

# ACADEMIC ADVISING SYLLABUS

## **Mission Statement:**

*The mission of academic advising at UNLV is to assist students by collaborating with them in identifying and pursuing their educational goals, providing accurate and timely information, and promoting student responsibility and accountability for their academic success.*



## **Graduation Goal**

UNLV 1st Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Academic Advising Description:**

Advisors are a resource to serve as guides for navigating academic choices, policies, and requirements. Advisors are excited to meet with students and help them plan and achieve their goals. Academic advisors are well informed about the institution's resources available to students in order to provide appropriate referrals. Academic advisors assist students in the development of meaningful educational plans that are compatible with their personal and/or career goals.

### **Rebel Academic Advising Pledge:**

As a UNLV student, I have the potential to achieve success and avoid failure. I can succeed if I have the will to succeed. I will accomplish my goals and fulfill my dreams. The only limits I face are the limits of my own efforts. To realize my full potential and accomplish all that I am capable of, I will: Use my time effectively; Ask for help when I need it; Accept responsibility for my own actions. I will succeed at UNLV because my future depends on it. Earning a university degree will enhance the quality of my life and enable me to improve the lives of others.

### **Academic Advisor Responsibilities:**

- Create and maintain an interactive environment encouraging mutual trust and open communication.
- Provide students with information and resources to promote academic progress.
- Empower students to take responsibility for their academic success.

- Stay informed of current and changing rules, regulations and program requirements.
- Refer students to campus services relevant to their individual needs.
- Collaborate with peers by participating in the exchange of ideas, information and philosophies through professional development.

### **Advisee Responsibilities:**

- Regularly schedule and keep academic advising appointments.
- Communicate openly and honestly with your academic advisor regarding issues that affect your educational goals and academic performance.
- Maintain a professional relationship with your academic advisor by arriving on time, being prepared for your appointments and calling if you need to reschedule.
- Take responsibility for your academic success by utilizing the tools provided. Examples include undergraduate catalogues, degree sheets, college and university websites, and academic calendars.
- Maintain a file with relevant academic materials and follow through with your academic advisor's recommendations.



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*Go Rebels!*

## Freshmen

## Sophomores

## Juniors

## Seniors

### TAKE THE RIGHT COURSES

1<sup>st</sup> year experience class  
Math & English  
Lower division classes in major  
General Education classes  
Explore summer catch-up classes

2<sup>nd</sup> year experience class  
Complete Calculus  
Complete Composition I & II  
Lower division classes in major  
General Education classes

Upper division classes in the major  
General Education classes

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General Education classes

### GET GOOD ADVICE

Meet with an Academic Advisor  
Explore mid-semester classes  
Explore support services on campus and financial aid  
Explore tutoring

Meet with an Academic Advisor at least once during Sophomore year to review Freshman year and where you are headed.

Meet with an Academic Advisor and apply for graduation

Meet with Academic Advisor and complete a final graduation check

### EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

Explore My UNLV including advisement report  
Explore college & department guest lecturers and events

Attend Sophomore Recognition Ceremony  
Attend college & department guest lecturers and events  
Recalibrate

Explore research opportunities with faculty  
Explore minors  
Attend college & department guest lecturers and events

Conduct research with faculty  
Attend college & department guest lecturers and events  
Serve as an Undergrad Teaching Assistant (UTA)

### CONNECT WITH YOUR PEERS

Seek out upperclassmen  
Explore clubs and organizations available on campus  
Explore study group opportunities

Join a campus club or organizations  
Attend university events  
Form study groups

Organize events for a campus club or organization  
Attend university events  
Form study groups

Hold a leadership position within a club/organization  
Enroll in a leadership class

### THINK LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY

Explore local & national volunteer opportunities  
Explore Study Abroad

Meet with International Programs (Study Abroad)  
Get a passport  
Volunteer for UNLV Science Fair & Science Bowl  
Volunteer for local & national events

Study abroad?  
Volunteer abroad?  
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### PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Preprofessional students meet with Pre-health Advisor;  
Other students meet with Faculty to explore careers in your field of interest

Preprofessional students meet with Pre-health Advisor;  
Attend a campus Career Fair  
Explore shadowing & internship opportunities in your chosen field

Preprofessional students meet with Pre-health Advisor;  
Attend the campus Career Fair;  
shadow or apply for internships; take the MCAT, DAT, GRE, etc. and apply for professional school

Preprofessional students meet with Pre-health Advisor;  
Attend Career Fair and apply for jobs  
Submit applications to graduate schools  
Complete the UNLV Graduating Senior Exit Survey

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Travel the U.S.  
Travel Abroad,  
Pursue careers in  
Life Sciences, Biology  
Education,  
Chemistry, Chemistry  
Education,  
Biochemistry, Geology,  
Earth & Environmental  
Science, Mathematics,  
Mathematics Education,  
Computational Physics,  
Applied Physics,  
Physics Education  
Professional Schools,  
Graduate Schools,  
Law Schools