Montana Tech’s Undergraduate Advising Models

The goals of academic advising are to enhance the undergraduate experience by making students aware of the diverse options for courses and other educational experiences available to them at Montana Tech and to facilitate graduation in a timely manner. The key tenet for an effective system of advising is shared responsibility. A student is ultimately responsible for the choices he or she makes in college, but in order to make informed decisions, students need the mentoring and advice of academic advisors.

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<th>Advising Style</th>
<th>Definition</th>
<th>Type of Student Best Served</th>
<th>Advisor Knowledge/Skill Requirements</th>
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<td>Developmental</td>
<td>A style of academic advising focused on the relationship between advisor and student. The advisor and the student share responsibility for advising. The primary goal is problem-solving.</td>
<td>• High-Achieving (GPA ≥ 3.0)</td>
<td>• University/Program policies &amp; requirements</td>
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<td>• Low-Achieving (GPA ≥ 2.9-2.0)</td>
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<td>• Under-Achieving (GPA ≤ 2.0)</td>
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<td>Prescriptive</td>
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Decentralized- Faculty Only
Faculty advisors are located in their academic department

- Highlands College
- Trades, Health, & Business Majors
- College Letters, Sciences, and Professional Studies
- Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors
- Nursing Department
- School of Mines & Engineering
- Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors

Centralized Self-Contained
Professional and Faculty advisors housed in one academic or administrative unit

- Highlands College
- Associate of Science
- School of Mines & Engineering
- Freshman Engineering Program

Shared Split
Advising is carried out by faculty in their departments, as well as the staff of an advising center

- Highlands College
- All Probation Students (excludes Associate of Science)
- College Letters, Sciences, and Professional Studies
- Freshman and All Probation Students (excludes Nursing Department)
- School of Mines & Engineering
- All Probation Students (excludes Freshman Engineering Program)