Academic Advisement

Philosophy
Georgia Southern University accepts the premise that ultimately a student’s program is his/her own responsibility. Any system of advisement must reflect students’ freedom of choice and their right to make their own decisions. It is required that students see their advisors prior to registration each semester to have their classes approved and to receive their Registration Access Number (RAN). More important and separate from having registration needs, students should meet with their advisors to plan programs carefully and ensure that all program requirements are being met.

It is the institution’s responsibility to provide guidance, information, and assistance to the student whenever possible. It is the institution’s responsibility to see that advisors have accurate information, are concerned about students, and are accessible to students on a reasonable basis. The institution also has responsibility to provide the necessary support to those faculty members who choose advisement as an area of service and to see that good advisement is appropriately included in merit considerations.

Definition of the Role of Advisors
Advisors should fill three roles. They should serve as a resource, providing information about university programs and institutional requirements to assist students in developing the most coherent plan for their college years. Second, they should serve as a link between students and the university community, referring them to areas of assistance and familiarizing them with the resources provided by the institution to meet their needs and goals. Finally, advisors should assist students in understanding the nature and purpose of higher education and help them develop self-direction in decision making.

Responsibility for Advisement
Advisement for students is generally provided by professional advisors and professors in advisement centers. Advisement for Undeclared students who have 45 or less hours and Move On When Ready (MOWR) students will be advised in First-Year Experience Office. On-campus Interdisciplinary Studies majors are advised in the College of Arts and Humanities Advisement Center. All online Interdisciplinary Studies students are advised by the Online Interdisciplinary Studies program personnel. Transients and post baccalaureate non-degree students are advised in the Office of the Registrar.

General Education Outcomes
http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/student-learning-outcomes/

Board of Regents Policy
http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section3/policy/3.9_academic_advisement/

Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education
http://www.cas.edu

National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)
http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/