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Vision

Academic advising at CSU inspires students to pursue their academic and professional goals.

Mission

Guided by CSU’s Principles of Community and the Land-Grant mission of access and equity, we achieve our vision through an integrated community of advisors who engage in intentional, holistic, and relationship-centered interactions to empower all students to navigate their unique paths and foster learning, development and academic success.

Where Do I Find My Academic Success Coordinator/Academic Advisor?

- Each undergraduate student has an Academic Success Coordinator/Academic Advisor in their academic major(s). Undergraduate students can locate their Academic Success Coordinator/Academic Advisor in RAMweb (https://ramweb.colostate.edu/). If there are questions, the student can contact the appropriate academic department. Students will have more than one Academic Success Coordinator/Academic Advisor if completing a double major, or minor. For minor advising please use the search function in the General Catalog. Undeclared students (students exploring majors and/or working toward entry into a competitive major) can contact the Collaborative for Student Achievement (http://studentachievement.colostate.edu/).
- In addition to the Academic Success Coordinator/Academic Advisor, students may work with an additional staff member if pursuing a professional program such as medicine, law, veterinary medicine, or teacher licensure; or are involved in education abroad, athletics, the Honors Program, or the Community for Excellence. To locate contact information please use the A-Z or the search function on the CSU homepage.

Advising and Career Resources

In order to get the best from the academic advising experience, students are encouraged to utilize the many advising tools that are available.

- The All-University Core Curriculum (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/) (AUCC) outlines the general education requirements for graduation.
- Major Completion Maps (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/policies/students-rights/#student-bill-rights) are available for undergraduate majors, concentrations, and options. These Maps show a sample semester-by-semester coursework plan, and identify critical courses and requirements that are essential for timely graduation. Major Completion Maps can be found under each academic major in the General Catalog (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/).
- The Degree Progress Audit (DARS) is an undergraduate degree audit that shows what graduation requirements a student has completed and what requirements still need to be completed. This audit can be found on RAMweb (https://ramweb.colostate.edu/) under Academic Planning and Progress and viewed at any time after admission.
- The CSU Career Center (https://career.colostate.edu/) empowers students to pursue satisfying careers through the development of individualized careers plans.

Exploratory Studies Advising

“Exploratory Studies” is a special designation for students who have a rich and diverse set of interests that span the CSU curriculum and want to explore all their options. Through the exploratory studies advising process students are able to learn about various academic opportunities while keeping their options open as they begin their college experience. Professional academic success coordinators in the Collaborative for Student Achievement (http://studentachievement.colostate.edu/) are knowledgeable about the full breadth of academic requirements so as to better assist students in the process of selecting a major. These advisors help students explore their values, interests, and skills, plan their class schedules strategically, provide information on academic and career options, and refer students to other resources. The vast majority of exploratory studies students declare an academic major by 45 credits. Timely major declaration promotes graduation within four years and allows students to remain eligible for financial funding without reaching the maximum allowed credits.

Graduate Students

Advising information for graduate students is available in the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/graduate-study/procedures-requirements-all-degrees/#advisory-system).