

Educational Policies Board Meeting - May 12, 2008
Academic Advising Task Force

Mission of Undergraduate Academic Advising (Draft)

Academic advising engages students beyond their own world views, while acknowledging their individual characteristics, values and motivations as they enter, participate in and exit the Saint Mary's community.

Through academic advising, students learn to:

- become active and engaged members of the Saint Mary's College Community;
- think critically about their roles, develop goals, and assume responsibilities as life long learners; and
- prepare to be educated citizens of a democratic society and a global community.

Goals of Academic Advising

To help students:

1. Understand the mission of St. Mary's College and the value of a Catholic, Lasallian, liberal arts education.
2. Adopt the values and practice of academic integrity.
3. Understand the role of the Core Curriculum, Collegiate Seminar, and January Term requirements in the Saint Mary's College educational experience.
4. Transition and adjust to the academic and scholarly demands of the College, including awareness of and ability to access the most appropriate resources for their success.
5. Evaluate their strengths, challenges, and values, and to identify goals for their educational experience.
6. Develop strategies and academic plans, including curricular and co-curricular activities, to achieve their goals.
7. Develop academic skills and the ability to be independent critical thinkers.
8. Investigate a variety of career paths and develop a post graduation plan.
9. Integrate academic, personal, social, cultural, and emotional learning.

