

## **Syracuse University Statement on Academic Advising**

**Academic Advising** is an essential component of a Syracuse University education. The University is committed to providing the individual advice and assistance that students need at every step throughout their degree programs. A successful system of academic advising is highly dependent upon a shared commitment of students, faculty, and staff to the process and the availability of timely, accurate information.

**Students** are responsible for scheduling, preparing for, and keeping advising appointments; for seeking out contacts and information; and for knowing the basic requirements of their individual degree programs. Students bear the final responsibility for making their own decisions based on the best information and advice available and, ultimately, on their own judgment.

**Advisors** are responsible for developing a thorough knowledge of the degree requirements within the student's program of study and a working knowledge of academic options and resources throughout the University. Advisors are expected to involve students by encouraging them to ask questions, gather information, and explore options so that they may develop a meaningful academic plan. Advisors will be available to students on a regular basis, monitor their advisees' progress, assist in considering career options, and make appropriate referrals to other campus offices.

**The University**, through its schools and colleges, pledges to support a campuswide network of faculty, staff, and student peer advisors by providing them with a clear and firm foundation of information regarding policies, procedures, and resources, and programs. The University is committed to help faculty and staff develop effective advising skills, to evaluate its system of academic advising and support services, and to make improvements where necessary. The University also acknowledges the important contribution advisors make to the community through appropriate recognition within the institutional reward system.