Every University of Oklahoma first-year student starts his or her academic career in University College. Most students are advised through University College. Some students receive specialized advising through the OU Scholars Program, Major and Career Exploration, Sooner Success, Project Threshold or Athletics.

Students who:
- have declared a major
- have completed two semesters in University College
- have met the admission requirements for a degree-granting college

Admission requirements vary for each college and may include entrance exams, successful completion of specific courses and a required minimum GPA.

The advisement process will vary with each college. Colleges use one or a combination of the following types of advisors. Check out advising processes at ou.edu/advising

Major/Departmental Academic Advisors
- advise students within a specific department or major
- communicate major and enrollment requirements/guidelines
- are generally located in the department office

Academic Counselors
- track academic progress through degree programs
- are generally centrally located within college

Faculty Academic Advisors
- are faculty members
- are knowledgeable about the curriculum
- mentor students about the field of study
- track students’ progress
- often hold office hours for advising

Academic Counselors/Graduation Clearance Counselors
- advise students on completion of graduation requirements
- evaluate academic records for clearance to graduate

Students are required to complete an official graduation application the semester prior to or during their final semester. You should have a degree check advisement appointment with your graduation clearance counselor in the semester leading up to your anticipated graduation to ensure that you have met or will meet all of your graduation requirements. Visit ou.edu/advising for more information about academic advisement at OU.