



Things to do After You have an Appointment Scheduled:

In order to make the most of your advising appointment, we highly recommend preparing ahead of time. Here is a short list of things you can do to make the most of your time with your advisor:

1. **Print and review the Degree Progress Report or myPath Tool** available in myBanner. These tools give you a detailed breakdown of graduation, general education, and declared major requirements to help you better understand how your previous, current, and future coursework fits into your academic plan. You and your advisor will also review this tool together during your appointment. You can find detailed instructions for how to access this information at www.gvsu.edu/ccpsadvising (under RU Ready).
2. **Take a look at resource materials**, including the General Education Handbook (www.gvsu.edu/gened), the Undergraduate Catalog (www.gvsu.edu/catalog), and major checklists and worksheets (www.gvsu.edu/ccpsadvising). You may want to pay special attention to major and degree requirements that are not yet satisfied on your degree progress report or myPath so you are familiar with them or can ask questions if you are unclear.
3. **Write down 2 or 3 questions or goals** you'd like to accomplish during your appointment. Be an active participant in the advising process. Seek your advisor's advice and recommendations about courses, course sequencing, campus resources, and the rest. Your advisor is there to assist you in your choices, but remember that the final decision is yours.
4. **Create a tentative schedule or plan** for yourself. Think about your work schedule and other responsibilities. Be prepared to discuss what kind of course load you want to take on and if you have special scheduling issues or needs.
5. **Be on time!** If you have an appointment scheduled, make sure you are on time. You might even want to show up early if possible. If you are late we may ask you to reschedule your appointment so the next student isn't kept waiting. Also, know where you are going ahead of time. We have locations on both the Grand Rapids/Pew campus and the Allendale campus. Be sure to check where your appointment is scheduled. You can find more information about our locations at www.gvsu.edu/ccpsadvising.
6. **Take notes!** During your advising session you should take notes and keep copies of all documents you receive so that you are reminded about what was discussed during your session (e.g., referral, next steps, etc.). Consider creating an "advising file" that you bring back to your next appointment!