

SIUe

SPRINGBOARD TO SUCCESS '09

*Academic Counseling
& Advising*



Know.

Think.

Grow.

Academic Advising 102

Advising at SIUE

- ➡ Mandatory each term prior to registration
- ➡ Two-tiered system
- ➡ Confidential interactions
- ➡ Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA and Advising

- ➡ Role of student
- ➡ Role of Parent
- ➡ Role of Advisor
- ➡ <http://www.siu.edu/advising/>

Reasons to contact an Advisor

- Advising for course planning (each semester)
- Long range academic planning (comprehensive plan)
- Changing major or minor
- Reviewing degree requirements
- Understanding Cougar Net
- Identifying sources of academic assistance
- Discussing academic concerns
- Seeking assistance with transition to SIUE
- Considering changes to registration
- Learning about out of class opportunities and career development resources

Ways to connect with an advisor

- By appointment – AdvisorTrac
 - 30 minutes dedicated to your questions
- At the front desk in person or by phone
 - Quick questions
- Via email – when off campus
 - Use your SIUE email account
 - Be sure to include your name, Student ID #
 - Use subject line to alert advisor to your concern

Priorities for first term at SIUE

- ➡ Academic development coursework
- ➡ Courses to begin exploring majors
- ➡ Freshman Seminar course
- ➡ General Education requirements
- ➡ Typical course load 15-16 credit hours

The Importance of a Solid Foundation

- Competitive admission programs
 - All majors in the School of Business
 - Criminal Justice Studies
 - Most Education Majors
 - Nursing
 - Pharmacy

The Importance of a Solid Foundation

- ➡ Stay connected with department
- ➡ Seek information about department admissions process
- ➡ Take steps to build a competitive application
- ➡ Have a parallel plan

Curriculum Guides

- ➡ Are used as an advising tool by the advisors in Academic Counseling & Advising
- ➡ List all requirements for a particular major
- ➡ Are available on our website
www.siue.edu/advising

CougarNet for Academic Planning

www.siu.edu/COUGARNET

- ➡ Class schedule – public access
- ➡ Information posted includes
 - Classes offered, dates, times
 - Number of credit hours
 - Availability (once registration opens)
 - Attributes - Application to General Education requirements
 - Prerequisites, restrictions
 - Waitlists
 - Course descriptions

Your options for Fall 2009

- Curriculum guide/General Education Audit
- All courses appropriate for your first semester are highlighted
- Students will use Cougar Net to register for courses from this list after lunch
- Prior to the start of the semester changes to the student schedule can be made from any computer via Cougar Net (www.siu.edu/COUGARNET).
 - Once classes begin, all changes to registration are processed through the Service Center – 1309 Rendleman Hall

Questions from the Group