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# SSHA UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVISING



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# ACADEMIC ADVISING AT UC MERCED

- Professional-based advising/no advising load for faculty
- Students assigned to an academic advisor by major
- Orientation to graduation (Transfer students)
  - First Year students advised by Bobcat Advising Center
    - Move to School advisor during their second year (June 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Consultation & collaboration
- FERPA



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# WHO ARE OUR STUDENTS?

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FALL 2022

- 67% all UG are first generation, 55% Hispanic (HSI institution)
- 58% Pell Grant Recipient
  - 64% Pell Grant Recipients (SSHA)
- 43% of UG students are SSHA majors
  - Psychology
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> largest major on campus
  - Management and Business Economics
    - 5<sup>th</sup> largest major on campus
  - Public Health
    - 6<sup>th</sup> largest major on campus



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# ADVISING SERVICES TO FACULTY

- Academic program support
- Implement and enforce policies and procedures
- Communication to students
- Campus events



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# SSHA ACADEMIC ADVISING STAFF

- Advising Appointments & Walk-In Hours Daily
  - Peak times of semester operate on walk-ins only
- Professional Staff Experts in Majors Advise
  - Cross Trained in all Majors
- Refer Students to Other Departments on Campus
- Degree Planning
- Petitions



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# SSHA GETS SOCIAL

- Website

<https://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu/>

- Walk-In Hours/Appointments
- Academic Advising Staff Information
- Major/Minor and General Education Information
- Important Dates and Deadlines

- Email

- Important information
- Mandatory meetings
- SSHA Update

- Instagram, Facebook and Twitter

- Upcoming Dates and Deadlines
- SSHA Workshops
- Resources On Campus



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# TRANSFER STUDENT SUPPORT

## ■ New Transfer Students

- Course articulation submissions: Academic advisors help identify the courses that will need to be submitted for faculty review.
- Graduation Plan Meetings: Set a one-on-one meeting to set up their graduation plan
- Lower division transfer students connect with our Peer Navigators during their first term to obtain peer to peer support in their transition to UC Merced

## ■ Continuing Transfer Students

- Academic Support
- One-on-one advising
- Coordinate with on campus transfer support programs to promote academic success



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# PROMOTING STUDENT SUCCESS

## Bobcat Day and Preview Day

- Provide information about SSHA majors and minors to interested and incoming students and their parents
- Opportunity for students and parents to meet advisors and current faculty

## New Student Orientation

- Students learn about SSHA, school and university policies, co-curricular opportunities, and tips on how to be a successful UC Merced student

## ASCEND New Student Conference

- Occurs the day before Fall instruction begins
- Opportunity for new students to participate in the Bridge Crossing
- Attend success workshops within first weeks of term and meet other new students
- Kick-off to the academic year

## Mid-Semester Grade Intervention

- Mid-Semester grades must be submitted for all lower division (001-099) courses.
- Students who earn 3 or more non-passing grades (D,F,NP) must complete an in-person academic intervention meeting
- Students who earn 2 non-passing grades (D, F, NP) must complete an online module

## SSHA Peer Navigator Program

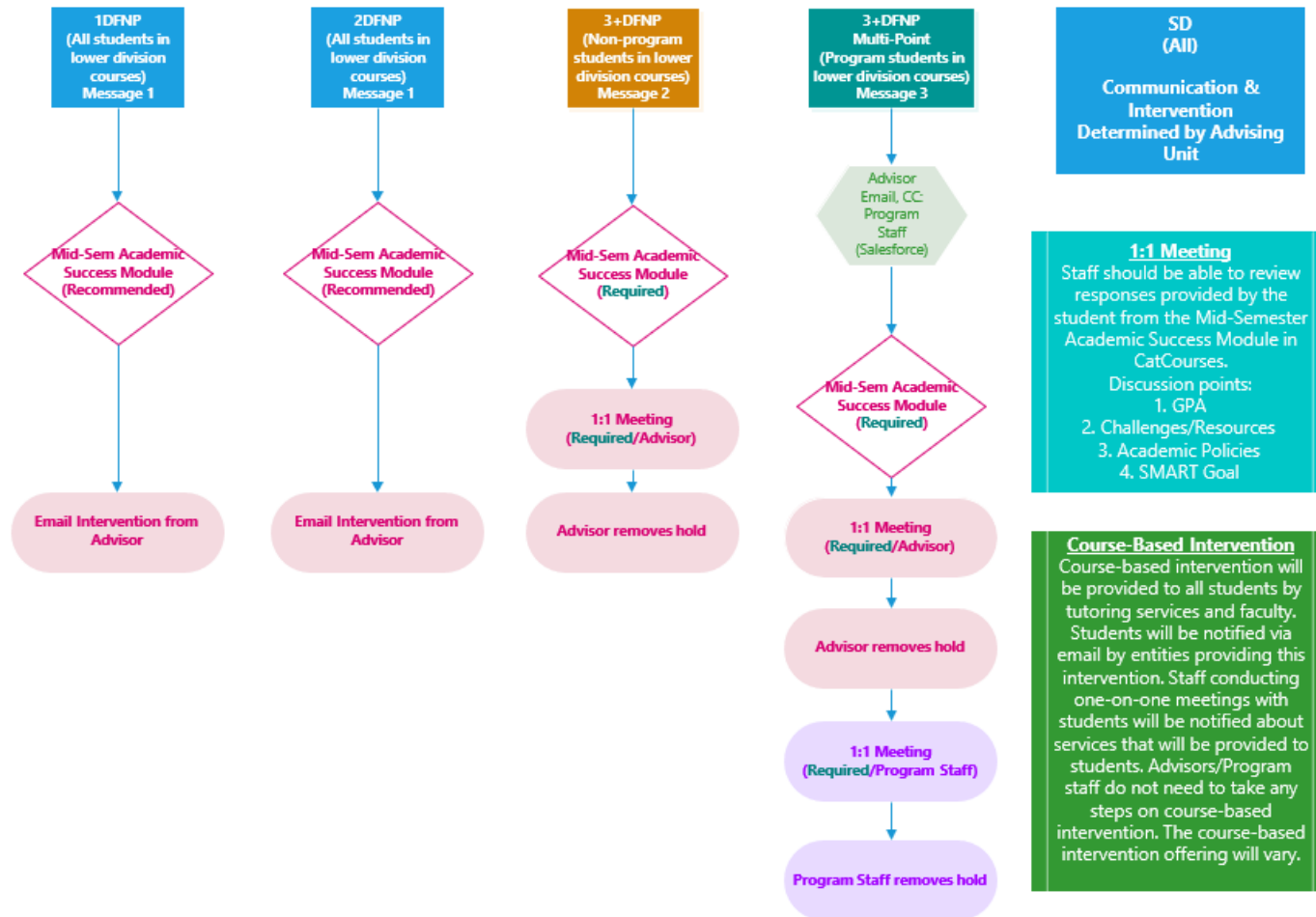
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- Semester planning
- Registration questions
- Finding useful and relevant campus resources
- Filling out forms
- Understanding major and minor requirements

## Probation Program

- **Academic Probation (AP)**
  - At the end of term, students on academic probation receive a email notification encouraging them to take advantage of campus resources
- **Subject to Academic Dismissal (SD)**
  - Students on subject to academic dismissal submit appeal. If approved, student remain on special probation.
  - Required to meet with an advisor 2 to 3 times per semester and sign an academic contract with the goal of returning to good academic standing the following term

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FALL 2022 AND SPRING 2023 INTERVENTION



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