Academic Success and The Career Journey

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Office of Academic Advising: What We Do

• Serve as back up to faculty / staff adviser for advising & course planning
• Help students who experience extenuating circumstances (medical, family emergencies)
  • *Consider tuition insurance (purchase before first day of class)*
Office of Academic Advising: What We Do

• Guide students who request exceptions to rules (credit overloads, late adds & drops) or have complaints

  • *NOTE: Last day to drop a course is September 29*

• Reach out to students for whom we receive academic alerts
Office of Academic Advising: What We Do

• Midterm & end of term low-grade reach-out
• Handle withdrawals and readmissions
• Help students who don’t know where else to go
Top Ten Tips For Academic Success

1. Attend Class
2. Get to Know Professors
3. Communicate
4. Respond when others reach out
5. Space out studying (i.e., don’t cram)
6. Explore intellectually, and follow their passions
7. Take initiative & responsibility
8. Expect good things…but prepare for challenges
9. Learn from disappointment or failure (tip #3 helps with this)
Top Ten Tips For Academic Success

10. Get involved...but not over-involved
Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

1. Encourage behaviors on the top ten list
2. Allow student to follow a passion
3. Normalize the ups & downs of life, and of transition
4. Don’t expect academic perfection
5. Let student take the lead in solving problems & making decisions
Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

6. Provide support, guidance
7. Listen
8. Once you’ve listened, share your values, advice, wisdom
9. Discourage unhealthy and illegal behavior
10. Model the behaviors you want to see
Parent Communication with WFU

• FERPA
• Proxy Access
  • http://registrar.wfu.edu/academicrecords/proxyaccess/
When to Contact Us in OAA

• You are concerned about your student’s wellbeing
• There is a significant illness or family emergency that will adversely affect class attendance or concentration
• You want guidance on how to advise your student in a particular situation
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