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Advising is a way to connect students to the campus and help them feel that someone is looking out for them."

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# **UFS ACADEMIC ADVISING**

YOUR ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND SUCCESS LIFELINE

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he transition from school to tertiary teaching and learning is for most first-year students a daunting and scary reality. Academic performance at university level is much different from what you have been used to during your secondary school career. The result is high levels of anxiety and stress. We understand!

At Kovsies, your access to success is very important to us, and we really care. The academic advice service is a key partner in your tertiary studies.

To complete your registration process, you are required to visit an academic adviser when you arrive on campus. The faculties, in collaboration with the Centre for Teaching and Learning, have dedicated academic advisers to help you better understand how your academic aspirations connect with your dream job.

To help you along your way, we offer you three main types of advisers that can support and guide your academic success:



## **PEER ADVISERS**

- WHO ARE THEY? P3 mentors, Gateway buddies, tutors, etc.
- HOW CAN THEY HELP YOU? Helping you connect to the campus and understand how to excel academically and socially.



### **FACULTY ADVISERS**

- WHO ARE THEY? Faculty managers, faculty academic advisers, and programme directors.
- HOW CAN THEY HELP YOU? They provide curriculum-specific advice and help you select and define your curriculum and majors (select modules).



#### CENTRE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING ADVISERS

- WHO ARE THEY? Advisers at CTL
- HOW CAN THEY HELP YOU? They provide advice for students who have not yet decided on their final choice of study and help navigate your academic career in relation to your career dreams. They assist you to decide, commit to, and connect to the institution in order to get where you want to be.

These academic advisers help you make the right decision in selecting the curriculum that best fits your path towards earning your degree. This advice is your academic support and success lifeline while studying at the UFS and will keep you on track all the way to graduation!

#### Advisers are available to:

- provide you with information about your studies and your dream job;
- connect you to student support services/programmes (i.e. UFS student support network);
- help you develop and strengthen academic success skills; and
- align your personal, academic, and career goals/aspirations.



The advising relationship between you and your adviser is a mutual relationship of trust and respect.

As a prospective student, it is important that you connect with an academic adviser as early as possible.







