

Advising for Freshmen Orientation (Condensed Version)

10:00 Session in groups of 30-35 by major

Faculty and professional advisor present information on the following topics:

General Education – What is general education? Why does UTC have general education? How does it affect students and their course selection?

What is a major? What is a minor? How do they work and how do they affect course scheduling?

RAP Sheet – What is a RAP Sheet? What should students know about it?

Check Sheet – What is a check sheet? How is it different from a RAP sheet?

General Education – What are the categories? What is unique about each one? How are specific majors affected by general education?

Discussion of placement scores, including English and math, as well as AP and dual enrollment credit

Discussion of course load, including consideration for work schedules

Discussion of course scheduling, including numbers of courses to take on MWF and TTh schedules, whether to take courses back to back, and what time of day is best for individual students

Explanation of catalog requirements for a specific year and pre- and co-requisites

Discussion of new courses offered this fall: one-hour topics courses, one-hour freshman seminar courses, and learning communities.

11:00 (in same groups)

Faculty from the various disciplines join the group.

Groups are divided by discipline for specific advising, but all stay in the same room. Faculty from each discipline give students a handout containing essential information for registering for discipline-specific majors. Faculty and students begin to help students plan their schedules for the fall term. Faculty tell students where to find their departments for the afternoon registration.

12:00 – 1:00

Students and faculty have lunch in the University Center

1:00 Students in computer labs with their advisors

Students will report to the labs where they will find their advisors to receive their advisement codes. Advisors will help students register for classes and stay with the students until all students in their major have completed registration.