COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

UTeach-YR 369

Linda Cooper (43817) Co-Director
Christine Roland (43450) Co-Director and Advisor for prospective students

Dual Degree Program

Pre-Engineering
David Schaefer (42220) Contact Person and Advisor to all students in this major.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Pre-Medical or Pre-Dentistry
Laura Martin (42373) Chairperson
(pre-professional@towson.edu)

Pre-Pharmacy
Ryan Casey (43055) Coordinator

Pre-Physical Therapy
Lauren Zanta CHP Advisor, lzanta@towson.edu

Pre-Physician’s Assistant
Lauren Zanta CHP Advisor, lzanta@towson.edu

Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Lynn Middleton (44586) Pre-Vet Advisor
Environmental Science and Studies – PY 210

Chris Salice (44920) Director
Linda Morton (44920) Administrative Assistant
Multiple faculty members are currently advising students in environmental science and studies so direct inquiries first to Linda Morton in the program office.

Department of Mathematics – YR 316

Michael O’Leary (44757) Chairperson
Diane Bohle (43091) Administrative Assistant
Barb Sauer (43093) Administrative Assistant
The Administrative Assistants serve as contacts for information concerning the programs of the department.

Linda Cooper (43817) Assigns Secondary Education students to faculty advisors, Min Ji (42085) assigns Actuarial Science majors to faculty advisors, and Elizabeth Goode (44981) assigns all other students to faculty advisors

The FYE Advisors in this department are Maureen Yarnevich and Christina Packard (beginning Fall 2017).

Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Bioinformatics-SM 360

Nadim Alkharouf (43149) Director
Nadim Alkharouf serves as Advisor for all students in the major including freshmen in the FYE program.

Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences (PAGS) – SM 445

David Schaefer (42220) Chairperson and official advisor to all physics majors.
Renee Watkins (43022) Administrative Assistant, serves as contact for information on the department’s programs, meets prospective majors, and assigns students to advisors in consultation with Dr. David Schaefer.

Mark Edmonston is the FYE Advisor for PAGS.

College of Business and Economics—ST 301

CBE Student Academic and Career Services (SACS) – ST 301

Sabrina Viscomi (44753) Assistant Dean of Budgets, Students, and Operations, Deans Office
Lisa Michocki (44674) Director, SACS
Annie McMahon (43273) Assistant Director, SACS
Meghan Behm (46163) Coordinator of Academic & Career Services, SACS
Michael Tyler (43562) Academic Advisor, SACS
D. Greg March (42273) Academic Advisor, SACS
Summer Atkinson (44187) Academic Programs Coordinator, SACS
Wanda Rodgers (43496) Administrative Assistant, SACS

The SACS office provides advising support to faculty and does the screening of the Pre-Accounting (PACT), Pre-Business (PBUA) and Pre-E-Business (PEBU) majors. The SACS office (Summer Atkinson) is also responsible for BUAD minors (students are typically not assigned a BUAD minor advisor).

Advising structure:

Freshmen – (first and second semester only) are assigned to a First Year Experience (FYE) advisor.

Sophomores – are assigned to an advisor in the SACS office. The Spring or Fall after the students are admitted to the major, the students are assigned advisors in their major or concentration/track.

Transfers – are assigned to an advisor in the SACS office, until they are admitted into their major. The Spring or Fall after the students are admitted to the major, the students are assigned advisors in their major or concentration/track.

FYE Advisors for CBE are Summer Atkinson (SACS), Michael Dewally (through Spring 2017), Phillippe Duverger (MKTG), Tesfaye Lemma (ACCT), Arundhati Rao (ACCT), Wanda Rodgers (SACS), Yingying Shao (FIN), Mark Stephan (through Spring 2017), Rod Stump (MKTG & Honors College), and Filiz Tabak (through Spring 2017).
GENERAL INFORMATION
Pre-majors
In the College of Education, students cannot be admitted to a major in education until approximately the junior year. If interested in ELED, ECED, EESE (Elementary Education/Special Education Integrated Major), or SPED, a student should formalize his/her intention to major in a specific department at the beginning of their sophomore year by going online to complete a change of major/minor form. The major department is sent the declaration of major form and an email is sent to the student with advisor information, including Praxis I, speech & hearing information, and a criminal history disclosure form.

Secondary Education students should visit the Secondary Education website or office to pick up the forms necessary to apply to the program when they are at or approaching 45 earned credits. If the student’s focus is Secondary Education, the Secondary Education Department assigns a Secondary Education advisor based on the student’s discipline major (ex.-Math, History, English).

The “pre-major” student should also complete the Criminal History Disclosure Form and the Speech and Hearing Screening during their sophomore year. It is strongly recommended that students take the Praxis I exam during sophomore year.

DEPARTMENTS

Early Childhood Education – HH 019
Ocie Watson-Thompson (42564) Chairperson
Janese Daniels (44832) Contact person for the major
Julie Uhl (42572) Administrative Assistant

Early Childhood Education majors are assigned ECED faculty as advisors by the department.

The FYE Advisor for ECED is Hannah Cawley.

Elementary Education – PY 103/105
Robert Blake (46299) Chairperson
Morna McDermott (44050) Assistant Chairperson
Tracey Cotton (45337) Administrative Assistant

The Elementary Education Advisor is Saundra Deltac.

The FYE Advisors for ELED are Linda Miller and Marci Watson. (ELED/DFST is no longer offered)
Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice – LA 3210
Elizabeth Clifford (45164) Chairperson
Lea Cloud (42852) Administrative Assistant Assigns students to advisors in the department’s concentrations.
Concentration coordinators are:
   Bill Tsitsos (42355) Sociology
   Matthew Durington (45256) Anthropology
   Marion Cockey (42928) Criminal Justice

The FYE Advisors for Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice are Steven Dashiell, Katherine Fernstrom and Ingrid Pfoertsch.

Women’s Studies – LA 3210
Cindy Gissendanner (45456) Chairperson
Corey Dunning (42660) Administrative Assistant

Cindy Gissendanner assigns students to advisors in the department.

Special Education (SPED) - PY 307
Early Childhood & Special Education (ECSE) - PY 307
Elementary Education & Special Education (EESE) - PY 307

Elizabeth Neville (44499) Chairperson
Cathy March (44984) Administrative Assistant
Charles Meyer (43595) Advisor for Special Education all single certification areas and ECSE pre-majors
Patricia Doran (43891) Advising for SPED Elementary/Middle Majors and Pre-EESE juniors
Michelle Pasko (45594) Advising for all EESE pre-majors & EESE seniors

The FYE Advisor for SPED is Patricia Doran (through Spring 2017).

Secondary & Middle School Education- HH 404F
Molly Mee (44572) Chairperson
Josie Irvine (42562) Administrative Assistant, Assigns advisors in consultation with Dr. Mee

Secondary Education is not a major but rather a concentration (or track) in conjunction with 13 undergraduate majors: biology, chemistry, earth-space science, English, French, geography, German, history, mathematics, physics, school health, social science, Spanish. The prospective secondary education teacher first acquires an advisor in their major (math, English, or social sciences, etc.). When the student has completed or is about to complete 45 credit hours, he/she should go online to onestop.towson.edu and complete a change of major/minor form declaring a track (or concentration) in a Secondary Education discipline. The student should then visit the SMED office or go online to obtain an application packet and submit the completed packet to the Secondary and Middle School Education Department. He/she will be assigned an advisor in the Secondary and Middle School Education Department. The student then will have one advisor in Secondary Education and one in his/her major.

Students in the Middle School Education major choose two of the following content areas: Science, Mathematics, Social Science and English.

Contact: Molly Mee (44572) or Josie Irvine, Admin. Asst. (42562)
Department of Art & Design, Art History, Art Education
CA 3103

Center for the Arts 3103—Main Art Office (4-2808)
For information and guidance, please contact:

**Ginger (Lynn) Ross** (43639) (lross@towson.edu.) Academic Program Coordinator: Assists with transfer questions and transcript evaluation, advises Art Minor, General Fine Arts & Design and transfer students.
Assigns advisors and assists with registration process.

**Trace Miller** (43786) (tdmiller@towson.edu.) Assistant Chair/Advisor

**Ashena Sparrow** (45258) (asparrow@towson.edu) Administrative Assistant II/Office Budget Manager

**Emily Romeo** (42311) (eromeo@towson.edu) Administrative Assistant I

**Jenee Mateer** (43682) (jmateer@towson.edu) Chairperson (do not contact directly) Assists with transfer questions and transcript evaluation, advises art minors and transfer students.

New and returning students in the Department of Art may contact personnel in the Art Office (above) with their questions Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM, or by e-mail.

**Advisors:** When students enter the Department of Art as freshmen, they are assigned an FYE Advisor. The FYE advisors are **Erika MacMahon** (emacmahon@towson.edu) and **Venetia Zachary** (vzachary@towson.edu). At the end of the first year, **Ginger Ross** assists students in assigning a faculty advisor in their tracks or majors.

**Transfer Students:** All students transferring from another institution are encouraged to make an appointment with their major advisor or **Ginger Ross** early in their first semester to discuss their major and any transfer issues.

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**Metropolitan Studies—Robert Rook** (42128) Contact person

**Philosophy and Religious Studies—LA 4210**
**Ann Ashbaugh** (42750) Chairperson
**Stephannie Faison** (42755) Administrative Assistant
The Administrative Assistant assigns students faculty advisors for both majors.

**Political Science—LA 3210**
**Cindy Cates** (43586) Chairperson
**Lisa Pressman** (42958) Administrative Assistant - Assigns students to faculty advisors based on the student’s area of interest.
The FYE Advisors for POSC are Antonio Campbell, John McTague (Political Engagement only) and Alison McCartney (Honors-CLA).

**Psychology — LA 2210C**
**Geoffrey Munro** (43215) Chairperson
**Kerri Goodwin** (43202) Assistant Chairperson
**Erin McManus** (45470) Academic Program Specialist
Assigns students to advisors based on the student’s interest and balancing the advising load for all faculty members.

**Amy Vickers** (43081)Administrative Assistant
The FYE Advisors for PSYC are Amy Bennett and Jen Dudley

**Social Sciences — LA 2213**
**Robert Rook** (42128) Director - Advises all students for the SOSC majors including SOSC Secondary Education majors.
**Geography – LA 2210**

Virginia Thompson (44371) Chairperson

Monica Tyson (42973) Administrative Assistant - Assigns majors to advisors, unless a student requests a specific full-time, tenure-track faculty member.

The FYE Advisor for Geography is Jon Lesh (through Spring 2017) and Karna Couch (beginning Fall 2017)

**History – LA 4210**

Ronn Pineo (42903) Chairperson

Pam Frock (42923) Administrative Assistant - Assigns majors to faculty advisors in the department.

**Interdisciplinary Studies – LA 2213**

Robert Rook (42128) Director

The following faculty serve as directors and advisors for the following major concentrations:

- American Studies: Christian Koot (43934) (HIST)
- Animal Behavior: Mark Bulmer (44065) (BIOL)
  Paul Pistell (43483) (PSYC)
- Asian Studies: Suk Choi (42656) (PHIL)
- Latin American, Latino/a Studies: Nicole Fabricant (45221) (SOAN)
- Religious Studies: Ann Ashbaugh (42750) (RLST)

**International Studies**

Matthew Durington (45256) Director

Advising is shared by Director and faculty in POSC, SOAN, FORL, GEOG, HIST and ECON.

International Studies is now a major under IDIS in CLA.

**Law and American Civilization – LA 3241**

Jack Fruchman (43350) Director - Advises all students for LWAC major

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**Dance – CA 1002A**

Susan Kirchner (42301) Chairperson

Sidney Pink (42760) Administrative Coordinator

Students entering Towson planning to be Dance majors must audition for the department after being accepted to the university. We offer a B.F.A. degree in Dance with a K-12 Certification Option. Auditions are held four times each year: two in the fall and two in the spring. Prospective majors may only audition twice for acceptance into the program. Students who have not auditioned, but still desire to be Dance majors, should meet with the chair and take our many dance classes for non-majors.

Towson University has a three stage process for becoming a Dance Major:

1. be accepted into the University;
2. pass one of the dance auditions; and
3. earn a B average (3.0) in the foundational first year dance courses.

If all three stages are passed, then the candidate will be a dance major within their second year at Towson University. Dance majors are assigned a faculty member by the Department Chairperson for the remainder of their Dance major career at Towson.

Transfer students are handled individually, whether or not they auditioned into the program prior to transferring. Dance courses taken at the Maryland community colleges before their enrollment in the Towson Dance program are accepted as electives. Technique courses taken by students transferring from four-year schools may also be used as electives. Other dance courses from four-year schools are evaluated individually and may or may not correspond to specific Towson DANC courses.

The FYE Advisor for DANC is Dr. Susan Kirchner.
Electronic Media and Film – MC 103
Michael Angelella (43755) Chairperson
Kim Merriken (43184) Administrative Assistant - Assigns faculty advisors based on track after change of major form is received

EMF is a screened major and students interested in this major should declare themselves as Pre-EMF majors as soon as possible—and choose one of three concentrations. Students must complete three screening courses: EMF 120, EMF 140, EMF 221 with an average of 3.0 or better prior to being admitted to the major. After a student completes the screening requirements, his/her application, transcript and a submitted creative essay are reviewed by faculty for full EMF admission.

The FYE Advisor for EMF is Kimberly Merriken.

Mass Communications and Communication Studies – MC 114
Student Service Center – MC 005
Jung Sook Lee (43250) Chairperson
James Armstrong (43253) Undergraduate Advising Coordinator
Mary Hickey (44352), Program Management Specialist
Catie Mickletz (43705) Academic Program Coordinator
Cecilia Deems (45856) Undergraduate Transfer Advising
Donna Warrington (45353) Administrative Assistant

MCOM is a screened major and students interested in this major should declare themselves as Pre-MCOM majors as soon as possible. Students must complete the three screening courses (MCOM 101, COMM 131, and ENGL 102) with an average of 3.0 or better prior to being admitted to the major and achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0. No more than one of the screening courses may be repeated for the purpose of determining eligibility to the major. After a student completes the screening requirements for entering the major, his/her application is reviewed for full MCOM admission.

Students will need to choose a preferred track in either Advertising, Journalism and New Media, or Strategic Public Relations and Integrated Communications. Students who are not accepted may re-apply once. Appeals, in the form of a letter accompanied by a transcript should be addressed to the department chair.

The FYE Advisors for both PMCO and COMM majors are Mary Hickey (through Spring 2017), Maggie Lears (beginning Fall 2017) Lisa Turowski and Erin Witte.
Nursing – LI 301

Hayley Mark (42069) Chairperson
Brook Necker (44170) Admissions and Retention Coordinator
Contact for information about the major. Meets with all prospective majors and assigns students to faculty advisors
Nakida Hagans (42069) Administrative Assistant

Admission to the major is contingent upon the student being screened and admission being offered by the department. Admission to the University does not constitute or guarantee admission to the major. Students are eligible to apply for admission to the nursing major after they have completed a minimum of 42 undergraduate units, including at least three laboratory science prerequisites and English 102. Completed applications are due January 15 for fall admission and August 15 for spring admission. Selection for admittance is competitive and is based upon several factors; one of which is the cumulative grade point average. A minimum of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale is required for admission consideration; however, most applicants maintain higher grade point averages.

The FYE Advisors for students interested in Nursing are Brook Necker (Honors), Nancy Hannafin, Mary Lashley, and Angela Reinaman.

Occupational Therapy & Occupational Science – ES 245

Beth Merryman (42272) Chairperson
The Chairperson assigns students to advisors once they are accepted into the OCTH major.
Mycala Worley (42762) Administrative Assistant—Assigns Pre-OCTH students to advisors.
Brianna Rostkowski (42653) CHP Admissions Coordinator—Contact for information about applying to the program.

Students wishing to declare Pre-OCTH as their major should complete an online Declaration of Major form.

Occupational Therapy is a screened major and is a combined BS/MS program. The FYE Advisors for students interested in OTOS are Derek Piggott and Robert Karp.

Music – CA 3095

Eileen Hayes (42143) Chairperson
Mary Ann Criss (42836) Assistant to the Chairperson
Debra Walker (42840) Administrative Assistant

The music major is a screened major. Acceptance as a music major is granted only by the department contingent upon a performance audition. Admission to the university does NOT guarantee acceptance as a music major or minor. Further, continuation in the major is contingent on a number of evaluative processes established by the department. For more information regarding these processes, refer to the Undergraduate Catalog or contact the Chairperson in the Department of Music.

Students interested in a music major or a music minor must file a separate application with the Department of Music. They must contact the Department directly to receive the Music Application Packet. Applicants may audition before being admitted to the university; however, passing an audition in the Department of Music does not guarantee their admission to the university.

The department offers 4 audition dates in January, February, March, & April. (deadlines, specific audition dates and complete audition day information is contained in the application packet and is also posted on the department’s website www.towson.edu/music). After the Department of Music receives the student’s completed Music Application, the student is scheduled for his/her audition date choice. Students interested in attending in the fall semester may audition in January, February or March. Students interested in attending the spring semester must audition in January.

Four full-time music faculty and the Assistant to the Chairperson serve as music major/minor advisors. In addition to required one-on-one advising meetings, the department usually schedules a mandatory group advising session in the fall term (and often in the spring term) before the registration period begins. Courses required by music majors are by “Department Consent” only. Music majors will be given student specific permissions for music courses, private lessons, ensembles, and if applicable, degree recitals by the Assistant to the Chairperson after they submit a completed Advising Report and after prerequisites are checked.

The FYE advisors for Music are Jim McFalls and Mary Ann Criss.
Freshmen entering Towson as Theatre majors are assigned to Susan Rotkovitz as their FYE Advisor. Upon completion of ORIE 305 and ORIE 306, Theatre majors are assigned a Faculty advisor. A student who declares a major in Theatre chooses one of the three tracks: Acting (advance audition/placement required), Design and Production, or Theatre Studies. Students are assigned to an advisor in their concentration. Incoming transfer students contact Jesse Herche in the Department of Theatre Arts at X42312 to be assigned an advisor.

Each semester just prior to the registration period, the department posts all classes to be offered and the advisors post their advising schedules. Then on a pre-selected date, an all-department advising day is held. First-year students must meet with their FYE advisor in order to have their advising hold released so that they can register. All other majors must meet with their regular major advisor to have their hold released.

The FYE advisor for Theatre majors is Susan Rotkovitz.

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**Health Science – LI 101**

Laurencia Hutton-Rogers (44219) Chairperson
Donna Rettaliata (42637) Administrative Assistant and the contact for declaring any of the department’s majors.

Kathy Gould (45937) Contact for information about the majors in the department and assigns majors to their advisors.

All students must attend a Pre-Advising meeting in person to be assigned to major advisors. This cannot be done by phone or email.

Health Science majors are required to complete one of three concentrations to complete their major: School Health Teacher Education, Community Health, or Dual Community School Health Concentration.

The FYE Advisors for the department are Casey Fisher, Nicole Perry and Deitra Wengert.

**Interprofessional Health Studies - LI 121**

Wayne Nelson (44845) Chairperson
Heather Tolson(45300) Administrative Assistant

Majors include Health Care Management, Allied Health, and Gerontology.

All students must attend a Pre-Advising meeting in person to be assigned to major advisors. This cannot be done by phone or email.

The FYE Advisors are Casey Fisher, Nicole Perry and Deitra Wengert.

**Kinesiology – BU 120**

Sharon Glennen (42377) Chairperson
Carol Clafferty (45478) Administrative Assistant
Julie Munski (44417) Administrative Assistant

Majors include Athletic Training, Exercise Science, Physical Education, and Sport Management.

The FYE advisors for the department are Jacob Bustad, Susan Harnett, Ryan King-White, Kyle Leppert and Tyler Sigmon.