Undergraduate Academic Advising at Boston University

Mission Statement:

*Academic advising is integral to the teaching mission of the University and engages students in a collaborative process to explore academic and co-curricular opportunities as part of a plan to realize academic, career and life goals.*

Statement of Practice:

*Academic advisors help each student craft an educational plan that aligns with the student’s values, interests, and goals.* This process involves facilitating purposeful reflection that helps students make meaning of their educational experience.

As part of this process, advisors help students...

- explore broadly to identify their interests.
- set goals for their undergraduate experience, based on their values and interests.
- consider the role of academic requirements, electives, and cocurricular activities in meeting their goals.
- think about how to include high-impact educational experiences (such as study abroad, research, and internships) in their plan.
- identify campus resources that will help them achieve their goals, including opportunities for career exploration and professional development.
- assess their progress and adjust their plan over time, as appropriate.

Academic advising requires meaningful interactions between advisors and students. Therefore, advisors and students are expected to engage in at least one substantive advising conversation each semester.