

University of Kentucky

Department of Landscape Architecture

Academic Advising

This document is meant to help you understand the advising process.

Academic Coordinator Christina Wilson advises all first- and second-year students in the Department of Landscape Architecture. In the spring of your second year, you will be assigned a faculty advisor.

About Academic Advising

From your first semester, the goal of academic advising is to see you complete your university degree and be well prepared for your endeavors post-graduation. We encourage you to adopt a similar strategy of long-range thinking so that, together, we can work towards this goal.

The purpose of academic advising is to create a holistic vision of the academic and co-curricular opportunities available to you as we simultaneously develop your problem-solving and decision-making skills. Ideally, our collaboration empowers you to

1. Navigate the Resources and Rules of the University of Kentucky, including, but not limited to:
 - Academic Integrity
 - Degree Requirements and Completion
 - Campus Resources (health and wellness, financial, clubs and activities, etc.)
 - Accessing Appropriate Support Services
2. Make Personalized and Responsible Decisions about your Education, including, but not limited to:
 - Degree Components and Support Services
 - Individualized Plan of Study based on your interests (certificates, minors, support course, etc)
 - Assessing Study Skills, Office Hours Usage, assignment completion, Initiative in Seeking Help

Preparing for Academic Advising

1. Familiarize yourself with the academic calendar and be aware of all university and department deadlines.
2. Review your Degree Audit in MyUK; you may also wish to consult the BSLA Degree Progress Worksheet.
3. Review the course catalog and be prepared to share your preferred UK Core courses as well as Topical Studies and Specialty Support.
4. Fill out and print any necessary paperwork.
5. Check myUK for any holds on your account.
6. Come prepared with your questions written down. Remember that these meetings are not only times to talk about class scheduling; these are opportunities to check in on your overall wellness and talk through ideas of how to better your time at the university.

Expectations

We, your advisors, will prepare for our meetings by reviewing any and all notes in myUK; preparing documents and information to be shared; and checking on your degree progress. We will listen attentively and ask questions that help us help you. We will provide you with the most accurate information available to us and will strive for clarity when imparting that information to you. We will respect your opinions, boundaries, and privacy; treat you fairly and kindly; and offer honest assessments of your academic progress.

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We are here to help you make informed decisions, whether we agree with those decisions or not. Indeed, the educational choices you make are yours alone and the responsibility for knowing and fulfilling degree requirements ultimately rests with you.

Resources

- **University Registrar**
P: 859.257.7157; www.uky.edu/Registrar
- **Academic Ombud**
P: 859.257.3737; www.uky.edu/Ombud
- **Student Rights and Responsibilities**
www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code
- **MyUK Help Desk**
P: 859.218.4357; www.uky.edu/UKIT/218-HELP
- **Disability Resource Center**
P: 859.257.2754; www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/DisabilityResourceCenter/
- **International Center**
P: 859.323.2106; <http://international.uky.edu/>
- **James W. Stuckert Career Center**
P: 859.2572746; www.uky.edu/CareerCenter
- **Office of Student Involvement**
P: 859.257.8867; www.uky.edu/GetInvolved

- **CAFE Center for Student Success**
<https://students.ca.uky.edu/>
- **Transformative Learning** (academic tutoring)
www.uky.edu/thestudy/
- **Student Support Services** (first-generation, low income, documented disability students)
<https://www.uky.edu/sss/>
- **Student Behavioral Health Clinic**
P: 859.323.5511; <https://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/university-health-service/student-health/services/behavioral-health>
- **University of Kentucky Counseling Center**
P: 859.257.8701; www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Counseling
- **Violence Intervention and Prevention Center**
P: 859.257.3574; <https://www.uky.edu/vipcenter/>
- **Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships**
P: 859.257.3172; E: OSFAS@uky.edu; <https://www.uky.edu/financialaid/>
- **Student Financial Wellness Center (MoneyCATS)**
P: 859.323.5241; E: moneycats@uky.edu; <https://www.uky.edu/financialwellness/>