

SMART CENTER VISION, MISSION, VALUES AND GOALS

VISION:

The academic advising and support services provided by the SMART Center at Grand Valley State University are an integral part of a student-focused, learner-centered and collaborative relationship between students, faculty and advising staff. The SMART Center strives to integrate student learning and student goals and abilities with the development of an achievable and appropriate academic plan, which will ultimately lead to a rewarding and fulfilling life.

MISSION:

The SMART Center will offer accessible, accurate, timely and consistent academic advising and support programs to all students pursuing majors and/or minors and careers in the fields of science and mathematics.

VALUES:

- An academically rigorous educational experience grounded in the liberal arts
- A diverse student population to provide a rich educational experience
- Accessibility and utilization by all science and mathematics students to multiple levels of student support programs
- Persistence and academic achievement by our students
- A student/advisor relationship built on mutual respect, understanding and acceptance of the differences each person brings to the partnership
- Student acquisition of knowledge and experiences, and the integration of this information into the development of appropriate and achievable academic and life goals
- To infuse the desire for life-long learning in our students through the role of academic advising

GOALS:

1. The development of suitable educational plans by:
 - The interpretation and dissemination of the academic requirements for Grand Valley State University
 - Offering initial academic advisement to new students through freshman and transfer student orientation
 - Providing initial and continual information and support to students seeking teacher certification
 - Providing initial and continual information and support to students pursuing undergraduate and post-baccalaureate degrees based in the health professions
 - Providing returning and post-baccalaureate students with appropriate levels of assistance
2. Clarification of career and life goals.
3. Selection of appropriate courses and other educational experiences to enhance classroom learning.
4. Students and constituents are aware of all available resources that may enhance the educational experience.
5. Assistance in the development of sound decision-making skills.
6. Assist students in becoming independent learners.
7. Monitor the academic progress of our students and provide intentional and intrusive assistance as needed.
8. Continually assess and enhance all student support programs and advising initiatives.
9. Appropriate referrals to other advising staff, faculty and student support programs throughout the GVSU community to enhance the educational experience and insure student success.
10. Provide comprehensive, consistent and accurate training and development for faculty and professional advisors within the CLAS.
11. Collaborate with other constituencies on campus to find additional avenues for student support and programming.