



What is an academic adviser?

An academic adviser is a person who knows how to navigate the university and provides you with the advice and assistance you need to be successful in your studies. An academic adviser is someone who makes a student feel that someone is looking out for him/her. Advisers can connect you with the relevant support services, so that you get the most out of your studies.

Types of academic advisers at the UFS

Peer Advisers

(i.e., tutors, mentors, etc.)

Student Support Services

(i.e., SCD, SRS, Student Affairs, etc.)

Faculty

(i.e., faculty managers, advisers, programme directors, officers, etc.)

Central Academic Advising Office

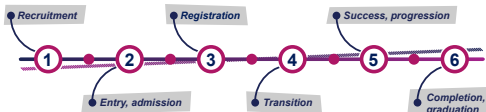
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What do academic advisers help with?

Registration of degrees and modules (curriculum advice) | Academic success skills | Career advice
Study/learning skills | Time management | Goal setting and educational planning

When do I need to get academic advice?

You will need to contact your academic adviser throughout your student journey – an academic adviser supports you towards success.



Recruitment

The UFS representatives you engaged with during Open Day last year via Kovies2B Schools Recruitment events, were your first encounter with academic advising. Student recruiters help ensure that you apply for the degree that best aligns with your subjects and aspirations.

Entry, admission

Student Academic Services (SAS), in collaboration with the faculty, facilitates your admission to the UFS. Faculty advisers then have conversations with you to help you register for the correct modules and plan your educational path. It is very important to meet with an academic adviser during registration, because this is where you get to learn more about the degree and understand the majors and minors aligned to your career aspirations.

Transition

After you have registered at the UFS, your faculty advisers and Central advisers (CTL) will support you in your journey. If you are struggling with time management, planning, and revisions skills, the Central Advising team is ready to help. While your faculty adviser keeps an eye on your modules, your CTL adviser will assist in providing academic support. You will also encounter peer advisers in your tutorial classes, residence space, and mentorship programme.

Success and progression

Rules and regulations play an integral role in educational planning. Your faculty and Central advisers are always available to help familiarise you with faculty rules, and to make sure that you keep within faculty regulations for progression. Our aim is to see you graduate in record time with a smile on your face!

Completion and graduation

The UFS Careers Office assists students in getting ready for the world of work. As you move closer to graduation, you need to meet with a different kind of adviser to help you with CV writing, interview skills, and job interview workshops. Make sure you research the career you are aspiring to move into. Your CTL adviser can also provide you with advice on how to plan for postgraduate studies.

How to get in touch with an academic adviser?

Simply contact your academic adviser directly or send an email to advising@ufs.ac.za (Bloemfontein Campus) | advisingqq@ufs.ac.za (Qwaqwa Campus) | advisingsc@ufs.ac.za (South Campus)

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