Advising Survey
Spring 2015

The University of Alabama

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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 2015 term. A total of 5,366 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 italic text. Comments for the final item (Additional comments) are additionally categorized by college and first-major of the student.
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2. Which college/school advised you this term?

University of Alabama

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19. What are your thoughts about the Advising Hotline?

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105 It seemed like she was going with a preplanned schedule in her mind and wasn’t listening to what I said.
176 I had to call my college several times to get an advisor to answer the phone. Previous voicemails were not returned.
286 VERY incompetent.
529 they told me the wrong information. I was told to drop my chemistry courses because I did not need as a biology minor. I have not been able to take the upper level biology classes needed because they require chemistry.
547 too long waiting time
595 I was sent in circles about my scheduling questions.
618 No much help.
906 I just got sent to different people and nobody could help me.
1099 They were very rude over the phone and did not help at all
1716 No help given
1811 Wait time for meeting is too long
1853 No action taken on their part
1870 they don’t help all they do is say you need an appointment
1900 They were extremely rude.
1968 no one answered
2486 Received no help and told to email whoever I needed to contact.
2983 i was told to log on at 6 and didn’t get seen until after 6:30 it was a waste of time
3128 Didn’t know about it
3488 No one answered
3654 they did not call me back
3726 did not direct me to find the answers I needed nor did my advisor try to look for the answers I needed. It was left for me to do, which I was able to figure out.
3931 information is not always correct
4607 you can never get a straight answer from anyone and they reconnect you to 9 other people, spent 2 hours on the phone...
5058 Don’t always have the correct information
5065 most of the time I don’t even get a reply from the Nursing hotline.
5071 at the business school the person who picked up was very rude. I am still confused.
20. Have you ever had problems with registration that required an override?

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21. How satisfied are you with your schedule for the upcoming semester?

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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

American Studies

12 Add more advisors. The A&S advisors are great but spread too thin. Surely with the amount of money students spend on tuition the university can afford to hire more great advisors.

Anthropology

23 change the Honors class registration process... I have 115 hours and priority registration and there were ZERO seats released for my registration slot. It should be first come, first serve. I have been here for three year and I should have a better chance of getting the classes I need than the freshman who have been here for a year because I NEED to take these classes next semester to graduate on time. The freshmen have more time to get those classes in if they cant get them for next semester.

27 I think that mandatory advising is beneficial for freshmen or people starting a new major program, but upper level students tend to already know the degree requirements for their major and advising seems unnecessary until closer to graduation (for degree audit purposes). I don’t think an advising hold should keep a student from registering for classes since that delay could effect someone’s ability to graduate on time.

30 Offer more classes

31 Degree audit is unwieldy to use - I use it to check what courses I still need, but found the planner tool unhelpful.

32 Have better communication between the department and college advisors.

Art

38 The only problem I have with the registration process is that there are art classes I am required to take to graduate that I have had trouble getting into, and it can be frustrating when someone is taking on as an elective and I can’t get into it. I haven’t ran into this problem many times but I have before, I understand classes are very competitive to get into but at the same time when it coincides with my degree it can be frustrating.

40 I ended up getting a very capable teacher named Skye that I have had in the past and loved help me. She was so helpful and sweet and really took time out of her day to help me though it was not necessarily her job. Matt Mitros (the advisor I was assigned) put off meeting with me and then missed the appointment he scheduled with me and never made any attempt to contact me though I left a note with my email and telling him I just needed his approval. He had absolutely no respect for my time and I have had this problem with him in the past. He is the worst advisor I have experienced and I have spoken to other students who feel the same way. That being said, Skye Shineman is an absolute angel from Heaven. All the props to her.

41 I would move the summer registration up instead of having it start the same time as fall registration.

44 None

45 What would be the most helpful for students in my opinion is an indepth, one on one advising appointment to those who ask. Otherwise, as long as the requirements fit in degree works, just a quick check to confirm.

46 Answer emails about advising so when it is time to register for classes, I can actually do that....

48 I think that advising should be optional. Many students are competent enough to know what classes they need to take and when they should take them. Degree Works makes it fool proof to an extent. It would have been easier to just clear my pin electronically rather than showing up to advising and showing my adviser the classes I was going to take.
Every time she would pull my degree works up and say “Oh you’ve advised yourself!”. If students need the help, by all means, but it’s a waste of time for the adviser and the student when the student already knows what they need to do.

Some faculty members do not seem to have the time (or seem to want to make the time) for scheduling advising sessions. I felt that my new advisor this semester was unavailable and a bit rude when I inquired multiple times about an advising appointment. He for some odd reason felt that his time was more valuable than mine and that my questioning of his availability was an annoyance. I was assigned to him due to my major (completed back in 2010) being his department; however, I am not one of his students and in fact have never met the man, and I was not interested in hearing about all his inconveniences (or that he was out of town when I was available for advising). As an older returning student and a respectable adult, I expect to be spoken to with respect. I did not feel that I was going to receive it. I deflected any additional negative exchange of words and possible further issues and instead decided not meet with him. He is compensated well for his time, whereas I pay for his time and every other minute of my time on campus. No matter my age or the age/gender of any other student on campus, every faculty member on this campus should have a basic expectation of giving respect to any other person they encounter. I don’t really care if the respect is contrived; I expect it from any person, and I am more than capable of giving respect to everyone, as well. These are social expectations of any adult, and to encounter one who can’t give it on this campus is disappointing. In addition, speaking with a professor who I may have as a professor/critic and giving them the right to look over/known my personal information is quite uncomfortable. Students should be able to decide who sees our private information. Each student may not feel comfortable with every professor, nor are all likable or easy to speak with. This semester, I felt more comfortable speaking directly with a counselor in Clark Hall. My requirements left to achieve involve art history, not a studio art major, so I needed different advising than what my assigned advisor would have been able to perform. My walk-in advisor, Katey, was very knowledgeable about DegreeWorks, my major/minor and requirements, degree auditing, and was immediately able to answer any of my questions. If I were to need another advisor in the future, I would choose walk-in advising again.

Please never trade out one-on-one, in-person sessions for automated or telephone sessions. I have an “open-door” “mentor” type relationship with my advisor that has made all the difference in my college experience.

There was something up with my degree works that my advisor didn’t notice. But when I asked for an override from another teacher she checked on my degree works to make sure I was required to take the class and she noticed how messed up it was. She had someone fix it and make the necessary corrections. She saved me about $2,000 in classes because my degree works wasn’t accurate and I would’ve followed the plan and registered for two classes that I did not need.

I just switched colleges from the Arts and Science College to the Business College here on campus and I noticed a significant different in the advising staff. I love my new advisor, Heather Davis, here at the Business College, but I don’t even know who my old Arts and Science advisor was. I would try to improve their advising process a little more.

I’ve never heard of an advising hotline, so I would suggest somehow advertising that as a resource to students. I’m graduating in May so I will not be advised this semester. Making sure everyone at every level of each college knows what courses are required is incredibly important. A business school advisor advised me to take an additional math credit that I did not need as a minor (he and degreeworks only list requirements for majors - this needs to be fixed in degreeworks as well) but the office worker who gave me the code to sign up for courses the following semester informed me that I did not need those credits. I wasted money and time on a class that had nothing to do with my major, minor, or course requirements because there is a lack of communication between college advisors, student advisors, and updated course requirements online. I have never had this same problem at the college of arts and sciences. The only recurring issue is always with degreeworks. It places credits into the wrong categories and the process for correcting that is not listed anywhere for any student to readily solve on his or her own. Degreeworks is very helpful but still full of problems.

I used to have a TCF minor, however I have since changed because trying to work with advisors in the TCF department has been impossible. Most of the classes I needed for the minor were locked for majors only when I attempted to register, so I tried to contact the TCF advisor Maya Champion, and she was completely unhelpful. I had an email full of questions and her reply was a simple “These classes are for majors only”. This was fall 2014. Because of this, I wasn’t able to sign up for any TCF classes in the spring. In Spring, my own advisor Craig Wedderspoon attempted to call
Maya as he was advising me and was treated very unprofessionally. The receptionist first told him there was no one to talk to about his concerns. Then he was hung up on. When he called back, the receptionist told him Maya was the only person and she was unavailable. I was absolutely fed up with the behavior and refused to deal with that department anymore, so I changed my minor. I don't understand how any student with a TCF minor manages to complete their requirements if this is how non-majors are treated by the department. I strongly believe that if classes are going to be blocked out for majors-only, then it should be across the board. Many of my ART classes are half full of non-Art majors, including the upper level courses. Yet all TCF classes, including lower level ones, are allowed to be locked for anyone not a major? This makes things impossibly complicated for people like me, especially if staff/faculty in the TCF department aren't going to take TCF minors seriously.

64 If classes are to be canceled for the following semester, it would be nice to give a heads up instead of telling us at the last minute so that we scramble for classes and have to fight for positions.

66 I've run into many problems trying to sign up for classes with a prerequisite that is a class I am currently in. It creates an issue when I try to create a schedule that is the classes I have to take in order to graduate on time.

Biology

69 I think it is ridiculous that the organic chemistry (among other classes) course options do not announce the names of the teachers until deep into the add/drop period. I understand that students would flood the classes of the preferred teachers but isn't this the point of the registration system? I am a member of the honors college and regularly take a large amount of hours including honors requirement for a reason: to ensure I have a competitive registration time. My college, on the pre med track, is obviously extremely competitive and earning a competing score in such a rigorous course demands a good teacher, and frankly not all the options of teacher are “good”.

70 I had to go to the office 3 different times in order to get advised and waited for over an hour because I couldn't make an appointment. It was such a hassle.

79 It’s awfully complicated for the advisor to clear a pin. Make that a much simpler process, single click of a button.

85 There needs to be more faculty for core classes.

86 I emailed my advisor twice (3/31/15 and 4/3/15) the week prior to my registration date (4/6/15). He did not respond to either of these emails, nor did he appear to check my DegreeWorks (it has still not been audited since 3/4/15). I emailed him a third time the morning of registration explaining that I had sent two emails the week before and needed to be able to register, as 2015-2016 will be my last year and I need certain classes. I was cleared within the hour (still without any feedback or a DegreeWorks audit). I am highly dissatisfied with my “advising” experience this semester and very disappointed to have not one, but two emails missed and have to miss my registration time, which prevented me from getting into a lab section of the time I had originally planned.

87 wait list should be first come first serve instead of selecting certain students to be moved ahead of others for personal reasons.

89 I think the walk-in advising sessions for registration with departmental advisors is very beneficial.

91 I think it is important to meet with an advisor occasionally, but I don't think that not meeting with them should prevent being able to register for classes (PIN removal). I also think that registration time should only be dictated by hours, not whether you are in honors.

93 Everything works great for me, thank you.

96 Larger classes

101 It is not fair having honors underclassman registering before non-honors upperclassman. Just make honors before non-honors registration within the year.

109 I will be a senior in fall 2015 and it has been very difficult to get into upper level courses need for my biology major. It would be appreciated if all upcoming seniors could be able to register before juniors in the honors college.

110 Creating a plan in DegreeWorks for the next three years when you're a freshman is pointless. You have no idea when you will be able to take a class, if it's even available in a particular semester, or if you'll even need the course by time you make it to that semester. Overall, it was more of a hassle and inconvenience to plan out my upcoming six
semesters before being able to have my account unlocked to register than was worth it. I love the University of Alabama but the way course registration is handled is way more difficult than is necessary.

Doing fine!

I think that it’s best to let first year students know about their assigned faculty advisor. I went to the college of arts and sciences both semesters of freshman year, and I am behind now because of it. I didn’t know about my faculty advisor until a friend told me. He is amazing and has so much knowledge about the classes I should be taking. He set up my planner through senior year and is always able to answer any questions I have. I feel that this resource is 1000x more useful than the student advisors.

advisor should know what the prerequisites for the classes in her college are

Some classes need more seats offered or have some seats blocked off for individual registration times.

No required advising- it’s not very helpful.

Students should be more involved with advisors personally in order to form a bond that leads to trust between student and advisor, rather than using them only for registration purposes.

Open more sections for popular UH classes like UH 330 and 300.

Get advisors that are not faculty that have more time for students.

Open more class options. Organic chemistry labs are backed up more than two semesters for many students like myself. I could potentially be taking the lab a full year and half after the second organic class at no fault of my own. This shouldn’t have to happen and is frankly quite unfair.

Advisors need to be up to date on information. My advisor was unaware of the changes made to the MCAT, and I had to adjust my schedule so that I could take a necessary class.

Maybe offer more walk-in advising sessions or make advisors more available, because it is sometimes very hard to schedule an appointment so far in advance. Additionally, maybe there could be some kind of email/online advising for people who just need to get their registration hold lifted and don’t have very many questions/need lots of time to talk (which I believe is most students).

Remind students more often that they need to visit their advisor.

I do not like how the Honor’s College releases only 3 seats at a time for their 300 level classes. I am a senior and wanted to take a financial class, but was unable to get into it because I did not know when they were releasing the seats.

No suggestions

a lot of the classes fill up very quickly so I would like it if more sections were offered or there were more spots in each section

The female advisors, especially in the prehealth dept, aren’t very supporting and quite frankly are degrading.

I would like to see advisors be more helpful and encouraging while helping student’s schedule classes versus just acting like we are wasting their time.

Offer classes at more than one time and make online classes available for main campus students.

Registration dates are getting later and later making it harder to get into the classes needed to take. More spots should be available or more classes of there kind offered.

Get more advisors

I think the system would be improved greatly if registration had no holds until you’d spoken to an advisor. I’ve read through the student course catalog, and have multiple good sources inside and outside UA who help and advise me, so I would much prefer it if I didn’t have to make an appointment before being allowed to register; it slows my progress and only provides me with information I already have.

It would be nice if someone at A&S advising consistently answered the phone during business hours, or at least returned calls from voicemail quickly.

Frustrated at how quickly honors classes fill

I think it is vital that private advising sessions be required. I switched from an advisor that refused private sessions to one that required them and it has made a world of difference.

I think there should be more understanding and helpfulness shown to first year students from advisors as they are new and still trying to learn how things work here. Most of the advisors tend to look at the students that come to
advising as if they are dumb. This makes students not want to ask for help with their schedules and for registration advice.

187 Updating degree works to allow for moving semesters around on the schedule planner instead of having to re-type it every time.

188 More Humanities and writing classes offered online. P.S. Dr. Rasco is the best advisor!!

193 Since we are required to meet with our advisors to get our pin removed, we should be able to get the pin removed with a walk-in appointment. For those of us who get everything planned out ahead of time, we just need then to give the OK and remove the pin. We shouldn’t have to make an appointment for a half hour slot two weeks from now.

194 PLEASE QUADRUPLE THE PRE-HEALTH ADVISING STAFF. It’s insane to have three advisors for hundreds - maybe thousands - of students. I hate that I am advised by a department advisor who knows very little about grad school requirements. Other large schools have it figured out. THERE’S NO EXCUSE for Alabama’s premier pre-health school to only have three pre-health advisors. While our staff does a great job with so little, I cannot overstate how absurd our system is. Why can’t I have the same pre-health advisor the whole way through who knows me and supports me during my entire undergrad experience? FIX THIS SO THOSE AFTER ME DON’T HAVE THE SAME FRUSTRATIONS.

199 I have not had any poor experiences, however every other student I have talked to has had a negative experience with their advisor with regards to finishing their coursework on time.

203 More classes!

209 Better scheduling of class times, there are a lot of conflicts for classes required for the Biology major.

211 I saw a faculty advisor in express advising because my assigned advisor had no open slots (at all) until 2 weeks after my registration began. On one hand, my faculty advisor was very helpful and I’m glad, but it was quite frustrating to not be able to make a private appointment until 2 weeks later.

213 I’m premed and was encouraged to shadow someone in the medical profession this summer. Perhaps offer a resource as to how we go about this (information about HIPAA, the best places to work as in hospital, urgent care, etc specific to future plans).

217 My advisor didn’t clear my PIN until well after my registration date, even though I had met with her well in advance. Any way to help make sure this doesn’t occur again would be good.

219 I do not have any suggestions. They always seem competent and knowledgeable about what they are telling me. My schedules so far have been great.

221 I don’t think its fair that if I’m going to be junior next year and I go to sign up for my Organic Chemistry class that I really need to take in the fall and I have to be waitlisted, yet I have talked to many freshman who will be sophomores in the fall and they got into that class. Yes they are honors but they have more time to take that class, I on the other hand have no other time to take it.

222 I usually attend walk-in advising because it is the most convenient, but most of the advisors there have no idea what they’re doing.

223 No. Doing great!

225 I would suggest improving DegreeWorks for students involved in special programs at UA. I am in the University Scholars Program and it is somewhat of a hassle not being able to see the classes I still need to take and the classes I have taken in one place.

226 I believe there needs to be additional classes offered to compensate for the expansion in student enrollment. Even with priority registration, I had difficulty getting into several classes the past year that required override by the professor. This has just been my experiences with the Biology department and Honors College. It has been a great learning experience overall!

228 Express advising is a very good tool. It would be beneficial if student advisors were walking around or available readily for students. It reduces the stress on students, and provides a students outlook on classes, and what they have to recommend. I was able to meet with a student advisor prior to a faculty and it made the faculty advising session around 5 minutes and extremely easy.

233 I would give incoming freshmen a better overview of online registration and give them more time to meet with an advisor. After first semester though, I understood my advising!
Stop using department faulty. From my experience they DO NOT CARE and have little to no knowledge of what classes are needed.

continue to offer private advising sessions

I feel that the advising here is great. The advisor I was assigned is amazing and he does a very good job of keeping me on track to graduate in four years. Also when I am completely stressed out about college in general he helps me figure out a way to deal with the issues that I am facing.

It's all great!

My advisor (I feel I shouldn't name who it is) is the worst advisor ever. I did not even know who my advisor was until registration time, and that was only because someone at the walk in Advising told me. The one time I try to meet my advisor, they are unavailable and then cancel plans. Later, they were completely unavailable for advising sessions at all. I do not know how to go about getting a new advisor but I want to. I understand that everyone is busy, but shouldn't part of the advisor's job be to you know advise?

I dislike the honors classes having staggered registration. It makes it very challenging to get into the honors classes.

The selection for honors seminar classes is completely wrong. Spots should not be opened gradually. Students with more credit hours should have higher priority and should be able to get into the classes that they want.

Don't let advisors suggest you take chemistry and biology at the same time.

Add more than 1 section for some upper level courses with more than 30 spots in it

Departmental/faculty advisors should be chosen by the student based on their career/academic interests.

Degree Works can be a bit confusing until you finally figure things out for yourself. Its a lot to take in, especially for underclassmen.

I wish there was an easier way to learn more about minors and/or double majors without having to visit each department separately. Also, I really like the registration cart feature for online class registration!!

I loved having an individual personal advisor during my 4 years at the capstone. Dr. Lozier is a professor in my department, and he is also a mentor in many other parts of my life.

I think that there are many good advisors, but also some poor ones, and I was lucky enough to get a pretty good advisor. I think that it is important for advisors to go through a general training or be sent an online training to do to make sure they are up to date with any departamental changes, especially when it comes to advising for pre-professional majors.

Better online sign up for Arts and Sciences advising.

I think it is a little overkill to require some students to register for classes at 7am when no classes start until 8am.

Seniors should not be required to have a pin removed or to see an advisor. They should also have priority registration. The classes that are suppose to be offered are either never offered or always full.

Maybe when a student goes to advising to get their hold lifted you should actually lift it. VERY unsatisfied with the art and sciences department this semester.

Make a bigger effort to let students know who their advisor is and how and where to get in contact with him/her. I didn't receive regular emails and was a little disappointed with the lack of communication.

Make sure more advisors are more knowledgable about the courses students need to take and that they take more time with the students to develop their class schedules for the upcoming semester and for semesters after. Past experience with advisors and when speaking with my classmates I found that some times the advisors do not have adequate knowledge of what is needed or how to help me make my class schedule. I never had a problem with this but most people are not like me and do not take the initiative to find out what classes they need to take and are expected to be told by someone else, and I feel that by ensuring more faculty are knowledgable about the courses offered and the requirements that these students wont have problems registering for the right classes in the future.

Advisor did not clear my pin after advising. I had to go to Clark hall the morning of my registration time to get my pin cleared and missed getting in an ideal section of a class because of it.

The pre-health advising office needs a lot of work.

Possibly work on the override process and the possibility of making classes more accessible to all
More classes for honors UH classes should be opened. I was one of the first to register and still didn’t get in that class. I also do not have a set advisor and I wish I did. I have had two different advisors and both have told me different things about my degree that do not match up. Also, neither advisor I have had had knowledge about my minor which is Spanish. They were not helpful in planning my future classes in regards to Spanish.

Don’t schedule important, required classes like BSC 450 during a time when many other classes are offered.

Dr. Powell is the bomb.

Have more advisors for double majors in College of Arts and Science and the Commerce and Business.

I was satisfied with the process. It was quick and painless.

Most advisors just don’t know enough. My advisor just wants to get me graduated instead of actually taking the classes I need for my career. She also confidently tells me one thing, but she is often wrong and I have to correct her, to which she apologizes. This is bad because I never know if her information is accurate because she says everything with such confidence, even if she is just plain wrong. Advisors should know about graduate schools in their department and which classes would be more beneficial for our ultimate goals. For example, my advisor told me to take organic chem, genetics, and cell bio at the same time. Anyone in the biology dept knows that this is ridiculous and it would be impossible to keep up a good GPA and extracurriculars. This means that I just have to disregard her advice and the entire advising appointment is useless. She’s a nice lady... just not a good advisor.

The science department needs to find a way to offer ecology in another time slot other than 8am MWF. Very mad.

Classes, especially upper level, need to be more available.

Online scheduling instead of signing up for a specific time on the outside of advisors office door.

Chemistry

The different advisors in each department need to communicate better between one another.

Sometimes the advisors crush your hopes rather than giving you motivation to push yourself and work to your fullest potential.

Ensure that non-departmental advisors know what they are talking about. This year I found out, from my departmental advisor, that my previous advisor from the college of arts and sciences had been misadvising me and now I am a semester behind on my major classes.

Some people like the idea of online/phone advising, but I think there should be an emphasis and focus held on personal relationships found in private advising. I understand the “hassle” of meeting for maybe 30 minutes of the day, but talking it over with professors in the department or college can open opportunities unavailable over e-mail or phone. Plus, private advising is beneficial in building upon the skill of conversing with adults in a professional manner. Now, as I step off my soap box of my love for private advising, I think The DegreeWorks Planner is the best invention ever, truly. It is unbelievable how easy it is to plan your remaining semesters, seeing credit by credit what needs to be completed. It an absolutely amazing portal that needs to be encouraged by every advisor.

Clearer instructions on which advisor to meet with, whether college, department, or other

No advising requirements for upperclassmen. Do priority registration by class. Honors freshman should not get to register before seniors.

I have no suggestions, I had one advisor last semester who honestly did nothing to help me so I switched advisors. My new advisor this semester is awesome. The difference is that it actually feels like she cares, not that she’s just trying to get me through. A suggestion I have then is for advisors to maybe ask a question right at the beginning of the advising session about the student or about their life to make it feel like they actually care and we are not just a number basically. I think one question like that at the beginning would not take much time and would go a long way towards students being more satisfied with their advising session.

Better pre-health advising.

To be advised by chemistry staff, I was required to sign up in the main Chemistry office. The first session I signed up for (April 1st, 2015) was unsuccessful because of the absence of the advisor.
My advisor spent a large portion of our session “playing” on the computer, with minimal engagement in our session. Did not have much if any constructive/helpful/useful advise. Was able to provide the names of professors teaching certain courses, otherwise he was of little to no help. In the past I have numerous problems with mis information from other advisors so this is a step in the right direction.

Add more teachers to some courses so more students can take classes

My adviser was awesome. I wish I could get in to some of the classes I wanted, but they were full.

It would be awesome if the advisors knew what they were talking about and stopped screwing me over. I have to take summer classes because my advisor didn't know what she was talking about, lost out on 6+ hours of research credit, and missed a shadowing opportunity I had all but secured. Because of my advisor. I absolutely hate the A&S advisors. Most of the time when I go in I have to fight to get a word in edge-wise. They do not care one bit about us students. They just want to clock in and out as fast as possible and won't bother to hear our concerns.

As a pre-health student with a lot of courses to fit into my schedule, I have really appreciated the much-needed help advisors here at UA have offered.

More group sessions maybe?

Maybe just sending out more emails that remind you to make your advising appointments!

I had my schedule planned out for a month in advance before my advising appointment, and my adviser approved my schedule so I was already to register. However, the day before I registered on April 1st, they deleted the lab I wanted. Thankfully another option worked out so I did not need to redo my entire schedule; however, in the future, I would recommend if UA needs to make significant changes to the classes offered next semester, making the changes earlier would definitely be more helpful and less stressful for students. If I had not looked at my registration cart the day before I scheduled, and the class I had expected to take but was not there messed up my entire schedule, and I was not finding this out until I was actually registering, that could have been EXTREMELY stressful. In addition, not all my classes have assigned professors. I'm not sure if this is a normal thing because this is only my second semester, but it would be helpful knowing the professors in advance as well.

They are doing good

Lower the cost of summer tuition. I will no longer be able to finish my biology minor due to summer tuition cost.

Freshmen honor students shouldn't be allowed to register before seniors. It makes it very difficult for seniors and upperclassmen to register for classes required to graduate when some of those classes are already full of freshmen.

Uh foundation criteria needs to be rehauled, and more classes in the UH category need to have multiple attributes.

Communicative Disorders

No, I think it is done very well

I was disappointed with the changes in the registration process for honors courses that occurred in the last year. Being an upcoming senior should have placed me in a great spot for getting into any course I wanted, but I struggled greatly trying to get into one class because only a few seats were opened at a time, providing just as much opportunity for sophomores and juniors to get a spot in that class as I had. I didn't have that opportunity in previous years, and I was excited to finally be able to have that privilege as a senior. However, due to the changes in the registration process, it proved to still be extremely difficult to get into a class I had been waiting on for a couple of years.

Making sure the classes we are told to take in advising for the upcoming semester are actually offered during that time.

My advisor was obviously having a bad day and took it out on me. Did not appreciate it when she was clearly irritated at my questions, when that is her purpose as an advisor.

ALL prerequisites for a course should be listed on Degree Works

No suggestions, I have had very good and helpful experiences!

I appreciated my advisor planning every semester I have left until graduation. It was easy to see exactly what needed to happen for me to graduate on time and kept me from worrying about getting everything done the right way.
Have first year students meet with a department advisor earlier, especially if planning on graduating early. I feel that I could have gotten a lot more out of my freshman year if I had met with a Communicative Disorders advisor earlier, as general arts and sciences advisors did not know much about my major.

Honors registration is pointless when the honors college holds seats for later registration dates and does not release all the seats at the beginning of registration, but they do this so their small cliche of fellows and cbh students can get the classes they want.

My experience was great! My advisor was extremely helpful.

I don’t like being required to go see my advisor

Open more classes so that all students have an equal chance to take them.

My advising appointment took only 4-5 minutes. Felt impersonal, had to ask questions about furthering education when it is required for a job in my major. Had to ask about the GRE, applications etc. felt like my advisor had tons of other things to do and didn’t have time to adequately advise me.

This semester my advisor had to cancel our appointment, which was fine. She emailed me with class options. However, I wish she would’ve went into more detail on class options for certain requirements I needed.

Allow students to get advised sooner and therefore register sooner.

I was very upset when my advisor told me that “science courses are all going to be too hard” and that I’m “not cut out for a career involving science”. Advisors are supposed to offer advise and support and I felt very upset upon leaving my advising appointment.

Not currently

I suggest having advisors who encourage students. I have had poor an experience where an advisor made me cry, and I believe it is important to be kind, understanding, as well as knowledgable during the sessions, especially with freshman or incoming students.

Make sure that all advisors are aware of what semester certain classes are scheduled. I have a friend who’s advisor told her wrong and she is graduating a semester late because she has to wait until the class opens up next semester.

It would be nice if my advisor did a little more planning for me instead of me feeling like it’s all in my hands. She is an advisor and I feel as if there is no advising going on, simply just going through the motions and approving my selection. It would make me happy to have a little more guidance in what classes she thinks would be good for me because when it come to selection all classes look the same to someone with an untrained eye. Overall, I feel as if the advising process is a waste of time if I am expected to do all of the work and in turn deal with my advisor’s bad attitude when I’m confused about something.

I am advised by two of my professors in my field of study, and my only request would be that there is an easier override system.

The website and Degreeworks is very difficult to understand.

Maybe a better filter for who can get into certain classes. I’m a criminal justice major but have been unable to get into CJ 100 due to the fact it was full by the time I got to register.

All advisors should be accessible by email for those of us that work fulltime. It is difficult to go and meet with someone.

It would make this whole process a lot easier if there was a way to actually schedule an appointment with your advisor. It would also be nice if the school let you know when it was time to start setting up your appointments because I’m unprepared every time advising comes around since the university doesn’t let you know anything.

No. UA is awesome. Roll Tide!
Create a Mybama link that makes clearing your alternate pin an online process for students in their junior and senior year, we should by this time know how to do self-advising. Send a few emails out everyone in awhile to students that provides' an explanation of the tools Degree Works provides and how to utilize them for the students benefit.

Have more advisors like Douglas Klutz. He was great and very helpful in advising me the past 3 years in the College of Arts & Sciences, Criminal Justice.

Provide an easy access source for students requiring overrides. The Buissness college provides slips of paper to students that is a basically fill in the blank email form with instructions and name of Dean to send too.

It is completely unnecessary to have to physically meet with an advisor. Especially when the advisor can only meet during an hour block two days a week. Not everyone lives in Tuscaloosa and my advisor refused to meet with me at a time or day when I had to travel for class. I knew what classes I needed and could have easily registered without having to be “advised.” Typically, most students know what classes they need without having to be “advised.” Therefore, it should not be mandatory at all. If it has to continue to be mandatory, it should be able to be done over the phone or through e-mail.

Send emails reminding it’s time to get advised

Registration Should Be Improved For Seniors

No, it seems to be working fine. However, it is difficult to get in classes I need.

Have specific Major plans; what a student should expect to take each semester with their given major(s) minor(s)

Minime

Make it easier to get into UH classes. They fill up extremely quickly and it is hard to take core classes as honors when they are always full.

I enjoy my current advisor, who is head of a specific department. However, I feel his knowledge is limited to only his department. However, I refuse to use the general advisors provided by UA after they allowed me to take risky courses that were applied as electives, instead of what I previously believed they would be applied as. I feel the general advisors are so overwhelmed by students that they don’t truly listen to the student and catch any potential problems.

Make degree works the main class building device

None, this semester Dean Dorr and Dean Peoples helped me tremendously. The women resource center has also been phenomenal.

Nope. Douglas Klutz is great!

I love my advisor

Not to have classes so late that it interferes with job hours

Doug Klutz for president

Advising feels rushed. I do not feel like my advisor genuinely cares about my concerns sometimes. There is always a large line to wait to see my advisor, even when I make an appointment. There should me more advisors for my major.

There should be emails sent out for every time advising starts and the date for when registration for classes starts.

Dance

I’m a dance major and the dance faculty advisors do not know much about the arts and science school. And the arts and science advisor don’t know anything about dance even though it is in that school. Therefore, it is difficult to get help from the advisors.

I wish there were more options for classes later in the day. Because there are not, I am forced to take online classes, which I do not like as well an on campus classes.

I believe the advisors here don’t know how to help students besides telling them what classes to take. I had many questions about double majoring and I was sent to 4 different advisors before one could help me. I am very unsatisfied with the advisors here.

I am a double major in Dance and Biology, and while my Dance faculty adviser and Biology faculty adviser are knowledgeable for advising in their respective fields they weren’t very good at making me a cohesive schedule. I always
went to advising, but I often had to do a lot of the scheduling on my own. I was also very discouraged at a large number of my advising appointments early on in college. I was an overtime student most semesters leading up to my senior year and my original adviser was always discouraging. I was frequently told “you won't be successful if you choose that schedule” or things of that nature. Overall, my biggest word of advice for the future is to make sure all the advisers are encouraging. A lot of students know what they want, and are willing to do whatever it takes to reach their goals. However, I know a lot of friends, myself included, that have been very discouraged after meeting with their advisers.

Economics

There could be more Honor College course offerings, or just more sections of the currently offered classes. Those classes are full much more quickly than other courses.

I think that more advising should be available via email or phone instead of having to make an appointment. I personally spend about 30 seconds with my advisor and they just clear my pin for registration. Any info that I need regarding my classes or schedule I am able to find online so I feel no need for an advisor other than clearing me to register.

Do not force college advising for the first semester, let faculty interaction increase. Professors have the best knowledge about classes.

English

This year I was switched with little notice to my third new advisor. It's hard to build a history/relationship with someone if the person keeps changing. And my new advisor is on sabbatical next semester!

Having advisors know what classes are being offered for each semester would be very helpful. A lot of the time, advisors won't know and it isn't helpful

I just go to a faculty member in my department that I trust. My actual advisor has little to do with me.

Make sure advisors aren't incompetent.

If there's more work to be done, most of that should be focused on improving DegreeWorks. It seems like a student's most powerful tool. Also, the English department is a great model for getting course descriptions to its students, especially for courses where the topics vary professor by professor.

Get more knowledgeable advisors

Include in-progress credit hours as total hours used to determine registration times!

Department advisors are not as knowledgeable as College advisors, in my experience. I always see my Arts & Sciences advisor, despite the department advising requirement.

Just keep improving Degree Works! It is definitely the primary registration tool that I use as well as the primary tool that my friends use. The planner and What If tools are extremely helpful, and, to be honest, I log into Degree Works at least three times a week consistently. I just love seeing all of my options laid out, and I also like that it gives me the opportunity to extensively plan multiple routes of education paths. There are a couple of glitches that could be worked out (such as the fact that when I'm in planning mode I can't click on the classes in the requirements section to see more information, or that a couple of my classes don't count as applicable for whatever reason), but overall I'm just really looking forward to any new improvements and innovations!

Most students do not have the same type of advisors. For a long time I have had to encourage my friends to find out information for themselves. They never feel like they have any guidance. I think the advisor should make more of an effort to be in there students life. I have had mine for years and can talk to her about everything. Most of the students feel like we are just another number.

Mr. Chenault is a wonderful adviser and had my very best interest in mind over anyone I have EVER met in the College of Arts & Sciences. I am truly grateful for his support in my academic achievement.

online advising is students already have a degree works plan set up
FOR THE LOVE OF ALL THAT'S HOLY WOULD YOU PLEASE JUST LET US SIGN UP FOR OUR CLASSES WITHOUT ADVISING SESSIONS WE'RE GROWN ASS MEN AND WOMEN I PROMISE WE CAN HANDLE IT

The English department never assigned me an advisor for my English major. I am very unsatisfied with this, because after this semester, I can no longer use my general advisor. I would like to be able to contact my English advisor about my study abroad plans, but cannot do so because I don't have one.

No shutting down the classes that both freshman and sophomores have to take so early for bama bound. MORE CJ 100 CLASSES.

I believe that UA has a great advising process.

Online registration is always difficult, as I find that I am not able to easily back out of clicking on classes that I click unintentionally, and often have to entirely start my search over again. Also, I did not know how to register for labs (several years ago) until I asked another student and received help that way. It's not made clear how to do this during online registration, and adds to the anxiety of trying to get into classes early. Additionally, though perhaps unavoidably, my past two semesters in upper level English courses have yielded quite random schedules because of greatly overlapping class times which make it almost impossible to take the classes I want, and make it very difficult for me to work in hours at my job when I have to spend five hours on campus a day after a morning class waiting for a single evening class.

It is so difficult for me to get into UH classes though I am a junior in the Honors college. My advisor (faculty) was of little help with this problem and I was unable to get into the UH class I desired or even my backup UH classes. I wish I had an honors advisor specifically to help me with these sorts of problems, as the only advice my adviser could give me was to email the professor for the class I desired, to which he never emailed me back.

I have course work from the 60's that is not in the computer so I have to have overrides for every course I try to register for in my major. Degree works also says I have not met many core requirements that I have met.

Environmental Science

The problem with DegreeWorks is that the credits that I intended to go towards my minor are being being credited to my major. A change in programming would be simpler than having to get an override.

Offer more slots in classes that are in the upper divisions

I was very disappointed that I was unable to register for the BSC 448 class (Animal Behavior). I am wanting to become a zookeeper and Dr. Earley's class would have been very beneficial to me, but it has been full for almost two weeks. I am a junior and I just do not see how it is fair I was unable to have the opportunity to sign up for that particular class. I am very very upset about it.

No, I was very pleased and felt very comfortable

Look at how many Environmental Science students have changed from my advisor to a different one. There is a pattern for a reason

For this term I was advised by Dr. Justin Hart who was very helpful and provided me with some very good information that I needed in order to fully develope my schedule. However, previously I always went to Clark Hall to be advised and those were typically not very helpful. The students at the front desk seemed to not know what they were doing and the advising members seemed to cut corners when I had questions that they didn't feel like fully explaining. Also I feel like this university should open up more options for upper level courses because some of my courses are only held at one time and there is only one class for that course and as you can imagine it fills up rather quickly. So now I must find a replacement and that will only set me back farther in trying to graduate because I will have to wait until next semester to take that upper level course.

Seniors should not have to see an advisor to get their registration hold lifted. Seniors should not have a registration hold.
Foreign Languages and Literature

631 Finding Advisors to talk with about classes/programs that aren't my major is kind of difficult. I manage, usually with the help of my favorite advisor Ms. Katherine Elliott. But Od appreciate it if there was a list of general advisors for each college, with their contact info, available on mybama. That way getting information and help from a knowledgeable source would be less of an undertaking.
636 Give Mr. Maguire a raise! He's the absolute best!

Geography

641 Mary Pitts is a great advisor.
645 I don't like that classes I need to graduate aren't offered at certain times which is absolutely absurd if you think about it. I'm paying for my education and it's as if the school yanks you around to get more money out of you. That is all. Thanks.
646 No, the current way is fine.

Geology

649 Make it more widely known when registration and advising needs to be done. Email registration dates to students based on their hours.
654 longer open advising windows
658 My advisor is apparently new to the advising process and was unable to help me at all. I had to resort to another professor to give me specifics on courses and to remove the pin from my account. My advisor is extremely nice and polite and seemed to want to help me but was unable and clearly has not been shown how to go through the process. I do not fully blame her, I have like UA should have trained her to know what to do in this situation.
659 More math classes.
661 Dr. Tick is fantastic. He is super helpful and very willing to meet with students.

History

665 Don't make advising mandatory for all students, only those that are in danger of falling behind. My advisor never told me anything that I didn't already know.
667 roll tide
668 I will be a senior and have had three different advisors as a history major. I would have appreciated consistency and an advisor that would guide me through finishing my degree. As an upperclassmen student, I expected to have an advisor that I could easily go to with questions even if it was not registration period. I feel that I have not been given the opportunity to develop a stable advising relationship because of the multiple advisors. For future registration and advising, I believe that upperclass students should have an advisor that remains their advisor thought their degree process.
670 Advising should not be required. I know what classes I need, it shouldn't require the department's signature to register for classes: it is a waste of everybody's time.
672 Sometimes it can be hard to get into departmental advising in time for registration, and as a student who is overly-prepared for registration without advising, it can be aggravating to be unable to register without being advised first.
676 Teachers are better advisors than hired advisors.
679 After experiencing this situation I feel that UA should have a more effective system in place for students that deal with immediate deaths in their family. There was no system for excusing absences or making up assignments. I feel this should be the one area where an exception should be allowed and a system established to deal with these issues. It was
very hard dealing with the death of my father who was diagnosed and passed away within a semester at UA. UA was not supportive in dealing with that situation whatsoever. My advisor was the only person at UA who helped with that situation.

Don't make the students feel like they are being rushed. Experienced that with a college advisor who hurried my advising

The first time I was advised, I do not remember who it was but she basically just told me to figure out degreeworks and use that even though I expressed how I had no clue how to use it even after watching the videos. I then had Cathy Elliot as an adviser and she was amazing and such a great help! I plan on seeing her for any other questions I may have in the future.

I feel like it works great for Arts&Sciences. Much better than what my friends in other colleges complain about at least.

I dread registration. I never get the classes I want.

No more academic holds for upper classmen who know how to register themselves.

Interdisciplinary

My adviser is great but, the problem is that, he doesn't have the capability of changing my schedule. He has to talk to his authority in order for them to change my schedule. I wish that he was capable of doing everything (changing my schedule, giving me an override if necessary, etc.) there in his office.

Make the class listings and requirements user friendly and in one centralized location. Mybama is about as ancient and unintuitive as a website can get

I've had a lot of trouble getting in contact with certain departments to get overrides. Not all of the department websites have contact information clearly displayed.

Explain to students that you need to have registration CLEARED and that just meeting with your advisor doesn't clear you for registration. I had this issue this semester but my advisor and I figured it out and I was able to get good classes. Shoutout to Dr Steinberg!

Everyone needs to go through whatever training Mrs. Cathy Elliot went through and be just as passionate as she is. She has made my advising session at the capstone quick, easy, and painless. Her, Dr. McDonald in Psychology and Mr. Miller in New College have all been phenomenal and more advisors need to be like them.

Require student to speak in person with more then one advisor.

When creating a Planner for semesters with available schedules, require the planner to check for time conflicts. I realize schedule builder does this but most advisers don't know about schedule builder and make schedules that conflict occasionally

If we were to model all advising like New College, everyone involved would be better benefited. I consider numerous New College faculty members my advisors, and perhaps even my friends. They have tremendously influenced me, and I wish every student on this campus had advisors like we have in New College.

Allow for the option of email advising.

Give John Miller of New College a raise. He's the best advisor on campus bar none.

its all good.

courses being offered need to be listed more clearly

Make taking upper level classes in various departments easier for New College students
International Studies

I would really like if the advisors gave me more help in terms of planning out years ahead of time instead of just the next semester. A four year plan would be helpful.

I did not have a fair chance to choose the classes I wanted or the times of the day. I would have liked to pick different classes than what I have now.

I wish advising wasn't required because I don't receive insightful information making advising sessions practically useless and a waste of time.

Having actual advisor input/help regarding my schedule for the next semester would be extremely helpful. Advising within the International Relations department has been absolutely no help aside from having the pin lifted for registration.

Seems pretty good to me.

If you start at the University of Alabama in January you are so far behind the ball it feels like you will never catch up. I don't feel the school puts any effort in fully explaining the degree works. I just feel like they want to refer to the Web so they are not bothered by you but once you go to the Web you don't know what to do.

Some required classes for certain majors aren't offered in sufficient time tables for students with graduation deadlines.

The Political Science and International Studies department doesn't understand the requirements for the International Studies degree as well as they should. Also informing someone when their departmental advisor changes would be nice.

I would like to have an advisor for my specific major (International Relations) rather than just my department, so I could have better advice on what path to take.

No major suggestions, any difficulties I had were due to my own mistake such as forgetting to set up an advising appointment in time for my registration time but I was able to get advising through email and it worked perfectly fine.

I have encountered a variety of issues, some of which have been repetitive, through Degree Works and online registration. Despite that I changed advisers 5-6 semesters ago, my new adviser was never changed in Degree Works. Every semester since that time I have required an one or two overrides to sign up for my classes- an issue that none of my advisers past or present have been able to resolve. Otherwise I have required assistance from the registrar's office on multiple occasions to fix my Degree Works reflecting an inaccurate number of required credits and other inaccurate requirements. I'm not sure what suggestion I could make regarding those issues, but I have found Degree Works to be a fantastic and useful tool- when it functions properly.

I don't think meeting with an advisor should be required. I know what classes I need to take, and I have a plan for taking them. I go into my advising appointment knowing more than my advisor.

It would be very helpful if my advisor could provide some of the overrides for my classes instead of having to call each department.

Life Track

I am happy but, you should know that I am an international distance student. I am not sure if this survey applies to me. Thank you very much and have a good day.

Advisers need to understand that what they do for a living, the students do not. They need to be more respectful and more understanding in replying to students.

This survey does not take into account the Distance Education students (like myself) and the fact that our advising is a bit different from traditional students. Therefore, I am not sure my answers will be helpful. DegreeWorks is not set up to handle the LifeTrack course work to assist students with their degree planning. Also Distance Education or Other should be an options when advising which college advised the student.

I have limited needs that are handled via email due to being an EXD student.

Not at this time. Stacy Waters-Bailey has been immensely helpful and is always very responsive.
None, I am confident in the adviser I have now and how UA handles degree audits.
I am a distance student enrolled in New College LifeTrack. I am very happy with Sandra Perkins and Ana Schuber.
I am an External Degree student, so much of this does not apply. I am very satisfied with the guidance received from my advisor via email and would feel comfortable calling/requesting a phone discussion if needed. Thanks!

Marine Science- Biology

I was told to go to the walk-in Biology advising because they would have more knowledge on my specific major, but the advisor I got knew nothing about core requirements for the university in terms of the literature and history tracks and she also knew nothing about my major and changed my schedule on Degree Works and it will put me behind if I go with her plan. I would suggest picking advisors who know more about the majors.
If a course is only offered one semester per year then have more spots than 35 that's ridiculous. My registration day was the second or third day of priority registration and all 35 spots were filled on the first day.
Let regular seniors register after priority seniors, then let priority juniors register followed by regular juniors and keep that order going with sophomores and freshman as well.
Only give honors students priority over students within their own grade level.
DegreeWorks has glitches in the system that need to be fixed. Also, I had an error while trying to register that said I didn't fulfill requirements to register for the class, even though I did. By the time the problem fixed its itself, the class was full and I’m still on the wait list.
More advisors.
I find the online catalog difficult to access. Sometimes it takes you to the right one and sometimes it takes to to old ones that don’t apply to you. Also, I took Ecology (BSC 385) this year, but I haven’t taken evolution (BSC 483). However, as of next semester, they are combining these two classes into Ecology and Evolution (BSC 385). If I take that class, it will be like I am retaking BSC 385, which would not be helpful in terms of finishing my degree. However, my advisor thinks that having evolution (BSC 483) on my resume would be useful. My advisor and I are not sure how to go about taking evolution without taking BSC 385 all over again.
More classes should be offered for certain subjects because I was unable to take a class that I needed to take this semester.
Need more seats or more sections in BSC courses. Couldn’t seem to get in anything I needed to. All were filled up before I registered and I’m an upcoming senior.
Everything has went very well for me. No changes are necessary.

Marine Science- Geology

Make override request more efficient, offer more class sections for upper level classes.

Mathematics

At one session, the student advisor seemed quick to tell me that the classes I had picked out (a variety of classes, but heavy on the math-- I had not chosen a major yet but wanted to incorporate math somehow into my degree) would be a waste of my time, and that I should take more electives. I came in with a lot of credits, but was pressured to choose a major. The faculty advisor I met with was really knowledgable, kind, and helpful; she helped me pick my majors. Student advisors may be helpful to students who have no idea where to start, but for students to be referred to them by default may not be effective. I ended up disregarding the advice I got from the student advisor in that session, as much as I appreciate that she was trying to help.
Make sure the advisors know the university regulations about transfer credits.
It would be nice if the advisors were more willing to sit down and lay out a schedule for more than the next semester. Also I've been given false information about which classes I can take twice, which has been frustrating. Would be nice to be able to go straight to the major advisors if we are past the point at which a college advisor can help.

Make advising more personal.

Have the advisors actually read the advising sheets prior to approving them.

I have had an awesome experience! The information (especially what is online) is well organized and students are clearly placed at top priority. The University seems to be constantly looking for ways to improve the system in order to make the registration process easier for students. Thank you!!

It needs to be easier for undergrad students to enroll in graduate classes.

They have a hotline?? Does that mean I can call and they can clear my pin and I don't have to have an appt?? That's awesome. I wish I knew more about that. Maybe you could advertise that more?

Department faculty have no idea how to handle students that are on the pre-med track or must complete honors college requirements in addition to their departmental degree requirements. The advising from the math department needs to be examined because it is not helpful at all. My pre-med advisor did a better job of advising me in math courses than my math advisor did.

This semester, I went through my departmental advisor, but in previous semesters, I have gone through the general A&S advisors. I went to one of them last semester with eight questions, but he only had a direct answer to one of them. While I appreciate that he knew where to direct me to get my other questions answered, it would have been more convenient if he knew the questions. Those questions involved topics such as overrides for taking EC110 and EC111 concurrently, pass/fail option for classes, counting hours for registration time slot (I later found that MyBama lists the time you can register), among other topics.

Open more seats for UH classes

The advising process is generally stacked against high achieving students who come in with a lot of AP hours, or who are planning on doing University Scholars. Often the advisors, certainly the college advisors, have little knowledge of the Scholars program, Honors requirements, or Computer Based Honors requirements. This is a huge detriment to high achieving students coming into college with 30+ AP/IB/Dual enrollment hours, looking to pursue opportunities within Honors, or for second/third majors or Master's degrees.

I did not receive an email from an advising about being advised. I think that it is important that Advisors email students to know when they can advise. Instead I heard that people were getting advised and I had to go to express advising. It would have been nice to have an appointment.

Degree Works can be a bit confusing but overall the process was fine

Nope. I think it's great!

I'm a math major. Last semester, contacting my advisor was almost impossible because he's the only academic advisor in the department for undergrad. I sent him several emails and finally heard back a month later. I was never able to meet with him. Instead he just had me fill out a registration sheet and email it back to him. This semester I had to fill out the sheet again, but I was also able to meet with him. When I think of an advisor, I think of someone who will guide me through choices that I make concerning my future education and career. I don't think of an advisor as someone who just clears me for registration. Get more faculty to start doing undergrad advising. Dr. Corson is a great professor and advisor, but he has too much to handle by being the only undergrad advisor.

Advising was too rushed when I attended orientation. Every advising session sense has been more than satisfactory.

I went to be advised by the Student Services Staff and it was the most unprofessional thing I have ever experienced. It wasn't until my fourth visit to Clark Hall that I was even seen by an advisor and once I was finally seen I desperately needed advising help. The advisor who saw me explicitly refused to help me or even speak to me in anyway. Due to this I had to self advise and now I am worried I haven't chosen all the correct classes needed for graduation. The advisor said she could not advise me because I'm not a freshman, that the Student Services Staff only advises freshman. This cannot be the case because since my freshman year I have been to the Student Services Staff for registration help (as terrible as that help was) multiple times. I will probably graduate late because of this horrific advising experience and
cannot express my disappoint enough. I pay this university too much money each semseter to have to deal with such an unprofessional situation over and over again.

more communication so students know their times to register

Microbiology

not particularly

More section offerings for upper level major courses

You either need to make more UH courses or allow more seats or something because I was the 5th wave of people to sign up (out of like 25) and there were almost no classes left for me to choose from for UH requirements. That's ridiculous. There are so many interesting ones I want to take but they are ALL FULL.

The only time I could go see an advisor was around noon, but most of the time all the advisors were taking their lunch breaks so I couldn't make an appointment. I emailed the arts and sciences advising office multiple times without much help. A classmate told me about drop-in appointments and so that is what I used.

No required advising

Many times, it seems that my advisor tells me to take classes that I do not think are logical because I already have credit or such things. I wish they would hear my thoughts and think or reason to take that path instead of reasons to take general classes.

I was unaware that my advisor had changed until the week before I registered for classes. I was given no notice that my advisor had changed. I would have like an email or some form of official documentation that I had been assigned a new advisor. This complicated my advising session through e-mail; however, I was able to sign up on the correct day.

Music

I have received advising both though A&S (school of music) and the pre-health professions advising office. While the former has been a good experience, the latter has been absolutely awful. There has been so much turnover among the pre-health advisors that they do not know their students. Only two of them are competent, and several of them have given advice to both myself and fellow students that is simply incorrect. If UA wants to have students go on to professional careers in medicine, I highly suggest overhauling that office and the process at the absolute earliest convenience.

Every semester my schedule has required an override and my degree works does not show an accurate representation of my degree requirements. Degree works should be updated and there should be restrictions on who can sign up for certain classes that pertain to a specific major— I have had to obtain an override to get into certain classes that were specific to my major in the past that were full because people who were not in my major thought it would be a fun elective.

Each student needs someone to help them as soon as they start school and plan at least a year ahead so classes that are spring only/fall only can be planned ahead.

The only thing I would change is more time for the session!

Performance

There need to be advisors specific to double majors who can help evaluate course requirements and help a student to build a plan that will allow them to graduate in 4 years. Neither or my departmental advisors have any idea about the requirements of my major outside of their departments, and it would be very helpful to have someone to talk with about that.

Increase the schedule hour cap.

My academic advisor was almost no help at all. but my major advisor is actually more help on everything than my academic advisor.
There are a few conflicts with courses having the same name and ID but being different instructors with different objectives completely. After that is settled out I believe it would be much smoother.

My advisor is also my voice professor, and it is wonderful. One year we had to go to the arts and sciences building to get some person there to sign a paper so we could register for classes, and that was a total waste of time.

I did not here from my advisor at the college of arts and sciences at all, as wonderful as Chris Kozak was as advisor in my area of concentration, it would have been nice to at least know who my arts and sciences advisor is in case I had any general questions that professor Kozak couldn’t answer. Also, I do not understand why I, as a music major, need to take certain courses, such as natural science. Music majors have a big enough load of classes we have to take, and it is very hard to fit some of these core classes in, especially when only offered at a certain time. And I feel that it would be much more beneficial to my life as a musician to take an independent studies class in my field of concentration than to take a natural science class. But unfortunately, I won’t have time to take an independent studies class because I will be so busy trying to finish my natural science, humanities, and foreign language/computer science classes.

Philosophy

I wish more upper level classes are offered in the same semester. There were several that I would line to have taken but only offered every other semester. I will be graduating in Dec. All I lacked were upper level PHL courses but only four were offered.

More time slots?

Physics

Make more space in your courses for students or just have more than one course time.

Degree works is bulk. Its hard to take in all the information.

It's annoying when class times change - I built a schedule with Schedule Builder, but when I registered one of the classes had been moved and conflicted with another.

Advisors should be more available in terms of time.

Political Science

Don't ask graduating Seniors to fill this out? But if I win the prize, I totally take back my prior statement.

Advisors could be more knowledgeable about relevant extra-curricular activities that could play a vital role in a student's education experience and lend itself well to career pursuits after college. This would also enable students to predict how much time this would take out of their upcoming semester.

Sign up for advising times online, wasn't able to meet with advisor because she cancelled. Would have been avoidable if I could schedule online

When freshman are coming in, especially from out of state, they are clueless about this process. I was literally turned away from help multiple times and told that they could not help me. They have also told me to take a certain class that I did not need at all.

Poorly executed. Faculty members barely understand what they are supposed to do. Almost always had a problem with getting my hold removed. I am a senior and I've never had an advising appointment that was helpful. It's not the fault of the advisors. It's just a poor system. Should not be mandatory. Very difficult to make an appointment, as well.

In the 2015-2016 CIS catalog, for students in Phase II (JN311, APR 271, APR 280, APR 300), only one or two sections were available in each class and some of them overlapped with other classes required in this particular semester. I think some students could have run into a problem here because it limits the course selection so much.
I signed up for a history, by 300. My advisor never said that does not count as a history. They should have mentioned that when I submitted my schedule. If not to assist you with completing on time then what is the purpose of an advisor?

For students who have rapport with their faculty adviser, it seems silly to force them to meet with an adviser given that some students know exactly what courses they should/will take.

Called to get appointment said they would email me. Never got an email so tried to email them. Wouldn’t go through and says email is invalid so still have not been advised.

No suggestions— I am an athlete and Tyler Roberts is my academic advisor and he is absolutely great. I have also seen Dr. Patton in Political Science for advising.

No everything is good and they work real good with people who just walk in I got avised within 5 minutes of walking in

It should not be required at all. It is a massive inconvenience and needs to be eliminated.

Overall, excellent job

Mr Englehardt and Dr Borreli are my advisers and they go above and beyond to help me. I am graduating next May and they have made the registration process so easy and helped me stay on track and stick to my goal to graduate in four years and attend law school. They are excellent advisors!!

Have more seats in some classes that fill up quickly

Switch to online advising.

Yes, when freshmen students are picking classes for their first term. I am a freshmen and at BamaBound I felt really pressured and did not choose the right classes. It would be helpful if the faculty provided size increased so students are not competing for attention. Also, there needs to be some online advisory sessions beforehand. Which would reduce freshman stress and drop-out rates. For example, I had an Arabic 101 class last semester. That class was taught by a new professor, not the one people raved about. If I had been online advised prior, I would have known the teacher was new with limited experience.

I feel like there should not be a hold on registering because with the exception of my first semester at UA, I have been making my own schedule. The advisors tell me the same thing that I can read on the degree works. Also I have had to email the Criminal Justice department for an override two semesters because it would not allow me to register for upper level courses even though they were required to fulfill my minor requirement. Please change this.

Before I was in Honors College, it was impossible for me to get into classes I wanted because of my late registration time.

My regular advisor was not seeing students this semester which is something I was never informed of. Also once I made an appointment I was rescheduled. When I arrived for my second appointment the professor was not there so I made a THIRD appointment when I arrived for that one this separate professor had no record of my appointment but agreed to sit down with my anyway. After that the appointment took under five minutes but it took a week and another in-person reminder for that professor to put in my pin so I could register. I am very hardworking in creating my schedule and all I ever need is someone to put in the pin to allow me to register. It is very disappointing when they only thing standing in my way of registering is the convoluted advising system. I love my regular advisor and I realize that this is not a typical situation but I would appreciate more clarity in the future.

The faculty advisors in my experience do not know enough to be helpful. They may know their own department but are unable to help with minor classes and/or honors college. That leaves students going to three different advisors and an additional advisor for career information. It would be much better if the general college advisors advised everyone because they have the knowledge to do so.

There should be spots opened at each registration for UH classes rather than at 7:00am and 3:00pm

My first advisor for Political Science once told me he couldn’t answer my questions about other areas of UA because he, “didn’t graduate from an American university”. This was very discouraging and unhelpful. Afterwards, I chose Dr. Chotiner and she was a well of valuable information. She was able to answer questions I had about Honors College, etc., and also challenged me to take certain classes outside of my requirements in order to strengthen my skills for law school. I think all advisors should receive a well-rounded orientation about the other aspects of the university in
order to better advise students. Advisers are supposed to be the go-to for students when they have questions about academics, so it is counterintuitive to their intended purpose if they only know about their specific departments and refuse to answer any other type of questions.

Pre-Communication Disorders

1037 I feel that it needs to be more in depth other than them just saying what we need. Actually talk about the future and want to help know your situation and how they can help. Also, if I need anything I’d like to know that I can depend on my advisor to want to help me the best they can and not feel like a burden.

1039 Classes that students need permission to register for a class should have a faster response time so the students get their preferred class time.

Pre-Criminal Justice

1053 Cathy Elliot is the best!!!!!

1054 I definitely prefer private advising sessions over express advising sessions.

1061 If people want a specific career, an advisor should be able to tell them exactly what major and minor they need.

1076 It would be better to know that my schedule in my registration cart is most likely the one I will get

Pre-Dental

1078 Arts and Sciences advisors need to be more specialized in the various majors within A&S. The advisors I have had were uncertain of many areas within a Psychology major as it relates to Pre-Med. Advising is too generalized to the point of being ineffective.

Pre-Law Studies

1083 I was told that the Arts and Sciences Dept does not clear advising pins on accounts through walk in appointments. Scheduling an appointment that wasn’t 1-2 weeks away was not an option. I felt that if the process was a bit less strict/regulated, more people might be advised in a timely manner.

1085 They need to lay out what you need to do in order to graduate in the next 4 years, It is a little unclear as to what my general education requirements.

Pre-Major Studies

1090 If advisors had more knowledge about career options after college

1092 The advisor that I went to was HORRIBLE. Never again.

1093 Make advising for registration optional; we’re in college so if we have questions about our required classes we need to take initiative to ask about our advisors about them. Many of us already know what classes we need and degreeworks and schedule builder sufficiently allow us to find any required information. It is usually just an inconvenience to go to advising to get the pin removed as we already have a schedule built and mostly just talk about career goals with our advisors.

1099 Make sure the advisors know what they are talking about and tell you to take the correct classes because mine did not.

1100 Get advisors that actually advise students.
1102 It would be nice if the advising places could help me schedule appointments for other places, because I wanted to meet with an education advisor or career center advisor but I don’t know how to, so that has been hard and I have been putting it off.
1104 more informed staff
1105 I would like to know what the Educational Planner is.
1107 I think my department advisor is great and super helpful, but I had several problems with the College of Arts and Sciences advisors. They were not clear about who I needed to do my advising through. They also could not answer any questions regarding my major. I was also told several times I could go to express advising and then with only a few days left to get advised they told me since I was a freshman, but had the hours a sophomore, I wasn’t allowed to and I had to contact a department advisor. I think that the information provided about the advising process could be more clear. With that being said, I have no complaints at all about my department advisor.
1110 Lift the holds earlier for registration. classes that are required fill up way too fast. and if you do not get into an advising appointment early enough it is very stressful.
1113 I had to sessions because I’m a double major. Mrs. Hamlet was an excellent adviser! She was very helpful and patient. It felt very personal; however, with my political science adviser it was awful! Dr. Royed seemed to mock me. She was not knowledgeable. I am going to request another adviser.
1122 Have them relate to the student more, and understand they are slightly intimidating.
1124 Stop making everything so complicated.
1125 None great job
1127 Had I known how bad my advising sessions would be, this probably would not have been my first choice of school. They are quite unhelpful and I’d prefer to just do all my planning myself.
1128 There needs to be more classes available, especially since the amount of incoming freshman/transfers increases each year. It is extremely difficult to get into a required class that you need if you are not in the Honors College to register.
1134 I do not like express advising
1137 Technically I am an undecided freshman in arts and sciences. I am planning on moving to engineering as my primary school with civil engineering and math majors. I talked to an engineering advisor much earlier in the semester about my options if I did change schools. He gave me several course planning flowcharts, and I have done my own research online. All I needed later in the semester was for my course hold to be lifted, so I went to the A&S Express Advising. I knew I wouldn't get actual advice, nor did I need it. But I did not expect to be called “pathetic” and berated endlessly by the advisor. I understand that my next semester will not be typical of an undecided freshman because I came in with 58 credits and will likely be changing schools for one of my majors. And still she scolded me for not talking to math or engineering faculty when math is in A&S and I had already talked to an engineering advisor earlier. I am an adult who knows what courses I have to take because that information is not hard to find. Also, I would like to major in civil engineering and math, but I can’t put both on the “What If” of DegreeWorks. It is quite frustrating.
1149 Make it more clear Very confusing Also hours you can sign up for classes are extremely weird
1150 not enough available classes!!!!!
1151 The private session felt a bit rushed.
1154 Advisors offer no help with aptitude/choosing a major.
1155 not really
1165 Advising through online measures (chat rooms, emails, phone call, etc) would be awesome
1171 Yes, need to work with the students much more and be much more understanding of the fact some people don’t know what they want to do. Also, the registration process needs to be fixed so it is fair to all students and not just the ones with the most credits.
1173 Let the people that know how to use DegreeWorks look up their own classes and sign up for them by themselves. I understand how to do my own scheduling therefore I do not need to meet with an advisor every semester.
1176 I think that advisors who are helping with undecided students should know a little bit more about other majors besides majors in Arts and Sciences. My advisor was not helpful in this regard, but he did direct me to people who could
help. However, he knew almost nothing about other majors which made it hard for me to discuss what classes would be good for me to take next semester. I basically had to figure this out all on my own because I was not able to meet with advisors in the other colleges due to my busy schedule in time for class registration. I just hope for future undecided students that advisors for undecided majors might be a little more knowledgable and helpful regarding to possible majors in other colleges.

Pre-Medical

1180 Overall advising was great
1184 Make sure all advisors know about the requirements of more then just their department. Many times students need information about multiple colleges and the advisors should have a basic knowledge to help them so they don’t have to see a bunch of different advisors to get their questions answered.
1185 Not really. Specifically for pre-med students, it might be helpful to have opportunities for the students to shadow and learn about the lifestyle and life of a surgeon or someone in the medical field. Whether that be a class or that specifically through the honors college or career center, I don’t know. It would just be nice to have.
1189 I would like to see the advisers more interested with your future and going over the different options you could possibly have.
1205 Let the students know more about the process
1210 The times for honors biology and honors chemistry should not conflict when registration opens because it messes with honors pre-medical students.

Pre-Occupational Therapy

1215 Maybe during the advising sessions we could plan out more than just one semester

Pre-Pharmacy

1219 The class registration process is pretty stressful. I feel that it could be made easier with some software changes or other ad-ons. Other than that I always love my advising session.

Pre-Physical Therapy

1223 I would have like my scheduled date for advising to be earlier because most of the classes were closed when I was creating my schedule.
1230 My advisor took a walk in who came in after me before my scheduled appointment so I was not happy about having to wait an extra 20 minutes
1231 My advising was an absolutely horrific experience. I was very unsatisfied with the way my advisor treated me. I felt belittled and stupid. It seemed as though my advisor only cared about me getting in and out of her office, not about my well being at all. I was extremely disappointed.
1235 I think it would be best if UA made it more know that students should begin getting advised early in the semester, because many students forget due to the fact that they already have so much going on and then have to resort to last minute express advising which isn’t as great as a private session with your actual advisor who will be much more beneficial
1236 The woman who advised me knew nothing about my major and major requirements. She told me I HAD TO take calculus next semester and was rude to me, but she was wrong. Calculus is not a required class for me and it angers me that she offered no suggestions on what to take/what’s easy/teachers/etc other than forcing me to put calculus down on my sheet. Also, she seemed in a hurry to get somewhere so our appointment only lasted maybe 5 minutes, but yet I had to wait 3 weeks before I could get an appointment. I was not satisfied with my advising appointment.
Pre-Political Science

1237  I have been getting advised when people come in and say “this isn’t pre-med Alexandra, this is pre-law Alexandra” and correct my advisor... It is extremely uncomfortable to be treated like a number in the arts and science department.
1244  No, I enjoy the system.
1246  I scheduled my appointment, showed up and my advisor never came. Emailed the department of my school and they never got back to me after a week of waiting and in need of advising. Scheduled another appointment and quickly got an email saying that the time I chose would not work. I picked another time with another advisor that I was instructed to use via email. I got an email the morning of my appointment saying that she would not make it and that my class registration hold would be lifted. However I desperately needed to be advised but I was too fed up to even bother making another appointment so now I am beyond confused on what to do.

Pre-Psychology

1249  I would suggest not allowing students do the departmental advising sessions; often times I end up having to email an actual advisor again after I go to a psychology student advisor. It makes going to the psychology advising seem superfluous when I could have just emailed my advisor to begin with. Also, I’ve never actually met with my assigned Arts & Sciences advisor in person; it would be nice to actually have an advising session with her.
1253  I used walk-in advising for this semester and next semester. Are we supposed to have a specific advisor? Also, I want to enroll in an online class, and the system won’t let me. Another problem I have is that I need another UH foundation class, and they are always completely full by the time I get to register; I’m an athlete and in the honors college, so if I’ve got priority registration for two reasons, why are the classes I need already taken by the time I register? Maybe there should be more of those classes available because there is a demand.
1255  I’m in the blount program and wish that my advisors had a little more knowledge about which blount courses were available.
1261  Lance is great
1264  Some of the classes that I wish to take are already full. There should only be a certain number of spaces allowed for a class during each registration so that everyone has a chance to take the classes they need/ want to take
1270  More spots in UH classes that are not for freshmen

Psychology

1274  With a growing population here on campus, it is usually nearly impossible to get the classes that you actually need because they fill up so quickly. Advising is great, but it does you no good when you cannot get into the classes you need due to the fact that the seating options are very limited.
1283  Don’t rush appointments. I was left with so many questions
1286  Classes I need get filled up very quickly so I have to take classes I don’t need. I wish some classes had more options. Sometimes there is only one professor teaching and it fills up before my registration date.
1287  I feel completely dissatisfied with my advising experiences at UA. As an incoming freshman at Bama Bound, I was completely misled into taking classes I did not need to take and not taking classes I should have taken. For example, they told me taking biology and chemistry at the same time was not allowed when I very well could have. My advisor for freshman year only knew his department, which is understandable, but I did not like having to meet with advisors in three different departments as well as the pre-health advisor. When I was assigned a psychology advisor, I was the first student she ever advised. I understood she was new, but she was unprepared to advise me and could not answer any of my questions. I felt overwhelmed being transferred between so many different people just to have simple questions answered. When I did meet with advisors, they never stopped to ask how things were going. They would look over my course selections and approve them, and that was it. I very quickly became disillusioned with the idea that advisors were
helpful and began doing everything on my own as much as possible, as soon as possible. The only time I have truly felt assisted was meeting with Wendy McMillian to sort out issues with my study abroad transfers. She was kind and very helpful. Ms. Thomley was also helpful with helping me with study abroad transfer issues. Other than that, I am dissatisfied with my experience.

1288 The advisors messed up so many times that I took courses I didn't need and got low grades in. They do not do anything that goes above and beyond their duties because they don't want to take the time to do that. They need to know what they are talking about. They need to tell you what you should be doing to prepare for your future endeavors. I have had a few different advisors and they were all terrible. This area needs major work.

1289 I have had two different advising appointments scheduled that had to be rescheduled due to the appointments being put up by accident. If there would be anyway to avoid this it would be very helpful that way time wouldn't be wasted due to attending an appointment that wasn't really there and getting turned away.

1293 Allow more people in online classes....most of mine had few slots to get in

1294 Had an awesome advisor!

1297 I had many issues with overriding and by the time I tired to get it fixed it was too late, I think we should have earlier advising appointments.

1298 I would just like to say that Cathy Elliott is an unbelievably phenomenal advisor. Anytime I’m stressed out about courses or how I’m going to complete my degree, she always talks me off a ledge and makes me completely confident in the fact that I’m able to get it all done. She really cares about her students and invests the time in them, and I couldn’t imagine getting through my four years at UA without her! She’s unreal!

1305 I think you all are doing a great job!

1314 Sometimes the classes I need to be in are full when it is my time to register which is very frustrating.

1321 Cathy Elliott and I looked at my degree works to make sure all of my classes are taken care of before I graduate in December. Cathy spends the time helping and is a wonderful advisor. She has been my advisor since I transferred to the University of Alabama.

1322 create map for each students major with suggestions of which courses to take

1336 As an incoming transfer and as someone who has lived in Tuscaloosa my whole life, I found the whole registration day to be a waste of time. The registration itself was pretty simple and I knew where everything was.

1338 Upper division psychology and sociology classes are only offered in the afternoon. For students who work, like me, afternoon classes can be a challenge with work. Classes offered in the morning would be nice

1344 Don't require registration and have courses every semester not some that are only available some semesters.

1345 The advisors always Rush you. I don't like it. They should act more like they care.

1348 It would be nice to have more options in the Psychology department. There is a requirement of 6 hours of 400 level classes in addition to the the two 400 level seminar requirements. Most the classes are only offered in the fall or spring and they often have the same day/times that conflict.

1349 Helping honors students to be able to get into classes, specifically seminars.

1359 Make courses more available to students when going through the registration process

1364 The advisors are so rude and do not seem to sincerely care about the student's graduating. They also know nothing about the classes offered and their advice is “It's up to you.” Very disappointed that I pay so much money not to mention I pay out of state tuition and I can't even figure out what I need to graduate. Fix this please. It is too stressful for me I succeed here.

1365 Make sure all students are actually assigned and advisor. I've been here for three years and I changed my major to psychology freshmen year and I still have a history advisor.

1367 Make sure the advisers are well-informed or at least look at the prerequisites for courses and whether or not the student has fulfilled them before allowing the student to attempt to register for that course.

1368 Allow more time to be advised.

1370 Advisors should be more involved with students.

1372 A list of when classes are typically offered (e.g. PY 370 is offered every semester or PY 413 is offered only in the fall) etc would be very helpful.
I am in the Psych department and we are advised by grad students until you become an upperclassman. I hated this, they didn't know what they were doing. I was assigned a professor when I became a junior who retired after I met with him once and they never gave me a new one and said I didn’t need an adviser because they were overbooked. I have never actually been advised at UA and I’m graduating in August.

I think that advisors should be more consistent throughout the four years. A lot of times I was shuffled around and it made getting degree requirements confusing. Also I think they should not only look at your upcoming schedule but also review your degree progress in general.

More class times offered

Email

Making more classes available

It is important to have genuine, understanding advisors that are encouraging. They must consider each student as an individual not one of many to be dismissed.

The advisers need to try to help make schedules more time-efficient. It would also be helpful if degree works was up to date and correct. I know in my psychology major section, some of the information is wrong or every confusing to read. For example, it says that we are required 12 hours of 400 level courses, when my adviser told me only 9 were required.

Get advisors to respond to emails.

UA needs to make sure that there are more seats available in lab sections than in lecture sections. For example, for a class that requires you take the lab and lecture, there needs to be a seat available in both. Also, I think that students should have the option to attend advising.

Students need access to quality advisors before they declare majors.

For advising, I would appreciate it if the advisor would hear my plans for all four years rather than assigning/pressing me to take certain classes and when. I create a plan for myself that I deem suitable for me and I would love for my advisor to be open to my scheduling rather than press his/her input upon my scheduling decisions.

Make sure they know what they’re talking about because me and my roommate have both taken classes that we don’t need to graduate since we transferred here.

No required advising

Criminal Justice minors have not been able to sign up for upper level criminal justice classes for at least a year now. The restriction comes up with “major restriction” when in reality the minors need those classes too. This causes each criminal justice minor to have to call the criminal justice department and get an override for these classes. The IT department should look into this and have it to where the minors in criminal justice do not experience this problem anymore. It is incredibly frustrating for not only the students, but for the faculty members that have to deal with each criminal justice minor separately to individually provide them with an override.

The faculty advisors are hard to get in touch with.

I would like a little help long-term planning sometimes, rather than having them tell us that we need to have it done before we come in. I am kind of lost in planning all 8 semesters.

More possibly schedules creation rather than just a concrete list of courses selected.

Marian Denham is absolutely amazing! Best advisor I’ve ever had! The walk in advisor for the department of arts and sciences, a male whose name I do not know, is one of the rudest and most impatient people I have met to date. I’ve seen him twice and he was extremely disrespectful and condescending both of those times. I was EXTREMELY unhappy with his services, which did not help me by the way.

arts and sciences advisors are not knowledgable of the medical profession requirements

No additionall comments

I feel that for people that work full time, having the option to meet with an advisor after 5 pm would be extremely helpful so long as you have an appointment!
Religious Studies

1440  Seniors should have priority registration whether they are in honours college or not

Spanish

1441  Give more feedback. Don’t just sign the paper. ADVISE ME don’t just nod
1442  I was misadvised three times in undergrad...

Theatre

1454  When I was a freshman here, it was not necessarily mandatory to meet with an advisor in Clark Hall. It might have been able to help plan out my schedules more and advise me not to take a certain class (Literature, 3 separate times because only two were needed). That information would have saved me a lot of headaches and the money for this current semester in me signing up for a fine arts class in my final semester.
1455  Need more available sections for classes.
1456  More online courses that do not require special permission. I have a lot of trouble making a schedule that will allow me to work enough hours at my job so that I can pay bills and that stresses me out in ways I think are excessive for a university this large that has the capability to provide online courses or summer term specific scholarships.
1457  I’m a theater major and it was not clearly explained that students need to meet with an academic and theatre advisor. I had to ask around to find out who my theatre advisor would be, clearly articulating who students need to go to will clear up confusion in the future.
1460  Does each student have a specific college adviser? I could never understand how that worked. So, maybe make that clearer.
1464  For transfer students degree works often messes up which credits transfer and how many of them transfer.

Undesignated Arts & Sciences

1465  myBama is really showing its age. The navigation is confusing and there's unsatisfactory integration between course listings, registration pages, course descriptions, prerequisites, etc.
1466  Survey really does not apply to my situation.
1470  More online classes need to be made available to us non-traditional students who work full time.
Accounting

Nope. My advisor is knowledgeable, easy to work with and an overall great guy. I enjoy visiting with him!

The “schedule by the day” advising system that Sandy Davidson has is a complete mess. They tell you to call at 8 to schedule an appointment, but even if you call at 7:45 and they answer, they tell you they are already full. There should be some type of online registration available the night before if is is going to be by the day scheduling. I work 40 hours per week and attend school full time and it is EXTREMELY difficult for me to schedule my advising on a whim. It really shouldn’t even be required that you meet in person. A simple email (especially for seniors with only a few classes remaining) should suffice. Advising appointments in person should only be required for students with problems, uncertainties, or ones that need overrides. You should have to option to decline an in person advising appointment. This is also because, when you finally do get an appointment with Mrs. Davidson, she is in such a rush that your appointment probably only lasts 3-5 minutes. The whole accounting advising system is a total mess and needs to be rethought, in my opinion.

Offer more summer classes at various times. It seems like most summer classes are only held in the morning, which causes schedule conflicts if students want to take more than one class.

I was unable to register for two of my core classes because there are not enough classes available. Because of this, I will have to spend and extra year at Alabama. One of my roommates has this same problem. Something needs to change.

Please allow students to call weeks in advance and schedule an appointment rather than that day appointments and you cannot schedule ahead.

Be able to make appointments in advance

Make sure that people who are Minors can get into the classes they need. A lot of the time, the online registration system won't allow a Minor to sign up for those specific classes because it thinks they are “Majors only.”

Everything is perfect the way it is now

It can sometimes be difficult to get an override. I have had trouble a few times when my advisor said she put in an override, but when I went to register, the override was not there/active. This has happened more than once for me, and it is difficult because my whole schedule was based around a class that the system would not let me register for. Also, my advisor only does walk-in or appointments made that day. The slots fill up immediately, so it can be difficult to talk to her if you run into a last minute problem. The Accounting department has grown so much, that she is over booked, but she is the only advisor we are able to see.

My department advisor does not make appointments in advance. This is very inconvenient. I work in Birmingham on days that I don’t have class and can’t take time off just to sit outside of an office and wait to possibly get an appointment that day. I had to end up making an appointment with the normal culverhouse staff that are not as knowledgeable about accounting requirements.

The accounting department needs more classes as the class size keeps having to be expanded due to lack of spots

Sandy Davidson was and has been incredibly helpful every time I have met or spoken with her. She also did a great job advising me via email while I worked my internship in Nashville. She is a great resource and again incredibly helpful and always nice.

It would be nice if you could schedule appointments online with Dandy Davidson. Her method for signing up for her appointments is ridiculous and inefficient.

Need more than one accounting advisor and more appointments

Accounting majors have to make an appointment on a day by day basis and it is horribly inconvenient. Make an online scheduling system where you can schedule in advance like general business majors do.
The business school should invest in advising by email. It's so much easier then spending 15 mins (10 min=waiting time) on something we already know.

Student services have the rudest people on the planet. especially the heavy set caucasian girl with brown hair at front desk. She was rude to an Asian that couldn't speak correct English. I was embarrassed for him because she was so rude.

I would suggest making an express lane option for students looking to just have their pin cleared. That would save those students time and open the advisors up for more time with students who require more attention.

I am an Accounting major. I used to be advised by Sandy Davidson, but I've found that she's very inflexible in considering options other than the relatively rigid accounting program flowchart, including a senior year spring internship and never taking more than 15 hours. While I appreciated her expertise, it was very exasperating attempting to get advice to suit my needs that very clearly extended beyond the default path of an accounting major. Now, I simply get advised in Bidgood 10 by Keely Latopolski. She's much more willing to hear my ideas and provide actual advice and guidance instead of trying to shoe-horn me into a generic plan. She is also much more honest about course loads and willing to offer suggestions based on my academic abilities rather than those of the generic student, as opposed to Ms. Davidson's blanket statements of “never take more than 15 hours” In short, I really like being advised by Ms. Latopolski because she offers actual advice, and really disliked being advised by Ms. Davidson because she had little more to offer than a flow chart.

For majors where there is only one advisor for all students, hire more advisors! It is difficult to compete with hundreds of other students to meet with one specific advisor, especially when the advisor only accepts same-day appointments.

Count transfer credits towards the time students can sign up for classes. I am a senior with a double major and because of my transfer credits not counting, I have to register after all the classes are pretty much picked through.

Adding more advisors to free up time slots more often.

The open seats for hot courses are so limited. It is hard for us to get the course we wanted.

Danielle Clarke and Heather Ammons are great. Sandy Davidson is mediocre. That is all.

Economics

Because everyone waits until the last minute, Keely has been slammed with work and unable to get back to me about a registration question. It seems like an unorganized form of chaos in the advising office right now, and I am unable to meet her to ask about the question because of all of the late students getting advised. Maybe make it to where if they missed their advising appointment too many times or are too late getting advised have them be required to be advised over email.

Yes offering more classes for certain classes that are required for most students to take. Last semester I attempted countless times to register for the hybrid FI 302 class before the class was even near full, but could not because there was no lab option even listed the multiple times I attempted (lab is required for the hybrid). This has had a negative impact on my grade because the hybrid and online courses allow you three attempts at each exam, while my class does not. This does not seem fair at all to me.

Start appointments for advising earlier

Advisers especially for upper class students need an understanding of what classes to recommend based on career path. No one ever told me that if I wanted to pursue a graduate degree in economics exactly what math to take.

Advisors don’t seem to know anything about any of the other colleges, which makes having a minor in another college difficult.

University Scholars should be able to register for graduate classes at the same time as the other graduate students.

The knowledge of the advisers needs to improve for specific programs/
Finance

1599 Great advising appointment. Advisor was very knowledgable and helpful.
1602 Making advisers more available for walk in questions.
1603 More availability of seating or sections for upper level courses (300-400). Increase in the number of hours allowed to register during a period of time, seniors given precedent over honors, and no registration before 7 am, 8 is more feasible.
1605 Advising is great for people following a basic track for a single major. When it gets more complicated, most advisors become less helpful. My advisor has been great but I think he’s the exception.
1612 none, I think they have a good system in place
1616 Heather Ammonds is a great adviser
1619 Give faculty the ability to clear students' schedules. My primary advisor is a professor I meet with but then I have to go and meet again with a CBA advisor too.
1620 I find Degree Works more helpful than my advisors because my advisors do not know what I am capable of individually. For example, my advisor told me that I shouldn't take 2 certain accounting classes together. I appreciate the gesture, but I know what I can handle better than she does. If I say I want to take those 2 classes together, don't advise me not to.
1624 Danielle Clarke is consistently helpful, and always goes above and beyond to make sure I have the schedule I need. She deserves a raise...or at least an award!
1627 Get more advisors. The business school lacks a sufficient amount of advisors. Especially compared to the number of students in the college of commerce
1630 No additional comments or suggestions at this time.
1632 Open more classes; have professors' names listed during registration; give less people priority
1633 I was advised by Jason Johns three or four semesters in a row. We went through and outlined my college career multiple times, and he failed to tell me about 2 courses that were required in order to graduate on time. I then was advised by Heather Ammons, who did a very good job.
1635 Advising via email for students who know the classes and schedules they need to graduate.
1639 Revise the registration process. Extremely dissatisfied with course times and availability of seats.
1642 Fire Tiffany sims. Since freshman year, she continues to be the rudest employee I've experienced. Brings a bad reputation to the department
1644 They should know more about the Honors College and its requirements. also I wish there were more degree specific advisors.
1645 I have been advised to take classes that I wasn’t initially cleared for, so I had to wait to register until after I called to get cleared.
1647 Degree work could be better along with the planner
1653 Upper division students shouldn’t need to physically meet with their adviser. Usually our schedules are pretty much set and there’s not much the adviser needs to do other than approve it, which can be done without a physical meeting.
1654 I wish I would've had a more personal advising experience and had been on a first name basis with my advisor instead of being schedule to see someone different each time.
1656 I would like there to be a designated advisor for University Scholars.
1658 I think that the college of business advisors here do a great job and am very satisfied with all that I have met. I think that the registration is also very user friendly and simple, and I have no suggestions to improve the process.
1661 Signing up for classes without the knowledge of who is teaching the class especially with upper division classes is like shooting a gun with my eyes closed. Majority of my classes only have one teacher assigned to a time and the rest say TBA. This really henders me from getting the most out of my education.
1662 ADVISING BY EMAIL
General Business

1667  More advisors or advising times. It is impossible to get an appointment in the middle of the semester if you have more questions after your initial appointment.
1668  Everyone should be designated a specific advisor to help watch them grow throughout the 4 year career.
1669  I don’t think the process COULD be any easier. My wife goes to Mercer University here in GA, and every part of their process: registration, financial aid, even the classes themselves are sub-par. Any of my friends that mention going back to school, I always push them towards UA.
1675  Bidgood 10 is the BEST!!!!!
1681  I am very pleased with the ease of the online advising provided by Ms. Humber
1685  Degree Works does not account for manual input of transfer courses that the college is accepting for credit. It should be able to do that so one can get a true look at their completion schedule and current status.
1687  I wish we would get the advising sooner so that we can really check into the classes prior to registration, but I am not unhappy.
1689  Understand that sometimes rules are meant to be broken. I did not need an advising appointment for Summer 2015. I had previously spoken with my advisor though email about this issue. I only needed one class. I do not need to speak with anyone about anything. It was a waste of time for everyone involved. I only needed to be cleared so that I could register before the class filled up and my private loan could clear in plenty of time. I have had to wait until the end of April meaning that the class has filled for the month of June so I must remain on a waiting list and my private loan is still waiting to clear. I see no reason why this had to happen when a fellow student went past me for athletic advising.
1690  Jennifer Humber is a great asset to the university. She has been incredibly helpful and understanding during my time here.
1695  I hate I am four classes from graduation and I cannot take my last 4 classes in the same semester. Disappointed in the school.
1697  ROLL TIDE!!!!
1700  It was great. My advisor squeezed me in because I had waited to late to schedule an appointment.
1701  Get rid of specific times to register between honors and non-honors.
1707  Nothing at this time

Lower Division Accounting

1716  Advisors need to take more time going over the classes with students and explaining the plan to graduation
1722  I was unable to get two of my classes that were available at my designated time and date, but the adviser forgot to give me permission to take upper division accounting classes so I lost two of my spots in two classes I need to take. It is very aggravating because I was doing my job, but they did not do theirs. Now I am going through the difficulties of trying to get into these two classes.
1723  Make it optional. I've gotten f'ed by advising holds more than once, when I already knew what classes to take.
1735  Very hard getting an advising appointment in my college
1737  The advisor I had was rude, and failed to reciprocate respect. Not fit to be a college advisor. He didn't seem happy with his job. I had higher expectations when I entered his office and I expect better from The University of Alabama I believe my expectations to be realistic. I hope for a better experience next time I have an advising appointment.
1738  Make it so you can register for upper division classes with greater than or equal to 60 hours instead of greater than 60 so the entire upcoming junior class does not have to get overrides to register.
1748  I have a very great experience with my advisor.
1749  I think there should be more advisors for business so once we make appointments we don't have to wait so long to actually have the appointment.
Have long hours or more walk in hours in order to see every student in a timely fashion. I waited an hour for an appointment I had scheduled once

No it went perfect

Very good system

More information about other options.

No! I like my advisor!

In terms of registration, I believe students should have priority over others based on how many hours they've earned up until the day they register. And if there's controversy between several people with the same amount of hours, let the honors college students register first. It's not fair to students who have earned 90 hours and aren't honors college to have to register after those who are honors college, but have only earned 45 hours (for example).

Students should not have a hold on their account for advising.

advising this year was not up to par this year. Now I'm not sure if it was my advisors fault but I could not register for upper division classes and then I had to go to the office and wait and I'm sorry but that's your mistake not mine and when you are messing with my registration and I don't get the times nor professors I wanted that's a problem. I am very dissatisfied with the process this year it is frankly unacceptable. Not only did the advisor who tried to fix it mess it up more I had to wait to see her again. Your staff does not seem to be concerned about the students who pay their salary and I didn't feel like they cared about the problems I was having only once they are done with whatever they have to do then they will make time for me. It took 2 minutes one they finally met with me so why couldn't that just be an in and out thing as soon as I arrived and then I would've been out of your front office employees hair. It was just a mess and I do not appreciate it.

There need to be more appointment slots especially the closer it gets to registration time. I was at the office twice at 7 am and didn't get an appointment because of the amount of student fighting to get a spot.

No everything is good

Open up more classes for registration. Although I check out with DegreeWorks right at my appointed time, half of the classes I wanted were full and I had to find other classes in a shorter period of time.

Private sessions are the best

Group advising for students in GBA is not adequate advising and does not provide enough guidance to first semester freshmen who are unaware of exactly what they are doing.

Group advising for business major freshmen in GBA 145 should be disbanded. Because I did not meet with an advisor one-on-one then, I had questions unanswered that caused me to now be graduating a semester later than I should be

I feel as if the Degreeworks system can be simplified. It's too complex.

Hire more advisors to decrease waiting times for meetings. Most students need to wait a month or more to meet with an advisor, which puts more pressure on students whose registration date is prior to their scheduled meeting.

None

Speak more slowly. Add more time to easy make an appointment.

Hope I can meet more different advisers next time. Not only meeting the only one adviser which signed for international student. Maybe other adviser has better ideas.

Lower Division Economics

Don't put holds on accounts. If you want to treat us like adults allow for us to do the background work and set up our schedules, we all know what we have to take, we all want to only be here for four years, no one is going to take stupid classes.

Have more advisors,

You need more advisors. I feel like such a number here, and I'm an honors student.

I feel that classes should have more available spaces in them.

No, it's great.
More staff members should know about the University Fellows Experience and the classes that accompany it.

No. I came into UA with credits for freshman year, so I had no difficulties getting classes I needed/wanted. To date I've been very pleased with advising through CBA and Honors college.

I'm not fond of the fact that we are being forced to be advised before registration.

Make more time for appointments in March!! Give priority to those students who can register earlier for classes.

Get more advisors that know what they are doing and can override schedules on time and not cause student to miss out on classes because advisors failed to do their job.

Most students get out of class at a certain time and advisors seem to always have appointments scheduled. Maybe have more advisors to support the growing UA population? Aside from that, degreeworks is a great program that is very intuitive and makes everyone's lives easier.

Stop group advising in GBA 145. I took two useless courses because the advisors were not aware of you ap scores or honors college requirements.

I find that registering based off of UA credit hours puts an unfair disadvantage to students that transfer here in signing up for class times that has an adverse effect on the following terms grades and overall UA experience.

Lower Division Finance

Be more descriptive on degree works with what's needed to graduate

Yes, I went into advising well before registration. I am in lower level for Finance and wanted to make sure I could register for upper level classes. I needed to take macroeconomics over the summer and asked my adviser if I could still register for classes for upper division even though I had not met the requirements. She said yes she would allow a pass and all I had to do was fill out a letter of transiency which I did and even e-mailed it to the advising office. I went back 3 not 2 not 1 but 3 separate times, double and triple checking that there would not be a hold to register for classes and upon registration, guess what, I could not register for upper division. I had to go meet with another adviser and waited for three hours to meet with one because it was so over packed. Because of this, my schedule is completely screwed. Thank you UA advising you ruined my schedule for fall semester. I pay 40 grand to go to this school and hold a 3.5 GPA and it takes me hours to meet with an adviser. Hire some more people. Get it together UA.

meet twice a semester incase student changes their mind.

My advisor did not know the prerequisites necessary for my core course work. As a result, I have a very displeasing schedule. I had to go back to advising just to learn classes I could take.

Fix the online Advising Appointment Scheduler.

Very pleased with the help Michael Avant gave me during and after my advising appointment.

It seems like there is a constant back and forth with online registration not allowing me to take a class and my advisor to override it. Fixing that would be great.

I think meeting with an adviser should be optional. I think that if you know which classes to take then meeting with an adviser should not be required.

More spots in classes should be held for those with later advising times. More classes offered in Summer terms

My advisor seemed not to know much about the Honors College, and he told me to take classes that I should not have to take. I have been to other advisors who have been much better and more helpful.

My advisor is really nice.

I believe that you should open up more honors courses. I had priority registration and signed up 30 seconds after my time and it was full before my time even opened. This is probably going to disable me from entering upper division unless a course opens up. Thanks!

the system freezes when the time opens for me to sign up

TELL STUDENTS WHEN YOU DROP THEIR SPECIALIZATION

Danielle Clarke is an amazing advisor for the business school. She's willing to meet with students multiple times per semester, and is always more than helpful. She put me on a path to graduation at the beginning of my junior year and even checks in on me from time to time.
1918 Give overrides during the session so upon registration I can have my proper amount of hours.
1922 Provide more advisors. You have to make an appointment at least a month in advance.
1925 More options for classes to be taken online and more options for honors classes.
1926 It's great
1930 My advisor, Heather Ammons, and the entire staff at the Culverhouse Students Services are awesome! Always a joy to work with.
1941 International students also need on-call adviser. It is unfair for international students only permit to see their adviser one time per semester.
1951 It can be irritating when you need override for a class that you need to take, yet it takes a long time to get approval.
1963 Give more info via email

Lower Division General Business

1968 Make sure the advising number hotline is easier to find. If you send the advising number out with the email's that tell us to schedule our appointment for advising it would be helpful.
1974 virtual introduction, planning, scheduling and advising
1975 Jennifer Humber is my advisor and she is awesome!
1976 Easier planner
1981 If every advisor treated their students with the care and guidance that Jason Johns does - the University would be a better place.
1988 For the business college, it would be easier if group advising was faster
1990 none that I can think of right now, excellent so far, but if there are returning students that have not been in school for a while. a program or special advising would be great! I feel that I have wasted some time on classes that were not needed only to delay me longer to finish my degree. special circumstance should be evaluated and talked about more, than if I was a routine student.
1993 Nope, You all are great.
1998 Make advising via email or chat room for college of business available
2006 Go through people quicker, they take too long when it is not necessary. More people could get advised.
2007 explain the process and requirements better!!!!!!!! I didn't know how doable a double major was and wish that I had known earlier.
2008 No, all went smoothly with me.
2011 Every advisor should show some type of interest and have knowledge of all general requirements.
2013 The advising is staff is overworked and they need to hire more advisers. The office is understaffed.
2015 Jennifer Humber is a blessing.
2017 More online options for students try to take 18 hours or more
2022 Have the advisors be more personable and work with you to create a better schedule. My advisor treated me like a number not a person.
2027 It should be made more clear who a students advisor is. I believe every student should have at least one private advising session.
2030 Update degree works more often, make sure it is completely transparent to distance learners. I thought I was missing a Foreign Language until I emailed Jennifer, who told me my ST260 would cover the FL credits I was missing. Other than that, my advising staff has been wonderful. They have been very quick to respond. I am very happy that Jennifer now has an assistant, as I was one of the few people to enter BamaByDistance early and I feel the program has overgrown the staffing. I love the program!
2035 I was really worried how the advising process would be with having online classes, but Jennifer has been great to work with. She's quick to respond to my emails and makes sure I understand and have answers to whatever I am asking about.
I have been very satisfied with the advising that I have received from Jennifer Humber. She is very knowledgeable about the programs, degree requirements, course requirements and the online degree programs.

Keely Latapolski has helped me with advising every semester I have been here and she is the best!

None. I had pretty much the perfect experience with my advisor. I honestly feel like she did everything she could to help. She was open to answer any question I had to ask. Very smooth comfortable meeting.

I would like to learn how to sign up for an advising appointment online. We did not go over that in GBA145.

I was unable to register on time this semester because I had 2 hours less than a normal junior, 60 hours. My advisor and I discussed that it was okay because I was taking 9 hours of summer school so I would be on track but I still was not able to register on time. A lot of people that I have talked to faced the same issue so I feel like a part of the advising appointment should be for the advisor to check how many hours you have and if you are a little under but still on track that they should make it okay right then instead of dealing with problems like this on registration day.

For the department or school to send out reminder emails for when the start of the advising process begins, because nobody ever knows when it starts.

My advisors very nice and he's always willing to help me

More appointments

Distance learning students should have an option for a chat session for any questions. I have to email back and forth which is fine, but it does take some time to get a response through email.

I have had a different advisor each semester, and they have all been wonderful! Very knowledgeable about the class requirements for my major/any requirement changes.

In the business school everything was made very clear to me. The initial GBA course I was required to take was very helpful and I know exactly how to make advising appointments, where to go for a quick question, and who my advisor is. I know it is not like that for all majors. I suggest structuring the other advising departments like the business school- the program is very clear and easily accessible.

Open up more class times

I love that my advisor allowed me to complete counseling via telephone. I am a full time teacher and this was very flexible and easy. I was also able to answer any questions I may have had.

With the Business College being so large with so many students that are required to have advising appointments, they should have more faculty on staff to do advising appointments. It gets to be hectic when you want to set up an appointment and when you call the next available appointment isn't for 3 weeks. So more faculty to set up and complete advising appointments would be nice.

Yes I'm very unhappy with the way you can't walk in and not schedule an appointment for two semesters. The way you can only go in for one non appointment for two semesters is horrible. I've been to multiple colleges and the fact I can't walk in and get advised or to ask a question really bothers me.

I personally had issues with registering for an appointment on the website.

Tiffany Labon is the BEST! She is my advisor for the college of business and I love her. She's always very helpful.

Not at all, everything is great!

I have been using this advisement system and it has worked perfectly for me.

On my degree works and my advising emails the advisor has duplicated the courses that I need to take in each semester. It confuses me because essentially it shows that I need to take more hours/courses than needed. If thoroughly checked before sending, it could eliminate confusion for the future.

I have not been advised and still unable to register for class. I'm pretty certain the classes I would like to register for are now full.

Open more slots in the MIS classes

Keely's da best

check off students summer classes so they can register for upper division when the time slot for registration opens
Keep up the work (in spite of the volume).
DegreeWorks is fantastic! I really enjoy how helpful this program & my advisor (Jennifer Humber) are.
In reference to question #21, I am unsatisfied because I was unable to take the course that I had planned on; as it was not available for distance learners during the summer semester.
None. As an online student, I really appreciate the email I receive every semester right before registration that lets me know what classes I have completed and what I need to do next. Always helpful to have a good road map.
When I email my advisor, I'm never sure who I will hear back from or how long the response time will take.
I understand that advisors see numerous students, but they need to realize that each student has an individual plan and look at the uniqueness of each one. I have taken unnecessary classes which later resulted in scheduling conflicts because of improper and unhelpful advising.
I like that my advisor sends an email before registration opens for the upcoming semester so I have ample time to research the teachers and get familiar with what classes I need to prepare for.
None specifically.
It seems just fine. For the most part
Frost is an amazing person
Try preventing students from registering for classes while they're in a class, like myself.
For me, receiving the email with the information is great. However, I feel the format of the email is difficult to scan and understand. If it were organized a bit better it would be perfect!

Lower Division Management

Making it easier to get advising if you are transferring be more accessible and don't send group signature session emails the day of, send them several days in advance
I FINALLY had assistance with someone who wasn't just trying to get me out the door asap. All my previous advisers were very pushy and unhelpful to be honest. The only suggestion I would have is to allot 20 minutes for each student instead of 10. I had alot of questions and my current adviser made me feel like I was important and in return I was quick and to the point so I wouldn't waste any of her time.
I am sactified with it
Very helpful! I felt so excited for all the classes I was going to take and feeling very prepared for the next semesters
More Class Options
I attended a group signature session and was a little disappointed. The advisers seemed very bored and uninterested, and I feel didn't do their best to try and help me. I know they see thousands of students, but when they act uninterested it is very unhelpful for students who need help making a plan.
I received great advising during my return to UA and would like to single out Jennifer Humber for all her excellent support!!!
More class offerings between 10am-2pm, instead “night” classes after 5pm!
Lower Division Management Information System

2228 Be more involved in advisement
2238 I still do not know if I am 100% in my major, MIS, entering into my final year. It is ridiculous. I need answers, Alabama is not providing them.
2240 I love heather Davis, she’s awesome !!
2243 Get rid of the registration override process.
2247 Possibly look at how you can help students who are studying abroad be prepared for their next semester.
Emailing worked fine but with the time difference and vacations and such it can be hard to get in touch w/ advisors. I also knew what classes I would have to take coming into the spring so I didn’t need to really talk to an advisor other than getting my schedule approved.
2257 I am a MIS major and there is only one adviser that see the OM and MIS students. I thinks that we need more advisers like they have in Bidgood 10 because there are times when I email her and do not get a response until the next day. I know Heather Davis need more help because one person can not see two whole majors before it is time to register for classes. I would suggest adding one or two more advisers to this major if we can not see any adviser in the College of Business then we need more in Alston 300.
2259 Heather Davis is a great help.
2264 Make degree works easier to use.
2269 Get more mis advisors. 1 is not enough. Heather Davis needs help now.
2270 Need another MIS advisor; Heather Davis is amazing but she is swamped. It should not take 2-3 weeks to see an advisor.
2271 My advising appointments with Mr. Avant are always one of a kind. He definitely directs students on the right path.
2272 Tiffany Labon is the most amazing advisor out of all of them in 10 Bidgood. She has all of the answers and it always willing to work with me to figure out solutions for my problems. She goes above and beyond to get back to my emails and inquiries.
2273 My advisor is Heather Davis and anytime I have ever talked to her, which is multiple times a semester, she is very nice and helpful. She does an amazing job and I am very satisfied.
2279 Need more Advisors for the OM and MIS majors. Heather Davis is a good advisor but she can not handle everything that needs to be handled especially during the time of registration when people are having trouble registering for there classes! There should be way more advisors and more on hand advising where you may drop in and just meet with an advisor for any kind of help for registration or knowledge about majors and what classes to take
2286 No it was pleasant.
2291 No i dont have
2292 Sometime I need more specific idea for choosing major
2293 Help the MIS advisor. It’s only her and their are hundreds of people.

Lower Division Marketing

2297 Keelie was my adviser for my session and I was very pleased with her. She was very helpful and i enjoyed talking to her. She was very upbeat and smiling and she made the appointment very pleasant and informative.
2301 You should actually consider doing more overrides seeing how the student body keeps increasing and the classes and teachers aren’t. I’m personally trying to work in the fall, but by having my schedule scattered everywhere due to closed classes and not being granted overrides; I probably won’t be able to. How else can a college student pay for all the expenses that we run across?
2304 Make it easier to get in touch with an advisor. Also, when I get to meet with an advisor not being rushed out and not even able to get help
2305 Nope, it’s great.
my academic advisor told me I should be working minimum wage at home depot and that my parents were stupid for keeping me in school after the grades I received freshman year. He was also on the phone for the first 15 minutes of the advising session trying to get his paycheck worked out. Very unprofessional. His name is Jason Johns.

Give more time in the advising appointments.

I love the advising system at UA.

make advisors more available so you don’t have to wait weeks for your appointment

Michael Avant is great at what he does!

On the Culverhouse website to make an appointment online I have to put in my CWID and bama ID but when I do it always says I’m wrong and will never let me log in to make an appointment online.

I was very pleased with my appointment and my adviser (Keely Latapooloski)

Having more walk-in advising or phone- advising available when advisors are not available

Add a chatroom for quick questions.

Should have more available classes for people who can’t register early.

Nope! Thank you to the advisors for their help!

Everything is fine

I think advising is perfect, and Dr. Heggem is an EXCELLENT advisor. He went out of his way to ensure that I got my advising done in a timely manner. I will add, question 7 on this survey was a little confusing for me, as I’m not sure what Web (download version) is. I used my degree works (though I did not use the planner, just the worksheet) which was online. Hopefully I answered that correctly.

more advisors

The scheduling is very unfair. I don’t understand how its fair that other colleges can do walk appointments at any time but business colleges has to have an appointment. I have yet to have my appointment its not until the 16th. I feel that I will not even be able to take the classes I need. I had several credit hours before colleges and now it doesn’t even matter because I have a late advising appointment because I’m suppose to get early registration and now I can’t.

My advisor was very helpful in helping me register. One thing I would like to change is to send an email to each student when it is there time to pick classes and also open more honors classes. It's always so hard to get in one you want the most. Overall, awesome!

Adjusting DegreeWorks to better handle double-majors and Dual-Degrees would be fantastic! Also, having a printed copy of my course Catalogue in a flowchart form was infinitely helpful.

60 hours should not be required to enroll in upper level division classes.

Overall, I have had some positive and negative experiences with advisors within C&B. I never found out who my assigned advisor is, and it is typically difficult to schedule times with how many students there are who must get advised before registration. I have had to rely on my own research and planning to create a graduation plan, since I had many AP and transfer credits coming in which has enabled me to follow a unique sequence of classes. The advisors are very prepared as long as students are following the typical 4 year graduation plan with the basic class sequences, but I have found that it isn’t much help if you deviate from that. However, my most recent experience with Danielle Clarke was very helpful.

Lower Division Operations Management

meeting with the same advisor each time would be helpful because each advisor suggests different things and it gets confusing.

The way you hold classes for different times is messed up. The older people who have been here the longest shouldn’t have to wait till another time to select a class

I would like the online registration process simplified. Jumping back and fourth from looking up classes to reregistering online with the CRN number is cumbersome.

Heather Davis in the OM department needs to be better informed for lower division students so she can help find more classes they can take.
I think UA is doing a great job and so is my advisor, Heather Davis. I couldn't be happier with my new schedule.

It's good.

I received a permit to register for an upper-division class (300 level) and when I went to register, the only classes that would fit in my schedule were all closed and I couldn't make it on the waiting list. So, I am probably going to have to request an entirely new permit for a different class. I suggest that you not make a student go through the trouble of requesting a permit and then they can't get into that class. Once a permit is issued, there should be a guaranteed seat in the class or at least a guaranteed spot on the waiting list. Otherwise, don't issue the permit. It was a complete waste of my time and was a huge headache for me.

I think students should have more freedom on picking class, instead of just wait for advisor to give students permission to register class.

Management

Need more availability for appointments around time to register for classes

I would recommend all students attend a private advising session when being advised every semester. Having the same person advise me every semester, Heather Ammons, has been excellent. She knew me, my credits, and what I should do next every time. Great overall experience.

Seniors should get priority registration over every else below in undergrad. An honor student that is a freshman should not be able to register before seniors in my opinion.

I also am a part of the College of Communication & Information Sciences and, compared to my business advising, it's terrible. I feel like I have to inconvenience someone to be advised. I also wish they had mandatory advising like the business school. I feel like I have to jump through several different hoops just for someone to say, “Okay, your schedule looks good.”

There's not enough advisors for the population of students.

As a transfer in my second semester, I feel like all the classes I want are always full because I register behind everyone else. I feel I should get benefits of students in my grade level that have attended UA since Freshman year, considering I completed two years of college just as they have.

Danielle Clarke is awesome

I personally did not have any problems, but I know some people that wasted credit hours taking unnecessary classes. I wish that the advisors would realize which classes are a waste of time and which ones are not.

Having advisors with knowledge of what the classes are like structurally, from a student's perspective. - I have gone to Keely Latopoluski for two years now, and she has always done a wonderful job helping me with whatever questions or concerns I have th

No, all my advising experiences have been great, I honestly have no complaints at all.

Open more classes

During the registration process we are advised to use schedule builder. However students on campus are not blocked from the true distance classes and so when it is time to register we get all screwed up if one of the classes we chose through schedule builder is a true distance class and then have to go change around our whole schedule.

I do not think advising should be required. It is not necessary for a lot of students and is generally a waste of time.

I had several overrides and scheduling considerations for my double major + specialization and my adviser literally said: (These are the courses it says you need so you have to sign this sheet saying I advised you, even if Degree Works needs updated and you take something different. You will have to talk to someone else about the updates you need. Its just my job to tell you what it says on Degree Works.) Heather Davis works hard but is the LEAST interested adviser in students actually progression. You want to improve the process for every MIS and OM major... replace her with two people, but choose two people that give a crap.

Jason Johns is a great advisor and cares for his students. Do whatever it takes to keep him at UA.
Management Information Systems

2474  links to signing up for classes at Stillman
2477  Too many students per advisor
2481  MIS program has a good set up of requiring people to sign up for it if you want to take courses within that program.
2486  Advisors like Heather Davis need to be more available to do their job, advise. I have stopped by her office many times for follow up questions and it seems like she is always in a meeting or is unable to meet with me. I have sent her emails about meeting with me further and have received no help whatsoever.
2487  More Advisors for MIS/OM
2489  Update online course sign-up/selection.
2490  Registration should be based off hours. It’s not fair that an freshman with 0 hours earned in the honors college can register for class before a senior with over 100. Time to reconsider this process. Should be based off honors 90+Hours earned register first. Then general 90+ hours earned register next. Then 80+ honors register then 80+ general and so on.
2496  Heather Davis does too much as both an operation management advisor and MIS. Another advisor needs to be hired. Also, Sandy Davidson’s schedule for 30 minutes advising appoints is too long of a block. Schedule the students for 20 minutes, which would be more than enough time for people who come in with a plan and are prepared. Also this would allow 1 more student per hour. I came in early enough in the semester, but one of my friends two weeks ago got to campus at 8 in the morning two days in a row and was unable to sign up for an appointment because the line was so long. She had to get to campus at 7:15 in the morning in order to be in front of the line so she could finally register. The fact this occured to not only her but other students is absolutely ridiculous. There needs to be an online registration process or another means aside from making students wake up early just to possibly be able to get an advising appointment.
2500  MIS/OM need to have more than just a single advisor to share. MIS students need to be made aware of the Enterprise Integration MS track earlier and the undergrad advisor needs to be knowledgeable about the program and its requirements to properly discuss with the undergrad students that are interested
2508  Heather Davis is my advisor and she always knows what I need to know. She is very well organized and approachable.
2509  One-on-one advising is the best.
2510  Have them be on time, if sign for a 1:00 time I should not be waiting until 1:15 to meet with my advisor. Seeing as she gets back from her lunch break at 1:00.
2513  Have more then one advisor to assist students majoring in MIS and OM
2515  The MIS advisor, Heather Davis, needs to be either replaced or given help. She is very rude and incapable of advising as many students as she’s given.
2516  Make sure the courses are set before changing and that you can use the actual classes and numbers when advising
2517  Heather Davis rocks! As far as my advising goes I think the MIS/OM department has it about as streamlined and simplified as humanly possible.

Marketing

2520  The process has worked great for me thus far. I will be graduating next fall and I couldn’t have been this organized with classes and scheduling them if it weren’t for my great adviser!
2521  NO Tiffany Labon is amazing!
2527  Improving degree works. There are several classes that I must take for my major that are not on degree works. it was annoying to find out that i have additional classes to take. The way that the registration process works could also be improved. I have had to get several overrides to take classes that I am required to take to graduate, such as MKT 487. I had to get an override this semester and had to get them to register for my final semester. There needs to be a different
structure. Sophomores with priority should not be able to register before me, a senior, and fill my spot in a class that I need in order to graduate on time. A system with the priority senior registers the day before the non priority seniors, priority juniors register a day before non priority but after non priority seniors. I understand that this is a wonderful incentive and perk, but it is not fair for me as a senior to struggle with class selection every single semester. It really needs improvement. Advising as well needs improvement. My advisor over the years has also mislead me on classes to take and was not informed on classes to take.

2529 I like the way advising is! It's a good process.
2531 My only suggestion for improving the academic advising process for the future, is to keep Keely Latopolski around because she is an asset to the academic well-being of future students.
2534 Keep being efficient and doing a great job.
2535 I have never met a larger group of people who hate everything about what they do for a living. My advisor J. Kabon* was the rudest person I have ever come into contact with. She was not up to date about what is and what is not offered in regards to classes. I am happy I never have to deal with her or the bidgood advising office again.
2545 Sounds great!!
2547 No, I have no issues with the advising and registration processes.
2551 I love Dr. Heggem he has helped me throughout my whole time at UA and I am very thankful for his time and help!
2552 Offer more spots in classes. I have had an issue with registration every single semester at Alabama. I am paying out of state prices to go here but I get attitude whenever I seek help simply for wanting to graduate. I feel like it is a scam to get more money out of me.
2553 Advisers should put more effort into preparing for the meetings and paying close attention to details. I was unable to accept my dream job because my advisor told me I was on track to graduate in May and then told me at a later meeting that I had to take 3 electives over the summer. The company that offered me a job only accepts May grads.
2556 The advisor I normally use is great, but I have had some bad experiences with other advisors, who did not even seem to understand how to use DegreeWorks.
2558 I was talking to a few other students (we are all in our third year or higher), we all admitted to having our advising appointments months before our registration date and this was a reason why we all were on track with our degree. Most students don't know just how important it is to talk to an advisor early (even just to avoid not getting an appointment later when other students sign up to meet and it is busy). Instead of so many group signature sessions emails, there should be an email at the beginning of the year telling students to pick up the department course papers/look at their degree works (and instructions how to find it on mybama, etc.) and to schedule an appointment sooner rather than later.
2560 VA able to register early.

Operations Management

2566 If you are a senior who only has 4 classes left and your advisor demands you come talk to them in person requiring an appointment which can only be made 3 weeks from that date then what good is having a registration date? I missed my registration date meaning that I got put in classes taught by teachers that no one else wanted. As much as I pay for school I expect to be able to register when I'm supposed to if my advisor is that concerned about it then she can email me about it after i sign up so that I am satisfied with the courses I can take. I'm not happy at all about this process. If I'm not smart enough after 5 years of college to construct my own schedule then what does that say about the institution I am in. Advising PINs shouldn't exist!!!
2572 Working with Heather Davis was easy and straightforward.
2574 Make registration for online classes not as complicated.
2582 More flexibility classes for OM major to fit all classes in a semester
2585 Another OM/MIS advisor besides Heather. She's great but has a lot of students.
My advisor, Heather Davis is simply amazing. I like that it's easy and efficient to register for classes online. My only compliant is that all my classes are Tuesday/Thursday. I'd like to have some Mon/Wed/Friday classes because it's very difficult to prepare for three or four tests on one day.

UA needs to improve the Advisor-to-student ratio, as the Advisors, in my experience, were too busy and were responsible for too many students to give everyone sufficient personal attention to ensure advising accuracy. Create class sizes that relate to the rooms more efficiently.

Heather Davis runs the world.

I graduate in December and Heather Davis has been my adviser during my student career at UA, and has done an amazing job. She is very friendly and always willing to help with even the smallest problems. All of my advising appointments have been very well organized, and she always got everything in order for me to where all I had to do was register for the classes she provided. I really appreciate her professionalism and hard work!
Communication and Information Sciences

Advertising

2606 Put the information about available courses in the same spot on myBama so students can easily view it. The registration page could also use some work.
2608 Have more sources online to use, a lot of the catalogs are not up to date and can be confusing when registering for specializations within majors.
2609 EC 400 does not have a wait list I mostly use the advertising course sequence found on the APR website along with Degree Works for my economics minor. I have been submitted for a Degree Audit and have not heard back. I do not create a plan with Degree Works because I cannot figure out how to make it work/it is too complicated. I used an adviser via email from the business school for an override into GBA 300 and for additional information about my minor. I filled out the sheet in the APR office for an override into all of my classes for the coming semesters.
2611 I think advising is subjective, some people need/want more help than others.
2612 No, there are so many ways to be advised. It is up to the student to take advantage of what is given to us.
2614 Have more classes available in the summer, make the wait list amount bigger, make classes bigger.
2622 Students should not need overrides for classes they NEED. This was very difficult when it came to registering. The new catalog/old catalog issue made it very difficult to register and I missed out on a number of classes I needed to take because of the difficulty of overrides and clearing issues.
2627 As a student of C&IS where advising is not required, I feel like this approach is the most helpful. It let's advisers speak to people who actually care and doesn't penalize the ones who don't need to see an adviser because they know what they're doing. Also if you're going to make students see and adviser it should be an easier process.
2638 I think that advisors should take a closer look to make sure you are taking all of the correct courses. Most of the time they just sit there and nod their head to everything you have filled out even if you accidently added a class that is a waste of time and unnecessary to take.
2642 Make advising not mandatory to register for classes after freshmen year. Pretty much every department on campus has some sort of flow chart that were supposed to follow anyways. If we specifically need help we can see an advisor. Also having mandatory advising makes it near impossible to see an advisor when you have a real issue you need help with because everyone needs to go just to get a check mark on their schedule.
2647 Seniors, no matter what, should always get first choices for classes. I will be a senior next year and I only got 2 out of my 5 classes that I need to graduate. I can not afford to not graduate on time. This university needs to know which classes are in high demand and treat those classes accordingly. It is not fair or appropriate to force a student to stay an extra semester because their are too many students in a class. As a soon-to-be-senior, I expected to get my full schedule and planned on participating in the Capstone Agency. I now can not do that and I only blame the registration process.
2650 Keep on keepin on
2652 I've only met with an advisor once, and frankly he was rude.
2656 Make sure advisors who are also professors have knowledge of requirements. If they don't then they should at least look up on degree works what you are supposed to be taking. Leaving with just 2 assumptions of classes you should take is inexcusable.
2657 You need way more advising time options. I have been trying to get an appointment for three weeks and haven't been able to get one. I've check like 10 times. You need more specialized advisors. I have never been able to get an appointment for pre-health advising.
2659 My experience was great!
2661 No, the staff do a great job.
2662 When I can start to register, some of them are always already full
Communication Studies

2664 When students change majors they should automatically be given an advisor and required to meet with them. I entered the college late and saw a different advisor every semester following my transfer.
2668 I love my advisor since I switched my major to Communication Studies. When I was a PR major, I did not like my advisor. He was unhelpful, hardly spoke to me, and seemed as if he didn't care. Now I am much happier and really look up and respect my new advisor!!!! :)
2669 Offer more help and more classes.
2670 Advisors need to be familiar with core requirements
2672 Give students more time with one on one advising
2685 I have two great advisors that are knowledgeable about classes and scheduling in their areas, but since I am a double major neither were able to provide me the help I needed. A different kind of advising for double majors who are in different colleges would be beneficial.
2687 I will be an alumni in the summer of 2015 and will be proud to say so. However I believe that UA has a serious issue when it comes to advising their students in an efficient manner. I have personally struggled my entire college career with advising and would have likely graduated sooner if I had one adviser (rather than 5) that would have showed me a clear college track and how to go through all of the MyBama features online. Some of the advisers don't seem to have a full grasp on what courses are applicable for the students needs and as a result we are having to take classes that don't apply to our degrees and waste more of our time and money. Another thought is to work with high school advisers in the state to provide HS seniors with early schedules that they can register for. I attended Bob Jones High School, one of the largest in the state of Alabama, and never received that type of assistance when planning to attend college that next fall. Thank you for listening to my concerns.
2690 I believe that if there was more time allotted to students during the advising period, students would find it easier to create a schedule that best suits them.
2694 I believe Mrs. Busby truly cares about me and what I need to do. I truly value her opinion and hope to continue my relationship with her. She's awesome and if students have not met her yet, you might want to speak with her.
2696 I think there should be more availability to be advised. I was also notified only two days before group advising began that my advisor was doing group sessions so I didn't have ample time to work that into my schedule.

Journalism

2701 I think advising needs to be offered to transfer students. I did not receive much help when I first came to Alabama and ended up taking 2 courses I did not need. Also, it needs to be clear that you can't sign up for a lab and a class on the same day and that you need overrides to register for certain classes. I didn't know that, and I had to go to the office on a separate occasion to get it figured out so I could register. I would have also liked some warning about the degree of difficulty of the classes. In the fall, I took way too many classes that required a lot of time and effort. It almost drove me into the ground. Even though it was inevitable, I would have liked some warning. Or maybe I just wasn't paying attention?
2703 My advisor had a harsh attitude when I tried to ask questions or seek advice. There is only one advisor for my department so I am unable to seek out another persons opinion.
2713 My advisor knew nothing about Honors credits. Either provide honors advising or train certain advisors in each college who all honors students are assigned.
2718 Make more options available to students who actually use all of their advising outlets.
2720 I believe C&IS should place more emphasis on advising. It's not required, and often advisors miss appointments because they don't keep up with schedules.
2721 More personal relationships with advisors.
2722 I like that I have two different advisors for both my major(Journalism) and my minor (Communication Studies). And both of my advisors knew exactly what I needed to graduate on time. They were extremely helpful with my schedule
and answered any and all of my questions with ease. Dr. Dianne Bragg and Dr. Meredith Bagley were my two advisors for this year and will continue advising me until I graduate in May of 2016.

Need to allow online core classes for resident degree seeking students, rather than only offering online core courses [and other courses] for distance education students. I work full-time and there seem to be very few core classes in the evenings. Online would be much better, but I’m not a distance education student.

My advisor was super helpful and extremely nice. I was very pleased with my advising session!

I feel as if the advisors need to have more of a passion to help their students. My sessions always last less than 5 min. I feel the only reason they are there is to lift the hold. They only answer questions not give out important information that I am unaware of.

I would ask professors to be generally knowledgeable about other college’s requirements. I have a minor in General Business and my CIS advisor had little to know knowledge of the requirements.

I am going to be a Junior in the Fall 2016, but when I tried to log on the morning I was allowed to sign up for my classes I was unavailable to sign up for any of my major courses because they were all full. I’ve encountered this every semester, and would love for it to be looked at or fixed because this is forcing me to put off classes that I should be taking now. Thanks

advising should be required for all students from the beginning. Advisors should also do more than just approve course schedules because most people with a brain can determine what they need to take on DefreeWorks. It would be helpful if advisors took the time to get to know their students, were able to make honest suggestions about how to achieve their goals, and could point them to organizations or groups on an off campus where they might find interest. The current “hands off” approach leaves many students left uncertain and floundering during their college years.

Many advisers in the business school are not knowledgeable of courses offered. This is disappointing because they not only work in that school but it is their job to convey the information to students. I schedule individual appointments with Mr. Maguire, the registrar, because I know he is knowledgeable, loves what he does and can truly help me.

I wish that students in the communications college could sign up for advising online. I know other colleges do this, and I think it's time.

Public Relations

There’s no need to lock people’s account from registering due to not being advised. We’re smart enough to look at degree works and figure it out.

sometimes it is hard to meet with an advisor when you have never seen them before, so its much easier to be advised by a professor in your department

I loved my advisor. He talked with me for a long time about the dual degree program and it was very helpful.

Perfect

Advisers need to be more available and have openings if something occurs that is unplanned. For instance, if a class is filled up during your registration and need to meet with someone for an override or to replace that class. I tried to schedule an appointment and was told she was filled until the end of April.

I was very excited to come to UA as a transfer student and quickly became involved with various activities and clubs. But when it came time to meet with my advisor I was very very Unsatisfied. I realize that our advisors have hundreds of students they need to meet with that just as equally as important as I am. I am always prepared with a tentative schedule of classes, questions and concerns and try to make my appointment with my advisor several week in advance before registration. But when I went to my first advising meeting with my given advisor I felt like just a number. While speaking with this advisor I felt as if she was not really listening to me and my concerns, she barely looked at me and proceeded to type emails on her computer. This really upset me since I did my part, came prepared and scheduled a private meeting the previous week. So I ended up switching advisors. Although I will not name my given advisor I ended up switching to Mrs. Daria who does a wonderful job!! She really takes the time to listen to you and what you have to say
so she can fully understand the students situation and try to help to the best of her ability. I really appreciate her and all she has done for me so far!

2767 I think that the computer should tell you why you need an override if you ever need one.

2768 No, but thank you!

2769 Email students what day and time they can register

2772 I don't understand how there can be one course offered for a whole major. For example, APR 231. There needs to be more courses available.

2773 I kept getting emails on express advising but I never received an email on regular advising so I was unsure if there would be one. I had to send an email to my adviser and tishstudent to get information on what to do.

2779 Having more available times for advisors to meet. Or, letting those who register earlier get earliwr times to meet with their advisor.

2780 make it a whole lot easier to get in to classes required for your major. I'm on a waiting list for two which is causing me to not be enrolled as a full time student and it's very irritating

2783 More open communication. I'm not saying that I did everything correct in learning as much info as I could but being a transfer, there are a lot of things I was/am unaware of regarding advising and creating a schedule

2784 I am a Freshman Public Relations major and because the catalogue was just changed, my advisor did not know exactly what classes I needed to take. I was not very well informed or as satisfied with our meeting this semester. However that does not reflect my usual advising session because of the unusual circumstances.

2785 More available classes

2788 Earlier registrations for upperclassmen

2791 Be more accessible with the students. I emailed my adviser to ask for an appointment and never got a response.

2792 Although I did not meet with my advisor prior to registration, I had been emailing her. She was very rude, and was very unhelpful, when I had questions about a full class that I needed to graduate on time. Basically all she told me to was call the advising office within my college.

2795 I love Bridget Busby with all my heart, but I would really appreciate it if she responded to my multiple emails.

2799 You need more advisors. If I need to take a class for my major then The university should open it for me, no questions asked. I pay enough in tuition that if I am required to take a class before I move on to any other courses and I'm having to stay an extra semester because of it the tuition should be on y'all'.

2803 The classes I need fill up too fast. I register within the minute that I can, but they always seem to be full before my registration period.

2804 Advisors should look at the prerequisites of a class before giving you the wrong information almost causing a student to almost have to add a whole extra year of college

2805 More class sections for the same times. When I have my schedule ready and begin registration only to find out class times are to filled, I have to begin rebuilding my schedule to fit courses I need plus work them around other classes I need and work schedules.

2810 It was really hard to find my advisors office. Just make that information more accessible

2812 I enjoy being advised it makes me feel significantly better when I am registering for my classes.

2815 Our advising here at UA is not personalized enough, I learn most of my information from my friends and classmates about amazing opportunities that I wish I had known about.

2817 good enough

2819 Professors and advisers are buys, but so are students. The students at UA would benefit from having a combination of automated and personal advising, where they can have simulated online advising or the option to meet in person. I have very little time to make during UA hours of operation for physically meeting with an adviser. It's not that I don't want to, it's that I am working to pay for school and trying to succeed in class AND participating in extracurricular organizations/groups. Students have a lot on our plates... Having an all-hours online advising-type service may benefit both the buy students and the busy professors by alleviating the more common advising questions online. Students could still schedule appointments for more serious questions. I also believe it should be mandatory that each year (during one of the semesters) students have to physically meet with their adviser to discuss that year. The progress and the setbacks
need to be discussed so they can be moved past. There were a lot of times when I wish my adviser would have a conversation with me about what my plans are and actually help me make plans instead of only expecting me to ask specific questions and do all the talking. If I’m clueless, then I won’t have any questions to ask... that doesn’t mean I don’t need advice. I realize advising is a two-way street, but it would be nice if it was more of a counseling/conversational environment rather than just a Q&A.

2826 I think a more streamlined system for each college would help so it’s clearer what core requirements people have. I don’t have questions because my advisor (Dr. Meg Lamme) is AWESOME, but I have friends who are perpetually confused about requirements. Even though it’s easy to go on DegreeWorks and look at what you need, I think some people would benefit from an informative infographic that explains what they need to take in a simple, streamlined way.

2827 I saw Bridget Busby as my advisor, because I never heard or received an email from my advisor until after the fact. Bridget is a miracle worker, without her I would not have been able to get these things accomplished.

2828 Great Advising!

2831 Talking a poll of how many students need to take each class so that enough seats are open for everyone. It is hard to get into some classes because they fill up and you have to put off your perquisites and then you fall behind.

2832 I have only been to 1 group advising session in 4 years, it should be required. I could not tell you my advisors name of my life depended on it, I had no idea I was on academic warning because my advisor that I had cleared the hold without contacting me... Had a terrible advising experience over my 4 years here

2835 If I email my advisor, they should email me back before 3 weeks have passed and I already picked my schedule.

2838 Please make it easier to make an appointment. With the large amount of students, it is hard to get an appointment or reschedule an appointment. This is not fair to others who have to miss their registration times because they cannot meet with an advisor.

2842 I wish my adviser were more patient and friendly than she was.

2845 No additional comment.

2851 I find it difficult to register for classes for the next semester because by my registration time comes up, almost all of the classes I want to be in are already taken. I do not know how to schedule for the registration process is made, but I find it tedious and difficult.

2852 Don’t tell me I can graduate in 4 years and then one 3rd year tell me the PR program was really designed to take 5. I am extremely disappointed with the deception.

2853 It’s often difficult to find a time when both my advisor and I are available. I don’t necessarily have an “official” advisor because it keeps changing for some reason, but I’ve been to Dr. Phelps in APR and Dr. DeRouen for International Relations and both have been exceptionally helpful. Another complaint that I have is that it’s difficult for me to get the classes that I need because those classes fill up before I even get a chance to sign up, which sets me back a few semesters. Overall, I’ve enjoyed getting to know my different advisors.

2856 easier online registration

2857 I wish there were more available classes to avoid override.

2860 e-mail advising!

2861 The advising here is ridiculously unhelpful. I go in to ask specific questions to help me towards my degree and the advisors seem very uncaring and very unhelpful. Anything I know about what I should be taking or prerequisites from classes I have found out online myself or from friends. In my opinion, the advising in the college of Arts and Sciences is the worst part about UA.

2866 I personally thought the group advising sessions for APR students during my first 2 years made me feel unprepared. It was a lot better getting one on one advising.
Telecommunication and Film

The advising for TCF in The College of Communication and Information Sciences is abismal. There are too many tracks and concentrations for one advisor to keep up with. Maya Champion is scatterbrained and overloaded. There should be more advisors within TCF for the various concentrations - it is simply too many different requirements for one person to keep track of accurately. The current system lets things slip through the cracks.

I recently switched my major before registering. I signed up to take summer classes. These classes were prerequisites for the fall semester. After applying for my summer classes, I had problems with applying for my fall classes because the system didn't recognize that I had applied for the prerequisites. Therefore, I could sign up for one of my classes in the fall because it said that I had not taken the prerequisite. I would suggest to improve situations like this because I ended up having to go to that department and ask for an override.

I think the advising process is very unorganized, chaotic, and stressful. My advisor did not help me at all and I had to research each class and programs myself and was still confused about many things. I would try to email my advisor and she would send me in circles trying to find a simple answer. Now many classes are closed and I was unable to register for things because I honestly feel like i was not helped or advised on anything! Very disappointed and frustrating.

I wish she had more time (so man students she has to help in addition to teaching) but overall a good process.

Just to make sure the sessions are at reasonable times and to have the sessions where everyone is comfortable.

I would like to feel comfortable and glad that I am making a new schedule. I would also like to have more hands on and understanding about my courses when recommended to me. Instead, my advisor always seems to not like her job, and just tells me what I need to sign up for with no explanation or conversation. I honestly, would like to change my advisor so that I can feel more comfortable with making my classes and be able to build a relationship with my advisor.

Have an advisor who is actually dedicated to her students instead of just the film majors. my advisor has not helped me at all and I even contemplated not coming back for the fall. She discouraged me that much. If it wasn't for the dean of the college, probably wouldn't be back in the fall. She is just awful. She will do anything in her power to not waste any of her time on a student. Overall, just get a better advisors.

My advisor for TCF was very unhelpful. I came in with my schedule already made but asked her if she could recommend another TCF class for me to add and she said no and wouldn't look at my degree works to see any more classes I could take, So just to have more useful advisors who are willing to advise students and not just sit there.

It is really hard to schedule necessary classes because they are always full and there aren't enough spots.

Get a new TCF adviser. Maya Champion has 10 people in her office trying to advise all at once. She refuses to make appointments with me and she also waited till the day I registered to approve me for a class she told me I was already approved for, but I had to send her close to 8 emails before she would do it. VERY unhappy that she is the only one who can advise tcf. UA needs to make a major change this next year because I'm very disappointed.

My advisors were awesome! Mrs Bradley and Mrs Jarnagin were so nice every time I visited them. I thank them so much

Make sure advisors have office hours when they will actually be in their office to meet.

The tracks of classes needed to get a minor is very unclear, I couldn't find any information not related too majoring in any subject.

Maya champion is the worst advisor, I could have graduated in 3 years if it weren't for her

Add classes for comm students if you're going to keep adding students.

find a new telecommunication advisor. I had to go to a professor to help me with my schedule because my advisor didn't know what she was talking about

Nope. Doing good

I am actually afraid to talk to my advisor, every time I have talked to her I feel like I am wasting her time and she just tells me to look at DegreeWorks.

My advisor is very hard working. However, she is overloaded with too many students to advise as she advising the whole TCF department. There needs to be a second advisor hired in order to make her job less stressful because she
seems to stay confused because of the overload of students. The TCF department also has multiple classes (TCF 321 for example) that only operates during the fall and only has one section with 14 seats available. 14 SEATS!!! We are talking about a class that every sports broadcasting focus has to have and only 14 people can take it per year! There needs to be more sections and all classes should be available in the fall and spring semesters.

Improving the academic advising by having the advisor meet one and one and really get to know your goals before they advise you to take a class.

Online Classes should not be barred from regular students. I work over 20 hours a week at the football department and sometimes do not have time to be in a classroom. Also, the TCF department is absolutely mediocre. All of the classes are too small and I can barely get permission to be in just one TCF class a semester. I will be a junior in the fall and I still have so many TCF classes to take that it will be virtually impossible for me to be able to graduate in four years. Also it is ridiculous how there is not a single TCF class offered in the summer. To go even further, I am not allowed to sign up for numerous classes that I would like to take because “my college doesn't allow it”.

Maya Champion is a fantastic person. However it is too much to deal with the whole department and teach classes. I love her as a professor, mentor, and an advisor. But TCF needs a FULL TIME Advisor. To be quite frank not only does it anger me that we don’t have a full time advisor, but it makes me upset that this has been an on going issue for YEARS and somehow no one is doing anything about it. I’m paying full out-of-state tuition, which as you know is a lot, to NOT have a full time advisor. Maya is so educated she deserves to be in the class FULL time.

Fire Maya Champion

Have more than one TCF advisor. I was unable to sign up for TCF 315 for the 3rd semester, this time it was due to the fact that my advisor Maya Champion took too long to get a class substitution processed and the class filled up in the meantime. She was no help and she was the teacher of the class I was trying to get in!

My college (Communications and Info Science) has only ONE advisor for the whole college. Our advisor, the lovely Maya Champion, also teaches three classes and is a mother of three with her husband commuting back and forth to Montgomery for his job. This is ridiculous. The departments should, at the very least, have two advisors (one for TCF and one for PR and Broadcasting). Mrs. Champion is so stretched thin that most of us feel we are not receiving the best advising experience we could. I would strongly urge for the department to obtain another advisor for I know that most of us are unsatisfied with our advising experience as is. Thank you.

Yea, fire Maya Champion from her advising position. She is terrible. How many students must complain before things get better. She is a teacher and really only focuses on teaching, I get that. However when I wait an hour and thirty minutes for you to chit-chat when you have three students waiting on you in the hall because you only do walk-ins instead of taking appointments like every other advisor, it seems to be frustrating, no really more infuriating. Then she proceeds to ask me and the other two students to come in. Her office is tiny. Four people crammed into one tiny office. She then proceeded to have each of us pull up degreeworks on our phones instead of accessing it with her dual screened computer. One students phone didn’t work she told him to come back later. Even though I had written down my degreeworks info she didn’t want to see it. The worst part of all of this is that instead of giving me viable information she shuddered and spit out a couple of classes I should take all the while not writing or typing up anything to give me for reference. After waiting an hour and a half I am ushered out of her office more confused then when I entered. I am a fifth year here at the university and have never been so incompetently helped as with Maya Champion these past couple of semesters, and I’m not alone. I studied engineering and computer science for a while here and never did I have any problems with advising. This has got to stop she is terrible. I think she just doesn’t need to be an advisor and a teacher because from what I hear she is a pretty good professor. I still three days after I was supposed to apply for classes am struggling to make sense of what she told me and trying to apply. I am only applied for two classes in the fall because she needs to override the other ones for me. I will have to wait for her walk-in hours today and probably wait an hour or so before I’m called in for a less than satisfying meeting where I leave more confused then when I enter. I swear the past couple of semesters have been a lottery for my classes, I just get what I get.

no, i love degree works.

It's very important that the Advisor knows what they are doing. I'm in my 6th and last year at UA and in that time, I've had some really bad advisors that had NO IDEA what they were doing and messed up my schedule putting me
in classes I didn't need and not putting me in classes I did. As a former Avanti Member, I helped incoming freshmen sign up for classes. I learned through that experience that students like getting help from other students. We've taken the classes and know how to explain them to the students. They also tend to trust their fellow students over adults. I've helped thousands of incoming and current students sign up for classes and I really enjoy it. I also know what I'm doing and can give good advice on what to take and not take and what kind of schedule works and what doesn't. In conclusion, I think incoming freshmen need the most help when it comes to registration and I'm not sure we always give that to them. Professors can sometimes be out of touch with the current classes and what they're about. They also tend to forget what's going on and make mistakes when registering students which that student later pays for.

Advisors should make more time and not rush students
I feel like my advisor could focus more on the students and how much time we get with them. I did not feel to confident about what I had to take after I left. She did not really write stuff out and show me what I needed.

More spots available for honors classes
we need more advisors in tcf please
TCF needs at least more than 1 advisor. Get zero help from my advisor that I literally go to a different college's advisor that I met from a class, and they are more helpful!
Hire advisors that have time to actually do their job well.
For TCF I feel that there should be an advisor for each specific track because this format seems redundant. I don't think my advisor knew much about the catalog and what classes students should and should not take.

Undesignated Communication

Remove the requirements to take upper level business classes for non business majors. I am an economics minor and missed out on the class I wanted because there was a prereq placed on it for business majors only that applied to everyone. There seems like there could be a better way to do that so people aren't blindsided by it when they register.
No, everything is absolutely great.

For double majors, it is hard to find a balance if the majors don’t cross over. It might be helpful to have advisors specifically for double majors.

I am very pleased with both of my advising sessions overall. However, I wish that my adviser would have answered my question more thoroughly or in a different way because I had some questions that I asked several times and still I do not know the answer.

Maybe not such a long waiting period

The additional of an online chat room would make everything easier and faster.

More dedication and support for long-distance learners.

I’d love to be able to see a department specific list of requirements online for early college. It would be beneficial to have a drop down with departments so that when you click that department it would highlight the online classes that apply to that specific degree. Specific to me (showing which I have taken and need to take) would be even better!

Let UAEC students know that it’s not required to set up an advising session. I had issues with that.

I am unclear of who my advisor is so I would like that to become clear.
Education

Elementary Education

3012 I think they do a great job. I think it is a little unfair that some people have to wait so long to pick classes. I am out-of-state paying a lot of money to go here yet some of the classes I needed were already filled because I had to pick classes so late.

3027 I am very unsatisfied because when I registered for classes almost two weeks ago the required lab session hours were not there and. Oh that they are two weeks later the schedule I originally registered will not work. So now I have to sit down and redraft it entirely. Also schedule builder does not work when a class requires a lab, so that is terrible planning especially for younger students who do not understand how to look up classes like a normal person.

3031 My last name starts with a U, so I’m still always one of the last ones to register for my classes in my age category. Yes I know I move up with number of hours but so does everyone else wanting the same classes as me. It is unfair that I have to always get the bad classes at bad times. I still have not even been able to register for my classes. I have to wait until tomorrow morning at 7 am.

3032 I would like the chance to make a plan a schedule but have back up schedules for the case that I can’t get into a class.

3035 Perhaps knowing where to send students if they are missing a class and need an override.

3048 Advising was great!

3051 College of Education advisors are phenomenal!

3052 As a transfer student, I appreciate the advising method here. It is less stressful and my advisor is more than helpful.

3061 Advisors should want to help the students who come to them for guidance and not be little them and tell them they will not be able to make it into the college of their choice at UA. They do not know about our prior education and why we switched majors or about our lives at all. My adviser was unhelpful and belittleing and did not make me want to continue my education as a transfer at UA. I hope when I go back and see someone else next time I have a better experience and this is not how all the college of education advisers act and treat students.

3072 Have them be there to help you. I have had numerous occasions where they have been rude about an academic situation and instead of encouraging me they have done the exact opposite.

3077 I would like to be able to call and just ask simple questions.

3090 Not just a plan for the semester but a plan for the rest of our time here at the university as students.

3098 This semester went well because I had Mrs. Tucker. However, in past years I have had an awful experience. I have been told that I need to be in classes that I don’t need, causing me to have to drop with a W. This has happened twice, in Carmichael hall the advisors do not know what they are doing. One advisor has awful manners. He told me “stop asking questions and let me talk”. My mother also talked to him because I am spending an extra semester here because of advisors screw up. This man was extremely rude to my mother asking her, “where are you from”

3102 I love the advisors in the education program!

3104 More advisors

3105 I was satisfied with my advisor and the assistance she was able to provide me. I believe the advising process is good and should be required to make sure all students stay on track and take appropriate classes for them to graduate on time.

3106 When students tell their advisors about possible programs they are going into, it would be helpful for the advisors to take that into consideration instead of not doing so and having students take the same class twice like i will have to.

3107 I want to thank all the faculty and staff for being so good to me while I attended The University of Alabama for the past 3 tears. I always had my questions answered, and everyone made sure I was taken care of. The College of
Education and student services have the best faculty and staff. I am forever more grateful for you all. I hope to stay connected to you all in the future.

Human Performance- Exercise Science

3113 No suggestions. Everything has always been up to good standards!
3117 Although I did have enough time at the advising session, the advisors did not seem very interested in helping me this time around. When I asked for help it seemed like I was getting on their nerves
3119 Not really
3120 I think it should be played out more as far as what you want to do but then they say the classes you need to take with no problems of getting into those classes when you need them. It would probably keep student more on the finish in four plan.
3125 The Kinesiology majors are not being properly advised through group advising. The room in which it takes place is too small, and there is not nearly enough staff for students.
3126 All of the classes I want to take are closed, need more options and seats open!!!!
3134 I think students would benefit more from private sessions. I have walked away many times with advisors (grad students) not telling me correct information, such as classes that I still need to take.
3136 Overall an efficient process.
3138 Group advising is not very personal and I felt like I may as well have not went if I didn't have to. I could ask questions, but being in a room full of other people is not the way I want to be advised.
3142 Get rid of group advising for Kinesiology students. It is more informational to talk one on one when you have a sufficient amount of time.
3144 Make it a little more 1 on 1 so that harder questions can be asked. Makes it feel rushed in a room full of people.
3146 More individual one on one advising sessions work better for all students I'm sure.
3147 private advising
3154 Allow Kinesiology majors to have advising 1 on 1. I felt like I had to do it all through DegreeWorks and never felt like I had confirmation I was on the right track.
3155 Group advising seems rushed and impersonal. I have specific questions that many grad students cannot answer.
3156 Allow kinesiology majors to have an actual one on one advisor and not group advising which doesn't help at all.
3157 I didn't like group advising very much at all because it is so confusing.
3158 Individual advising for underclassmen
3160 I am in honors and register early but can NEVER get into any Honors classes. It's very frustrating. I wish there were more options of classes that were around the 9-12pm spot, because I feel like most honors classes take place in the later afternoon slots and that's when I have to work.
3161 The group advising was good but the college advisors I had did not have the same major as me so it was difficult to talk about what classes I should take. Most of them did not even do their undergrad here. So maybe use students who are more relatable and understand the process more.
3162 More guidance in the group advising sessions
3163 Doing great keep it up.
3168 I would like for someone to assign me an advisor that I could email with questions that I may have. Everyone that I have emailed or met with in my college seems irritated that I came to them and says that they are not my advisor and I need to talk to someone else, but no one will ever tell me who else I can go to. The most impressive advising I've received at UA came from the career center and I am a sophomore who has been in both the college of nursing and the college of education for HPES.
3170 Since people register at different times, especially when dealing with classes for your major, make sure that each student can get into the class
I feel as though advisors should be encouraging you to graduate, as well as being educated on how to make that happen. Advisors should respond in a timely manor via email. Upper level Kinesiology classes that are required need more seat available.

I think there needs to be private advising sessions so that the students learn more about the classes they need to be taking in order to attend graduate school at another university.

If seniors have to take certain classes to graduate there should be enough space to get into those classes.

I do not like group advising. I would like to sit down with someone that I can talk through my plan with and get some one on one face time with. I basically do my own advising in the department of kinesiology.

Have more classes earlier in the morning. Have the history classes open for more semesters; it is very difficult to take successive courses in order on this campus.

Nope. The advising sessions for HPES majors has worked well for me. Everyone is also very helpful and nice.

Would prefer individual advising in kinesiology department, though the current group session structure does work well.

Colleen Geary has been my department advisor, and she is by far the best advisor I've had my entire academic career. She always took the time to answer every question I had and to guide me in the right direction, not only with courses, but how to better myself outside of campus to gain experience in field I wish to pursue as a career. She also played a major role in creating the Kinesiology Advising website, which has been very beneficial and helpful! It also answers a lot of the frequently asked questions that students have. I would encourage each department/major to do something similar to the website KIN majors have. Also, group advising is much more efficient for our major, and its helpful that our advisors offer to see us one-on-one. I think group advising is appropriate for juniors and seniors, however, I do think that one-on-one would be beneficial for sophomores and freshman because they still have a lot more to figure out and they may still be indecisive during that time about their major.

Works good, just hard to find available classes during certain semesters.

I was very please with the regular reminders that my advisor emailed to all of the people in my major. I also enjoyed the group advising because I didn't have to worry about making an appointment, I came when it was good for me. The advisory assistants were also extremely helpful. Overall a great and stress free experience.

Exercise Science students don't have an advisor! Our major is so hard to figure out with the core, concentrations, and college of education requirements, but nobody helps us. They tell us to look up classes on our own and then send us to a group advising session with grad students...the grad students are from different schools! They don't know how to help us. We mostly ask people in our classes what to take, or one of our professors who we know is there to help, Colleen Geary. The exercise science advising is absolutely terrible and we NEED a real advisor not only because our concentrations are difficult to decide, but also we need advice on our career paths.

The graduate student who advised me did not go to undergrad here and was therefore ill equipped at providing the information I need to choose my classes. It would have been nice to meet with someone who has gone through the process or is a professional in that area that can suggest when to take certain classes. To choose most of my classes I just asked my friends who are upperclassmen about what classes they took when they were my age and any advice they had.

It would be nice to have a hotline to my adviser, or at least know who my adviser is, but either way, I know what classes I have to take so having to go meet with them just so they can tell me that I've planned well is a waste of time and was stressful this semester due to weather conditions.

Everything I well organized.

Maybe to make the registration times different because by the time I was able to register a lot of my classes were full. One of my classes only has one time and day available.

No additional comments.

Having more classes available for students to choose from for certain classes. Letting there be more online classes. Having a cap for a certain day, so if the class takes only 100, have 10 per day or something so that more students can into the classes they need and not have to take classes that do not even pertain to their major or fit with their schedule causing them to have to remove certain classes they have to take or things of that matter.
Give students an individual advisor
I think the advising sessions would be more precise and should be more flexible of terms of if a students wants to transfer out of a college and into another that the process is easier and they have more help
Honor students should not get priority over upper classmen. Veterans should have priority registration

Human Performance- Physical Education

Great system. Love degree works, love schedule builder.
My advisor, Elizabeth Woodruff, has been the most helpful advisor I've had. Way better than my high school advisor! She is incredible!
I feel that the advisors should take more time to connect and better understand the students they are advising. I understand that the advisors have hundreds of students that they deal with but my experience has always been rushed and them just telling me what I have to take rather than explaining the courses and going over an actual plan with me.
Math is math. biology is biology. the course material stays the same. If a Student has taken these courses at another institution then they should be excepted period. It is just another money maker for Alabama and makes this process difficult financially for students who sleep on a couch and 20.00 a week to eat on. and yes I work a full 40 hour work week and take classes.

Multiple Abilities Program
Advisors during my Freshman and Sophomore years did not know the courses I would need to get into the program I wanted. They encouraged me to take classes that were not required and would be extra classes to pay for.

Music Education- Instrumental

DegreeWorks for music majors is sometimes weird.
Degree works doesn't update my completed requirements properly. Some classes are added to the “electives” category that shouldn't be there. Also the planner isn't accurate to my actual recommended degree plan.
Some advisors must understand that students are coming to them for help because they don't know what to do, not because they want to be told for the fifth time that they're “in a mess.”

Music Education- Vocal and Choral

I have really enjoyed my time here at the UA and I look forward to becoming a member of the UA Alumni on Friday, May 1, 2015!!!!! Roll Tide!!!!

Secondary Education- Language Art

College of Education makes it nigh impossible to sign up for a registration time. The sign-up sheets are in three different spots and aren't labelled clearly as to which one a student should use.
The sign up for advising in the college of education is a few pieces of paper with time slots for each advisor hung up in Graves hall. I feel like there can be more organized and accessible way for this. Such as an online system. Many education students don't even enter that building during certain semesters. I missed the days for advising, but luckily my advisor and I have come to know each other well, and I was able to meet with her after the deadline. I was only reminded of advising once through email.
College advisors are terrible. I met with my faculty advisor in a hallway before a class I have with her.
The College of Education academic advisors need to refamiliarize themselves with the Secondary Education Language Arts program requirements. Many of my peers, as well as myself have fallen victim to poor advising that has
resulted in many of us having to take 12 or more hours in the summer before our senior year. It is very disappointed that Secondary Education Language Arts majors cannot rely on the College of Education's general advisors to guide them into their Teacher Education Plan. This misadvising is very expensive to students and detrimental to graduating on time.

Having classes that are only taught at one time with one professor is a pain. More options for some classes would be nice.

Secondary Education- Mathematics

I think it is a nice setup. Sometimes it is hard to pick a time with your advisor that is feasible so if you already know what classes you need to take, then it would be nice if you didn't have to go meet with them in person.

I am satisfied with my advising now as I have been placed with an intelligent person. Prior to this semester, I was being advised by someone who had no idea what my requirements were and I now have to take a summer class to catch up because of it. I would have liked to be placed with someone who knew about my major IMMEDIATELY.

Make classes more available to students who register later because of the amount of hours they have

I am very unsatisfied with my upcoming schedule because there are only two classes offered and the only class that does not have a time overlap is full. This class is a coreq. with all of my other classes so I can't register for any of the classes I need.

Faster response times

For the College of Education there should be a wider range in the availability in classes per semester. Most classes only have one schedule opportunity which limits mobility.

get rid of advising it does nothing for anyone who is not a freshman.

Secondary Education- Science

online polls, like doodle polls have been the easiest way for me to register for an advising timeslot. Making those standard would be great.

Secondary Education- Social Sciences

The way that students are able to pick classes should be fixed, because the classes filled up very fast this semester and there are kids with 4.0 that do not get the classes they want and don't have priority registration.

The one on one private sessions with the academic advisor is very helpful and is a great ay to get to know your advisor so that they learn your like and dislikes and get and overall feel for your personality so that they can recommend courses and professor that they think you would enjoy taking.

Maybe making a section of degree works that is more simplified. Like a specific checklist of what to do and what not to do. Or maybe sample schedules from people within the same major.

Make it more simple. The home tab is very overwhelming and confusing to know what all you have to do. Make everyone act like the intern Amy she was the nicest person I have met and she was the intern not sure why all the advisers have to be so mean all the time.

Secondary Education- Spanish (N-12)

Primarily, I normally see a very nice advisor. However, because of a snow day it was canceled and I was sent to a different advisor. My advisor this time advised me a class that is only offered in the spring. It ruined my entire schedule and stressed me out. I then called the office at 8:45 one morning. I was told I would be called back after an advising session. I called back one hour later and they told me my advisor had left the office and they did not know when he would be back. I finally called back again at 2:15pm and they told me that he was back in office but would have to call me back.
Finally at 2:25pm I was able to talk to him. I sat by my phone from 8:45-2:25 waiting on a call. I was very displeased after he had already messed up my scheduling as well. I will not be going back to that advisor.

Special Collaborative Teaching

I would like for a significantly greater level of departmental advising with a more structured discussion of what classes need to be taken. Further, and more importantly, I would like for departmental advising to happen more regularly and focus more on career and personal development. I would like for a faculty adviser to be of assistance in helping students locate professional resources, discussing career options, and discussing educational concerns. I believe faculty advisers, and general core advisers, should seek to create relationships in addition to explaining what classes need to be taken.

I had a problem scheduling one summer class. I was supposed to take two summer computer (CAT) courses in order to graduate on time. Well, CAT 250 must have a prerequisite of CAT 200. However, 250 was ONLY scheduled at the beginning of the summer. Which made it impossible to take CAT 200 at the beginning of the summer and CAT 250 at the end. Therefore, I had to push my summer class back on my load in the fall. Obviously this was not well thought through. I think it is something to be looked at.

It would had been a little nice for my adviser that I had to had talked to me instead of just filling out my paper work and telling me I was good to go. It felt very pointless.

As a junior, I was advised by the special education head. I know Dr. Siders well and I know he is very knowledgable about our course work. However, he came to advise one of our classes before class started and I missed the session. The classes we needed to sign up for were written on the board and that was considered advising. I think the general advisers (for education in Carmichael) need to be more aware of what we need. I had to take Biology for nonmajors my second semester sophomore year because the advisor I had freshman year told me I was done with my science requirements. The different advisor I had when I was a first semester sophomor informed me about needed one more science course to complete my core. While this did not mess up the rest of my schedule or my college plan, it was frustrating.

I have been very pleased!

Advisement is great.

Special Education- Early Childhood Handicap

If students are unable to meet during UA hours, offer them emailing advising. A lot of students work and sometimes can't change their schedule for a meeting.

Allow ppl to take more than 18 hrs

More information should be provided by the education advising. There are many test I must take to become certified and I only know about them through other students. I feel that advising should be giving me this information.

I am quite satisfied with my advising experience and do not currently have any ideas for improvement.

Our advisors NEED to be more aware of required classes. There have been 4 separate classes I have enrolled in/planned to enroll on after the recommendation from one advisor only to be told to drop it from another advisor. I now have 3 classes that are required to be taken to apply to the TEP that I was originally enrolled in and was told to withdaw from. Even in my freshman orientation advising I was offered two maths, chose the lower thinking it would be easier, and was not told that course would not count as a credit. I could have finished math a semester earlier had I been ADVISED on this but I was not.
Engineering

Aerospace Engineering

1. get more academics advisors, so students do not have to wait for hours just to have an appointment. 2. Have the advisors actually help you find classes near you to take over the summer instead of just telling you to find it online.

If there are a required section for classes the spots allotted for the class should be greater than the number of students so we don't get locked out of something we need!

Allow better interfacing between Athletics and the College of Engineering.

My advisor, Crystal Parker, was super helpful. She knew which classes I needed to sign up for and talked me through my extra classes for the semester. She also helped me figure out which classes from back home would transfer after summer. I have never had any problems with her and I love how friendly she is during our meetings.

Have a better way to tell people how to move from weightlisted to in a class and also how many seats are left in said class.

Having more advising sessions available and more classes available

Honestly, upperclassmen just don't need as much guidance as freshmen do. Advising is almost always an obstacle, not a help, as I rarely need any special guidance and always know what I need to take. However, my advisor is very good at helping me when I do need special help such as overrides, and I appreciate having someone there to help with things like that.

Why are we using student services, who have never taken engineering classes, and have no contact or any sort of input on engineering classes advising me?

Maybe if there was a better way to organize walk in sessions. I had to sit and wait for almost an hour in the advising office. I wish there was a way to notify me when it is almost my time to be advised so I could leave that building and maybe for example go eat at the Ferg and come back when the person 2 people in front of me is getting advised and if I'm not back in time it just goes to the next person until I get back and once that person that went in front of me is done then I go. Some type of notification system would be very cool.

I have emailed my advisor many times and not got an email. As a matter of fact, I'm still waiting for her to reply to an email from last week.

It is pretty easy, I love my advisor Peter Pierre.

Keep it up!

I had an overloaded schedule approved via email but they did not give me immediate override permission. Had to email and ask for it, override was given without confirmation email.

Once registration has begun, please do not change professors for certain sections of a course. It is quite unfair to sign up for a certain professor and then after you have already registered, the professor for your section is changed.

CoE's Advising Center is overall not dedicated or qualified to advise students beyond the sophomore year. There are individuals who are great, but the overall product stinks.

I think that the advising process for the College of Engineering is pretty good here. I really like the advisors that I have seen, and they have been very helpful and informative.

Have more walk-in advising times.

My request is to hire more. The entire engineering department has to few advisers for the amount of students causing long lines that cut into class times.

Honors Foundations classes should be larger. I'm not saying that they need to be 50 people but having 8-person classes is absolutely ridiculous and unfair to us honors students trying to receive honors credit. I have a pretty early registration time but because the classes are so small, they fill up before I register. Now, instead of getting my honors credits out of the way, most likely I will have to take them with my upper level engineering classes, which is less than ideal.
I don’t feel that freshman, whether or not they are honors students, should be able to register before upperclassmen.

I have a busy schedule so I love the coadvising option.

Advisors should take into account how difficult our course loads are. My advisor scheduled me for all aerospace engineering classes when I could have taken a few of my general humanities requirements in conjunction with several aerospace classes. I ended up switching around my schedule because the course load was impractical.

Chemical Engineering

Keep Heather Davis in the MIS/OM department.

Classes That my advisor told me to take and ones that we agreed upon are extremely hard to get into and I have not schedule yet but all my core classes I have to be wait listed for so I have to come in and figure out how to get into these classes so I actually have classes to take since all of them have no slots avaible. Make sure that core classes have enough spots to accommodate all students.

Easier to override

My advisor, Alexandrea Davenport, has been extremely helpful to me and has taken the time to help me find the classes and schedule that suit me best as a student.

Advisors should be more knowledgable about all aspects of advising, including study abroad because I was sent back and forth between offices because people didn’t want to be accountable for the information. Also the honors college is absolutely pathetic and I have not been able to get into a single honors class that I wanted. More honors courses need to be offered, or actually just offering any at all would be helpful because the flow chart for my major lists available honors courses that don’t exist and its simply unacceptable

More advisors are needed so that meeting with one is easier. In the engineer college it is nearly impossible to schedule a meeting and it seems like they only want to email advise or group advise.

More of them/more available

Plan for the long term so students really do finish in four.

A faster advising process would be nice. If there were specific advisors that knew more about the course loads of each individual courses for specific colleges I think the process would go faster.

Look more into making sure core classes don’t have time conflicts. Last semester all three of my core classes had conflicting times and I had to show the advisor this so they could change it.

My advising was smooth and efficient, but I believe that is primarily because it was so early.

Make more scheduled appointments. In late February and March it is almost impossible to schedule an appointment online because they are all full.

Put teaching faculty back into the process.

Advising for engineering is awful. Whenever I attempt to schedule a private advising email (I actually checked regularly...I did not slack off), there were never available.

Recently our adviser changed. But I think the old one Mr. Brian Blair done a better job... Maybe it’s problem about experience... Anyway I wish we could have a more professional adviser.

Need a higher staff to students ratio especially for chemical engineers.

You need to ad more advisors. I’ve tried to see my advisor 6 times since February and she was completely booked every time. That is ridiculous. If your paying $6000 out of your pocket you should be able to see whoever you want. They system is broken and needs to be fixed.

The honors classes fill up way too fast. It's not fair that only a few seats open up for each time slot. It should go by hours, this juniors and seniors getting the honors classes. As a freshman this is how it was, but now I'm getting blocked out as well and probably won’t be able to graduate with honors. It's beyond frustrating

I think that when changing your major (which I did) advising should be required, but, after that advising shouldn't be required every semester. This would require less wait time for an appointment. Overall, I was very happy with my advisor and the appointment.
I waited almost 2 hours for walk-in advising when I was told it would only take about 30 minutes.

Ms. Davenport (engineering advisor) is incredible. She remembers my name and information about me between advising appointments (i.e. a semester later)

the wait times for walk in advising are ridiculous. have a larger time slot or offer advising more than 2 days a week

Maybe get insight from seniors of the course load and know about the classes we’re required to take and when we're required to take them. My advisor told me to put off a class that’s only offered in the fall. Thankfully, I knew I couldn’t do that since I wouldn’t be able to take it in the spring. Also take into account the schedules that different kids have to have each semester. My chemical engineering classes are so scattered and take up random blocks of time making it impossible to sign up for ANY classes for either of my minors. Right now I can only take 6 hours next semester and the one organic lab (didn't make it in last semester) that works with my schedule is currently closed.

Create a way to see what changes were recently made in during a DegreeWorks audit. Many times my credit % has changed and I do not know what was altered to make that change, and I didn’t do anything different to cause a change in the percentage.

Class offered freshman fall semester that goes over all services provided including degree works, core classes, schedule builder, and scholarship applications

More sections for required classes

More advisors

Could use more engineering advisors to make it easier to see an advisor

It’s ridiculous how early honors students get to register in comparison to regular students. A student could have a 4.3 GPA and it goes completely unrewarded while honors get to register early regardless of GPA simply because they are “honors

I had to wait one month from first request to final approval. A quicker turnaround time would be appreciated.

I considered changing my major and went to receive advising from the college of Arts and Sciences. It was one of the worst, most unproductive meetings of my life, leaving me with more questions than I went in with, without directing me to any useful resources like other advisors or catalogs. I was also told information that was incorrect. Finally, the entire time I was meeting with the advisor I felt unwelcome and like I was wasting their time.

answer the phone/ emails

Especially with the college of Engineering, the number of students per advisor is absurd. The advisors don’t have time to actually help with the students, they are only there to ok a student's pre-made plan and clear their pin. However, because the volume is so high they sometimes don’t even clear your pin on time. I once waited for two hours during a walk-in session, only to have to go back to the office on the day I was supposed to register because they had not cleared my pin. Also I seemed to have a different advisor every year. I think students get the best information from their student peers, that’s how I made all of my decisions.

Help the advisors of students with multiple majors in different schools talk to each other. Spanish advising knows nothing about Engineering req’s and vice versa.

I think the Advisors need to have more general knowledge about the university requirements. For example, I was told it would be crazy to take 18 hours as a Chemical Engineer on a premad track. I was also told that I would not be able to get a Spanish minor on this path within four years. I looked at my DegreeWorks and discovered that a Spanish minor would easily be manageable because I was placed into a Spanish 300 level class and have all my humanity credits already. I was upset because it seemed like my Advisor did not look at my plan personally; rather, he just listed off a general rule of thumb. That being said, I absolutely love the flow charts available online. They are lifesavers! Thank you to whoever created it!

College of Engineering advising should have advisers for each department, rather than dividing us all alphabetically.

Train the advisors better. Mine couldn’t tell me anything about my upcoming chemical engineering classes, not even simple questions I had.
Erin Jett and Sarah Barry have been my advisors (I'm a double major in chemical engineering and dance) and they have been amazing working with me. Getting degrees in two colleges with 20 credit hour semesters is difficult enough, and they both eliminate any stress with advising. Wonderful advisors, prompt and helpful.

I think that honors students should not have priority over non honor's students of a higher class. (ie, registration order should be honors seniors, non honors seniors, honors juniors, non honors juniors...) I have not had this issue, but many of my non honor's friends have had difficulty getting into the classes they need because honors students have filled up all the spot available in the classes before they even have a chance to register.

I have been very frustrated with the advising process this year. I came to my advising appointment prepared with several questions and she was unable to answer any of them. I emailed her several times before and during registration requesting a meeting to address my concerns. She has yet to respond, which has caused much frustration and problems with my fall schedule.

The advising process was simple and very helpful. The registration process however has been very frustrating. There have still not been enough classes open to where I could sign up for everything I have to take. There is only one option for the biology that I need to take and it conflicts with my other classes so I cannot complete my registration.

My advisor, Alexandrea, was wonderful and extremely helpful this year!

Have advisors that do something other than sign a paper and tell you to leave

I understand that during course registration time advisors are busy. However, I had an emergency issue with a class on a Friday, emailed my advisor, and was told there was a seven day turnaround for just a response to an email. That is excessive in emergency situations. I then called the office everyday, and was not able to get an answer to my question until the following Wednesday. With the deadline for dropping a class being set hard, advisors need to be more accessible. 7 days for an email response is ridiculous.

I had a priority registration time yet the classes that I wanted/needed were gone almost instantly that morning. It's a very frustration process when the classes you have planned on are full and you need them for your degree.

It's annoying having to start searches over when looking up class times. There should be an easier way to switch between departments.

I emailed my advisory and didn't hear from my advisor for a week and had to chose my classes without having vital questions answered. I also had a problem registering for a class which I was cleared for so I lost the section I wanted to be in.

This is more the fault of the faculty listing the courses than it is of advising, but I have seen a lot of classes with closed sections that do not necessarily open up unless the other sections get filled. If such classes are offered at different times than the open sections, many students hold off to register for those sections and end up not being able to take the course at all when their desired section never opens. I think departments should be strongly discouraged from following the practice of offering classes that might not ever open up. Both I and one of my friends have experienced this issue in some way in the past year. On a note more related to advising, I have had the honor to be advised by both Erin Jett and Alex Davenport in the College of Engineering, and both of them are fantastic. We need more advisors like them!

The advisors need to know what they are talking about before they say you can sign up for certain classes when you can't.

It's difficult to schedule an advising appointment online and my advisor's walk-in times are during classes. I would have loved to have scheduled an appointment with my advisor, but it's too difficult to schedule a meeting.

Not that knowledgeable about what good options for me are or paths I should go

Don't save seats in classes for students without priority registration. If a student has priority registration, they shouldn't have to worry about checking back later to see if more spots opened up. Also, professors should do the advising because they have more knowledge about the courses.

I was given two separate advising start times on the same day (7am and 10am). When I registered at my most recently given time, 10am, I did not make it into one of my classes. I think the times should be given either only once or multiple times so each student is absolutely sure of when they can register.

More options for certain upper division classes. One class for an entire major is not enough.
I had prescheduled an advising appointment weeks in advance, but my advisor was out sick that day and I had to
go to open advising because the appointments were booked up (or I could have done e-advising. I would have liked like
an inclement day for just those who were rescheduled, but I know that many people can be tough. It just didn't seem fair
that I had to wait with people who hadn’t planned ahead to make an appointment.
allow students to see any advisor during walk-ins for general questions
All colleges should use departmental advisors.
I would like an adviser who has more knowledge about the specific classes and will help me plan long term. I
have a difficult major with specific classes only offered at specific times, making it very difficult for me to create a
schedule on my own that does not result in me scheduling multiple difficult classes at the same time since I know little to
nothing about them.
Make students more aware of how to go about changing their majors. I had major issues this semester because I
switched from engineering to business. I had to go to an advisor 3 times just to get my pin cleared and for it to show up
on degreeworks. It was also hard to schedule an appointment since I did not have an assigned advisor at the college I
was switching to.

There are never enough organic chemistry lab spots open. Ever.
offer a 1hr class to teach how to get the most from degree works during freshman semester
College advisers be more aware of override situations. Improve use of schedule builder to where breaks don’t
show up as blocks on the schedule.. make it easier to navigate/keep schedules saved. I have a great adviser, but I do
wish I could have a department (professor) adviser as well, someone who is much more knowledgeable about the
courses, course load, when things are offered, etc.
Have more times for popular classes.
Make sure all advisors are educated, my had no idea of what classes I needed or what classes were even offered. It's almost embarrassing because that is his job.
The ability to switch advisors would be nice. During my advising meetings my advisor left the meetings every
time I asked a question in order to get the answer from another advisor. It'd be nice if I could just meet with one of them
instead.
It's not too bad.
No suggestions; I think that the program is run very well, and I love my adviser.
The College of Engineering is too big for us to have required advising and only four advisors. Those who want to
build relationships with their advisors struggle to simply because the advisors are overwhelmed by the sheer number of
students they are responsible for.
The advisors should be more knowledgeable about the courses in general. For example, it has been my
experience that they do not know what could potentially be to much of a heavy load for students. To me that is very
important in engineering and especially if you do not really have any core courses left.

I am not happy with my schedule for the upcoming semester. Only one teacher and two times was offered for
one of my most crucial classes which made it very difficult to schedule all my other classes around that. Some of the
professors weren’t even announced yet for my chemistry class which creates a lot of anxiety for the upcoming year.
The only suggestion that I have is for UA to make the permit/override process a bit easier for students.
Personally, I had to obtain several permits and when it was my register time all my permits were not in place.
The Engineering Department desperately needs engineering professors as advisers.
Civil Engineering

Online class listing was not clear that the course had both a lecture and lab time. Some of the sections were lecture and some were lab but you had to open the section to determine that.

No, I enjoy the flexibility of it all.

No, I think the process works great! ;)

On several occasions I have gotten pushed back and forth to advisors of different colleges when I have a question about a class not specific to engineering. It is very unhelpful.

There should be 10 more advisors than there are now. The College of Engineering should be able to afford to create a better student/advisor ratio.

I think my advising when I first got here to the university was terrible. I had all easy classes and now I have found myself having to catch up with all the prerequisites for other classes. To suggest a improvement I think there should be better hands on advising at the orientation settings.

More advisors

Better flow charts, and having a single sheet of printed senior electives. That are based on senior design. Similarly what was printed for the 2010 Undergraduate Catalog.

A bit more clarity on the engineering required “Depth Study” would be beneficial.

I have received a new advisor within the past year, and although he has been nice, my one major complaint is that I plan on just using walk-in advising so that I have flexibility to come in during a time period in case something in my daily schedule changes, and I do not have to commit to a specified time. With that being said, my advisor has been out for at least three or four weeks that his walk-in advising is offered, so I have had to push back my meeting options with him multiple times, and he also typically gives maybe a day notice, which is frustrating when I intend on going in to meet with him the next morning. I honestly have had good experience with the simple “open advising” offered, and I would enjoy having that option as well as the walk-in or scheduled appointment options.

It should be easier to schedule an appointment online. Instead of asking when you are available it should show when the advisor is available. It is also extremely difficult to get an advising appointment unless you schedule like three months ahead of time, and then plans change.

For the amount of money that all students pay to this school, it should not be so difficult and such a pain to make an advising appointment. I understand there are tens of thousands of students but each advisor has only a certain amount of students to advise and many of us are on strict schedules, including work for myself, so I have very specific times I am able to make an appointment and it is usually very difficult for people like me to make appointments, especially when I only prefer to have a private advising session where I can ask questions and get the help I need.

Make advisors take course classes to ensure they are knowledgeable about possible questions their students will have.

Offer engineering classes in fall and spring for co-op students

don't do by last name

No The advisors do very well within the Engineering Department. I will be graduating this semester due to the dedicated work that my advisers and many of us are on strict schedules, including work for myself, I am forever grateful for their help.

Require mandatory advising only on basis of GPA. If you have a certain GPA and you already know what you need to take, advising should be optional.

It would be nice to actually register after getting through with my advising appointment.

More advisors for engineering; they're always booked up and have to do walk-in hours. My advisor was so busy, she forgot to remove the hold on my account until I was able to get in touch with her. This caused me to miss out on one of my first choices.

It would be nice if UA would offer a larger selection of CE 300 and 400 level courses during both session of summer school. Also, a more diversified selection of vertical construction classes in the fall terms. It is my belief this is a big enough school and has a large enough staff to provide more options during all three terms of the calendar year.

Need more appointment times

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The engineering advising really needs to be more consistent. I do not believe that I have had the same advisor two semesters in a row. Getting an appointment is also very difficult. One way to improve the advising would be to have a professor as an advisor.

I wish my Hydrology class would meet at 1 PM instead of 12 PM on MWF this Fall.

I needed an override for classes. I still have not been able to register for the classes and am currently trying to work it out. I was not aware I would need an override and it would've saved me a lot of trouble had I been told I needed one and how I would need to get it at the time I was advised.

I was lucky to get advised so early, but I remember last year, especially during open advising, it can take forever. Offering more times than just the regular UA hours can help with that.

Provide more options for classes in summer. Make efforts to help a student feel the advisor is doing their very best to help the student.

I don’t think my advisor is helpful to me at all and he made me take a class that wasn't necessary and made a mistake on my schedule next semester and I needed to override the mistake he didn't catch.

My advisor is new and that might be the reason why she has a lot of “not knowing” the answer to certain things moment. Yet, she doesn't go the extra mile to direct me to someone who can have be answer or find the answer herself. So, training new advisors would be great. In a way to where we, the students, don’t know she/he is new.

Change the CE schedule classes are offered each semester. If one class is not offered, most times individuals must wait a year to take the course needed for graduation. This is difficult for some students when they enter UA with a specific number of credits that put them ahead of their class.

I’ve had three different advisors during my three years. MY schedule is unique so I need someone who can advise me and know what my plans are. Engineering needs more advisors who stay longer. Preferably ones for different departments. The advisor I had signed off for classes I did not have prerequisites for and did not tell me I had to take a certain class in order to graduate.

I think if there was a service to put a student in contact with a departmental advisor that would be useful. I believe my advisor is very good but she is from the college of engineering in general and I would like to have a teacher as an advisor who could give me advice for future career plans or classes that will serve me in the future. I believe my advisor from the college of engineering was fantastic for my first couple years as I entered the college and met my core requirements, but I would like someone who is an engineering professor to advise me about minor selection and upper level electives.

For college of engineering: divide advisors by major, not by students’ last names. It is not efficient. Many students complain because their advisor does not completely know and understand what the core requirements are. Multiple engineering professors also agree that this advising set up needs to be changed. After leaving advising appointments, many students feel like they have to check with a professor in their college to make sure they were told the right thing.

My advisor, Mrs. Emili Alexander does an outstanding job, and has helped me through many different issues during my time this and last semester.

Need more private sessions with advisors. I called over a month early to book an appointment and there were no more advising slots left. As a rising senior, it was difficult to pick my senior design courses without the help of an advisor.

Advisors should be more available. First of all there are not enough advisors for the college of engineering, and secondly they are only available a couple hours a week. This makes it nearly impossible to meet with them and it is very frustrating when I need help with important matters.

Advisors need to do a better job of responding to emails. I have had 3 instances with this where multiple emails went unanswered each instance. Sometimes I cannot make time to go to office hours and must do things via email. Especially when I need a quick answer.
Computer Science

3765  Remove 8 and 9 AM classes
3767  Put the Computer Science flowchart for people that started in Fall 2014 or earlier back online! I had to get the flowchart emailed from someone else. I was told they took the flowchart down because it would confused newer students, which I don't believe is true.
3769  Don't make in person advising mandatory as it is inconvenient for everyone.
3775  I answered “No Opinion” or “Neutral” for the registration questions above because I have not yet registered for classes.
3777  My advisor didn't know much about the CS curriculum/teachers. I talked to a faculty member to get advice and then presented what I wanted to take to the advisor (2nd meeting). Advisors should know enough about the courses/teachers/degree plan to offer actual advice instead of just telling you what is needed to complete the degree.
3779  Advising is a disaster at peak times! It should not take me an hour and a half to get in for an emergency. I needed to talk to my adviser because a class’s course credit disappeared without warning and I needed to find out why because it impacts senior year schedule and graduation. It would be great if students were required to do advising during a 2-week period based on their names. That way, fewer students would wait to the last minute to be advised.
3780  If you are going to change what courses are offered for a degree do not do away with them until after students have had an adequate amount of time to complete the classes. This causes unneeded extra stress for already stressed out students.
3782  Automated e-mail to tell students when registration time is near.
3783  More accurate requirements on DegreeWorks. I had an issue with a class meeting requirements on DegreeWorks but then in advising told I’d need to pick something else.
3785  Engineering advising is pretty awful, because the engineering advisors are not intimately familiar with classes and coursework. For example, engineering advisors will happily suggest you take multiple difficult professors in the same semester, instead of helping you find more manageable schedules.
3786  Better and faster communication would be nice.
3787  I hope that the adviser would respond to my emails. This will help me because I had some simple questions that could be answered without me going to office hours.
3791  Advisors need to be more knowledgeable of major requirements and class substitutions.
3795  My adviser, Peter Pierre, did not seem to have sufficient knowledge of my major requirements and could not answer some of my questions about my progress. When I asked for assistance in obtaining a private tutor, he was not able to help. When I complained about the quality of a class (quality of instruction) he did not help me get a satisfactory response. When I indicated I struggled with ADHD issues, he did not make me aware of the process to obtain accommodations. When I asked for suggestions of courses to take as electives in the business school to help my GPA, he did not provide much help. Generally, I found the advising throughout my years at UA to be weak. I felt like I was just a number and no one was concerned about my progress, not even my professors. When I asked professors and the department head for tutoring referrals, I got no help at all. When I asked my professor, Dr. Borie, for individual help, he said I should go figure it out on my own by reading the textbook. This was not helpful, especially because of my ADHD learning disability. This type of response from professors, advisors and department heads resulted in a lower GPA than I felt I could have gotten with some assistance and support. I was never referred to ODS for help and accommodations, not even by my doctor (Student Health Center). Academic advisors should be quick to look for signs of academic struggles due to disabilities and should be trained to make the appropriate referrals. In general, I had a negative experience at UA due to inadequate support and counseling.
3796  Make more room in these junior and senior classes, it is ridiculous in engineering having to wait one full year to take a spring or fall only course. Also, STOP giving out so much priority registration to everyone who asks, there are freshman signing up before 25 year old seniors
3802  My advisor has changed like 5 times since I've been in school. That's annoying! Also one of the spoke English very poorly. Also annoying. Not saying the process is horrible, that's just some things I think should be improved upon.
Don’t Organize by last name. Organize by major so one advisor can really understand the major their student are there for.

I have no suggestions but I would like to say that Ms. Davenport is one of the best, if not the best, advisers I have had during my three years at UA. She is always very helpful, willing to assist in anyway possible, and very knowledgeable.

I actually had to go to a faculty member because of the lack of availability on my advisor’s part, went many days and waited ALL day, but was sent home after his hours closed along with the rest of the people waiting. I have never met with my advisor, which is fine because from what I’ve heard my major, computer science, isn’t something that he understands very well. I was overridden and aided by a faculty member, and I was very greatful and please with their assistance.

Train the new advisers better. Have them know the general difficulty level of classes and which ones students probably shouldn’t take at the same time.

No. Online advising is easy.

The advisors should give priority to students they have already met with and need additional help.

The advisors need to be more knowledgable. When I met with my advisor in January, I had to show her how to do a couple of things within Degree works and she only know what she saw on degree works. There is no point to having an advisor if they don’t know what they are doing or what suggestions to give the student.

This semester I once again needed an override for some courses. This always entails sending numerous emails and being transferred from one department to the next over the phone. This wastes a huge amount of valuable time and is unnecessary. It should be feasible for an adviser to look at a schedule and inform a student if a department will need to issue an override. I was told I had been cleared for courses and then when I tried to register I started to get prerequisite errors. These simple oversights can cost a student a seat in a class required for graduation. Cohesion and informed guidance is long past due from advising staff. An informed student cannot help but to remain entirely skeptical of any instruction an adviser gives them.

Get people who are actually competent and do their jobs without having to get Dr. Singleton and department heads involved to tell them to do their job - and then make them actually do what Dr. Singleton and department head says, not refer me to the wrong office again. Pathetic.

I would like to have advisors from my department instead of college advisors. The college advisors have never been that helpful when I have specific questions about my curriculum.

I have been very pleased with my experiences with advising. My nursing classes are planned out for the rest of my time here and that makes me feel so relieved when it comes to schedule building.

I believe the college of engineering needs more advisors. This semester I emailed my advisor in order to do e-advising and never received a response. Consequently I was forced to attend a walk-in advising session, like I was last year as well. I had to wait over an hour both times, and both times I never saw my own advisor but spoke to another advisor who was in the office. I don’t think it should be so difficult for students to meet with their designated department advisor.

Make it far more apparent when only certain classes of a given specification will count. Example: Some HY classes are not valid for CS majors, yet this was not apparent and I registered for a course that I am now receiving no credit for. Absolutely frustrating.

Gain more general knowledge

I would prefer that being advised before registering for classes wasn’t required. Maybe advising could clear students for registration for multiple semesters if they have a degreeworks plan set up.

Do NOT require advising in order to clear PIN. Do NOT allow an advisor to step in and try to tell students what they CAN and CANNOT take with THEIR tuition money. Advisors have no right or authority to hold your PIN hostage until you agree to take certain course. Students should be allowed to take whatever courses they please, regardless of their college.

There needs to be a way where you can guarantee to be in a specific class you need for that semester.
I think it would be nice to have the option to request that the advisor open a student's online class registration if their registration date comes before the advising appointment. That would allow students to still sign up for the classes they want without being penalized for not meeting with an advisor in time to register.

The particular adviser I had seemed less concerned about finding the right classes for me and more concerned about lecturing me about things such as the importance of seeing an advisor before dropping classes and the need to raise my GPA. Consequently, he selected a class that I wasn't even yet eligible to take. I had to make my own changes accordingly. So, in general, I would say these people need to focus more on doing their job right.

No not really

I really wish that I would've been told in the fall that my double major was unapproved--I've wasted a third of my total hours attempting for a degree that is apparently impossible for me to earn. Informing me of that last semester would have been fantastic.

Construction Engineering

Get advisors that know what they are doing. I have been signed up for unnecessary classes multiple times. I am not the only case this has happened too either.

I would recommend that students changing majors should have a more walk through advising that other students to help them get the proper major they want.

Electrical Engineering

Maybe make more advisors available

Get advisors that have knowledge of the field, my advisor for engineering has no knowledge of the field.

Have the screen split down the middle with one side showing the specific class you signed up for a long with times so you can know when you can sign up for classes without wasting time going back and forth after reading that times overlap after you've already tried to register.

Alexandrea davenport has been extremely helpful, best advisor I have ever had for the 5 years I have attended UA!!

Improvement on the knowledge of how to declare a second major in a different college would be helpful.

The mandatory meeting to approve my schedule seems like an unnecessary hoop to jump through. I walk in with all the required classes planned out, they check a box, and I walk out. One on occasion I talked with my advisor about potential minor / degree paths for my major (this was in a private appointment). All the information they offered could be found online, and the familiarity with the curriculum that I hoped for was absent in my advisor. As a note, I’m not saying that the advising was bad; it just is inefficient compared to the online materials and becomes more of an obstacle than a resource. That being said, I'm fairly certain about my major and am not searching for direction; those who are probably find the advising services much more useful.

Ms Erin Jett has always been wonderful. She is very friendly and helpful and makes you feel heard.

My advisor, Ms. Erin Jett, has done a great job directing me to the classes I should take.

For the past two semesters, Honors Calculus III has not been counted as an equivalent course for Calculus III, which has required a manual override to register for classes in which it is a prerequisite.

Keep a count on the number of students that register for a certain class. That way, students can know if there will be any opening for that class. Everything else is ok.

Advisors may need to spend more time figuring out students schedules who come in with multiple AP credits and down follow the standard freshman stereotype.

My advisor, Erin Jett, does a wonderful job.

Making walk-in hours a little different. If I have class during both option, it's hard to get advised.

My advisor typically does not know what senior level electrical engineering classes will be offered for future terms because these classes are only offered every so often. I understand this is not her fault, but I think better
communication between advisors and the departments would help future seniors understand what classes will and will not be offered their senior term, instead of just saying that this class was offered last year so it might be offered this year.

3928 I wish the College of Engineering had a faculty advising system or more advisors. My advisor seemed very overworked the only time a went in person, as one would expect her to be having to juggle the schedules of a quarter of the CoE. I do not feel I have someone in an advising role who I feel comfortable discussing graduate school or employment in industry. The entire process feels sterile and impersonal like most other things in the College of Engineering.

3931 Let the engineers register for classes without getting their pin cleared. Even when you do early advising, some of the advisors forget to clear your pin.

3933 Get advisors that actually know what engineering is.

3935 Most of my problems stem from the advisors not being aware of the current scheduling term’s specific caviots. If the flowchart changes the advisors aren’t really aware what is still allowed. They need more information then I can read of the flowchart to be valuable. Why is there an advisor if they add no value?

3936 Check requirements within degree plans to see which courses are suggested to be taken simultaneously and make sure they are not at conflicting times. The flowchart suggested two classes be taken simultaneously and only one section of each class is being taught for each section at conflicting times. If this is not your department, advise students on how to go about seeking who to talk to about issues like this.

3937 Not really. My advisor had well opened hours and made it easy to see him, and figure out what I was doing for the next semester.

3940 I would prefer departmental advising. With multiple advisors I have experienced uncertainty and received contradicting information in my scheduling. With departmental advising for engineering, the advisors would (hopefully) be fully versed in the requirements for the specific degree and better prepared to answer questions. Further, the department handles overrides already so this would help limit the confusion of communication between the two offices.

3943 I feel like the student services advisors student to employee ratio is far to high. Because of this my advisor never remembers anything we have previously discussed, and is usually in a rush to get from appointment to appointment.

3944 I always come in prepared with a list of the classes I would like to take and all 3 advisors I have had just blindly approve it. I would like some feedback and some “well here’s what I think”, or “this might be a better option”. They just sort of stamp “Approved” and kick you out the door.

3948 I feel like I’m crazy for thinking that advisors should be able to help students plan and achieve academic and career aspirations in a timely fashion.

3949 I am taking classes this summer. Because these classes are prerequisites for classes I want to take in the Fall of 2015, I could not register for classes for the Fall. I had to contact the departments to remove the hold and the class I wanted was full by the time the hold was removed. I had told my adviser I was going to do this. I recommend that advisors contact the departments to remove the hold or inform the students to do this before they are supposed to register for classes.

3952 Course offerings with prerequisite classes that have not been offered in 5 years should be updated so that registration does not require an administrative override for every student wishing to register.

3953 I would like to be able to see if the system will allow me to register for a class before my registration time. It would be better to resolve any errors before one’s registration time so that spots in desirable sections are not taken while issues are being resolved.

3956 Develop the flowcharts a bit more. They are excellent in principle but the course division (if one were to follow the Spring/Fall divide) seems unideal.

3958 Make it easier to transfer into the various colleges.

3961 Need to train the advisors better so they are more knowledgeable on the major requirements for the specific majors they advise.

3962 No suggestions, my advisor (Alexandria Davenport) Is doing a great job. I lucked out by getting her she is the best. Give her a raise!!
As a double major (in Engineering and Theatre) I had always only gone to my Engineering Advisor and figured out my theatre classes on my own. This semester, when I realized I had no idea what theatre classes to take next, I had to email a faculty member and set something up myself. The theatre department is relatively small so it wasn’t hard to figure out who to talk to, but had it been larger (such as the engineering department) I would’ve been in trouble. If we were given an “optional advisor” for our second major (who doesn’t have to sign off on classes, but who we can talk to if we have questions) then that would be nice.

There is a serious need for more advisors, or at the very least the advisors we do have should be available to students when they email them or walk in to ask a question. My advisors has taken several weeks to respond every time I’ve emailed him, or has not answered at all. I have also walked in to the office to ask a quick question that would not have taken more than 2 minutes to answer, but have been turned away even though my advisor was clearly in his office and not with another student. No one else in the reception area could help me, and I was not permitted to see another advisor to ask my question. I am graduating this semester, so I fortinately will not have to deal with the College of Engineering advising office any more after my petition form for my electives this semester is completed, but the system is clearly not working, and the college is growing. I hope that changes will be made in the near future to accommodate those students who will still be here after I have graduated.

Give the engineering department more advisers!!

I do not appreciate how the advisors are not always in the know with the most recent requirements. For instance, I had heard that they were making Differential Equations a prerequisite for Circuits and I asked my advisor about it. She told me that I should just take linear algebra. Turns out I was right and then had to get an override to take DiffEQ and circuits in the same semester.

I suggest getting more advisers for the engineering college, I had to wait for quite a while.

The College of Engineering should suspend required advising to be cleared for registration. It is completely unnecessary.

No, it’s pretty good as it is. My advisers have always been keen to respond timely and answer all of my questions.

Have all the times and professor names for classes by the time registration starts. No more TBA

Some requirements for my major changed, and my advisor was unaware of it. As a EE, I no longer need to take Programming III. I can take Math 301 instead. He asked why I was taking Math 301. I’m just glad I talked with another student, so that I knew what I could take.

The staff member that puts petition information into degree works doesn’t know about my degree requirements and has input the information incorrectly twice. I also have a friend who is having a similar problem. There shouldn’t be one staff member expected to know all the different College of Engineering Major requirements because that’s impossible - the system is set up poorly. Also, I do online advising but I regularly see more than a dozen people waiting outside the advising office in Haradaway and it seems very inefficient.

As far as my experience, I have had no problems with the way the advisors handle their job. They demonstrate high professional attitude with a abundant knowledge of each course required and I am very satisfied with the quick process to set up my schedule for next year.

Hire more advisers to make the rest more open to meet. A student should not have to wait two weeks for an appointment.

We need additional staff in the engineering advising department. Maybe not year round, but at least more during the key registration points in the semester. Students can’t afford to wait an hour and a half for an advising appointment (or, say, a co-op student on his lunch hour)
Environmental Engineering

I love my advisor but it'd be very helpful if she answered her emails! Also it'd be nice if advising was only required once a year because I generally have a very good idea of my classes for the next semester but it's still nice to touch base occasionally.

Ms. Jett with the COE is fantastic, knowledgable and LGBT friendly, which is a huge plus.

MORE ADVISORS! I tried to set an appointment early March and there were none available for an ENTIRE MONTH! That is ridiculous. It is not fair to the students or current advisors to have a thousand kids to wait behind or advise.

Open more honors courses because as an underclassman I can't get any to stay in honors.

Mechanical Engineering

Most Juniors or Seniors know the process required to enroll in a particular class meaning the prerequisites for the class needed. I think only freshman/ sophomores need to be required to meet with an advisor. As seniors/ juniors have planned the classes they want to take and know the prerequisite(s) needed to register for a particular class.

If an appointment is made in advance, the advisor should honor it as supposed to canceling it at the last minute and rescheduling it after everyone else's.

Advising is a joke, my advisor signed off on a schedule and when I went to register it turned out one of the classes required a prerequisite I didn't have. I had to get overrides for a few classes I'm taking next semester that I am taking the prerequisites for over the summer. I also needed an override to get into a physics lab that was full for next semester. I could not get into talk to my advisor or call them because she wasn't doing walk ins until the next week. I ended up getting everything done myself despite the advising staff.

Quicker reaction time for emails if possible - or any response at all

Get more staff for engineering advising. Need someone designated for Distance Learning students.

More advisors for the college of engineering. In my 4 years here I have never physically met with an advisor due to their lack of availability. Also, there have been probably 4 advisors that have left/been hired. I would try to find people that are going to stick with the job long term

We need more advisers.

make sure that new advisors actually have a grasp on the courses before they can advise people

it is very confusing when it comes to determining when you have to register for classes.

I don't have any problems with academic advising or the registration process. I truly appreciate my advisor for taking the time to see me and keep me on track with my courses.

Advisors need to be much more knowledgeable and more flexible with their rules on meeting and scheduling.

The registration process is usually ok, but it would be good to be able to see readily how many seats are available in a class when about to register. Also, it is sometimes difficult to get answers to questions via email because of the volume of emails that the advisors recieve.

Get more advisors. Also, have juniors or senior advise freshman in someway in the way of classload. Engineering makes the semester classload seem very set, but had I known more about courseload, I would have organized my classes differently

More competent advisors, advising appointments are impossible to get

The headstart that priority gives people makes it really difficult to get the classes you want when you have no priority. The headstart should be lessened.

Make sure the advisors know pre-reqs especially for senior design courses. Though the student should also know them, it is the advisors job to point out any flaws in a schedule that may lead to delayed graduation. In this respect, Peter Pierre was a failure as an advisor, in addition to the fact that he seemed to not know much about the engineering department in general. I had to take on a lot of unnecessary burdens in fixing my fall 2015 schedule because my advisor underperformed at his duties to help me register for pre-reqs. Additionally, his handling of petitions left much to be
desired as I had to contact the dean's office myself on information about my petition. In all, I feel as if I'd have been just as well this semester without an advisor at all - and that's not saying I did well by myself. It's just that my advisor was practically useless when I needed help.

4055 More walk in hours.

4058 Advisors need to be more knowledgeable about different colleges. My advisor doesn't know a lot about the honors college requirements or what types of overrides I need for certain classes. This lack of knowledge caused me to have to register for another course because I could not get an override before the class filled up.

4060 Some of my classes offered only had one lab to go along with a lecture, and the lab was already full but the lecture was not. If this could be changed to help other students in the future that would be great.

4074 Better communication

4075 increase time options, preferably later in the day

4078 I would suggest hiring on a few more advisors or better departmentalizing the current ones. If I ever need advice from my advisor, it takes a week at best to get a reply via email and he typically isn't available by appointment. For this reason I usually end up guessing on answers to my questions and going about picking classes strictly by the department’s flow charts.

4086 My advisor was very bad at answering my emails, she still hasn't responded to my two emails I sent a week and a half ago. When she did reply, she called me the wrong name. Not very helpful or interested in me as a student or my questions and concerns. I'm transferring next semester though.

4087 Finding a class with enough seats tend to be a problem, although it does seem to have improved.

4088 Make the advisors more accessible when we actually have the time to talk to them. Even if they are not in the office, they should be reachable until about 8:00 at night.

4096 After a certain amount of credit hours, a student should not be required to use an academic advisor. An adviser would still be available to everyone.

4099 The head of my department is really great and really helpful. She worked out many things for me that were complicated and she really gets stuff done. The actual advisers for the program are kind of hard to reach and I get the feeling they are overloaded with students and there are not enough advisers.

4103 I would like the advisors to allow more openings for appointments. Often times, advising is not available in person due to overflow of appointment requests. I personally don't have lot of time to spare to meet with advisor. I prefer to have the option to meet with advisor for class registration to be in limited time frame. Then students with questions regarding specific courses can have more time consulting with advisors. Solving time management problem will really help students to use their time efficiently.

4104 As a “true distance learning” student, it has not been easy to get definitive answers as to my standing in my degree program. I have had many issues with overrides, etc to get enrolled. I also have transfer classes that do not show up as being completed in DegreeWorks and that makes it difficult to plan a schedule. Also, the schedule for distance learning is very limited and I have been at the mercy of the university when finding electives to fill requirements.

4112 Unlimited walk in advising, advisors trained to help plan for goals not simply say follow the flow chart and I'll authorize your schedule.

4115 No I do not have any suggestions about how to improve advising.

4119 My advisor takes weeks to respond to her emails which made it difficult for me to register on time. I had a problem with registration so I emailed her again and she is yet to respond now that class I was asking about is full. An improvement would be if they were required to respond within a day or two.

4120 It would be nice to have the advisors talk to older students and find out which classes should and shouldn't be taken together and which professors are best for different learning styles

4121 For question 5, I wasn’t sure if you meant advising for the Spring 2015 term or for this upcoming Fall 2015 term. I advised for the spring term in October I think, and in March for this upcoming semester.

4134 I am a Distance Learning student and Erin Jett does a fantastic job advising me each semester!
When registering, there should be a way to see the way your schedule will look before clicking register. Nothing is more frustrating than getting a random CRN number and finding out it doesn't fit with some other class, and then having to scramble to fix it. I feel like the registration page on mybama is so basic that it's hard to use!

More advisors would help with the long walk in waits.

Make the week-at-a-glance view much more easily accessible, so that students won't have to switch back and forth between it and the course selection page to check their scheduling as they register for classes.

More advisors. The Engineering department has a serious lack of advisors available. Scheduling an appointment is near impossible and the wait times are very long for walk ins. Also, consistent advisors. I have had a different advisor every time I have been in to discuss classes. Having three different advisors over my tenure is uncalled for, and partially defeats the purpose of their job. Advisors are supposed to help see your progress and follow up with previous discussions and help you on the journey to a degree. If I wanted someone to just read me off the requirements and press a button to clear a pin, I could do that myself.

Ms. Emili Alexander has been the most helpful of anyone for me. When she didn't know an answer to my question, she researched it. She supported me every step of the way, even when I changed my mind. She referred me to other faculty that could help me. She is an amazing advisor.

I am very pleased with the Engineering Advising process. The flowchart provided is phenomenal, and my advisor allows for appointments, walk-ins, group advising, and E-advising. The only problem I have is with the registration process for Honors Seminars. Since seats are only opened 3 at a time, it doesn't matter how many hours or priority registration status you have to get a spot.

I cannot speak of any other department, but Erin Jett, my advisor in the department of engineering, is very knowledgeable and is extremely helpful in advising me for my future semesters.

Assigning students faculty advisors when they are upper class men. A faculty advisor would be better equipped to assist engineers with what courses to take to better prepare them for their career. Also with suggestions on where their experience is lacking. Student services advisors do not understand the course load they are advising you to take

With the class builder show the classes being offered at those times, i.e. - let us know when we set up our classes that we do have the 8 am lecture, or history class instead of the 8 am thermodynamics course. Just showing colored blocks are not very helpful which has turned myself and quite a few other students away from using this system in the future.

I feel like the current advisors have to many students and too much on their plates and not enough time to handle things properly. Hiring a few more people would allow a lot more personal time with one-on-one private advising. As well as the advisors would really know what they are talking about and not letting the computers do everything.

Hire more advisors! Crystal Parker has way too many students to look after in the College of Engineering. She does an excellent job but I feel as though she could have more time for private advising sessions (much more beneficial to students) if she did not have to take care of so many students. Also it can be difficult trying to schedule an advising appointment 2 months in advance (due to the amount of students). If something comes up and I have to cancel my appointment, it then becomes incredibly difficult to reschedule given the amount of students.

Make it simpler to get a registration exemption, ex signing up for consecutive classes in the consecutive summer terms.

For those of us student that started with the Fall 2012 catalog or before, life doesn't make much since. We have a rough time to schedule classes in a way to leave school in 4 years and have our mental health when we come out the end. To no fault of their own the poor advisers, of which the school of engineering can not keep employed, do not really know how to help our “generation”. The catalog when we started was stacked against us with our junior and seniors basically set in stone before we even got here. But here is where there has really be a lack of help from the advisers, we as freshmen were never really encouraged to move quickly into the deep level classes. One major cause of this is the fact that since I have been here “At the Capstone”, as our president likes to say, that I’ve had at least three different advisers in three short years. This makes it very hard for us to have a relationship as well as for them to help us find the best way through our time here to have a degree after 4 years. I think I speak for most of the student when we say that having someone that has been around for a while to help guide us through what classes are our strengths and weakness would
be a great help. If a student doesn't have a lot of older friends that student will end up signing up for classes that have teaches that do not teach in the most conducive way for that student to learn the information.

I am studying abroad in the fall semester. Over two months ago, I submitted my course equivalency form to the study abroad office, which was then forwarded to the engineering department to get approved. I have been checking in with my study abroad advisor to see if the form has been completed yet. She didn't know what the status of the form was. I took it into my own hands to go to both the engineering advising office and the ME department office to see what the status of the form was. No one knew what the form was or who is in charge of course equivalencies in the engineering department. Then I emailed Dr. Todd, she had not seen the form and the department also didn't have the form. Either the study abroad office didn’t send the form to the right place or the form got lost in the shuffle. Either way, the correspondence between advising offices is unacceptable. I am still unsure of whether or not I am able to study abroad, and all of my courses for the fall are about to be dropped for a placeholder course if this is not resolved ASAP.

None

The engineering department is understaffed. I, as well as many other complain about this time and time again, but nothing is ever done about it. Several teachers need to be replaced. PLEASE refer to rate my professor to see how the students feel.

More advisors are needed and there needs to be more oversight. I met with my advisor 3 times with a planned schedule, and it was approved. When I went to register it was like I had never been advised, and the system indicated that I had not met with my advisor, which was incorrect. This points to said advisor failing to execute their job.

Have a better knowledge of incoming professors to help keep course load more manageable.

Don't take so long to reply to emails. Also, don't make us get advised. It's absolutely pointless and if you can’t figure out your classes by yourself, should you really be in college?

All of the information that I need for advising was provided via Degree Works and my Mechanical Engineering flowchart. Registering for classes is very straightforward for my major with both of those tools.

I'm still waiting for an override on a section of ME450. That is my only complaint. Everything else is stellar

It's often unclear if you've successfully registered. A confirmation email would be reassuring.

I couldn't think of an easier, more clear way to get it done. I love it and I haven't had any problems. I needed an override one time because the only lab section that fit in my schedule was full.

It isn't broke don't fix it.

I understand that sometimes classes the professors that will be assigned to teach isn't known when students register. However students try to register for classes with the professors that meet their specific instructional needs. Having “Instructor Not Assigned” makes it very difficult to put together and ideal schedule because it is hard to rearrange your schedule after you register if the professor chosen doesn’t work for you.

They don't seem to be on top of things. My adviser told me that my registration date was a week later than it actually was. I mostly chose classes and picked everything myself. Communication was very lackluster.

Make sure that if somebody actually goes to an advising session that they are cleared for registration next time.

The advising registration website was not working every time I attempted to sign up for an appointment so I opted for e-advising, and honestly, don't really feel like having an advisor has done anything for me thus far in my college career.

I feel that it is kind of pointless that the Honors College has advisors that cannot clear my holds because I am an engineering student. Unless you schedule an appointment at the beginning of a semester you will not be able to meet with your advisor and that is sad. Part of the benefits of the honors college is that they have advisors, but when all they can do is talk and not fix my problems, it is worthless to me.

Make more classes overall. I was limited to MWF at either 8 or 9 AM for one class essential to my degree. Those were the only two options. The time doesn’t matter, but bring limited to only two options is not good.
4256  When I come in for advising I would like for my advisor to have more of an opinion in what courses he thinks is best for me and would best help me down the road.

4257  Keep a certain amount of seats open for students with a later registration date

4258  I tried to schedule an appointment with Emili Alexander this spring, at 9 am, but when I got to the office, they told me she was out, which is very stressful for me because I have essentially zero time to meet during the day. After 5 pm advising would be incredibly beneficial to all engineering students.

4259  Keep being golden.

4263  No, they do offer excellent services

4265  My advisor Emili Alexander was helpful. I was very disappointed though, that she had to leave campus for conferences in peak registration season. Also, I am trying to revive credit for a transfer course, I emailed her and she told me what my options were. I told her the route I wanted to take and asked her what I needed to do and she has not responded in over two weeks now. The course is very unique so it will not match perfectly with one of the UA courses, but it should not matter if they have the course at UA, it matters if the subject matter covered the right type of material for the requirement. It will be very disappointing if I do not get credit because of this!!!

4266  The Mechanical Engineering department's advising setup is terrible. It's on a first come, first serve basis, which is fair, but they should be more diligent about it. I waited 75 minutes just to be advised so I could sign up for my final undergraduate class, which I am taking this summer. I confronted the secretary about it and was told my name was taken off of the advising list. This happened twice. The fact that you are required to be advised when you know what you want to take is ridiculous. Every semester, since Fall 2011, I had to take time to be advised, even though I always made my schedule ahead of time. I tried to go the route of online advising a few times, but I was either ignored or forgotten about.

4271  Get your stuff together when dealing with transfer students

4272  A lot of students get screwed because if they have a late registration you cannot get the teacher you want. And I believe your grade depends a lot on the teacher. With later registration you are more likely to get a bad teacher and make your semester a lot harder than it should be.

4278  I am very unsatisfied due to the fact that I have not yet heard from my advisor and I have been emailing the entire semester about various things. I emailed specifically about upcoming classes and registration about a month ago and still have no response. I think it would be better to have an advisor to specifically handle distance students, we are paying customers just like like on campus and this seems to be very unfair that we can't get a response when needed.

4280  Get the advisors more help - there are not enough faculty advisors for my “name grouping”. My advisor has too many students to keep up with and that reflects by delayed response time; this is not their fault, but the department, due to not staffing enough help. Please consider this.

4281  Yes, I would like my advisor to respond to my email when I ask a direct, major-related question that I need to know for registration. Instead, I asked a direct question, and got no response at all. The purpose of an advisor is to advise. However, in my case I did not have any help or advice when I needed it. The only reason I went to a walk-in advising after being ignored was to get the schedule that I figured out approved so I could register. After having been at other academic institutions where the advisor’s not only did their job, but were genuinely helpful, I am disappointed in my advising experience here.

4286  There needs to be advisors dedicated to the distance learning students. It seems like the distance learning student get lost in the shuffle from time to time. Most of us prefer to have our advising sessions via email and it may take days or even weeks for a response. Also, more distance learning classes should be offered through the summer.

4287  From the time that I submitted my application for enrollment I have had problems with advising. I have yet to have any advisor return a communication via email or phone. In the admissions process I had to call until I got in touch with a woman in the records office who was willing to do some legwork to get an issue resolved for me. At that occasion I had to call 20-30 times before I was able to get any response from the university...this included calls to the registrar, admissions, and advising. In trying to prepare a plan for registration next semester, I have not heard back from my advisor at all...after multiple attempts to contact her via email and once by phone. I am a distance student and it is
absolutely imperative that my advisors respond to my communications. I have never experienced such disregard of student communications and I'm shocked that I've experienced this in such a situation, where communication is so vital.

4291 Need to be available more hours in the week.
4295 The “what if” section on Degree Works should be able to show a double major.
4296 I think it is as good as it can be. No one can help if the advisor is booked with too many appointments.
4298 No, I have a great adviser. Mr. Pierre always helps me!
4305 Erin Jett is great!
4306 No comments, I've had no problems with advising so far.
4307 Add more spots to UH classes
4308 My advisor made me feel like she cared. That is perfect.
4309 No everything was great.
4317 There aren't enough options for class times. 2 of my required classes for my major are only offered at one time during the day. That's ridiculous to me that I have to plan everything around 2 classes that can't be changed.
4318 a more consistent class offering of evenly throughout the day and the whole week.
4321 Open more time slots for private advising sessions. Allow a category selection for what your advising session will consist of (i.e. class registration, coop advice, major/minor, etc...)
4327 Add a wait-list for required classes; instead of academic overrides
4328 I've been doing this long enough to know what classes I need to take really do not need to be advised from this undergraduate point. If I decide to pursue graduate school then yes. But I think I can handle it from here. I'm 40 yrs old I think I got it.
4330 It is impossible to get an advising appointment. Walk ins take hours. Either fix the system or hire a larger staff. This is ridiculous.
4334 Make classes with limited seating available in intervals so lower level students also have a chance to get in.
4337 No additional comments. My advisor Emili Alexander is very helpful and always gets me the information I need.

Metallurgical Engineering

4340 Crystal Parker is an excellent advisor
4342 Not at this point in time.
4349 Please destroy BANNER and rework it from the ground up; it is incredibly inconsistent and I have required an override -every- semester.
4351 Being in an unpopular major, the advisors do not have much knowledge of the classes I should be taking. I plan out my schedule on my own and go in to get my registration hold cleared; usually the advisors offer me little help.
4352 Get more advisors. One advisor should not have to be inundated with emails from one thousand students each. If my advisor is too busy to email me back and I can not go into a walk in appointment as a co op student, then I can't get advised. You should have three times as many advisors in the ENGR department and probably the same for every other college as well. I like my advisor, but there is only so much to go around. I know the University has the funds, just make it happen. That's the one thing that I would change about this school if I could.
4354 There were a couple of courses that I should have taken this year that I didn't and my advisor just okay'd my schedule without mentioning that I had to take those classes to graduate on time
4355 My advisor is great. It is always a pleasure seeing her (I tell her all the time) to help me pick out the right classes she thinks would be beneficial for me. The only problem I had this semester prikr to the upcoming fall semester is that I was not able to register for a specific class because the class was full and I needed to get an override for a class I needed in order to graduate on time. All and all I think my sessions with my advisor are very helpful and informative and am very thankful to have her as my advisor.
4356 The advising dept. adviser I was assigned to did not have a clue. I got bad advice and when questioned he said “nothing he could do”. I then asked to have an appointment with his supervisor who also gave me incorrect advice and was pompous about it. He told me he didn’t do audits and that was not his job. This gentleman was the worst
representative of the University I met during my entire student experience. When I pointed out his mistake just an hour meeting with him (it was corrected by a different adviser that was competent), he said he did not want to be misquoted. Not only did he not have a handle on his job he had no integrity. His name is Mr. Greg Singleton.

Emili has been helpful to me.

I do not have an suggestions. However, my advisor Emili Alexander is an outstanding advisor and I truly appreciate everything she does for me. She has helped me feel balanced throughout the school year and has helped me when I have freaked out due to course loads. Mrs. Alexander is an outstanding advisor.

Advising sessions were “full” ten minutes after they opened up. It is impossible for some students to ever meet face to face with an adviser, and even if they can, the advisers know very little about the actual requirements and don’t care about the students. The only exception I know of is Erin Jett, who is excellent at her job.

No further comments. I have been very pleased with the advising process here.

I would like a wider time selection so that I am not rushing to be advised before or after attending a class.

Undesignated Engineering

UH courses are always full

I just was not able to register at the time my advisor had given me. It was super stressful because my classes were running out of seats and I was cleared thirty minutes late.

More advisors so I can get an appointment in a timely manor rather than having to rely on walk ins when I have really busy days with classes and homework and meetings

I find the advisors not very accessible to students. There are only 5 for the whole college of engineering. When scheduling a time, I might as well signup now for the fall semester. Walk in attempts can result in an hour-long wait, which is really a waste of time. I think that additional advisors would help increase the availability to students.

Make emailing my professor easier or give the correct email because it never seems to work.

no suggestions, but I was extremely pleased with my new advisor. She was so very helpful, positive, and very friendly. She treated as if I was one of her own students and not just a number.

I was mis advised and only found out when registering. It messed up my schedule.

As a transfer student, signing up for classes is far to difficult. The fact that my advisor cannot seem to override any of the boundaries I have in place when it has already gone through the department faculty is ridiculous. The online signup is overrated and slightly broken. We are living in 2015, the website should be better than this. The Alabama page looks amazing, but our class signup website is a joke. I also think it is ridiculous that there are only 3 or 4 advisors for ALL of the engineering students. Why are these not split into departments?? I have heard horror stories of these advisors messing up students’ graduation tracks because they did not know the correct track and were not trained well enough to know it. There should be an advisor for each department who knows the track very well and can help us get into the classes we need. I should not have to make 100 phone calls and send 30 emails just to get into a few of my required classes. I am overall very unsatisfied with my class signup for next semester and I am also very unsatisfied with how my schedule turned out.
Human Environmental Sciences

Apparel and Textiles

4422 If all of advisors gave the same answers to questions there than completely different responses that cause problems with my classes.
4424 I was not able to register for classes until the 15th of April by then many of the times and even classes I wanted had been filled. I know the university tries to make registration fair by saving spots and opening them on registration days but some of the classes that are only offered once a smelter and have a capacity of only 20 students are nearly impossible to get into. If there was a way the university could make it possible for the students registering on a later date to have a chance to get in some of those classes it would be greatly appreciated.
4432 Just wish there were more options for my core classes because it gets hard to follow my schedule we've built because of conflicts in time.
4433 Not the best. I never know all the information I need to know and can't get into classed I need.
4434 I saw an on-call CBA advisor in the Bidgood student services office for the first time this year for an override, and while there was a substantial wait, it was very efficient and the advisor was really polite and pleasant.
4437 I have enjoyed the advising registration for both Business and CHES.
4439 The number of times I had to get an override is a bit ridiculous. Try to allow students to register for required classes without the need for so many overrides.
4444 I think that by possibly having 2 advisors this would be more helpful to the student. My advisor originally had me signed up for a few classes that I did not need and when another teacher saw this she immediately corrected it.
4451 I feel that after sophomore year, students who are in a solid path toward their major should not need required advising, rather just opt in if needed.
4452 Please allow more students to take the JN261 course. It has been impossible for me to get into the class. Thanks.
4455 Honors courses are still very difficult to try to get into.
4459 no. I think everything are great!

Consumer Sciences

4470 Im a distance student and would like to see more offerings for online courses related to my major and other programs. Otherwise I am greatly enjoying my time as a student!
4475 I like the advising hotline idea-wish I knew about it prior. Ms. Caroline Fulmer is my advisor and has been GREAT!!!!
4478 Extented advising time for Distance Learning Students to allow for email and response times.
4479 Courtney McGahey is wonderful!
4482 I was extremely fortunate to have Ms. Pentecost as an advisor, she has been excellent in every way!
4491 It would nice if I didn't have to delve back into what and what not satisfies current curriculum requirements. There have been multiple times where past courses count towards my degree, where some advisors overlook the fact that they actually do count. It would be nice if there were some consistency here.
4492 Courtney McGahey is the best. I was referred to her by Dr. Tim Hebson, who I also regularly see for advising.
4495 Frequently update online documents related to degree requirements for each college.
Early Childhood Education

4498 I feel at a disadvantage by being a distance learning student. My advisor provided very general information and took no time in asking about my educational goals or any information specific to me. I feel that that information is very valuable to know when giving a college student advice for how to put their schedule together as it pertains specifically to them. My advisor’s advice was just by the book and I felt very frustrated and a little lost this semester as I tried (and still try) to figure out how to finish when I want to finish in a way that meets all needs. Thankfully for me, the class HES103 with Mrs. Pentecost was full of valuable information that helped me figure some questions out and point me in a helpful direction.

4502 Yes, students should have to priority who have need for class openings in order to graduate instead of having to wait for a semester or waiting to see if someone drops the course.

4509 I am currently on 2 waitlists. One for my classes for my minor and the other one for the classes for my major. I am dissatisfied with this, because I need to be in them. I think it would be best to open up another class of HD 322 because it is always very full and would be best if there were two separate classes.

4510 My major is incorrect and I do not know who my advisor for correct major is.

4512 Everything seems fine with advising and registration. My advisor is the best.

4513 I LOVE DR. MARIA HERNANDEZ REIF!!!!

4514 I have a hard time receiving emails from my advisor. I am a distant learner so when I email her it is important and usually always about registration for classes. It takes days to receive a email back or I do not get a return email at all.

4521 I Graduated!

4522 Base registration on hours and GPA

4523 I am a transfer student and attended two other colleges before I came to UA. The advising experience I had at UA was beyond comparison and I received the best advice about which electives to take and how to plan my degree.

4524 Online students often cannot meet with advisors during advising week. It would be great if the advisor could set a time via phone and look at the DegreeWorks with the student to see exactly what the student needs and when.

4528 Yes, Degree Works only states the amount of hours needed for the classes your degree requires, not that graduation requires. For example, I was supposed to graduate this coming Fall; however, due to degree works only checking off 100 hours (instead of the needed 120), I am now two semesters behind on graduating. This is something that desperately needs to be fixed. It is heartbreaking and discouraging to a student (especially one who is paying out of pocket for school) to find out that they are 20 hours short (even though degree works says they have “completed requirements”) and that they must come up with approximately $10,000 more dollars in order to graduate. Absolutely frustrating. This whole situation could have been avoided if degree works wouldn’t show that I’m done if I still need 20 more hours.

4533 I switched majors. My current adviser, Mrs. Pentecost, is outstanding! She's knows her program and listened to my goals and needs; therefore, she was able to provide insightful guidance and a sound academic plan for me to work toward graduation.

4536 I like advising via email.

4541 Yes, have advisors close their door so one cannot hear another student being reamed for her grades. I would hope that a really good advisor would offer words of encouragement and supportive guidance, not be mean and rude!

4543 I'm a distance learning student and I've been taking classes without any guidance as to where I was headed in terms of completing my degree. I did not know the requirements for internship or the graduation application process. I'm now behind. I didn’t know the questions to ask or how to apply. I didn't know I needed to apply for anything. I've just been registering and taking classes.
Food and Nutrition

4550  They should know more then just using the degree works.
4552  NHM 305 should be available more than only in the summer.
4559  more options for distant learners because we are not able to physically meat with the advisors
4560  I am a distance student with a prior college degree, and I don't get credit for it when it comes to priority in registering for classes. In fact, I will never get top priority even when I'm a Senior in my last semester. I do not think this is fair! As of now I have one class waitlisted.
4564  There needs to be some way to make sure advisors are advising students correctly because before I switched to my advisor, the first nutrition advisor I had approved a schedule that or me a year behind because he didn't know the basics of the classes in my major. I am now paying $1800 extra to take summer classes to catch up and I am not receiving parental/family funding for college so I am very frustrated
4568  Advisors need to advise. I feel like the advising system is corrupted and they will do anything to keep you here at Alabama as long as possible. I have not encountered an advisor that makes me feel like they will do their best to help me design my classes in the best and most effective way. I am a senior and I will have to go an extra year in order to graduate. I am also trying to complete my honors credit hours in order to graduate with honors. I want to take UH105, which will complete an honor elective and a social behavior course I still need to complete. However, I am also trying to get accepted into a program here that will take up a majority of my time. To make a long story short, my advisor told me that I may not be able to take this class because of possible non-inclass “meetings” that may interfere with the UH 105 class times. No, if I can get two classes out of my way by taking UH 105, I am going to take this class. My parents have given TOO MUCH money to this university for someone to tell me I won’t be able to take a class I want to take!!! I never feel comfortable with my advisors. I am constantly watching how I word what I say to them because I don’t want to come across as unfit for the program that I am trying to get in since they pick who gets into. Advisors are not and have not been advising since I have been here since 2011. Advisors need to understand not everyone wants to or can afford to go to school for the rest of their life.
4569  Make it easier to register for classes - i.e. right now, you have to enter in the CRN which means sorting through everything and then memorizing/copying it.
4577  I was told I was going to be given an adviser and that I would receive there contact information via email. I have never received my advisers contact of been sought out for advising.
4580  I would have liked that my adviser had told me before that I had to take a prerequisite class when I asked her what she suggest for Spring Semester. I also would have liked to get a better customer service from registrar because apparently they don’t know how to guide international students with especial academic needs that are trying to get their signature to transfer their career and academic credits to US.
4581  No, my adviser has been great so far and always helps me answer all my questions.
4583  It would be nice if future course schedules were made clear further in advance so we can better plan out future semesters. I know this is difficult but it can be really hard to ensure you will meet your required courses when there is always the possibility that they will change especially when you are within a couple semesters of graduation:
4584  No, it is very smooth and my adviser is amazing!
4595  None at all!
4601  No I don't have any suggestions. I think the way it is running is pretty good honestly.
4604  I am a distance student and while I think email is a wonderful communication tool - I think using Skype or another video conference tool might be helpful once a semester for those students who might like a face to face advising session.
4606  Would rather have the same advisor for all semesters, rather then having my advisor switched often for no apparent reason.
4607  stop making the process so complicated seriously!
The advising within the Nutrition department of CHES is absolutely terrible. I have never met a student who is satisfied with his or her experience with an advisor. Specifically, Madison Humann and Denise DeSalvo have repeatedly told students incorrect classes to take and destroyed students' chances of on-time graduation.

No suggestions. I am a distance student, and all of my advising has been via e-mail after submitting my DegreeWorks plan. Advising has been excellent every semester.

Advisors should help or create a degree works plan for a student and then it can be revised based on the students needs.

Be able to print out a checklist of classes required to take according to either major or degree works, including their pre-req requirements. Example: NHM 373 major req 3.0 pre-req? SP 102 needed 3.0 pre-req?

No Suggestions

There are not enough classes for distance students

Online sign-ups, it's inconvenient to go to the advising office and sign up on a sheet of paper. The sign up sheets also got mixed up and I went in at the wrong time.

Not using DegreeWorks - it is a horrible, inconvenient program that is rarely updated for distance students correctly. Too difficult to use and not helpful. More options for classes (sections) and terms would be nice (such as shorter and more frequent terms.)

Make advisors more available. I’ve emailed them countless times and have never received a reply. I've used every email registered to their name.

DegreeWorks sometimes is unclear, especially for the lit/history gen ed requirements.

Have more sections of science classes

It would be easier if the system would allow you to register for a course if the prerequisite course (which you are currently enrolled in) is one that is allowed to be taken concurrently. It is a hassle to have to receive and override. And the classes tend to be filled by the time the override is granted; therefore, you have to put yourself on a waitlist.

The registration time should a little bit forward

I think the advising process for the HES college is great!

Perhaps open more sections, so that students don’t have to be waitlisted. Or have courses available throughout the school semester and not only just certain semesters?

Is there a way to possibly eliminate a step or two within the process of registration

Although Some of the courses have been waived based, specific in my degree works based on my previous degree, I am still not able to register each semester unless I seek for an override each semester, which is a pain.

Degree works helps but it doesn’t prepare you for what to do if certain sections and courses are not available for certain terms or if sections fill up and there is not another opened.

My advisor is very nice, but it seems that she is a bit overwhelmed. I would love to be able to ask her questions from time to time via email or BBIM, but typically if I try, she either does not answer or gives me a “non” answer. For example, when I first started at UA I was not informed that I should get a consortium agreement to assist in getting me a more fair evaluation of my financial aid award. Unfortunately, I lost thousands of dollars because of that. When I starting asking how to fix the issue and possibly get some of that money back, financial aid told me that my adviser should have informed me I needed one when I first enrolled. When I asked my adviser about the situation, including a summary of my conversation with financial aid (I left a voice mail and sent emails), she sent a simple email back stating “you need to talk to financial aid”. I hoped for some more information or a name of someone to reach out to for help or at least some actual answers. In addition, fellow students have informed me that they were exempted from classes because they were credited for life/work experience. When I inquired about doing that myself, I was dismissed without a real explanation. If I don’t “qualify” for that, I would like to know why. Trying to find information, resources and support via distance can be challenging and frustrating at times, especially when compared to traditional on campus learning. I feel like I could use some more guidance from advising in order to ease the disconnect that occurs from not being on campus.

I think that the advisers need to be better versed in what classes need to be taken in the Fall or Spring because they won't be offered in the Spring or Fall and need to be taken in order to not mess up a schedule later on.

No, I have enjoyed working with Dr. Stran
No, because I have a GREAT advisor. Dr. Stran is proactive and knows the system. When searching for courses, list the pre-requisites and make the syllabus available to see before the class starts so you can order the correct textbooks.

More distance sections available—difficult to get needed classes.

Although I am satisfied with my schedule for Summer 2015, I am not satisfied the availability of the courses I need for Fall 2015. Also, my graduation date is contingent upon a certain sequence of courses. Other than that, I do like the convenience of registering online, the access to my advisor, and Degreeworks.

Some advisors do not care, and therefore, are less than helpful. I have gone to a trusted teacher or dept chair for every advising session I needed. Professors who do not care shouldn’t be forced to advise, and it would be nice to have some say in who you have as an advisor. For example, because mine is not helpful, I would like an option to be reassigned without worries that she might find out I requested a change (I’m in a small department). I would be very happy with many other advisors in my department, but mine is incompetent and doesn’t care.

I am a transfer student. I have most of my credits complete, but only some are from UA. Because of this, I get a late registration date. It has prevented me from getting some of the classes when I needed them. The registration dates should be based on total credits or remaining credits, not just UA credits.

Advisors need to let students know if they will need an override to get into a class for the next semester. Many friends of mine are struggling to get into the classes they need because of this.

I have had a lot of trouble with registration that requires an override. I was supposed to register for my classes on 4/3/15. I could not register because I needed overrides. I contacted my advisor about this. She said she would fix it. I emailed her yesterday 4/8/15 and she still hadn’t processed the overrides. I still am not registered for classes. The classes I need are full or almost full. I don’t understand the purpose of the override policy or how it is beneficial in any way. I’m a transfer student so I need to get overrides every semester for the same classes that I took and we’re cleared through my transcript evaluation at time of admission. Mandated overrides for classes that I’ve already taken at another university EVERY SEMESTER is ridiculous and unnecessary.

I recommend students pursuing a second Bachelor’s degree be allowed to register according to their class/planned graduation date, not based on their academic hours. In my case I have had to move my graduation date because I could not register for upper-level classes (bumped off waitlist), which affected follow-on classes. Thank you.

An online scheduling system would be very efficient when making an appointment with your advisor. For distance students, we have to view a calendar with dates and time slots, that may or may not be filled at the time your are scheduling your appointment. Also, we are required to email in our requested appointment and wait for a confirmation. An online system would let students view what time slots are actually open at that time, as well as offer instant confirmation of their appointment.

I feel like we should be given a schedule completed by the advisor that list every class that we will take until graduation and which semesters they will be taken in.

Shannon McMahon is doing a great job!!!

General Health Studies

I wish there were more times and teachers for people that have to register late. It is impossible for us to get good teachers and the classes we want when we have to register late.

Lori Leavelle is my advisor and she is amazing! If I ever had questions or needed any advice, she was always available. She has made my advising experience beyond satisfactory.

Mr. Andy Hargrow is a fantastic advisor. He always does whatever he can to clarify, and assist his students. I feel that the registration process is not great. Being a Health Studies Major, there are not enough sections of the classes/seats available for registering all of the other students with my major. Classes fill up almost immediately. In addition, I feel the registering process should be based on honors level for priority registration based on credit hour. Meaning honor seniors, then seniors. Honors juniors, then juniors. Honors sophomores, sophomore. Honors freshmen,
freshmen. This way upperclassmen can get in the classes they need, whereas underclass end have a wider variety of classes they can take if a particular class fills up.

4711 It would be nice if there was someone from each college who kept up with the students who change their major throughout the year. I contacted several people and no one could tell me who my advisor was or how I could find out so I planned my Fall 2015 schedule by myself. No one had to approve it because I was clear in Blackboard. I did not like that.

4716 Email back in timely manner.

4719 No one really explains to us how to use DegreeWorks. We are left on our on to figure it out and it can be quite overwhelming and hard to figure out as a freshman.

4723 More online class sections or no maximum class number for online classes! And this is a college, why are some online classes restricted to high school students?? Not fair

4725 Better process for who gets to register first

4726 Advisors should know more information about classes and provide more personal and informative sessions with students. I had to go to several different advisors because mine would not help me.

4736 I would like to be advised. For some reason, my major requires no advising prior to registration and it’s very stressful since I have no idea, if I’m on track to graduate. As well as I think it’s ridiculous that there are classes I need to graduate on time, and they become full and I cannot sign up for them, pushing back my graduation time. I cannot afford to take over summer, and it shouldn’t even be an issue in the first place to sign up for classes since I am a full one student and make very good grades.

4737 Advising chat room...more convenient for busy students.

4746 Assign each student a designated advisor that will help them throughout they’re college career. And specific advisors for each major, or atleast have the advisor of the student be educated on their specific major.

4750 Have more accessible advisors for the college of human environmental sciences. Although the college is small, we need more accessible advisors. I had a hard time staying in contact with my advisor. There should be about 4 caring advisors available.

4752 No suggestions, my advising session was great.

4753 I did not receive any information about when registration opened or when to meet with an adviser. Since I didn’t receive this information I waited too late to register and many classes were full.

4754 Dr. Zemke as not only a professional and amazing adviser is also a great person in general and makes registering and advising easy and understandable.

4759 I suggest getting advisors who actually care about their student. Me. Harcrow would not see me when I emailed for an appointment and when I did get an appointment the following semester he pawned me off on an assistant. I switched advisors to Kelly Wingo and she was wonderful.

General Studies in HES

4767 Nope, all good here.

4774 Everything looks great!! :) Mrs. Fern is the best!!!

4779 Advisors, specifically in the science departments need to be more supportive of students. They can be very discouraging and don’t establish a sufficient enough relationship with the students to know what they want. Instead of just telling the student what to take, find out their career goal and find classes that correlate with both the requirements and their interest. For example, biology is NOT the only major one needs in order to have a caree in science, healthcare etc.

4780 I was really impressed with my advisor's attention to my individual case. He obviously reviewed my courses/DegreeWorks, etc well in advance and was well-prepared to discuss my course choices and future course planning. Things went very smoothly and I felt good about the process. We even had time to speak about non-college related topics after we completed the advising session. It was a terrific experience!

4786 Classes I require are always capped. Nearly every semester I cannot get into a class I need.
Every thing was great. My advisor was always easy to reach and responded the same day. Glad I have had him (advisor) since 2011 when I enrolled at UA. Would recommend my advisor to anyone that needed one. Hunter Galloway and Andrea Wilson of HES were informative about the steps I should take towards my degree. They listened to my ideas and were patient in explaining things I didn’t understand.

Human Development and Family Studies

It was great
Schedule Builder is great!
Make the Planner on Degree works like a checklist that you drag your remaining classes into so you can visualize what will be left after each term.
Have patience and be more sensitive to the students situation. If a student needs help, please help them to comprehend the matter instead of making them feel insignificant. The internship process can be confusing, so again learn patience and guidance on the matter.
Having switched from Arts and Sciences to HES, I can say that my HDFS advising has been much faster, easier and less stressful when the advisors have open times and you don’t have to make an appointment like in A&S.
To care about students individually like the HDFS and ECE faculty!
I only recently began getting advised through the HES college. This is due to my being in a different college prior to this semester. However, since I have switched, I can honestly say that I love my adviser. It is Sherwood Burns-Nader and she is absolutely amazing. She is super helpful and knows exactly what I need. She also tries her hardest to give me what she thinks I will enjoy and she is very understanding about circumstances. I am so glad that she is my adviser.
Faculty advisor available more than three hours on one day of the week, because if you have class then you cannot go to advising.
I feel like it’s great! No complaints!
For the past two semesters I have made out my schedule on schedule builder and she i send it to my cart I find out that it is only for distance learning students. It would make things so much easier if schedule builder just wouldn’t put the distance learning classes with the classes I can take.
Making more copies of the plans so that students and advisors can have them because degree works isn’t always up to date
Good job
I do not have any suggestions but I did not get into three of the classes that I wanted and I am an upcoming junior. I had to redo my entire schedule and had to self-advice myself.
I am happy that it is easy to set up an appointment with an advisor and that the advisors know what they are doing-it makes everything much less stressful!
Advising Windows are an awesome way to get more people to attend the appointments.
I have had a great experience with my advisor, Mary Sella.
Have more availability to meet with advisors. I waited for over two hours because there were only two available blocks of time, and one conflicted with my schedule.
For someone who is an upcoming senior no classes were open for me and I am having to take a bunch of random classes I don’t necessarily need right now.
For Human Development it is required to take Adolescents 302. They only offer this class MWF or online. I have a full time job and only can come TR that has always been my schedule since I have been in school or a late class on MW. I really hate online classes as to not learning as much and a lot more work involved. I truly believe that if a class is required for all Human Development Degrees it should have more class options. This has been a big problem for me in trying to take this class.
Advising is great!
I am very pleased with my advising session that I had with Dr. Hernandez-Reif. She is very knowledgeable and help me select classes that will fit my plans and goal for graduation. Wish more were as helpful as she is.
I missed advising with my real advisor so I went and met with another advisor and she had no idea what she was doing. I left with none of my questions answered and she told me just to meet with the head advisor since she couldn't answer any of my questions. 

I had to wait an extremely long time to meet with my advisor, but she choose to stay the entire time and I did not feel rushed or cheated of my one on one time. I appreciated her dedication.

Allow fewer people to sign up for a class at a time. Several classes that I had required for me to take, were already full when it was my turn to sign up.

**Interior Design**

It is nice to have a personal advisor

More knowledge and awareness of what classes require prerequisite standards and the severity of what could happen if you fail a class, resulting in a student having to stay at the university for an unexpected or unwanted additional year that is unaffordable.

No I do not.

I want to talk with my advisor many times!

Make overrides more possible and allow students to explain their reasons and decisions because it is important to take classes in certain semesters.

Hire outside faculty to help with advising in Interior Design.

Provide us with advisors that know how the other classes we are required to take will work with our major based classes.

**Restaurant and Hospitality Management**

Mrs. Boyle is an amazing advisor. I just wish advisors had more pull when it comes to finding an internship in your field.

Just making sure that the student does not feel rushed during their session. I understand everyone has things to accomplish but rushing us makes us feel like we are not important.

More synergy between department for people with minors

My advisor is very nice, but I wish he was more knowledgable overall about the class options and the requirements.

I took 3 classes (not even full-time) in Spring 2015 because my advisor told me I was set to graduate May 1st after these classes. She emailed me 3 weeks before graduation that I actually needed 9 more credits. I have a job lined up, an apartment, and my family from out of town are planning to come in. She completely threw off my whole entire schedule and didn't even apologize. I could have taken those 3 additional classes this semester and been done. My advisor is Dr. Jeanie Hahm in the HES department and it was the worst experience I have had at this University.

More classes available, better priority registration for GI bill students

RHM advising is wonderful!!

If advising is going to be required for students to register for classes, I highly recommend making the process more of a priority for the advisors.

More personal service is needed and advisors should recommend classes and help us chose which courses are better for us personally. I have had advisors in the past be rude and not helpful in answering my questions and helping me decide what classes to register for and where to find information. I believe there also needs to be an information session or lesson on how to use DegreeWorks.

I have had a few classes that had to be override, because there are two different intro classes for my major, and the one I took usually wasn't on the list to count as a prerequisite, even though it did. It is a pain and stressful when you are trying to hurry to register for classes so that you get the ones you want and you cannot get a hold of the person who
1. It took me a couple days to get a hold of the person who overrides the classes, which just added unnecessary stress.
2. A email reminded would be helpful.
3. KIM BOYLE IS AMAZING GIVE HER AN ADVISING AWARD
4. Offer more classes on more days each week and at more times during those days. It's kind of difficult to design a schedule that meets my needs when some of these classes are only offered once per week or at later times in the day/evening. I'm trying to also work par-time along with being a student so I need more flexible scheduling opportunities and feel that something can be done about this.
5. I have no suggestions
6. I love honors priority registration!
7. I think the advising for freshman and sophomores with HES RHM major should not all fall on one person. There aren't a lot of times to meet and he only knows the basics of everything. I never feel like he is really helping me with my schedules.
8. I often have to change what classes I plan to take because they fill up, so maybe a more even time slot for people.
9. I think advisor's shouldn't make students feel rushed when we have an appointment with them. They should also be organized and know the students name before walking into the meeting, rather than being scatterbrained.
10. My advisor was great! She knew what was required and really cared for me and helped me based on what was best for me! If anything, I think all advisors should care about what is best for the student. I have heard many friends tell me about how their advisor didn’t care and just assigned the classes.
11. Needs more work experience time offering classes. (Practicum and internship) within the Department's outsource, and help students go straight into the workforce. (HES RHM college)
12. In the RHM department, making class seats larger instead of 30 people allocated for each class.
13. Have advisors from different colleges work together to create best plan for students
14. Being that I am an online student I was very thankful that my advisor helped me out because my schedule makes it difficult to phone advisor so I was very grateful he was able to due it through email. Very satisfied!!
15. No, Mr. Blumenthal did a great job over my entire time at UA regarding my advising and course selection.
16. We desperately need more time selections for classes. I don't think it's fair that there are sometimes only 1 time slot for a specific class so you are forced to have a schedule that doesn't work with extra curriculars, work, etc.
17. More options for RHM classes.

Undesignated HES

18. no. my advisor has done a great job.
19. I am currently trying to get in touch with my new advisor for my new major and she has not responded to my email. My roommate's advisor does not respond to her emails either. I just think they should check their emails more often. Instructors do a better job with that than advisors.
20. A lot of classes a closed off by the time some people can register and it puts them behind, I think there should be a better time plan for when kids can register so they get into classes they need
21. Not at this time.
22. Mr. Alvin Niuh in the College of Human Environmental Sciences (Food and Nutrition) is an excellent advisor. He is extremely informative, knowledgeable, and helpful!
23. I feel that not everyone is on the same page a lot of the time. Its frustrating when I try to do everything I need to do to make progress with my degree when multiple different administrators tell me/dont tell me different information.
24. I think the system is perfect
I wish that the science cores did not have to be taken during certain semesters. Chemistry 101 and 104 are only offered in the fall semester, which is not convenient for most students. Students also have problems with scheduling for chemistry 102 and 105.

My advisor gave me zero pieces of constructive advice during our meeting.
Nursing

5034  more spaces for honor students. 20 spots is not enough for a class.
5040  More honors seats or course sections
5044  Advisors need to notify students when to register for classes
5048  We don’t really do typical advising in the upper division. Usually a faculty member from the next semester comes
to us in class an tells us about the next semester.
5049  For the college of nursing I understand there are many students that need tl be advised, but some of the staff
members that I was advised by did not have any answers to my questions. They didn’t explain to me anything she just
signed her name on my degree works. Also, I was unaware of the HESI A2 we had to take until another student told me
about it. Rebecca welch is awesome!!!!! Some of the other staff members under her though do not care to help out
students and answer their questions. For advising, instead of signing on a piece of paper and waiting to see a staff
member- I go directly to Rebecca Welch’s office and wait to speak with her directly.
5050  I tried to sign up for an online lit class. The time it was supposed go open it did not and the registrars office told
me to keep clicking and checking. However, I had lab and couldn’t stay and click the refresh button all day. When I signed
back on the class was full and I didn’t get to take a class that I’d learn better in. I would recommend to make sure you
open the classes when they’re supposed to be open just to save students alot of time and grief.
5052  No I do not
5056  The nursing school is very weird about advising. I wish that I could meet with the same advisor every year instead
of random first come first serve. They also have made me wait obnoxious amounts of time for an advising appointment
and I just feel like if we could make individual appointments with our personal advisors it would be so much more simple.
5065  The advisors for the Nursing program have always been very helpful to me. I don't have any suggestions, I think
they do a great job!
5069  love my advisor!! she's so helpful & knowledgeable!
5071  I just transferred here and I am extremely confused on which classes to choose. Each academic advising session
that I have had so far this semester has been extremely unhelpful, and confusing. I want to come back in before
my sign up time on April 15th but there is no space so I’m not sure what to do.  bnmcgillicuddy@crimson.ua.edu
5073  The advisors I have met with have been so helpful. They have helped me every step for registration. They are
fantastic.
5077  Having issues scheduling a class. Nursing school has not emailed back after 3 days, or answered the phone all
day.
5078  Have more options of class times and an easier way for selecting classes and class times.
5084  Have more options for students that are not top tear in grades instead of telling them they aren’t good enough
for this school.
5088  I think the Nursing school advisors are extremely helpful and knowledgeable
5091  Some advisors that I have met with prior to this semester made me feel like the goal i was aiming for wasn't
doable. I feel like an advisor is supposed to advise students in what they can do to get to where they want to be not make
them feel negative about wanting to accomplish anything.
5097  I wish I always had the same advisor instead of a different one every time. Also sometimes the advisor is in a
hurry to get to all the other students who are waiting and I feel rushed and don’t get all of my questions answered
clearly.
5099  Mandatory advising for some people is probably the only way to get them there but for me it is a complete waste
of my time. Half the time I go in knowing more about my schedule than the person that is advising me. My last
appointment required me to wait downstairs in the nursing building for 45 minutes. I was then directed upstairs to wait
for 15 more minutes. After finally being called back I went in and my adviser congratulated me on applying for the upper division and I left my appointment after 2 minutes at most. It was a waste of my time that I was required to do to schedule.

5100 none except more advising times because I had to wait for a long time and there was a very long line
5102 The schedule for nursing school once in upper division is very set so advising isn’t required and getting into required classes isn’t a problem.
5106 It would be nice for the College of Nursing to require you to meet individually with an adviser just to ensure you are still on tract to graduate.
5108 When advising week is busy and hectic, the nursing school will grab teachers who are not experienced in advising to advise students when they are very unsure what they are doing. The nursing school advisors also provide no help to students and basically discourage you and tell you to apply to different schools. They’re the least bit helpful and every time I go, I leave more confused and lost then I did walking in there. I’m completely dissatisfied with the way the nursing advisors talk to their students.
5109 None. My advisor works well with her students and I am very pleased.
5119 Savannah Hoover is the best advisor I have ever worked with. Coming from an arts and sciences advisor that didn’t know a lot about my former major and didn’t care.
5123 Everyone was very helpful and took time out to explain everything. Very impressed..
5137 I wish registration times weren’t so early because you risk missing out on a convenient class time that fits your personal schedule.
5140 The advisor need to learn the prerequisites for courses. I was advised when I first moved the college of nursing and my advisor made my planner for all four years. She advised me to take BSC 242 when I have not taken chemistry. I was advised 3 times after that and not one advisor caught her mistake. I tried to register for my classes and could not register because it was the wrong class. I had to get advised again only for my advisor to tell me that I would have to add an extra semester to my schedule because of her mess up.
5149 If there is a hold on registration, maybe you can get the student a notification before hand so the day they register they don’t have to find out they have a hold of some sort.
5154 Allow people to have the opportunity for advising but don’t require it before allowing people to register. It’s often hard to find a time before honors registration opens up for honors college students
5159 Honor registration is pointless hen registering for honors classes bec they don’t release all the sections at the beginning of registration. This is so that they have seats available for their UFE and CBH kids.
5165 Should be able to register for classes that you need the upcoming semester that will be taking over the summer to be able to override it
5167 I am actually satisfied with most of the advising processes that UA offers; it is difficult for me to provide useful feedback because the nursing curriculum is very structured and we don’t actually choose which classes we get to take and when.
5169 I feel like there should be more advisors in the nursing school. There’s only one, and some faculty to answer questions. I think it would be beneficial to have a lot more advisors so students wouldn’t feel so miniscule. I think it would allow advisors to be more personal with students and students would feel better understood.
5171 Advising is pointless for high achieving students that take initiative and plan their schedules for themselves. Going to advising is more of a burden than it is helpful.
5188 No I’m happy with it!
5193 Savannah Hoover has been there to help me anytime I contact her-she is great!
5199 If there is a waiting list for a class that is required for a certain major, then students should be informed immediately. I tried switching a lab for one of my classes that I had priority over before the waiting list was started or even knew about it and ended up being kicked out of the class completely. I do not think this is fair or right.
5200 The Nursing college is very uneducated in the Honors College requirements. When I go to advising I want to be able to get my full schedule planned out including satisfying my Honors credits in the most efficient way. I am taking classes that are unnecessary or could have been satisfied by my Honors classes but the advisor does not know anything
about Honors credits and I have been left to fend for myself on them. I have had to figure out ever Honors class on my own without the guidance of any advisor. Every advisor should understand and be knowledgable in the requirements for Honors college and be able to make class suggestions.

5201 Helping with the understanding of what exactly I need to do and what to do if I come across a problem.

5202 Great

5204 I would improve on the information given especially in the college of nursing. From fall to spring semester advising I was given conflicting information. This made my experience unsatisfactory because I felt that I was not prepared in the ways I needed to be.

5207 No comments at this time

5209 My advisor was extremely rude. She mocked me for a good portion of our meeting, then rudely suggested I change to courses like Pilates instead of nursing. She then rushed me out of her office without answer my question on my current schedule.

5218 Now that I am in upper division nursing the academic advising is very satisfying, however, with the UA student population growing I think there should be more slots in courses or another time added because in lower divisions some classes were hard to get into so you had to wait until the summer or the next year to take the course. For instance: Microbiology & Anatomy 1 & 2

5228 I think it would be helpful if students in the lower division of the nursing school were assigned an upper division nursing student to be a peer advisor. When I met with my faculty advisor, she never seemed to understand the process very well. She usually didn't know the answers to my questions, and she rarely had the time to fully assess my situation.

5245 My advisor, Rebekah Welch, is incredibly helpful and resourceful. She makes the process effortless and it has been a breeze working with her!

5248 Wonderful Staff

5259 I was very disappointed that I wasn't able to get this class I would be interested in and it would go towards my major. There were only 4 different classes and each had about 18 students and by the time I was able to register it was too late for me to get that class. My schedule for next semester is definitely not how I wanted it to be I am very disappointed.

5263 We should be able to schedule advising appointments after 4pm. Some students have to skip class to go to advising because they go to work right after class and don't have time to wait to see an advisor.

Nursing- Education Opportunities for Registered Nurses

5272 No the Nursing department was GREAT it was dealing with the advisor upon admission who kept giving me the runaround.

5276 I am a distance learner, so I love the fact that I can get advising via email. My advisor, Dr. Katara Wilson, is the best! If I send her an email asking about something, she replies very quickly, I would say much more rapidly than if I had to meet on campus with her.

5277 I am a DLS, therefore meeting my advisor in person is not an option we communicate over the phone and email when needed. Katara Wilson is great and patient because it has been years since I have been in school and never have taken classes online before.

5280 I have a hard time getting in touch with my advisor at times

5281 Responses could be quicker. I have been awaiting a hold release since 3/15 and still no response. If there are hoop I must jump through, I will. I just need to know about the. It has become a problem seeing that the class I need is closed because it is already full, thanks in part to the advising hold.

5282 I'm Satisfied with my advisor.

5288 Online curriculum needs to be evaluated basically not basically you are teaching yourself no lecture instructor only a name of a faculty member associated with the class the courses need to adapt more with the needs of why are students taking classes online in my case I cannot afford to quit my job to have the in class experience and there is just to
much material that needs to be reevaluated students in the classroom don’t have that much material to cover just a suggestion

5290 My advisor was Katara Wilson from RN Mobility and she was excellent! She made being a distance learning student easy! Thanks to all who helped me graduate this semester! Roll Tide!

5291 Very poor communication. Had to contact the advising office as there is no advisor assigned to me yet even though I have asked several times. Had to wait 4 days to get an answer for them to remove an academic hold so I could register. Very disorganized. Very disappointing.

5300 None. UA has an excellent faculty and system in place that meets all expectations of students and their needs.
No, other than trying to keep students with the same person.

I’m not sure of a suggestion, but I do find it frustrating when an override is needed simply because you’re still finishing a pre req for something you’re taking the very next semester. There is nothing the student can do about that. There should be a simpler way than contacting the advisor for more help. Due to busy schedules for both parties.

No, I do not have any suggestions.

I have had the two greatest advisors and can not think of a way to improve them! I will say my social work advisors were more helpful and knowledgeable than when I was an education major and had one through that department.

There needs to be communication between advisors in different departments and colleges. I needed to speak to three different people before someone was able to inform me about the dual degree process. I am unable to earn a dual degree because I was not told about an arts and sciences requirement until this semester. If the arts and sciences advisor I went to freshman year had explained it to me, I would have been able to plan for the dual degree process. I know of other students with this issue. There needs to be communication between colleges and policy that applies to everyone.

I love the University and it’s staff. Roll Tide! ??

Process was great, the advisors for social work do a great job.

More clear instructions online with a possible schedule. I’m often confused which classes should occur at what times and before which other classes.

I would REALLY prefer to have a more knowledgable advisor than Dr. Hopson in the Social Work department

no comments

Making the student body more aware of registration time periods

Make advisors be more proactive in letting their students know when to schedule advising.