

Academic Advising Mission Statement

Academic Advising at Houston Community College (HCC) provides a holistic student-centered experience, inspiring students towards academic achievement and empowering students to develop educational and career pathways through collaborative relationships with advisors, faculty, and staff.

First Semester (0 - 15 Semester Credit Hours)

- Understand how to navigate the **MyEagle portal**.
- Identify education and **career** pathways.
- Understand the transfer requirements for the selected transfer institution.
- Understand the importance of the **Core Curriculum** and **degree requirements**.
- Maintain consistent **contact** with your Academic Advisor.
- Be familiar with essential policies (**residency, 6 drop limit, and 3peat**).
- Understand **college resources**.
- Understand and note registration and payment dates on the **academic calendar**.

Second Semester (15 - 30 Semester Credit Hours)

- Maintain consistent **contact** with assigned Academic Advisor.
- Commit to a plan of study within a career and **transfer** pathway.
- Review the **Eagle Plan** with the assigned Academic Advisor to confirm or make necessary changes.
- Understand current academic standing and **transfer credits** and degree plans.
- Explore **scholarship** and internship opportunities.

Third Semester (30 - 45 Semester Credit Hours)

- Maintain consistent **contact** with assigned Academic Advisor.
- Monitor academic progress and plan for **graduation**.
- Review your Eagle Plan in preparation for degree completion.
- Utilize college resources for **career and job** readiness services.
- Know the admissions process and deadlines for each transfer institution.

Fourth Semester (45 + Semester Credit Hours)

- Maintain consistent **contact** with assigned Academic Advisor.
- Complete the degree audit and submit a **graduation** application with 14 or fewer credit hours remaining in your program.
- Meet with **Career Services** to create or update a resume.
- **Request transcripts** to be sent to the transfer institution.
- Be familiar with transfer information regarding **financial aid** assistance.