Freshman Advising Overview

Summer Springboard Family Orientation

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Career and Academic Planning
Today we will talk about:

• How academic advising works in the first year
• Role and responsibility of the student and advisor
• Support available to help students learn
• Academic and career planning
• Ways to support your student getting started
How did class enrollment go?
Laurel @LaurelSeymour
Enrolling in classes this morning was like a virtual version of the Hunger Games #JMU2020

*som* @somerrr_lynn
I enrolled in classes and idk how to feel 😢❤️❤️ #JMU20
emily @emilyyalexandra · Jun 15
getting up at 8 was worth getting all my first choices for classes next year🙌❤❤
❤️ #jmu2020

Andrea Econa @andreagraace · Jun 15
now that I'm enrolled in my fall semester classes it's all becoming more real 😍❤️❤️ #jmu20

Samantha Hooverson @SamanthaHoov_
Just finished enrolling in classes and I officially feel like a JMU duke🐶❤️❤️❤️
#JMU20
Andrew Miller @DrewMillaa · Jun 15
Fall Semester looking good •• #JMU20

Allison Young @allisonnyoung · Jun 15
Finally perfected my class schedule!! #JMU2020 I'm ready for you! 💜❤️
What is Freshman Advising?

- Developing students’ ability to plan and make good decisions
- Creating value for the liberal arts
- Learning about themselves, the university and its programs
- Navigating the transition from high school to JMU
- Preparing to succeed academically
What is a Freshman Advisor?

- Full-time professional or faculty member
- Selected for ability to relate to freshmen
- Thoroughly trained on curricular matters, policies and procedures
- They encourage, challenge, support, inform, listen
- They do not make the decisions
What are Advisors Responsible For?
Help students with…

- Academic Planning and decision making during transition to college.
- Understanding GENED, Major and degree requirements.
- How academic decisions affect progress toward graduation.
- Academic choices and connection to long-term/career goals.
- Referral to other campus resources as needed.
What are Students Responsible For?

- Knowing academic requirements, policies and procedures
- Choosing a major and exploring career options
- Knowing (and utilizing) your Academic Advisor
- Being prepared for meetings with your advisor
- Making decisions

You are responsible for your decisions, actions, and holding yourself accountable for academic rigor.
Orientation - February

• Freshman Advisor

February-Graduation

• Major Advisor
• Pre-Professional, Second Major, Minor advisors if applicable
How can Students make Good Decisions about Academic and Career Planning?
Worry about Getting a Job or into Advanced Education after Graduation?

- Yes and No!
- Hires have been steadily increasing / 11% ↑ 2016 new hires out of college
- JMU graduates are finding full employment or attending graduate and professional school
- Encourage internships, research, study abroad, employment, volunteering
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What happens today?

- College Meetings
- Your Drive Home
- Family Program
- Group Advising session
- Students Only
Ways to support your student:

• Urge students to use their JMU email

• Encouraging student to communicate with their advisor

• Try not to be your student’s advisor or ask advisor to share information about student’s performance

• Discuss your expectations for updates on progress

• Encourage students to be active, engaged learners and utilize resources