First Year Advising

University Advising Center
University of South Carolina
2017-2018 Student Survey Data
Definition of First Year Advising

• **First-Year Advising:** First-Year Advisors (FYAs) are assigned a caseload of approximately 300 undergraduate students within a certain major or set of majors. First-Year Advisors discuss transition to college, build a course schedule, map curricular requirements, track advisee’s progress towards degree; and evaluate transfer, AP, and/or IB credit. FYA’s also conduct multiple levels of outreach and intervention.
Distribution of Students

College/School

- Arnold School of Public Health: 240
- College of Arts and Sciences: 564
- College of Education: 74
- College of Engineering and Computing: 259
- College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport: 367
- College of Nursing: 311
- College of Pharmacy: 112
- Darla Moore School of Business: 5
- School of Music: 15
I discussed the following personal resources with my First Year Advisor (Multiple Responses Allowed)

Response Rate

- My Academic Advisor’s Contact Information: 40.48%
- My Degree Plan: 83.73%
- My Foreign Language Placement Test Result: 92.95%
- My Math Placement Test Result: 31.35%
- My GPA Projection: 8.95%
- My Transfer Credit Evaluation: 25.66%
- Other: 19.97%
- Other: 5.03%
I discussed the following Academic Resources (Multiple Responses Allowed)

- Academic Bulletin: 32.10%
- Advising Website: 20.72%
- Carolina Core Website: 39.11%
- Degree Requirements/Protocol: 33.99%
- DegreeWorks: 76.23%
- Major Map/Curriculum Sheet: 84.17%
- Registrar's Office Transfer Table: 42.06%
- Self Service Carolina/Schedule Planner: 57.19%
- Other: 1.50%
- Other: 0.00%
Top 5 Areas of Satisfaction with First Year Advising

% of Students Who Responded “Highly Satisfied”

- I understand my recommended course schedule for the upcoming semester(s): 79.27%
- My academic advisor is able to answer my questions: 78.19%
- Overall, I am satisfied with my official advisement session: 78.01%
- I am comfortable talking with my advisor about my transition to college: 74.18%
- I understand degree requirements for my program of study: 72.15%
Student Quotes: Helpful

• “I appreciated my advisor’s advisement so much! He helped me with an array of things, ranging from getting prepared for classes, transitioning into college, and getting connected into different groups here on campus! He was awesome!”

• “I had a great advisement session today, I am so grateful to have them as my advisor. She is super helpful and attentive to all my questions and concerns.”
Student Quotes: Informative

• “I loved meeting with my advisor. She was relatable and very informative without making me feel inferior.”

• “It was awesome. My advisor helped me narrow down an area of study to investigate majors that will suit me and helped me understand and pick beneficial classes that will help me further look into areas of study that I am interested in. Before this meeting I was confused and overwhelmed but now after I feel much better about my major and classes I need to take.”
Student Quotes: Friendly

• “It was great. My advisor was incredibly friendly and knew a lot about me, and it really made that day great. I felt cared about and I appreciate it”

• “My advisor was great. She was friendly, helpful and explained all the info. in a way that was very clear.”