Welcome to UAF and First Year Advising at the Academic Advising Center (AAC). Here you will find a few of our guiding principles, as well as the role you play in academic advising. Please let us know if you have any questions along the way, and as always, go Nanooks!

**OUR MISSION**
Advisors within the UAF First Year Advising (FYA) program guide students through exploration and personal growth in a relationship of trust, safety, and support. Students are connected with campus resources and engagement opportunities to foster a sense of belonging and connection to the UAF community. The FYA program empowers students to take ownership of their learning, define their education, and develop career goals while achieving academic success as they transition to their chosen field of study.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**
1. **Academically Set** – Become familiar with UAF policies and academic requirements
2. **Technologically Sound** – Utilize UAF software and virtual platforms
3. **Financially Savvy** – Understand financial aid/scholarships, account details, and deadlines
4. **Career and Future Oriented** – Connect with Career Services and explore future career pathways
5. **Purposefully Connected** – Participate in extra-curricular opportunities and experiences

**Our Goals**
1. Ensure a positive FYA experience
2. Encourage educational empowerment
3. Remain accountable to students
4. Serve as an advocate for students
5. Adapt advising to meet individual needs
6. Engage in prompt communication

**Your Roles**
1. Meet with a First Year Advisor
2. Be proactive and ask questions
3. Check your university email regularly
4. Learn about your academic resources
5. Track your progress
6. Recognize your growth potential

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# FIRST YEAR ADVISING TIMELINE:

We have created this timeline as a guide – you and your first year advisor will adapt this to best meet your needs and develop your personalized plan for success.

## 1st Semester

### Your Advising Journey Begins!

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<td>1–2 months before the semester begins</td>
<td>Appointment: Get to know you, your major, &amp; semester plan</td>
<td>Be prepared &amp; confident heading into your first semester</td>
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### 2nd Semester

### Your Advising Journey Continues!

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<td>First Friday of the semester</td>
<td>Check-in: Opportunity to ask questions &amp; get support</td>
<td>Provide a strong start to your UAF journey</td>
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### Connection with your Major Advisor*

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<td>1 week before priority registration</td>
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<td>You have completed your first 30 credits!</td>
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*If a student has not completed 30 credits or is not ready to transition to their major advisor after two semesters, subsequent academic advising connections will closely resemble those in the 2nd semester listed above.