

First-Year Experience (FYE) Advising at TU

Program overview:

The First Year Experience program is an intensive developmental advising program designed to provide academic support for first-time students as they navigate their first year, with an emphasis on helping students adjust to college life and develop a sense of purpose for their education. TU's unique model for first-year student advising brings together over 100 faculty and staff to give new students robust, proactive support as they transition into TU. Each FYE student is paired with an advisor based on their major or special population.

The FYE advisor's responsibilities include:

- Providing accurate information about university policies, procedures, and academic requirements (including Core Curriculum, graduation, and major department programs)
- Serving as a link between students and the campus community, including helping with transitional issues and understanding of campus resources
- Assisting students in identifying and assessing goals and objectives as part of developing an academic plan
- Providing registration information & advice on course selection appropriate to the student's academic plan
- Providing support to students identified as academically at risk from faculty reports and first-semester GPA outcomes

The Academic Advising, Retention & Completion Office provides support for FYE advisors, including:

- The FYE Institute (three-day training for new advisors in June)
- A half-day fall-kickoff training for all advisors in August
- In-service meetings for all advisors in October and March
- Advisor liaison support, with each FYE advisor paired with a professional staff advisor from Academic Advising
- An FYE Advisor resource SharePoint site
- A Blackboard course Master Shell

Timeline of advising responsibilities for the academic year:

The FYE program features a minimum of six intentional touchpoints throughout the year: three group meetings and three individual appointments, with additional meetings for those identified as academically at-risk:

- Group Advising Meetings: August, October, and March
- Individual Advising Appointments: September, November, and April
- Additional outreach to academically at-risk students in October, January, and March

Compensation: Payment based on cohort size; details in the position application

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Application: Available on the AARC website at towson.edu/advising/faculty-resources



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