

# Preparing for a meeting with your Advisor



Your advisor is one of the many resources available at Loyola to help you navigate your college experience. In your first year, your advisor will be one of your Messina professors. Once you have declared your major, you will be assigned an advisor within your area of study.

You will be meeting with your advisor once or twice per semester in order to prepare for registration, so make the most of those meetings! You are also welcome to contact your advisor throughout the semester with questions that come up along the way. This guide provides some suggestions to help you plan your meeting and get the information you need to plan your courses.

## Who is my advisor?

Your advisor likely contacted you over the summer, so you should have their information in your Loyola email. If at any point you are unsure of who your advisor is, you may contact AASC ([aasc@loyola.edu](mailto:aasc@loyola.edu)), or check your Student Profile in Self-Service/Student Planning.

## Before your meeting:

- Browse the Undergraduate Catalog or Academic Worksheets to learn more about what is required for your intended major and/or minor
- Write down any questions you have about course requirements
- Make a note of which courses or subjects are most interesting to you
- Write down any academic goals you have for the semester



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Your advisor is a source of knowledge and advice on a variety of topics. If you are unsure of where to start, here are some ideas of questions you might want to ask.

## Questions about your major

- I have no idea what I want to major in: what are some classes you recommend to help narrow things down?
- When do I need to declare a major?
- Can I change my major? How?
- Are there any assessment tests I can take to help figure out my major or future career goals?
- Which minors might complement or enhance my major?
- Does my major/area of academic study offer any mentorship programs?

## Questions about courses

- What is a reasonable first-year course load?
- Will any of my AP test scores fulfill course requirements?
- What courses do you recommend I take in my first year?
- How much wiggle room do I have for elective courses?
- Can I drop a class if I need to? What is the deadline for doing this?

## Questions about academics

- Do you have any tips for time management?
- What goals do you think are reasonable for this year?
- What are the campus resources for academic help, tutoring, etc.?
- If I'm really struggling in a class, what can I do?
- Should I be aware of any required courses that are only offered in the spring/fall?

## Questions about networking

- What campus events should I have on my radar?
- Which student groups align with my interests?
- What advice would you give first-year students?
- How do you think I can best take advantage of our meetings?
- Are there any academic/honor societies I can join?



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