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Student Leadership and Organizations

Student Leadership

Leading Excellence Across Departments (LEAD)

Academic Councils Engaging Students (ACES)

[Student Leadership Model](#)

Student Groups

Examples of student led organizations:

Asian Mental Health Alliance

First Generation College Student Group

Jewish Student Alliance

Mental Health & Chronic Illness Advocacy Group

Mindfulness Group

Positive Psychology Club

Rainbow Alliance

Self-Care Group

Self, Mind, Body Group

Sports Psychology Club

SWANA

[Student Group Guidelines](#)

[Student Group FAQs](#)

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IT and Services

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Library

[WJC Book Store](#) • guides.williamjames.edu

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Self Care and Other Resources

[WJC Self-Care and Other Resources](#)

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Student Employment

[Federal Work-Study Application Form](#)

[CareerLink Job Portal](#) • financialaid@williamjames.edu



Dean of Students Resource Guide

An ADVISOR is a collaborative, affirming, encouraging, respectful, individualized, role model.

Schedule

1. Email advisees as soon as they are assigned to you.

- Share your contact info and set up an appointment in the first three weeks of the semester.

2. Define the process and a suggested schedule of when you will be meeting across the year during the first meeting. Set up a two-week follow-up for your next check-in.

Define the parameters and focus:

- Academic Planning and Curriculum Mapping
- Field Site Planning and Decision Making
- Professional Exploration and Planning
- Manage stressors while meeting academic and professional obligations
- Personal growth

3. Schedule a one-month follow-up at the two-week check-in.

4. Schedule a meeting mid-semester before registration at the one-month follow-up to review course selection and discuss field site search.

First Years

Consider holding an early group meeting with the intention of helping them create an on-going support group. If successful, facilitate periodic group advisory meetings.

- Understand and respect that each advisee brings different perspectives, experiences, and interests.
- Communicate clearly & frequently about expectations. Ensure mutual understanding.
- Help develop a timeline for completing academic requirements and meeting professional goals.
- Meet regularly to review progress, goals, challenges, and future plans.
- Encourage openness about challenges or difficulties and work with advisee to resolve.
- Listen to and support scholarly and professional goals.
- Be knowledgeable about dept. and graduate school policies.
- Be aware of institutional resources.
- Prepare advisee to be competitive and challenge your advisee.
- Model key behaviors, like confidence.
- Champion advisee dreams and give public praise.

** This advice is sourced from the American Psychological Association and the National Academic Advising Association.*



Who wants what?

What Advisees Want from Advisors

- Respond to emails
- Frequent check-ins
- Open-minded, clear, constructive feedback
- Keep up with changes in the job market

What Advisors Want from Advisees

- Stay in touch
- Remember the big picture
- Be aware of department policies and procedures