Quick Guide for Academic Advising by Department

Spring 2019
Honors College—ST 302
Alison McCartney (42458) Faculty Director
Abram Fox (44865) Coordinator

Advising structure:
Freshmen — (first and second semester only) are assigned to a First Year Experience (FYE) advisor with knowledge of their major and Honors requirements.
Sophomores — are assigned to Abram Fox
Juniors and Seniors — are assigned to Alison McCartney
Students with advising questions related to experiential and advanced learning should speak with Alison McCartney regardless of academic standing.

FYE advisors for the Honors College include Abram Fox, Alison McCartney, Mary Ann Criss, Mark Edmonston, Emily Halligan, Iona Johnson, Scott Johnson, Robert Karp, Susan Kirchner, Brook Necker, Susan Rotkovitz, and Veronica Thomas.

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
Jeffrey Simpson (44737) Advisor

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Pre-Medical or Pre-Dentistry
Laura Martin (42373) Director
(pre-professional@towson.edu)
For appointment call Sarah Grue (43043)

Pre-Occupational Therapy
Briana Rostkowski (42762) OT Admissions Counselor

Pre-Pharmacy
Ana Maria Soto (42605) Contact Person, Advisor

Pre-Physical Therapy
Lauren Zanta (42320) CHP Advisor, lzanta@towson.edu

Pre-Physician’s Assistant
Lauren Zanta (42320) CHP Advisor, lzanta@towson.edu

Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Lynn Middleton (44586) Pre-Vet Advisor through June 2019, lamiddleton@towson.edu
after June 2019 contact Biology Department (43042)
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
Felice Shore (44450) Assistant 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.
Elizabeth Goode (44981) Assigns all other students to faculty advisors.
The FYE Advisor for MATH is Maureen Yarnevich.

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
Meghan Behm (46163) Coordinator of Academic & Career Services
D. Greg March (42273) Academic Advisor, SACS
Summer Atkinson (44187) Academic Program Coordinator, SACS
TBA (43496) Administrative Assistant, SACS
The SACS office provides advising and career support to students and faculty as well as the screening of 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 Azmi (ACCT), Isaac Bonaparte (ACCT), Michael DeWally (FIN), Lijing Du (FIN), Philippe Duverger (MKTG), Cristina Packard (MATH), Katie Pluemer (Career), and Veronica Thomas (MKTG & Honors College)
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 ECED, ELED, EESE, 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 and hearing information, and a criminal history disclosure form. It is strongly recommended that students take the Praxis I exam during sophomore year.

DEPARTMENTS

Early Childhood Education- HH 019
Janese Daniels (44832) Chairperson and contact person for the major
Julie Uhl (42572) Administrative Assistant

Early Childhood Education majors are assigned ECED faculty as advisors by the chairperson.
The FYE Advisor for ECED is Kathleen Carstensen.

Elementary Education— PY 103/105
Robert Blake (46299) Chairperson
Tracey Cotton (45337) Administrative Assistant
The Elementary Education Advisor is Saundra Deltac.
The FYE Advisors for ELED are Linda Miller and Marci Vandiver.

FISHER COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

FCSM ADVISOR: Denise McGill SM 324A (43027)

Department of Biological Sciences – SM 341
Laura Gough (45033) Chairperson
Colleen Winters (43124) Assistant Chairperson
Charlotte Saylor (43127) Coordinator of Student Advising and Credit Evaluation - Serves as contact for information about the major and concentrations within the major.
Sarah Grue (43043), Administrative Assistant, assigns students to faculty according to their concentration of interest, preference of advisors and recommendations of the Biology FYE Advisors.
The FYE Advisors for the department are Nadim Alkharouf (MBBB), Carolyn Dabirsiaghi, Kathryn McDougal, Beth O’Hare, Sharlene Roberson (TOPS), Cheryl Warren, and Scott Johnson (Honors).

Department of Chemistry – SM 543
Ryan Casey (43055) Chairperson
Liina Ladon (43054) Director, Chemistry Tutor Center
Mark Profili (42668) Director, Forensic Science Program
Cindy Wolfe (43058) Office Manager - Serves as contact for information about the programs of the department
Richard Patterson (44230) Administrative Assistant—Assigns majors to fulltime faculty.
The FYE Advisors for the department are Rika VanHuizen and Liina Ladon.

Department of Computer & Information Sciences – YR 406
Siddharth Kaza (43701) Chairperson
Robert Hammell (46050) Associate Chairperson
Marcy Krawczyk (43788) Administrative Assistant
Shannon Kreiner (45044) Administrative Assistant - Assigns students to advisors. COSC majors assigned to COSC faculty, IS majors assigned to IS faculty, IT majors assigned to IT faculty.
Heather Bohle (42757) Student Services Coordinator
The FYE Advisors for the department are Cheryl Thomas Brown, Andrea Chenowith, Behrooz EtesamiPour, Marcy Krawczyk, and Kathy Wang.
Psychology – LA 2210C
Geoffrey Munro (43215) Chairperson
Kerri Goodwin (43202) Assistant Chairperson
Vivian Bethea (45470) Academic Program Specialist
Assigns students to advisors based both 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 Jennifer Dudley.

Social Sciences – LA 2213
Carol Caronna (42659) LA3353, contact for SOSC majors, EXCLUDING SOSC/Secondary Education majors.
Robert Rook (42128) LA2213, contact for SOSC/SCED majors

Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice – LA 3210
Marion Hughes (42930), Chairperson
Jennifer Langdon (45372), Assistant Chairperson
Leo Cloud (42852) Administrative Assistant-Assigns students to advisors in the department’s concentrations.
Concentration coordinators are:
  Bill Tsitos (42355) Sociology
  Harjant Gill (45166) Anthropology (sabbatical beginning Fall 2019)
  Sam Collins (43199) Interim coordinator for 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 and Gender Studies – LA 3210-J
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, eneville@towson.edu
Cathy March (44984), Administrative Assistant, cmarch@towson.edu,
Patricia Rice Doran (43891), Advisor, SPED Elementary/Middle Single Certification Pre-Majors and Majors
Gregory Knollman (42703), Advisor, SPED Secondary/Adult Single Certification Pre-Majors and Majors
Amy Noggle (44848), Advisor, ECSE Pre-majors
Kandace Hoppin (43614), Advisor, ECSE 2018-19 Juniors, Seniors
Michelle Pasko (45594), Advisor, EESE Pre-Majors and Seniors
Jenny Kouo (46001), Advisor, EESE Juniors
FYE Advisors – Toni Guidi and Michelle Pasko

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 the following undergraduate majors: English, French, history, social science, Spanish.
The prospective secondary education teacher first acquires an advisor in their major (English, French, history, social science, Spanish). 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/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)
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 the area coordinator of their program early in their first semester to discuss their major and any transfer issues.
Foreign Languages – LA 4210
Lea Ramsdell (45369) Chairperson
Zhondria Benn (42883) Administrative Assistant
Assigns students to faculty according to departmental guidelines.
The FYE Advisor for the department is Leticia Romo.

Geography – LA 2210
Charles Schmitz (42966) Chairperson
Monica Jordan (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.

History – LA 4210
Christian Koot (43934) Chairperson
Kelly Gray (42917) Assistant Chair and Director of Advising
Shelly Cotten (42923) Administrative Assistant, assigns majors to faculty advisors in the department.

Interdisciplinary Studies - LA 2213
Robert Rook (42128) LA2213 Director
Carol Caronna (42659) LA3353 Assistant Director
The following faculty serve as directors and advisors for the four formally designed major concentrations:
American Studies: Michael Masatsugu*(44647) (HIST)
Animal Behavior: Mark Bulmer*(44065) (BIOL)
Paul Pistell *(43483) (PSYC)
Asian Studies: Erik Ropers *(43709) (HIST)
Latin American, Latino/a Studies: Nicole Fabricant*(45221) (SOAN)

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—MC114
Student Service Center – MC 005
Jung Sook Lee (43250) Chairperson
James Armstrong (43253) Undergraduate Advising Coordinator
Mary Hickey (45352) Program Management Specialist
Catie Mickletz (43705) Academic Program Coordinator
Cecilia Deems (45856) Undergraduate Transfer Advising through April 2019
Donna Warrington (45353) Administrative Assistant

MCOM is a screened major. Students are eligible to apply for admission to the Mass Communication (MCOM) major after completing at least 30 units at Towson University or elsewhere, and earning an overall 2.75 GPA of all TU courses. In addition, students must earn a minimum GPA of B- in the three screening courses. No more than one of the screening courses can be repeated for determining eligibility. After the completion of the prerequisite screening courses, students should apply online to declare MCOM as their major. Online applications are due three times a year: May 20, August 15, and December 20. Students will choose in their application a preferred track: Advertising, Journalism and New Media, or Strategic Public Relations and Integrated Communications. Students, who are not accepted, may reapply once. Appeals should be addressed to the department chair. All appeals should be in the form of a letter accompanied by a transcript.

The FYE Advisors for MCOM are Jennifer Atwater and Catie Mickletz.

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 please direct inquiries first to Linda Morton in the program office.

Family Studies and Community Development—LA 2210
Robert Moreno (45851) Chairperson
Devon White (45851) Administrative Assistant
The FYE Advisor for the department is Courtney Martin.
Nursing – LI 301

Hayley Mark (43025) 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), Charla Fowlkes, Nancy Hannafin, Mary Lashley, and Angela Tate.

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology – VB 105

Diana Emanuel (42417) Chairperson and Professor
Elise Smith (45539) SPPA Program Coordinator through May 2019
Christina Pelatti (45375) SPPA Program Coordinator beginning June 2019
Kay Glorioso (44153) Administrative Assistant, contact for information about SPPA majors.

The FYE Advisors for the department are Iona Johnson, Celeste Segal, and Elise Smith.

(Deaf Studies is now a major situated under IDIS in CLA)

Communication Studies—MC 205

Jennifer Potter (42888), Chairperson
Desiree Rowe (45596), Assistant Chairperson
Vickie Hook (55070), Administrative Assistant
The FYE advisors for COMM are Audra McMullen and Lisa Turowski.

Music – CA 3095

Phillip Collister (42143) Chairperson
Mary Ann Criss (42836) Assistant to the Chairperson and Academic Program Coordinator
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, continuance 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 four audition dates in January, February, March and April. Deadlines and complete audition day information are posted on the department’s website www.towson.edu/music).

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.