

Juniata College Orientation Advising Sessions

Talking Points & Reminders

Introductions & Getting to Know the Student

- Welcome the student and introduce yourself as their Summer Orientation advisor.
 - Give them the name of their POE advisor (if they don't already know it) and let them know they will have lunch with their POE advisor the day before classes start.
- Get to know your student
 - Where are you coming from?
 - Why did you choose Juniata?
 - How is Orientation going so far?
- Understand their current plans for college
 - What are your interests? What subjects do you love? Are there subjects that are challenging?
 - Have you identified career or professional goals? (It's ok if you haven't!)
 - Would you like to study abroad? Internship? Undergraduate research?
 - What activities are you planning to participate in?
- Gauge their level of excitement or anxiety about college
 - What are you looking forward to at Juniata? What are you most excited about? Worried about?
 - Acknowledge that transitions can be both exciting and challenging

Course Registration

- Review and discuss their course selections
 - Composition (FYC 3 credits)
 - Foundations (FYF 1 credit)
 - POE course(s)
 - Additional courses to total 12-16 credits for semester (14-15 is the sweet spot for most first semester students!)
 - These can be electives or courses that explore their interests. What courses are different from your POE or core interests? How might these courses/subjects:
 - Complement your POE?
 - Build skills you would like to develop?
 - Challenge you to learn something new or different?
 - Allow you to pursue an interest and develop expertise outside of specific career goals?
 - Prepare you for life as an active and committed citizen/community member?
- Utilize the Academic Pathways Planning Worksheet to introduce Gen Ed requirements (FY, WK, SW, Connections) and POE courses as appropriate
- Register them for classes using Self-Service, showing the screen to build familiarity
- Assure the student that they can still change their schedule: they can contact the Registrar's office or use the Add/Drop through Self-Service the first 7 class days of the semester (until Friday September 2nd in Fall 2022). Also, mention P/NP and withdrawing as options that can be selected later in the semester if needed.

Closing Discussion

- Ask if they have any questions or concerns.