Overview

Allicyn: Hello and welcome. My name is Allicyn Phillips.

Renni: I'm Renni Turpin and we are both advisors in The College of Natural Sciences. We are so excited to welcome you to CNS and the Longhorn Family.

Allicyn: Today’s goal is to have you to leave feeling ready to take on your first semester as a Longhorn. We are going to presenting three videos which will cover what Advising looks like at UT, Degree Requirements and Registration 101.

Advising

Renni: In this video, we are going to discuss Academic Advising for Orientation and how it differs from general academic advising and how you can prepare for your Advising Appointment.

What is advising?

Allicyn: During orientation you will have 15-20 minutes with your advisor to discuss claiming credits, what math course you need for your degree, and your fall schedule.

During the semester, you be able to meet with your assigned academic advisor to discuss all other interests like minors/certs, studying abroad, and health profession planning. The advisor you meet with during orientation may or may not be your assigned academic advisor for the rest of the school year.

How will advising work?

Renni: Orientation Advising will happen through Zoom, a video conferencing platform. You will receive an email with a link for you scheduled Zoom meeting. Please make note of the date and time. Appointments will start promptly at the scheduled time. In order to be prepared ensure that you have downloaded Zoom and Duo before orientation begins.

After you meet with your academic advisor to discuss class selection, you will be meeting virtually in small groups with an Orientation Peer Advisor, who is a current student, and they can help answer general questions as well as help you build your Fall schedule.

How do I prepare?

Allicyn: Orientation Appointments happen quickly, so it’s important to be prepared. Please complete these steps:

The UT Math Assessment is required for all incoming CNS students; you should have completed the UT Math Assessment before coming to orientation. You will not be able to register for classes until you have a score. The UTMA helps determine which pre-calculus or calculus course is right for you. There are many different options depending on your degree plan, we will not be discussing the options right now. We will cover more about the UTMA in video 3.

In your email you have received a link to a survey about your AP/IB credit. Please complete this survey accurately as your academic advisor will use this information to give Fall course recommendations. Additionally, be sure you have sent your AP and IB scores to UT. After you finish the survey review the linked document called “Common AP/IB credit” to see what your scores will give you credit for. And remember to always talk to your advisor before claiming any credit. Your scores are good for 10 years, so there is no rush. It does cost to claim credit so it’s good to only claim what you need.

Renni: Along with AP and IB scores, please ensure that all transcripts have been sent to UT from any dual credit or transfer coursework taken in or after high school. Please have a digital copy of unofficial transcripts available for your advising meeting.

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Renni: Please be sure to watch the other two videos and review all the linked documents on the Canvas page before meeting with your academic advisor, they are the best way to prepare to register and for a great first semester at UT.

Allicyn: Thank you for watching Video 1. This has been an overview of orientation advising. Next, please watch Video 2 titled CNS Degree Requirements.