

WATSON ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Watson School offers a two-tiered advising structure. Faculty advisors serve as the primary program advisors for students, while the professional advisors in the Watson Advising Office provide school and University-wide information; as well as address other advising and referral needs.

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At Orientation and throughout your college career, you will work with your Academic Advisors to develop a degree plan that helps you achieve both your academic and your personal goals.

The Watson staff offers an environment where questions are welcomed and every concern is important. Seeking advising assistance is a valuable part of your academic experience and the advisors hope to build a collaborative and lasting relationship with students.

Here is a list of activities that the Watson Advising Office can help you with throughout your college career:

- Choosing coursework to help meet your degree requirements
- Answering questions related to University and school deadlines
- Assisting you in understanding University policies and procedures
- Helping to clarify your academic goals and career choices
- Providing information on majors, minors and other academic programs
- Exposing you to academic and co-curricular opportunities such as internships, research with faculty, study-abroad programs and volunteer experiences.

When you come to Orientation, you will meet with the professional Academic Advisors and work with them to create your first college schedule.

In order to have time to assist everyone in your Orientation group, your advisor would like you to complete the following:

- **Major Guides** - Review the [Major Guides](http://www.binghamton.edu/orientation/choose-your-courses/school-watson/majors.html) to familiarize yourself with Binghamton University's academic offerings. (<http://www.binghamton.edu/orientation/choose-your-courses/school-watson/majors.html>)
- **AP Equivalencies** - Review your [AP Equivalencies](http://www.binghamton.edu/harpur-new/advising/transfer/apcurrent.html) and bring a list of your AP exams and scores with you. (<http://www.binghamton.edu/harpur-new/advising/transfer/apcurrent.html>)
- **General Education Planning Sheet** - Go to the online [General Education Planning Sheet](http://www.binghamton.edu/general-education/documents/2015-planning-sheet.pdf) and write down any high school or transfer credits you may have. (<http://www.binghamton.edu/general-education/documents/2015-planning-sheet.pdf>)

- **College Scheduler** - Build sample schedules using [College Scheduler](#) and save sample schedules to your basket so we can review them at orientation.
(http://www.binghamton.edu/registrar/media/CollegeScheduler_player.html)
- **Advising Associate** - Contact the Watson School Advising Office if you have any questions. Watson School Advising, wtsnadv@binghamton.edu, (607) 777-6203, twitter: @BUWatsonADV

Be prepared for Orientation!

Students who do not complete these steps before Orientation may end up needing more time to schedule courses.

Completing these steps before Orientation will help make the registration process much easier and give you more time to enjoy your orientation experience!

We hope to see you this summer!

Thank you!

If you have further questions, please contact:

[Watson School Advising Office](#)

(<http://www.binghamton.edu/watson/student-services/index.html>)

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