The University of Texas at Austin
Bridging Disciplines Programs
School of Undergraduate Studies

Advising Syllabus

Flawn Academic Center (FAC) 338
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Drop-in hours: Thursdays 1:30-4 p.m.
Please call 512-232-7564 to make appointments with your advisor.

One of the benefits of the BDPs is access to individualized advising. The BDP advisors are:

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**BDP ADVISING PHILOSOPHY**

The BDP advisors practice academic advising that is student-centered and that grows out of a commitment to each student’s development as a thoughtful, purposeful, and life-long learner. We use an individualized, proactive approach to advising as we assist students in exploring and articulating their interests, developing meaningful educational plans, exploring opportunities and resources, clarifying academic and career goals, and accomplishing objectives. We see ourselves as student advocates who play an integral role in giving undergraduates the tools they need to creatively shape their college experience. In keeping with the mission of the Bridging Disciplines Programs, we support students in becoming versatile thinkers who are able to bring together the perspectives, tools, and skills of multiple disciplines to come to a more sophisticated understanding of complex issues and questions.

**APPOINTMENTS**

As a BDP student, you need to be an active participant in your education and take responsibility for all that you do in your college career. BDP advisors look forward to forming a partnership with you as you work to achieve your goals. In order to work in a collaborative effort and have successful advising sessions, please remember to:

- **Come prepared for your appointment.** This means being knowledgeable about your degree plan and BDP requirements, having ideas about your future coursework and connecting experiences, and being willing to discuss your current and future goals.
- **Keep the advising appointments you have made and be punctual.** If you are more than 10 minutes late, you will be asked to reschedule. Please notify our office as soon as possible if you need to cancel or reschedule, and we will make sure to reciprocate with the same courtesy.
- BDP advisors are extremely busy certain times of the year. **We ask that you schedule appointments as early as you can and be patient about email responses.**
- Feel free to speak to your BDP advisor about any non-academic issue you may have. Although we are here to advise you for your academic program, we will always work to help you resolve the issue or refer you to other resources when appropriate.
- Visit us often for any reason and consider the BDP office your ‘home base’ on campus. We always enjoy seeing you and hearing about the great things in your life!
Onward and up, students!

Professionals in the field.

A day in the life of a student.

A day in the life of a professional.

The intersection of the two.

Students and Advisors assume shared responsibility for the advising process.

Please note: Pursuant to UT Austin policy (HOP 8-1060, VII-C), guns are not permitted in any BDP staff members’ individual offices. Oral notice will be given upon arrival. Please make any necessary accommodations before arriving for your appointment.