Advising Transfer Students

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Overview

• Advising at Western
• Western’s majors and minors
• Supporting the transfer student experience
• Advising & Campus resources
Advising & Registration Sessions

- Quarterly virtual session for all new students
- Small group and individual advising structure
- Gain access in advance to Virtual Advisor Canvas advising course
- Transfer credit submitted is articulated based on A&R date
- Information and reservations made on the New Student Services/Family Outreach website.
Advising at Western

ADVISING & REGISTRATION SESSION
Advising Begins
- What classes should I register for?
- What can I major in?
- How does my DTA-AA degree count toward WWU graduation requirements?
- What resources can I use for academic planning?
- Do I need to take more math?

ACADEMIC ADVISING & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER
General and Ongoing Advising
- What classes should I take next?
- How do I choose/declare a major?
- How can I raise my GPA?

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS – ADVISING
Advising for Majors and Minors
- Will my transfer courses apply to my major?
- What are the requirements to declare my major?
- How can I stay on track to finish my major?
- Is an internship/study abroad an option in my major?

ACADEMIC ADVISING & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER
Your Resource for Ongoing Advising
- I’ve declared my major but am I on track to graduate?
- How do I add a minor?
- Do I have time to double major?
- Can I drop a class?
Academic Advising & Student Achievement Center

• Academic advising and planning services to support degree completion
• Learning assistance programs to provide additional academic and personal support
• Intentional outreach efforts to support students with unique needs and identities
• Partnerships and collaboration with colleagues across the university and external agencies to support the holistic needs of the students we serve and to provide advising related workshops and sessions
Academic Department Advising

- Experts on majors and minors
- Connect early – before transferring!
- Application/declaration processes vary
- Further evaluation of TT/XX courses
- Course overrides
- Assigned advisor in department once declared
- Much more!
Majors and Minors

• WWU Majors pages – ideal for an overview
• Programs of Study – critical for planning
• Academic Department websites – provide even further details
Declaring a Major Timeline

MAJOR DECLARATION
In addition to GURs, new students focus on major preparation in their first few quarters at Western.

ENTER WESTERN

Explore majors through:
• GUR courses
• Choosing a Major appointment
• Talking to faculty in areas of interest
• Using the resources in this booklet

If you are considering a pre-healthcare plan of study or majors in science, engineering, languages or fine & performing arts, it is often important to begin discipline-related coursework your first year, sometimes first quarter, to graduate within four years.

Seek advising about majors
Meet with departmental or academic advisors to determine major declaration requirements, and declare a pre-major/Phase 1 major if appropriate.

60 CREDITS COMPLETED

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Majors to Note

*See document provided for more majors and details

• Deadlines
• Pre-reqs (many sequenced)
• GPA
• Portfolio
• Audition
Supporting the Transfer Student Experience

• Transfer shock
• Sometimes multiple advisors depending on academic goals
• Mostly in-person, sync classes
• Campus resources are generally similar, plus more!
• Abundance of opportunities to engage and create community
Helpful Advising Resources

myWestern

AASAC website

Advising Videos

Browse Classes
Campus Resources & Activities

• New Student Orientation Checklist
• Campus Resources
• WIN (Western Involvement Network)
• Off Campus Living Office
Career Services Center Supports Transfer Students

Provide **career and continuing education guidance** to...

- Individuals
- Classes
- Clubs
- Departments
- Colleges
- Entire University

Through...

- ✓ Counseling & Advising Appts
- ✓ Presentations & Workshops
- ✓ Job & Internship Postings *(Handshake)*
- ✓ Employer Outreach & Relations
- ✓ Career Fairs
- ✓ Free Professional Clothing

**CAREER TOPICS**

- Career Exploration
- Career Assessments
- Graduate School Exploration
- Health Professions Advising
- Job & Internship Search
- Resume, CV & Cover Letter Review
- Interview Prep
Career Services Resources for First Year and Transfer Students

Canvas course to help students plan for life after Western

- Self-guided Canvas course full of career exploration and job search resources
- New course will be launched Winter 2024
- Students are automatically enrolled

Go to: careercenter.wwu.edu
Thank you for your partnership in supporting our students!