Academic Advising as Teaching and Learning:

According to the National Academic Advising Association, academic advising is an educational process that facilitates students’ understanding of the meaning and purpose of higher education and fosters their intellectual and personal development toward academic success and lifelong learning (2004).

At Eastern Kentucky University, academic advising provides you with the opportunity to build a relationship with your advisor for the purpose of gaining assistance in developing your educational plan in Degree Works, learning the skills needed for academic success, and in understanding the breadth of resources and services available to you on campus. Exploratory students will be partnered with an advisor from the University Advising Office. If you have a declared major, you are typically assigned an advisor in your particular field of study. Your advisor’s name and contact information appears at the top of your audit when you log into Degree Works.

Academic advising is a two-way street. You and your advisor partner together to outline your personal, academic, and career goals. Both student and advisor take responsibility for ensuring the advising partnership is successful

Advisor Responsibilities – What You Can Expect

You can expect me as your advisor to:

- Understand and effectively communicate the curriculum, graduation requirements, and university and college policies and procedures
- Encourage and guide you as you define and develop realistic goals
- Encourage and support you as you gain the skills to develop clear and attainable educational plans
- Provide you with information about and strategies for utilizing the available resources and services on campus
- Assist you in understanding the purposes and goals of higher education and its effects on your life and personal goals
- Be available for meeting with you via office hours for advising, telephone, e-mail, or web access
- Assist you in gaining decision making skills and skills in assuming responsibility for your educational plans and achievements
- Maintain confidentiality according to FERPA guidelines: http://www.registrar.eku.edu/confidentiality/FERPA.pdf