



Academic Advising Newsletter

Spring 2023

22-23 Outstanding Academic Advisor Awards

Consider nominating a colleague for the Outstanding Academic Advisor Award by March 31

The Academic Advising Council is now accepting nominations for the 2022-23 Minot State University Outstanding Academic Advisor Awards. Nominations are due by Friday, March 31 at 4:30 p.m. These awards are designed to highlight the importance of academic advising and bring recognition to academic advisors at Minot State who have made significant contributions to academic advising and student success. More information regarding the award categories, selection criteria, eligibility, nomination procedure, selection process, and recognition is available [ONLINE](#).

Questions regarding these awards or the nomination process should be addressed to [Heather Martin](#) or [Lacey Corneliusen](#) co-chairs of the Academic Advising Council.

The Academic Support Center is hosting 30 Minute Workshops this Spring

Please encourage your advisees to attend these free workshops.

- 1 Mar. 11 a.m. Read Between the Lines
- 2 Mar. 2 p.m. What's Your Major Problem?
- 9 Mar. 1 p.m. Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism
- 6 Apr. 1 p.m. Effective Revision Strategies
- 17 Apr. 11 a.m. Financial Literacy: Establishing Credit
- 26 Apr. 2 p.m. Finals Prep

All workshops are in the ASC conference room (lower level of the library).

Quote of the Month

Good advising systems can help close equity gaps, ensure students effectively navigate complex structures and systems, clear obstacles along the path to a degree, and increase professionalism and pride in this often underappreciated part of the college experience.

McMurtrie, B., & Supiano, B. (2022). The Future of Advising: Strategies to support student success. The Chronicle of Higher Education, Inc.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6

Midterm grades

March 10

Summer and Fall semester graduation application due

March 13-17

Spring Break

March 23

Last day to withdraw from all classes and receive a 50% refund

March 28 - 30

Summer and Fall registration for currently enrolled students

March 31

Advisor Award Nominations Due

April 6

Last day to drop

April 7 - 10

Easter Break (University closed Friday only)

May 8-12

Final Exams

May 12

Commencement

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Advisor Information Sessions

Attending one of these sessions is required for all faculty who will advise at New Student Registration. The advisor information sessions will be held via Microsoft Teams on the following dates/times:

- Tuesday, April 11 – 12-1 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 12 – 3-4 p.m.
- Thursday, April 13 – 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Please email [Heather Martin](#) if you will be assisting with registration and have not signed up for a session!

New Student Registration Dates

New students will be invited to attend one of the 2023 New Student Registration sessions where students will meet with an academic advisor and register for classes. The 2023 dates include:

- Friday, April 14
- Friday, April 28
- Wednesday, May 31
- Tuesday, June 20
- Friday, July 14
- Thursday, August 17

Changes in Business Office Holds

The Delinquent Account is hold is placed on a student's account when a charge is over 30 days old. Currently, it prevents transcript release, but no longer prevents enrollment.

Currently, the Global Service Indicator is placed on a student's account if they have a balance over \$1,200 that is 90 days old. The parameters of this hold were changed during COVID, as the hold was previously placed when a student has a balance over \$300 that is 90 days old. This hold is global, so it prevents enrollment at any NDUS institution. It also prevents transcript release.

Advisee Welcome Email and Meet Your Advisor Card

The Academic Advisor Council is asking departments to assist in reaching out to new students and students who change their major, by sharing contact information for their new advisor. The council has created templates for an [Advisee Welcome Email](#) and [Meet Your Advisor Card](#). Faculty should contact [Amanda Francis](#) to have a card designed.

Change in Placement for ENGL 110

Effective August 1, 2023, students who are 25 years of age or older must follow [NDUS placement guidelines](#) and will no longer be exempt from taking the placement test.

Spring 2023 Career Fairs

Please encourage your advisees to attend. Students do not need to sign up in advance. Both events will be held in the Student Center 3rd Floor Conference Center.

Education Fair

- Wednesday, March 1st 4-7 p.m.
- Open to Education, Social Work and Speech-Language Pathology students

Career Expo

- Thursday, March 2nd 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Open to all students

Are you and your advisees ready for summer and fall early registration?

Is it really time to start thinking about early registration? Believe it or not, early registration will take place March 28-30. Contact your advisees soon so you have time to meet and discuss course selection. Students' early registration appointment times will be available in Campus Connection in early March. Students should also check their holds in Campus Connection and take care of holds impacting registration prior to March 28. Make sure your advisees are prepared for early registration!

POWER (Providing Opportunities with Enhanced Resources)

“Students already have an advisor—why should they apply to the POWER program?” It’s not an uncommon question.

POWER is a program within Minot State University funded by two TRiO Student Support Services grants from the U.S. Department of Education. Students may apply to the POWER/TRiO program at any stage of their undergraduate career. In addition to being an American citizen, qualifying applicants must meet one of three criteria:

- They are a first-generation college student, whose parents or guardians do not have a four-year college degree
- They have a documented disability
- They meet income eligibility requirements

Thus, through POWER, underrepresented students facing special challenges in attending and completing college gain access to exclusive support services. Here are five ways your eligible advisees could benefit from POWER/TRiO Support Services.

1. Academic Coaching. Each POWER student is assigned an Academic Coach who, through a wholistic approach, helps them develop skills to support their academic, personal, social, and career success. As an example, we look between the lines of their required course work to ask questions they might not know to ask. “Are you sure you want to take 18 credits while working full time? Can you afford an additional 3-credit class? Could Access Services accommodations help you better manage your testing anxiety? Might it be better to spread out difficult classes instead of taking them all at the same time?” By connecting students with a network of enhanced resources, we help them learn to make the most of their advising appointments with you.

2. Peer Mentoring and Tutoring. POWER students have free and exclusive access to peer mentoring and tutoring on a wide range of subjects. Our University-trained peer mentors enhance classroom lessons and reinforce study skills. They are MSU students—like your advisees—who can help with specific assignments while also modelling best practices on how to be successful.

3. Virtual Tutoring. POWER students gain 24/7 access to free online professional tutoring through TutorMe.

4. Financial Aid. POWER students who are grant aid eligible may receive special financial assistance to help pay for school.

5. National Discovery Trips. POWER students have all-expenses-paid travel opportunities to national destinations. These discovery trips enable students to explore paths to graduate education and future career possibilities as well as engage in culturally enriching experiences—and to have fun!

For more information on POWER/TRiO Student Support Services at MSU, please visit <https://www.minotstateu.edu/power/>.



POWER Staff:

Program Director: Katy Allers

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FAQ on FYE for Advisors

Who must enroll in a First-Year Experience Learning Community?

All students entering Minot State with less than 24 semester hours (*not including dual credit*) must complete UNIV 110 which is only available by enrolling in an FYE.

When should students complete an FYE?

Their first semester is preferred as the purpose of FYE Learning Communities is to engage and connect students right away.

Why do students need to choose a FYE Learning Community *before* choosing their other classes?

FYE Learning Communities are composed of 2 or 3 classes so other classes need to “fit” around the FYE classes.

How will students register for an FYE this year?

Stay tuned for more information on this; it looks like all FYE registration will happen in Campus Connection!

How should I advise and assist a student in registering for their FYE and other classes?

1. Explain the purpose of FYE: To facilitate student success by connecting them with other students, a peer mentor, faculty, the community, and interesting content.
2. Review and discuss the FYE Learning Communities viewable at [Fall 2023 FYEs](#)
3. Note the times of the classes in the FYE. Students must enroll in all FYE classes in the Learning Community.
4. Help the student log in and enroll in Campus Connection.
5. Choose and enroll in additional courses for the semester.

What if a student transfers to MSU with 23 semester hours completed at another university?

They will need to complete an FYE. The threshold is 24 or more credits.

What if a student enters MSU with a high number of dual credit classes completed before enrolling?

That student will still need to complete an FYE. Dual credit courses do not count towards the 24- semester hour threshold.

What if a student completed a course at another university that appears similar to MSU’s UNIV 110 class?

They should work with their advisor to submit a Campus Connection Course Substitution eForm to the FYE Director for consideration.

Why are some FYE Learning Communities composed of two classes while others are three classes?

We want to provide a variety of options for students; there are advantages to both two- and three- course FYEs.

How does FYE support non-Canadian international students?

Please encourage non-Canadian international students to enroll in the American Culture and College Life Learning Community to help them have a positive transition to MSU.

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