

Academic Advising
Alamance Community College

Q: *What is the difference between **academic advising** and **course registration**?*

A: *Good question! See below.*

During academic advising, you might discuss:

- ✓ Your degree program at ACC.
- ✓ Your study habits, work responsibilities, etc.
- ✓ Resources on campus that can help you be successful.
- ✓ College transfer process.
- ✓ Job opportunities.
- ✓ Student clubs, volunteer opportunities, and other community activities.
- ✓ Your five year plan.
- ✓ Financial aid and scholarship opportunities.
- ✓ Choosing college references.
- ✓ Writing a resume.
- ✓ Visiting colleges -- what questions you might want to ask.
- ✓ Choosing a college that is right for you.
- ✓ A semester success plan tailored to your needs.
- ✓ **Academic advising can and should happen year round -- whenever you want/need to discuss these topics, please make an appointment with your advisor.**

During course registration, you might discuss:

- ✓ Your class schedule for next semester.
- ✓ What classes are taught during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters?
- ✓ Your class load -- how many classes a semester can you successfully manage?
- ✓ Required classes for your program.
- ✓ Electives you might wish to take.
- ✓ Your goal date for graduation and whether or not you are progressing at the rate you need to meet your goal.
- ✓ Class prerequisites.
- ✓ Math and English Placement
- ✓ Possible Placement Testing and/or re-testing.
- ✓ **Course registration discussions occur just before and during the open registration period each semester (generally beginning in October and March). It is important to make an appointment with your advisor so that you can register for classes early.**

Sometimes academic advising and course registration happen in the same appointment. Sometimes a student may need additional appointments for further discussion. Either way, it is important to reach out to your advisor whenever you need assistance with any of these topics.