

Description: Participation in the FYE Advising program is required of all first-year students at Towson University. Each freshman is assigned to a First Year Experience (FYE) advisor who assists the student in their transition to TU and who serves as a facilitator and resource person during the student's first year. The purpose of the FYE program is to help students:

- 1) become more knowledgeable about the academic programs, policies, and opportunities available at TU;
- 2) learn and apply the skills necessary to make sound decisions and develop a plan for completing their degree at TU;
- 3) identify and use resources at TU in order to successfully transition to the University and to enhance the educational experience; and
- 4) select and prepare for the transition into a major.

Learning Outcomes/Objectives: Students will:

- 1) understand the Core Curriculum at TU including its purpose, philosophy, and requirements;
- 2) learn how to develop an educational plan for their second semester;
- 3) learn about educational resources available to them that address interests/needs
- 4) learn how to select, schedule, and register for courses for the second semester;
- 5) learn how to use the Academic Requirements report in their Student Center to assist them in planning and monitoring their educational program at TU; and
- 6) research and select, and declare a major, if ready to do so.

Program Requirements: Students will:

- a) participate in an academic planning workshop or meeting during the semester;
- b) use their TU email account regularly to facilitate communication;
- c) meet with their advisor to discuss course selection and registration;
- d) consult with their advisor prior to making any changes in course enrollment.

Outline of Semester Events / Expectations

August/September: After the initial mandatory FYE orientation meeting, your advisor will be sending important information relating to significant policies, procedures, dates, and reminders to your **TU email account**, which you should check daily.

September – Meet for individual advising appointment to discuss your academic plan and address any questions or concerns as you settle in to TU.

October - Mandatory group advising meeting in mid to late October to go over the process of preparing for your Spring semester registration.

November - Mandatory individual advising meeting to plan and discuss your course selection for Spring. The advising hold placed on your registration access for Spring cannot be removed without this advising session.

Failure to attend any of the mandatory meetings (group and individual) will mean a delay in your ability to register for Spring classes, so please plan to attend all required meetings!