

ACADEMIC ADVISING, REGISTRATION AND ACADEMIC POLICIES

Academic Advising

College of Public Affairs: 410.837.5359

Merrick School of Business: 410.837.4944

Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences: 410.837.5351

The University is committed to academic excellence and student success; therefore, a professional staff of academic advisers is available in the College of Public Affairs, the Merrick School of Business, and the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences. Students should meet with an adviser before each registration period to ensure that they are making proper academic decisions and progressing toward their degree. For some students, an adviser's signature is required for registration. It is important that students become familiar with their adviser and take advantage of these experts' in-depth knowledge of the various academic programs and policies.

Students should make an appointment to see an adviser before withdrawing from the University, even if they expect the withdrawal to be temporary. International students are required to make an appointment with the Office of International Services before withdrawing from any course during the regular semester as it may affect their F-1/J-1 visa status.

A criminal conviction may prevent employment and/or licensure in certain professions. Students who have criminal convictions are responsible for understanding the requirements of their chosen major, graduate course of study, occupation for which their education program is intended and/or any certificate programs they begin. Catalogs and the UB website provide information on program requirements, and students may speak with advisers and program directors for clarification. Further, state licensing board websites may post criteria for licensing eligibility and may provide further details about career requirements.

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ADVISING

College of Public Affairs

Tel: 410.837.5359

All new students in the College of Public Affairs must meet with the director or adviser of their degree program prior to registration for their first semester. Program directors and advisers assist students in planning their academic careers and in selecting appropriate courses to satisfy degree requirements. Students new to a degree program are required to have an adviser's permission to register for any course and to make any changes to the previously approved registration by adding or dropping a course.

Other students are strongly encouraged to meet with a program adviser on a regular basis. Those continuing students who must obtain advisement and a departmental and/or dean's office signature before registering are:

- students changing their degree program or specialization
- probationary students
- reinstated or readmitted students

- nondegree students
- students registering for an independent study or internship
- students requesting to take more than 9 credits during a regular semester or 6 credits during a summer session (requires permission from the dean; please see the [Course Load](#) section of this catalog)
- students requesting to take a course at another college or university.

Students are responsible for reviewing carefully the requirements for their chosen degree program and for seeking clarification from a program director or adviser if necessary. Academic advisers are also available in the College of Public Affairs Advising Center, Liberal Arts and Policy Building, Room 111, to provide information and clarification about public affairs programs, policies and procedures.

MERRICK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADVISING

Merrick School of Business
Tel: 410.837.4944

Academic advisement is available in the Merrick Advising Center, located in the William H. Thumel Sr. Business Center, Room 142. The center offers both day and evening hours. Scheduled appointments are recommended; to make an appointment, call 410.837.4944. Advisers provide information on Merrick School of Business programs, policies and procedures. All new candidates will receive a guide to graduation containing a program guide and must meet with an adviser prior to registering for their first semester. Students in online programs who do not have access to the campus will be advised by remote means. Academic advisers assist students in selecting appropriate courses to satisfy degree requirements. Students are advised that any deviation from their program of study must be approved. Department chairs and Merrick School of Business faculty members are also available to assist students in planning their academic program and to discuss career goals.

Continuing students in good academic standing can register without an adviser's signature and are responsible for following their program guide. Continuing students who must obtain advisement and/or permission to register are:

- students changing their program or specialization
- certificate students
- students on academic probation
- readmitted students
- nondegree students
- students registering for an internship, independent study or practicum course
- students requesting to take more than 9 credits during a regular semester or 6 credits during a summer session (requires permission from the Office of the Dean; please see the [Course Load](#) section of this catalog)
- students requesting to take a course at another college or university
- students reinstated from suspension.

Although academic advisers will assist students in planning a program, each student must assume responsibility for knowing curriculum requirements and seeing that these requirements are met.

YALE GORDON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ADVISING

Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences

Tel: 410.837.5351

All new students in the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences must meet with the director or adviser of their degree program prior to registration for their first semester. Program directors and advisers assist students in planning their academic careers and in selecting appropriate courses to satisfy degree requirements. Students new to a degree program are required to have an adviser's permission to register for any course and to make any changes to the previously approved registration by adding or dropping a course.

Other students are strongly encouraged to meet with a program adviser on a regular basis. Those continuing students who must obtain advisement and a departmental and/or dean's office signature before registering are:

- students changing their degree program or specialization
- probationary students
- reinstated or readmitted students
- nondegree students
- students registering for an independent study or internship
- students requesting to take more than 9 credits during a regular semester or 6 credits during a summer session (requires permission from the dean; please see the [Course Load](#) section of this catalog)
- students requesting to take a course at another college or university.

Students are responsible for reviewing carefully the requirements for their chosen degree program and seeking clarification from a program director or adviser if necessary.