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## FIRST-YEAR ADVISING

**College of Liberal Arts** advisors are here to help you explore your academic interests through the intentional selection of coursework, along with co-curricular and experiential learning opportunities. We are also here to support you in your transition to living and learning in a university setting.

## START Appointment

Your **START** appointment serves as a general introduction to advising and how to use university tools and resources.

We will discuss:

- Your interests and goals
- Introduction to online tools: BeaverHub, the online catalog, and MyDegrees
- The purpose and potential of the Bacc Core and CLA Core
- Your math placement test score and how to be successful in math
- Any potential AP/IB or transfer credits
- And we will create a schedule

**Appointments** that occur at least once per term, during which we might talk about:

- How you are doing
- Current course schedule and workload/time management
- The purpose of the Bacc Core, CLA Core, and B.A./B.S. requirements

- Major fit and exploration
- Potential minors/certificates
- The S/U/W process: how, why, and potential outcomes
- On-campus resources (Academic Success Center, Writing Center, CLC)
- Using the Planner in MyDegrees to develop a list of potential courses for the upcoming term
- Study Abroad and international options
- Common academic regulations
- How to get involved: internships, research, club and organization participation
- Summer classes/courses

**TIP:** Come to your advising appointments prepared to discuss any questions you have regarding the above topics.

## Scheduling an Advising Appointment

- You must schedule an advising appointment every term during your first year in order to receive your registration PIN
- Go to Beaver Hub, select "Success Team" and schedule your appointment



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- Check Beaver Hub for Registration Holds
- If you have any questions, contact us at 541-737-0561 or via email at [liberalarts@oregonstate.edu](mailto:liberalarts@oregonstate.edu)

\* Art/Graphic Design, Music and Theatre Arts students are required to meet with major advisor each term.

## Scheduling Tips

Things to let the front desk know when scheduling your advising appointment:

- Your name, major and OSU ID#
- That you are a first-year student
- If you are pre-med, pre-education or pre-law
- Purpose of your appointment
- Beginning Week 4, schedule your **Winter** term advising appointment
- Beginning Week 4, schedule your **Spring** term Advising appointment
- Beginning Week 4, schedule your **Fall** term advising appointment with your major advisor

## Registration PIN

All first-year CLA students need a new registration PIN to register for each academic term. PINs are given by CLA advisors during your appointment.

Your registration time is based on how many credits you have earned. You can check your priority registration time by logging into Beaver Hub, selecting "View My Priority Registration Status."



## Engage with CLA!

These are a few of the events that must be in your calendar:

- **CLA Welcome BBQ**  
September 24, 2024 12:30-2 p.m.
- **CLA Career Fair**  
March 5, 2025, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Spring into 2nd Year

All first year CLA students will transition to their major advisors at the annual CLA Gathering of the Schools: Spring into 2nd Year event held Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 1:30 to 3:00 in Bexell Living Room. You will meet your new major academic advisor, schedule your advising appointment for Spring term and have fun at this event!

**CLA Student Services > Find your advisor**  
<https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/find-my-advisor>

## Bexell Living Room

When you arrive for your advising appointment please check in at the reception desk located in the Bexell Living Room. The Bexell Living Room is also a great place to study, work on group projects, learn about study abroad opportunities & more.

## Scholarships

Information about scholarships available through the College of Liberal Arts can be found here: <https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/scholarships>



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