

The BCOE Academic Advisor and Student Partnership Agreement

Hello BCOE Student!

Good and consistent academic advising positively impacts your growth toward becoming a college scholar, as well as, your academic performance and overall college experience. At the core of impactful academic advising is a partnership between the Academic Advisor and you (the student). This partnership comes with a unique set of roles and expectations for the Academic Advisor and you.

Roles/Expectations for Academic Advisor

Teaching, counseling, and coaching are the foundations of professional academic advising. Academic Advisors perform these roles in support of your academic success and well-rounded development:

- As teacher, the advisor demonstrates expertise at one-on-one instructional advising.
- As counselor, the advisor demonstrates knowledge and experience in counseling and advising, theory and practice.
- As coach, the advisor seeks to know you as a whole person, specifically the interconnected areas of your life that impact your academic well-being; also, as coach the advisor seeks to understand what drives and constrains your progress in order to help you find motivation, sustain your progress and encourage resilience.

Roles/Expectations for Aspiring Scholars

As a college student, you are an aspiring Engineering scholar. As such, you must:

- Learn to lead your own learning; everything you learn and how you learn starts with your effort, intentionality, and timely self-assessment.
- Learn to be an independent and interdependent learner, where you can depend on yourself and others, and others can depend on you to contribute to the learning process.
- Learn to build a team comprised of students, faculty, and staff in support of your success.
- Learn and understand your learning skills and skill deficiencies in order to strategize and build your learning capacity.
- Learn to manage your time centered on giving the right amount of time and energy to the right things at the right time.
- Learn to embrace academic mishaps, setbacks or disappointments as learning opportunities and not failures, and be resilient.
- Learn to balance your life.

Pillars of the Advisor/Student Partnership

The ideals presented below lay the foundation that allows for impactful academic advising. The ideals must be established and grown to become mutual and self-evident within the Advisor/Student relationship:

- Decency
- Trust
- Respect
- Transparency
- Self-accountability
- Teamwork and shared understanding

The Academic Advisor and you must do your respective part to ensure the academic relationship is viable, and these ideals are self-evident and experienced mutually.

BCOE Advisors' Agreement with Students

BCOE Academic Advisors promise to work deliberately to manifest these core values:

Professionalism — We are committed to excellence, the academic counseling profession, continuous improvement, and development.

Integrity — We will conduct ourselves in a manner that upholds academic policies to promote clarity and shared understanding with students.

Respect — We will work intentionally to build trust and cooperation with students.

Inclusivity — We will respect the humanity, unique needs, and aspirations of all students.

Empowerment — We will support each student's growth towards greater clarity, purpose, and sense of self-direction.

Critical Thinking — We will support and encourage students to proactively plan and problem solve.

Advocacy — We will continuously monitor campus practices and each student's needs to identify and resolve unique and systemic challenges in the best interest of students and the university.

BCOE Student Agreement with Academic Advisors

You, the BCOE student, will:

- Take responsibility for practicing effective communications, that is respectful and constructive.
- Be open to guidance and support.
- Work toward establishing clarity and shared understanding with your Academic Advisor on all matters impacting your academic performance.
- Engage in behavior that is decent, tactful, respectful, honorable, and expect the same behavior in return.
- Trust the process, doing the work that is necessary to support academic growth.
- Grow into leading your own learning and becoming more self-directed.

By accepting this Agreement, I, the student, and Academic Advisor pledge to live up to our respective roles and responsibilities.

NOTE: Please communicate in a timely manner any concerns about your responsibilities or your advisor's fulfill responsibilities to Roderick Smith, the Director of BCOE Advising, rsmith@engr.ucr.edu.