

Overview of Advising Roles and Responsibilities of College of Agriculture Advising Center Students and Advisors.

The student

- be prepared for all advising meetings; build and update your plan in DegreeWorks
- be aware of registration and add/drop deadlines
- explore your career interests and goals, and seek your advisor's input on your plans
- share your aspirations, situations, and issues that may affect the timing of your coursework
- take full responsibility for your course schedule and graduation requirements
- be familiar with and adhere to MSU academic policies
- be familiar with your department's performance standards for graduation
- be familiar with the course requirements in your option
- meet with your advisor at least once per semester
- keep copies of all forms you submit to or receive from your department and/or other MSU offices
- check your MSU email address daily (or be sure that all email is forwarded to an address you are checking daily) – all official MSU and department communications are sent to this address and only this address
- follow up as needed with the appropriate office on all communications you receive from your department and/or any MSU offices

The advisor

- engage students in discussion and exploration of their career objectives and aspirations
- be knowledgeable about general academic policies and procedures and your option's requirements
- maintain current knowledge about student resources
- discuss and sign advisees' worksheets and add/drop forms as appropriate
- sign forms relating to National Student Exchange and study abroad, degree progress forms for athletics and ROTC, veterans, and financial aid
- be prepared to refer students to appropriate university services should a student request such assistance
- be available to advisees during regularly scheduled office hours and by appointment as necessary
- return emails and phone calls in a timely manner
- refer inquiries from parents to the Assistant Dean for the College of Agriculture