

First-Year Advising Center

Mission: First-Year Advising Center is committed to assisting students in building a foundation for success at UVU through engaged, inclusive, and holistic academic counseling.

Purpose: A student's first year of college is a transformational experience that lays the foundation for the educational journey. The skills and knowledge gained in the first year provide students with momentum to continue the journey toward graduation. First-Year Advising helps students build this momentum through five key learning outcomes.



Student learning outcomes

- Confirm a major that supports their goals and interests
- Enroll in classes that lead to academic progress
- Register for relevant QL level math and English courses in their first 30 credits
- Be introduced to resources in a timely manner that support the student

Key tenants of advising practice

- Momentum Year Ideals: purpose-first major exploration; milestone completion of QL math and English composition, 30 credits earned in the first year
- Holistic practice: resource referrals, academic mindset, recognizing basic needs concerns
- Proactive outreach: anticipate student needs, seek interactions, encourage key course enrollment
- Data-informed strategy: guide outreach through best practice and predictive analytics



Impactful programs & services

Major selection & affirmation
New student onboarding

Peer advising
Holistic student support

Satellite campus advising
Recruitment collaboration

Key Figures

8,280

fall 2024 assigned students

full-time counselors

23



61% enrolled full-time fall 2024

advisor caseload 358:1



six peer advisors

math completion track 64%



140 BS-University Studies
advised to completion

Summer Impact

3,837

phone

11,481

appointments
(April - August 2024)

5,419

in-person

1,933

video



292

advising visits via
asynchronous trail guide

64%

of visits are in-person
or video format

2,534

additional peer advisor
interactions captured

Student feedback indicates "my advisor...."

showed a personal interest 94%

listened to my concerns 95%

provided accurate info 96%

gave me the time I needed 96%

8.2%

in-person visit

9.3%

first semester

persistence lift

Summer 2024 BIRS impact study

Results