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The Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications recognizes the importance of advising and supports students as they plan and achieve their academic and career goals. A dedicated, nine-person advising staff exists for one-on-one meetings, drop-in hours and small group sessions with students.

The ultimate responsibility for understanding University policies and completing all degree requirements rests with the student. However, the advising office can assist students with information and advice on:

- Building Skills for Academic Success
- Course Selection and Scheduling
- Choosing Majors, Minors and Certificates
- Education Abroad, Embedded Programs, Hollywood Program and the Stanley E. Degler Washington Program
- Requirements and Certification for Graduation

How to Reach Us

Bellisario students should meet with an adviser at least once a semester.

Drop-in Advising

Students are encouraged to arrive early. Hours may vary depending on volume and waiting times. Drop-ins are typically 15-minute sessions to discuss brief concerns or scheduling issues.

Scheduled Appointments

These are 30-minute appointments for longer discussions regarding topics such as scheduling, graduation plans, study abroad and more.

Schedule an appointment through Starfish:



◀ Open your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code or [click here](#).

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✓ First-Year Check In

During their first semester, students will receive an email about signing up for a meeting with an academic adviser. The goal is to discuss second semester courses and ensure students start strong at the University.

✓ Graduation Check Out

During their junior year, students will receive an email about signing up for a meeting with an academic adviser. The goal is to ensure that students have proper course sequencing and are able to graduate on time.

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Entrance to Major Requirements

| Major | Minimum Cumulative GPA | Credits/Courses/Grades | Additional Criteria |
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| Advertising/ Public Relations (AD/PR) * | 3.25 | Credit window: 40-68 Penn State cumulative credits Courses required with a grade of C or better: ENGL 15/30/137H ESL 15 ECON 102 | Students must be premajor COMM or DUS |
| Film-Video (FILM) | 3.00 | Minimum credits: 29.1 Courses required with a grade of B or better: COMM 150 COMM 242 | See Film Portfolio Requirements for additional information on options for entrance to major |
| Journalism (JOURN) | 2.00 | Minimum credits: 29.1 | |
| Media Studies (MEDIA) | 2.00 | Minimum credits: 29.1 | |
| Telecommunications (TELCM) | 2.00 | Minimum credits: 29.1 | |

Schedule Planning

Please refer to the Academic Calendar for important dates and deadlines such as:

- Regular Drop Deadline
- Regular Add Deadline
- Final Exam Conflict (Filing Period)
- First-Year Check In
- Late Drop Deadline
- Withdraw Deadline

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