

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT AND WHAT TO EXPECT

This syllabus outlines general information that you and your academic advisor will review during an appointment, beginning with Chapter One. We want you to have a chance ahead of time to think about your goals and expectations for school. If you like, use the room provided to write down your questions, make observations, and prepare yourself for making decisions about your upcoming schedule.

What is a syllabus?

Syllabus: *noun*, an outline or other brief statement of the main points of a discourse, the subjects of a course of lectures, or the content of curriculum.

(Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

This worksheet is optional and you do not have to complete it. More than anything, we want you to think about the role you have in the advising process and your academic success. Be prepared to:

- ✓ Make decisions
- ✓ Learn how to access the class schedule online
- ✓ Be open with your advisor about what questions or concerns you have regarding starting college
- ✓ Plan a schedule that's right for you

Chapter One: *Review Requirements and the Academic Foundations*

What questions or concerns do you have about being a general studies student or the major you've selected? Are there subjects you're nervous about taking, or are excited to sign up for?

Academic Questions: _____

Chapter Two: *Prioritize Commitments and Plan for Success*

Think about your work schedule, family life, travel time, and other commitments (music, sports, childcare, etc.) you have. How will school fit into your plans?

Previously Scheduled Commitments: _____

Chapter Three: *Expectations for the Semester*

Do you have an idea about how many classes or credits you should take? Do you have a goal for when you would like to finish your degree? Would you prefer being a full or part time student? (how might this affect financial aid, if you have applied for it?)

Semester Expectations: _____