

EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC ADVISING HANDBOOK

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GOOD ADVICE!

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COULD HAVE SAVED ABOUT \$5,000
AND A LOT OF GRIEF. BETWEEN
THE CLASSES I TOOK THAT I
DIDN’T NEED AND THE SEMESTER
I ADDED BY MISSING THE
APPLICATION DATE TO MY MAJOR,
A FEW VISITS TO THE ADVISING
OFFICE WOULD HAVE REALLY PAID
OFF”** (Tyler, 1997, p. 62).

**Benjamin Franklin declared, “we can give advice, but we
Cannot give conduct. Remember this: they that will not be
counseled cannot be helped”** (“The Way of Advice,” 1991, p. 1).

EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Dean

College of General Studies

Somewhere, USA

Dear Advisor:

The new edition of the Example University Academic Advising Handbook has been developed to assist you in your role as an advisor. It has been designed to serve as a quick reference for useful and pertinent information.

Your new handbook is divided into three sections. The first section contains research data concerning academic advising. Included are definitions of advising, roles and functions of academic advisors, behavioral objectives, and limitations of academic advising.

Section Two of the handbook is a collection of various lists, resource materials, and articles that you may utilize in advising situations. The resource materials found in Section Two are subdivided into four categories. Those categories are "The Advising Process," "Responsibilities of the Advisor," "Responsibilities of Advisees," and "Advisee Problems." This section should contribute to your understanding of your task as a faculty advisor and your importance in the total educational goals of Example University.

The third section contains information pertaining to specific departments and to specific Example University regulations. Specifically included is a set of "Advisor Contacts and Responsibilities," which should be very helpful to you in directing your quarter by quarter advising activities. It is imperative that you become familiar with section three.

You are encouraged to read your handbook very carefully, to refer to it often, and to utilize it completely as you advise your students. Make your role as an advisor more than a signature on a registration process form. Using your handbook and other available resources, you can make your advisees' educational experiences more meaningful and significant.

If you have comments, questions, or suggestions, please share them with me.

Sincerely,

Joseph Doe, ED.D., Dean
College of General Studies

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SECTION ONE

**ACADEMIC ADVISING
RESEARCH DATA**

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

"ONE OF THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INVOLVES ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT OF STUDENTS" (Ward, 1979, p. 1).

INTRODUCTION

In most institutions of higher education, faculty members are required to assume the role of academic advisor (Dressel, 1974, p. 57). Until recently, faculty advising had received relatively little or no attention in the literature or on individual campuses even though systems of academic advising involve hundreds of thousands of students, faculty, and paraprofessionals (Raskin, 1979, p. 99). In addition, multiplied millions of dollars in both faculty time and physical facilities are required to support and conduct the activity known as academic advising (Bonar, 1976a, p. 190). Greater interest in advising has developed because of the growing complexity of higher education institutions, because of the ever increasing threat of declining enrollment, and because of the diversity of the students enrolling in the universities. Once viewed as a set of scheduling procedures, academic advising programs have been established to assist students in the development of their human potential (Abel, 1980, p. 151).

ASSUMPTIONS

Universal practice in higher education has students assigned to faculty members in the disciplines in which the students are majoring. Too frequently, however, faculty advisors must work with students who are undecided about a major. The general assumption is that faculty advisors will be able to guide their advisees toward each advisee's collegiate goal--to be graduated within the normal span of four or five academic years (Dressel, 1974, p. 57).

Academic advising systems utilizing the university faculty are based on several assumptions:

1. Faculty members are interested in one-to-one situations with students.
2. Faculty members are the most appropriate persons to guide students in course selections.
3. Faculty members are knowledgeable enough to help students through a maze of degree requirements.
4. Utilizing faculty members is the most financially feasible way of providing academic advising.
5. Students want advice from faculty members concerning each student's specific academic program (Dressel, 1974, p. 57).

DEFINITIONS

It is obvious from perusing the five basic assumptions previously stated that faculty members in the role of academic advisors are essential components for any successful academic advisement program. Perhaps at this point the question should be asked, "What is a faculty advisor?" The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers has stated that an advisor is "A member of the college staff (usually a member of the instructional faculty) assigned to assist a student with academic planning" (Definitions of Terms for Admissions and Records, 1980, p. 8).

Labeling the faculty advisor the "University Adviser," the Committee on Advising and Counseling at Stanford University asserts that:

The University Adviser is the student's principal faculty adviser. His prime concern with the student, and the student's with him, is the identification of the student's aims and plans, his interest and abilities, and the planning of a coherent education that builds upon the student's interest and allows him perspective on and awareness of both his limitations and his strengths. The adviser does not plan for the student but helps the student to plan for himself (Study of Education at Stanford, 1969, p. 19).

The Stanford Committee defines the advisor as "...the student's academic advocate, the particular educator who agrees to concern himself with his advisee's best education." In the Committee's view, "The Adviser is not to be interested merely in obedience to regulations but is to pursue with the student the education that best serves and develops that student" (Study of Education at Stanford, 1969, p. 27).

Every student, regardless of the type and size of higher education institution, has occasion to be seen in a counseling relationship by a faculty member, known as the faculty advisor, specifically qualified to assist in decisions concerning academic majors and courses of study. The faculty advisor needs to be aware of the general programs of the institution and, more specifically, the courses within his academic division (Shaffer and Martinson, 1966, p. 46). However, The Advisor's Handbook of San Jose State University emphasizes that "an academic advisor does more than offer advice on academic program planning." It continues that "an academic advisor is that representative of an academic department or program to whom a student can turn for the personal assistance that often accompanies the central activity of the university--instruction" (1980, p. 2).

The definition for faculty advisor at Stephens College indicates that:

...every faculty member and professional administrator...assume counseling responsibilities for a group of eight to twelve students. Each adviser is expected to deal with academic, career, and emotional problems, and he has training to qualify him to do so (Mayhew and Ford, 1973, p. 51).

Crocket (1978a) contends that the faculty advisor serves as a coordinator of the advisee's educational experience. The advisor needs the ability to help students define and develop realistic goals, to perceive their needs accurately, and to match these needs with appropriate institutional resources. A caring and trusting relationship is essential.

It has been stated that the faculty advisor is more than an information and traffic-control officer. The advisor "conveys to the student a philosophy of contemporary education, a rational base for the consideration of problems, and suggests plans of action on which he may move" (Hardee and Mayhew, 1970, p. 21). The faculty advisor is a faculty member who gives advice to the student, usually on matters directly concerned with course work and academic programs (Bornheimer, et al. 1973, p. 53).

THE FACULTY ADVISOR'S ROLE

The faculty advisor is generally a member of the university faculty who has been assigned to the role or who has responded favorably to an invitation to serve as an advisor (Bloland, 1967, p. 8).

The role of the faculty advisor has been described by Hardee and Mayhew in the following ways:

1. The adviser will assist the student in effecting a program of study consonant with the latter's interests and competencies.
2. The adviser will assist the student in periodic evaluation of his academic progress.
3. The adviser will assist the student in initial exploration of long range occupational and professional plans, referring him to sources for specialized assistance.
4. The adviser will serve as coordinator of the learning experiences of the student, assisting in the integration of the various kinds of assistance rendered--health and psychological aids, remedial work, financial aids, religious counseling--the panoply of all services available to the students (1970, p. 11).

To facilitate the foregoing role descriptions, the advisor should have considerable knowledge of the institution's combined educational offerings, including the total available classes, extra classes, special topics classes, independent study classes, laboratories, clinics, and field experiences. It is essential for the faculty advisor to have a comprehensive knowledge of the curriculum. In addition, the advisor should be familiar with the college campus in its many structural parts; should recognize the prevailing learning climate on campus; and should have acquired, or be in the process of

acquiring, adequate skills for communicating with various students in authentic, appropriate, and meaningful ways (Hardee and Mayhew, 1970, p. 11).

Agreeing with Hardee and Mayhew, Higbee (1979) asserts that the role of academic advisor has many facets. Advisors must be knowledgeable and up-to-date on matters concerning (1) curriculum--requirements in the student's majors, as well as general education and graduation requirements of the university; (2) registration procedures; (3) student personnel services--medical, counseling, housing, placement, social, recreational, etc.; (4) financial obligations; and (5) job market and employment information. Higbee (1979) also contends that faculty advisors must know the mechanics of adding and dropping classes; changing majors; transferring from one university, college, or department to another; evaluating transfer credit or courses; petitioning for grade changes; interpreting grade point average computations; and keeping accurate records of each student's progress.

The advisor's role as described in The Advisor's Handbook of San Jose State University includes being the student's academic navigator. Since the advisor is the advisee's primary link to the academic programs of the university, the advisor should be "...the person to whom the student should want to turn for serious, considered advice on academic questions." The advisor and advisee are in actuality "co-navigators" because many basic decisions about an academic program must be made by the student, utilizing input from the advisor. The role as academic navigator involves offering suggestions, questions, criticisms, praise, direction, and any other comments which will help each advisee define and achieve educational goals (1980, p. 2).

In addition, it often happens that advisees and advisors become so closely acquainted that the advisor knows advisees intellectually, emotionally, and sometimes socially as well. These are products of a productive, equally shared advisor-advisee relationship. Of course, it is not the advisor's duty to act as pal or psychological confidant, but at times the advisee may come to the advisor seeking other kinds of counsel besides the purely academic. The alert advisor should anticipate such "probes" and be prepared to respond to them because the student's academic life can

flourish only if it is relatively healthy in other ways, as well as academic (The Advisor's Handbook, San Jose State University, 1980, p. 2).

Another role of the faculty advisor is being the student's advocate. Higbee (1979) refers to this role as "A large order!" because the advisor is "...expected to show a sincere interest in the student, become aware of the student's interests and abilities, and be the student's advocate within the department and the university" (1979, pp. 47-48).

Hardee (1961) has written that the role of faculty advising is a tri-dimensional activity, consisting of: (1) discerning the purposes of the institution; (2) perceiving the purposes of the student learner; and (3) postulating the possibilities for the student as a learner and promoting these as means are available.

The first dimension, discerning the purposes of the university, requires a knowledge of institutional aims. Within these aims, the goals of general and professional education must be understood. Part of the knowledge to be acquired by advisors is how the content of the individual courses and the method for their teaching produce overall learning. The advisors' search for the learning climate in their respective institutions involves the image the university has for prospective and present students--the texture of the campus, its feeling, and its spirit.

The second dimension, understanding the purposes of the student, is closely related to the first dimension when one considers the fact that students of a given nature generally gravitate toward the institution which will fit their needs, their abilities, and their family and cultural influences.

The third dimension, postulating the possibilities for the student as a learner and promoting these, requires cooperation with and from the student. Hardee (1961) states that "It is the ultimate in the advising role." The perceptive advisor facilitates the student's growth in wisdom, in the appreciation for and exercise of knowledge, and in the overall integration of learning (1961, p. 116). Advisors need to weigh their reactions and approaches to each individual advisee with one major purpose in mind: to enrich and enhance the advisee's academic pursuits and development. This can be accomplished "...by knowing the student's propensities and responding to them with opinions

and help--always when asked, often when not asked" (The Advisor's Handbook, San Jose State University, 1980, p. 2).

Kramer and Gardner (1983) indicate that academic advising is a continuing process with sporadic contact between two individual parties. The role of the faculty advisor and the process of advising may be described by an analogy: the student advisee is climbing a ladder called higher education, maturation, or achievement. There are various points on the ladder called landings--places to rest, to review progress, and to plan for subsequent efforts. The landings are probably located at different places on the ladder according to each student climber's needs, wants, and desires. Simply stated, the advisor's role and responsibility is to be available at each of the landings to help the climber review and learn from past efforts and to plan for what lies ahead (1983, p. 24).

FUNCTIONS OF THE FACULTY ADVISOR

Faculty advisors are selected to provide educational counseling for college students. To be effective, the advisor must recognize that each student has different abilities, interests, aspirations, needs, experiences, and problems. Academic advising cannot, therefore, be a mechanical, routine matter. The faculty advisor's primary responsibility is to help individual advisees plan the program of study that will satisfy university requirements and at the same time meet each student's specific needs. To accomplish this goal, the faculty advisor must urge the student to give ample thought to the matter of education; he must direct the student in examining all significant facets of education while making necessary decisions (Brown, 1972, p. 93).

Although the functions of the faculty advisor vary for different students, the general advising duties are normally as follows:

1. The faculty advisor explains to the student the program of general or basic education as it relates to the first two years of college, to the major of the student, and to preparation for life pursuits generally.
2. The faculty advisor helps the student examine the course offerings in his major, relate these to other possible majors, and understand the graduation requirements for the curriculum leading to an appropriate degree.

3. The faculty advisor helps the student explore the career fields for which his major provides training and obtain related vocational information and survey job opportunities.
4. The faculty advisor serves as a link between the student and the administration by counseling the student on his scholastic problems (course scheduling, course adjustment, and academic progress and by making appropriate referral to other assistance agencies).
5. The faculty advisor serves as a "faculty friend" to the student by demonstrating a personal interest in him and in his adjustment to college; by serving as a central contact person in obtaining information that can be used to help the student; and by allowing the student freedom to make his own choices after the limitations, alternatives, and consequences involved in a decision are pointed out (Brown, 1972, pp. 93-94).

The faculty advisors assigned to advise students who are undecided about a major or majors have somewhat different responsibilities. Instead of helping each student explore the selected major, the advisor assists the student's investigation of potential majors by (1) referring the student to the counseling center for possible vocational testing and guidance and by (2) referring the student to special activities wherein interests may be explored and experiences gained. Once an undecided student has elected a major, it may be necessary to transfer him to a faculty advisor in his newly found major department (Brown, 1972, p. 94).

Hardee (1955) indicates that in helping the student emerge as a better integrated person, the faculty advisor engages in the following three types of activities:

1. Aids the advisee in the selection of a pattern of educational experiences which may result in better personal integration;
2. Assembles, organizes, channels, and centralizes all information, observations, and reports from every source relative to his advisee's progress, needs, abilities, and plans;
3. Assists the advisee at regular intervals to make adequate self-evaluation (1955, p. 164).

Hardee (1959) also suggests that while it is likely that the function of the faculty members serving as advisors may vary among institutions, colleges, and departments, their duties may be similar to the following:

1. The faculty adviser explains to the student the program of general or basic education as it relates to the first two years of college, to the major of the

student (if he has expressed interest in a major), and to preparation for life pursuits generally.

2. The faculty adviser plans with the student a schedule of courses with a consideration of the over-all year's work. This may be accomplished through a consideration of the offerings set forth in the various publications of the institution, by considering the student's strengths and needs as revealed by a study of high school tests and grades and of college entrance tests, by personal interview, and by judgments as to his ability contributed by high school principals and teachers.
3. The faculty adviser assists the student in exploring his major field. To accomplish this, he will interpret the various departmental publications of the university; in addition, he may refer the student to a special consultant in the field or to the counselors in the vocational guidance office. Finally, he may recommend particular extra class or part-time work activities for the student.
4. Likewise, the faculty adviser assists the "undecided" student in exploring a major field. This is accomplished by referring him to experts in several fields of specialty, to counselors in the vocational guidance office, to the bureau of testing for supplementary testing, and to various extra class activities wherein interests may be explored and experiences gained.
5. The faculty adviser serves as a "faculty friend" to the student by demonstrating a personal interest in him and in his adjustment to college; by serving as a central contact person in obtaining suggestions, which can be used to help the student, from residence counselor, teacher, or department head; in giving suggestions concerning the student to the residence counselor, teacher, or department head; and by allowing the student freedom to make his own choices after the limitations, alternatives, and consequences involved in a decision are pointed out.
6. The faculty adviser serves as a link between the student and the administration by counseling the student on matters of failure, on the procedures for dropping and adding courses, on eligibility for the various exemption examinations in general education, and on admittance to special remedial classes or clinics (1959, pp. 52-53).

Bloland (1967) indicates that the functions of the faculty advisor are group related. He classified the functions into three areas: (1) maintenance or custodial; (2) group growth; and (3) program content. Maintenance functions include those which help perpetuate the organization, follow rules and procedures, and provide a link with the group's history and traditions. The group growth functions are essentially facilitating. They refer to the advisor's contributions which help improve the operation and effectiveness of the group. The group growth functions include: directing consideration toward and assisting with development of group participation skills;

organizational structure and procedures; leadership training; effective planning; evaluation; and related topics which apply to groups regardless of their specific objectives (1967, p. 12).

The faculty advisor makes his unique contribution as educator on a university campus in the area of the third function--program content. Specific contributions which the faculty advisor can make in this area are offering program suggestions, recruiting colleagues to provide information and perspectives on issues, helping the members apply their classroom learning to out-of-class situations, and, in general, influencing the program and activities of the group so that they are compatible with objectives and endeavors of the university (Shaffer and Martinson, 1966, p. 79).

Translating the functions and activities of faculty advisors into performance objectives, Hardee and Mayhew (1970) wrote that:

1. The faculty adviser discusses the program of general or liberal education as it relates to the first two years of college, to the declared major of the student, and to preparation for life pursuits both during and after college.
2. The faculty adviser plans with the student a schedule of courses, with consideration of the immediate goals as well as of the long range objectives as those objectives can be determined.
3. The faculty adviser assists the student in exploring his major field by interpreting printed information, by referral to other advisory personnel, in recommending extra class activities or part-time work experiences to clarify roles.
4. The faculty adviser serves as coordinator of the educational experiences of the student, working in company with residence counselor, day-student adviser, teachers, department head, or others who observe or interact with the student.
5. The faculty adviser serves as faculty friend, demonstrating a personal interest in the student and discussing with him the minor to major concerns of his educational pursuit. In this role, the adviser provides the student freedom to make his own choices after the limitations, alternatives, and consequences involved in the decision are pointed out (1970, p. 21).

LIMITATIONS OF FACULTY ADVISORS/ADVISING

Hardee (1959) and Brown (1972) indicate that faculty advisors cannot be all things to all advisees because of the vast differences among students. Faculty advisors must recognize their limitations as counselors. Some of the restrictions impeding the effectiveness of faculty advisors are:

1. A faculty advisor cannot make decisions for an advisee but he can be a sympathetic listener and even offer various possible solutions to the student's problem.
2. A faculty advisor cannot increase the native ability of an advisee, but he can encourage the maximum use of the ability that the student has.
3. A faculty advisor cannot reduce the academic or employment load of a floundering advisee, but he can make recommendations that such adjustments be made.
4. A faculty advisor should not criticize a fellow faculty member to a student, but he can make a friendly approach to any teacher if that teacher is involved in the student's problem.
5. A faculty advisor should not tell an advisee his raw scores on psychological tests, but he can indicate areas in which the student seems weak or strong by discussing centiles derived from local norms.
6. A faculty advisor should not betray a student's confidence on matters of a personal nature, but he can seek appropriate professional assistance in helping a student with minor personal or social adjustment problems (Brown, 1972, pp. 94-95).
7. A faculty advisor should not attempt to handle cases of emotional disturbances which fall outside the behavioral pattern of students adjudged reasonably normal. When complex problems arise concerning financial aid, mental or physical health, or personal-social counseling, faculty should refer students to professional personnel through the Dean of Students Office (The American College Testing Program, 1979a, p. 4.149).

Even though they must recognize their limitations as counselors, faculty members, Eble (1976) warns, may have to add a basic competence in counseling and advising to their professional skills. Such competence may be gained in much the same way as other skills: by learning through study or instruction or practice. Little skill is gained unless faculty members accept the responsibility, give attention to its details, and intelligently engage in doing it (1976, p. 74).

According to Hoffmann (1965), there are two additional factors that hamper the effectiveness of academic advising. Those two limitations are:

1. Competition for the budget dollar by services that are obviously more essential than academic advising, e.g., excellent teaching and outstanding faculty members as well as the apparently endless need for the expansion and maintenance of physical facilities.
2. Faculty reluctance to become engrossed in anything other than teaching and research which pay dividends in money and status (1965, p. 16).

These two factors will make it difficult for universities to cope adequately with the expected rise in emotional and psychological instabilities of students. Colleges and college faculty members must strive to increase, augment, develop, and improve academic advising effectiveness. If they do less, they will be failing in their obligation not only to their students but to themselves (Hoffman, 1965, pp. 16-18).

CONCLUSION/STUDENT BENEFITS

One of the major emphases at this university has been person-to-person education. The University has advertised and is committed to the concept that the student is of utmost importance on the university campus. This concept magnifies the significance of the faculty advisor's role and functions.

When the faculty member accepts the challenge and assumes the responsibility of being an advisor and when other university professional personnel support the faculty member in the advising role, a number of positive student benefits occur. Some of these benefits include the following:

1. The student will know at least one member of the faculty in an other-than-classroom acquaintanceship.
2. The student will have an opportunity to discuss with a faculty member one area of occupational or professional specialty.

3. The student will have a "lifeline" to the administration through his advisor, a member of the academic community. (In the current era of dissent and press for administrative change, the faculty member can become a strong ally, a trustworthy advisor and evaluator of political action, a teacher of the art and science of campus communication.)
4. The student will have a role model close at hand. The accessibility of an adult who is sought and admired is a powerful stabilizing force in the life of the student learner (Hardee and Mayhew, 1970, pp. 11-12).

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SECTION TWO

**ACADEMIC ADVISING
RESOURCE MATERIALS**

THE ADVISING PROCESS

- 1. Exploration of Life Goals**
- 2. Exploration of Career/Educational Goals**
- 3. Selection of Educational Program**
- 4. Selection of Courses**
- 5. Scheduling of Classes**
(The American College Testing Program, 1979b, p. 14).

“Happiness is the only good. The place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is to help make others so” —Robert G. Ingersoll (Wons, 19930, p60).

THE DO'S OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

1. Appreciate the emotion behind your advisee's words (voice intonation and body language).
2. Constantly try to check your understanding of what you hear (not hear what you want to hear).
3. Do not interrupt your advisee's sentences. Let him/her tell his/her story first.
4. Fight off external distractions.
5. Constantly check to see if your advisee wants to comment or respond to what you have previously said.
6. RELAX - try not to give the impression you want to jump right in and talk.
7. Establish good eye contact.
8. Use affirmative head nods and appropriate facial expressions.
9. Avoid nervous or bored gestures.
10. Intermittently respond to your advisee with "uh, huh," "yes-s-s," "I see," etc.
11. Ask clarifying or continuing questions (it demonstrates to your advisees that you are involved in what they're saying).
12. Face your advisee squarely. It says that "I'm available to you."
13. Maintain an "open" posture. This is a sign that the helper is open to what the advisee has to say. It is a non-defensive position.
14. Lean towards the other, another indication of availability or involvement.
15. Recognize the advisee's non-verbal behavior. Examples are bodily movements, gestures, facial expressions. Also recognize the para-linguistic behavior. Examples are tone of voice, inflections, spacing of words, emphases and pauses. This will enable you to respond to the advisee's total message and not just words.
16. Recognize verbal behavior of the advisee. Be an active listener and listen for feelings and content behind the words, not just the words. Try to recognize if the feeling of the advisee is anger, happiness, frustration, or irritation and see if this conflicts with the words the advisee uses. This will enable you to respond accurately and effectively to the advisee in full perspective.
17. Offer reflections on what the student is feeling, based on the advisor's observations. Example: "I sense you are kind of tense about this."

18. Self-disclosure which can support the student's experience. Example: "I remember how nervous I was the first time I went in to see an advisor."
19. Offer reflections on what the student is saying. Example: "I hear you saying that you aren't completely sure this is the right major for you."
20. Indirect leads allow the student to choose the direction of the discussion. Example: "What would you like to talk about today?"
21. Direct leads help the student to further explore a specific area. Example: "Can you tell me more about your thoughts on changing your major?"
22. Focusing helps the student zoom in on a particular issue after many issues have been presented. Example: "We're talking about a lot of things here, which one is most important for you to work on now?"
23. Asking questions using "what" or "how" can help the student give more than "yes," "no," "because," or "I don't know" answers. Example: "What do you like about this major and what don't you like" (Crockett, 1988, pp. 313-314)?

P. T. BARNUM'S BUSINESS RULES

- 1. Select the kind of business that suits your natural inclinations and temperament.**
- 2. Let your pledged word ever be sacred.**
- 3. Whatever you do, do with all your might.**
- 4. Sobriety: Use no description of intoxicating liquors.**
- 5. Let hope predominate, but be not too visionary.**
- 6. Do not scatter your powers.**
- 7. Engage proper employees.**
- 8. Advertise your business. Do not hide your light under a bushel.**
- 9. Avoid extravagance, and always live considerably within your income, if you can do so without absolute starvation.**
- 10. Do not depend upon others** (Wons, 1930, p. 28).

THE DON'TS OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

1. **TALKING.** You can't listen while you are talking.
2. **NOT EMPATHIZING WITH THE OTHER PERSON.** Try to put yourself in his/her place so that you can see what he/she is trying to get at.
3. **NOT ASKING QUESTIONS.** When you don't understand, when you need further clarification, when you want him/her to like you, when you want to show that you are listening. But don't ask questions that will embarrass him/her or show him/her up.
4. **GIVING UP TOO SOON.** Don't interrupt the other person; give him/her time to say what he/she has to say.
5. **NOT CONCENTRATING ON WHAT HE/SHE IS SAYING.** Actively focus your attention on his/her words, ideas, and feelings related to the subject.
6. **NOT LOOKING AT THE OTHER PERSON.** His/her face, mouth, eyes, hands, will all help him/her to communicate with you. They will help you concentrate, too. Make him/her feel that you are listening.
7. **SMILING AND GRUNTING INAPPROPRIATELY.** Don't overdo it.
8. **SHOWING YOUR EMOTIONS.** Try to push your worries, your fears, your problems outside the meeting room. They may prevent you from listening well.
9. **NOT CONTROLLING YOUR ANGER.** Try not to get angry at what he/she is saying; your anger may prevent you from understanding his/her words or meaning.
10. **USING DISTRACTIONS.** Put down any papers, pencils, etc. you may have in your hands; they may distract your attention.
11. **MISSING THE MAIN POINTS.** Concentrate on the main ideas and not the illustrative material; examples, stories, statistics, etc. are important but are usually not the main points. Examine them only to see if they prove, support and define the main ideas.
12. **REACTING TO THE PERSON.** Don't let your reactions to the person influence your interpretation of what he/she says. His/her ideas may be good even if you don't like him/her as a person or the way he/she looks.
13. **NOT SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION.** Only part of the responsibility rests with the speaker; you as the listener have an important part. Try to understand. If you don't, ask for clarification.

14. **ARGUING MENTALLY.** When you are trying to understand the other person, it is a handicap to argue with him/her mentally as he/she is speaking. This sets up a barrier between you and the speaker.
15. **NOT USING THE DIFFERENCE IN RATE.** You can listen faster than he/she can talk. Use this rate difference to your advantage by trying to stay on the right track, anticipating what he/she is going to say, thinking back over what he/she has said, evaluating his/her development, etc. Rate difference: Speech rate is about 100 to 150 words per minute; think rate is about 250 to 500 words per minute.
16. **NOT LISTENING FOR WHAT IS NOT SAID.** Sometimes you can learn just as much by determining what the other person leaves out or avoids in his/her talking as you can be listening to what he/she says.
17. **NOT LISTENING TO HOW SOMETHING IS SAID.** We frequently concentrate so hard on what is said that we miss the importance of the emotional reactions and attitudes related to what is said. A person's attitude and emotional reactions may be more important than what he/she says in so many words.
18. **ANTAGONIZING THE SPEAKER.** You may cause the other person to conceal his/her ideas, emotions, and attitudes by antagonizing him/her in any of a number of ways: Arguing, criticizing, taking notes, not taking notes, asking questions, not asking questions, etc. Try to judge and be aware of the effect you are having on the other person. Adapt to him/her. Ask for feedback on your behavior.
19. **NOT LISTENING FOR THE STUDENT'S PERSONALITY.** One of the best ways to find out information about a person is to listen to him/her talk. As he/she talks, you can begin to find out what he/she likes and dislikes, what his/her motivations are, what his/her value system is, what he/she thinks about everything and anything that makes him/her tick.
20. **JUMPING TO ASSUMPTIONS.** They can get you into trouble in trying to understand the other person. Don't assume that he/she uses words in the same way you do; that he/she didn't say what he/she meant; that he/she is avoiding looking you in the eyes because he/she is telling a lie; that he/she is trying to embarrass you by looking you in the eye; that he/she is distorting the truth because what he/she says doesn't agree with what you think; that he/she is lying because he/she has interpreted the facts differently from you; that he/she is unethical because he/she is trying to win you over to his/her point of view; that he/she is angry because he/she is enthusiastic in presenting his/her views. Assumptions like these may turn out to be true, but more often they just get in the way of your understanding.
21. **CLASSIFYING THE SPEAKER.** It has some value, but beware. Too frequently we classify a person as one type of person and then try to fit everything he/she says into what makes sense coming from that type of person. He/she is a Republican. Therefore, our perceptions of what he/she says or means are all shaded by whether we like or dislike Republicans. At times it helps us to understand people to know their position, their religious beliefs, their jobs, etc., but people have the trait of being unpredictable and not fitting into their classifications.
22. **MAKING HASTY JUDGMENTS.** Wait until all the facts are in before making any judgments.

23. **NOT ALLOWING RECOGNITION OF YOUR OWN PREJUDICE.** Try to be aware of your own feelings toward the speaker, the subject, the occasion, etc. and allow for these prejudgments.
24. **NOT IDENTIFYING TYPE OF REASONS.** Frequently it is difficult to sort out good and faulty reasoning when you are listening. Nevertheless, it is so important to a job that a listener should lend every effort to learn to spot faulty reasoning when he/she hears it.
25. **NOT EVALUATING FACTS AND EVIDENCE.** As you listen, try to identify not only the significance of the facts and evidence, but also their relatedness to the argument (Crockett, 1988, pp. 315-316.).

"DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE FRIENDLY, YOU'LL BE HELPING SOMEBODY ELSE AS WELL AS YOURSELF," (Holmes, 1982, p. 58).

"YOU SOMETIMES PROFIT FROM THE ADVICE YOU DON'T TAKE" (McKenzie, 1980, p. 10).

"DON'T HESITATE TO GIVE ADVICE. IT PASSES THE TIME AND NOBODY LISTENS TO IT ANYWAY" (McKenzie, 1980, P. 11).

THE STEREOTYPES OF FACULTY ADVISEMENT

Certain aspects of faculty advising have tended to gloss the process so that the true dimensions of advising have been obscured. Among the stereotypes are these:

1. **THE AUTOMAT STEREOTYPE.** This is the common "slip a coin in and get a schedule out" process wherein the student and advisor interact solely in a mechanical process of working out a program suitable for a given period of registration. In a recent study it was noted that in many colleges the view prevails that when a student has been assisted in arranging a program of classes that has met his/her needs, the major task of advising has been fulfilled. Students deserve much more assistance in the forms of analysis of their achievement, assistance in occupational exploration, referral to remedial and developmental services, effecting suitable work-study and recreation patterns, referral to health services, financial assistance, part-time work, and discussion of appropriate graduate and professional programs with eventual placement.

2. **THE THOUSAND-MILE CHECKUP.** This stereotype is one that conceives the advisor as active in arranging a program of courses and subsequently checking a month or six weeks thereafter to see how the program has worked. This and little more! This stereotypic action has been described as follows:

...the university provided me with a freshman advisor to whom I was to go when my first month's grades were turned in, and regularly thereafter once a month. My particular advisor was an ascetic-looking assistant professor in English, very scholarly and by no means interested in callow freshmen. He had a half-dozen other freshmen besides me to advise, and his technique was to get rid of us as quickly as possible. Every month he gave me my grades and said, "That's fine; you're doing very well." I said, "Thank you," and walked out. In later years when I became interested in the institution of freshmen advisors, I questioned numerous students on the campus and found not one who had received more advice from his [sic] than I had from mine.

3. **THE PATCH-AFTER-CRASH STEREOTYPE.** In this role, the faculty advisor is galvanized into action at moments of crisis. The student fails miserably, is entrapped in a violation of academic or social regulations, is about to drop or be dropped, with the result that the faculty advisor races to the scene--office of the academic or personnel dean--with sirens blowing. Too little and too late is usually the appraisal of this well-intentioned but ill-planned maneuver.

4. **THE MALEVOLENT BENEVOLENCY.** One more stereotype surely deserves to be mentioned. It is that which pictures the faculty advisor as mother hen, with a wingspread like that of an eagle, hovering over the student by day and by night-- protecting, preventing, paternalizing. Probably, at some time or another, the advisor wonders if he/she is not prolonging infancy. These times should be rare--in the early weeks, for instance, when for the freshmen, the break from home and home town may seem cataclysmic. It must be patently understood that any program of faculty advising that stultifies human growth and development cannot be justified.

There are assuredly other stereotypes, but the ones noted above seem to illustrate some myths and confusions about the advisor role. All these certainly miss the point of real importance: the consideration of the learner in the climate of his learning (Hardee and Mayhew, 1970, pp. 10-11).

**“ADVICE IS LIKE MEDICINE—THE
CORRECT DOSAGE WORKS WONDERS, BUT
AN OVERDOSE CAN BE DANGEROUS”**

(McKenzie, 1980, p. 11).

**“ALL ALONG THE JOURNEY THROUGH
COLLEGE TO GRADUATION--BUT
ESPECIALLY AT THE BEGINNING--
STUDENTS NEED GUIDANCE AND
INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION IN
DEVELOPING A WIDE RANGE OF
KNOWLEDGE AND RELEVANT SKILLS”**

(Forrest, 1982, p. 41).

STRATEGIES OF ADVISEMENT

Emphasized below are basic strategies of advisement used to assist in individual student development. Please review them carefully.

A. Attempt to become acquainted with the advisee in as many aspects as possible.

Getting to know the advisees outside the formality of the office when possible, and not only during class scheduling or unusual circumstances, can be extremely valuable. Knowing the academic abilities and background of the advisee is also important. Having good documentation (the advising folder) such as high school courses with grades, rank in graduating class, ACT or SAT scores, transfer courses and grades from other universities, and present academic status is essential when assessing a student's ability and future direction.

B. Explore the objectives, interests, and motivations of the advisee.

The advisee's actual certainty of future objectives and goals is difficult to ascertain. When the advisor has some knowledge of the advisee's non-academic background -- such as home influence, hobbies, and friends -- a more thorough type of advisement is possible.

C. Develop rapport with advisees.

If the student knows the advisor as a professional person who has a genuine interest in students, the advisement process becomes much more beneficial for both advisor and advisee.

The student should be encouraged to become acquainted with other faculty members in the department, for multiple contacts can be useful to the student who is attempting to assess his personal goals.

D. Become knowledgeable concerning university rules, policies, regulations, and procedures that affect academic programs and activity.

Every advisor must be well informed regarding current academic policies and procedures for these are the foundations on which all advisement efforts will be built. Review of prior policies and study of new policy changes should be a regular activity of each advisor before beginning each registration period.

Familiarity with courses generally taken by advisees, the characteristics of teachers of the courses, and how the courses have been appraised by prior students can make the advisement process smoother and more successful.

Suggestions for student involvement in campus activities is often the key to retention in school.

E. Evaluate student motivation.

Enhancing a student's motivation by capitalizing on good academic planning can be a very helpful strategy. While lack of motivation is generally recognized as the most common cause of poor academic performance, no clear cut methods to help a student achieve maximum motivation have been developed. Suggested strategies might include:

1. Matching courses early in the program to the student's academic strengths, interests, and background.
2. Helping the student, when possible, have a chance to build on success rather than failure.
3. Challenging capable students to continue their efforts toward academic excellence.
4. Explaining the rewards of a strong academic program and associated good grades.

F. Be aware of the limitations of responsibility which place the burden of the advisement process on the shoulders of the student.

Obviously, an advisor cannot make decisions for an advisee, but can be a sympathetic listener and offer various alternatives for the advisee's consideration. Advisors cannot increase the ability of a student, but can encourage the maximum use of that ability. While advisors cannot change some aspects of class schedules or employment loads, the students can be referred to the proper offices for such adjustments when desirable.

G. Seek to determine the level of advisement appropriate for your own comfort and training.

Generally, advisors should not attempt to personally handle complex problems concerning financial aid, mental or physical health, personal or social counseling. When these situations do arise, the faculty advisor should refer students to professional personnel who are specially trained and knowledgeable about dealing with such problems (Morehead State University, 1981).

Good luck and Godspeed during registration and other times of advisement.

“HERE’S SOME GOOD ADVICE: GET GOOD ADVICE”
(Safire and Safir, 1992, p. xi).

TRADITIONAL "GOOD ADVISOR" DESCRIPTORS-- SOME OBSERVATIONS

- 1. THEY ARE DERIVED FROM A THERAPEUTIC HELPING RELATIONSHIP--THE RESTORATION OF SOME PART OF A CRUMBLING PERSONALITY.**
- 2. THEY ASSUME THAT THE ADVISOR-ADVISEE RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES BEYOND A SINGLE MEETING.**
- 3. THEY ATTRIBUTE TO THE ADVISOR A SET OF CHARACTERISTICS THAT DESCRIBE AN ALMOST PERFECT, IF NOT "GOD-LIKE," INDIVIDUAL.**
- 4. THEY PRESCRIBE FOR THE ADVISOR A MOSTLY PASSIVE, RECEPTIVE ROLE WHICH ALLOWS ONLY THE ADVISEE TO BE SEEN "HOLISTICALLY."**
- 5. THEY TEND TO FOCUS THE ADVISEE'S PERCEPTIONS OF THE ADVISOR ON HIS/HER ROLE AS A PAID, TRAINED PRACTICING PROFESSIONAL (AS CONTRASTED WITH HIS BEING A "PERSON").**
- 6. THEY PROBABLY SERVE TO DISCOURAGE FACULTY/STAFF PARTICIPATION IN ADVISOR TRAINING PROGRAMS, CONVEYING, AS THEY OFTEN DO, THE FLAVOR OF "BECOMING A COUNSELOR" AND/OR INTERACTING ARTIFICIALLY WITH STUDENTS.**
- 7. THEY SELDOM DESCRIBE THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM AN ADVISEE ENCOUNTERS, SO THAT STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR "WHAT SHOULD BE" IN ADVISORS ARE SHATTERED BY ACTUALLY "WHAT IS" (Metz and Allan, 1981).**

“A guy giving advice is at the peak of human pleasure; there’s nothing more self-inflating than hitching your thumbs under your braces, leaning back in your desk chair and starting every sentence with, ‘Well, what you ought to do is...’” (Boyles, 1998, p. 48).

WHAT IS A STUDENT?

A **STUDENT** is the most important person in any educational institution.

A **STUDENT** is not dependent on us. We are dependent on him/her.

A **STUDENT** is not an interruption of our work. He/she is the purpose of it.

A **STUDENT** does us a favor when he/she enrolls. We are not doing him/her a favor by serving him/her.

A **STUDENT** is a part of our work--not an outsider.

A **STUDENT** is not just a statistic. He/she is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like us.

A **STUDENT** is a person who comes to us with his/her needs or wants. It is our job to fill them.

A **STUDENT** is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him/her.

A **STUDENT** is the life blood of this and every other educational institution (source unknown).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADVISOR

- * **Helps Student Define and Develop Realistic Goals**
- * **Identifies Special Needs**
- * **Matches Student to Available Resources**
- * **Assists Student to Plan Program Consistent with Abilities and Interests**
- * **Monitors Progress Toward Educational/Career Goals**
- * **Discusses Linkage Between Academic Preparation and World-of-Work**
(The American College Testing Program, 1979b, p. 11).

“Friendship by its very nature consists in loving, rather than in being loved. In other words, friendship consists in being a friend, not in having a friend” —H. Clay Trumbull (Wons, 1930, p. 33).

ADVISOR BEHAVIORS

INTERPERSONAL ADVISOR BEHAVIORS

1. Teach skills necessary to improve academic standing while at the university (academic survival skills).
2. Make clear the available student personnel resources, such as the counseling center, health center, student center.
3. Be available to students for personal discussions.
4. Help the students to gain an understanding of their own abilities, interests, and goals.
5. Offer a relationship to students that would contribute to a personalized educational experience during orientation.
6. Provide help and encouragement to students to explore the best they can be (to maximize their potentials).
7. Provide an integrated picture of the university with respect to courses, procedures, requirements, and university goals.
8. Encourage students to evaluate themselves in relation to the university and its opportunities.
9. Disclose information about yourself as a person who is going through the process of becoming educated.
10. Show empathy and understanding of the college transition process.
11. Demonstrate personal warmth, respect, and a genuineness related to problems presented by the students.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR BEHAVIORS

1. Demonstrate an understanding of what new students must go through in order to become matriculated.
2. Provide references to other university resources when necessary.
3. Help the students assess realistically their college major choice.
4. Help the students attain their immediate educational goals.
5. Provide information regarding courses, requirements, tests, registration, course changes, and so forth.

6. Interpret test results by relating them to standardized ability tests, and course exemptions.
7. Help students to evaluate and understand their educational goals.
8. Provide time for students to ask questions (Aiken, et. al. 1976, p. 18).

“WE CAN GIVE ADVICE BUT WE CAN’T GIVE THE WISDOM TO PROFIT BY IT” (McKenzie, 1980, p. 11).

MOST PARTICIPANTS IN GENERAL EDUCATION EXPECT AT LEAST TWO OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS:

- 1. ACQUISITION OF THE BASIC ABILITIES AND MOTIVATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE COURSES IN A FIELD OF CONCENTRATION.**
- 2. ACQUISITION OF THE ABILITIES NEEDED TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY IN A NUMBER OF ADULT ROLES AFTER GRADUATION** (Forrest, 1982, p. 7).

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD ADVISOR

A good advisor:

1. Is personally and professionally interested in being an advisor.
2. Listens constructively, attempting to hear all aspects of students' expressed problems.
3. Sets aside enough regularly scheduled time to adequately meet the advising needs of students assigned to him.
4. Knows university policy and practice in sufficient detail to provide students with accurate, usable information.
5. Refers students to other sources of information and assistance when referral seems to be the best student-centered response to be made.
6. Attempts to understand student concerns from a student point of view.
7. Views long-range planning as well as immediate problem-solving as an essential part of effective advising.
8. Shares his advising skills with working colleagues who also are actively involved with advising.
9. Continually attempts to improve both the style and substance of his advising role.
10. Willingly and actively participates in advisor-training programs, both initial and in-service (Metz and Allan, 1981).

“Competent advising requires resources just as competent classroom instruction does” (Bonar, 1976B, p. 403).

THE DEVIL'S (ADVOCATE) LIST FOR GOOD-ADVISOR CHARACTERISTICS

THE GOOD ADVISOR SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

1. **COAX AND WHEEDLE** - "A STUDENT WITH YOUR AVERAGE (3.7) AND BREADTH OF INTERESTS SHOULD BE EXPLORING A VARIETY OF CAREER OPTIONS."
2. **COERCE** - "IF YOU WANT ME TO SUPPORT YOUR REINSTATEMENT REQUEST THEN YOU MUST SCHEDULE ONLY THESE COURSES NEXT SEMESTER!"
3. **CONFRONT** - "BUT YOU REALLY DON'T BELIEVE THAT I CAN TELL YOU WHAT TO MAJOR IN, DO YOU?!"
4. **PERSUADE** - "THE READING AND STUDY SKILLS COURSE WE OFFER CAN CERTAINLY HELP YOU IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE!"
5. **PRESCRIBE** - "WITH YOUR SAT SCORES, YOU SHOULD TAKE TWO PREPARATORY MATH COURSES (BEFORE TAKING ENGINEERING CALCULUS) AND GET PLENTY OF TUTORING ASSISTANCE. COME BACK IN THREE WEEKS AND WE'LL CHECK ON HOW THINGS ARE GOING."
6. **SUGGEST** - "YOU CAN DECIDE WHETHER IT MAKES SENSE, BUT I THINK WITHDRAWING THIS SEMESTER IS THE BEST THING TO DO."
7. **DENY** - "I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT I CANNOT RETROACTIVELY DROP YOUR LAST SEMESTER'S COURSE JUST BECAUSE YOU FLUNKED IT!"
8. **BACKSLIDE** - "LOOK, I KNOW WHAT THE CAMPUS POLICY IS, BUT, GIVEN YOUR SITUATION, I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION" (Metz and Allan, 1981).

"A BIT OF ADVICE: SAY NOTHING OFTEN" (McKenzie, 1980, p. 11).

LEGAL ISSUES AND ACADEMIC ADVISING

The academic advisor is on the "front line" of the college or university in dealing with students. It is a critical position, and the success or failure of the student's education and growth is influenced greatly by the advising function. In today's litigious atmosphere, the advising function is more critical than ever.

Academic advising occurs under the umbrella of academic affairs. The courts have always hesitated to enter the academic arena and substitute their judgment for that of the academician. In doing so, they have recognized the academic freedom which protects academic decisions, including advising decisions. They have recognized also that their repeated presence in the academic community possibly could cause deterioration in the otherwise beneficial student-faculty relationship. Thus, if academicians do not abuse their discretion in dealing with students, they need not fear judicial intervention. The courts will intervene, however, if evidence exists of arbitrary or negligent treatment of students or a denial of their protected rights. The increasing number of court decisions dealing with classroom and academic matters attests to the growing judicial sensitivity to students' rights in academic affairs. The advisor's job falls within this academic affairs area, and, thus, advisors must understand the legal issues involving four major areas: the contractual relationship between student and institution, guidelines governing privacy of student records, the concept of privileged communications, and academic due process and the need for grievance procedures.

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP

In academic affairs, a contractual relationship exists between the student and the institution. The basic provisions of the college catalog, recruiting brochures, various bulletins, and the student handbook become part of the contract. The institution sets forth certain requirements for passing courses and for successful completion of programs and subsequent graduation. If students fail to meet the required standards, they can be penalized through such action as dismissal, suspension, or failure to graduate on schedule; if the institution fails to respect its own regulations, then the student may seek judicial relief.

An institution may create certain contractual obligations through statements in its publications. Advisors' obligations and responsibilities usually appear in an advisor's handbook and often in publications readily available to the student. An increasing emphasis on quality advising to enhance retention brings added responsibilities to the advisor. More and more advisors not only are expected to understand such things as scheduling and registration procedures and degree and program requirements, but also they may be expected to function as a referral service or possibly as career counselors. Thus, if institutions promise such services from their advising system, they should ensure that their advisors can deliver these services. Where an advisor did not, or could not, perform his contractual obligation, then possibly liability could be present. Thus, institutions should be conscious of an advisor's obligations which might be created by unequivocal statements regarding advisors' responsibilities.

Most institutions' catalogs state that the ultimate responsibility for knowing degree requirements rests with the student. This type of statement normally would protect advisors if they commit an advising error. Generally, the advisor is not going to be held personally liable for erroneous advising in the absence of gross negligence, irresponsible behavior, or arbitrary or capricious treatment of the student. Advisors should keep notes of their discussions with students during advising sessions. An accurate record of advising sessions would help solve any disputes over the content of previous advising and also serve as a legitimate protection against claims of erroneous advising.

THE BUCKLEY AMENDMENT: ADVISOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND STUDENT'S RIGHT TO PRIVACY

Since advisors maintain educational records -- records of advisees' grades and other academic information -- they must understand the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (commonly referred to as The Buckley Amendment). Basically, this act provides students with access to information placed in their advising files. Furthermore, it ensures that only school officials with a legitimate educational interest may see the student's file. The student's permission must be obtained before any other party may have access to the student's file. Thus, advisors, upon request, must allow students access to their advising file. This fact, however, does exclude a student's right of access to personal notes that the advisor may have made during the advising sessions. Under this Act, these notes constitute records made by educational personnel and kept solely in their possession. Advisors may allow someone who temporarily performs his/her advising duties to see the notes; if the advisor is to be replaced permanently, however, he/she should remove any personal notes from the student's file before transferring the file to the replacement.

Under legislation, the student has the right to an informal hearing regarding material in his record. If at this hearing the student does not receive satisfaction, then he/she may insert explanatory material in the file. The Act specifically denies students the right to a hearing regarding grades received. The student, however, may challenge the accuracy of transferring grades to the student's record.

Information in the file may be sent to parents of financially dependent students without the student's written consent. The registrar's office usually maintains information regarding a student's status as a financial dependent. Institutional policy, however, will determine whether or not information must be sent to parents without the student's consent.

According to the Buckley Amendment, a record also must be kept of requests received from school officials to obtain information from the student's file. The record should not only identify the official making the request, but also the official's legitimate educational reason for requesting the information. The record should remain in the student's file. Each institution is individually responsible for determining which parties qualify as "school officials" and what constitutes a "legitimate educational interest." Advisors should familiarize themselves with their institution's policy governing this matter, as well as other institutional policies regarding implementation of the Buckley Amendment.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

Although the law recognizes the student's right to privacy of his/her educational records, it also recognizes the advisor's right to privileged communications. Thus, in an effort to help a

student, advisors can discuss confidential information regarding that student with other appropriate individuals. The courts generally will respect the right to such communications and will not hold the advisor liable for statements considered as privileged communications. This right, however, is not an absolute one, and advisors must exercise good judgment in making all confidential statements. To determine the appropriateness of confidential discussions, an advisor should simply ask if such a discussion would serve the student's best interest.

At times, students will come to advisors with personal problems; normally these problems should remain confidential. In some instances, however, a student may tell the advisor of certain intentions that would prove harmful to the student or possibly to others, such as the intention to commit suicide or the desire to harm another person. Although the statements are made in confidence, an obligation rests with the advisor to disclose such information to an appropriate party, such as parents, an intended victim, a school psychologist, or police.

ACADEMIC DUE PROCESS

The courts have mandated that students receive due process guarantees of notice and hearing in disciplinary cases, but students with grievances concerning academic affairs, such as situations involving erroneous advising, disputed grades, or alleged arbitrary course requirements, generally find themselves without due process guarantees. The courts, to this date, have not mandated legally what constitutes due process in academic affairs. Courts generally will respect the institution's procedures for handling academic affairs cases, as well as their decisions resolving these cases. As previously indicated, the courts will intervene in cases involving seemingly arbitrary or capricious treatment of a student. The voluntary application, however, of the spirit and principles of due process to academic affairs can reduce the incentives for legalism and reliance upon the courts by students when they feel aggrieved. With clearly defined grievance procedures in place, courts will decline to intervene until a student exhausts this administrative remedy. Thus individual departments or divisions of the institution should outline procedures that students will follow in registering any grievances resulting from erroneous advising or any other action taken by the advisor. The following suggested procedures should not be construed as specific prescriptions to cover every case, but rather as a guideline:

1. Institutions should define clearly and publish the responsibilities of advisors and students in the advisor-advisee relationship.
2. Information the student is expected to know, such as academic requirements for continuance and graduation, should be clearly specified and publicized.
3. A well-documented and orderly procedure of appeal should be established and promulgated. A committee should be appointed in each department or division or one committee for the entire institution, if that is deemed appropriate, which would hear complaints by students against advisors for alleged advising errors or negligent and irresponsible advising. The advisor against whom the allegations have been made should receive all due process rights in defending his/her actions.

Implementation and promulgation of these recommendations would not open a Pandora's box with a proliferation of student complaints against advisors. Rather, advisors would maintain a responsible attitude toward students, and students would understand more clearly their responsibilities in the advising process. The channeling of complaints through an appointed committee would formalize a fair and reasonable procedure which does not exist on many campuses today.

Two elements have combined to cause an increase in the number of academic affairs cases: arrival of consumerism to the campus and the lowered age of majority. Consumerism on campus today considers whether or not an institution delivers to the student the product it claims in its various publications, as well as in oral presentations. As legal adults, by virtue of the lowered age of majority, students must accept more responsibility for their actions on campus and thus also may have a great inclination to press charges against the institution when they believe they have received arbitrary or capricious treatment. This does not mean that all students might file a court suit when they reach the age of majority, but since they must accept the responsibilities of that status they will most likely be more zealous of their rights. With these prevailing conditions and the fact that quality advising is fast becoming a criterion for promotion, tenure, and salary increases, advisors should seek to understand the legal issues related to advising. This understanding will ensure a responsible attitude toward students and protect their rights as well as those of the advisor.

By knowing the current legal parameters and by practicing the "golden rule," advisors will create and maintain those policies and practices that respect the worth and dignity of each student. By doing so, they will help create a better climate for reducing the incentives for legalism and respecting the rights, freedoms, and responsibilities of all (Young, 1982, pp. 41-45).

"THE ADVISOR SHOULD RECORD INFORMATION IN THE ADVISEES' FILES WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL IN FUTURE ADVISING SESSIONS WITH THE STUDENTS AND FOR POSSIBLE USE BY OTHER ADVISORS IN CASE OF REFERRAL OR CHANGE OF MAJOR. THE ADVISOR SHOULD ALSO KEEP A RECORD OF THOSE COURSES WHICH THE STUDENTS WERE ADVISED TO TAKE AND A RECORD OF THE STUDENTS' FINAL SELECTIONS" (Craig, 1981, p. 10).

LEGAL ISSUES AND THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

I. BACKGROUND

FERPA, 20 USC 1232g, also known as the Buckley Amendment, was enacted on August 21, 1974, and took effect on November 19, 1974. It was enacted in response to a growing public awareness regarding government record keeping and the dissemination of information commonly considered private in nature. It provides rights of inspection and prohibitions against unauthorized dissemination of educational information and applies to elementary, secondary, and post secondary educational agencies. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (now Health and Human Services) was charged with implementing the act and maintains oversight of complaints under the act today.

II. APPLICABILITY

- A. The act applies to all public and private institutions of higher education which receive funds made available under programs administered by the Secretary of Education, including federal grant monies, Pell grants, Guaranteed Student Loan Programs, and other such funds. If an institution receives monies under one or more such programs, the regulations apply to the recipient as a whole, including each component or department within the institution. In other words, most institutions of higher education, whether public or private, fall under FERPA regulations.
- B. For Texas state-supported institutions, the legislature has incorporated the provisions of FERPA into the Texas Open Records Act, Article 6252-17a, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes. Consequently, requests for student records may be referred to the Attorney General for ruling if the records should not be disclosed.

III. DEFINITIONS

Selected definitions include:

- A. Student--any individual who is or has been in attendance at an institution and about whom the institution maintains education records. Eligible students are those who are 18 years of age or older.
- B. Parent--parent of a student, including natural parent, guardian, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or guardian.
- C. Attendance--attendance in person or by correspondence. This definition also includes that period of time during which a student might be working under a work-

study program. Note that it is not enough to be enrolled; the student must be physically present at the institution except in cases involving a correspondence course.

- D. Disclosure--to permit access to education records or the personally identifiable information in the records by any means, including oral, written, or electronic means.
- E. Personally identifiable information--student's name, parent and family member names, address of student and parent or family members, a personal identifier such as social security number or student number, a list of personal characteristics or other information which would make the student's identity easily traceable.
- F. Directory information - information contained in education records which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Specific examples include student name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletes, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational institution attended. For public institutions in Texas, the Attorney General has broadened this list somewhat to include marital status, religious preference, student parking permit information, current class schedule, current number of hours enrolled, and class roster.
- G. Education records--those records that are directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational institution. Education records do not include:
 - 1. records of instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel that are kept in the sole possession of the maker of the record and are not revealed to anyone except a substitute. Example: grade books and lesson plans.
 - 2. records of a law enforcement unit of an educational institution if the records are maintained separately from education records, maintained solely for enforcement purposes, and disclosed only to law enforcement officials of the same jurisdiction.
 - 3. records relating to an individual who is employed by an educational institution that are maintained in the normal course of business, related solely to the individual as an employee, and are not available for any other purpose. Exception: records of an individual who is employed by the educational institution as a result of his or her status as a student are educational records and are not excepted from coverage under this section. Examples include employment records of research and teaching assistants.
 - 4. records that contained information about an individual after he or she is no longer a student at the institution.
 - 5. records of a student that are made or maintained by a physician, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in such capacity which are made or used only in connection with treatment of the student and are disclosed only to persons providing the treatment. Treatment does not include remedial educational activities or activities that are part of the program of instruction.

IV. RIGHTS OF INSPECTION AND REVIEW

- A. FERPA provides that an institution must allow an eligible student to inspect and review his or her educational records. The educational agency must provide the records no later than 45 days after requested. The institution must respond to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the records. And records may not be destroyed if there is an outstanding request for inspection. Records not subject to review include:
1. financial records of the parents; and
 2. confidential letters and statements of recommendation if the student has waived the right to review and inspect these documents and the letters are related to the student's admission, application for employment, or receipt of an honor or honorary recognition. The waiver is valid only if it is not a condition of admission to the institution or of receipt of a benefit or service from the institution and if it is in writing and signed by the student. If the student provides such a waiver, the student shall receive, upon request, the names of the persons providing the recommendations, and the institution shall not use the letters for any purpose other than that for which they were originally intended. The student may revoke the waiver in writing; however, revocation affects actions only after it is received. In other words, a student may not revoke the waiver in order to see documents already received.
- B. If a student believes that the records contain inaccurate or misleading information or information that violates the student's right to privacy, the student may request that the institution amend the records. If the institution does not agree, it shall inform the student in writing and advise the student of the right to a hearing. If, as a result of the hearing, the institution agrees with the student, it shall amend the record and notify the student in writing. If the institution does not agree, it shall advise the student that he or she may place a written statement in the file contesting the information. If the student chooses this option, the statement must be maintained with the contested information and disclosed in conjunction with any release of the contested information. Minimum hearing requirements include:
1. the hearing must be held within a reasonable time after the request;
 2. the student will be provided reasonable notice of the date, place, and time;
 3. the individual conducting the hearing must not have a direct interest in the outcome;
 4. the student must have a fair opportunity to present his/her case and may be assisted by an attorney;
 5. the decision must be in writing and rendered within a reasonable time after the hearing. It must be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing and must include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision.
- C. The courts have ruled that FERPA does not provide a means by which a student may obtain information on how a particular grade was assigned. "At most, a student is only entitled to know whether or not the assigned grade was recorded accurately in the student's record." Tarka v. Cunningham, 741 F. Supp. 1281 (W. D. Tex. 1990).

V. DISCLOSURE

- A. In general, an eligible student's consent must be obtained prior to disclosing personally identifiable information from the student's educational records. The consent form must be in writing, stating the date, the records to be released, and the purpose of the disclosure. Exceptions to this rule include:
1. directory information unless the student has requested in writing that all or any portion of those items designated as directory information not be disclosed;
 2. disclosures to internal officials who have a legitimate educational interest in the information;
 3. disclosures to another educational institution where the student seeks or intends to enroll;
 4. disclosure is to be made to authorized representatives of the Comptroller General of the U.S., the Secretary of Education, or state and local educational authorities;
 5. financial aid which the student has applied for or received if the disclosure is for the purpose of determining eligibility, amount or conditions of aid, or to enforce the terms and conditions of the aid;
 6. disclosures to organizations conducting studies for or on behalf of educational agencies to develop, validate, or administer predictive tests or student aid programs or to improve instruction;
 7. disclosures to accrediting agencies to carry out accrediting functions;
 8. parents of a dependent student, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code;
 9. disclosure is to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena or court order if the institution makes a reasonable effort to inform the student in advance of compliance;
 10. emergencies if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals;
 11. disclosures of the results of disciplinary proceedings conducted by the institution against the alleged perpetrator of any crime to the alleged victims of any crime of violence.
- B. An educational institution has a duty to record and maintain each request and release of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records except when the request is received from an institution official, a parent or eligible student, or a person with written consent or when the request is for directory information.
- C. A student's privacy rights under FERPA and the Open Records Act terminate upon death. See, Open Records Decision 524, May 18, 1989.

VI. POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- A. FERPA requires each institution to develop a policy spelling out the manner in which the institution advises parents and students of their rights under the act; the procedure to inspect and review records, including legitimate reasons to deny a request, and a schedule of fees for copying; a list of the types and locations of educational records, including the title of the individual responsible for those records; a statement that personally identifiable information will not be released without written consent except under the exceptions listed above; if the institution releases information to internal officials, specify the criteria for defining a legitimate educational interest; a list of the items which constitute directory information; a statement regarding the right to a hearing and an opportunity to correct or protest the record. The policy shall be in writing and available upon request.

VII. ENFORCEMENT

- A. The Family Policy and Regulations Office of the Department of Education is authorized to investigate and review potential violations and to provide technical assistance regarding compliance issues.
- B. In the event that the office determines that a complaint is meritorious, the office shall recommend steps necessary to insure compliance with the act and provide a reasonable time for an institution to come into compliance.
- C. If an institution does not come into compliance, the department is authorized to terminate all or any portion of the institution's federal funds.
- D. There is no private right of action under FERPA; in other words, an aggrieved student may not bring suit in state or federal court for an alleged violation under the act. Tarka v. Franklin, 891 F.2d 102 (5th Cir. 1987) (Footer, 1992).

“CONSUMERISM NOW HAS REACHED THE AMERICAN CAMPUS. CONSUMING STUDENTS ARE READY TO SPOT THE ‘LEMON’ PROFESSOR OR THE DEPARTMENT THAT DOES NOT PRODUCE ‘A PRODUCT’ AS GOOD AS IT WAS ADVERTISED TO BE. THEY ARE READY TO SUE OVER THE DEFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS SOLD AT THE HIGH PRICE OF TUITION” (Guenther, 1983, p. 3).

REFERRAL SKILLS SUMMARY

HOW TO REFER STUDENTS

1. **Referral decision--ability to determine whether a referral should be made.**
 - A. Determination of problem(s)
 - B. Determination of whether or not you can help and/or are qualified to offer the assistance needed.
 - C. Determination of possible agencies or persons to whom the student may be referred.

2. **Referral process--ability to professionally refer the student to the proper person or agency for help.**
 - A. Explain in a clear and open manner why you feel it desirable or necessary to refer.
 1. Take into account the student's emotional and psychological reaction to the referral
 2. Get the student to discuss his problem(s), consider reasons for referral, evaluate possible sources of help, and assist in the selection of the specific person or agency.
 - B. Explain fully the services that can be obtained from the resource person or agency you are recommending.
 - C. Reassure student about capability and qualifications of resource to help meet the particular need expressed.
 - D. Attempt to personalize the experience by giving the student the name of a contact person to ask for or help by calling for an appointment for the student. Give directions to the office if necessary.
 - E. Discuss with the student any need for transfer of data and obtain consent and approval for the transfer.
 - F. Assist the student in formulating questions to ask or approaches to take.
 - G. Transmit to the person or agency who will assist the student all the information essential for helping the student.

- 3. Follow up--ability to evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of the referral.**
- A. Determine if the student kept the appointment.
 - B. Discuss with the student his or her evaluation of the help received from the agency or person.
 - C. Determine whether you selected the appropriate source of help for the student (Crockett, 1988, p. 331).

**“ACADEMIC ADVISING DEPENDS
HEAVILY ON ACADEMIC RECORD
KEEPING”** (Bonar, 1976B, p. 402).

**"FROM AN ADVISING
STANDPOINT THE PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT OF THE
STUDENT IS AS IMPORTANT AS
THE ACADEMIC"** (College of Sciences
and Humanities, undated, p. 1).

THIRTY REMINDERS OF EFFECTIVE ADVISING

1. Care about advisees as people by showing empathy, understanding, and respect.
2. Establish a warm, genuine, and open relationship.
3. Evidence interest, helpful intent, and involvement.
4. Be a good listener.
5. Establish rapport by remembering personal information about advisees.
6. Be available; keep office hours and appointments.
7. Provide accurate information.
8. When in doubt, refer to catalog, advisor's handouts, student handbook, etc.
9. Know how and when to make referrals, and be familiar with referral sources.
10. Do not refer too hastily; on the other hand, do not attempt to handle situations for which you are not qualified.
11. Have students contact referral sources in your presence.
12. Keep in frequent contact with advisees; take the initiative; do not always wait for students to come to you.
13. Do not make decisions for students; help them make their own decisions.
14. Focus on advisees' strengths and potentials rather than limitations.
15. Seek out advisees in informal settings.

16. Monitor advisees' progress toward education goals.
17. Determine reasons for poor academic performance and direct advisees to appropriate support services.
18. Be realistic with advisees.
19. Use all available information sources.
20. Clearly outline advisees' responsibilities.
21. Follow up on commitments made to advisees.
22. Encourage advisees to consider and develop conversations for future reference.
23. Keep an anecdotal record of significant conversations for future reference.
24. Evaluate the effectiveness of your advising.
25. Do not be critical of other faculty or staff to advisees.
26. Be knowledgeable about career opportunities and job outlook for various majors.
27. Encourage advisees to talk by asking open-ended questions.
28. Do not betray confidential information.
29. Categorize advisees' questions; are they seeking action, information, or involvement and understanding.
30. Be yourself and allow advisees to be themselves (The American College Testing Program, 1979a, p. 4.138).

1828--KENYON COLLEGE INTRODUCED FACULTY ADVISING. EACH STUDENT WAS TEAMED WITH ONE MEMBER OF THE KENYON FACULTY (Levine, 1978, p. 503).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADVISEES

- * **Gathers All Relevant Decision-Making Information**
- * **Clarifies Personal Values and Goals**
- * **Knowledgeable about Policies, Procedures, and Requirements**
- * **Accepts Responsibility for Decisions**
(The American College Testing Program, 1979b, p. 13.)

“What is the secret of making friends?

There is no secret.

**Friends, like all good things in this life,
can be had by anyone who wants them.**

There is only one simple rule to follow; it is this:

‘To have a friend, be one yourself’”

(Wons, 1930, p.80).

ACADEMIC ADVISING

How You and Your Faculty Advisor Should Work Together

Each student at the University is assigned to a faculty member who is an advisor for both educational and vocational guidance. The advising process is designed to help students as they make important decisions related to their academic progress at the University. As new advisees, recently admitted students should become familiar with both their advisors and the advising process. Below you will find some guidelines to follow throughout the year to make the advising process a successful part of your University experience.

WHEN TO SEE YOUR ADVISOR

1. To discuss any problems which affect academic performance.
2. To select courses for the upcoming quarter.
3. To add or drop courses.
4. To register to take a course pass-fail or audit.
5. To discuss academic progress.
6. To declare a major.
7. To file a degree plan.
8. To discuss career considerations.

HOW TO SEE YOUR ADVISOR

1. Become familiar with your advisor's office hours/schedule.
2. Whenever possible, call to make an appointment instead of dropping by without one.
3. If it is necessary to drop by without an appointment, try to do so at a time when your advisor has posted office hours, avoid the busiest time of day (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.), and allow plenty of time in case you have to wait to see your advisor.
4. Because the first and last two weeks of each quarter are the busiest for advisors, schedule longer conferences during the middle portion of the quarter.
5. In order to change advisors, secure a "Request for Change in Faculty Advisor" form the Advising Office.

WHAT YOU AND YOUR ADVISOR SHOULD DO

1. You should.....contact and keep in touch with your advisor.
Your advisor should...post office hours.
2. You should.....make and keep appointments or call if it is
necessary to change or cancel an appointment.
Your advisor should...keep appointments or call if it is necessary to
change or cancel an appointment.
3. You should.....come with specific questions in mind.
Your advisor should...provide accurate and specific information.

4. You should.....come with necessary materials (pencil/pen, class schedule, process form, etc.)
Your advisor should...have resource material on hand (The University Bulletin of Information, Advising Handbook, etc.)
5. You should.....ask about other sources of information.
Your advisor should...suggest other sources of information.
6. You should.....be open concerning school work, study habits, academic progress, etc.
Your advisor should...listen and help you solve problems.
7. You should.....build a schedule free of conflicts in time.
Your advisor should...check your schedule for appropriate selection of courses.
8. You should.....make decisions concerning careers, choice of majors, and selection of courses.
Your advisor should...suggest options concerning careers, choice of majors, and selection of courses.

Adapted from How You and Your Advisor Will Work Together by the Undergraduate Advising Center at the University of Iowa, July, 1981.

**"OH, TO HAVE AN ERASER THAT
WOULD WIPE OUT PAINFUL MEMORIES.
NOT SO MUCH OF THE TIMES WHEN
WE'VE BEEN HURT, BUT THOSE
STABBING MEMORIES OF THE TIMES
WHEN WE'VE HURT OTHERS"** (Holmes, 1982, p.
58).

GUIDELINES FOR ADVISEES: GET THE BEST OUT OF ADVISORS

There are probably no elaborate rules for getting the best advice from advisors, but a few general guidelines might assist as students earnestly solicit advice (especially concerning life changing events or other delicate dilemmas):

1. **Seek advice from more than one source.** Never ask only one person for advice when a major decision is being made. Ask several—other advisors, faculty members, administrators, students who have experienced your dilemma, etc. This allows you to cover a wider range of considerations, broaden your horizons, and contemplate events that you might not have otherwise reviewed while you are making your decision(s). Jerry Ford likes to say “Know that you know that you know you have the right answer, advice, or solution before you take action or make a decision!”
2. **Be critical of advice given.** You do yourself an injustice by accepting advice in a “holus-bolus” fashion. The result of uncritical acceptance or unchallenged acceptance of advice and recommendations may prove to be a disaster later.
3. **Listen carefully to advice given.** You must make certain that you have understood precisely what the advisor has said. Hear your advisor out without interruption. When the advisor has finished, ask questions to emphasize points that may have been over looked. At the end of an advising session, restate the conclusion in your own words to make sure that the meaning you gleaned was actually the intended meaning.
4. **Do not be defensive about advice.** Try not to be defensive if the advice contains criticism of you or the way you do things. This can be a very difficult task. Several “Don’ts” to consider include:
 - a. Don’t try to find personal fault with the advisor to disqualify him or her as a judge of your situation.
 - b. Don’t be flippant about the advice given.
 - c. Don’t argue with the advisor.
 - d. Don’t try to change the subject to avoid a disagreeable message.
 - e. Don’t be paranoid in the face of criticism. Your advisor probably does not have a hidden agenda (“The Way of Advice,” 1991, p. 3).

“DON’T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ. I SPENT THE SUMMER TAKING A COURSE I ABSOLUTELY HATED ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT THE REQUIREMENT HAD BEEN DROPPED! YOU NEED TO TALK WITH ADVISERS ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE PRINTED REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJORS AREN’T ALWAYS UP TO DATE, OR THEY’LL ACCEPT SOMETHING OTHER THAN WHAT’S LISTED” (Tyler, 1997, p. 63).

STUDY SKILLS

Study skills provide students with the ability to learn effectively and are fundamental to each student's success in developing talents in communication, mathematical sciences, and reasoning. Study skills goals established by the Coordinating Board include:

1. **Learn to pay attention and take thorough, well-organized lecture notes.**
2. **Practice learning material on your own.**
3. **Set up a special time and place to study.**
4. **Learn to manage your study time to meet deadlines.**
5. **Learn to use libraries, computers, and a typewriter.**
6. **Learn to follow instructions accurately.**
7. **Learn how to take tests effectively.**
8. **Improve your memory skills** (Coordinating Board, 1984).

**"TODAY IS YESTERDAY'S
FUTURE--THE TIME YOU USED TO
DREAM ABOUT. DON'T MISS IT BY
DREAMING ABOUT TOMORROW.
WAKE UP; CLAIM IT! THAT
WONDERFUL FUTURE IS NOW"**

(Holmes, 1982, p. 58).

STUDY TIPS FOR THE LEARNER

I. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING WRITTEN WORK

- A. Written work reveals ability, desire, and character. It is the most important product that you have to offer in exchange for a grade.
- B. The primary requirement of all written work is that it be presented in an interesting, mechanically correct, and attractive manner.
- C. Judge the quality of your written composition by questioning its parts, content, and presentation.
- D. Observe closely the three basic obligations of all students toward written work:
 - 1. Have a working knowledge of the subject.
 - 2. Present the material in the best possible form and structure.
 - 3. Never pass off inferior work in order to get by.
- E. Excellence is the only real quality of written work that is permanent. Excellence in packaging the product (putting written work in an attractive, correct, and neat form) comes from a "sense of pride" in one's work.
- F. Adopt practices that will reveal your weaknesses and encourage your improvement. Plot your own methods for adding quality and completeness.

II. PRACTICES FOR BETTER RESEARCH PROJECTS

A. **General Research**

- 1. Strive for originality, but depend on your scope of reading and your grasp of material to determine the quality of your theme.
- 2. Take notes on 3"x5" index cards, and save time by preparing bibliography cards while you are gathering material.
- 3. Make footnotes and a sound bibliography reflect the scholarship and authority of your paper.

B. **Book Reports**

- 1. For short book reports use the four w's -- who, where, when, and why to relate the story.
- 2. In all book reports show your appreciation or lack of it through your study of the characters or the nature of the book. Avoid editorializing to praise or condemn.
- 3. Observe closely the two obligations that the book report has to the reader:
 - a. To describe the book.
 - b. To communicate something of its quality or lack of it.
- 4. Avoid the meaningless superlative and the baseless generalization. There is no "best book ever written" and there is no "greatest literary genius who ever lived."

C. The Meaning of Style

1. Only by reading great writing can you develop a feeling for style.
2. Style in writing is not affectation, novelty, artificial coloring, or fashion. It is simplicity and sincerity based upon concern for the reader.
3. Style in writing is that quality which brightens the obscure, makes instruction agreeable, gives depth to the simple, adds distinctiveness to the ordinary, and brings harmony out of discord.
4. Style is only achieved by those who believe in what they write. The heart must know first what words can produce on the page.

III. GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWING MATERIAL AND TAKING TESTS

- A. Review by selecting the important subject matter; concentrate on it rather than on the trivial and incidental.
- B. Review by listening for hints and helps given by the instructor just prior to the test.
- C. Review by predicting questions for the test. Think how questions can be asked on specific subject matter.
- D. Review by reorganizing the subject matter into logical divisions. Keep a sense of unity by being aware of relationships among parts.
- E. Review by changing your point of view. Let your imagination add interest to the subject.
- F. Review by knowing what "question words" mean. Learn what your teacher expects when certain key words are used.
- G. When you take the test or examination, read all questions and instructions carefully and repeatedly until you understand exactly what the answer and the presentation of the answer require.
- H. Know the general implications of key and qualifying words in both objective and essay questions. Do not, under any circumstances, make an exception for what the qualifying word asks for.
- I. On objective tests give the precise answer; on essay tests give the complete answer. Always remember that quantity without quality will not get a good grade.
- J. Observe all rules of neatness, mechanics, and clarity. The attractive paper that is easy to read gets the better grade.
- K. Check your paper carefully before you turn it in. Unless you are absolutely sure you have made a mistake, do not change your answers. The first impression, as psychological tests have shown, is more reliable.
- L. Improve all future test and examination grades by carefully checking all returned papers. Note your errors and shortcomings so you will not repeat them on the next test (Fogarty, 1981, pp. 137-138).

STUDY TIPS--LISTENING SKILLS

HOW TO BE A GOOD LISTENER

Few skills are more important to learning than the ability to listen. Any capable student can improve his learning effectiveness by cultivating a listening ear. John Drakeford, in his book The Awesome Power of the Listening Ear, suggests some ways to practice the art of listening.

First, decide to be an alert listener. Resist the tendency to "tune-out." Listening is always an active mental process, requiring complete attention to the information being given.

Second, determine the accuracy of all information given and examine the motives of the one giving the information. Seek to understand the reasons the communication is taking place at this particular time.

Third, look for the deeper message given by the facial expressions, gestures, and other body movements of the speaker.

Fourth, evaluate the communication in light of its personal relevance and benefit. Seek to set aside personal biases which block or distort the message.

Fifth, keep interruptions to listening at a minimum. Avoid all unnecessary distractions.

Sixth, anticipate the direction of the speech and mentally forge ahead of the speaker. Compare your insights with his.

Seventh, focus attention on the primary theme of the speech and be aware of material that supports the theme.

Eighth, summarize your thoughts periodically and thus establish a firm basis for future understanding.

Ninth, use all illustrations and examples as reference points for remembering the outline of the speech.

Good listeners do not lean back in a chair with half-closed eyes. Nor do they doodle on a pad or glance impatiently at their watch. Good listeners are alert, relaxed, and guarded against interruptions. Their eyes and mind are focused upon the speaker. Good listeners always seek to give the impression, "Tell me more" (Ryan, 1981, p. 2).

STUDY TIPS--TAKING LECTURE NOTES

COURSE: _____ DATE: _____ PAGE # _____

I. Three Reasons for Taking Good Lecture Notes.

- A. To aid in studying for examinations. (Supplements and clarifies textbook.)
- B. To aid in understanding the professor. (His emphasis and evaluation of materials.)
- C. To aid in making a good classroom impression. (Questioning frequently follows lecturing.)

II. Four Rules for Improving the Listening Process.

- A. Rule 1: Be Prepared!
 - 1. Read textbook assignments beforehand.
 - 2. Review previous lecture notes beforehand.
- B. Rule 2: Learn Your Professor!
 - 1. His organization of lectures.
 - 2. His cues to major points.
- C. Rule 3: Listen-Think-Write!
 - 1. Be attentive to what is said.
 - 2. Critically evaluate what is said.
 - 3. Restate what is said. (Be selective and use your own words.)
- D. Rule 4: Use Proven Procedures!
 - 1. Standard-size (8 1/2 x 11) loose-leaf notebook.
 - 2. Separate notes from different courses.
 - 3. Date notes and number pages.
 - 4. Use standard abbreviations only.
 - 5. Write legibly and on only one side.
 - 6. Use underlining and other emphasis marks.

III. Three Forms for Taking Lecture Notes.

- A. Paragraph Form (Poorest but Easiest!)
 - 1. Little organization -- new paragraph when subject changes.
 - 2. Likely to copy instructor's statements word-for-word.
 - 3. Tiring to study -- hard to read solid block of material.
- B. Sentence Form.
 - 1. A series of numbered statements.
 - 2. Best for following unorganized lecturer.
 - 3. Difficult to study -- major and minor topics undifferentiated.
- C. Standard Outline Form (Best but Hardest!)
 - 1. Uses Roman numerals, capital letters, Arabic figures, and small letters.
 - 2. Uses indentation to different depths.
 - 3. Requires thinking and organization to highest degree.
 - 4. Almost impossible to copy instructor's lecture word-for-word.
 - 5. Easiest to study -- content is logically organized.

IV. Three Rules for Reviewing Lecture Notes.

- A. Rule 1: Review Lecture Notes Immediately after class!
- B. Rule 2: Cross-reference Lecture Notes and Reading Assignments.
 - 1. To reinforce learning.
 - 2. To identify material not understood.
- C. Rule 3: Recite Major Points Covered in Lecture.
 - 1. To retard forgetting.
 - 2. To check understanding (Wehe, 1968, p. 88).

SOMETIMES, A FEW SIMPLE RULES CAN UNCOMPLICATE MATTERS:

- 1. IF YOU TURN IT ON, TURN IT OFF!**
- 2. IF YOU UNLOCK IT, LOCK IT UP!**
- 3. IF YOU BREAK IT, ADMIT IT!**
- 4. IF YOU BORROW IT, RETURN IT!**
- 5. IF YOU VALUE IT, TAKE CARE OF IT!**
- 6. IF YOU MAKE A MESS, CLEAN IT UP!**
- 7. IF YOU MOVE IT, PUT IT BACK!**
- 8. IF IT BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE AND
YOU WANT TO USE IT, GET PERMISSION!**
- 9. IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO OPERATE IT,
LEAVE IT ALONE!**
- 10. IF IT IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, DON'T
ASK QUESTIONS!**
- 11. IF IT ISN'T BROKEN, DON'T FIX IT!**
- 12. IF IT WILL BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY—SAY IT!**
- 13. IF YOU OPEN IT, CLOSE IT!**
- 14. IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT, CALL IN SOMEONE WHO
CAN!** (Landers, 1983, p. 12).

STUDY TIPS--TIME PLANNING

Time is one measure of life wasted. Time saved is life saved. Effective use of time, like effective use of money, is one way to find more enjoyment and more success from our daily living. Each of us has at his command the same amount of time for each week -- exactly 168 hours, no more, no less. Thus it is not the amount of time, but WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME, that counts most.

The secret of more effective use of time and greater enjoyment of living lies in organizing and planning. Each person will, of course, plan his own 168 hours to harmonize with his unique requirements, inclinations, and interests. But there can be no doubt that wise planning for the use of your time will provide more time for those things you are interested in doing. Each thirty minutes saved through planning is time that can be used to make life richer and better.

Time planning is no magic formula. Its value depends upon study, thought, and effort. The plan suggested here can be a valuable asset to anyone who has the self-discipline to carry it through. To make it work for you, however, you cannot give up and quit after a half-hearted initial effort.

- 1. BUILD YOUR SCHEUDLE AROUND YOUR FIXED TIME COMMITMENTS.** Some activities have fixed time requirements and others are flexible. The most common that you must consider are:
FIXED: eating, organizations, classes, church, employment
FLEXIBLE: sleeping, study, recreation, personal grooming
- 2. PLAN SUFFICIENT STUDY TIME TO DO JUSTICE TO EACH SUBJECT.** Most college classes are planned to require about two hours of outside work per week per credit hour. By multiplying your credit load by two you can get a good idea of the time you should provide for studying. Of course, if you are a slow reader, or have other study deficiencies, you may need to plan more time in order to meet the competition from your classmates.
- 3. STUDY AT A REGULAR TIME AND IN A REGULAR PLACE.** Establishing habits of regularity in studying is extremely important. Knowing what you are going to study, and when, saves a lot of time in making decisions, finding necessary study materials, etc. Avoid generalizations in your schedule such as "study." Commit yourself more definitely to "study history" or "study chemistry" at certain hours.

4. **STUDY AS SOON AFTER CLASS AS POSSIBLE.** Check over lecture notes while they are still fresh in your mind. Start assignments while your memory of the assignment is still accurate. Remember, one hour of study immediately after class is probably better than two hours of study a few days later.
5. **UTILIZE ODD HOURS FOR STUDYING.** Those scattered one or two hour free periods between classes are easily wasted. Using them for studying will result in free time for recreational activities later on.
6. **STUDY NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS ON ANY ONE COURSE AT ONE TIME.** After studying for two hours, you begin to tire and your ability to concentrate decreases rapidly. To keep up your efficiency, take a break and then switch to studying another subject.
7. **BORROW TIME; DON'T STEAL IT.** Whenever an unexpected activity arises that takes up time you had planned to use studying, decide immediately where you can trade for "free" time to make up the missed study time and adjust your schedule for that week (Wehe, 1968, p. 86).

A TIME TO

**“TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE
UNDER THE HEAVEN:**

A TIME TO BE BORN, AND A TIME TO DIE;

A TIME TO PLANT, AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED;

A TIME TO KILL, AND A TIME TO HEAL;

A TIME TO BREAK DOWN, AND A TIME TO BUILD UP;

A TIME TO WEEP, AND A TIME TO LAUGH;

A TIME TO MOURN, AND A TIME TO DANCE;

A TIME TO CAST AWAY STONES, AND A TIME TO GATHER STONES

TOGETHER;

A TIME TO EMBRACE, AND A TIME TO REFRAIN FROM EMBRACING;

A TIME TO GET, AND A TIME TO LOSE;

A TIME TO KEEP, AND A TIME TO CAST AWAY;

A TIME TO REND, AND A TIME TO SEW;

A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE, AND A TIME TO SPEAK;

A TIME TO LOVE, AND A TIME TO HATE;

A TIME OF WAR, AND A TIME OF PEACE”

(Ecclesiastics 3: 1 - 8, The Holy Bible).

STUDY TIPS--TIME PLANNING AND TARDINESS

Fortunately, chronic tardiness can be overcome. It is a matter of determining whether the problem of being late is caused by psychological factors or whether the problem of being late is caused by a lack of time management skills. A change in behavior will not come overnight especially if the dilatory person has been late all of his life. Correcting tardiness must be accomplished gradually -- one step at a time, like learning to play basketball or establishing new eating habits.

If you are chronically tardy, the tips listed below should assist you in overcoming your problem. You should:

1. Be aware that tardiness is undesirable and causing you and those around you problems.
2. Want to do something about your dilatory actions.
3. Keep a daily diary for three days. Example: "At 7:00 a.m., my alarm went off. At 7:30, I finally dragged my body out of bed. From 7:30 to 8:00, I ate breakfast and glanced through the morning paper. From 8:00 to 8:30, I dressed with an ear tuned to the Today Show on television. At 8:30, I ran to catch the bus. Oops! Not such good timing. I missed it and had a twenty-minute wait for the next bus. At 9:20, I raced from the bus stop to my class."
4. Analyze the diary. Are you getting up too late to accomplish what you must before leaving your home or apartment? Are you daydreaming in bed too long after waking up early? Are you trying to accomplish too many tasks in the allotted time between getting up and getting out the door? Do you have an unrealistic picture of how much time tasks take? For example, do you allow yourself only twenty minutes for the twenty-minute bus ride to school or work, while overlooking the walk to the bus stop and the wait for the bus? If you drive your car to school or work, do you overlook the time needed to find a parking space? Are you taking too much time to decide on the day's wardrobe? Do you spend more time than you really have reading the paper, talking, or watching the morning television shows? Could some of your morning tasks, such as doing dishes and making beds, be put off until night? Could some of the morning tasks be delegated to other members of your household?
5. Take a good look at your environment. Does it help or hurt your timing? Are morning tasks done in as efficient an order as possible? Are cupboards and closets organized to help your time budget?
6. Visualize the ideal morning in which you have accomplished everything you would like to accomplish before leaving for school or work.
7. Assign a time allotment to each task of this ideal morning. Remember that time, like money, is valuable.
8. Compare ideal and real schedules. Rework them until they match.
9. Determine if you need a better understanding of priorities in your morning. Then go through that ideal schedule and divide the tasks into "must do this" and "nice to do this" and "not necessary to do this before class or work."

10. Get the help of others to keep to your schedule. Would it be more efficient for a spouse or older children to do some of the morning tasks? At school or work, would it be more helpful if others did not nag when you arrive late but praise you when you arrive on time to reinforce the positive?
11. Reward yourself for being on time. People respond to rewards. Example: "If I arrive at school or class early, I'll be able to discuss class activities with the professor or classmates." Think positive consequences! "These are the goodies for behavior change."
12. Set your clock and watch ahead. Trick yourself into being on time. (This doesn't work for everyone.)
13. Do not aim for perfection. Your goal should be to arrive a little less late each time.
14. Do not abandon your resolve and accomplishments thus far if you revert one morning and arrive late. Time management is a skill that takes constant practice.
15. Be aware, if time management skills don't correct your tardiness, you may need help in sorting out unconscious feelings that could be behind lateness (Burtoff, 1981, p. 32).

“You can mess up your entire program and graduation date if you miss a course that isn’t offered every semester, especially if it’s a prerequisite for other courses you need! Have an adviser review your four-year course plan periodically” (Tyler, 1997, p. 63).

**“Great it is to believe the dream
When we stand in youth by the starry
stream;
But a greater thing is to fight life thru
And say at the end, ‘The dream is true’”**
(Wons, 1930, p. 83).

ADVISEE PROBLEMS

- **Academic**
- **Values and Goal Clarification**
- **Career Plans**
- **Interpersonal**
- **Personal**
- **Physical**
(The American College Testing Program, 1979b, p.7).

PERSEVERANCE

Goethe

**We must not hope to be mowers
And to gather the ripe gold ears,
Unless we have first been sowers
And watered the furrows with tears.
It is not just as we take it,
This mystical world of ours;
Life's field will yield as we make it
A harvest of thorns or of flowers
(Wons, 1930, p. 78).**

ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY ANALYSIS FORM

Factors which, in the judgment of the student, are contributing to scholastic difficulty in specific subjects. Please indicate subject (history, biology, etc.) and check appropriate items.

	Subject	Subject	Subject
Do not study	_____	_____	_____
Have reading problem	_____	_____	_____
Do not hand work in on time	_____	_____	_____
Am excessively absent	_____	_____	_____
Am frequently late to class	_____	_____	_____
Do not spend enough time on lessons	_____	_____	_____
Have health or other personal problem	_____	_____	_____
Do not seek help from teacher	_____	_____	_____
Have poor background for subject	_____	_____	_____
Am not interested in subject	_____	_____	_____
Am working too much outside school	_____	_____	_____
Have too many outside activities	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Case unknown	_____	_____	_____

In conference, the student and I affected the following actions relating to the above:

Student _____ **Advisor** _____ **Date** _____

(Brown, 1972, p. 265)

ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY THE LOW-ACHIEVING ADVISEE

A SELF-INQUIRY ROUTINE FOR ADVISORS

1. Is underachievement a problem with this advisee? Is he underachieving in all areas?
2. What capabilities can I infer from his folder?
3. Has this advisee any physically limiting impediments?
4. Is remedial help available that is free from stigma?
5. Do I really know this advisee's interests? Can I utilize this information for more effective advising?
6. Does this advisee have academic successes? Can I account for his success in some areas, and his lack of success in others?
7. Have I begun to sow seeds of dissatisfaction with complacency?
8. Do I talk with an advisee or to him?
9. Would my assistance in planning a time schedule with the advisee be welcome?
10. Have I had contact with the parents of this advisee? Do they provide support for his efforts?
11. Is this advisee attending class regularly?
12. Does this advisee know how to take notes? Does he use the library?
13. Am I a potent reinforcer? Do my advisees perceive me as a resource?
14. Does this advisee's out-of-class life style support his educational efforts?
15. Does this advisee have solid peer contacts? Is his tour at college a solo performance?
16. Would some other faculty member be more effective as an advisor to this student (Crockett, 1978b, pp. 5.363-5.364)?

1890: HARVARD ESTABLISHED THE "BOARD OF FRESHMAN ADVISORS, "A BODY SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED WITH COUNSELING NEW STUDENTS (Levine, 1978, p. 506)

ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY--ADVISING STUDENTS WHO HAVE PERSONAL PROBLEMS

At one time or another most academic advisors have had a student come in to discuss a personal problem. In many cases a sympathetic ear and emotional support are all the student seeks or needs. In some cases, however, the student might need assistance that you are unable to provide. In these instances you need to decide whether or not to refer the student for additional help and, if so, how to go about making the suggestion that further help is required. This section suggests effective strategies for listening and for discussing personal problems with students. Additionally, it outlines some common symptoms or personal distress so that you will be better able to know when a student is suffering with a problem, and it provides guidance on how to decide when to refer a student for further assistance. Finally, procedures for making a referral are outlined.

Active Listening Skills

To be successful in helping students with personal problems, you must first have a clear understanding of the exact nature of the problem. Attaining understanding requires listening in an active and participatory manner. If you are a good listener, you will notice that others are drawn to you. Listening is a commitment and a compliment. It is a commitment to understanding how other people feel and how they see their world. It means putting aside your own prejudices and beliefs, your anxieties and self-interests, so that you can see the world from the other person's point of view. Listening is a compliment because it says to the other person: "I care about what is happening to you; your life and your experience are important." People usually respond positively to the compliment of listening.

Successful listening requires a number of simultaneous activities: paraphrasing, clarifying, feedback, empathizing, being open, and being aware.

Paraphrasing. Paraphrasing is absolutely necessary to good listening because it keeps you busy trying to understand what the other person means, rather than blocking or having your thoughts wander to what you will say next. You can paraphrase by using such lead ins as "What I hear you saying is...In other words...So basically how you felt was...Let me understand...what was going on for you was...What happened was...Do you mean...? You should paraphrase every time someone says something important to you.

Clarifying. Clarifying, which often goes along with paraphrasing, means to ask questions until you get a more complete picture. Since your intention is to understand fully what is being said, you often have to ask for more information and background to get a fuller picture of the circumstances surrounding a problem. Concentrate on the main ideas and not the illustrative material; examples, stories, statistics, and the like are important but usually do not represent the main points. Examine them only to see if they prove, support, or define the main ideas. Clarifying helps you sharpen your concentration so that you hear more than vague generalities. Clarifying also lets the other person know that you are interested.

Feedback. After you have paraphrased and clarified what has been said, you need to share, in a nonjudgmental way, what you thought, felt, or sensed. The feedback that you give should be immediate, honest, and supportive. Immediate means giving the feedback as soon as you fully understand the communication. Honest means expressing your true feelings. Supportive means gently and sensitively reacting to what you hear and feel.

Empathizing. Empathize with the student--try to put yourself in the student's place as if you were he or she but without ever losing the "as if" condition. Concentrate on what the student is saying--focus your attention on his or her words, ideas, and feelings.

Being Open. Being open as you listen means that you hear the whole statement, the entire communication, before judging. If you are judging and finding fault, you will have difficulty listening. Recognize your own prejudices--try to be aware of your feelings toward the student, the subject, and the occasion. Allow for these prejudgments in formulating your feedback.

Being Aware. There are two components to listening with awareness. One is to compare what is being said to your knowledge of history, people, and the way things are. You should do this without judgment, simply making note of how a communication fits with known facts. The second way to listen with awareness is to hear and observe congruence. Does the student's tone of voice, emphasis, facial expression, and posture fit with the content of his or her communication? If someone is telling you that his father has just died but smiles and leans back in his chair with his hands laced behind his head, the message is not making sense. There is no congruence. If body, face, voice, and words fail to fit, your job as a listener is to clarify and give feedback about the discrepancy. If you ignore the incongruity, you are settling for an incomplete or confusing message.

Total listening. A student coming to you with a personal problem clearly wants you to listen and will look for clues to prove that you are. A number of verbal and nonverbal behaviors can help you listen and can help you communicate the fact of your total attention. Here are a few suggestions on how to be a total listener:

- 1. Stop talking--you cannot listen while talking.**
- 2. Maintain good eye contact.**
- 3. Lean slightly forward to indicate your involvement.**
- 4. Reinforce the speaker by nodding or paraphrasing.**
- 5. Do not interrupt. Give the person time to finish what he or she has to say.**
- 6. Clarify by asking questions.**
- 7. Move away from distractions.**
- 8. Be committed, even if you are angry or upset, to understanding what the student says.**

Indicators of When to Be Concerned

Being aware of signals that indicate the possibility of problems can be helpful to a faculty member in making a judgment about whether or where to refer a student for counseling.

The following signs may indicate that a student could benefit from a referral to the Counseling Center.

Unusual Behavior

1. Withdrawal from usual social interaction
2. Marked seclusion and unwillingness to communicate
3. Persistent antisocial behavior such as lying, stealing, or other grossly deviant acts
4. Lack of social skills or deteriorating personal hygiene
5. Inability to sleep or excessive sleeping
6. Loss of appetite or excessive appetite (starving or bingeing behavior)
7. Unexplained crying or outbursts of anger
8. Acutely increased activity (i.e., ceaseless talking or extreme restlessness)
9. Repeated absence from classes
10. Unusual irritability
11. Thought disorder (i.e., the student's conversation does not make sense)
12. Suspiciousness, irrational feeling of persecution
13. Irrational worrying or expressions of fear

Traumatic Changes in Personal Relationships

1. Death of a family member or a close friend
2. Difficulties in marriage or family relationships
3. Dating and courtship difficulties
4. Sexual abuse (i.e., rape, incest, harassment)
5. Terminal/chronic illness of a family member

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

1. Indications of excessive drinking or drug abuse (i.e., binges, neglects eating or physical appearance, impaired thinking)
2. Severe drug reaction (i.e., bizarre behavior, unexplained "blackouts" of memory)
3. Being a child of an alcoholic or drug dependent parent

Academic Problems

1. Dramatic drop in grade point average
2. Deficient reading speed or comprehension
3. Poor study habits
4. Incapacitating test anxiety
5. Sudden changes in academic performance
6. Lack of class attendance

Career Choice Problems

1. Dissatisfaction with academic major
2. Unrealistic career aspirations
3. Confusion with regard to interests, abilities, or values
4. Chronic indecisiveness or choice conflict
5. Uncertainty of career alternatives

Taken alone any of these signals may be insufficient to warrant intervention. However, duration of behavior, combination of signals, and the degree of intensity of indicators will determine the type of intervention needed.

When to Refer

Aside from the signs or symptoms that may suggest the need for counseling, there are other guidelines which may help the faculty member define the limits of his or her involvement with a particular student's problem. It is important not only to hear what the student is saying, but to be attentive to the non-verbal behaviors as well as the feelings underlying the message to you. A referral is usually indicated under the following circumstances:

1. **When a person asks for referral.** However, you need some information from the person to know where the best referral is. It is also a good idea to explore with the student how urgent this need is. It may be that the student is feeling quite upset and some exploration with you will help the individual feel more comfortable being referred.
2. **When a student presents a problem or requests information which is outside your range of knowledge.**
3. **A person contemplating suicide. This has the potential of being the most severe of all crises dealt with herein.** Although there are wide differences in the seriousness of suicidal thoughts, any time a student is thinking of it seriously enough to discuss it with you he or she is probably pretty upset. Although it is important for you to help deal with immediate feelings, a threat to self or others ethically requires strong intervention on the part of the faculty or other professionals. In order to assess the severity of the suicidal thought, a counselor from the Counseling Center or faculty member in the Psychology Department should be contacted. Offer to walk with the student to see the Counselor or Psychology Department faculty member. It is possible to save a life by taking quick, effective action.
4. **Someone you feel you have not helped, or whom you've gone as far as you can go with, but who you feel needs help.** None of us can help everyone needing help because of personality differences, lack of experience, or a variety of other reasons. When you have the feeling that you have not been helpful, try to be honest with the student and suggest a specific person or agency that would meet the student's needs. Also suggest Counseling or Psychology faculty.
5. **Lack of objectivity on your part.** You may know the student on other than a professional basis (friend, neighbor, relative), may know the person the student is talking about, or be identifying too closely with the problem being discussed. Any of these may interfere with your ability to be a nonjudgmental listener. It would be better for the student to be referred to someone else.
6. **If a student is reluctant to discuss a problem with you for some reason.** You may sense that the person may not feel comfortable talking to you; for example, the student might be more at ease talking with a male or female, or a black or white counselor. In that case, you should refer the student to an appropriate individual and suggest that the person is very easy and pleasant to talk to.
7. **If a student has physical symptoms.** Headaches, dizziness, stomach pains, insomnia can be physical manifestations of psychological states. If students complain about symptoms they suspect (or you suspect) may be connected with their problem, it would be in their best interest to refer them to a professional, possibly the school nurse or the school physician.

How to Refer

When you believe that a student might benefit from professional counseling, speak directly to the student in a straight-forward, matter-of-fact fashion, showing simple and concrete concern. Never trick or deceive. Make it clear that this recommendation represents your best judgment based on your observations of the student's behavior. Be specific regarding the behaviors that have raised your concerns and avoid making generalizations or attributing anything negative to the individual's personality or character.

Except in cases of life threat to self or others, the option must be left open for the student to accept or refuse counseling. It is not uncommon for students to be anxious when being referred to a professional. If you have had positive feedback from other students about the Counseling Center, you could tell the student you have referred others there and that they found it helpful. If the student is skeptical or reluctant for whatever reason, simply express your acceptance of the feelings so that he or she feels free to reject the referral without rejecting you. Give the student room to consider alternatives by suggesting that perhaps you can talk about it later after the individual has had some time to think it over. If the student emphatically says "No," then respect the decision and again leave the situation open should he or she decide to reconsider. Above all, do not rush. Unless it is a matter of clear urgency, go slowly.

If the student agrees to the referral, place the call to the Counseling Center right then, with the student present. Usually, you'll make an appointment through the receptionist. A home and work number may be left and the student can also be called later if the counseling person cannot talk on the phone at that time. In most cases the student can be seen within two days. If it appears to be an emergency, ask to speak directly to a counselor or to have your call returned as soon as possible. If appropriate, suggest to the student that with his or her permission you will give information to the counselor about the nature of the problem. Have the student write down the counselor's name, address, extension, and the time and date of the appointment. Having a confirmed appointment sometimes makes the difference in whether or not the student goes to the appointment. Finally, follow up with the student at a later date to show your continued interest even if he or she did not accept a referral.

To Sum It Up

- 1. Find out enough about the student's problem to be able to make the best referral.**
- 2. Involve the student in the process. Deal with the feelings about the referral (i.e., objections, fears, etc.). It is better to have them discussed before the student leaves.**
- 3. Go slowly--except in an emergency, the student should be made aware that he or she has a choice to accept or refuse the referral.**
- 4. Be very specific in the referral (identify location, name of counselor, telephone number).**
- 5. See how much help the student needs in contacting the referral--some may need to be escorted over. On the other hand, try to let the person do as much for himself or herself as you can.**

- 6. Follow up! Even if the student did not accept your referral, following up at a later date will demonstrate your continued interest.**

Finally, the referral process is one that should communicate to the student that (1) you are concerned about his or her well-being and (2) you consider the problem one which requires professional attention, which you are unable to provide. These two messages, effectively communicated, can determine the attitude with which the student enters counseling. That attitude affects the progress and outcome of any psychological intervention.

If you have any questions about the material in this section, please contact any of the counselors at the Counseling Center or Department of Psychology (Scott, 1988, pp. 297-303).

"ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIRES MORE THAN SIMPLY OFFERING COURSES. HOW THESE COURSES ARE TAUGHT, THE KIND OF ADVICE STUDENTS RECEIVE, AND WHAT HAPPENS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT" (Forrest, 1982, p. 15).

"Advice that is devoid of criticism of any kind is often not really advice at all" ("The Way of Advice," 1991, p. 3).

ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY--STUDENT MISBEHAVIOR

SHOULD MISBEHAVIOR BE REPORTED? In most instances of minor misbehavior, the situation can be best handled within the organization through group sanctions and penalties and with the advisor counseling with the students involved. In other instances not covered by existing procedures or policies, the advisor must use his/her best judgment, referring or reporting serious cases of misbehavior or maladjustment to the appropriate college office.

Keeping in mind his responsibilities to the welfare of the individual student, the organization, and the institution, the advisor will also need to consider such other factors as these:

1. Does the type of misbehavior cast a serious doubt on the individual's fitness for his objective? For example, consider the accounting major who embezzles money from the group treasury.
2. Can an otherwise worthwhile young person be deterred from other and more serious misbehavior by firm action and rehabilitative counseling at this stage?
3. Does the misbehavior constitute a criminal act which the advisor's failure to report may result in his being implicated?
4. Are there serious implications for the institution's public posture or relationship with the community?
5. Is the misbehavior symptomatic of possible psychological disturbance on the part of the student who could require professional attention? The counseling center, student affairs office, or dean's office may know of other similar incidents which, with the advisor's report, may indicate a disturbed student who needs assistance.

The responsibility of the advisor to the student is a real one but he must not assume that referral to the student personnel office will necessarily work to the student's disadvantage or result in his dismissal. If the advisor is in doubt as to the correct action, he should consult the dean's office or student affairs office on a confidential basis or at least by describing the situation as a hypothetical case (Bloland, 1967, p. 27). Refer to the current University Student Handbook for additional information and specific policies.

“The world wants the kind of men who do not shrink from temporary defeats in life; but come again and wrestle triumph from defeat”--

Theodore Roosevelt (Wons, 1930, p. 87).

ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY--STUDENTS ON ACADEMIC PROBATION

The Role of the Faculty Advisor

Many university personnel who work daily with students on academic probation find that those who are academically dismissed later make relatively common errors in judgment. Many of these students might have stayed in college if they had made different decisions while on probation. Listed below are some student errors occurring most often and the logic students use to make these mistaken judgments. In addition, basic information to help the academic advisor intercede and show the probationary student his mistakes in judgment following each student error.

ERROR 1 ENROLL IN TOO MANY CREDIT HOURS. Students think they can "get it all back" through one heroic try and, thus, attempt to make the entire grade point-average improvement in a single semester.

ASSISTANCE: Students on probation should take fewer credit hours, not more. Students who attempt to make large grade-point-average improvements in one semester usually find they do poorer work because of the multiplying effects of more quizzes, papers, tests, class hours, etc. A maximum course load for students on probation might be the minimum for full-time student classification (12 hours). A student who earns more average grades makes less grade-point improvement than the student who earns fewer, but higher grades.

ERROR 2 AVOID REPEATING COURSES IN WHICH THEY EARN BELOW-AVERAGE GRADES. Students fear repeating courses they earned below-average grades in and, instead, hope to make up the difference in other courses.

ASSISTANCE: Students who earned below-average grades in courses usually should repeat courses as soon as possible -- at the University repeated grades replace original grades taken at the University in calculating the grade-point-average if the repeated grade is higher than the original. For example, a student who repeats an "F" course and receives a "C" has improved his/her GPA as much as earning an "A" in another course, because the repeated grade replaces the original in calculations.

Most students do improve a grade upon repeating a course because prior exposure to the course makes them aware of expectations and study needs. Unless the student lacks a prerequisite for repeating the course, he/she usually should repeat the course to improve his/her grade-point-average and to remove the failure symbolically, if not physically, from his record.

ASSISTANCE ADENDUM: The reverse of ERROR 2 may be true at some universities. At the University of Houston for example, the cumulative grade point average is based upon all work taken at the University, including courses that are repeated, for which grade point values are assigned. A repeated course, including courses repeated during a summer session, is equivalent to a new course both in the determination of classification and in computing the cumulative grade point average. Deviations in the computation may occur depending on the catalog year under which graduation occurs. Students at the University of Houston should be advised carefully when discussing the possibility of repeating courses.

ERROR 3 ATTEMPT TO DROP A COURSE AFTER THE DEADLINE

FOR WITHDRAWALS. Students believe they will receive special consideration because of their situation and expect to withdraw to protect their grade point average.

ASSISTANCE: An advisor should emphasize that a student cannot withdraw from courses past the established deadline. The last day to drop a course with a “W” grade is usually the end of the eleventh week of the semester. For specific dates, advisors should consult the University calendar in the current University Bulletin of Information or the current Class Schedule.

ERROR 4 FAIL TO RESOLVE INCOMPLETE GRADES WITHIN THE

TIME LIMIT. Students hope that they can do nothing and have university officials ignore their incomplete grades. Sometimes they fear completion of the grade (i.e., replacement grade for the incomplete) will hurt their chances for continuation at the University.

ASSISTANCE: Students who do not resolve incomplete grades usually suffer more serious consequences than if they resolved the incomplete grades routinely. At the University, incomplete grades change to failures after one year. Thus, advisors should inform students of the significance of resolved incomplete grades compared even to mediocre completion.

ERROR 5 TAKE ADVANCED COURSES WITH A WEAK OR

INADEQUATE BACKGROUND. Many students think they must graduated on time and, therefore, must not interrupt the sequence of courses for any reason.

ASSISTANCE: Students sometimes believe they must continue the scheduled sequence of courses in spite of academic difficulties. In rigorous majors, students should repeat some courses, even when they earn passing grades, if they are weak or ill-prepared to continue the sequence. Often students refuse to take a short delay in completing a sequence, which, in turn, may cause a much greater delay if they are dismissed from school for academic reasons. Students should know the difficulty involved in mastering advanced courses in their major and should prepare sufficiently before proceeding.

ERROR 6 TAKING COURSES ON THE ADVICE OF A FRIEND. Students

often are “advised” by friends to take courses simply because someone else found these courses met his/her need.

ASSISTANCE: Students often take courses on the advice of friends. Friends with good intentions may misadvise their peers about courses that are easy and appropriate for some, but difficult and inappropriate for others. The probationary student should place only limited faith in the course selections of friends.

ERROR 7 TAKE ALL OF THEIR EARLY COURSES EXCLUSIVELY IN

THE GENERAL EDUCATION AREAS: Students want to get all the basic courses out of the way. The reverse of this is true also--some students do not want to take any basic courses.

ASSISTANCE: Students frequently feel compelled to complete all general education courses as soon as possible. With this approach, however, a student may become discouraged and lose sight of the relevance of a total education. Thus, an advisor should encourage a probationary student to combine general and major course work, and when possible, to take at least one in his/her own interest area each semester.

ERROR 8 SEEK ACADEMIC OR PERSONAL HELP LATE IN THE

SEMESTER. Students want to succeed on their own and seek help only when it is sometimes too late.

ASSISTANCE: Students often fall prey to the myth of self-reliance. They believe that if they are not totally independent they are somehow unfit or unqualified for higher education. Such an assumption is neither true nor necessary. Students need to know about resources available on campus and to be assured that using support services is expected and encouraged as part of the total academic experience.

Exact advice given an individual probationary student depends, of course, on that student's unique situation and the academic rules and regulations of the University. Nevertheless, academic advisors who discuss the problems mentioned above with probationary students likely will point out many errors their students may be making. Reducing these common errors should reduce the attrition of students who, with proper academic advising/counseling, will go on to adequate scholastic achievement (Russell, 1981, pp. 56-58).

“Faculty advisor, are you a very expensive and often inefficient registration clerk, or are you an inexpensive and efficient educational advisor and coordinator” (Moore, 1976, p. 374).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT-- THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

Career development is a major concern today. Some of the topics being discussed by students, faculty, administration, and the public which reflect this concern are as follows: relating one's choice of major(s) to getting a job; maintaining academic credibility in the face of economic pressures; and questioning by lawmakers and the public about the relationship between a college degree and the job market.

Below are some suggested practical goals that each student might consider:

One aspect of career development is self-awareness.

Students should...

1. Be able to assess their own interests and values that may affect career decisions.
2. Be familiar with resources available to help persons assess their interests.
3. Be able to assess their own specific abilities that may affect pending career decisions.
4. Be able to identify ways to improve career and occupational capabilities through extracurricular activities and part-time work.
5. Be able to associate the abilities they are developing with potential choice of career.
6. Be able to apply the steps of the decision-making process to career decisions.
7. Be able to identify job characteristics that are important to them.

Another aspect of career development is knowledge of the world of work.

Students should...

1. Know types of occupations most likely to satisfy their personal interests and values.
2. Know the major duties and required abilities of jobs in the occupational family of their career choice.

3. Understand differences in responsibilities of various jobs within the occupational family of their career choice.
4. Be aware of the general satisfaction people obtain from various kinds of jobs.
5. Understand that technological, economic, and social changes result in decreases in the availability of some kinds of jobs and increases in others.
6. Understand the value of maintaining a number of occupational alternatives.

A third aspect of career development is skills actually required to obtain a job.

Students should...

1. Be able to identify the steps in a process of obtaining a job.
2. Know how to find resources to help them in the job-seeking process.
3. Know ways to evaluate and improve their job-seeking skills.
4. Be aware of generally accepted personnel selection practices.
5. Know several sources they can use to find out about job possibilities.
6. Be able to identify a number of job possibilities for which they are educationally qualified and that require the competencies they have developed.
7. Be able to evaluate job possibilities considering the job characteristics that are most important to them.
8. Know how the job market operates in specific occupations.
9. Be able to identify the qualifications required for the jobs in which they are interested.
10. Be able to prepare a letter of inquiry and a resume, that reflect their qualifications for the jobs for which they are applying.
11. Be able to obtain and use references appropriate for the jobs for which they are applying.
12. Be able to identify possible questions they may be asked in interviews.
13. Be able to articulate why they are qualified for the jobs for which they are applying .
14. Know how to investigate an organization, institution, business, and/or community concerning a job (Crockett, 1988, pp. 332-334).

NOTE: Pages 82-150 of the advising handbook would include “What Can I Do With This Major/Degree?” produced by and purchased from the:

**Career Services Center
University of Tennessee
100 Dunford Hall
Knoxville, TN 37998-4010**

Phone: 423.974.5453

SECTION THREE

ACADEMIC ADVISING

**EXAMPLE
UNIVERSITY**

**REGULATIONS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES**

ACADEMIC ADVISING OBJECTIVES

EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY

- 1. Ensure that all students have access to reliable and valid academic advising services at all times throughout the academic week.**
- 2. Ensure that all students have access to a caring and personal relationship with some “important” person (the advisor) in the college community.**
- 3. Ensure that all academic advisors are providing specific and accurate information.**
- 4. Preparation and distribution of materials to assist advisors in providing correct information to students regarding registration procedures, academic regulations, academic audits, and graduation requirements.**
- 5. Maximize student awareness of short and long range educational goals.**
- 6. Facilitate successful attainment of students’ educational and career goals.**
- 7. Facilitate students’ achievement of grades and grade point averages (G.P.A.s) consistent with their abilities.**
- 8. Getting as many students involved in utilizing the student advisement process and services as possible.**
- 9. Improving the retention of students Example University by providing quality advising services.**
- 10. Integrate the resources and expertise of professional student services personnel in the delivery of advisement services.**
- 11. Ensure that all advisors are informed as to the various campus resources which may be utilized for referral purposes.**
- 12. Maintain an on-going, in-service training program for all individuals involved in the delivery of academic advisement services.**
- 13. Encourage all students to seek advisement from their designated advisor at least once each semester at times other than the peak periods of registration or other major administrative programs.**
- 14. Ensure that all advisors have access to necessary student records.**
- 15. Minimize the frustration of students, staff, faculty, and administrators during registration, prerequisite checks, and drop-add periods.**

ADVISOR CONTACTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I. Individual Student Advisement

The number of advisees assigned to each advisor varies with the type of commitment arranged for the individual advisor. In most instances, the advisement load includes students of all classifications (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, and special) and students of all levels of scholastic standing (Academic Warning, Academic Warning Continued, Probation, Probation Continued, Honorable Mention, Honor Roll, and Dean's List). Advisees on academic warning or probation should receive early and careful attention; their academic progress should be monitored with utmost care.

While one goal of the advisor/advisee relationship is to encourage student-initiated contacts, a minimum number of advisor-initiated contacts are expected. "Intrusive Advisement" is an appropriate and successful way to approach the advisor/advisee relationship.

II. Minimum Contacts

Fall Quarter

- A. Arrange an initial contact with all advisees early in the quarter. The first contact should occur no later than October 24, the last day a student can drop a course. If at all possible, the initial contact for individual advisees on academic warning or probation should occur before the end of the add period; the last date to add courses is Thursday, September 8. The advisor's responsibilities during the first meeting include getting acquainted, defining roles, and setting expectations.
- B. Contact advisees for a general information advisement session during the quarter. Discuss academic progress, educational/career goals, special needs, etc.
- C. Have an advisement contact prior to Priority Registration for the Winter Quarter, November 8-9, 2002. Determine the course load and schedule of classes; sign the registration process form; etc. Registration process forms will be delivered to your dean's office on Monday of the fourth week of the quarter--September 26.

Winter Quarter

- A. Contact all advisees early in the quarter--no later than January 30, the last day a student can drop a course. Contact with probation students should occur before the end of the add period; the last date to add courses is Thursday, December 1.
- B. Contact advisees for a general information advisement session during the quarter. Discuss academic progress, educational/career goals, special needs, etc.

- C. Have an advisement contact prior to Priority Registration for the Spring Quarter, February 14-15, 2003. Determine the course load and schedule of classes; sign the registration process form; etc. Registration process forms will be delivered to your dean's office on Monday of the fifth week of the quarter--January 10, 2003.

Spring Quarter

- A. Contact all advisees early in the quarter--no later than April 24, the last day a student can drop a course. Contact probation students before the end of the add period; the last date to add courses is Thursday, March 9.
- B. Contact advisees for a general information advisement session during the quarter. Discuss academic progress, educational/career goals, special needs, etc.
- C. Have an advisement contact prior to Priority Registration for the Summer and Fall Quarters, May 9-10, 2003. Determine the course load and schedule of classes; sign the registration process form; etc. Registration process forms will be delivered to your dean's office on Monday of the fourth week of the quarter--March 27, 1999.

III. Quarterly Contacts

- A. Review each advisee's grades from the previous quarter. Advisor copies of the grades are usually available the first week of each new quarter. Record or have the grades recorded on the "General Studies Academic Record Card" in each student's folder.
- B. Review the list of your advisees who are enrolled for the current quarter. Compare this list with your copy of the list from the previous quarter. Determine students not presently enrolled and perhaps make contact with those non-returning students. Also, determine those students having academic difficulty for specific advising and monitoring.
- C. Review the list of your advisees who are on academic warning or probation and who are currently enrolled. Please advise these students carefully and have frequent contacts with them.

“Where there is a human being there is an opportunity for a kindness” –Seneca (Wons, 1930, p. 64).

ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

WHAT SHOULD ADVISORS BE EXPECTED TO DO AT EXAMPLE U?

- **Have an advising folder from the Advising Office for each advisee. The advising folder should contain pertinent information about the advisee's educational history. The folder should be updated regularly by including grade/transcript summaries sent at the end of each quarter and by including dated records of all actions and discussions of significance. Notes may be made in the folder of failure to appear for appointments, any academic difficulties, choice of vocational preference, decision to change major, or any other appropriate comments. Questions about and assistance with folders may be directed to the College of General Studies office.**
- **Be available to students on a regular basis. For example, post a schedule of office hours for advising conferences.**
- **Establish friendly relationships and rapport.**
- **Discuss long range and vocational and educational goals, and allow the director of career services to assist you.**
- **Discuss general adjustment to college.**
- **Help resolve academic difficulties.**
- **Know about and keep resource materials (such as the undergraduate catalog) on hand to answer questions about academic policies. Other useful resources are this handbook, the academic calendar, and class schedule books.**
- **Know about resource persons to whom to refer students or contact directly for information and advice--dean's office, Registrar's office, etc.**
- **Be informed about the counseling/testing center in the event referral is indicated. Staff members can assist you with questions and referrals.**
- **Know resources and opportunities available to facilitate in-class and extracurricular learning. Examples include facilities in the Student Affairs Office, concert and lecture series, etc.**
- **Send occasional invitations via campus mail to advisees living in student housing encouraging them to come in for a brief conversation to see how they are doing.**
- **Help in the decision-making process in regard to course choice, vocational indecision, or personal problems (Fogarty, 1981, p. 5).**

ATHLETES--ACADEMIC ADVISING

Several factors must be considered when advising the student-athlete. Those factors include the following:

A. Minimum Academic Requirements

1. To be eligible to compete, academic requirements must be met. A student-athlete remains or becomes eligible by earning a minimum of 24 semester hours acceptable toward graduation each year. This 24-hour minimum has to be reestablished at the beginning of each quarter throughout the academic year.
2. A student-athlete who registers for 8 or more semester hours at the beginning of a quarter and subsequently drops enough semester hours to become part-time (less than 8 semester hours) immediately loses eligibility. NOTE: Any athlete wishing to drop a class or classes MUST have signed approval from the Athletic Director.
3. Student-athletes who are graduating seniors are not required to be enrolled full time during their final quarter of enrollment if their graduation requirements call for fewer than 8 semester hours.

B. Scholastic Standards

1. To be eligible to compete, the student-athlete must be making normal progress toward a recognized baccalaureate degree and attain the following cumulative grade point average:

0 - 22 semester hours.	1.60
23 - 44 semester hours.	1.75
45 - 66 semester hours.	1.90
67 semester hours and above.	2.00
2. Each student-athlete failing to maintain the grade point average designated above will be placed on academic probation, will be removed from the eligibility lists, will not be allowed to represent Example University, and will jeopardize athletically related financial aid.

C. Scheduling and Attending Classes

1. The student-athlete should schedule classes around established practice times during the season of competition. Such practices usually begin around 2:00 p.m. each weekday.

2. Since scheduled athletic events, especially those away from the campus of Example University, will occasionally cause the student-athlete to miss class, the athlete is expected to attend class at all other times. The student-athlete should also be reminded to notify his instructors when he will be forced to miss class and arrange to complete all missed work.

NOTE: Questions regarding athletes should be addressed to the Athletic Director.

**“NO ONE IS MORE CONFUSING THAN
THE FELLOW WHO GIVES GOOD ADVICE
WHILE SETTING A BAD EXAMPLE”**

(McKenzie, 1980, p. 12).

**PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE
WROTE: “MEN DO NOT MAKE LAWS.
THEY DO BUT DISCOVER THEM. LAWS
MUST BE JUSTIFIED BY SOMETHING
MORE THAN THE WILL OF THE
MAJORITY. THEY MUST REST ON THE
ETERNAL FOUNDATION OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS”** (Stone, 1983, p. 80).

CAREER SERVICES

AN INTRODUCTION

The Career Services Center, located in the Student Activities Building in Room S-106, exists as a resource for students, faculty, and alumni. Students often need assistance in making the transition into college life, as well as in bridging the gap between their college experience and the world of employment. All Center services are available to current and former students, faculty, staff, and their family members. These services include:

1. **Career Counseling/Testing**

- *Selection/Change of Major
- *Application Ideas for a Degree/Major (Careers that fit both the area of academic preparation and the student's interest, personality, and skills)
- *General Trends in the Employment Market
- *Salary Expectations

(Note: Students should be encouraged to use this service early in their college experience to add focus to their academic pursuits.)

2. **Resource Library**

- *College Catalogs (Undergraduate & Graduate from most institutions in Texas and contiguous states)
- *Guides to graduate and Professional Programs
- *Books on Resume Preparation and Job Search Skills
- *Job Choices Magazines (FREE)
- *Employer Information

3. **Part-Time/Full-Time Job Listings**

- *Updated Daily
- *Internships
- *Practica
- *On-Campus Jobs (Work-Study)

4. **Seminars**

- *Resume Preparation
- *Effective Interviewing
- *Assertiveness and Professional Image
- *Job Search Strategies

5. Career Fairs

- *Annual Fall Fair (October)
- *Texas Job Fair in association with the Houston Area Consortium of Career Centers (February)

6. Recruiting

- *On-Campus Opportunities for Students to Interview with Employers
- *Resume Referral to Interviews at Employer Site

7. Resume Expert Plus

- *Automated Placement Management System
- *Extremely User-friendly
- *Available in 3 1/2" or 5 1/4" Format
- *Tailored to Example University's Colleges, Degrees, and Majors
- *Student Selects from 6 Styles and 20 Soft Fonts
- *General Resume is Stored in the Database, Allowing Center Personnel to Match Student Qualifications with Available Opportunities
- *Cost of \$25 includes 4 Laser-Printed Copies of Student's General Resume Each Time He/she Updates/Uploads

Advisors are encouraged to refer students to the Career Services Center at their discretion. Your input and ideas about Center services are always welcome. Should you choose to address career-related matters in your classes, the Director of Career Services will gladly help you do so. You may reach the Career Services Center by dialing extension 3359 or the Director by dialing 3357.

Give bad advice and you'll get all the credit!

(Boyles, 1998, p. 48).

CONVOCATION POLICIES

1. All full-time students (8 hours or more) are required to attend convocation as long as they attend Example University. This is a degree requirement.
2. This course will be taken on a pass-fail basis with satisfactory attendance being a criterion for grading. Students are to be attentive at all convocations and present a good image of our student body.
3. It is the responsibility of each student to know his convocation requirement and also to see that his/her attendance is accurately recorded by the attendance clerk. Students must be checked in by 10:10 a.m. to be counted present. No student is dismissed until the program is terminated.
4. Satisfactory attendance means that a student must attend 2/3 of the convocation programs in each quarter. This means attending eight (8) of twelve (12) in the fall and spring quarters and seven (7) of ten (10) in the winter quarter. This requirement of eight (8) of twelve (12) is due to the extra Tuesday and Wednesday convocations during Life Commitment Week in the fall and the Staley Lecture Series in the spring. No disciplinary action will be taken for unsatisfactory attendance, but a student who fails will jeopardize his/her graduation, financial aid, or campus housing.
5. The absences allowed per quarter include those absences due to illness, personal reasons, etc.
6. Convocation is scheduled from 10:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each Thursday in Doe Gymnasium. Convocation attendance will be recorded by an electronic reader which scans the individual bar code affixed to the back of the student's I.D. card. Students without their I.D. cards will not receive credit for attendance. Students scanned after 10:10 a.m. will be reported as late and will be required to provide an appropriate excuse to the Vice President for Student Affairs.
7. LUNCH ENCOUNTERS are held in the Doe Parlor after each convocation. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to share a lunch and dialogue with the convocation guest that day. The lunches cost \$1.00, and all the proceeds go to support Summer Missions. The lunches are provided by local churches, student organizations, etc.
8. Tuesdays at 10:10 a.m. will be Activity Period to be used for such activities as Senate or C.L.C. committees, class meetings, Roundtable, pep rallies, student recitals, etc. Exception to this rule is that the Tuesday Activity Period will be utilized as additional convocations during Life Commitment Week in the fall and the Staley Lecture Series in the spring. All activities are to be scheduled on the official school calendar in the Student Affairs Office.
9. The Vice President for Student Affairs will have the authority for the implementation of the program.
10. Only members of the Example University family may attend these convocations. (Students' parents are considered as family.) Only a limited number of tickets will be distributed for some of the convocations as facilities permit.

EDUCATION MAJORS AND TEACHER CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES

1. These suggestions apply to undergraduate students only. Requirements for post-baccalaureate and graduate students seeking certification are determined on an individual basis by the Dean of the College of Education.
2. General Studies requirements for students seeking teacher certification are as follows:

<u>General Studies Course Requirements</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
RELI 1313, 1323, and 3 hrs. from RELI 2333, 2343, 2353, 2363	9
ENGL 1313, 1323, and 6 hrs. with no more than 3 hrs. from ENGL 3303, 3340, 3345	12
SPCH 1313 The communication Process	3
MATH 1313 College Algebra or higher	3
SCIENCE IF BA 4 hrs. Lab Science* IF BS 8 hrs. lab science*	4 - 8
CISM 1321 Introduction to Computer Applications or higher	3
KINE 2200 Concepts of Human Wellness	2
POLS 2313 American and Texas Government	3
PSYC 3313 Human Growth and Development	3
SOCI 2311 Schools and Learning	3
HIST 2313, 2323 The United States	6
FINE ARTS 3 hrs. from MUHL 2212, 2222, 2232, 2312, ART 2313, 2323, 3343, or INDC 2301-2304 Culture & Human Experience	3
	BA 54 BS 58

*There are specific science course requirements for elementary and kinetics certification.

Permitting students seeking teacher certification to take courses other than those listed above to satisfy the General Studies College requirements may ultimately force them to earn more than 130 hours to graduate.

3. In order to take education courses, students should:
 - a. Apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program;
 - b. Have completed at least 64 semester hours;
 - c. Have successfully completed all 3 sections of the TASP Test (Texas Academic Skills Program). (Students may be allowed to take up to 6 semester hours of education course work before completing this requirement.)
4. At the time of the filing of the degree plan, a student should be advised to take and pass the English Proficiency Examination (and Spanish for bilingual education majors) prior to student teaching and to plan for student teaching. Student teaching involves working in a school all day, every day for an entire quarter. Students should be discouraged from taking additional course work during student teaching.
5. Students are requested to apply for student teaching and confer with a member of the Education faculty two quarters prior to student teaching. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 is required to student teach and to be recommended for teacher certification.
6. There are several basic teaching certificates available at Example University with specific majors designed for each.
 - a. Elementary
 - 1) Grades Pre-K-6 with Early Childhood Specialization
(Majors: Interdisciplinary Studies and Early Childhood Education)
 - 2) Grades 1-8 with Academic Area Specialization
(Majors: Interdisciplinary Studies and one of the following:
 - Art
 - Bilingual education
 - Biology
 - English
 - History
 - Math
 - Spanish
 - 3) Grades 1-6 with Special Education Specialization (This permits the student to teach grades 1-6 in elementary school and pre-school-12 in special education classrooms.)
(Majors: Interdisciplinary Studies and Generic Special Education)

- b. Secondary, Grades 6-12
(2 majors chosen from the following:)

Art
Biology
Chemistry
English
French
Government
History

Human Kinetics
Math
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Speech

- c. All level Art or Music, Grades K-12

7. Any member of the Education Department faculty will be happy to assist a student in choosing teaching fields and sequencing courses.

**"THE REWARDS OF ADVISING ARE PERSONAL.
THE NICEST PART IS SEEING THE STUDENT
DEVELOP OVER THE YEARS --BECOME
INDEPENDENT. IN THE BEGINNING YOU'RE
TELLING THE STUDENTS. BY THE FOURTH
YEAR, IF YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB OF
ADVISING, THE STUDENT IS TELLING YOU"**
(College of Sciences and Humanities, Undated, p. 1).

ENGLISH PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

Advisors are asked to enroll freshmen in the appropriate English courses (i.e., English 1303 or English 1313) on the basis of the following guidelines:

1. Place in English 1303 entering freshmen scoring below 40 on the TSWE and below 18 on the English section of the ACT.
2. Place in English 1313 students scoring 40 or above on the TSWE or 18 or above on the ACT.
3. Place entering freshmen with no available scores in English 1303.
5. Entering international students should enroll in English 1303.

**“OF THE MANY GOOD REASONS WHY
PEOPLE SHOULD MAKE A HABIT OF SEEKING ADVICE,
THE BEST IS THAT NOBODY IS INFALLIBLE”**

(“The Way of Advice,” 1991, p. 1).

**“FREE ADVICE IS OFTEN
OVERPRICED”**

(McKenzie, 1980, p. 13).

ENGLISH PLACEMENT THE WRITING LAB

SUMMARY

The Writing Laboratory is conducted in a specialized manner. This method ensures that students receive private attention and tutoring. This philosophy of individuality has given the Writing Laboratory at Example University an excellent reputation.

PHILOSOPHY

The Writing Laboratory is a workshop designed to provide individual help to students registered at Example University. Since its inception in 1982, this Laboratory has operated under one basic principle: **INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION IS THE KEY TO HELPING A STUDENT.**

The secret to the success of the Writing Laboratory at Example University is the true commitment to individual attention and the close association the director of the laboratory achieves with each student.

PROCEDURE

The laboratory is open to any student registered in ANY class at Example University; the student does not have to be registered in English 1303 to receive help at this laboratory.

The director confers with all students for at least a few minutes each laboratory session.

VALUE TO THE UNIVERSITY

For 16 years, the Writing Laboratory has been a valuable learning resource for students.

Students who have not passed the English Proficiency Examination (EPE) and those who are afraid that they will not pass come to the laboratory for practical suggestions on overcoming anxiety in test-taking situations.

**“ADVICE IS ESSENTIAL TO BOTH
INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP
ENDEAVOURS”**

(“The Way of Advice,” 1991, p. 1).

ENGLISH PLACEMENT THE WRITING LAB

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 27, 2001

TO: All Advisors

FROM: Dr. Jane Doe, Chair
Department of Languages

SUBJECT: The Writing Lab and ENGL 1303

All students who register for any section of ENGL 1303 Basic Grammar and Composition must also register for the 1303 lab.

**THE SHEER VOLUME OF ADVICE,
AND THE EASE WITH WHICH IT CAN BE
THOUGHT UP,
IS ONE OF THE CHIEF REASONS
WHY IT IS OFTEN NOT TAKEN
SERIOUSLY ENOUGH”**

(“The Way of Advice,” 1991, p. 1).

EVENING PROGRAM ONE-YEAR SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL STUDIES

SUMMER	CISM 1321-03 MW	18:00-19:55
	ENGL 2323-11 MTWT	18:00-19:55
	ENGL 3340-12 MTWT	20:05-22:00
	RELI 1313-11 MTWT	18:00-19:55
	RELI 1323-02 MW	18:00-19:55
FALL	BIOL 2404-01 MW	18:00-19:55
	BIOL 2404-L1 MW	20:05-22:00
	BUSA 3320-01 TT	18:00-19:55
	CISM 1321-04 MW	18:00-19:55
	ECON 2301-01 TT	18:00-19:55
	ENGL 1313-04 MW	18:00-19:55
	GEOG 3300-01 M	18:00-22:00
	INDC 3312-02 MW	18:00-19:55
	MATH 1313-04 TT	18:00-19:55
	POLS 2313-02 TT	18:00-19:55
	RELI 1313-05 TT	18:00-19:55
	SPAN 1314-03 TT	18:00-19:55
	SPCH 1313-04 TT	20:05-22:00
	WINTER	BUSA 3320-01 MW
BUSA 3340-01 MW		18:00-19:55
CHEM 1404-01 MW		18:00-19:55
CHEM 1404-L1 MW		20:05-22:00
CISM 1321-03 TT		18:00-19:55
ECON 2302-01 TT		18:00-19:55
ENGL 1323-03 MW		18:00-19:55
ENGL 2313-03 TT		18:00-19:55
ENGL 3340-01 MW		18:00-19:55
HIST 2313-03 TT		18:00-19:55
INDC 3313-02 T		18:00-22:00
MATH 1313-03 TT		18:00-19:55
PSYC 1313-03 W		18:00-22:00
RELI 1323-05 TT		18:00-19:55
SPAN 1324-03 TT		18:00-19:55
SPRING		CISM 1321-03 MW
	ECON 1301-01 TT	20:05-22:00
	ENGL 2313-05 TT	18:00-19:55
	HIST 2323-02 TT	18:00-19:55
	INDC 3304-02 TT	18:00-19:55
	KINE 2200-02 T	18:00-21:00
	POLS 2313-02 TT	18:00-19:55
	RELI 2333-04 TT	18:00-19:55

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY

I. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

A. Federal: Application due in September for next academic year

Based on formula including previous year's usage of funds

Head count

Total amount of tuition and fees

Income grid of parents and students

B. State: Application due in March for next academic year based on need of fulltime Texas residents not majoring in religion or receiving athletic grants

C. Institutional: Application (budget request) due in December for next academic year

After the budget is approved in the spring, funds are allocated to the various departments based on the previous year's usage.

Each department is notified of amounts it has to award. After July, that commitment is over, and funds are reallocated to departments needing them, i.e., Presidential Scholarship funds (Mr. Stiles Doe) may be shifted to Music (Dr. Linder Doe), etc.

II. SELECTION:

1. Applications are ready for students in February for the next academic year. A May 1st priority deadline is used. Awards are made beginning in late May, early June.
2. Federal and State aid are based on a demonstration of financial need. This process takes six to eight weeks, so students need to plan ahead.
3. Institutional aid is based on criteria set by the administration and the department concerned but with some basic minimum standards, such as (1) full-time status, (2) convocation passed, (3) minimum GPA
(4) eligibility to represent the institution.

III. DELIVERY SYSTEM:

1. Financial Aid Office collects all supporting documents and verifies all information.
2. Awards are then made in the following order:
 - a. Pell Grant
 - b. TEG
 - c. Institutional grant
 - d. Work-study
 - e. Loans
3. Award letters are sent to the student with one or more of the above programs. Awards are made for the entire year but broken down by quarters.
4. Student accepts the award notice and is then ready to register for the next enrollment period.
5. After registering for the quarter, the student comes to the Financial Aid Office to have monies applied to his/her account.
6. Student takes the receipt to the business office and settles his/her account. If financial aid is greater than the bill, he/she may collect excess in the form of a refund to cover indirect costs (such as housing, transportation, etc.).

IV. PARAMETERS AND DISCUSSION:

1. Federal and State programs have fairly rigid guidelines that allow for little deviation.
2. Our institutional aid philosophy is to use limited budgets to help and reward the maximum number of students. A student, therefore, may receive only one type of institutionally funded scholarship.

V. TYPICAL AID RECEIVED:

Stephen's parents' income is \$32,443, and he made \$4302. He lives at home, and his total cost is \$10,226. Based on the federal formula, his parents can contribute \$929, and he should contribute \$2441. His need is \$6856. His award is as follows:

Pell Grant	\$ 740
TEG	\$1350
Loan	\$2625
Total	\$4715
Unmet need	\$2141

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

GENERAL INFORMATION

The six-semester hour option in foreign language for the BA. degree may be satisfied through the elementary courses, or more advanced courses, in any of the foreign languages. Students who wish to continue studying a foreign language begun in high school should be advised to enroll in that language early in the course of their university studies so that they have the advantage of building on that foundation.

French 1314, 1324 and Spanish 1314, 1324 are not open to students with more than two years of that language in high school or proficiency above Novice. French 2314, 2324 and Spanish 2314, 2324 are not open to students with proficiency above Novice.

Students with strong backgrounds in foreign language may take the MLA Cooperative Foreign Language Examination in order to earn six or twelve hours credit in French, German, or Spanish. Usually, students who have a background of three years of high school study in the language with grades of A or B can earn six hours credit. Those with four or five years pre-university level study with grades of A or B may be able to earn twelve hours of credit. Native speakers of a language can usually earn twelve hours credit. The examinations are given during the first week of each quarter. Students who are interested in taking the examinations should sign up in the Department of Languages.

Students interested in majoring in French or Spanish need to begin the study of the language early in their course of studies in order to allow time for the development of language skills needed for upper level courses. Upper level courses are taught in the foreign language. Students who earn twelve hours credit through examination can complete the major with a relatively low number of additional hours. Students with the foreign language major as a second major are sought for in many career fields today, such as social work, teaching, and business.

The Language Center, Room A-250, is available to students, as well as foreign language faculty, for computer-assisted instruction; listening to tapes; small group practice in speaking, culture, and civilization projects; and foreign language club activities. Those interested in further information about the Center should see the Director, Dr. Language Doe.

NOTE: Students should be counseled to take the required language courses early in their studies. Sometimes students decide in their junior year that they would like to major in language. It is too late at that time to acquire the oral proficiency necessary for majoring in foreign languages.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

ADVANCED LEVEL

Listed below is a selection of courses that may be used as upper level electives and that do not have prerequisites other than General Studies requirements. To fulfill the graduation requirement of "...not fewer than 48 semester hours of upper level courses," students may be advised to select some of their general electives from these courses. According to the Example University Bulletin of Information, "...students may register for one elective course each quarter on a pass-fail basis." The courses are as follows:

Art

ART 3343 Art Appreciation

Bilingual Education

EDBI 4314 Survey of Linguistics

Economics

ECON 3301 American Economic History

English

ENGL 3303 Elements of Professional Writing
ENGL 3313 English Literature I
ENGL 3323 English Literature II
ENGL 3333 American Literature
ENGL 3345 Technical Writing
ENGL 3353 Creative Writing
ENGL 3373 Shakespeare
ENGL 4302 Advanced Rhetoric, Grammar, and Writing
ENGL 4313-4319 Periods of English Literature
ENGL 4323-4325 Periods of American Literature

Geography

GEOG 3300 World Regional Geography

German

GERM 3393 German Literature in Translation

History

HIST 3313 Colonial America
HIST 3323 Civil War and Reconstruction
HIST 3333 History of Texas
HIST 3353 History of England
HIST 3363 History of England
HIST 4313 The Gilded Age and After 1877-1916
HIST 4333 United States Foreign Policy
HIST 4352 The French Revolution and Napoleon
HIST 4353 Europe 1814-1870
HIST 4354 Europe Since 1871
HIST 4363 Twentieth Century America
HIST 4373 Studies in British History: Tudor-Stuart England
HIST 4374 Studies in British History: Victorian Britain
HIST 4375 Studies in British History: The British Empire
HIST 4376 Studies in British History: Modern Britain

Human Kinetics

KINE 3303 Team and Individual Sports for Secondary Schools
KINE 3363 Tests and Measurements in Human Kinetics
KINE 3396 Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries

Mass Media

MASM 3303 Elements of Professional Writing
MASM 3333 Photojournalism
MASM 3345 Technical Writing
MASM 3353 Creative Writing
MASM 3373 Conference Methods

Philosophy

PHIL 3323 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
PHIL 3343 Modern Philosophy
PHIL 4323 Ethics
PHIL 4353 World Religions
PHIL 4363 Philosophy of Religion

Physics

PHYS 4181 Special Topics
PHYS 4281 Special Topics
PHYS 4381 Special Topics
PHYS 4481 Special Topics

Political Science

POLS 3323 Urban Policy
POLS 3343 Judicial Process
POLS 3353 Contemporary Political Thought
POLS 3373 Legislative Process
POLS 3383 The Chief Executive
POLS 4313 Constitutional Law
POLS 4333 United States Foreign Policy
POLS 4353 International Relations

Psychology

PSYC 3303 Research Methods
PSYC 3313 Human Growth and Development
PSYC 3333 Social Psychology
PSYC 4181 Special Topics
PSYC 4281 Special Topics
PSYC 4323 Theories of Counseling
PSYC 4326 Psychology of Death and Dying
PSYC 4330 Psychology of Learning
PSYC 4334 Psychology of Religion
PSYC 4353 Physiological Psychology
PSYC 4381 Special Topics
PSYC 4383 Motivation and Behavior

Religion

RELI 3314 History of Christianity
RELI 3333 Jesus and His Teachings
RELI 3344 Paul and His Letters
RELI 3363 Evangelism
RELI 4333 Sociology of Religion

RELI 4334 Psychology of Religion
RELI 4343 Old Testament Prophets
RELI 4353 World Religions
RELI 4363 Philosophy of Religion

Social Work

SOCW 3333 Social Psychology
SOCW 3374 Urban Sociology
SOCW 3393 Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence
SOCW 4333 Sociology of Religion
SOCW 4343 Sociology of Middle Age and Aging

Sociology

SOCI 3303 Research Methods
SOCI 3333 Social Psychology
SOCI 3374 Urban Sociology
SOCI 3393 Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence
SOCI 4333 Sociology of Religion
SOCI 4343 Sociology of Middle Age and Aging

Spanish

SPAN 3386 Spanish Conversation: Medical Spanish
SPAN 3387 Spanish Conversation: Advanced Medical Spanish
SPAN 3388 Spanish Conversation: Spanish for Travel
SPAN 3389 Spanish Conversation: Business Spanish
SPAN 3390 Spanish Conversation: Spanish in the Community

Speech

SPCH 3303 Dramatic Rhetoric
SPCH 3313 Public Speaking
SPCH 3324 Legal Communication
SPCH 3373 Conference Methods
SPCH 4313 The Rhetoric of Great Issues

**“It would ...seem self-defeating not to search out
good advice wherever possible”**

(“The Way of Advice,” 1991, p. 4).

INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES (INDC)

Listed below are the topics for the Interdisciplinary Courses (INDC). A student may select an INDC 2311, 2312, 2313, or 2314 (Great Issues of the 20th Century) to meet a Natural, Social, and Behavioral Sciences requirement and an INDC 2301, 2302, 2303, or 2304 (Culture and Human Experience) to fulfill the fine arts requirement.

SUMMER I INDC 3301-01 Culture and Human Experience TBA

TOPIC: **"European Tour"**

Team: Dr. Rhonda Doe, Chairman
Dr. John J. Doe, College of Science/Math
Dr. Jon Doe, Library

INDC 3311-01 Great Issues of the 20th Century 8:00-10:00 TT

TOPIC: **"Values in Conflict"**

Team: Dr. Randy Doe, Chairman
Dr. Nancy Doe, College of Nursing

SUMMER II INDC 3301-02 Culture and Human Experience 10:15-12:15 MW

TOPIC: **"Man and the Modern Age"**

Team: Mr. Dan Doe, Chairman
Mr. Erik Doe
Mr. James Doe

FALL INDC 2302-01 Culture and Human Experience 11:30-13:30 TT

TOPIC: **"Ancient and Medieval Culture"**

Team: Mr. James Doe, Chairman
Dr. Rhonda Doe, College of Fine Arts
Dr. Randy Doe, College of Humanities
Dr. John J. Doe, College of Science/Math
Dr. Jon Doe, Library

INDC 2312-01 Great Issues of the 20th Century 9:30-10:50 MWF

TOPIC: **"Biomedical Ethics"**

Team: Dr. Treacy Doe, Chairman
Dr. Gloria Doe, College of Humanities
Dr. Curtis Doe, College of Humanities
Dr. Nancy Doe, College of Nursing

INDC 2312-02 Great Issues of the 20th Century 18:00-19:55 MW

TOPIC: **"Cultural Literacy and Conflict"**

Team: Dr. Michael Doe, Chairman
Dr. Gerda Doe

WINTER INDC 2303-01 Culture and Human Experience 11:30-13:30 TT

TOPIC: **"Renaissance through 18th Century"**

Team: Mr. James Doe, Chairman
Dr. Rhonda Doe, College of Fine Arts
Dr. Randy Doe, College of Humanities
Dr. John J. Doe, College of Science/Math
Dr. Jon Doe, Library

INDC 2313-01 Great Issues of the 20th Century 9:30-10:50 MWF

TOPIC: **"Death and Dying"**

Team: Dr. Curtis Doe, Chairman
Dr. Jim Doe, College of Education
Dr. Nancy Yuill, College of Nursing

INDC 2313-02 Great Issues of the 20th Century 18:00-22:00 Th

TOPIC: **"Europe 2000"**

Team: Dr. Michael Doe, Chairman
Dr. Daton Doe, College of Humanities

SPRING INDC 2304-01 Culture and Human Experience 11:30-13:30 TT

TOPIC: **"19th and 20th Century"**

Team: Mr. James Doe, Chairman
Dr. Randy Doe, College of Humanities
Dr. John J. Doe, College of Science/Math
Mr. Dan Doe, College of Fine Arts
Dr. Jon Doe, Library

INDC 2302-01 Culture and Human Experience 18:00-19:55 TT

TOPIC: **"Ancient and Medieval Culture"**

Team: Mr. Erik Doe, Chairman
Dr. Michael Doe, College of Humanities

INDC 2314-01 Great Issues of the 20th Century 9:30-10:50 MWF

TOPIC: **"Contemporary Ethical Issues"**

Team: Dr. Curtis Doe, Chairman
Dr. Robert Doe, College of Business/Economics
Dr. Nancy Doe, College of Nursing
Dr. Treacy Doe, College of Science/Math

**“Adolescents who are constantly
being exhorted to ‘listen to me’
are apt to regard parental guidance
as part of an adult conspiracy
against their age group”**
(“The Way of Advice,” 1991, p. 1).

**“Most people, when they come to
you for advice, want their opinions
strengthened, not corrected”** (McKenzie,
1980, p. 12).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Intensive English Institute

Recently the Intensive English Institute moved to the Example University campus in order to provide support and opportunities for international students. The curriculum is designed to develop academic English language skills for students who are learning English as a second language. Upper level classes incorporate academic English language skills with cultural aspects of the American university experience.

Students are tested upon admission to the Intensive English Institute and placed in a level appropriate to their English proficiency. There are eight levels in the program. At each level, students study writing, reading, grammar, conversation, and listening skills. The classes are small with approximately 10 students per class. Students are in class twenty hours per week for 11 weeks. They are expected to complete one level per quarter. Enrollment dates in this program correspond to the enrollment dates of Example University.

**“WHAT THE WORLD WANTS IS NOT
ADVICE BUT EXAMPLE. ANY FOOL CAN
TALK”** (McKenzie, 1980, p. 12).

**“NOTHING IN THE WORLD CAN TAKE
THE PLACE OF PERSISTENCE.
TALENT WILL NOT; NOTHING IS MORE
COMMON THAN UNSUCCESSFUL MEN OF
TALENT.
GENIUS WILL NOT...THE WORLD IS
FULL OF EDUCATED DERELICTS.
PERSISTENCE AND DETERMINATION
ALONE ARE OMNIPOTENT. THE SLOGAN
"PRESS ON" HAS SOLVED AND ALWAYS WILL
SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE HUMAN
RACE”** (Stone, 1983, p. 80).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NOTES TO ADVISORS

1. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

The TOEFL is the admitting examination for international students. A total score of 550 or greater is required for undergraduates and graduates with an acceptable score on each of the subsections. (A score of 53 is the acceptable score on each subsection but this will not be specified in the Bulletin.)

Any prospective undergraduate student with a score between 525 and 549 will be allowed to come before the Admissions Committee. The Committee could admit the student under the condition that he/she enroll in the Intensive English Institute until a 550 on the TOEFL is achieved or a Level 8 is achieved. The student would be allowed to take one college course for credit, with the course to be selected by Example University. (This is not allowed for graduate students.)

International students entering as freshmen would not be required to submit SAT/ACT scores in addition to the TOEFL. (We are the only university on the survey that requires both TOEFL and SAT/ACT scores of international students.)

If international students do have SAT/ACT scores that meet our requirements, then they would not have to submit TOEFL scores.

Students who have earned bachelor's degrees or higher at an accredited U.S. college or university would not be required to submit a TOEFL score.

Native speakers of English, such as from Australia, New Zealand, British Isles, Canada, and South Africa, would not be required to submit a TOEFL score.

2. Academic Load for International Students

International students on student visas must be enrolled as full-time students, that is, for a minimum of 8 semester hours. For the first quarter, English 1303 is required unless the student has received transfer credit for English 1313.

**"FEW OF US DO AS MUCH AS WE WANT TO
FOR OTHERS, BUT THERE IS ONE GIFT WE CAN
ALWAYS BESTOW -- A SMILE"** (Holmes, 1982, p. 58).

International Students Rules for F-1 Students

1. The International Study Advisor must be notified at least two (2) weeks in advance any time the F-1 student wants to leave the United States.
2. The F-1 student must enroll in a minimum of eight (8) semester hours per quarter. If the F-1 student drops a class, he/she must not drop below eight (8) semester hours.
3. The F-1 student must not be employed.
4. The F-1 student must report any change of address or phone number to the Director of Admissions immediately.
5. Any change in the status (transfers, etc.) of an F-1 student must be reported to the Director of Admissions immediately.
6. The F-1 student must keep his/her passport valid for at least six (6) months at all times.

I certify that I have read these rules and understand them. A copy of these signed rules has been given to me.

Student signature

Student name printed

Date

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PLACEMENT

All Degrees

1. Students with SAT Math scores below 400 or ACT standard scores below 18 must take Math 1304 before enrolling in Math 1313.
2. Students with SAT Math scores above 400 or ACT standard scores above 18 should take Math 1313.
3. All Business majors are required to take MATH 1314, Finite Mathematics. MATH 1314 has MATH 1313 as its prerequisite.

Bachelor of Science Candidates

1. All students are required to take two science courses with laboratories (7-8 semester hours) for a BS degree. Courses for non-science majors should be selected from the following courses:

CHEM 1404, Introductory Chemistry
BIOL 1404, Introductory Biology
BIOL 1414, Introductory Microbiology
BIOL 2404, Human Anatomy I
BIOL 2414, Human Anatomy II
2. Elementary Education students should use BIOL 1404 and CHEM 1404 to meet their General College science requirements. These courses cover the essential elements that will be covered on their EXCET examination.
3. Students weak in math (scoring less than 400 on the SAT or less than 18 on the ACT) must take MATH 1304, Introductory Algebra, before taking any science course.
4. Most science students, including pre-med and pre-dent students, are required to take a calculus-based physics. Many students majoring in science have strong high school math backgrounds. (If a student has had a course in high school, he should make his own decision whether to repeat prerequisite courses for the course he has completed.) The math course that a science student should take his first quarter at Example University should be based on his math background. If a student made 400 or higher on the SAT or above 18 on the ACT, the following is a suggested guideline:

Course Taken in High School

No Math
Algebra Only
Algebra and Trigonometry
Algebra, Trigonometry and Pre-cal
Calculus

Courses To Take at Example University

Math 1313, 1323, 1434, 2434*
Math 1323, 1434, 2434
Math 1434 and 2434
Math 1434 and 2434
Math 2434

IF A STUDENT HAS A WEAK BACKGROUND (a grade of a C or below) IN ANY OF THE ABOVE COURSES, HE SHOULD REPEAT THAT COURSE EVEN THOUGH HE TOOK THAT COURSE IN HIGH SCHOOL.

*Math 1313, College Algebra
Math 1323, Trigonometry
Math 1434, Pre-calculus
Math 2434, Calculus I

Famous Last Words Concerning Math:

“I didn’t want to waste money talking the math I placed into, since I’d already had it in high school....”

“I couldn’t understand the instructor so I decided to teach myself out of the book instead of wasting time in class”

“Math was easy for me in high school and the first chapters covered stuff I knew, so I didn’t actually work the problems....”

“It was just a bad day when I took the placement test so I enrolled in the next level....” (Tyler, 1997, p. 74).

“Math opens the door to some great majors. Hang in there.”
(Tyler, 1997, p. 76).

MUSIC

ADVISING BA/BS CANDIDATES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph Doe, Dean College of General Studies
FROM: Robert Doe
SUBJECT: Advising BA/BS candidates (Music as second major)

All freshman and transfer students who list "Music" as their second major should be sent to the Music Office for advising before completing their registration. The academic advisor may help the student select up to seven hours of non-music courses, but approximately six hours should be reserved for music courses each quarter.

Placement tests and auditions are also necessary for all new music students.

RD/dj

**"NOBODY GETS MORE OUT
OF A SURPRISE PARTY THAN THE
PEOPLE WHO PLAN IT"** (Holmes, 1982, p. 58).

MUSIC STUDENTS ADVISING BM CANDIDATES

1. If a student is academically strong (and has received credit for courses through CLEP or other advanced placement), he should be advised to take two SCR (General Studies College Requirement) courses per quarter, other than KINE, from the beginning.
2. Students who have more difficulty academically and who would likely do poorly carrying two SCR courses with a full music load should be advised to take one SCR course (or one in addition to a KINE course) and to limit their load to 12 hours per quarter. At the same time, they should be advised that such a track will undoubtedly require one or two summer sessions or five years to complete.
3. Students who are working in a church or other job more than 10 hours per week should be advised from the beginning to expect to take a minimum of five years to graduate, to take only one SCR course per quarter, and to limit their load to 11 hours per quarter.
4. In the event that a student should be advised to take no SCR course, the advisor should send a memo to Dr. Joseph Doe explaining the circumstances for such action. Without such a memo, the registration will be questioned.

The above should result in a policy which enables a student to excel academically as he formulates a degree plan within a more flexible framework. Such flexibility should allow one to determine a time-frame which would best accommodate work load, academic acumen, financial solvency, and personal situation, thus enhancing one's chances of doing very well in all areas of collegiate endeavor.

NOTE: Private music lesson course numbers must be obtained from the office of the Dean of Fine Arts (A25).

**"ADVISING IS THE BEST WAY
TO BECOME EDUCATED
ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY"**

(College of Sciences and Humanities, Undated, p.
1)

MUSIC--EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY'S CHORAL ENSEMBLES

One Credit ensembles open to all who qualify----

NOT RESTRICTED to Music Majors.

Please send students to Dr. Wehr Doe (A29, ext. 2253) or Dr. Richard Doe, opera, (A237, ext. 2219) for further information.

UNIVERSITY CHORUS (13:40 - 15:40 TTh) Doebee Theater

MUVE 0101, thirty to fifty voices. Rehearsal and performance of larger works for chorus, some with orchestra. Open to all students and faculty families. Voice check required for section placement. Scheduled each quarter.

UNIVERSITY SINGERS (12:30 - 13:50 MWF) Room A-244

MUVE 0141, twenty-five to thirty-five voices. Rehearsal and performance of the finest music written for the select choral ensemble, both on and off campus. Musicians from this choir are chosen to participate in highly select vocal ensembles such as Joyful Sound. By audition only. Scheduled each quarter.

OPERA WORKSHOP (15:50 - 17:50 TTh)

MUAP 1129. The study of all facets of musical theatre, including rehearsal and performance of a variety of works for the stage. Participation by permission of the director.

**"THERE IS NO THRILL QUITE LIKE DOING
SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD"**
(Holmes, 1982, p. 58).

MUSIC—EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY'S INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

OPEN to all instrumentalists, both music majors AND non-music majors

ONE HOUR CREDIT for each ensemble

Please send interested students to Dr. Robert Doe (Band Room-A254) or Mr. Linder Doe (Music Office-A25).

SYMPHONIC BAND - MWF (12:30 - 13:50)

MUIE 0101. A large symphonic grouping of all band instruments for the purpose of performing the band literature in concert. Concerts are performed on campus and off with a minimum of extracurricular responsibilities.

JAZZ BAND - TTh (11:30 - 13:30)

MUIE 0181. A jazz-oriented ensemble open to all students. Musical styles include jazz, rock, and swing. Development of improvisation featured. Concerts are performed on campus and off, **ALONG WITH APPEARANCES AT JAZZ FESTIVALS WITH A MINIMUM OF EXTRACURRICULAR RESPONSIBILITIES.**

UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA - See Dean of Fine Arts.

UNIVERSITY HANDBELLS - F (13:40 - 15:40)

MUIE 0131. Rehearses and performs sacred and secular literature for handbell choirs. Basic music reading skills required. (See Dr. Handbell Doe-A32).

GUITAR ENSEMBLE - Weekly (TBA)

MUIE 0151. Rehearses and performs classical guitar literature. Participation by permission of director.

**MANY EXCELLENT HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS
ARE ATTENDING EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY AND
MAJORING IN ONE OF OUR FINE DEGREE
PROGRAMS OTHER THAN MUSIC. PLEASE HELP US
TO KEEP BAND IN THEIR LIVES.**

RELIGION PLACEMENT

TO: All Faculty Advisors

FROM: Department of Religion and Philosophy

DATE: July 30, 2001

RE: Sequencing of Religion Courses

The Department of Religion and Philosophy asks that you keep in mind the following matters as you advise your students:

1. Students should take Religion courses in sequence:

- 2.
- | | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Old Testament | RELI 1313 |
| New Testament | RELI 1323 |
| Christian Doctrine | RELI 2333 |

If this is a problem, contact the chairperson of the Department of Religion and Philosophy.

2. Remember that the Bulletin of Information states that BOTH Old Testament and New Testament are **PREREQUISITES** for taking Christian Doctrine.
3. Because Philosophy is such a meaningful preparatory course for any major in the liberal arts, please advise students to take at least one course in Philosophy. Courses in Philosophy now are required for a major in Religion.
4. All Religion majors and/or church vocations students should seek an advisor from the Religion Department in order to be properly guided in academic pre-seminary courses.

“When it comes to advice, the mass of people clearly subscribe to the biblical doctrine that it is more blessed to give than to receive” (“The Way of Advice,” 1991, p. 1).

REMINDER—ARE YOU A GOOD ADVISOR?

Often, the only evidence of an advising job well done is a student's genuine thanks. Answering a few on-target self-evaluative questions honestly may provide you with an objective look at your day-to-day performance.

- If your advisees were to "grade" you, what would you get?
- Do you give each advisee the same time and consideration?
- Do you greet students by name, approaching each in a positive, friendly manner?
- Are you doing things the same way now as you did five years ago?
- If you could change the way your office is run in any way, what would it be? Is there any possibility of instituting this change, or a compromise?
- How often do you ask colleagues for feedback?
- If you supervise others, are you utilizing their abilities/talents effectively?
- When referring students to other offices, do you help them "connect" by providing the names and phone numbers of people to contact?
- How is your "office sensitivity"?
- Do you attempt to help students choose courses which relate to each other as well as to their entire program of study?
- If you were a student, would you go to "you" for advice? Why or why not?
- Do you treat all students equitably and with respect--no matter what their age, race, sex, or religious preference?
- Have your ways to handle student problems become stereotyped and repetitive? How often can you say that you dealt with a problem creatively?

These questions are meant to serve as a springboard to others. It is hoped they will prompt a few of your own which can only help to make a good advisor better (Jeffery, 1988, p. 2+).

REMINDER--MEASURING ADVISORS

**IN MEASURING HOW ADVISORS FARE,
ASK DO THEY KNOW?
ARE THEY THERE?
BUT MOST OF ALL,
ASK DO THEY CARE?**

**IF THEY DON'T KNOW,
WHO KNOWS?
IF THEY'RE NOT THERE,
WHO IS?
IF THEY DON'T CARE,
WHO DOES?**

**IN MEASURING HOW ADVISORS FARE,
ASK DO THEY KNOW?
ARE THEY THERE?
BUT MOST OF ALL,
ASK DO THEY CARE?**

WES HABLEY, AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAM

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“NEVER TRUST THE ADVICE OF A MAN IN DIFFICULTIES”

--Aesop (Safire and Safir, 1992, p. 59).

A P P E N D I X E S

APPENDIX A
EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF GENERAL STUDIES
ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES ADVISING TABLE

SUBJECT AREA	TESTS	SCORES	DEGREES	REQUIREMENTS
<u>English*</u>	ACT	Below 18	All**	ENGL 1303
	ACT	18+	All**	ENGL 1313
	AP	3	All Bachelor's	ENGL 1323
	AP (with Essay)	4 or 5***	All Bachelor's	None
	CBA-N (with Essay)	550	All Bachelor's	ENGL 1323
	CLEP	560+	All**	ENGL 1323
	GED	Below 60	All**	ENGL 1303
	GED	60+	All**	ENGL 1313
	SAT (Verbal)	Below 400	All**	ENGL 1303
	SAT (Verbal)	400+	All**	ENGL 1313
	TOEFL****	Below 550	All**	ENGL 1303 and SPCH 1304
	TOEFL****	550+	All**	ENGL 1313
	TSWE	Below 40	All**	ENGL 1303
	TSWE	40+	All**	ENGL 1313
	No Tests	Poor or good high school English grades	All**	ENGL 1303
<u>French</u>	AP-Literature	3	All**	None
	AP-Language	3	All**	None
	AP-Language	4 or 5	All**	None
	No Test	None	All**	FREN 1314
	No Test	1 or 2 yrs. FL	All**	FREN 1314 or FREN 1324
	No Test	3 yrs. FL	All**	FREN 2314 or FREN 2324
	No Test	4 or more yrs. FL	All**	FREN 3314 or FREN 3324
<u>German</u>	AP-Literature	3	All**	None
	AP-Language	3	All**	None
	AP-Language	4 or 5	All**	None
	No Test	None	All**	GERM 1314
	No Test	1 or 2 yrs. FL	All**	GERM 1314 or GERM 1324
	No Test	3 yrs. FL	All**	GERM 2314 or GERM 2324
	No Test	4 or more yrs. FL	All**	GERM 3313 or GERM 3323

<u>Spanish</u>	AP-Literature	3	All**	None
	AP-Language	3	All**	None
	AP-Language	4 or 5	All**	None
	No Test	None	All**	SPAN 1314
	No Test	1 or 2 yrs. FL	All**	SPAN 1314 or SPAN 1324
	No Test	3 yrs. FL	All**	SPAN 2314 or SPAN 2324
	No Test	4 or more yrs. FL	All**	SPAN 3314 or SPAN 3324

* Advisor, see page 163 of the Academic Advising Handbook for details.

** All includes the ADN Program as well as all bachelor's degrees.

*** Departmental approval following review of a required essay. Refer student to Dr. Jane Doe.

**** Advisor, see page 177 of the Academic Advising Handbook for details.

Joseph Doe, ED.D., Dean
College of General Studies

**“IF YOU THINK EDUCATION IS EXPENSIVE—
TRY IGNORANCE”** --Derek Bok, President, Harvard University
(Safire and Safir, 1992, p. 95).

APPENDIX B
EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF GENERAL STUDIES
BUSINESS, RELIGION, AND HISTORY ADVISING TABLE

SUBJECT AREA	TESTS	SCORES	DEGREES	REQUIREMENTS
<u>Business</u> (Computer Science)	CLEP	71st %	All Bachelor's	None
<u>Religion</u> *	None	None	All Bachelor's	RELI 1313
	None	None	All Bachelor's	RELI 1323
	None	None	All Bachelor's	RELI 2333, 2343, 2353, or 2363
<u>U.S. History</u> **	AP	3	All Bachelor's	HIST 2323
	AP	4 or 5	All Bachelor's	None
	CLEP (to 1865)	560+	All Bachelor's	HIST 2323
	CLEP (1865 on)	560+	All Bachelor's	HIST 2313

* Advisor, see page 158 of the Academic Advising Handbook for details. Students should take Religion courses in sequence as listed above.

** See Appendix D of the Academic Advising Handbook or pages 41-43 of the Example University Bulletin of Information for details.

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**“THE SECRET OF BUSINESS IS TO KNOW
SOMETHING THAT NOBODY ELSE KNOWS”**

–Aristotle Onassis (Safire and Safir, 1992, p. 29).

APPENDIX C

EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF GENERAL STUDIES

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ADVISING TABLE

SUBJECT AREA	TESTS	SCORES	DEGREES	REQUIREMENTS
Math/ Science	ACT*	Below 18	All Bachelor's	MATH 1304
	ACT*	18+	All Bachelor's	MATH 1313
	ACT*	18+	All Bachelor's	Lab Science
	AP (Biology)	4 or 5	All Bachelor's	See Dr. Don Doe
	AP (Calculus AB)	3	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	AP (Calculus AB)	4 or 5	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	AP (Chemistry)	4 or 5	All Bachelor's	See Dr. Don Doe
	CBA-N (Biology)**	560+	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	CBA-N (Chemistry)**	560+	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	CBA-N (Math I)**	550+	BA or BM	None
	CBA-N (Math II)**	550+	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	CLEP (Algebra)**	560+	BA or BM	None
	CLEP (Algebra)**	560+	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	CLEP (Algebra/Trig)**	560+	BA or BM	None
	CLEP (Algebra/Trig)**	560+	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	CLEP (Biology)**	560+	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	CLEP (Chemistry)**	560+	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	CLEP (Trigonometry)**	560+	BBA, BS, or BSN	See Dr. Don Doe
	GED	Below 60	All Bachelor's	MATH 1304
	GED	60+	All Bachelor's	MATH 1313
	GED	60+	All Bachelor's	Lab Science
	SAT (Math)*	Below 400	All Bachelor's	MATH 1304
	SAT (Math)*	400+	All Bachelor's	MATH 1313
	SAT (Math)*	400+	All Bachelor's	Lab Science
	No Tests	Poor h.s. math grades	All Bachelor's	MATH 1304
	No Tests	Good h.s. math grades	All Bachelor's	MATH 1313
	No Tests	Good h.s. math grades	All Bachelor's	Lab Science

* Advisor, see page 179 of the Academic Advising Handbook for details.

** See Appendix D of the Academic Advising Handbook or pages 41-43 of the Example University Bulletin of Information for details.

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APPENDIX D

EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY

ADVANCED PLACEMENT ADVISING TABLE

CREDIT AREA	APPROVED EXAMINATION	SEM. HRS. CREDIT	EQUIVALENT E.U. COURSE	REQUIRED STD. SCORE
Accounting	CLEP Subject: Intro. Acct.	6 hrs. cr.	ACCT 2301, 2303	71st%
Biology	College Board Achievement: Biology	4 hrs. cr.	BIOL 2454	560
	CLEP Subject: Biology	4 hrs. cr.	BIOL 2454	71st%
	Advanced Placement: Biology	4 hrs. cr.	BIOL 2454	4 or 5
Chemistry	College Board Achievement: Chemistry	4 hrs. cr.	CHEM 2413	560
	CLEP Subject: Chemistry	4 hrs. cr.	CHEM 2413	71st%
	Advanced Placement: Chemistry Chemistry	4 hrs. cr. 4 hrs. cr.	CHEM 1404 CHEM 2413	3 4 or 5
Computer Info. Systems	CLEP Subject: CISM Computer Applications	3 hrs. cr.	CISM 1321	71st%
Economics	CLEP Subject: Intro. Macro.	3 hrs. cr.	ECON 2301	71st%
	CLEP Subject: Intro. Micro.	3 hrs. cr.	ECON 2303	71st%
English	CLEP Subject: Freshman Engl. with Essay	3 hrs. cr.	ENGL 1313	71st%

CREDIT AREA	APPROVED EXAMINATION	SEM. HRS. CREDIT	EQUIVALENT E.U. COURSE	REQUIRED STD. SCORE
English	College Board Achievement -- National: Engl. Comp.	3 hrs. cr.	ENGL 1313	550
	Advanced Placement: Lang. & Comp. Lit. & Comp.	3 hrs. cr. 6 hrs. cr.	ENGL 1313 ENGL 1313, 1323	3 4 or 5
French	Advanced Placement: Literature	12 hrs. cr.	FREN 1314, 1324, 2314, 2324	3
	Language	9 hrs. cr.	FREN 1314, 1324, 2314	3
	Language	12 hrs. cr.	FREN 1314, 1324, 2314, 2324	4 or 5
German	Advanced Placement: Literature	12 hrs. cr.	GERM 1314, 1324, 2314, 2324	3
	Language	9 hrs. cr.	GERM 1314, 1324, 2314	3
	Language	12 hrs. cr.	GERM 1314, 1324, 2314, 2324	4 or 5
History	Advanced Placement: U.S. History	3 hrs. cr.	HIST 2313	3
	U.S. History	6 hrs. cr.	HIST 2313, 2323	4 or 5
	CLEP Subject: U.S. History to 1865	3 hrs. cr.	HIST 2313	71st%
	U.S. History 1865 on	3 hrs. cr.	HIST 2323	71st%
Management	CLEP Subject: Intro. Mgmt.	3 hrs. cr.	MGMT 3301	71st%
Marketing	CLEP Subject: Intro. Mktg.	3 hrs. cr.	MKTG 3301	71st%

CREDIT AREA	APPROVED EXAMINATION	SEM. HRS. CREDIT	EQUIVALENT E.U. COURSE	REQUIRED STD. SCORE
Math	College Board Achievement: Math Level 1	3 hrs. cr.	MATH 1313	550
	Math Level 2	3 hrs. cr.	MATH 1323	550
	CLEP Subject: Algebra	3 hrs. cr.	MATH 1313	71st%
	Trigonometry	3 hrs. cr.	MATH 1323	71st%
	Algebra/Trig.	4 hrs. cr.	MATH 1434	71st%
	Advanced Placement: Calculus AB	4 hrs. cr.	MATH 1434	3
	Calculus AB	8 hrs. cr.	MATH 1434, 2434	4 or 5
	Calculus BC	4 hrs. cr.	MATH 2434	3
	Calculus BC	8 hrs. cr.	MATH 2434, 2444	4 or 5
Spanish	Advanced Placement: Literature	12 hrs. cr.	SPAN 1314, 1324, 2314, 2324	3
	Language	9 hrs. cr.	SPAN 1314, 1324, 2314	3
	Language	12 hrs. cr.	SPAN 1314, 1324, 2314, 2324	4 or 5

Note: On CLEP Subject Area test, the required score is either as stated above or, if not stated, at the 71st% percentile.

(From Example University Bulletin of Information)

“YOU MAY BE DISAPPOINTED IF YOU FAIL, BUT YOU ARE DOOMED IF YOU DON’T TRY”—Beverly Sills (Safire and Safir, 1992, p. 3).

APPENDIX E

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT

wants to add or drop a course

Only one student-initiated schedule change is allowed each quarter, and the dates for doing this are included in the Bulletin of Information.

During the period after pre-registration and until the distribution of the first class rolls, the advisor's signature is the only faculty signature required to add/drop a course. After that time, the signatures of all concerned professors (including the advisor) are required.

Addition of a class is not permitted after the last day to add a class published in the Bulletin of Information. Withdrawal from class is not permitted after the withdrawal date published in the Bulletin of Information except under special circumstances (see "Complete Withdrawal" in the Bulletin of Information).

wants to change class status (alpha to pass/fail or vice versa)

The assumption in all classes is that the course is taken on an alpha basis. A change in status is permissible only during the period of registration and must be accomplished on an add/drop form or registration process form prior to the last day to add a class.

is not listed on my class roll

Students who are not listed on the roll must be sent to the University Registrar's Office to clarify their registration status and must not be permitted to attend class without clearance from the Registrar's Office and the Business Office. Students who are not properly registered for a course and whose names do not appear on the 12th day class roll will NOT receive a grade for the course. Responsibility for that rests jointly on the student and on the professor.

is listed on my class roll with the notation "must pay"

Students so designated are in the right class but must present proof of business office clearance to remain in the class. Do not continue to allow the student to attend class.

wants to withdraw from the University after the "W" day

A student who is withdrawing from all courses in the University may do so with the permission of the University Registrar, at any time prior to the beginning of the final examination period with a grade of "W." The student must demonstrate that the withdrawal is due to circumstances beyond his or her control.

**“NEVER GET ANGRY. NEVER MAKE A THREAT.
REASON WITH PEOPLE”** –Don Corleone, in Mario Puzo's The
Godfather (Safire and Safir, 1992, p. 295).

APPENDIX F

GRADE QUESTIONS

WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT

is not listed on my grade request sheet

Check with the Registrar's Office to clarify the student's status. DO NOT write in the student's name unless authorized to do so by the Registrar's Office.

is not designated as taking the class pass/fail

A student must opt to change class status during the period of open registration and may not change status either way once registration is closed. Check with the Registrar's Office to clarify the student's status.

is listed on the grade request but has never attended

A student is responsible for his own withdrawal from a class. If the student's name is listed and no grade of "W" is recorded, the student has not officially withdrawn and should be given an "F."

is actively enrolled but missed the final examination without explanation

The instructor may assign a grade of "NR." On the last day of late registration for the next quarter, an "NR" automatically becomes an "F" on the last day to register for the next quarter. NOTE: A grade of IS/IU is not appropriate under the circumstances.

requests an incomplete in my course

An incomplete in a course is to be given under very restricted circumstances. It must be requested on a special form by the student and approved by the instructor and the instructor's dean.

The form must indicate the basis for giving the incomplete, exactly what must be done by the student to remove the incomplete, and the name of the faculty member who will be able to certify that the work has been done in the forced absence of the instructor. In approving this form, the instructor does not give the student permission to sit through class again.

An incomplete is not a substitute for a low or failing grade. The grade earned should be assigned and the student encouraged to repeat the course officially. At the end of one academic quarter, the incomplete is automatically changed to an "F" unless it is officially removed.

is entitled to have his grade changed

It is necessary for the instructor changing the grade to do so in person in the Registrar's Office. A grade change must also have the approval of the dean of the college.

“SINCE WE CANNOT GET WHAT WE LIKE, LET US LIKE WHAT WE CAN GET” –Spanish Proverb (Safire and Safir, 1992, p. 300).

APPENDIX G

Example Referrals University

Many services and service providers are available to you on campus to answer your questions and to meet your needs. A phone call is usually all that is necessary to connect you with extensive, enthusiastic, and professional help. Specific kinds of referrals are listed below. Do not hesitate to call for assistance! If you are on campus, simply dial the extension listed below. If you are off campus, dial 774-7777 and ask the operator to ring the extension.

Academic Advising	3331
Advisor Assignment	3331
Advising Files	3332
Change of Advisor	3331

Scores of Phone Numbers Should Be Listed as Referral Sources!