’s their time to register.

1515 Don’t require pins to be cleared for all students above freshman status. let students be responsible enough to schedule a meeting if they need one

1519 Just make sure advisors really are aware of requirements core or major I was told I had to take a class that I really didn’t need and it wasn’t an easy class and I didn’t do that well so that’s upsetting. Other than that Degrees Work is really how I got all my schedules together, much more helpful!!

1520 Great

1521 Last semester I had to get overrides for some of my classes, because I am a senior and needed those classes to graduate on time. It was quite stressful. I think that seniors, whether or not they are honors students, should be able to register for classes before lower class men, even if they are honors students.

1526 They must be more knowledgeable about graduation requirements. No one ever informed me that I would not receive a diploma for each of my majors, even though they are in the same college. They reassured me that both fell under arts and sciences that dual program was not necessary. This is just one example of their limited knowledge.
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1531 Rodeño is great.
1532 Don’t require an advisor to clear your pin.
1533 More varied Spanish classes offered. The limited choices limit our education.
1535 Courses that are required for a major or a minor need to have more availability for the students registering for them.
1537 If an adviser says they are holding open office hours for students to attend they need to be at those office hours. Also all advisers should be required to send an e-mail to all students with their major the hours that they will be in their office. Communication between advisers and students pre-advising is terrible. I should not have to wait outside an office that says it is holding advising from 1-4 until 2:15 for the adviser to show up (this comment relates to Spanish major advising).

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1547 No problems at all :-) I think the University is doing a great job so far. If anything were to come up, as a student, I will get the help I need from faculty and staff but other than that, I am very satisfied.
1550 Make it more clear which courses are only for specific majors/concentrations or need prerequisites
1551 I just went to a college adviser, and it would maybe help if they acted like they actually cared about what your schedule would be. Mine behaved as though she had a million other places to be. I only have 30 minutes and this is important to me.
1557 Do not allow faculty to assist students with advising especially transfer students, go directly to Clark Hall that is where I received the most help and understanding. I wish I would have went to Clark hall first.
1558 Thanks!
More availability for online courses

It is impossible to get into see an advisor if you have an emergency. There should be someone available for you to see. I was very disappointed with the service I got. They are not here for students they are here because its their job. But nobody will read these comments so it really doesn’t matter what I write in this box.

Great advisers!

I wish that the advisors knew more about the classes that I need. I also wish that they would help me plan out what classes I need to take in which semester until graduation. I also wish that degreeworks was more accurate and that it would help you plan out all four years.

If students do their part to be prepared and set up appointments, the advising at UA is excellent.

Make advising online

No, it’s fine.

I am a upcoming senior not in the honors college and still got stuck with the worst times and almost didn’t get in a class I needed to graduate. I find something a little wrong that I couldn’t get in the classes I needed to initially.

My advisor did not clear my PIN, so I was unable to register at my assigned time. She did, however, respond to my email quickly. I wish the advisors talked more about extracurricular activities, internships, etc. Also, I wish more classes were available during regular business times. Too many classes are in the late afternoon or at night. Next semester, my classes won’t end until 6:30 or 7 at night. It is annoying not having normal work day hours.

Doubling majoring can be difficult as far as advising goes, there should be a specific process for getting the classes together.

Don’t advise someone to sign up for a class they don’t have the prerequisites for. Screwed up my schedule for next semester

No advising needed EVERY semester. Maybe once a year or twice in all 4 years

Sandy Davidson is so knowledgeable and personable. I love having her as my Accounting advisor.

I had issues with registering for upper division requirements for my minor, since it was not my major. It would be beneficial to have the online registration known what your minor is for you to able to register the classes you need, instead of having to contact your minor adviser and have him clear the classes for you.

For the business school, accounting specifically, you have to call at 8 am the day you want to be advised and hope that the advisor can see you that day. It is a hassle and I believe some sort of sign up system in advance would be better, as opposed to the day of.

Have more classes available at different times.

I think it is very useful to have group sessions but I would rather have private sessions for more privacy.

Stop the “favoritism” towards the students in Honors college. I feel that there is favoritism in advising and registration. Sometimes, I feel that I don’t get enough resources or information because I’m not an honors college student. I understand that Honors college students get priorities for a reason but many regular students deserve the same rights to be in the classes they desire.

The Culverhouse School of Accountancy does a great job with helping its students prepare for their future.

I was advised by Sandy Davidson and was very please with my appointment, it’s apparent she knows what she is doing. However a couple times during the semester I had a quick question for her and it was nearly impossible to get I’m touch with her. It seems like she has a lot going on and it would be nice if there was another person in the office that could help with certain things. Also it is frustrating that you cannot register for two UH 300 level classes in the same semester.

Make appointments prior to the day of

It makes no sense to me why transfer hours do not contribute to your overall hours. It’s outrageous that a freshman has priority over a transfer student senior. The least the university could do to improve this is at least let the transfer students credit hours transfer so they can get a better parking pass.

Fyi - My advising was for graduate school

Being a nontraditional student (a full time UA employee that takes classes part-time, it is hard to find the classes I need at times I can take them).
1626  Student who work or have internships find it very difficult to meet with academic advisors between the hours of 8 and 5. It would be very beneficial to have online advising so I don’t have to take off of work just to go see an advisor and get cleared for registration, especially when I already know what classes I need to sign up for.

1628  More hours after 4:45PM

1629  Please do away with mandatory advising appointments. This is the first semester I have allowed an advisor to pre-plan my course selection for an upcoming semester, and I was extremely unsatisfied with her advice, course selections and knowledge of the advising process. I will never let an advisor plan my course schedule for me again after the experience I’ve had.

1631  My major advisor was not available during certain times every week that added up to almost over half the week. I was not informed of these times till I got to their office and they were there but they were not available. I find this baffling since their job is to advise. I think they should be available more often to students especially in the weeks before registration.

1637  The accounting advising is so disorganized. Called every morning at 7am for two weeks and still could not schedule an appointment with my advisor. So I ended up going to a group session where the “advisor” knew little to nothing about my major. I will still see my normal advisor but she won’t be able to assist in my fall 2013 class selection as much as I would prefer.

1645  I was not aware of The DegreeWorks when I first came to the university. I believe that the Degree Works should be a requirement on your first advisement. DegreeWorks keeps you on a straight path and has been very helpful ever since I have created one. Other than that my accounting advisor has been very helpful since our first meeting.

1648  Sandy Davidson in accounting is the best!

1652  I’m in accounting. My peers and myself have two advising options: visiting bidgood 10 (a huge pain in the ass, as theyre not competent or helpful, and nobody likes waiting in hour in a room with poor cellular/wifi connection), or going to see Sandy Davidson. I believe everyone i know who didn’t fail out of accounting goes to mrs. Davidson. She’s very difficult to get in touch with, either by appointment or through even email, although does oversee every accounting student on her own--no small task. The reason i’m filling out this survey is because sandy tells her students a specialization is required in order to go to a masters of accounting program. This isn’t true, and the final class of my specialization is actually a required course in the masters of accounting program i’ve been accepted into. Essentially, i’m paying part-time tuition for an extra semester and did not apply for a full-time accounting job in the fall as a result. I know nobody wants to be a lifelong college advisor, so maybe y’all could have graduate students or other folks do it--essentially what you need is more advisors with more accessibility, but they also need to be able to work a more convenient job than the standard 40 hours/week. Take advantage of technology-set up appointments the way the CTL sets up appointments. Otherwise, advise through email, phone, etc. As an accountant I can tell you the added versatility and efficiency will benefit both the university and its students.

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1656  Promote Michael Avant.

1657  No, the entire process is very efficient and effective for students who are prepared.

1663  More advisors so student don’t have to schedule an appointment for months in advance

1664  The search for classes is hard to do... make it so that you can make a fake “week at a glance” for the classes you are thinking of registering for.

1667  I have used Brandy Frost as an adviser for the past 4 years. She is fantastic and always willing to spend time with me!

1670  The C&BA advising process is extremely lacking, from my experience. 1. I always attended group signature sessions because private sessions always filled up way before I even thought about scheduling one. 2. I have talked to 5 different advisers over my time here. I am graduating in 2 weeks. I knew more about what classes I needed to take than EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. One time, the adviser told me to sign up for a class that I had no business taking and which would have put me behind. Fortunately, I found out her error before I registered. From then on, I made my own schedule from my own research and then simply sat in line for an hour to get a perfunctory signature from someone who knew less than I. Very frustrating. Hopefully you guys can fix this for future students! Here are my recommendations: 1. Group sessions are useless. It could easily be done over email. 2. I would have loved several times to meet with an adviser privately, but as I said there were never any open slots (until after registration). There are so many advisers and employees in the business school, I’m sure that this is a problem with an easy solution. Thanks!

1671  Works pretty well for me. Seems like it would be confusing for some younger students who may not know what classes to take though. Probably need more emphasis on seeing them as early as possible.
Advisers (in Bidgood 10) VERY RARELY answer email and are nearly impossible to reach by phone due to their schedule and hours. I believe that there should be a dedicated email address and queue for all email questions to advisers and that advisers take turns answering email from the queue. I can't emphasize enough how difficult it is to get in front of an adviser and have your question answered.

FIN

Let seniors register sooner, add more GOLF classes
When the advisor says that you're all set and ready to sign up on your sign up day actually do the over ride so I can register and not get stuck with classes that are a stretch to be considered even electives.
Regular student need more registration priority. It sucks as a senior to not get a golf class when freshman with honors get to sign up before you. Honors students should get priority registration just for honor classes. Not regular classes.
I know what courses I need to take, and if I do not I am able to look them up in the extensive course catalog. There is no need for advising appointments or group sessions that take up everyone's time. Getting advised for registration should be optional, and based on the people that feel they cannot read a course catalog.
Do not require junior and seniors to be advised! It's pointless because we already know what classes we need to take! Its a waste of time!!
Hire more advisors for the business school. If you don't sign up for an appointment by the first month of the semester, than you will not get an advising appointment. If I wasn't fortunate enough to have an advisor for the scholars program, I would be furious with the advising situation in C&BA.
EC309 was offered in the fall during my advising appointment. However, when I logged in to register, it was no longer available. If it isn't offered in spring 14 it will cause me to graduate late. I am very unhappy about this. I emailed my advisor about it, but even after a week and a half she still hasn't emailed me back.
The process allows for those being advised online to “fall through the cracks” of the system. Most of the time I know more about my requirements as a double major than the advisor I am assigned to. This time it was a struggle just to get the advisor's attention muchess get meaningful information. Also, there are conflicts between the catalog and advisor information. GBA 490 is stated to have a sole prereq of being a senior with over 105 hours, however it does not state in the catalog that it must be your last semester as stated by the advisors. This should be better aligned.
Yes, each student should get an advisor when they freshman that follows them through the end of college, someone who would know your name if they saw you; the advising at UA is not advising, its just a part of the process to register.
Please don't make advising required
More advisors so students can have better personal attention.
Advising at UA has been wonderful.
No. You guys were more accessible and patient than any other adviser I ever saw at any other college. Thank you for such a wonder experience. Roll Tide!!

GB

Make sure there is no advisement hold on my records after having been advised.
More classes need to be offered. I love my advisor and am completely satisfied with my experience with her. However the online registration is ridiculous.
my advisor from the first semester I started (fall '07) has been Jennifer Humber, and she has been terrific. She has helped me with Degree Works, helped me with overrides into classes, and answered any and all questions I've had throughout this journey in a very timely manner. Thank you
Not particularly. I like the advising by email, and Ms. Humber seems very thorough and responds quickly to issues.
C&B advisors and staff are the rudest people I have ever come in contact with. No matter the situation, they act like it is a burden for a student to walk in that office. I have never heard of a satisfied student to come out of there.
I would like more information about the DegreeWorks. I really don't know if I have a plan with that or not.
I just wanted to point out that Heather is a great advisor. I do not know her last name. But she was really caring and could tell I was having a stressful day. She helped me.
a lot in figuring out what to do over the next few semesters.
Jennifer Humber is great. Couldn't have got this far without her.
Everything is great. I don't believe anything needs to be changed. I'm in Buffalo, NY and all of my needs are met including the need to feel inclusion.

Dr. Hegem is remarkable, a ton of help and ALWAYS available if you need him.

Jennifer Humber is fantastic!!

I am tired of going to the office for advising and getting a different advisor each time.

I was extremely satisfied with my academic advising experience. My advisor was always quick to respond to any questions or concerns I had.

I think that the business advisors need to spend more time with the students on an individual level. In prior advising before my final semester there was a feeling that the advisors just wanted to get as many students done as possible. I felt rushed and had numerous questions, the advisors just wanted to see all the students they could as fast as possible.

The advising process is streamlined and friendly. Maybe offering more group signature sessions would be helpful, but I'm not sure how many you already have in place. Maybe add an extra week of group signature sessions for CBA to help cut the crowds.

Everything every semester has been great except the semester before I transferred to business. It was like pulling teeth to talk to an advisor since I wasn't in the college yet.

More classes! They fill up to fast!

Make a waiting list for statistics 280

The people who do the overrides need to be more knowledgeable and understanding on every different kind of circumstance and actually listen to what we are trying to say. We aren't crazy kids trying to get overrides for no good reason. There is no need to forward me to twelve different people, only for me to hang up with still no solution.

Sandy Davidson is amazing. She knows everything front to back and can answer any question one might have.

When y'all send an email out say group advising from 2-4 don't close the line at 3:20. Students plan their already busy schedules to meet during those times and when y'all change them with out letting us know we aren't very happy.

I thought the advising went VERY well, but i fear that I was because I came SO prepared. The reason I say I fear that, is for my fellow students. I basically asked a bunch of clarification questions to which he knew EVERY answer. What I would have liked more would be for him to ask me specific questions about my future plans to ensure I am getting things done sooner rather than later, like classes only offered in the spring, classes that require prerequisites, any idea of minors/specializations/concentrations, etc.

Advising Freshmen in the fall for their spring semester who are in Commerce & Business instead of doing it through GBA145.

I just still wonder the difference among the various codes in one subject, such as GEO 101, GEO 102 and GEO 104.

I know this may be difficult to do, but I was unable to get into a couple classes that I really want and need. I would like to see more sections of each class, but I know that may be restricted by the amount of faculty.

No, I was satisfied.

I believe requiring advising sessions to clear pin numbers is extremely unnecessary. I have been to several advisors who will tell me to course catalog. I had a good advisor this time, but some here know less about the required curriculum than I do. I don't like going to be 'advised,' only to be told to refer to the course catalog. It is an unnecessary burden.

No, it runs smoothly

I would like it if advisors were more personal, but I understand that it would be hard to do that given the amount of students here on campus.

Keep up the good work.

Jason Johns is the man!

Have more on call advisors

I cannot understand why international business major student could only see Debbie!

More walk in advising would be great
Allow override of a fall class if the class required is being taken over the summer. Also do not hold spots for incoming Freshmen in a class that mainly Sophomores take.

Make the online registration engine smarter. When I sign up for a class in Summer I that is the pre-requisite to the class I want to take for Summer II, I should not have to get an override into the Summer II class because of a lack of the class I'm scheduled to take in Summer II. I don't think we should be required to be advised when we have access to our course catalog online and the degreeworks audit. If I have a question I can e-mail the professor, or a designated major advisor. I think that's the main problem with the business school. If I am forced to be advised I should at least speak to a specialist in my major who know what they're talking about.

The advisors all need to be on the same page. I met with one last semester who told me something completely different than the one I met with this semester. It is really confusing when they are all telling you different, conflicting information.

Many classes were selected when I choose classes. I think we need more seat for us.

My advisor, Michael Avant, was very knowledgeable. I have met with him each time I have been advised over 4 years. I have, however, heard stories of advisors who were not very knowledgeable. I have never had any negative experiences and recommend more advisors who are like Michael.

LEC

need more time for advising. Hope advisor can collect more on student's personal plan then analyzes it and gives suggestion. Not just like using assemble line or water line, which gives every student 15 minutes' conversation and plan his academic schedule then let them go and call the next.

i am very satisfied

Start requiring advising earlier. Have teachers talk about advising in class. Send out when you need to be advised by and registration times in ua news email.

Please, tell the person you are advising about any and all prerequisites for any class they plan to register for.

Have more times. When I went to make my appointment my initial date was after when I was supposed to sign up for classes. At least in the business advising it filled up very quickly.

No, academic advising is one of the strong components of UA. Brandy Frost is a great advisor and other advisors I have been to have been extremely helpful.

keep Michael Avant around!

Requiring me to come in and meet with an adviser in person is an absolute waste of my time. The advisors are no help to me whatsoever. I can more easily create my schedule without the "help" of an adviser. The advisers are also extremely hard to get a hold through email when I ever have a question. To the advisers I am just a number therefore they do not know what workload I can handle so do not waste my time with these ignorant people who group me with every other college student.

I could not sign up for 2 sections of UH120 seminars even though they are at different times and they are entirely different classes. I had to get an override.

No group sessions.. Couldn't make the first two so I got bad classes

I did the group session advising and the woman I spoke with did not seem to show much interest in helping me select courses for the upcoming semester. This could have just been bad luck and I don't mean to bash the entire staff of advisors but a little more enthusiasm would have been appreciated.

My counselor doesn't give me freedom. Talking to other students gives me more options.

I feel that as a University Scholar, I would benefit more from advising with department heads involved in said program, and really don't need to do the classic advising sessions.

I'm not sure. The website still says I haven't had an advising appointment yet even though I have, so I can't register for anything

Registration itself should be expanded; there is not an adequate selection of classes to accommodate student demand. The registration process is very streamlined and nice; however, I have noticed that every time I have registered for classes, I am unable to access my Degreeworks profile, likely due to the high volume of users that are attempting to access it at one time. This was very inconvenient during registration, because I couldn't access my Planner to see what I needed to register for right then. I was lucky to have a printed copy of my planned schedule; however, I personally know several students who were not so lucky, and ended up missing out on classes they could have otherwise registered for, had they had access to Degreeworks at the time.
1904 Degreeworks has got to become more flexible. You can't even put in a double major that is cross college.

LFIN

1909 Allow walkup private sessions. Especially when it isn't busy.
1910 Encourage students to make private sessions because they are very helpful.
1913 The business school has a limited number of advisors for the number of students that need one. Maybe upping the ratio a tad would help with increasing available appointments and wait times.
1917 Make more time to be with the students.
1923 There needs to be more honors class options. 9 times out of 10 the honors classes, especially seminars, are filled up by the time I get to register, even with honors priority registration.
1931 I think the email reminders are very helpful.
1932 The advisors in the College of Commerce and Business Administration don't seem to have much understanding of requirements for specific specializations. I was displeased that the advisor changed my active plan in degreeworks for the next 4 semesters without discussing the courses I planned to take during certain semesters.
1933 I think if you have a certain cumulative GPA then one should be allowed to register for classes without having to get advised. I know it was like this within the honors college when I entered UA but feel like the idea need to expand to those that are not or who did not know about the honors college.
1936 My advisor is perfect, helped me keep on track and was very informative.
1937 Spanish. I have been required to contact the advisor multiple times to request for permission to sign up for the classes, when I should have permission to already sign up. It claims I have not met the requirement for the classes when really I have. I have heard many of my fellow students complain about this same issue.
1941 I did not meet with my regular advisor during my appointment. I signed up with my normal advisor but when I was in the office a different person advised me.
1944 Yeah my advisors stunk. When I was in CBA advisor seemed upset to be advising me. And she couldn't help with what to do since I was double majored in a major outside of that college. I also have had different advisors every time I went. Then when I dropped the business major and was just in math and the arts and sciences college, my advisor didn't know the requirements for the mathematics major. And she really didn't know anything about preparing for grad school or the different branches, and couldn't refer me to someone who did, which I feel like as an arts and sciences advisor she should at least a little. I do everything myself because I know more than the advisors I had up to this point.
1946 Upon past advising appointments I felt the advisors were in a rush to get me and and out, as a result I wasn't aware of the things I feel like they should have told me in advance. Therefore, my suggestion would be for the advisors to take their time with students.
1951 They need to provide better long term advice for how to maximize semesters instead of just signing off on whatever you show them.
1955 All good!
1956 Certainly: GET MORE ADVISORS. Being in the honors college, my registration date was April 4th, I tried scheduling an appointment for private advising around March 10th and was told that there were no available private advising sessions and that I would have to attend group advising on March 19th. There's no reason why I shouldn't be able to meet with an advisor privately if I contact the office almost a month in advance. That's inexcusable. Either hire more advisors or make advising optional because the group session was absolutely no help whatsoever, a complete waste of time.
1959 I had to continue to email my advisor many times after I met with him. The day I was to register for classes, it kept saying that I hadn't seen my advisor and would let me register. It took us about 45 minutes to fix and I lost some of the classes that were open before.
1961 Make it easier for students who are about to go into upper division to register.
1970 That's it, no more suggestions.
1972 Perhaps updating the prerequisites for class selection. Also, updating the list of available classes on future terms.

LGB

1981 Since I am an on-line student a chat room or telephone call from an Advisor would be helpful and more personable.
1984  I am a freshman, and have never been informed that it was necessary to meet with an advisor before going to group advising. The advisors there were not happy that I had not met with an advisor. A little heads up would have been nice. I assumed that group advising would be the similar to the Bama Bound group advising.

1987  More personal. Increase in advisors. I was allowed to create my schedule for next year, but would not have gotten a advising appointment until almost a month later. I was able to attend group signature, but it was very impersonal.

1996  More One On One Time With An advisor

1999  Require this earlier in the year and provide group sessions in class rooms, my advising appointment was the biggest waste of time and mad me feel like the dumbest student on campus. At high school the advisors were friendly and actually helped me plan a schedule.

2000  Advising can be tedious, but it certainly helps when class selection is overwhelming.

2013  Inform students to be advised at the beginning of the semester for the next one.

2016  This year I was part of the Crimson Edge program. I thought it was extremely limiting, because the first semester you are only allowed to take a max of 13-14 hours and that immediately puts you behind if you want to graduate in four years taking 15 hour semesters and no summer school. Also I felt like it was almost an insult to my intelligence because I was placed into the edge program because of a number I got on the ACT. Furthermore, I was not pleased with the program, because I was not allowed to see the advisor I wanted to see. I was forced to see the crimson edge advisor instead. I am not saying by any means that the crimson edge did an inadequate job, but I felt as though I should have had the choice to see which advisor I wanted.

2017  Transfer credits are one of the most frustrating aspects of course registration. A possible streamline of community colleges across the state would assist many students in transferring credits from previous academic institutions.

2018  no everything was perfect

2019  When the advisor writes things down they should wright it neatly so you can tell what it says 3 months later

2025  Make sure the advisor actually know what they are talking about, as well as make sure that they know when their appointments are

2029  It can be confusing for distance learners. I did not realize that some math courses cannot be completed online.

2032  My advisor did not know the answers to the questions I asked about my major and minor. She could not advise me on what to major/minor in, and therefore could not advise me on what classes to take.

2035  There are no open classes for classes that are required. I have two classes who I don’t even know the teacher is. Need to have better class options and availability.

2040  I understand when its close to registration time my initial point of contact can become very busy. If I had knowledge of an advisement hotline, I think it would help better the process for immediate assistance instead of having to wait the 24-48 hour turnaround for a response.

2045  Explain degree works better. Mine is showing that I haven’t taken classes that I have and when I tell my advisor he seems unconcerned but it freaks me out and I don’t know who to talk to about fixing it.

2047  I will recommend Daniel Maguire to anyone in the business school!

2048  As I’m getting into my classes for my specialization, I’m realizing they are only offered at one class time. I realize it’s probably because there aren’t as many people that are taking those classes but for instance one of my IBA classes this semester is only offered from 6:30-8:45 p.m. I would rather take my classes during the day rather than at night and that option wasn’t available

2050  Advising is great, Michael Avant is the man.

2051  I think each student should be assigned to a specific advisor that way there is no confusion on what classes the student needs to take or hasn’t taken yet. I have had two different advisors and the one I had before did not tell me all the courses I needed to complete, so I am finding myself behind. I now have an advisor that I like and is very helpful with keeping me on track and giving me all the information I need.

2054  Jennifer Humber is my advisor and is always extremely helpful when needed. She is very knowledgeable and very nice. I have been very pleased with my experience.

2058  The Override process is annoying at times but I understand why we have it. Thanks!

2059  Open more classes so we can get on with our lives, don’t “require” advising appointments after sophomore year. Group advising is a joke.

2060  I would like to be able to contact my advisor or need my advisor to respond to emails DURING the semester when I have a question or issue.

2067  Jennifer Humber and Ann Margaret are the best advisors I ever had in college. They are so knowledgeable in what you need to do and beyond helpfully and extremely encouraging.
2069 Not having to wait so long to see an advisor.
2071 Ms. Humber does a wonderful job advising her distance learning students. I've been very pleased each semester and she is always available throughout the semester when I've needed her.
2072 Ms. Humber has been great for me to work with. She responds quickly to any questions that I have and has ensured that I am on track with my plans.
2074 Nothing, Excellent work. Thank you for guiding me along the way!
2076 I am about to go into my senior year here at the university, and I want to graduate in four years. Unfortunately, the advisors at this university have tried their best to prevent me from doing that. They are often rude and unhelpful. They frequently try to get me to take the minimum requirement of classes while saying, “I don't think you can handle all of these classes.” This frustrates me more than anything. I will be a senior in the fall, and I have already been offered a very respectable job that many students here would love to have. I told my advisor this, and told him that I needed to graduate on time, or else I would lose the job offer that I've worked so hard to earn. After one advisor tried to tell me that I would not be able to graduate within a year, I tried two others. The two other advisors acted like I was a waste of their time, and were more concerned with getting me out the door than actually trying to help me advance my career. I thought college was a place that you came to further your education with the hope of one day earning a job, but my experience so far with the University of Alabama and it’s advising process has been a nightmare. I have set myself up for success, but this University has tried it’s best to throw me off track whenever possible. I doubt that anyone will actually read this comment, but if you are sitting there right now reading this, and can lend me some much needed help, then PLEASE contact me. My name is Austin Barranco. My CWID is 11237154. My phone number is (334)221-9297, and my email is mabarranco@crimson.ua.edu. All I want is for my University to meet me in the middle, and unless that happens, I will lose my job offer, which is the only reason that I attended college in the first place. Sincerely, Austin Barranco
2078 Ms. Jennifer Humber is wonderful! You can tell that she really cares about the students and she does a excellent job of explaining everything a distance learner needs to know. My only gripe with the online degree program is that there are not enough classes available to the students. Every semester, it is the same few classes and the same professors. Before I enrolled at UA, we were told of the hundreds of classes available to distant learners... I have found this not to be true at all. I still love UA and plan on finishing my degree here but the few offerings has been a real disappointment.
2079 I think it is good for now!
2084 more of a course description should be added to the classes during the registration process. It would help me to pick courses that I'm interested in for my electives.
2085 Roll Tide , Roll!
2087 I love this school.
2089 I think core requirements should be available every semester (including summer). For example, I couldn't take art history during the summer term, which I probably have elected to do. I do think there is a great variety of online classes, and seems to be constantly improving.
2091 I believe it would be helpful if the advisors were more accessible for the distance learning students. Although communication via email or telephone is convenient for both faculty and students, communication via Skye could enhance the advising experience for the distance learning students. To be able to connect personally with their advisor could ease fears and doubts about the track the student has chosen to take at the university.
2093 I know it is hard for me to set up meetings with my advisor. She is thorough and is very knowledgeable. With a time demanding job, it is very hard for me to set up an appointment with her. I would love to be advised through the advising hotline or if there could be a person set up just for faculty and staff who could assist their needs.
2094 No. Jennifer has been wonderful and incredibly helpful in all matters.
2096 If distance students had the option to do advising video conferencing with their advisors, that would be nice. students could sign up for time to meet with their advisors similar to the manner in which traditional students to sign up.
2103 I would like advisors that care more about the students. My advisor didnt help me at all. Their job is to be there for you to help and answer questions and Tiffany Sims of the business school was rude, snappy, and would not answer my questions adequately. I left very unsatisfied.
2104 No, I am satisfied with the advising process.
2109 Nothing really needs a change other than I think there should be more of an email notice when class and schedules need to be changed and set up.
2113 Unnecessary process that just creates an avoidable problem. I learned nothing in my advising appointment and the only reason I went was so the signature he provides would let me sign up for classes. Waist of both their and my time.
I really do not like the fact that the Business school doesn’t give us an assigned advisor. Also, the lady that works at the front desk in Bidgood 10 is rude. Every time I talk to her she doesn’t always look me in the eye, she shows no interest in fully helping me, and she always looks like she would much rather be somewhere else. She also never fully answers my questions. Its almost like she decides when I’m done talking to her then rudely goes on to the next person in line. She either needs to go or change her attitude because she makes the Business school look bad.

The last advisor I saw for my fall 2013 schedule, Ms. Lebon-Sims in the business school, was extremely rude and refused to discuss any detail or schedule options aside from what she chose.

Do not rush students during advising appointments, this is their life and career that you are influencing.

Just wanted to make note of the great work Mr. Avant has done for me so far at the university. Very professional.

I had a hold on my registration-wish the advisor had warned me before it was time for me to register.

I have more advisors available for walk in advising appointments

Advisors could be more helpful in course selection and scheduling instead of simply stating what is still needed for major

Stop requiring Advising to register. If you can’t figure out your classes you are retarded.

The advising process is good if you know what you’re taking and don’t have any questions about what you should take. I feel like the advisors are hurrying you through the process and seem to not have time to really help you if you have questions or concerns about what to take.

Advising should not be required. It is a waste of time for the advisor and student. Making it not required would alleviate many of the advising problems within the business school.

If more private advisor meetings could become available before the advising rush begins, that would be great. Maybe notify the students more about the importance of advising.

Heather Ammonds is a tremendous help and I have recommended her to several people.

After my advising appointment, I had a meeting with the head of the Business University Scholars Program, Ed Helms, who pointed out redundancies in my schedule that I feel my advisor should have noticed. I also felt that my advisor was not familiar enough with the Honors College to help me with questions I had in that regard.

Answer the phone when a student call /call back

Add more classes

No. I am pleased with how it is.

Jennifer Humber is my advisor. She is always willing to answer questions and help in any manner. She has gone above and beyond to help me as a 38 year old distance learner to help me as I move along throughout my degree.

I’m an online student so I receive emails for advising. It’s always well written, easy to understand, and step by step instructions are provided. The few times I’ve had questions, they’ve responded quickly and answered all my questions

UA’s academic advising and registration process has always been a big help to me. Without my advisor and the other helpful and very nice staff members, things would not have gone as smooth. I can’t think of one thing that anything or anyone needs to do to improve on. The system works well as it stands.

Faster response time during registration.

Works pretty well.

There should be a distant learning advisor available in the evenings by phone for questions and problems with classes.

A+

Have a talk with Labon Sims- she was very unhelpful, and acted like she didn't even want to be there. Remind her she's supposed to be helping students obtain their degree and job of choice.

My advisor clearly did not take the time to review my classes and schedule before giving her suggested advising schedule as three of the classes that she suggested I take I had just completed the semester prior and made an A in each one. It was a waste of my time and hers.

Advisors shouldn’t recommend classes that don’t need to be taken, which wastes students time and money.

I’d like to see my advisor in-person rather than have it done through email even though I’m a Distance student.

get a nicer more professional receptionist in Cba advising department

make it easier for students to book appointments

allow student to book own appointments online

I am a strictly distance learning student. I understand that because of the volume they prefer to do only e-mail advising, but sometimes the e-mails are confusing and I end up having to call in to speak with someone. Then I am told either I have to wait another day or re-read the e-mail. I have also not been advised for summer classes despite me several e-mails
asking for help. Please keep this information confidential as I do not want to cause any problems or be treated unfairly in the future.

LMGT

2213 Help the Business advisors be more approachable.
2219 Fire the girl at the front desk. She's rude.
2221 none, its great!! i love the advisors! they do a great job!
2228 Start advising earlier so people can register faster
2240 The advising process for this University it absolutely terrible.
2247 Required advising is absolutely unnecessary.
2252 More UH courses!! I had priority registration and was STILL unable to secure a spot in one.
2255 good professors need more chairs
2257 I registered class last friday on april 12. But I failed to the first time. I meet all the requirements, I do not know why i cannot register. After I met the advisor again, then i can register. Advisor fix something in the system and let me to choose the class I want. It is not only me meet the problem, some of my friends also meet similar problem. I suggest if the advisor make sure every student can register the class they want in the their time other than wait them go back again will save a lot of time for the students. Or if the system can update the information of the students more quickly will be great.
2261 Our college is pretty good so far, I think.
2265 I think it is working well! It is a stressful time for the students to find time to be advised but I also know it is stressful on the faculty/staff. You guys are doing a great job! Keep up the good work!

LMIS

2269 The MIS advising office put a hold on my account because I did not set up an appointment with them for a second time this semester. I now have to register may 6th even though I know all the classes I need to take. I think the process is flawed and even after making a 4.0 last semester I can't register for classes because I didn't think I needed to meet with them again. They were not understanding at all and very rude. What irritates me the most is that they allowed other students who had the same problem come in and get the hold off their account but when I went in there they turned me away. With all the MIS majors you would think there would be more than one advisor. The dumbest part of it all is that it would maybe take them 5 minutes at the most to tell me I'm all good and let me register.
2282 Allow advisers to lift special holds on accounts during the advising session rather than during registration itself. It is frustrating to watch a course fill up while you cannot register for it, waiting for your adviser to override the code.
2285 I personally think that my adviser Heather Davis is a wonderful adviser, but I had friends complain that some of their advisers seem unknowledgeable at times about the best course of action to take when registering for lower division courses.
2291 online scheduling system
2300 My only complaint is to have more options for certain classes. I am not able to take a class that I am required to be in this semester because of highly restrictive selection of other classes that I need this semester as well.
2302 Elective registration before advising
2304 I really feel that requiring Juniors/Seniors to do advising every semester even though we're all well aware of our graduation requirements is just a waste of time and other resources. Please make upperclassmen advising optional.
2307 I think an additional advisor is needed for OM/MIS. I have yet to be advised for this summer/fall 2013 and have been able to register for quite a while.
2321 There is only one adviser managing all the MIS students. It takes months to go through all of them alone.
2327 No it works pretty well.
2328 Stop locking our ability to register for classes until we speak with our “academic adviser”. The entire process is a waste of student time, and of the University's resources. I am more than capable of scheduling myself, and believe assistance should be available, but NOT required.
2333 Do a better job of showing which crn's are required together, ex: lecture + lab section.
2334 MIS needs more advisors
2337 I don't know exactly how you could improve a process that takes many people to coordinate registration. My recommendations for improving this process is have all people involved (Faculty/Advising Staff) give out the same information about what can be done to achieve upper level status. Advisers should be able to recommend “Easier” classes to those who
need to improve GPA, and “focal” classes to those who are already excelling within their majors to meet the students needs and improve the Alabama candidate pool. Also Program recommendations should be based on the catalog of the student, not the new classes “you can take advantage of” that will be counted as electives. Instruction on Pass/Fail options would also be beneficial to all students who struggle throughout their college career as this could greatly impact their GPA, Financial Aid, Scholarships, and gainful employment upon graduation*. If this institution is dedicated to being a leader in providing college graduates to the working force, teaching them is forefront, but marketing their candidate pool by assisting their graduates to present themselves in the best possible way. Many extra classes that are not in the catalog but are “recommended” wastes time and money for the student)and can impact that student to stay at the university, recruit for the university, or ultimately invest future donations, time, and resources to improve the Alabama’s community.

LMKT

2346 no I loved my advisor!
2347 Work with the students on creating a list of backup courses for each semester in case they can not register for their first choices.
2348 I absolutely loved my academic advising appointment. I left the appointment with an eased mind about the upcoming semester.
2350 Advisors need to be more personable and not seem like they are in such a rush all the time. Everytime I have gone he tries to get me out as fast as possible and is really no help at all.
2352 Try and spend more time talking with students. After all, we are the ones paying tuition here.
2357 I am upset because I am in good academic standing but the advisor put a lock on my registration until I meet with him. Now I might miss out on my summer school classes!! There should be NO LOCK OUT unless you are on academic probation!!
2358 I have had the same advisor for three years now and I am very pleased with my academic results.
2361 Make getting overrides a little easier.
2362 Now that I have gotten the hang of the DegreeWorks program, I understand how to use it, but it was a struggle to understand the program to begin with.
2371 Gary Applewhite is a great advisor. He is very helpful and knowledgable.
2375 I don’t think advising should be required at all. I also don’t think blocks should be placed on courses based on your class designation. My biggest problem this semester was registering for 300 level classes because I will have to take summer classes to be a junior in the Fall. My adviser had problems putting in a permit for me to register for those 300 level classes and it was really inconvenient to have to see her twice about the same issue.
2378 If there were more advisors then students could develop a more personal relationship with their advisors which would help immensely when being advised with whether or not you should change your major and what career plans you have.
2382 I don’t like it when the teachers are TBA!
2384 Keep up the good work
2390 Maybe to have group signing sessions the month before registration so that more students are able to get advised in time.
2395 More spots in honors classes. All the honors classes are always full.
2400 Advisors need to know more about pre-requisites and need to be more accessible during registration time.
2402 More UH classes. As an honors student I need more UH credits to graduate, but by the time I sign up they are all full. I have taken one Honors credit every semester, but the UH ones are so hard to get into.
2406 Be able to check if override is needed for a particular class
2411 Utilizing the Degreeworks profile and planner is way more efficient than paper.
2414 I love the group sessions because they are faster and straight to the point, but as a Freshman last year I believe that they should require private advising session for freshman because it gives them a more up close relationship with their advisor and with their educational plan.
2416 Make more time to meet with students. Also, tell students how easy it is to get minors… only 12 hours! I did not figure this out until my senior year and now its a little late for that. Wish I would have been informed four years ago about that.
2418 There needs to be mode efficient and helpful staff working in the bidgood 10 advising office. The students working in there are very rude and unhelpful.
Allow student to cancel appointments online instead of having to go into to do so.

LOM

Students who have fallen behind need to have as equal of a chance to register for required classes as all the other students. It is not fair that students who have switched their major, or are a few credit hours behind always end of registering for classes last and can NEVER get the classes they need or want or a schedule that is relatively manageable. This needs to be fixed, or more classes need to be offered or bigger class sizes.

There needs to be more spots for honors courses, and I find it absurd that you have to pay additional money over 16 credit hours when it is more beneficial to you and the university to graduate sooner.

there could be another advisor for each major and not just one. My advisor is wonderful, helpful, and amazing at her job, but you can tell she is stressed and another advisor would be helpful

I am going to upper level OM next semester and had to have an override for nearly all my classes. Considering I'm currently a junior with almost 100 hours under my belt I feel I should be restricted. Thankfully my advisor, Heather Davis (OM) took care of the situation really quickly.

Heather Davis is a great advisor!

Heather is the best

All of my classes are offered from 4:00 pm-9:00 pm. So I will have class everyday of the week at those times. I will not have a break to have dinner because they are back to back.

Certain departments with required advising need more advisors. For example I have to see a certain advisor due to my major and she is so overwhelmed and I really needed to see her multiple times due to complications but it was not possible because her schedule was backed out so far even with double booking. Was not very helpful. I had to end up making decisions without the help of my advisor which defeats the purpose of her being here.

Push back registration dates so advisors can see more students and give them their full and required attention.

More advising appointments

I am very pleased with my adviser Heather Davis. She is always positive and helpful when I can reach her. But, I feel that the ratio of students in the department to adviser is not fitting. There are way to many students in the OM and MIS department for just one person to advise and therefore when I needed help with something, I could barely ever get ahold of her. This issue is not Heather's fault. I feel the school is inefficient in the way they manage the advising situation and that it should be fixed to better accommodate not only the students but also the adviser. I feel that if another adviser or assistant were hired, then the advising process would run smoother.

I think the advising and registration process is really good. I am a transfer student and the process at UA is much better than my previous school.

MGT

advisors should ask you what your post grad plans are. if you intend to go to grad school they should tell you what courses to take to be eligible to get in and any form of standardized testing to expect and what/when to study.

No, it is a good process already.

make it easier to forecast different majors, i should be able to see what happens if I change a major and have a concise list of all core requirements for each major.

More time slots

Schedule individual advising sessions by the student’s last name. Therefore, advisors will have advance notice on what students will be attending the meeting.

There is nothing wrong with the registration or advising process. It the students that have the problem. They don’t listen, don't check their email, and honestly act clueless. But when they don’t do what they are supposed to do that expect others to just throw hoops for them and what they need in turn taking away from the people that actually did go about everything the right way.

The workers at the front desk in the business advising office are rude to students. More than one of my friends agrees. The advisors are very nice and helpful though.

Many students decide throughout their college career to change or add majors and minors. I decided to add a major, which means that as a senior I have to take some 100 level classes. I was not able to register to the class I needed (which doesn't clash with other classes) because it's already filled up. I agree that honors should be able to register first, but I think
that after 4 years here, a double major and a 3.8 GPA I shouldn’t have an issue when registering for classes. Especially since every class I’m taking now, I NEED to take it to graduate next year. Seats should be allocated for seniors in 100 level classes since I know there are other seniors with similar issues.

Extend the hours for advising.

I do not have a set advisor for my department so I see a new advisor each time I go to be advised which is not helpful. Also I often feel like I basically tell my advisor’s what I want to take and they approve it rather than getting real advice.

Many advisors had “family issues” and could only schedule sessions with a few students within very few hours of the day. It was frustrating and stressful, but I was finally able to find an advisor who was willing to help.

MIS

Mrs. Heather Davis is very booked. She does everything perfect but I feel she needs some help. She works non stop for MIS and OM majors.

Advisers should have a better grasp of not only what classes are offered, but also what order they should be taken.

I would suggest allowing main campus students to be advised via the web instead of requiring in person advising.

Heather Davis does a phenomenal job handling both OM and MIS student registration while attempting to mitigate the damage caused by other C&BA advising staff. She’s an undervalued resource for the college and both the OM and MIS departments.

Other than the OM and MIS advising, the rest of the advising staff is HORRIBLE!!! I had to start late in my majors course because of an advisor mistake and I know for a fact I was not the only one!

MIS and OM majors need an additional advisor. It is required that all of these majors meet with one advisor, Heather Davis, and she is overwhelmed. She is having to double up sessions and it takes her more than 1-2 days to respond to emails at times. It is difficult to schedule an appointment with her past a certain time in the semester and if an emergency occurs and someone needs to re-schedule, then more than likely they will be advised after registration begins. This can be the case even if the person must reschedule for any reason up to a month before their original advising session. It is nearly impossible to meet with the advisor for reasons other that course selection. IF this advisor were to quit her job because of the stress and the high volume of student requests increasing each semester, then what would all of these OM and MIS majors do? If it is mandatory to see an advisor, then students should be able to meet with this advisor without them having to “double up” appointments and other ridiculousness; this is too much work for one advisor. The problem only continues to get worse. An additional advisor would be extremely helpful so that the students in these majors can get the help they need, and so that the current advisor can hold on to her sanity.

Hire an additional advisor for MIS. Major is growing. Scheduling Advising appointments are tough.

Do away with advising. The advisor recommended a class that isn’t even being offered in the Fall anymore. Now I am scrambling around to find left-over classes.

There needs to be more than one advisor for MIS/OM students. Heather Davis rarely has time to spend quality time with students due to the large workload she seems to have.

I asked my advisor what I should do to prepare if I wanted to get in to graduate school (and what the process for that is.) She said “I don’t know.” That is completely UNACCEPTABLE.

MKT

they need to open up more classes when we get into upper division classes

Add more times for students to sign up so it is not so chaotic when signing up. Some required class fill up way to fast so let the required classes be bigger or add more to it.

If advising sessions are required then everyone should receive a pre-scheduled private session. Students should also have a consistent advisor whom they meet with every semester. I have been advised by 7 different people within the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration and have only been satisfied by two of them. When registering for an advising appointment now, I will not meet with any other advisor other than those two whom I have had previously good experiences with. I feel it important that a student have some familiarity with their advisor and not just see whoever is available at the time.

They need to give you more direction from the beginning and let you know about more information about degreeworks and other services.

Need to be more organized and committed to students because that is what they are here for
Yeah. It’s a joke. Try and change that.

Many times advisers do not have the same advice regarding core requirements on what classes to take. I was lucky enough to be ahead of schedule to finish some of my electives, but I know students who were not aware of their core class requirements and were put behind schedule because of an adviser’s lack of knowledge/transparency. Many times a simple look at DegreeWorks does much more good than seeing an adviser in person.

Advisors need to be more careful about making sure they clear your hold on registration. I saw my advisor a month before my registration date, but when I went online to register I still had a hold on my transcript so I had to spend the time I could have spent picking classes I needed trying to call the student services office to get the hold taken off.

I was once suggested to take a course but when I went to register is wasn’t available for anyone to register.

Fire brandy frost or do not let her communicate with any students

The timing of the appointments and wait times are worse than a visit to the Doctor

My adviser was very helpful, however, most of my knowledge concerning job opportunities relating to my area of study were acquired through external syndicated research.

Having advisors more aware of the easier and harder teachers.

OM

No 7 a.m. registration

There should be more advisors for the om and mis programs. Heather seems overworked, and therefor can't spend as much time on each student

Degree works does not work properly for Operations Management students. We also have our specialized Advisor, therefore some of these questions did not apply to me

Heather Davis is my advisor. By far the best advisor I’ve ever had in terms of helping students get what they want, understand what their workload will be like and helping them get jobs after college.

Too many roadblocks on prereq’s. For example, I have 104 hrs but can not get the override to register for a summer class that requires 105. By the end of this semester when the system adds 12 hrs to my total, the 2 offered sections will be full. I was penalized for being 1 hr short for 2 semesters. I would like to take the required class ASAP and the system prevents it. I need it for graduation as other coursework is only offered once per year in Operations Management. Also, Heather Davis is the best advisor in Culverhouse. Give the woman a raise.

I’m graduating, but since having degree works and having an advisor specifically for my major has been a great advantage.

PREB

A note: I saw two different advisers. The first I saw had no idea what he was talking about and seemed like he just wanted it done with so he could move on with his day. He seemed like he couldn't care less about my appointment. However, the second guy that I saw, the one that handles double major students who’s second major is outside the business school, was superb. He corrected the many mistakes the original adviser made (there were apparently two classes I was told to take that would in no way help me, and one that I didn’t have the prerequisites for) and actually helped me understand how I could manage to accomplish my double major and honors requirements. The first adviser, on the contrary, just told me to figure it out myself.

Heather Ammons is the best!

Advisors for business need to all get on the same page. I get many different answers from different advisors. It seems that we are supposed to have one advisor but I have seen a different one every time causing confusion.
Communication and Information Sciences

ADV

2613 It's really annoying to go through the list of classes for History for example. You pick a couple out and get really excited to sign up for them and when you search for them they don't exist. You search previous terms to see if it's an every other semester or every other year class, but it never shows up. Can you be more descriptive of when classes will be offered, so we don't get all excited to take a class and then can't find any of the ones we actually want to have because they aren't currently being offered? This happened to me when signing up for classes at least 7 times with literature classes or history or fine arts, etc.

2623 I wish that there are waiting lists for all of classes because I have few classes already full.

2634 Classes that were not duplicates were being classified as duplicates so I had to get overrides. A class I had Instructor Permission for and the code for I have not been able to register for and no one knows why expect that myBama refuses to allow me. I am very dissatisfied with registration this semester but my advisors have been great in helping me try and get into classes I need even though myBama seems bent on not letting me in.

2635 I think it is kind of unfair that some students are able to register earlier than others, especially honor students. I can understand that higher class add class first, but I just do not agree that honor school also do that. They are already doing better than us. We just want to add class that we need. Why is it that hard??

2638 I do not believe that advising should be required. I have not had any problems selecting my classes based on what DegreeWorks has suggested.

2642 Coming back to UA was difficult. I needed to see an advisor, but I wanted to come back in a different college. The advisor I saw had no idea how to assist me other than giving me an override so I could register for a class. If someone has been out of school for 13 years, they may need a “special” type of advisor if they cannot be advised from within the college in which they wish to pursue a degree.

2643 The advisors aren't really super helpful

2648 I struggled finding the classes I needed due to the amount of students allowed to register before me (honors, etc.) and the amount of students at the university verses the amount of staff and classes available.

2651 If you actually know and meet up with your advisor then no one should have a problem.

2653 My advisor forgot about our session TWICE and then had to shuffle me off to someone else because she had an 'orthodontist appointment' during the time SHE set up for us to meet, which I had to ask off work for and it was very difficult for me to make in the first place. I expect to be taken seriously and I really needed help with my schedule.

2658 Not enough classes are offered for a specific course. A lot of classes were already closed during my registration.

2659 Make sure the advisor has enough time to actually answer questions. I waited for 30 minutes past my time, and then was hurried through it to make time for people after me. I also was told that I could take two classes that I actually couldn't.

2660 I am very pleased with my adviser Ms. Beth Bennett, she is WONDERFUL!

2661 Getting an override is very difficult. I was able to easily get an override for the business school (for my minor), but could not get one in advertising (my major)... which is even more important.

2662 My advisor at the communications college is Mrs. Henley. I could not ask for a more helpful and kind advisor. She has been very helpful in steering me in all of the right directions and a very good mentor at helping me connect with others who share the same interests as me at the communications college. LOVE HER!

COM

2680 I suggest making sure freshmen know the advisors personally and that the advisors do not act as if the incoming students know how to do everything prior to registering.

2683 There are not enough sections of classes that are part of the required classes to receive a degree in the college of Communication and Information Sciences. This is extremely frustrating for students who need certain classes in order to ensure they are able to graduate on time. It is outlandish that these required classes would only have one section for a whole entire semester when every single person who is receiving a degree in communication needs to take it and often needs it to take other upper level classes.

2684 Degree works was not accurate. The classes it listed did not coincide with classes that I could actually take.

2685 The timing and opening of classes.
Dr. Bennett was wonderful. She was very informative and helped me understand how to better make use of my courses offered in both the summer and this upcoming fall semesters.

I don’t like being placed with an advisor within my college. I would prefer to have the option to choose my academic advisor from select faculty advisers.

A lot of the upper-level classes for Spanish and Communication Studies I have to take are offered at the same times, so it was difficult to make my schedule.

The Advising process, and my personal advisor, at my respective college have been the biggest disappointment to my entire academic career. It is so poorly handled, and so lackluster, I have no sense of when I will graduate, or what steps I must take to get there. Because of this poorly handled office I will be back for an additional semester, costing my family thousands in out of state tuition. I travel to North eastern states with the Admissions office to speak on behalf of the University to prospective students, and reflect on my great experience at school thus far; but will no longer lie through my teeth about the communications school I am a part of, and how I have been guided through it. It has been truly, and utterly, a disappointment. This message need not be anonymous, I’d like my voice to be heard- Mike Ravenfeld

The registration seems off because there are so few available classes as well as openings for the classes, at least for my major. Also, I had a hold on my account for immunizations after submitting the information multiple times. The classes for my major also seem to have interfering schedules.

There needs to be more sections available for upper level classes.

Make it mandatory for CIS and make sure that advisers know how DegreeWorks works.

As a senior at UA, signing up for your last seminar class shouldn’t have to require advisor supervision and approval. GPA’s of students do reflect their successes and downfalls here at UA however by the time you are a senior and you are almost 90% finished studying your major and need that one last class to satisfy your required credit hours you don’t want to have to go see your advisor and literally do the same job he/she does. So, in short, just give seniority the definition it deserves and let the people choose what they want to do with their last semesters here at UA.

It is important to develop an interpersonal relationship with your advisor. That way they know what your interests are and know which classes and teachers to take what is best for you.

For communication studies, I picked my own adviser (one of my professors) because the adviser I’m supposed to have does not answer my emails requesting a meeting. Also, my adviser seems to change every semester on DegreeWorks, so I’m never sure exactly who it is supposed to be.

Please open more classes for minors. Especially the theatre classes, as a minor it is very hard to get into the classes.

Yes. Do away with college advisors and train faculty in each department about the core and major requirements for each degree program. First, money is being wasted to pay college advisors and I have had at least 3 friends get cheated out of graduating on time because of a college advisor’s lack of knowledge (A&S). Second, there is no excuse for faculty and students not to know what is required of them in order to graduate. Now that the course catalog is fully online & interactive and DegreeWorks has gained popularity, there is no reason to continue assigning students to a college and department academic advisor. It simply wastes time.

Mr. Daniels in the journalism department was a horrible advisor! He rushed me out after 7 min because he had to attend a meeting, and he was no help! He did not help me with even one class! He was very rude as well. I left very unhappy.

Have in-person registration. Trying to register online was confusing.

As an academic Sophomore (technically a first year student) I find it frustrating with some of the pre requisite courses needed. I have all my core classes fulfilled, yet am forced to hold off on some classes that I can easily handle.

I’m returning to complete my degree after being out of college for 28 years, and my degree is not offered through the Bama by Distance program. I work full-time and it would really help if I could take some of my courses on-line during the Fall and Spring Semesters. However, because I am not a commuter student or going through Bama by Distance, I cannot do this.

I had a great experience meeting with my advisor and easily registered for my classes.

Add more honors section classes; by the time I try to register for an honors class, the majority are already full.

THE ADVISORS SHOULD LEARN HOW TO EMAIL STUDENTS BACK

N/A. In my college all of the advisers are great help and very informative.

DegreeWorks planner has built in plan that can make creating a personalized plan confusing. I think that’s why students don’t use it as much.
Make the course description easier to find. Also of there is a way to link “rate my professor” into catalog.

There must be a way to make sure that classes students' need to graduate are available, even if it means an additional class. There is no reason why student's at any grade level should have difficulty getting into the classes they need to graduate.

Make advisors actually care about your education and not just try to get you out the door.

As the population continues to rise, either more classes need to be offered, or class size needs to increase. This is especially true for classes like APR 260 that serve as a prerequisite for the majority of upper-level communication classes. When a student is not able to get into one of these classes, they are behind that semester, unable to to take any other courses for their major.

Advisors should know everything about requirements. I had a double major and my advisor didn't know how to advise me for one of them.

I don't like that the faculty are the advisors in Communications because they don't have as much time to meet with each student and figure out a plan. I need someone who can do that for me and help me figure out my four years but my advisor basically told me that was not necessary. I also need my advisor to let me make decisions, while just guiding me. I wanted to take 20 hours because I know I can handle it (many of the hours are dance classes), but she would not do an override even though I have a 3.9 GPA and have proved I can do this.

Hire advisors who actually know what they are talking about and who can actually help students. My advisor was not able to answer any of my questions and left me more confused and angry than I was before.

My advisor was very rude and acted like I was annoying her. She did not answer any of my questions and made the registration process harder than it needed to be. I had to seek help from another advisor. I am not satisfied and disappointed.

Susan Daria is the best advisor. She is nice, does not make you feel stupid for asking questions, and is very willing to help. She is great!

CREATE MORE UH CLASSES FOR HONORS STUDENTS

DegreeWorks has been extremely useful in planning out my courses for the rest of my years at UA.

I tried emailing my advisor and he never replied back.

Certain advisors should not be in advising positions. I have tried to contact my advisor Dr. Chilcutt, and she did not respond. The previous semester I met with her and she did not help me with my schedule.

Open classes to everyone at one time there is barely any reasonable options as a freshman becoming a sophomore I couldn't get into any of the fine arts classes I was looking to take

I am not sure when I will be able to make my schedule for next semester. I am not in Honors College, sports, or anything like that so I honestly have no idea when I am supposed to register for classes. Obviously the athletes and honor students (and some other exceptions) deserve to pick first but there should be more e-mails or updates about the deadlines for when to register, etc. And our advisors should send us emails around the time of registering to let us know when they will be available for advising sessions.

Advisors need to know more about other colleges requirements. I have two majors and a minor and none of my advisors know anything about my other requirements.

I don't feel that the advisers have any emotional investment in the planning of my future. I ask a lot of questions and I tend to get very vague answers. With that being said, when I visit my own professors on my own in order to ask advice, I get more than I ever could from my adviser.

More upper-level classes. It's extremely hard to get into APR260, APR300, APR332 and more. These classes are needed to graduate as a PR major and, often times, are full and causing students to get behind in their graduation date.

My advisor for Public Relations is actually an Advertising faculty member and that is where his interests and expertise lie. I wish I would have been assigned a PR advisor.

A better way to register for classes.

not really roll tide

I love degree works!

Start advising earlier like in March

Registration here is ridiculous. I find it crazy that younger students in honor classes can take spots in classes I need when I am about to graduate. The times are terrible and it is always jammed up. I just received an advisor that can actually help me this semester. I am a senior. My parents pay way to much money for me to go to this school.
It's not fair for me to wait to get classes when I am trying to take classes this summer and this fall to graduate on the fall and not get the classes I need because I have to wait or students younger than me who may have more credit hours that are not graduating in the fall. Also having all the extra hours needed to graduate that have NOTHING to do with my major or minor is a complete waste of my time and my money. I could graduate early but NOOOOO! I have to take random classes that are not helping me with my major or minor so in other words (b.s.) classes just so the university can be happy and successful in taking more of my money. It is ridiculous and expensive; But other than that my professors and my advisor Tracy Sims, are amazing.

It would be nice to see a little more patience and enthusiasm from advisors/staff when students come in. I understand they are all very busy and have booked schedules, and their hard work is very appreciated. However, when I go into a session and the person I am sitting down with seems annoyed or is a bit rude, it just makes the whole process even more frustrating.

Although I get my advising done through the College of C&IS, I am a business minor. With that being said, I am VERY unsatisfied with the amount of work I go through to register for classes with the business school.

More classes need to be open for specific areas. It is very hard to get into some classes needed in order to graduate. More students are enrolling, therefore, more classes need to open up. By saying this I mean we need more sections of smaller classes. Not just put more and more students in one classroom.

Some advisors are GREAT and others not so much. Make sure it is personalized - my adviser this term literally read off DegreeWorks to answer my questions (I'm not stupid, I can do that just fine on my own). It was very frustrating! Usually I am very satisfied with the advising process but am going to someone other than my assigned advisor because of that experience.

The staff in the APR Department are very helpful and understand the requirements needed for graduation. They are willing to help you in any way possible and figure out your future.

This semester I was fortunate enough to have Tracy Sims advise me. Ms. Sims is very helpful in every way and understands the needs of the students and adheres to them promptly and efficiently. However, this is the only time that this has happened to me. In all my other experiences advising has been incredibly painful and overall very hurtful to my career here at UA. All other advisors that I have seen showed absolutely no care at all for what the student wanted/needed. In the past they have recommended several classes to me on the account that they were easy credits and I would need them later. In nearly all of those cases they were 100% wrong. The courses were very difficult and completely irrelevant to what I needed. I have lost several credit hours and harmed my GPA thanks to the "advising" that I received. Not to mention the time and money I wasted taking those useless classes, especially when it is so important for me to graduate in 4 years. This goal will be incredibly hard for me to meet thanks to wildly poor advisors. Once again this does NOT include Tracy Sims. It is disgusting that there are faculty members who show no care or respect towards the students. I have even seen/heard of cases when students could not have their hold lifted and no reason was given. Advising should be quick and painless. Other than Tracy Sims, it has been the complete opposite. And in the end has hindered my GPA. If faculty members don't care about the students then don't let them advise. It honestly makes me sick to see the University screw over students the way it has with advising. I have seen it happen multiple times to several students. This needs to be fixed immediately. If this happens on purpose so the university can get more money then just raise tuition. Don't waste my time and money. You already get enough of it. Fix the problem.

I just changed majors, and did not have any idea who my advisor was or when to meet with them until I went to the office myself. I feel like advisors should send a group email saying when to begin signing up for appointments so that we as students can have one less thing on our plates.

LET PEOPLE KNOW THEY HAVE HOLDS ON THEIR ACCOUNT BEFORE REGISTRATION!!!!!!!!!

One thing that could be better would be to make it more widely known how to find who my advisor was. I was told to contact the person on my DegreeWorks and I did, but I think a lot of people don't know where to look for that. The CIS advisors could be more proactive about getting students in for advising because I don't think some people know how great advising is and also how it is required to lift advising blocks.

My advisor does not seem to genuinely care about my schedules.

Advising at UA is great!

Opening more spaces for classes sooner

Start Advising Earlier in the year.

I think that advising should be required in every school. I also think that advisors should be more helpful with class selections. I feel that my advisor didn't really care to help me out with my classes at all. I felt rushed the entire time, and she was 20 minutes late. I didn't get any of the times of the classes that I needed, and I couldn't sign up for 4 other classes at all
because they were completely full. Overall, I am completely unsatisfied with my classes for next semester and I have no idea if I will graduate on time because of this.

I am only worried with the fact that some classes fill up so quickly, I won't be able to take them when I need to.

I believe that UA should have more information about how to schedule advising appointments on MyBama in a clearly recognizable location on the website. I was a student in the college of arts and sciences and the advising website was always confusing to find.

The advising in the communications/PR school is very bad, the advisors do not spend enough time helping the students with their schedules and they are very, very rude and un-helpful.

PR DEPARTMENT DOESN'T HAVE CONTACT INFO ON MAIN PAGE. Had to call and was transferred around 6 times before I reached the correct extension.

I feel like it is too difficult to discover who your advisor is. At the beginning of the semester, I needed a lot of help. I had switched my major from TCF to PR and was completely lost in how I should change my course schedule to better fit my new major. I went to Reese Phiefer and called three different people at the college, no one seemed to be able to tell me who I could speak with. They gave me the name of a potential temporary advisor (after I was on the phone crying because I felt so helpless and alone) and that temporary advisor never e-mailed me back.

This helplessness I felt is one of the strong contributing factors that made me decide to apply to transfer to another University. I am very unsatisfied with the advising/course selections within the Communications college.

I have not received an email with the exact day and time that I can register. I do know it is online and I looked but it still wasn't totally clear about a time... My advisor did not respond to my email about summer registration either.

I transferred to UA Spring 2011. I was never given an advisor. Every time I emailed someone in the Public Relations department about needing an advisor I was told to talk to someone else. I would have liked an advisor to talk to and make sure I was doing everything I needed to graduate on time. It was very frustrating at times trying to find someone to help steer me in the right direction. If I weren't for Degree Works I would have been completely lost.

Open more sections of required classes.

I like that within my college, I can pick my classes on my own. When I was in Arts and Sciences, it was annoying and insulting that I was not allowed to choose my schedule (which I pay for, by the way) until an adviser approved of my schedule. I can do it on my own, thank you very much.

I don't think seniors with only a few classes to take should be required to meet with an advisor if he or she can view DegreeWorks and see exactly what courses are needed to graduate.

The course catalog lists all these amazing courses but, when I went to register, none of them were offered in the fall. UA needs to increase the amount of enriching extracurricular courses.

Registration seems late this year. I registered in October last semester, which was with over a month left in school, this semester April registration seems late. I also find the holds on some registration abilities excessive. If I need to take over 18 hours I don't think I need to go through my college to get the hold taken off. I also have take over 18 hours previously, so I would think my information would note that.

Annual mandatory audits to make sure students are on track and not wasting their time / money.

Communications Advisors are the best!

I had a wonderful experience with my advisor, and have had few to no complaints over the past four years.

I think students should get to pick their advisor. I never had mine as a teacher so she never really got to know me. I would have preferred to go to someone I knew and trusted

TCF

The advisors should present inter opportunities that are available.

No! My advising appointment went very smoothly!!

how am i supposed to “finish in four” if my major courses are closed by the time i register?

Be more frequent with emails regarding advising, reminding students it is time to be advised.

My advisor wasn’t as helpful as I would’ve liked. I had so many questions and got very vague answers.

Two classes that are required for me to take were both full before I was able to even register, not sure if that can be fixed for the future or not.

Most of the classes that my advisor told me to take next semester were already full by the time I registered for classes. Because of this I had to take some random classes to reach full time in credit hours.

Allow two weeks for a student to add or drop a class.
My friends have had complaints against the MIS advisor in the Commerce and Business department. She was not helpful at all for them, wouldn't try to help them get advised, and acted in an unprofessional manner. Other than that, no comment.

DO NOT let Honors students who are less that the required class get that class!! (i.e.: a sophomore signing up for a junior level class) I am a junior and was unable to get the JUNIOR level class because some sophomore had more hours than me, but NOT experience. SO she got the class instead of me, and has no idea what she's doing.

Open more sections for TCF 433

I hate the waiting list, it is too much hassle to get permits.

more advisors than just one for the tcf majors

I personally felt like my advisor in the telecommunication and film department doesn't know the information she needs to know. The ONLY people I trust regarding TCF advising are Pam Tran and Mary Anne Bradley. This is because they actually KNOW the information versus Ms. Champion who seemed incompetent.

More knowledge on what the student must do to graduate on time, because most students are overwhelmed with the whole advising process.

Since the requirements for my particular program changed after I began, I have had problems needing an override of one particular class I took in place of another. However, my advisor has not been efficient in getting me this override, and I have taken all the necessary steps and emailed the people I have needed to. It has been over a week and a half, and I am afraid the class will close.

The advisors definately need to be nicer.

Everything is great. No changes needed!!!?

Can advisors help you more with a back up plan incase all your classes are full when you go to register.

The TCF department offers only a few classes with a maximum of 10-15 slots per class period. This makes registration frustrating and difficult. If more classes or bigger class sizes could be offered, it would fix the situation.

I am very satisfied with the registration process and its organization. It is well structured and I don't see any areas that need improvement.

I get the impression that the people who do advising really don't like doing it because they always seem really eager to get you in and out so then they overlook some things like prerequisites. And then I am left with only 3 classes I was told to take instead of 5 because I didn't meet the requirements to get in. Something my advisor should've know.

I was never contacted or anything so i had to figure it all out on my own. Not enough communication our availability to really guide students.

Maya Champion, my advisor for Telecommunications and Film is wonderful!

Some class times that were listed prior to registration were removed or not there when I tried to register. This forced me to rework my whole schedule and was very frustrating

I had no problems with my TCF advising! They are always available and willing to help. They are friendly and helpful!

Be able to make appointments with all advisers. Not just open hours from certain periods. Makes it difficult when there are lots of people waiting.

More classes or more spots open per class. Unless you are in honors college it is very hard to get into a class that only holds 10 students.

My advisor had absolutely no idea what was going on, gave me misinformation, and tried to rush me out of my appointment. I was very confused and ended up doing everything for registration all by myself.

This semester when I went to register for my Fall 2013 classes I was very unsatisfied. I had a registration time of &:00 am on April 15th and when I went to register 4 out of the 5 classes that I needed to take were full. Three of those classes are required for my major and one was required for my minor. What shocked me the most is that the class needed for my minor is a COM 100 class which usually should not be closed especially since I am registering as an upcoming junior. I have also been trying to get into TCF 145 since Spring 2012 and this is my fourth semester of the class being closed prior to my registration time. I double checked on the class before I was supposed to register and it had already been closed. I did not even have a chance to register for this and I find it extremely unfair. Since this problem is happening to me going into my junior year, i am now discovering that i may need to stay here an extra semester. The lack of classes as well as maximum capacity is absolutely ridiculous. TCF 145 has a max capacity of 12 students which is absurd for a required TCF class. I have put myself on the waiting list for TCF 145, COM 100, TCF 357, and MC 409. I have put myself on the waiting list for classes in the past but it has never been successful. I am extremely disappointed with the fact that I was unable to get into any of the classes that I need.

Check the overrides on classes that should not be there before registration opens
My advising was great for the most part except for the fact that while being advised my advisor seemed overwhelmed. I understand she is responsible for many students but she should not make me feel guilty for needing her assistance. I love being advised because it helps me know I’m on the right track, taking the right classes etc. I just really felt as if she was not concerned about me individually.

Get rid of MK Alsip as an advisor. She is terrible. She is rude, hurries everyone, doesn’t give time for questions, just all together gives the vibe that she really doesn’t want to be there let alone care about your academic progress. I just started doing my own advising or going to Dr. Tran to help me and she’s not even my advisor or teacher, just a great person in the department.

I really dislike how little my advisor seemed to know about her students experiences. I wish that there was a way for our advisors to know us better after having spent multiple meeting with us. For example, I was really frustrated when I asked my advisor if she thought taking one course at the same time as another specific one would be a heavy workload. I’d wanted to know if she heard from other students that they wouldn’t recommend it. She really had no idea and was just like, “You could do whatever you want!” and that wasn’t helpful. She also did not let me know of the weird requirements concerning my minor as soon as I think she could have helped.

I’m a senior (again, I know, whatever) and I still had to wait a week after registration began to sign up for classes, causing me to almost miss getting one class I really wanted. This happened last semester too as well. I was able to get in both classes but just barely. I transferred in, but I spoke with a couple of friends who have gone to UA since freshman year and they too had to wait a week after and a couple missed out on having a quality schedule because of it. It’s ridiculous.

The advising system in the CIS is abysmal. Mary Lou Cox has never shown me any effort in trying to help me out if I ever go to her office with a question. I always get shoveled from one “advisor” to the next. Dr. Williams was a great help though when she could see me. I have had at least a 3.0 all throughout college, so under the CIS advising guidelines I did not “need” to be advised at all and when I did have a question, once my GPA was seen, I was basically shown the door and told I didn’t need any advising. This resulted in me not getting all the requirements to graduate in International Honors College. The advising system is a complete joke if you purposefully ignore or push aside students. At least students could be treated kindly and not as an intrusion.

Have an asterisk beside the classes that are locked/require instructor permission, so students don’t try to register for upper level classes they aren’t allowed into. Every upper level TCF I’ve applied to for in the summer is locked.

Every student should be advised by a faculty member along with the advisors in his or her specific department.

I got most of my advising from a professor and the person that does my graduation audit. I would recommend for advisors to be more positive and encouraging. When I went to my assigned advisor she used the works “impossible” and I “I don’t know” frequently. She was quick to respond to emails but some emails seemed as if she was agitated that I was asking questions that she should know and enjoy to help me with but she seemed like she did not. I started asking my professors and the nice women that does my graduation audit and they have been the most help.

Please be more personable! I am about to graduate in May and would not have graduated in four years had it not been for DegreeWorks. The advisors try to check you off their list ASAP.

UDCM

To let each student know who their advisor actually is rather than just showing up to a random person.

When students get wait listed there should be a requirement to indicate what college you are in so that students who are signing up for courses in their specific college get priority.
ELED

3019 I have no idea who my advisor is. This is my first semester in school. It would be nice to have one page on MyBama that says Advisor. Then all the advisor’s could be listed on that page with contact information or a system that allows me to make appointments. I feel like I’m flying dark right now, and the school is just making getting advised complicated.

3021 They need to make sure they tell you EVERYTHING you will need to take in order to get your degree, rather than just not evening mentioning what could be on the other side of the paper.

3024 For students who are not in honors, allow them to register before upcoming freshmen because I do not register until the 16th. Three weeks later....

3029 To have the same adviser each time.

3032 Maybe a system more effective than degree works, it can get confusing!

3036 providing a better contact list of people within a college. I had questions and had no idea who to contact to get answers.

3037 I think emails should be read and responded to more frequently.

3038 As a freshman it would be nice for the advisor to go through degree works with us, and help us to see how it works and it would help to have an outline for the full four years instead of just one semester at a time.

3041 Mrs miles was a great advisor and any question I had if he didn’t know the answer she found it for me.

3046 need more classes offered of the same subject...some are very hard to get into

3052 In the education major we are put into premade sections and our schedules are made for use. There is a complaint among my section that we got all the left over teachers and class times. So maybe have more equal schedules between the sections.

3055 Stick with the class times that were given. Having an extremely hard time finding a job for next semester because the class schedule keeps changing.

3057 I always try to get help from advisor Chris Lee. He is very helpful and will take the extra time to look up any questions I have to make sure he is guiding me in the right direction.

3063 When students change their major, advisors should sit down with them and create a REALISTIC plan based on how you preformed in the previous college. An advisor should NEVER tell a student that they will not get into the program and that they should change their major, rather they should assist the student with creating a plan even if it does involve changing majors.

3064 Assigning an advisor to a student for their entire time at ua rather than giving them a different one every time.

3079 having night classes for elementary ed is not acceptable past Block 1. Remove night classes.

3080 I think the school should keep in mind a lot of us work and could use more night classes. I am an education major and I am going to have to work multiple nights a week because I have no time during the day to work!

3081 Advisors need to be more clear and be able to give students a variety of options. The advising staff in the College of Education did not give me many options, I felt very limited. It wasn’t until I switched to a different advisor, Dr. Siders, that I felt some clarity about my life plan.

3087 Students shouldn’t be REQUIRED to have to have a sit-in advising session, it should be optional. Everything is already laid out on degree works, so the sit-in advising session is just really a repeat of what we can already access 24/7 on our own time.

3089 Educate advisors more. Every student is not the same. Be open to the students asking question and not get frustrated with them. Very disappointed with the advising system and advisors

3097 Allowing people who have changed there major to register with the number of hours they have rather than the hours that apply with in my college. I will be a junior in the fall and I’m registering with freshman in the college of education and will most likely not end up with the schedule I need.

3099 She was very helpful and asked that I come back in after my sememster to make sure I have the best semester in the fall next sememster. I plan to go to her for all of my advising questions.

3101 There are certain advisors in the College of Education who are very unhelpful. Fortunately for me, mine was not one of them this semester. But last semester, he gave me wrong information and wasn’t helpful in the least. He made changing my major the most difficult thing ever.

3102 VERY pleased with the information my advisor provided me with. It makes me feel more confident about next semester, as well as graduating on time!
I think advisors need to help students better understand their situation. I want to be assured that I am on track to graduate in time. Every time I have registered, I have had various problems, many of them stem from an oversight on my advisor’s part.

I understand that the honors college have earned being able to register for classes before everyone else, but the fact that freshmen and sophomores have priority over juniors and seniors is ridiculous. It is hard enough to get into required classes, and upper classmen should be able to get in, regardless whether or not they are in the honors college.

I've personally never had any problems and all of my advisors have always been really nice and helpful.

My advisor was of great help to me.

Degree works “What if” and GPA calculator are very hard to use and somewhat frustrating, it may be helpful to some if there was some sort of a “how to” in that area...

HPES

Adding an earlier advising session in the semester
Send more reminders about advising so students do not forget.

In the College of Education, specifically for Exercise Science majors, I think they should try to explain better that you don’t have one single advisor that you meet with. It is very hard to sit down and talk with an advisor that you don’t know. When you are in the group advising, there are usually too many people so it gets very rushed, and is not very helpful at all!

My sister, and close friend are all in the same major. We all wanted to sign up for the same class, I was told I could, my sister was told she could NOT, and my friend was told she would have to get it approved by the head of the department.

This is not the first time we have come with the same problem and were all told different answers. It would be nice to have the advisors WAY more educated in what they are advising students, and make sure they are all on the same page before we register for a class we might not need at all.

When I was enrolled in the nursing college, their advising was smooth and organized. The advisors there had everything mapped out for my entire year and knew exactly what I needed to do each semester. However I am now enrolled in the college of education and I do not like advising there as much. At the college of education I have seen 3 different advisors and each one has told me different things about my major and course requirements, each one has given me different advice on how to approach summer classes in order to complete my 4 years, and one of the 3 didn’t even help me with my degree works. I felt safe when I left advising sessions at the Nursing college, but since switching my major and joining the college of education, I am more stressed and confused about my major more than ever.

It would be great if CH104 and CH105 were offered in both fall and spring.

Ms. Miller was very helpful. I wish that is the advising I could have every time. My answers to number 8 are about the group advising, not individual.

There isn’t an advisor for Exercise Science. There are only the professors who teach kinesiology. But they don’t know anything about overrides or “advising” questions. They just tell you about the class. I don’t have anyone to go to with those type questions. I am always redirected to another department and building. My college of education only knows about education classes and they send me elsewhere. I know I can’t be the only student with this problem. All I would like is an advisor- to know their name and be able to email or go to their office with a question.

My only concern is with group advising and having a different advisor every time, it worries me that I may be missing a core or major required course that I am unaware of because being advised at random, all they know is what is on that paper. I would prefer a more personal relationship with having the same advisor in order to reassure myself that I am on track. The only reason I knew my advisor’s name was because she was my professor previously. Other than that she was extremely helpful and when she was doubtful in some areas she referred me to make an appointment and who to make it with to double check my schedule would work in order to graduate on time.

There should be more class times and no Friday classes.

Have advisors not misinform you of the classes you need to take. I took 2 math classes that i did not need to take that they told me I had too. As I am approaching senior year and completing pre-requisites for grad school, I would have liked to have the ability to have more options in my schedule.

Need more than one upper level class available for each section

More available seats
I think upcoming seniors should have first pick of classes before honors students because with graduation upcoming, seniors are running out of courses to choose from, and honors underclassmen are taking up spots in classes that they don’t necessarily have to have at that point when for some seniors being able to graduate by a certain time depends on being able to take a class or not.

Add more classes for the Kinesiology majors so they can take the required classes right off. Example only offering one Intro to Kinesiology for how ever many there are of us is not very acceptable at least to me. This is only my second semester here at UA but I am a Junior and I havent been able to get into the basic class for my degree. Very Frustrating.

At the present time I do not have any suggestions.

Give HPES students a choice on whether or not to meet with an advisor or go to group advising. It is unfair that we are not given the opportunity to meet one on one with an advisor where everyone is given that opportunity.

Not allowing the underclassmen honors students register so much ahead of people going into their junior and senior years. Human performance exercise science and pre professional need their own advisors at advising sessions because the education faculty isn’t helpful because they don’t know the requirements for the major.

It’s not fair that people in the Honors college get to register first. The university needs to open up more spots in a lot of core classes (e.g, PH 101/102) to accommodate those students who are not in the Honors College. It’s almost impossible for me to get into the classes I need as a junior because freshmen in the honors college have already registered for the classes I need.

All of the Kinesiology classes are offered at the same time or at overlapping times so it is very difficult to fit them in your schedule.

There needs to be private advising in the College of Education because advisors in the group setting did not devote much attention to you and honestly, weren’t that helpful or knowledgeable in the course selection process.

Needing major classes and not being able to get in them because they are already full is a problem. I've tried for two semesters to get a class and if I don’t have it net semester I will not be able to progress in my major.

I would like the Kinesiology department to be more student focused because I just changed my major one year ago and have yet to meet one on one with my advisor. I do not know who they are and that makes it extremely difficult for me who is a rising senior who wants to graduate in 2014.

Barbara Chotiner is awesome!

Everyone in my college was extremely helpful and knowledgeable.

I do not enjoy group advising at all and did not find it helpful. I have now attended two exercise science group sessions and have been very unsatisfied both times. The advisors did not act like they cared and were more interested in socializing with each other and with students they knew that were getting advised at that time than they were actually helping students, and both times I had to wait a long time for someone to help me. On more than one occasion, I had to tell the advisor what a class was because they did not know. I would not attend these sessions if they were not mandatory.

No, Mrs. Brakefield was very helpful and seemed eager to help.

My overall advising appointment went well, but I am unsatisfied due to the fact I have tried to get into Kin300 and for a year now I have not been able to, it has always been full. I need this class to take all of my major classes, I am now a Junior.

No everything is perfect the way it is.

Schedule of class should be more flexible during the summer, not enough classes

If chemistry and physics classes has at least one section that was entirely during day hours (labs and lectures) it would benefit students who have to work, have families or other responsibilities after 6:00pm. It may lessen the number of students who fail these classes and/or take them at other institutes.

My advisor, Colleen Geary has absolutely no idea what is going on. She has told me wrong information on several occasions and is less than helpful any time I see her. I have taken in upon myself to find an advisor that is not an idiot. Dr. Wingo has helped me SO much the past advising session and I wish I would have talked with him much early in my undergrad. It would have saved me lots of time and unnecessary classes. Thank goodness for Dr. Wingo, and Ms. Geary should not be allowed to advise anyone, EVER!

I think each major should have a pre-made plan to give to students when they first get advised. This way, they will know exactly what they need to take and when the classes are offered. I wish I would have had this freshman year when I was still a biology major.

I think that one on one advising sessions are more beneficial to students and staff. Advisers should be prepared to direct students in the order in which courses should be taken and possible future classes.

I believe that we should hire staff specifically for advising certain departments. My advisor knows the requirements for my major and the core requirements. However, she does not know about the requirements for PT/OT programs or grad
programs that are most likely the next step for students in our department. I think all students will have more efficient schedules if they know what they will need for later schooling early on in their undergraduate program.

MUEI

3253 advisors within the college of arts and sciences should get a clue about what classes that music majors actually need to take. We should only be advised by those in the school of music, because other advisors have no idea what goes on within that department.
3254 I would prefer if every adviser had a sign up sheet online for all of us to have a private advising time slot
3256 It can be somewhat confusing because I feel like I have too many different advisors to check in with; one for my college and then one for my degree program. I would rather have just one person to go to that I can confide in and ask questions about registering for classes.
3261 The advisors need to contact the students first.
3262 My advisor didn't have me print out degree works, so I had to fix my packet that I turned in to include that. I wish she would’ve mentioned it.

MUVC

3263 Allow Saturday Advising with some kind of perk for the faculty and staff. We could use more one on one time. I understand that I should be at a level that I can assist myself. But, if I must fully answer questions to which I am the questioner I don’t see the need in having to meet with anyone. I came out as confused as I went in.
3264 Music education majors should not have to take 8:00 am classes everyday for almost every semester. With such a heavy course and ensemble load, it can be difficult to go to sleep in time to get a full night’s rest before waking up in time for class.

SEEE

3266 OPEN UP MORE CLASSES. The school is growing and no one is compensating for it in terms of how many classes are open and closed.
3268 Have all class times available before opening registration.

SELA

3283 The undecided advisors do not help at all. The undecided ones should know the most.
3289 I’ve seen both of the advisors in the education department, and I think we should only see one of them throughout our college careers. Also, they are not very interested in helping or talking about future plans just your next semester.
3292 In the college of education, I am very unhappy with the fact that students are not given one specific advisor. I realize that it is a large college and things can get sticky, but because I haven’t had one specific advisor throughout my college experience, there have been discrepancies within my scheduling and I was completely unaware until my most recent advising session that I am behind and will likely not graduate on time. I feel like there is room to grow within the advising process for the college of education.
3294 I am going to be an English Education Major, and my advisor had no idea about prerequisites for the English classes--I thought current classes satisfied prerequisites, but they don’t--so my schedule for the fall is completely messed up. I feel that if my advisor would have admitted this to me and recommend me to talk to an English advisor, I would be satisfied. However, I am completely happy with the English department’s advising. I talked to them after this fiasco and the advisor talked to me about the summer, the fall, the rest of my undergrad, AND grad school. The Education advisor just seemed not to care about me; I’m merely a check off the list.
3295 I was advised by Tamera Miles in the Education Department this semester and was not satisfied. She did not give hardly any help, offer any suggestions, and when I asked questions she did not know the answers. Ms. Miles also gave me specific information about the amount of hours you can take in a semester incorrectly saying that 16 hours was the max that anyone could take, while I knew that I took 17 hours the semester prior to this one. She was also going to advise me to take 12 hours when I need at least 15 hours per semester to graduate on time, possibly even summer classes. I practically advised myself using degree works. She was a nice lady, but for the sake of advising, I would definitely not refer any of my friends with
whom I share a major to her. I normally go to Chris Lee and I ended up going back to him to get his opinion on the scheduling that I made for myself that Ms. Miles approved. He is a much more helpful advisor and allows his advisees to play a role in the advising while he leads. He also gives advice on which classes his previous advisees have found difficult as well as study tips. Over all, I would just say that Secondary English Ed majors should not be advised by Ms. Miles if at all possible. Chris Lee is a much better choice.

I am graduating. This survey did not offer me a place to put this information.

The faculty advisors for the department of education are fantastic, the general advisors in the first two years do not know the specifics pertaining to different majors within education; my advisor sophomore year continued to say I was a social sciences major and not a language arts major. They do not go over your entire college career - it is as if they just want you in and out as quick as possible. Dr Spector, my advisor of 2 years is absolutely wonderful, genuine, patient, and always happy to see people!

Don’t let the internet shut down when people register. You know how many students go to UA so the server should be prepared for that.

Start using major specific advisors earlier

SEMA

When there are specific blocks of classes for a major, make sure the college’s advisers know them well so students do not end up missing a class they need for the next semester. I did not have this problem, but many people in my major were not told they needed to take a specific class last Fall in order to take a class this Spring and it almost put them a year behind. I feel like this happens often and puts students behind when their adviser is not fully aware of when specific classes need to be taken.

There needs to be a better system with the registration of honors classes. First of all, there aren’t enough honors seminars. Secondly, (at least for honors US history) some honors classes say there are 0 seats available for a class just because they are waiting for incoming freshmen to register for those classes first. Then, after incoming freshman have a chance to register (which is all the way in JULY), they will open the class for other students. That is RIDICULOUS. The students that have been on campus and have more credits have priority for a reason: we have less semesters left to take these classes. Incoming freshmen have at least 4 more years to take a departmental honors class. These classes should not be allowed to hold seats just for freshman. Besides, there are already freshmen-only honors classes, so they can take those as a freshman instead of the departmental classes if they need to.

Advisors are so worried about getting through every appointment they have that day that they only spend 5 minutes helping with actual advising. Advisors need to realize that they are dealing with students’ futures and money and take the time to do their job. They also need to make students aware of all the options they have and not make the student feel limited in their studies.

Usually advising stresses me out, but after this past advising session, I felt much better about my career choices and class schedule. Christopher Lee was phenomenal!

I was advised twice by two different advisers. The first time was with Chris Lee. Lee was not willing to help me or work with me at all. He advised me to take a class I wasn’t comfortable taking over the summer and insisted there was no other way to do it. I asked over and over again if there were any way at all to rearrange the classes and he was stubborn and refused to work with me. I was told by other students and a professor that taking that certain class over the summer was not a good idea. On April 15th I went back to talk to another adviser. This time I spoke with Jo Ann Baker. She was so helpful and understanding and helped me rearrange my classes so that everything worked out and I wouldn’t have to take that certain class over the summer. We had no trouble at all switching some classes around in order to make sure I would take the right classes at the right time and to graduate on time. I hope I never have to be advised by Chris Lee again, because he was not willing to work with me at all or took into consideration my needs. You would think an adviser would want to help the student make the right decisions and ones they are comfortable with. Chris Lee did the opposite. I’ve been advised by Jo Ann Baker twice and I hope that she will always be available when I need to be advised again.

Have more colleges and departments model the College of Education-Math department’s procedures for setting up appointments and helping use degree works planner.

SESI

Offering more class sections for the science department.
SESS

I only had four classes left to take so there was really no reason for advisement. All the classes are required and only given at one time, so I had no choice whatsoever. Advising has really never helped me. It may be good for a freshman, but mine have never elaborated or given me suggestions. I basically told them a generic schedule and then went and took whatever I wanted or needed to take. As far as EDU/CSE classes, there really isn’t a choice. DegreeWorks actually works very well and I have relied on it heavily. It is easy to edit apparently since I have had slight issues that were fixed by simply asking someone in the office. I think it is a great resource. Required Advising seems unnecessary.

I don’t agree that when it comes to an elective class the advisors never approve of your choice and they make you take their choice. I have also had to deal with a lot of contradicting information from different advisors.

I was very pleased with my advisor. She was very welcoming and made me feel like she was truly concerned for me and my academic career.

I was very prepared because of degree works and making sure I had the classes I needed to graduate. I was not aware of some of the other services provided. I think there was not enough word that theses were available to them. My department was very active in make sure I was registered and had the classes I needed and wanted. It was a very pleasant experience, I came in to advising with an open mind and a good attitude. Because of that good attitude I felt the staff was willing to bend over backwards for me as well which was very helpful.

SPCO

My advisor told me all the classes i needed to take, showed me a pyramid for my 4 years, and even helped me with a transient summer class

Gain knowledge on courses.

I think advisors should stick to appointment lengths. I have never had a problem with it, but one of my roommates said he had to wait 45 minutes to see her advisor after her scheduled time.

Yes, I was advised to take 2 classes that I did not need to take and it put me behind for graduation. I think all students in the Waucation department should be advised by a professor in their department from freshman year to senior year. For example, my advisor for freshman and sophomore year was different people in Carmichael but in my junior and now senior year it has been Dr. K. Chapman and I feel like he has been more helpful and knowledgeable on what classes I need to take.

It can be very frustrating when the classes you need fill up before you get to register. I do not find the process of registering by how many hours you have very pleasing.

My major is special education and when changing my major to special ed the general advisers in the college of ed did not know enough about my general requirements or major requirements and my faculty adviser did not know enough about my general requirements. I feel like my major is not that small or specific but no one seemed to be able to answer all of my questions about changing my major when I initially changed.
Engineering

AE

GET MORE TEACHERS. Both my AEM 121 and 249 classes only offer one class time. More students are coming to the university, and classes already fill up fast as it is. Had 2 different engineering advisors. Unsatisfied with both, as they were clueless.

For the number of students in the college of engineering there needs to be more advisers, at least during the few weeks prior to the start of registration.

I understand that things come up so advising meeting have to be rescheduled but I don’t think it’s fair when I schedule an one-to-one advising meeting and it gets canceled and the only other to do my advising was a group advising. Group advising is good if you don’t have lots of questions to ask but I had some questions and concerns that I feel like would have been better answered one-to-one. I had a question about honors classes and what counted as what and whether or not I’d be able to get my hours in but it wasn’t answered very clearly. Still unsure of what I need to do.

I loved my advising appointment. The advisors know what they are talking about and its very helpful. For the group advising, I did not know the location was changed until I went to the advising office. For this semester registration, I was not able to sign up classes due to some problem which I never knew, so I could not register the class I wanted to attend.

It would be helpful if the list of possible electives for Humanities/Literature/Fine Arts and History/Social Behavior from DegreeWorks were kept up to date. I was not able to find several honors classes in the Spring 2013 semester that were listed as possible electives from DegreeWorks. Other than this, I would say the advising process is satisfactory. I like how students are able to take care of advising early in the semester so they don’t have to worry about it when it comes time to register for classes. I only rate my schedule unsatisfactory because I have no choice in the classes or times that they are.

Make advising optional for some students. Improve the override process so it can be done within the day since registration is often time sensitive.

I do not like that the College of Engineering has hired advisors to handle registration instead of having professors in each division of Engineering to advise their respective students. It really helped having the head of my department as my advisor, but now I have a team of advisors who do not know how to advise me best for my situation.

Revert back to meeting with our assigned advisor instead of making an appointment with a random advisor.

I preferred the method of advising that was used last year. I got to see a professor in the Aerospace Engineering department - my major. He knew what was required and what was not. However, for some strange reason I had to go to two different advisers for the past two semesters. I don’t know if they knew what my plan had to be as well as my previous adviser. I recommend that we assign one adviser throughout our college career. That way, they follow our progress, and they always know what we’re doing.

Advise using faculty members, not employed advisors. My advisor did not know anything about electives in my major or how a course would be used in a later class.

I do not have any negative comments. I really liked my advising session. My advisor knew my every need. She knew how to help me and if she did not know she would find out for me. It made my registration process so much easier. I have been at the University for 3 years now, and the advisor I had before Fall 2012 did not help me at all. I think from now on I will enjoy advising more.

The online advising is convenient for athletes so we don’t have to physically meet with more than 1 advisor.

An option within DegreeWorks to preview double major degree plans.

I felt as though the advising I received, had I not thoroughly investigated myself, would have caused me to miss required classes that I would need to stay on track to graduate on time because of the prerequisites of the classes and the semesters they were offered. I changed from a different department/college to this one over the past year, and both advisors have been very unsatisfactory. I am also happy to discuss my advising experiences more.

The engineering department needs to go back having students advised by the professors. This way is inefficient and ineffective (I have missed out on opportunities due to the lack of knowledge of the advisers)

I hate that aerospace engineering has switched to department advising instead of faculty advising. the department advisers do not have the knowledge to answers my questions at sessions and they do not help me at all. I essentially figure out my schedule on my own and then get it rubberstamped. I was thinking of doing an early masters degree but when my advisor was taken away the new ones could not help me and my previous faculty advisor was unwilling to advise me since she didn’t
want to get in trouble. The department advising is a very selfish decision that is majorly hurting everyone involved and turns the department into a meat factory.

Advising is easier now that Degree Works makes sense and there are dedicated staff for advising as opposed to a faculty member who does not have time to learn all the details about scheduling. My biggest problem is that I am double majoring in two different colleges (engineering and arts & sciences) and I had no help in advising between the two. I had to figure out what classes to take and when all on my own because the two departments don’t know how to interact. Because of this, I am even farther behind.

CCE

Erin Jett is my advisor and she met with me personally. And emailed me right back when all classes were closed before my turn to register and helped me. She is very helpful and answers her email promptly. She is always helpful when needed.

My advisor was very helpful and gave showed me all the options I had for next semester and really understood what my plan was.

I don’t want to be forced to get advised through emailing because my advisor has too many students she advises. I would much rather be able to meet with my advisor one on one.

Advisors need to be aware of classes that are only available in spring or only in fall.

It has gotten so much better since my freshman year, and I am a senior.

CE

It is really hard to man an appointment with advisor.

Make it clearer how to enroll in a community college that allows transfer credit with UA. I asked how and never really got a straight answer from my advisor, which was frustrating.

Provide locations and professors names that will be teaching the course before students begin registering for classes.

Advising needs to be more accessible.

Have the advisors ACTUALLY answer their emails when someone has a question.

My only suggestion is more sufficient time scheduling.

Ms. Tarver is my engineering advisor and she is always very helpful. She knows what I need to take and the best teachers to take the courses with. She makes the registration process go over smoothly.

Changing the times of class right before registration is opened and messing up people’s complete schedules.

Don’t make advising mandatory.

When e advising is requested and available the email should not be ignored. It is a huge waste of my time and the advisors time to make me go to an appointment when I have no questions or other reasons to see the advisor besides getting the all clear.

I wish that my advisor would stay the same for all four years of my career. So far I have had three advisors. I have to explain who I am and what I want to do each time. I want my advisor to understand my needs and help me reach my goals.

Everything ran smooth

Make it easier to make an appointment online. I had issues because I could not find a time that was available at all and had to go in and make an appointment with my advisor in person.

I have had three advisors in the past year. The one I have now has to advise 900+ students. When there are that many students trying to make an appointment with the advisor, many of them can’t find a good meeting time after they have all been taken. I just go to group advising because it’s nearly impossible to see my own advisor. The advising system here is very inefficient. On a side note, group advising is very easy and quick.

For me, no, I always do e-advising and Ekandra always hooks me up.

More opportunities for private advising

If they could be more available after you met with them but before you make your schedule.

I was misadvised. It is very disappointing and disheartening. I was told ME 215 and 216 were the same class just offered in the fall and spring. I ha to go back and get whatever class was left.
There needs to be more advisors. I'm tired of going to an advising appointment and them just looking at my schedule that I've already made and clearing my pin. The purpose of an advisor is to help create a schedule and tell you which classes to take and that is not how this advising system works unless you make an appointment a semester in advance.

Get advisors that know stuff for engineering. I need someone who knows what I need to take and not these bull crap classes. Get engineering advisors and not just teachers.

I was a bit frustrated that I was never informed that my original adviser, Ms. Funke, was no longer working as my adviser. The first time I realized I no longer had her was when I sent her a request for some information and was told to contact the General College of Engineering advising email. And even after I used this email, I still received a very slow response. I eventually just claimed Ms. Jett as my new adviser (though she was never assigned to me) and her response time was truly impressive to me. However, I do wish I had been told that Ms. Funke no longer was my adviser before I actually needed her help.

Yes, don't require advising. It would make it easier for students with questions about their schedules to meet with their advisors. It would also cut out an unnecessary step to registration for students without questions. Also, make it easier to email advisors. I have no idea who to email with questions.

I know for engineering the Advisors were booked in February all the way through registration so maybe there is a better way to plan advising or maybe one or two more advisors need to be hired for engineering.

The only thing I can think of would be to make sure new advisors to the University have a comprehensive knowledge of the entire curricula for which they are advising. My advisor is new and I felt as if she did not know as much as he probably should have about the classes I will need to take other than what is on the flow chart.

I feel like students should get priority registration based on the GPA not just if they are in Honors College or not.

Email us when registration starts.

Advisers need to know what all course requirements, pre-requisites, & co-requisites are and help students lay out a complete plan up to graduation. Advisers should be familiar with all courses in whichever area they are advising.

I wish that the classes, that are good did not conflict with other classes. Meaning, that some teachers do not need to teach. Engineering Statistics is one example, taught by Paul Ray. Trying to find a teacher that can teach the material properly and thoroughly. The advisers tell us not to take a class b/c that teacher is to be replaced. Then when it's time to take that class, the teacher has not been replaced. This teacher, as stated above, is horrible and the advising staff know this. They tell you not to take them, yet the teacher still has a job.

Ekandrea Tarver is AMAZING. She took time to help me figure out what I needed to take to finish with my degree as soon as possible.

Give Ekandrea a raise! She is awesome.

She's a great advisor!

I wish that I had one faculty advisor from freshman year up to graduation. I feel that I may have finished school faster if I had.

To complete my university honors requirement I only need one more credit hour but the only class offered to complete it is three credit hours. I wish this did not happen that way. Thank you.

Hiring more advisors would put less strain on them and the students by making them more accessible. I'm not sure if all colleges have 900+ students to be advised per advisor like engineering did this semester, but I think that is excessive and detrimental to students and their schedules.

Go back to assigning advisers based on which degree of Engineering we're in, not all of us lumped together. The old model allowed the adviser to be much more knowledgeable about the department, the faculty, the curriculum, and the classes than in the current setup.

Have professors in mandatory departmental classes mention notes about advising

The interface for DegreeWorks is godawful. The faculty can't even figure it out half the time. Its planning interface is clunky, idiosyncratic, and extremely difficult to pick up. It's also horribly laid out; next time, leave layout design for end-user products to the web designers, not the developers.

Ekandrea Terver is the best advisor EVER!!!!

I am a graduating Senior. I reached out to my advisor last semester to make sure everything was in line for me to graduate this upcoming May. Mrs. Burd said it was all good. Turns out I had to pick up an extra class in order to graduate and am now taking 19 very tough hours that could have been avoided. Not satisfied at all with the knowledge of my advisor. Ekandrea Terver is fantastic though and I wish I could have just stuck with her instead of being switched my final semester.
The Chemical Engineering department provides students with a flow chart that is easy to understand, shows the order in which classes must be taken, and gives a suggested schedule for all eight semesters of study. I find that it is a very helpful tool when it comes to advising and choosing classes. Many of my peers in other departments wish they had something similar to use when choosing classes.

There needs to be more advisors available for private sessions.

The fact that I knew more than my pre-med advisor about the classes I needed and what I needed to be doing to get into med school really disappointed me. I make advising appointments to be helped, but every time I go they end up making phone calls to someone else to try to answer my questions. I honestly feel like UA would have more students get accepted into professional/grad schools if the advising here were better.

Also, I specifically told the change of major advisor NOT to change my major, because I just wanted to know what classes to take if I did in fact change my major. A few days later I noticed in DegreeWorks that my major HAD been changed, and I had lost my engineering scholarship. Hire better advisors.

I have a friend who's advisor failed to clear her pin, which kept her from registering on time. As a result, she missed out on several of the classes she wanted to take. Her advisor eventually cleared her pin, but very late, and did nothing to assist her in getting into the classes she would have otherwise gotten. I thought this was very rude and inconsiderate of her advisor.

Need more advisors for college of engineering.

There aren't enough classes for the amount of students we have on this campus. There's only one Biology II class? There has to be more teachers than that...

In order to contact my advisor, I had to email the general engineering advising department email address with my advisor's name in the subject of the email. Because of this, my emails went unnoticed and I was forced to email at least three times before I got a response! The email advising did work for me, but only because I knew from my engineering degree flowchart exactly what I needed to take.

No, everything is great.

Hire more advisors.

It should not be required though it can be helpful.

I have been very displeased with the attitudes of three employees in the engineering department advising process. Each was very rude and unhelpful (had no desire to help either).

For me, it was harder to schedule an appointment to see my counselor because the time slots fill up so quickly. I would suggest adding more counselors in the Engineering department so that everyone can be seen.

I still do not completely agree with the AP credits being included in the student credits for course selection. I believe that the way to determine class selection should be on credits taken at the school only. This method that is in use landed me on two waiting lists because I do not have any AP credits, and most chemical engineering majors do. I, however, am satisfied with the way the waiting list works and with the fact that the school increased the size of a class I was waiting on due to interest level.

Not really. I think it is a very efficient process.

For people who have to take classes together, make it easier to schedule these classes so not everything is on top of each other.

I have never been able to meet with my assigned advisor and have always had to meet with other advisors. I was trying to get into a different section of a class this semester that was full so I signed up for a different time. Later on I noticed the class wasn't empty and tried to register for it but could only register for the wait list. I wasn't able to be put on the waitlist unless I gave up my currently spot in the section I signed up for originally. I emailed my advisor to see if I could get some sort of override and she just told me there is nothing I can do unless you give up your spot meaning I could end up not in either of the sections of the class that I need for my major. My advisor and every other engineering advisor has come across as not being helpful and not really knowing the curriculum well enough to advise the students well.

The advising appointments are often booked for long durations of time, so I usually just email my advisor and ask for an appointment. Perhaps this could be made easier, but overall I am happy with the process.

More advisors, 900 students to one advisor doesn't work.

A lot of students know what they need to take for their next semester simply by following their flowcharts, looking at DegreeWorks, and finding available courses online. I think advisors should be there if advice is needed, but mandatory advising when it isn't needed is a waste of time for the student and faculty.

More feedback.
My academic advisor, Ms. Tarver, is always very friendly and helpful during advising sessions. She is always more than happy to help me fit all the classes I need into my schedule.

Removing the hold for registration would be excellent because I did not require any special advising but still had to jump through hoops in order to register.

Advising should not be required.

Creating more group advising sessions for the College of Engineering.

Assign teachers to the schedule before we have to register

I just wish it wasn’t mandatory. It is set up so that I can’t register for classes until I get “cleared” to do so by the advising office. I pick what courses I need very easily by just looking at material provided online and have never needed advising. Every semester it’s just a hassle trying to get cleared for registration. It would be cool if I could just come in if I had any questions. I don’t appreciate being forced to figure out how to get cleared for registration every semester. Last year I was able to sign an “advising waiver” form, but even getting that and having to turn it in on time was a hassle. In conclusion, my life would be made a lot easier if the advising department did not “hold me hostage” by withholding my ability to register for classes.

I would love to see more communication between colleges and departments (i.e. Engineering and Arts and Sciences) because my core classes are from both the Chemistry Department and Chemical and Biological Engineering Departments, yet classes still seem to conflict. I have had a great experience with my engineering advisor though.

More times for a student to meet personally with an advisor. My free periods always conflicted with my advisors so I never even got to talk to her

UA should find a way to have study abroad students’ current coursework on file so they won’t have problems registering while abroad.

It was much easier for me to just talk with professors in my department and figure everything out myself I feel like that should be an option

Easier to register for classes when taking a prerequisite as a transient student

I think the process will get better as the engineering advisors become more acquainted with the system and the requirements.

I wish my advisor had been more helpful is discussing career options, but she was able to direct me to people who could be of assistance so I suppose it evened out.

There needs to be more flexibility with course offerings. Classes fill extremely quickly to capacity causing registration to be very stressful.

The course catalog can be very confusing. For instance, if I wanted to find all the PSC classes then it’s hard to find one solid link that list out a description of every course. I usually have to google “University of Alabama (insert department here)” and see if it will link me to the course catalog. Maybe if degree works had descriptions of courses and flowcharts/basic timelines.

There shouldn’t be Honors Classes set aside just for incoming Freshmen (apart from the FYE classes or things like that). Doing this penalizes students that are already here by limiting the Honors Courses available that fit with our schedules. Also it is frustrating when the instructor or location of the class is TBA, it makes it difficult to plan if I will have enough time to get from one course to the next.

Fewer things to override online.

No comments. Satisfied with advising.

The advisors and students should have a more personal relationship. They should know each other to some degree.

My advisor was surprised when I told her about a scheduling conflict between 2 important, required classes.

I understand that it is difficult for the advisors to get to all of the students before registration. Maybe having a few more would be helpful. Also, I like the idea of having one advisor for each engineering department rather than breaking it up by last name. I would like to have an advisor who knows my requirements - knows the classes inside and out - someone who knows more than I do, basically. I don’t think I’ve really had an advisor like that yet. I am pretty self-sufficient when it comes to registration, but only because I have a flowchart to go off of and a good idea of what I can handle. I would personally like to be able to talk with my advisor about whether my major is the right fit; I realize that might be something better addressed with the pre-health advisors or the career center, but I sometimes wish I had that reliable resource to go to.

The College of Engineering needs more advisors. I had to schedule an appointment 3 weeks in advance just to get an appointment before my registration date.

No additional comments
I am kind of ticked about the order of who gets to pick their classes first. I understand that honors college has priority registration (I am on honors college suspension :/) but I don't think that honors college freshmen/rising sophomores should be able to pick classes over a rising Junior. I have had to rearrange my schedule for when I take classes multiple times now because I have not been able to get into a class because of kids who are junior to me in hours but have the priority registration. It's absolutely ridiculous and frustrating because not only do I really have to overload my summer this year (using both terms), but also possibly the next fall, spring, and another 2 additional summer terms. In my opinion, it should alternate between honors college and regular decision by hour (so Honors College seniors pick, then regular seniors, then honors juniors, then juniors, etc.). Thanks for hearing me out.

Hire more advisors so that there is not a lack of spots for private sessions

Could not sign up for a class that my advisor told me to sign up for; emailed and asked for an override and never received a response.

I would just like to say that my advisor, Erin Jett has always been very helpful and prompt in responding to me, and she has made choosing classes very easy.

Make sure the person at the front desk makes it clear that you have to type your student number into the computer before your appointment. I missed my first appointment because they did not tell me to do so.

I have had a great experience with advising so far! My advisor seems to know a lot about my major and how much I can handle in a semester!

Have a booklet that lists all the available classes that UA has to offer and a description with what the classes entail.

Great, easy process!

I would like to have been assigned a specific advisor for my time here that I always use instead of just whoever is available.

There is an unacceptably poor ratio of advisors to students. It is difficult if not impossible to make an advising appointment even months in advance of registration for both fall and spring semesters. Advisors can only see so many students and from my experience it has been much too difficult to find an appointment. When looking for an appointment last semester I was unable to find one and had to be advised via email. This semester I also had difficulty finding an appointment and only by luck did I visit the advising office on a day that walk-in advising sessions were available. Sheer happenstance was the only reason I received an appointment. The walk-in sessions were not announced directly nor were they put on the advising website. It is my opinion that students benefit greatly from speaking to an advisor directly and I believe that ample opportunity should be provided for that to occur.

Hire more employees so they may adequately advise all students

The advising should be optional. It is nothing but a hassle for me to get my pin cleared. I knew the classes I wanted and it was a waste of time for me and my advisor to simply go in and clear the PIN. Do away with required advising, those that need it get it anyway and those that don't need it are frustrated by the time it takes because everyone must meet. This leads to a filled schedule for the advisors causing many meetings to be pushed back to behind the first allowed registration day, causing many classes to be booked and requiring a change of schedule.

Make sure your advisors are well versed in the college that they are supposed to be advising in. My advisor flat out told me that she didn't know much about the college of engineering and its requirements. She did not answer any of my questions sufficiently and I left the meeting feeling very unfulfilled. Possibly get more advisors because it is nearly impossible to schedule a private session with an advisor in the College of Engineering. Also try to keep the same advisors for each student. I have been here for two semesters and met with two different advisors so I have found it hard to build a relationship. It is important that students feel that they can ask their advisors questions and they will have enough information to answer them sufficiently. At this point I feel like meeting with an advisor does nothing for me as a student, it is a mere formality. If it isn't going to serve its purpose of helping me make informed decisions about my classes, then I suggest we not do it at all.

Warning earlier to schedule advising appointments to prevent crowding

Go back to the engineering advising system. 900 students to one advisor is stupid.

Graduating!!! Keep it personal though.

I would prefer to be assigned a specific faculty member of the department of chemical engineering to assist with advising starting freshman year (or at the official declaration of major, when applicable).

I'm GRADUATED!!!! wOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

Many of the Chemical Engineering required upper level classes are only offered once a year, during one time slot. This leads little flexibility for students wanting to take one semester off due to whatever reason or for students who fail a class their senior fall (they can't simply retake this class in the spring).
Making advising required is a hassle and a waste of time especially for juniors and seniors. If students can figure out how to make their schedule without the help of an advisor they should be allowed to and not be required to go to advising in order to register for classes. This year when I went to my advising appointment I did not even see my advisor. A student (not even in the college of engineering) copied the classes I had written down on a sheet of paper into degree works and checked the box that cleared me for registration. It was a complete waste of time. Do not make advising required to register for classes. We are in college and should be able to figure out scheduling on our own by now.

There needs to be more advisors for the college of Engineering. I was unable to get a private session because there were no slots. And emailing my advisor did not work sufficiently. I wanted a one on one session but was unable to get one.

Providing training for the advisors so they know what is going on. ALSO, a more efficient system of obtaining overrides would be nice. I don’t enjoy being sent to 5 different people because no one knows what to do. This seems to be a common issue with Engineering advising.

Quite frankly, we don’t really need advisers. I am an engineering major and it is pretty simple for me to follow a flow-chart, or look at a catalog. I have always found getting “cleared” by an adviser pointless and I always seem to have to jump through hoops. Also, when I actually did seek help of an adviser, she asked if I filled out a DegreeWorks planner (which I hadn’t at the time) so she refused to speak with me in her office and offered no assistance.

Timeliness is key.

Don’t put registration times during class times. I had to register at 2pm and had to miss a very important test review to be competitive. :(

Make advising not required for upperclassmen, it’s a waste of time because it is much more helpful to ask faculty about classes rather than the advisers if you have questions.

The chemical engineering department used to do advising, but now all engineering students are advised through engineering services. It was much more helpful being advised by professors who knew the specifics of our curriculum.

It is better for an advisor to be part of the major. That way they know more about the courses and the different tracks students can follow. Then, they can let students know what to do step by step.

Faster responses would be nice.

I can’t think of any, the only reason I’m not completely satisfied is because my time was too late to get spots in popular classes, and I know that’s just how it works.

I don’t have any problem with advising. I just don’t like how the classes I need do not fit with each other on the schedule.

Advising and registration were fine, but I’d like it if the different colleges and departments better coordinated their scheduling. It seems that they assign most classes to the same time slots, leaving me with times where I have to choose between a few classes and times where I can’t find anything to occupy the space in my schedule.

The advisor program here sucks. The advisors do not know what they are talking about and DegreeWorks is only accurate 90 percent of the time. First off the advisor secretaries are some of the meanest women on campus. God forbid you need five seconds of advice from an advisor. They will send you away even if you have been sent there by the dean of your department because they are booked 17 days in advance. Bring back professor advising along with the advisors. The advisor program should be for students that have not been able to build a connection with any professors in their department.

I never got a firm understanding of the requirements until too late. advisors my freshman year did a poor job let students know more clearly what they need to take to graduate.

None, my advisor, Erin Hughes, was really helpful and actually listened to my needs.

The College of Engineering needs more advisors!

There’s only one advisor for OM and MIS in the business school, and she runs out of slots for advising, so if you don’t make an appointment at the very beginning of the semester, you won’t have a very good shot of getting in before registration opens. I think it would be better if OM and MIS each had their own advisor.

Yes.

More engineering advisors. With my 19 hour schedule, I couldn’t meet with my advisor, even though I wanted to. I enjoy meeting with my advisor face to face, she is extremely helpful, but she didn’t ever have open spots to meet during the times I was free. We need more advisors with time to actually ADVISE students face to face.

For the college of engineering, the website to schedule an advising appointment is not well made. It is almost impossible to find a time so I have to email my advisor to set up an appointment.
Some time the class ends at exact time when the class starts, but can’t register those class... This really should be fixed. EX) ART110 3:15~6:30 CER 220: 6:30~9:00, BUT can’t register both.

Don’t let the students pick when they want to get advised. Give them a time when they have an open block in their schedule and the ability to contact their adviser if they have a conflict. Its more work on the university’s/department’s part but doing it this way would even out the adviser’s schedule so that they wont have 50kids all on one day but 3 on another.

For me, advising gets in my way. I fully understand how to use the catalog and DegreeWorks. Having to contact my advisor who doesn’t know this is such a drag. She’s incredibly difficult to get in touch with. I’ve never even met the woman despite going to her office before. She takes an unacceptable amount of time to correspond. This is a problem for time-sensitive issues. She didn’t clear me for registration despite the fact that she told me that I was. I remember explicitly asking her. Not all of the course listings list their restrictions in the description—particularly the online classes. I was going to take all online classes, because I was planning on living in Orlando next semester. The descriptions didn’t say that I couldn’t enroll in them. When I tried registering for classes, I was only able to register for one online class, so I had to unexpectedly completely change my life plans for the rest of the year because of it. It’s not as easy to wait-list a class as it was when I was a freshman (2010/2011).

Let me be advised by someone in my department.

Ekandrea Tarver, my advisor, always responds to me in a timely manner and has good knowledge about my requirements for my major. Because of her I basically know my plan until I graduate!

Better accommodations for classes that are core prerequisites. Instead of having students have to wait for 2-3 semesters to take a core class, which can set them back in their degree planning, find another available room to open up more slots in the class.

Make registration sooner in the semester

Make it easier to find advisor’s email on College of Arts and Sciences website. I had to call around to a few different people to find out what it was. Would be great if there was an online way to schedule an appointment with the advisor as well.

Courses for certain majors only very early and hard to fit them all in

A better prioritization of wait list order or student prerequisite needs would be beneficial for easing chokepoints in prerequisite chains.

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Some required courses of mine have time conflict in the same semester. I have to separate them into two semester. Then it will delay my schedule.

Maybe posting the emails of the advisors on the main academic page of mybama.

I wish advisers would check up on you and freely be able to chat with for advising purposes.

Degree works could be a little less confusing. It takes a while of playing around to figure it out and it is still complicated.

Improve advisor knowledge of additional degree programs like 5 year master’s for engineering majors.

Advising should not be required. It’s handy, but often unnecessary.

I think the advising process is pointless when everything is on degree works. I hate trying to make an appointment to meet with my advisor because all the time slot be full and you have to wait two weeks before you actually see him/her. After you make the appointment within the next two weeks you forget about it. We should know what classes we want to take and don’t need advising to do so.

Don’t schedule coreq classes at the same time if there is only one class of each offered!

Make it so that AP classes and classes that I petition to be exempt from always count as successfully completing prereqs, because I have that problem every now and then and it’s both annoying and nerve wracking to deal with.

No, But Why would ya’ll drop all waitlists for the fall semester on the 9 of may? Doesn’t make any since. I was on a wait list that had 2 people on it for a class I really need and now some jerk may take my spot if a slot opens up.

Advising session was smooth and seemed quite ordinary until I realized the day before registration that they had not cleared me at all, and thankfully I was able to fix the problem before I missed my registration date. This should not have been a problem in the first place.

Everything is moving towards automation. The many programs and web applications are the most useful in my opinion and the advisers are key to answering many questions. The next step would be a program that set up a four year schedule and adjusted itself based on preferences and grades each semester.
My advisor does not have a background in engineering, which makes it difficult for me to trust their opinions on courses. They are very overbooked.

I greatly dislike the engr advising. The adviser know little to nothing about my major. Because of this I took a lot of unnecessary difficult classes last semester, which made my GPA drop. Because of this ill advising I might have to drop off of UA because I can’t pay for tuition out of pocket.

My advisor does now have enough time to meet with everyone when it gets close to registering for classes, so maybe add on another advisor.

I feel that the advising system is highly flawed at the University and that I’m pretty much on my own when it comes to class selection and making sure I graduate within a sufficient time period. On the other side of things though, the coop program I feel goes above and beyond to make sure we sign up for classes and are on track to graduate. I give great credit to them.

The adviser didn’t remove the advising hold on my account after getting advised, so I had to sign up for classes later than I wanted. I woke up early to sign up for classes at 7am, and was asked for a pin. I had to wait an hour (8am) before I could call someone to help me with my problem. About 2 hours later (10am) I was notified that I could finally sign up for classes. Despite the issues, I still got all the classes I wanted, so, although it was inconvenient, it didn’t hurt me in the long run.

For number’s 6 and 7, I used the academic flowchart for my major.

Have more contact with students (freshmen especially) so they will understand what the long-term impact of every academic decision they make will be. That way there will be less “Oh, I can just drop the class? Sweet!’ 3 years later - ‘Weird, it’s going to take me six years to graduate...’” moments. But besides that, doing a great job! My advising is always effortless and quick.

More advisors.

There are entirely too few advisors and I have never been able to meet with mine personally, nor was I allowed to ask a question of another advisor when mine was out for weeks on leave last semester. I always seek advice from a trusted professor of mine because I have never had an opportunity to actually be advised before or during registration by a designated student advisor.

During my advising session, all I do is write down the classes I am supposed to take based on my department’s flowchart (without which I would be completely clueless as to what classes I am supposed to be taking), and someone takes my list, checks to see if I am following the flowchart, and sends me off. Any question I ask, I am directed back to this flowchart, so I receive no other input unless I go elsewhere; as I stated before, I end up going to a professor and ask their advice.

the class I wanted was closed before I was eligible to register

for engineering majors, you really need to students to get advised by their actual departmental professors, or at the very least someone who knows the ins and outs of the major

There is a need for more than 4 Engineering advisors, given that there are many thousands of engineering students who need assistance or have questions about their academic plans for the future

I was unaware of walk in advising until I had already been advised and we didn’t discuss much into the future.

Getting an override for credit hours should be simpler and built into the advising process

Get more engineering advisers. There are not enough. I have friends in other departments who can just walk in whenever they want. I know this is unreasonable for engineering but I want to be able to at least schedule an appointment. They are always full.

Yes, in the future, insuffice that classes that are mandatory co-requisites are not scheduled at overlapping times. This caused a problem for me and several other Co-Op students at my work location because we could not register for a certain class and that would have put us behind a half year. After contacting department heads several times, we finally got the class’s time bumped back 30 minutes so we could take it. Also, my adviser did not seem to understand this problem. It was as if she knew what courses I needed to take without actually knowing if I could take them (referring to the time-overlap problem here). Also, in the online registration system, classes that are mandatory co-requisites should be able to be registered at the same time. When I submitted my CRN’s (there were four of them, two co-req’s, two unrelated) I was given an error stating I did not have the proper prerequisites to take the class, which was not true because the prerequisites were for classes I had taken and received an “A” for over a year ago. Thanks

I would appreciate having more options for the ECE programming classes. There is usually only one class and one teacher, and both this semester and next I’m going to have a professor with an extremely thick accent in a class where the concepts themselves are already very difficult to understand.
The only concern I have is the issue that comes up when an “alternate pin” is needed to be cleared. It took a while to contact my advisor and I scheduled later than intended.

Require advisers to be more than box checkers that you have all your required classes, to actually ask if there are questions as to why the flowcharts are the way they are, make sure students know what they are doing.

I am a transfer student. At Bama Bound, my advisor (Mrs. Jett), informed me that there was nothing I could do about a transfer credit that didn’t transfer in. After I had completed a class that should have transferred in, I learned through another transfer student that all I had to do is file a petition for that class. So I am not at all satisfied with the help I received from my advisor.

My advisor’s e-mail automatically replies that she is very busy with registration e-mails and that it may take her a couple days to respond to individual messages. This auto response started in February. If she is really that busy there needs to be more advisors for the college of engineering. Also, either the advisors need to be more educated or the curriculum needs to be more clear about classes that are the equivalent to the specifically listed requirements.

Change the drop date to later in the semester. There is absolutely no sense in having the drop date halfway through the semester. That is not conducive to anybody on this campus, or any campus for that matter. The only people that is designed to help is the campus staff. Not the faculty because they have no say so in the matter. I’ve went to several different campus’ and found that other colleges have their drop date about 2 to 3 weeks before the final exam schedule. How do you expect me know after a test or two and a few home work problems how I am going to fair in the class for the semester. The drop date being so early in the semester is complete ludacris. Try helping the average student out. But wait, there are no “average people” making these decisions. The decision makers make the decisions that will make their job easier, not the people that they are so called “here to help”

Let me do it myself.

Due to limited availability of classes I need, I am having to drop my double major. If I would have known that I wouldn’t be able to double major I would have graduated a year earlier. It is very difficult to know which semesters classes will be available and to try to plan accordingly.

Departments need to work together more for people getting double majors. I ran into problems with the engineering and mathematics department. Some classes are not able to count for professional electives when other departments allow double majors to count a professional elective as a class from their double major.

Yes, would rather have and advisor with a background similar to that which the students they are advising has.

I suggest that advisors email students back before three weeks goes by.

Make sure required prerequisites are up to date before students try to register. Advisors need to know if certain degrees are exempt from taking certain prereqs. It took me two full days to register for the classes I needed because overrides were needed that weren’t caught by advisors and class information was out of date.

End mandatory advising. It is a waste of time and money.

ME

No comment, just a compliment. Erin Hughes advised me this freshman year and she is a phenomenal advisor.

Nope, everything is pretty good.

In my first semester I was placed in math 112 instead of math 115 and I am now a semester behind.

Simple process.

Offer night classes (i.e.- past 5 p.m.) for students who need more flexible times for classes.

I think it would be helpful to be advised later in the semester as in February I wasn’t really sure how well all my current classes were going so it was hard to gage how much was too much for next semester.

I strongly suggest to have something like a ready made plan by the university for the freshman international students. It helps them better not to fall in the wrong course and as a result get a low GPA. Which exactly what happens with me.

Adding classes to certain required subjects that only two classes available. Primarily the ones that only have 8:00am and 9:00am classes.

Have an email that response fast and have a key to tell you what the restriction and tells you how to fix it.

Make overrides permanent.

Making sure students know who their advisors are would be nice.

I know it is hard but I wish there were more sections available for engineering technical courses. It can be very frustrating to not be able to take the classes you want because they interfere with classes you need.
My advisor seemed very condescending, and was little to no help to me.

The online appointment selection was filled up both this semester and last semester when I was trying to schedule a time to meet with my advisor. Both times my advisor indicated that they still had some availabilities when I emailed them. Maybe a more up to date calendar that syncs cancelations so that the online appointment selection can be more accurate as to how many spots advisors have left would be helpful.

I have no problems with the advising process. Since it is necessary, I'm glad its at least painless and simple via email.

The flow chart provided by the mechanical engineering office is very useful and simplifies picking classes.

No, I have been very pleased with the advising and registration process at UA.

I think that academic advising is completely useless and needs to be optional. Every time I go to get advised I walk in with my scheduling already complete and just get a signature and leave. I understand the importance of it, but it should have options to make it able to be skipped.

More class times to choose from for each class

The majority of the advising/registrar staff are utterly incompetent. The advising center was no help, having zero knowledge of what was even part of my majors requirements, much less having any actual advise on what classes to take. In addition, on multiple occasions, two or more classes that were placed in the same semester on the flow chart are not offered in the same semester due to “scheduling conflicts beyond our control”. However, on more than one occasion I have personally found an alternate solution to the supposed conflicts, and have had them fixed accordingly. The people in charge of deciding when to schedule classes seem to put little-to-no effort into actually making a plan schedule that is beneficial to the students, but rather one that takes less effort and thought. Seeing as I am more qualified to be an adviser than most of the people currently on your payroll, I would “advise” you to hire someone to take control of the advising and registration process who is more fit for the job.

Start the individual advising sessions as freshmen. This is the first semester where I actually had someone seem to care about what classes I was taking and which ones I need to take to finish still. Also first time I heard that my “four year scholarship” only applies for eight semesters, which would have been nice to know from the start.

Group advising is a joke. I know is is the easiest way for the university to advise. But it is the least helpful for students. Get rid of group advising. Or just make advising optional.

Was advised in a group session and was told I was cleared. Then on the day of registration, found out that I had not been cleared. Had to email several people and finally was cleared an hour before my registration.

There needs to be a better notification of when private advising opens/starts, possibly to the extent of adding a separate “scheduling” or “advising” tab on MyBama.

Let faculty advise again. Hardly anyone can get appointments because there are only 4 people in the college of engineering that are allowed to advise. 3900 students/4 advisors equals almost one thousand students per advisor. Ridiculous.

Use the flowchart; its much simpler that way.

Good

Not all students need to see advisor for every semester. Should not be required to see advisor to unlock registration.

More private sessions would be great. They’re almost impossible to get, yet what everyone would prefer.

More engineering advisors. Planning out your future can be as tedious as some engineering problems!

I think that a more personal relationship needs to be formed between advisors and students. I have friends at other schools that are always talking about meetings with advisor to get help about the future planning classes and outside of school. I felt that I just went in they put down a few classes into degrees works and then sent me on my way to just get the next student’s mybama open for registration. I feel that I have no real idea where my classes are going and if I Need to plan for summer classes or have room for CO-OP or internships. What my options are for grad school and just get help planning because I have no clue.

Please hurry and get a new advisor for Engineering. I don’t know my advisor’s name because she left and there is no one to replace her, so getting advised was harder this semester.

I think that more advisers in the engineering department would be helpful. We were asked to do advising via email this semester because they were so busy, but I never heard back from my adviser after emailing her 3 times, so I went to an open advising session instead. It wasn’t really a problem, but they seem to be really swamped.

No (required) advising. It’s a pain.

More classes should be available in May, and the Engineering college should offer more classes later than 8 or 9 am.

Advisors should be more available to help students with such matters as honors societies and determining which professors would be the best fit for a student’s individual goals.
Hire more advisors. Too many students for amount of current advisors.

Not allowing student to lock up seats in classes that then later drop putting people like my self on three wait lists and I am only taking four classes for a total of 14 hours.

Have more advisors along with the ones already hired.

Less conflict between certain core classes: For example, Statics and Thermodynamics I, the 10 o’clock class times conflicted so I had to schedule around that, even though these are two classes that often go hand in hand.

This was the first time in my college career I was actually advised in that she acknowledged my position and offered really good suggestions. For my freshman year and up to now advising was “you haven’t done this yet?” and the equivalent of “Yup that looks good”. This was a much better experience.

Advising via email would be much easier and would allow for advising to be done at any time. Certain circumstances should require face-to-face advising, but I think that such advising (private or as a group) should generally be optional with email being the default means.

I did not know that course selection advising had started this past semester until almost too late. If there could be brief and clear emails (like 2 sentences if that) just to get the idea out to start thinking about the registration process. We get a lot of emails from the University everyday that are so wordy and its easy to miss emails sent. If there is something easy to skim it will make a louder message.

I had to meet with her secretary because she was completely overbooked. Hire more advisors.

Provide classes that do not a seating capacity for a certain time; then work for that, allowing students to get into their desired class and time.

I have no suggestions because my advisor is awesome!

Priority first

Usually, some classes fulled very fast, when I was eligible to register those courses, they were fulled.

So, is there any possible to open more seats for some classes?

Hire more advisors so that we can actually get a private advising session. This si the second semester in a row that I have not been able to meet with my advisor. I pay $4900 out of pocket to this school each semester and you dont have time to meet with me? Yeah....

I had a pleasant experience with my advisor this year. She worked to make sure I was in the right courses for the fall and pointed me in the right direction on a few of the complications I had with my courses.

I think that soe of the faculty do not like wasting time with students making their schedule. Most of the time I walked in and the advisor signed my sheet and I walked straight out.

Give us the ability to request overrides or to make petitions related to coursework online. If a problem arises then make it necessary to see someone in the department in question.

Since I am a transfer student, I have had some complications with classes when registering and need to meet with an advisor. Thankfully, a dedicated faculty member from the mechanical engineering department assisted me with the overrides I needed. Every student should at least have the opportunity to meet with his/her advisor. If needed, advising should start shortly after school starts. I had to visit several departments just to acquire my advisor’s email address. And at the present time, I have still not even met her. I find this very unsatisfactory and in desperate need of improvement.

not really, everything was good

Overall, the advising process has become a tedious obstacle to be circumnavigated every semester. It should serve those who need advising, not those who can self advise. I like the addition of email advising offered to me this semester, it saved much time. To those who understand their courses, it should not be required.

In engineering, advising past freshman year is largely unnecessary. The flow charts and other materials are very specific, and while I don’t know about the other colleges, I know that in engineering, optional advising would be preferable.

Advising is usually a hassle and advisors do not always know what they are doing- I had to change my schedule for my brother, who is a freshman, because his advisor did not tell him to take any computer science classes even though he is minoring in it and would not have been able to graduate in 4 years if he did not take at least 1 of his early level computer science courses. I have never heard a fellow student refer to advising as anything but a nuisance, and at least in engineering, everyone I know already knows what they need to do to graduate on time.

My experience with advising in the engineering department has shown that the various staff members that have advised me have not put much thought or effort into helping me with my schedule. I showed my plan to an advisor, who approved it, and then later had to find out from my peers that two of the classes weren’t even offered the semester I had them listed for.
The university advising is terrible. I have had problems with the advising system since I was a freshman. I was poorly advise and as a result I will be graduating in five years instead of four. Several times I have been advise and then noticed that I have to take a different class or it will postpone my graduation even further. The current advisors need to take their job more seriously.

Make sure classes are open when registration starts. Some classes for the fall are not yet open but are classes I would like to take.

Offer more engineering courses over the summer and multiple instructors teaching ME 460 in the fall!

The registration process is CONFUSING and there is no structure! Also, the college of engineering has hired some random people to do the advising now. This is stupid because they do NOT know the courses whatsoever! Terrible.

MTE

More advisors for engineering. I was not able to get an appointment with mine and I had to e-advice.

Please continue to have private advising sessions as an option.

There are not enough advisors for the college of engineering, in my opinion. There was no way I could have met with my advisor face to face before it was time to register.

I am still advised by a faculty member from my department and I am very satisfied with that system.

Degree works needs to understand the scholars program. Needs to find a way to show which classes can count towards both undergraduate and graduate degree.

When you taking a class in the summer(Physics, PHY 105) that is a prerequisite for a fall class(Statics, AEM 201) there should be a way to register for the fall class without having to go to your department and having to wait for an over ride to go through.

UDEG

More time to actually meet with students personally. Hire more advisors if you have to. I have never even met my advisor in person because she never has any appointments available. Luckily I have seen the planner for my major’s requirements so I know what classes to take.

My advisor was not friendly and possibly not accurate.

During this first school year, I have strongly considered changing my field of study from engineering to biology. When I asked my advisor (via email) if I could apply for an arts/sciences scholarship to replace my current engineering scholarship, I was not given a satisfactory amount of information on the subject. I understand that some information is difficult to provide, but I was disappointed in how difficult the process was made to seem.

Get more of them so they are not overworked with 1,000 + students!

Answer the phone or return the phone call

Interdisciplinary advising would be nice, since there does not seem to be much communication between the art department and the engineering advisors, for example.

wooooooo!

Roll Tide
Human Environmental Sciences

AT

4171  Offer more classes in the HES department.
4180  The process for registering for classes is annoying and somewhat unfair.
4189  No, everything is great!
4191  Make sure all advisors are educated with the same material so a student is not told multiple things
4193  If your advisor writes out a plan for you to register for certain classes the advisor we usually talk to should be able to give overrides if needed. This would help many students and the faculty. I usually have to talk to about three or more people before I can register for the classes my advisor and I have decided I need to take.
4198  Make honors classes either larger or provide more. It's nearly impossible to have an UH 210 fine art that fits in your schedule.
4200  My advisor failed to inform me of class restriction overrides and I am now in the process of getting that done and I am very unsatisfied.
4203  Make sure to offer extra classes or more spots available for certain classes.
4210  Advisors need to be more knowledgable about Honors College requirements.
4214  I love the way advisors in HES are flexible with meeting times. Really great!
4219  I think there should be more times for some of the classes. My class schedule is really spread out on certain days. UA should approve more classes that transfer students come in with. My forensic science class from the school that I transferred from transferred as an elective so I have to take another lab science. That class should've transferred as a lab science. UA should be more accommodating to transfer students.

ATHT

4225  registration status and time of first available registration period should be sent in an email alert

CSM

4239  Dr. Jan Brakefield is the best! She is very detailed and knowledgable. She even directed me to another adviser in the Business school so I can graduate in 4.
4241  PLEASE hire actual employees who’s primary responsibility is advising. NOT just professors who are sometimes, maybe available for advising. In 2 years I was unable to see my official advisor because my out of class schedule conflicted with her teaching schedule. I did have my designated “advisor” for 2 classes. She is a great teacher, but that does not guarantee her to be a great advisor. Maybe she is, I just never had a chance to find out. I was forced to speak with whoever was available, which did not allow me to develop any relationship or trust. Mrs. Fulmer was the one I had to turn to most of the time for “advising.” She has been wonderful. With that said, unfortunately teachers are just that. Their primary responsibility is teaching, which means they are always rushing through “advising” sessions so they can get to their next class. They do the best they can, unfortunately it is the students who suffer. A person who’s primary responsibility is advising would greatly benefit the students. Maybe a person with contacts in the business world who could actually advise students on the best companies and avenues to use in finding jobs after graduation. The best I have heard from any faculty member is “go to the Career Fair.”
As a returning student, who has been in the business world for quite a while, I find myself constantly answering questions and giving advice to my classmates on how the real world actually works. It seems as though there is a disconnect The University fails to close. Most students have no idea how to take the next step after college. Other colleges within the University help students meet with recruiters and teach them how to find jobs within their field. If this exists within the Consumer Science school, well, maybe I just didn’t know a about it. If I didn’t know about it, how many others have gone without this information. I love Consumer Science but there are holes which could be filled. On a side note, how about teach a class more than just one semester a year. God forbid, HES actually have a night class. Roll Tide, Sam Davidson
4243  No everything was great
4244  Mrs. Penecost is a great advisor and instructor! She does such a wonderful job and she has made me feel welcome as an online student. She respond to my emails according and provide me with great advice. Keep up the good work! :)
4245  My advisor is great! She is very helpful and goes the extra mile to help me meet my goals.
Dr. Reddoch did an excellent job in working with me, and was very professional. Thank you!

I think it is insane how many night classes that are available. Some of them are the only option for me to complete a required course. I also think there should be more availability for online courses. I think anyone should be able to take any 100 level course that does not have prerequisites.

ECHS

need more class times available

I love my advisor and was very satisfied with our discussion of my major, possible career options, and upcoming course schedule.

Do not give an advisor that cannot recommend what you need to do or take because they have not been at Alabama and are unsure what to tell you.

No...all went very well

My advising experience was great!

Advisors should be able, during our advising session, to complete the advising worksheet required for VA. Each advising session, I have to fill it out, scan it, email it to her, then she has to fax to them, and then I have to verify they received it. I am a distance learning student and it would make it easier and more efficient if this was either online, or something she can do on the phone with me then to fax to them.

Advising always steers me in the right direction and I gladly appreciate the effort of the professors doing so.

No comments at this time. My advisor has been excellent with assisting me with my classes and I really appreciate her for caring.

I would like to be more aware of requirements needed to be prepared for an internship. Others, as well as myself, may not have a general awareness of when I need to prepare and apply for one.

Registration during class times is stressful when you are in class and afterwards classes are closed. Register when you aren't in class is preferred

give us more chances to ask questions and meet with them longer. or have more then one advising session

I wish I did not have to go to the building just to sign up, but could sign up online.

I think that the whole process for distance students is extremely lacking and confusing. From the very beginning of my registration process I have had to be the one calling, e-mailing and asking questions and was always sent to the wrong department (admissions says to speak with advising, advising says to speak with financial aid, etc.) By the time I finally “met” with my adviser there was only two weeks left before classes started. I think that there should be some sort of orientation for distance students to attend online that will EASILY walk them through the process. When a new student first logs into the mybama site there's an overload of information and we have no idea where to go. The school itself is great, the instructors thus far have been excellent, but the initial process of registering and advising does not reflect the school very well at all.

The process has worked for me thus far. Keep up the good work!

Offer more seats in upper level classes and online classes.

I like my advisor but her hours are VERY Limited and she can be hard to reach. Because of this we had to email back and forth, which I did get somethings resolved. It would have been nice to have an appointment with her to go over my program and college path, which as a NEW transfer student I have Not had yet. I have only emailed with her general questions here and there. When I do email with her she is very helpful. So while I am happy with her I am unhappy about availability. Thank you.

I think my advisor didn't know the requirements for the Bachelors to Masters within the same program admission type to graduate school.

Being a distance student along with working with the VA department (using the GI Bill) is difficult at times due to the fact that you need to plan on getting with your adviser every semester then trying to get forms signed by your adviser (they are busy cause they have to speak with all their students) to get back to the VA department and waiting on forms from the VA department to get to your transient school is a big hassle. Last semester I was dropped from courses because I couldn't get all the forms signed and to/from the right people. If you are a Jr. or Sr. you shouldn't have to set up time with your adviser every semester.
Some classes that are back to back cannot be reached in ten minutes. For instance, I have an 8am class at Doster and a 9am class in Shelby. My teacher in my 8am class lets us out at 8:50am, but I cannot walk to Shelby in 10 minutes, despite being an able-bodied, fairly athletic student. This makes me consistently late to my organic chemistry class in Shelby, and my late arrival not only disrupts the class, but also inhibits me from gathering the information discussed at the beginning of class. Perhaps our administration could consider increasing the amount of time in between classes? Also, my general knowledge of DegreeWorks is poor. Many things on this survey I had never heard about before.

Force all Department faculty to be up to date on all classes. My department changes a bunch of classes and my advisor had me taking classes that don’t exist or are distance only. I was also missing classes I need to be taking. If I was a freshman, it would be whatever; however, this is planning my senior year. These little errors are a big deal. Also, degree works needs to be updated when major course are changes. My degree works still says I need classes that don’t exist.

Before I got into the HES College, I was being advised in a group session, essentially doing the work myself. This was an absolute mess, and I highly advise to try to get rid of all group advising across campus.

Many of the courses I planned on taking for the Fall 2013 semester were unavailable. I had to redo my planner in DegreeWorks because of this, and I wish more classes would have been offered.

I would’ve been extremely satisfied if there was more classes available to take over summer and if they weren’t already filled by people who have more credits than me, despite if they already have received a bachelor’s degree before. However, the Pros outweigh the cons and I’m very satisfied with the University of Alabama overall! The faulty here are very nice and easy to work with—always in a great mood. I’m happy to be earning my degree from UA!

I like the academic advising. I don’t like the really small online class size. Sometimes we need the online classes to graduate in 4 years, which looks good for the University, because the classes overlap so much.

A recommended order of courses to take would be good.

Before changing over to the HES college, I was in the education college. I just want to say their advising is terrible. Also there needs to be more Pre Health majors because students like me have trouble with knowing what classes we need to take to get into physical therapy school. Also I have heard and experienced an adviser not knowing answers to any of my questions. I feel as though the advising lacks on knowledge and knowledge of who they might be able to refer a student to if unable to answer their question.

The system was slow and I had to keep refreshing the page while choosing classes so I wasn’t able to get into a honors course.

Allow more openings in classes so students do not need to be put on wait lists so often.

More room in honors classes and have advisors in every college know Pre Health requirements.

I have been quite disappointed with UA in general so far. I am into my second semester here. I am a distant student attempting to do everything online. I picked UA because it had my degree and because I thought it would be a great school but I have yet to be proven that. I have struggled to figure out where to get my science classes I need because UA doesn’t offer any of them online and I haven’t had much help figuring out where to get them. It seems no one college has them all and the ones that do don’t seem to transfer to UA. I have greatly considered switching school. It’s been quite disappointing so far.

I was never told that I needed a Pre-Health advisor along with my College advisor until this semester, I’ll be a junior. I would prefer an advisor who strictly worked with students in advising/career planning. My advisor is great, but she teaches along with most other academic advisors which trumps her time to devote to those of us with questions and concerns that arise during the semester. It’s frustrating when I have questions and no one has time to assist me and I have to resort to a different department for help.

My advisor was not much help and while she knew what classes were required it did not seem like she reviewed my degree works at all when emailing her about needed overrides. I would just suggest that it is made known that viewing your students degree works is very important especially if they are a distance student. I also do not really feel that as a distance student advising is beneficial to me in any way. I already know which courses I need to take and when I can take them. It is more of a hassle than a benefit.

Need to update blackboard grades accordingly. If students must stay on task and be responsible for always logging no matter how busy or any other “excuse” so should instructors! Otherwise, you get a shock to see your grade that said it was A’s and B’s but yet it’s a full letter grade off!! I thought UAB was bad but UA is on another level. My experience at a community college both online and campus classes were a much better experience! How can one reply to other discussions as part of a grade when others login at different times? Is a person supposed to work not only around their own schedule but others as well? Just so you don’t lose petty points which then add up to make a difference in ones grades. Advising was not the best as well...3 months of emails and trying to register...should have never transferred to this so called “university.”
I like setting a date and time to speak with my advisor, rather than having an open date and time frame where I have to keep calling until someone answers. I didn’t have time to call for three hours until someone answered. But, unfortunately, I had too. And the person I spoke with wasn’t even my advisor. She was very rude.

Having the students call in without scheduling appointments is completely inefficient. I spent 6 hours just dialing and re-dialing listing to voicemail trying to reach my advisor. That was 6 hours that could have been used studying.

HES advising seems to run smoother than other colleges. Because I have a smaller major (nutrition) I personally know not only my advisor, but the other advisors within the major and can ask them questions at any time. I know my friends in Business have no idea who their advisors are and usually have to try group advising because they can never get a one on one appointment.

I wish that this school would not shut down parking lots, that I paid a lot of money to park in, for athletic events. If I didn’t have to pay to park, then I would not complain. I don’t use the buses, therefore I don’t feel that I should have to pay for their operation.

GEHS

If the online class designated for main campus students is full, allow us to register for the distance learning class when the class is only offered live on MWF.

I feel that the choice of courses for just a general degree should be broader than it is. I am 65 yrs. old and have retired and I just want to complete my degree. I do not plan to go back into the work force, I just want to finish what I started. My advisor was very informative and willing to answer any questions I had so far. I am glad I was appointed someone like he is because patience is one of his attributes.

More help is needed for new students

No...everything works pretty good. The HES department has good people!

My adviser was very patient and understanding. Jason Blumenthal

I do not have any suggestions for academic advising or the registration process. I do, however, wish that Professors were better at responding to student questions and concerns. The majority of my professors have been diligent in responding to emails with the exclusion of one. I have discussed this with my adviser but have not gotten a satisfactory response.

Get people that know what they are doing and not just looking for a paycheck because these people are dealing with students future/lives.

I absolutely LOVE my advisor, Jason Blumenthal!!! He’s been so helpful in assisting me with classes.

I think advising is great for athletes. A common complaint I hear from non athletes is that fifth and sixth year seniors should not get priority over honors students.

Let Seniors get first priority. I did not get to get into a class time that I wanted to because it was full.

My advisor always did what was required, but I didn’t feel went above and beyond. I had a question about deadlines for Master’s applications and he told me to look it up online. Not exactly the answer I was looking for.

I think that the current devised system is working great! Keep up the good work, and RTR!:)

GHS

My athletic training advisor is always very helpful and prompt with any questions I may have regarding my schedule. She is very knowledgable with what courses I have to take, and in return, I always leave feeling confident about my schedule.

Maybe starting registration and advising earlier would cause less frustration for students while we prepare for finals.

Open up more classes for the people who do not get to register until the last day.

Maybe poll or somehow plan ahead for certain courses that many people need, and are not able to get into for the next semester.

Have advisors who actually know about classes instead of graduate assistants who do not know much.

I also met with an advisor in HES college and she was extremely helpful in the process of switching colleges. She also reffered me to the career center for help.

In my opinion Mr. Andy Harcrow is by far the best advisor on campus. He is very available for his students, and makes a good bit of time to assist his students. He has been there every step of the way during my educational career, and he is very interested in making sure that the students are taken care of.

Nursing needs private advising. And HES is doing phenomenally.

I like my athletic advisor more than the student advisor. I feel he has my best interest at hand and other student advisor are not always sure what the student needs.
Remind us a few weeks ahead of time that its almost time to register for classes. I have been overwhelmingly pleased with the advising I have received from Mrs. April Sikes. She is a huge help and willing to meet at any time when I have questions. She has made advising and registration a breeze.

How to find out who to go to for advising. I think its an easy process.

Regarding holds, it is hard to find out if you have a hold on your account or not especially when changing majors. I had troubles last semester with registration because I wasn’t informed of the process of changing my major and how it affected my registration for the next semester.

My advisor is amazing. She helps me in any areas that I can and is so nice about it!

Open more classes for those with later scheduling times.

Some classes should be open for those students who need to take them in order to graduate.

It is frustrating not having teachers listed for classes, especially when are they are very basic and large. (CH 101)

I noticed that some of the times for classes offered were different on Degree Works than the actual time that was offered. I feel that this should be corrected because it could create a large problem for getting pre-requisites filled and for students trying to make sure that they can graduate in a specific time frame.

HDFS

I think that when you go to advising they make sure you know when your registration time is. It was a little confusing because I didn’t know which credits were counted. Also, I think it would be very helpful if military dependents also got priority registration.

As stated above, it has been very hard for me to get in touch with my advisor. I have emailed and received no response back for scheduling my next schedule. Last semester I called numerous times and after about the 6th try got feedback. When I registered for school I had to figure out my schedule myself because nobody would help me.

Make more UH seminars available!!!!!!

I think there should be appointment times. I had to wait an hour for my advisor to be free.

I have never actually met with my assigned adviser, he has never responded to my emails throughout my years at UA. Fortunately, I have a great professor who has basically become my adviser and has been great with helping me plan. I would suggest making sure advisers make a point to communicate with their advisees on a semestary basis. I’m fortunate to have this professor to help with planning my schedule, however before this year my advising experience had not been very good.

Faculty advisors should treat each student the same in terms of providing them information regarding overrides. My advisor told several students different things and responded differently towards students who raised the same questions.

Yes, walk-in advising sessions are too quick and not helpful. However, I was unable to schedule a private meeting with my assigned advisor; she would not return my email. Therefore, I attended the walk-in session for my department. The advisor I spoke with was rude and he seemed uninterested in my concerns.

Early registration is a huge help. It gives us time to choose times and days of the week we would like to attend the classes that have been approved by te advisor.

I feel as though there are not always enough sections for the students that are required to take a certain course. Many of my courses occur at exactly the same time, and it makes it much more difficult to register.

Think the advising goes very well and is very organized in my college and they know how to run the system.

Discuss overrides during the advising meeting. My advisor told me to read the direction for a class in which an override is necessary. I got home and it says to email her. If I am meeting with my advisor and she is able to override me into being able to register for this class, she should be able to do the override when I am sitting at her desk and in her office.

My adviser was not motivating at all. Usually after an advising session, I feel very excited about the upcoming semester. The adviser I saw this semester was AWFUL. I’m not sure if she was having a bad day, but she was very negative. She wouldn’t turn her music off in her office so I felt like I didn’t have her full attention. She told me I would never go to graduate school or find a job after graduation. She told me it would be hard for me to do anything with my degree. I will never see that adviser again and will refer my friends to other advisers.

I really wish Honors courses were larger. I understand a low student-to-staff ratio, but the amount of quality, interesting classes are ridiculous and I shouldn’t have to wait until my senior year to be able to take honors classes because upperclassmen get first choice. I would split the classes up by academic year. That way it’s easier for Sophomores and Juniors to be able to get a spot for an honors class.
4527  No. All of my advising went really well. I really am satisfied with my advisor because she has been really helpful throughout my academics.
4528  I wish they offered more time availabilities for HHE 378 and senior seminar.
4529  I am a Human Development and Family Studies major. My major is a growing major. It would be very useful to open more classes for us because our classes get filled very quickly, then we are wait listed, then we have to cross our fingers to get into our required courses. Sometimes we even have to email the professor asking to let us in, which is uncomfortable. Some of the classes are at inconvenient times, too.
4531  Add more class sections so that I can get into the classes I need.
4532  In the college of Human Environmental Sciences, I would prefer a scheduled appointment time rather than a first-come-first-serve time slot.
4536  I wish they would let me know my track to graduate rather than just the upcoming coming semester.
4542  Mrs. Peeples is very knowledgeable and was answering questions that I had not even asked yet. She knew which classes I could combine and how to get certain requirements out of the way the quickest and which classes I should take with those. My advising experience was very good.
4544  I feel that there are not enough openings in some of the courses that are required for my major. I don’t like that some classes are only offered one semester and not both.
4548  I think it is really important to form a relationship with your advisor so that you are able to talk to them throughout the semester and you always have someone there when you need advice. I did not find that until my Junior year when I transferred to HES. Before that I felt lost when it came time to register for classes and knowing how to plan for future semesters.
4554  I would suggest having more hours for advising. I have to see my HES advisor and my pre-med advisor, so it’s hard to see both before registering for classes. I am also an independent student who works 2 jobs, so regular school hours didn’t/don’t work well for me.
4556  My advisor knew nothing about my major or even how to use degree works. The advisors need to be more prepared. My advisor couldn’t answer any of my questions so I’m having to meet with someone else. Very frustrating.

INTD

4570  What my advisor sees on her screen is different than what I see on mine.
4574  I like the way advising is set up for my college, I am able to gather my knowledge of the courses I think I would like to take and then make an appointment that fits my schedule to talk about those choices with my advisor.
4581  My advisor is always available and willing to help me with anything I am trying to figure out regarding my courses and overall schedule.
4582  Make online classes more available
4586  The advisors need to be easier to get ahold of. Normally if I email my advisor I won’t hear back from her for one to three weeks, and that’s if I keep emailing. It gets really frustrating especially when I let my parents know. They and I aren’t very satisfied with the lack of interest shown.
4590  Faculty advisors should be more knowledgeable about core courses. Advisors should have been told about changes to major courses, before advising started.
4596  Advising times are not always suitable. Variety of times (a.m. and p.m. as well as days - Mo/Wed and Tue/Thur) would help those whose class times overlap with advising times.
4597  I feel that the advisors should pull up degree works during advising an make her that the students are taking all the correct classes. An make sure degree works has the correct classes highlighted.

RHM

4616  My only recommendation would be for all faculty members to know what classes can and can’t be substituted for different classes. I found out that 2 classes I am taking can be substituted for another class. But I only found this out because the professor of one of those classes told us that on the first day of class. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have known. It would just be nice for all faculty members who advise students to have all the information to tell their students so they can graduate early/on time.
4617  Have the advisor help student find book scholarships or money for school. And have the advisors know the information about class instead of guessing
More advisors for group sessions.

I love my advisor, Dr. Tyra Hilliard!!

allow more opportunity for override for classes needed for graduation. most of my classes are only offered once a semester and that makes it difficult to plan because some are only offered at the same time.

Having more classes for online degree

The summer course selection and times are very limited for RHM and that is frustrating, but otherwise, everything is great!

Mrs. McCool did a fantastic job with advising. I have never had such a great advising experience.

Make an easier way to override for a class requiring a prerequisite, if you are planning on taking that class in the summer. Ex) I can't sign up for AC 210 but I am taking Micro in summer so

Now I have to wait on an override from the accounting department and I should be able to get one from my Own advisor. That is alot of work on the student and more time to waste and the class could fill up at that point

Having spots saved for other students registering at a later time. The classes fill up completely too fast.

Not for now

Do not let Honor Students have priority registration, because it's difficult for non-honors to get their classes to graduate and you have to get wait listed.

it is frustrating when alot of classes you need are all closed before you even have a chance to register because of your regstration time.

If you are wait listed for a class, you should still be able to register for a class at the same time of the wait listed class, until a spot opens in the wait listed class.

I believe that the advising process that the college of human and environmental sciences is great and I have never had any problems!

It should be possible to use Degree Works if someone has a double major and/or 2 minors/concentration

Seeing an adviser before registration should be optional if Degree Works is used

Easier web registration

As a graduating senior that has been around the University a while, I have been advised many times, even though I did not meet with an advisor this semester. I think DegreeWorks is a great program for students to do a self audit of what we need. That said, I think some advisors rely too heavily upon it. I find that the degree checklist that Academic Advisors have, web compared to DegreeWorks is the most effective method of planning for future semesters. I was unable to use the planner on DegreeWorks, and don't see much need for it. If students rely solely on planning too far ahead, no leeway is given for situations where a class is full. The system as it stands currently is the best I have seen since I started at Alabama in 2004, but that is because I can combine my use of DegreeWorks with meetings with Advisors who knew me and cared about my academic success. That is what is most important for students. If advisors view students as numbers, and rely solely on DegreeWorks with no input, then the students will be destined to rely solely on themselves, and that is not always conducive to their academic success.

Make online classes available more frequently. I wanted to take a class that I need for graduation, but it is not offered for Fall 2013. It is available in the summer, but I can't take it then. I'm hoping that it will be available for Spring 2014 so that I can graduate on schedule. Thanks

The times and classes I need are not always available. Please allow more students to be in classes or offer better times.
NURSING

4703   I am having difficulty registering for my summer online class because an academic advisement hold was placed on my account. I only take one class of my choice per semester until I can fulfill my pre-reqs and/or clear my work schedule more. The whole point of online/distance learning is to be able to take classes when you can, right? I'd greatly appreciate the hold being removed from my account. Thank You
Kathy M. Roark, RN
4711   I have not set up my schedule because I can not get Katatra to call me back to help with getting my schedule set up for my fall semester.
4712   No. UA advisors are doing a fantastic job.

NUR

4713   Help students register for summer classes at other schools at home.
4717   Mrs, Shelly Vold rocks!!!
4718   I wish all the teachers were out by the time registration came out instead of TBA.
4720   Explain
4721   My advisor did not know anything about summer schooling and could not answer any of my questions about registering. For this reason I am going to be behind in my summer schedule and overall plan.
4723   No, I like the advising and registration process as is.
4725   My advisor did not help me at all with my sophomore year classes. I asked what specific classes such as should I take Soc 101 or Ant 101 or what ethics class. She would just say "I don't know.. I don't much about them. I only know the courses for Nursing." I understand she may not be required to know certain classes, but I am not sure if she gave me the best advice to figure it out.
4726   My problem is the lack of sincerity when helping and advising. Nursing is such a specific major that the advisers should know exactly what classes to take and when to take them. I was advised to take 14 hours the first semester, and only 13 hours my second semester. I now realize that this was not sufficient and I am behind schedule and might even be forced to take 13 hours one semester. My adviser should have noticed my low hour semesters and told me to take more classes, because I did not know any better, but now it's too late.
4730   The advising process is not working here. Its extremely confusing and not helpful at all.
4734   Keep it up!
4736   Advisors should not tell students to take something that they are not eligible to take for the next semester. It was pretty bad when was signing up for classes and It wouldnt let me sign up for the classes I needed.
4739   Ya'll are doing great! Keep it up!!
4743   No not at the moment I do not.
4744   Advising by appointment not walk in the nursing college because the wait is always so long.
4754   My advising session was very organized and in depth. I was extremely pleased!
4759   I have not been able to register yet, however my advisor was great, she called in the dean of my college because I was thinking about changing my major due to grades. They were both extremely helpful and reassured me that I would still be able to graduate to the Upper Division Nursing. I have looked up class times to start planning my schedule and I think that there should be more core times offered, because a few of my classes only have a few times offered, and many of them are quickly filling up.
4761   None, I love my advisor and how easy she is to talk to
4762   Appointments would be good versus walking in whenever and having to wait a very long time.
4763   OPEN MORE ANATOMY CLASSES!!!! I can't even get on the wait list and I must take anatomy 1 to take anatomy 2 in the spring for the upper division.
4765   I think it would be more beneficial to me if I had the same adviser each time.
4767   provide more online classes to on campus students
4773   The teachers for the classes should be determined before registration starts.
4776   none. it was great!
4779   Have more online classes.
I need more time with a specific advisor. I don’t want to have to keep using different advisors.

The advising services are wonderful!

For the college of Nursing, I did not particularly like the open advising. I would much rather make a specific appointment for myself with my advisor than to wait in a line.

no I have had a great experience so far.

My advisor did not make me aware that I had to have an override form. I had priority registration and was unable to use it due to this.

My adviser is very sweet, but sometimes it was hard to contact her and some of the emails were not responded to until days later, but other than that she is great and very helpful! When I had a family emergency and had to fly back home she was amazing! She was so genuine and helped me notify all my teachers.

Send more reminders about when your registration time is

There should be more openings for classes especially for people who are on the verge of graduation

Mrs. Katara Wilson in the Capstone College of Nursing is the absolute BEST advisor I could ever ask for that goes above and beyond to make sure I’m comfortable with not just my schedule, but to help me succeed to get into the upper division.

Rebekah Welch is my advisor and she is so encouraging and motivating and great at her job! I recommend her to every Nursing student I meet.

Private session for pre-major tracks. Group settings are at a time that some students have class.

For advising for nursing, I prefer private advising, because I have had trouble with scheduling Nursing Classes and HOnors classes. The nursing program of study makes it very difficult to graduate with Honors. Private sessions are preferred.

I believe that incoming student would greatly benefit from an advisor guiding them through the advising and registration processes but for upperclassmen it seems kind of ridiculous. I know what my major is, I know how to register for classes, I know what classes I have to take and I know when I need to take them. I feel like it is a waste of time and resources for both the student and the university to have mandatory advisement every single semester for every single student. Self advisement would be faster and easier for all parties involved. Thank you for caring about opinions of the students.

Some courses need more classes or time slots so that students are revolving their whole schedule around one class.

I really haven’t had any trouble with it except for how fast science course fill up for nursing students. The process seems to be as efficient as it can be for such a large student population.

Shelley Vold is a great advisor and is very supportive and helpful to me.

It is hard to make it to mandatory advising days for the Nursing program. I personally have classes all day, and have to go straight to work afterward. This gives me no time to attend these advising times due to the hours assigned, making me have to register later than originally planned.

Online registration is crazy sometimes. It wouldn’t allow me into courses each time I have registered before this semester and I have had to call around the entire campus before finding anyone that knew how to help me. People pushed me off onto other people constantly. Staff should be better trained on how to deal with registration problems. There also are not enough courses offered for the amount of students, and there should be more options.

For Nursing Students They Only Have A Week For Meeting With An Advisor . However Those Given Days & Times Conflicted With My Work Schedule. Since Then I Have Tried To Meet With An Advisor To Be Advised And It Takes The Longest To Recieve Any Type Of Response. Class Selection Has Already Begun & I’ve Still Yet To Be Advised. I Believe There Should Be Some Type Of Exception For Students In My Predicament Because Now Most Nursing Classes Will Be Already Full That I Need To Take For Next Semester !

No I always call and make an appt earlier in the semester. I love my advisor, Shelley vold.

College of Nursing needs assigned advisors! This would be much more helpful than seeing a random advisor every time.

I do NOT like that we don’t have the same advisor for every session because they don’t know my situation! It would make sense to have the same one. I understand that there is never enough time to see the same advisors, but look at it from a student’s standpoint.

I think required advising is stupid. I already have everything in order before I go to advising. I’m not saying some students would not find it helpful. However, I do not find it helpful for me personally. If you don’t know how to prepare for your career and don’t seek help when you need it, you don’t deserve the classes. I am a young adult now I dont need ya’ll to hold my hand through registration.

The advisor should take into account that the student may have their own future plans they might like to share, and listen to the students point of view.
I enjoy having a one-on-one advising session, but I know that not all students have this opportunity. I think it would be beneficial if all students could meet in person with an adviser.

Opening more classes and trying to make some of the required classes work better together. A lot of my classes only have one class that is open for registration and none of them seemed like they were planned with student scheduling in mind. I’m stuck on campus all day with an hour or two in between my classes. A lot of the days I have to leave and come back.

Every time I go in for advising I am very unsatisfied. My questions are never answered and I have to come in a second time to talk to Ms. Vold to finally have my questions answered. I do not like having to be advised by the other advisors because they really don’t seem like they know what they are doing and they are just focused on having schedules set rather than taking time to answer questions and getting to know the students. It is also extremely frustrating having to wait over an hour to meet with an advisor that talks to you for maybe 10 minutes.

The upper nursing school application process is excruciating. The advisors don’t really know how to help if you don’t get in, and the late application and wait for the acceptance letter is entirely too prolonged. UAH and UAB are way ahead, and I would have also applied at those schools if I had realized they were so much earlier. UA drags it out for too long.

Nursing advisors are awesome!! It would be good to open up more class times for various classes to prevent collision of class times.

My schedule is okay:) No complaints!

The College of Nursing faculty and staff, makes advising easy and very useful for the upcoming semesters. I wouldn’t change anything about their process. It has really helped me a lot with each semester. I am very appreciative of the College of Nursing and its faculty and staff.

It would help if the advisors would educate us a little more not with just picking classes but also if we wanted to transfer summer classes explain more how to do so.

should be able to request an advisor instead of being assigned to one. also at the nursing college the mandatory advising was a little unorganized, students that arrived later were seen before students who arrived earliest

Every semester my advisor doesn’t clear my advising hold so I have to call the college and ask them to override it. I go see an advisor every time in the right amount of time but I always have to call the college. I don’t know why but I’ve had to do this at least 4 semesters of my 6 here at UA. I guess I would just fix that for my suggestions.

The college of nursing does an outstanding job with advising. I do not have any complaints about the advising that I have received. They do a lot of planning at the forefront so advising and registration is very simple.

I have heard complaints about numerous other people on the lack of quality advising at UA and it is rather disappointing. It was frustrating to not have a personal advisor who I could email or set up an appointment with to answer questions and I mostly had to resort to talking with other classmates about courses and registration.

I don’t think that advising should be mandatory for all students. I am classified as a Senior and have been to several colleges so advising to me is a waste of my time because I really don’t get any use out of it and don’t have time for it. If I had questions I would ask.
Social Work

SW

4970  have more interesting fine arts classes available!
4971  I feel like advising is chaotic, so both advisors and students become overwhelmed. When I had to advise this semester my advisor forgot to clear my pin, so I had to wait to register. It took me two weeks to contact him because he was swamped with e-mails and calls. If there was a system that automatically cleared your account once you’ve met with your advisor, if you e-mail them your intended schedule, things would be simpler for people with busy schedules. Once you advise, your CWID should be entered into a system that clears your account so your future scheduling isn't at risk. That’s my only suggestions because I have had issues with that. Other than that, if people plan their kismet and aren’t afraid to ask questions, advising is a breeze.
4972  My adviser, Fay Hobbs, was awesome!!
4973  No suggestions! Great job!
4974  I have had an amazing experience with my advising from the Social Work faculty. Not only has my advisor been there for many any time I need advice, she has gone the extra mile to help me figure out problems. Overall, a great and easy experience!
4975  Take time for the students.
4976  Provide more UH classes
4977  There is a need for more honors seminars.
5004  I am a working student. I am mandated to take physical classes because I live in the general area. I have lost one job and a home because of classroom requirements so far. I would like the option to take some (not necessarily all)classes online so that I can maintain a job and take care of family without so much difficulty.
5008  I have contacted my adviser for other reasons than my class schedule. She was very helpful, and it was not necessary to meet in person.
5011  I think advisors(faculty) should know the core curriculum. How can one advise if you have no sufficient knowledge of the curriculum. It puts students at a disadvantage. Second, they should know how to navigate degree works.
5013  the holds placed on accounts to meet your adviser are crazy
5014  Social Work uses the Degree Works program well and encourages students to use it, other disciplines appear to not emphasize its use as much.
5015  Please remain flexible with the options available for students to be advised and register with, so that everyone can be accommodated.
5017  No, everything had been okay for my undergraduate career. I know need to start my graduate career with my advisor.
5018  The 7am registering really should be cut out it cause a over surge when students try to pick their classes.