Advising Services – Choosing a Major, Career and Life Options

The ADC’s career and academic advisors and peer advisors are available to help with questions about academic and career decisions. Advisors have many resources available to empower students as they make choices for their future.

Students who are uncertain about their intended major or career are encouraged to take advantage of Career Explorations (GS100) and other resources available at the ADC. For example, computerized assessments help students evaluate their interests, skills, abilities and values as they relate to major and career options. Students may declare or change their major at the college’s ADC location in which their intended major is housed (see locations listed below).

Faculty Mentors

In addition to the Academic Discovery Center, students are also assigned a faculty mentor upon major selection. The faculty mentoring program was established on campus to help students get direction and support from experienced professionals. Faculty Mentors provide guidance within the major as it relates to department outcomes, industry standards and individual goals. Students may also visit with their mentor for portfolio feedback, career and graduate school guidance, networking advice and other discipline-specific information. It is never too early to begin building a relationship with your faculty mentor. Students typically begin working with their faculty mentor as they approach their junior year. Juniors and seniors should continue to work with their college’s ADC for graduation planning assistance.

Internship Assistance and Registration

An academic internship is a valuable and integral component of a BYU-Idaho education. A BYU-Idaho academic internship is a cooperative program between the university and approved Experience Providers (employers). The purpose of an internship is to gain professional work experience, to apply skills and knowledge obtained through course curriculum and to expand understanding of various career opportunities. A faculty internship coordinator is assigned within each academic department to help students understand and arrange an academic internship. In many cases, an academic internship is a required element for both associate and bachelor’s programs. Students should meet as soon as possible with their coordinator to understand internship requirements, prerequisites and timing of experiences. A list of assigned internship faculty coordinators is available on the Internships website.