Academic Advising at UWM

New Student Orientation 2017
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the who, what, how and why of academic advising at UWM
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• Multicultural Centers
• Honors
• Athletics
• Academic Opportunity Center
• Student Support Services
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• Academics
• Major/Career Exploration
• Point of Contact for Referrals
• Campus Engagement
• Development of

Strengths
• Resources
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• Panther Academic Support Services (tutoring)
• Accessibility Resource Center

Illness or Mental Health Issues
• Norris Health Center

Roommates
• Housing- RA

Campus Engagement
• Center for Student Involvement
How will my student find their Advisor?

To Find the Advisor’s Name:
• PAWS Student Center

To Meet the Advisor:
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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

• FERPA
• Access and control of educational records
• For more information: ferpa.uwm.edu
How can families support their students in this first year?

*Check in regularly.*

*Be there when you are needed.*

*Be a listening ear.*
Suggested topics to discuss throughout the first semester...

• Academics
• Relationships
• Living situation
• Advising
• Involvement on campus
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