

Academic Advising Hallmarks

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The core of academic advising is the belief in the personal and inherent value of the individual student. It nurtures hope within students towards their success and maximizes their potential. With an appreciation for diversity, the philosophy of academic advising recognizes, respects, honors, and celebrates each student's unique being and worth.

Academic advising is a transformative, developmental learning process that utilizes a holistic approach to assist students in clarifying their life and career goals. It is an ongoing, multifaceted, and collaborative relationship between students and *advisor* from entry to exit. This shared process and relationship empowers students to “Kulia i ka nu`u,” or to strive for the highest in all realms related to their individual growth and development.

The *advisor* serves as a facilitator of learning experiences, communications, academic decisions, and life/career planning. The *advisor* is an advocate for student learning and connects students to support services, co-curricular programs, and other resources. Through personalized and quality interactions the *advisor*:

1. Fosters self-awareness and personal growth through accessible and student-focused advising services.
2. Promotes accountability for choices by encouraging conscious awareness of thoughts/actions and the application of this awareness to the problem-solving and decision-making process.
3. Empowers students to realize their potentials by facilitating transition and integration to college and bridging to future learning and life/career goals.

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