



4-YEAR ADVISING CALENDAR

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This 4-year advising calendar is designed to give you an estimate of the approximate times that you may be addressing key points in your education. Every student's path is unique, but this calendar gives a typical 4-year plan to guide you on your journey. Just like using the STAR GPS Registration, it serves as only an estimation or guide for your completion.

YEAR 1

Learn Your Major

- Learn the specifics about your major requirements. Visit the websites for the Advising Center and your department.
- Explore the various career paths that may be associated with your major.

Four-Year Plan of Study

- Review your first-year coursework in relation to your overall plan of study. Review your academic plan in your STAR GPS Registration.
- Discuss with your advisor any plans to study abroad or attend graduate or professional school.

Academic Advising

- Make sure to see your academic advisor every semester to ensure that you are taking the appropriate courses and remaining on-track for graduation.

General Education

- Make sure you are progressing toward completion of your General Education Core requirements.

Course Prerequisites

- Make sure you are progressing in the appropriate course prerequisites for your major so that you are on-track for graduation.
- Complete any placement exams for courses to ensure you can register for appropriate courses.

YEAR 2

Complete General Education

- You should be completing most of the General Education Core requirements at this point.

Get Involved

- If you have not done so already, get involved in university life, whether it is with a student organization, an academic organization, or other scholarly activity. You need to begin to build your résumé early.

YEAR 2 (CONTINUED)

Faculty Relationships

- Begin talking with faculty in your department regarding your future and what you can learn from their experiences. These individuals may be the source of your letters of recommendation.
- Work with your advisor to identify steps you may need to take to be prepared after you graduate.

Experience

- Near the end of your second year, you should be considering work experience, research, or internships that would help you with either job placement or post-baccalaureate studies.

YEAR 3

Leadership

- Now that you have been involved in your respective area, you should consider taking the next step and being a leader in your organization(s).

Upper-Level Coursework

- You should have already started taking upper-level courses, but this is the year where you choose your courses carefully to be most applicable to your path after graduation.

Graduation Preparation

- Graduate School (if applicable): Begin narrowing down your graduate school plans and take the appropriate entrance exam.
- Employment: Begin looking at what industries or particular companies you should be contacting for future employment. Find ways to gain the necessary skills for your area.

YEAR 4

Apply for Graduation

- Remember to apply for graduation 1-2 semesters in advance. You may want to meet with your academic advisor before applying to make sure everything is on track.

Applications

- Make sure you have prepared your résumé.
- Work with the Mānoa Career Center to help build your interviewing and application skills.
- Apply for graduate schools and employment.