



UNIVERSITY OF  
**DETROIT  
MERCY**

# Advising Monthly

News & Reminders for Detroit Mercy Advisors

January 2024

## Welcome Back Faculty Advisors

**Jan 8**

Classes Begin

**Jan 14 (Midnight)**

Last day to add & delete a class without a "W" (full semester courses)

**Jan 15**

**No Classes**  
**University Closed**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Feb 27**

Midterm Grades Due

**March 3-9**

Spring Break

**March 11**

Fall 2024 Advising

**March 18**

Regular Fall 2024 Registration begins

**March 24**

Honors Convocation

**March 29-31**

Easter Recess  
**University Closed**

## Intersession Courses (Held Dec 26, 2023 - Jan 6, 2024)

Students who participated in intersession courses during the holiday break should be reminded that those course credits are included in their winter 2024 term credit load. For example, if a student has 15 credits + 3 credits from an intersession class, they have a total of 18 credits for the winter 2024 term for tuition purposes.

## Students Taking Courses at other Institutions

Students who plan to take courses at other universities or community colleges must follow the guidelines for transferring courses into University of Detroit Mercy. The [Current Detroit Mercy Student Request for Guest/Transfer Credit](#) form must be completed prior to taking classes at another institution. Students and advisors are responsible for verifying class equivalency and transfer by checking the Transfer Credit System. Additional questions/concerns? Contact the Detroit Mercy Transfer Team at [transferteam@udmercy.edu](mailto:transferteam@udmercy.edu) or 313-993-1940.

## Rules for Maintaining F-1 Visa or F1 Status for International Students

In order for international students to maintain F-1 Visa or F1 status, ensure that they are taking the required number of face-to-face credit hours. Undergraduate students must enroll in a minimum of 9 F2F credits as part of their full-time load per term. Graduate students must enroll in a minimum of 6 F2F credits as part of their full-time load per term.

**REVISED GUIDELINES** as of December 2023: Courses that meet at least 25% in person (i.e. 100% in-person, Hybrid 1, Hybrid 3, and Hybrid 2) are considered face-to-face courses. OL1 and OL2 courses are considered online courses. Questions/concerns contact Lily Swan, Director or ISO [swanls@udmercy.edu](mailto:swanls@udmercy.edu).

## Fall 2023/Winter 2024/Summer 2024 Graduates

Students who are planning to graduate in Fall 2023/Winter 2024/Summer 2024 must apply to graduate as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting a graduation application to be invited to attend commencement is January 12, 2024. This includes students who are graduating in Summer 2024. Graduation applications are submitted online in the Student Profile section of [my.udmercy.edu](http://my.udmercy.edu). **Commencement occurs once a year in May.** Only students who have graduated or have applied to graduate during the current academic year are allowed to participate. Summer graduates may be permitted to participate in the May Commencement exercises with permission of the Dean's Office as long as they are enrolled in all of the courses to complete their degree by August. If a student does not participate in the ceremony for the academic year they graduate in, they are not invited to participate in future ceremonies.

## Faculty Advising Website

For more information: [Faculty Advising | University of Detroit Mercy \(udmercy.edu\)](#)