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# ADVISING MONTHLY

News & Reminders for Detroit Mercy

## Retain Students!

Best Practices indicate that students need to become immediately part of the University community. Here are a few tips!

Top Retention Tips
1. Take Attendance and consider it mandatory. Report students who miss more than 2 class sessions in succession.
2. Advisors should reach out and meet all advisees (especially new ones) within the first two weeks of the semester.
3. Don't waste the first day of class! Just handing out the syllabus unintentionally signals class attendance is not essential.
4. Encourage engagement in a campus activity/club/ or programs.

### Sept. 4

Last Day to Drop without a "W"

### Sept. 4

Last Day to Add a class online

### Sept. 29

Deadline for Summer "I" Grades

### Oct. 9-10

Fall Break

### Oct. 24

Midterm Grades Due

### Oct. 30

Advising Begins for Winter and Summer

For more advising information and older newsletters visit:

[http://www.udmercy.edu/academicaffairs/fac\\_advising/](http://www.udmercy.edu/academicaffairs/fac_advising/)

## Is Your Advisee a First Generation College Student?

In the process of providing support for your advisee, you might discover that they are a first generation college student. If this is the case, they may benefit from a connection to the TRIO program. This program provides support to first gen students and/or students coming from low-income backgrounds and/or have a documented disability. To learn more, visit the following:

<https://www.udmercy.edu/current-students/support-services/trio.php>

## Is Your Advisee a Veteran?

Advising Veterans can be complicated and trying to navigate the GI bill and other VA benefits is even more so. Did you know that not all vets get tuition benefits? Did you know that if they do, the benefit for an online course might differ from an on-site course? Did you know that benefits may vary based on full-time versus part-time status? Did you know we are designated as a Military Friendly School? Visit the following link to review information concerning veterans <https://www.udmercy.edu/current-students/registrar/veterans.php>. Address any questions to Diane Praet [praetdm@udmercy.edu](mailto:praetdm@udmercy.edu).

## Is your Advisee an Athlete?

Best practices recommend having a basic understanding of NCAA eligibility requirements. student-athletes make a huge transition to the demanding world of college athletics and academics. There are support systems to help athletes succeed. A few tips to remember:

- \* The practice and game schedules are distributed to each student (during the first week of each term) and should be shared with the advisor and all instructors.
- \* NCAA rules **do not** allow a student to miss class sessions for practices.
- \* A student-athlete must meet athletic academic requirements by declaring a major by junior year and carrying 12 credit hours per term.
- \* NCAA bylaws require passing 6 credit hours each term of enrollment. (Note: 32 credit hours each year will maintain an on-time graduation rating)

**Summer 2017 update:** For a new pilot attendance program, our men's basketball student athletes are utilizing a GPS geo-tracking device on their phones and laptops. This pilot will communicate attendance to coaches, administration and sports managers.

If you have any question/concern or for more information on NCAA Compliance and Academics, contact: Steve Corder [corders@udmercy.edu](mailto:corders@udmercy.edu) or Melinda Konya [konyamr@udmercy.edu](mailto:konyamr@udmercy.edu)

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