Plebe Advising Info Session
Class of 2023
Welcome!

• Introductions
  – Associate Dean Academic Affairs: Dean Jennifer Waters
  – Director Academic Advising: Prof Pam Schmitt
  – Deputy Director Academic Advising: Dr. Mike Williams

• Thank you for serving in this important role
  – Full 4-year faculty-led advising program
  – Faculty are ideally suited to stress the importance of academics & academic decisions
  – Plebe advisers are academic leaders, and the initial ambassadors to our midshipmen
Overview of this Session

- Welcome
  - Overview of Info Session
- Class of 2023 Schedule
  - Summer, including Advising & Registration sessions
- Expectations
  - Fall Semester
  - Spring Semester
- FAQs & Resources
- Discussion / Questions
Summer:

- **June 28th**: ADAA Brief to Class of 2023
- **June 28th – July 15th**: Placement Exams: English, Chemistry, Physics, Calc (including Diff EQ).
- **July 15th – 19th**: Academic Advising & Orientation (AA&O)
  - Will email schedule
  - Central Room: Mahan Auditorium
  - Midshipmen learn of their course placement results
- **July 22nd**: Core-4 meeting and language validation exams
- **July 29th – July 31st**: Academic Advising & Registration (AA&R)
  - Will email schedule
  - Central Room: Mahan Auditorium
  - Midshipmen get actual fall semester schedules
• 15 July – 19 July 2019
• Nine (9), 2 hour and 15 minute sessions; staggered according to companies.
• The AAO sessions begin with a 20 minute introductory presentation by Dean Waters.
• At each AAO session there will be a representative from the six plebe course depts. (Chem, Eng, Hist, Math, Physics, PoliSci).
Three advisers are assigned to each company. Largely based upon the availability data that faculty provided.

- Advisers will receive calendar invites to inform you of the time and location of your company brief.

- Advisers will then meet their plebes in designated rooms and introduce academics at the USNA. A structured presentation will be forwarded.
  - A TAD ENS will ensure the presentation is uploaded and ready to go, and escort plebes to the room.
• One of the advisers assigned to the company will be designated as the senior adviser for that company.

• Advisers will be given the plebes preliminary schedule and will answer questions about Plebe year courses.

• The presentation has an “interrupted period” in which students return to Mahan to speak with the core course departments regarding placement questions / AP results.

• Once the advisers presentation is over, the rest of the time is allocated for a Q/A period with the advisers and TAD officers.
Overview of the AAO Brief

• Welcome
  – Overview of Info Session
  – USNA Mission

• Academic Overview
  – USNA Majors
  – Core Curriculum
  – Typical Plebe Year
  – Languages

• Course Information
  – Course Identifiers
  – Plebe Courses Overview (Math, Chemistry, English, HUMSS, Development, PE)
  – Grade Scales & Credits

• Student Responsibilities

• Validation Policies

• AP Scores

• Discussion / Questions / Backup Slides
**Academic Advising and Registration (AAR) Sessions**

- 29 July – 31 July 2019
- Five (5), 1 hour and 30 minute sessions; staggered according to companies.
- At each AAR session each plebe will receive their schedule for the upcoming fall academic semester.
- Advisers will teach plebes how to read their schedules, use MIDS, and answer any other academic questions.
- After being briefed by their advisers students will have an opportunity to speak to the registrar if there is a concern related to their first semester schedule.
Advisers should be Mentors:

- Encouraging midshipmen to take responsibility for their education, academic performance, and future.
- **Purposeful engagement**: Expose your students to resolve and have honest conversations.
  - What’s your plan / strategy to do better?
  - How are you seeking assistance?
  - What habits are helping you? Which are hurting you?
  - What are you doing to fight complacency?
- **Being themselves**: Think about our recruitment mission. *Focus on being the best of them.*
- **Proactive** with and **available** to midshipmen
  - Meetings / Reminders
  - Academic Orientation and Support
    - What is an Instructor / Professor? (Mutual respect…)
    - Obligation to respond to requests, deadlines, etc.
Expectations & Responsibilities

Most Advisers will have 10-12 plebe advisees.

**Fall**
- Meet with Advisees within the first two weeks of the start of the semester
- BPT respond to math placement questions in the first 4 weeks.
- Meet 1-2 more times (6-week; 12-week)

**Spring**
- Meet with Advisees twice prior to major selection
  - ... additional meetings as needed
- Midshipmen choose majors the week prior to spring break
- Hand-off to major adviser

• **Plebe Senior Advisers take the lead:**
  - During AA&Os and AA&Rs
  - Assign midshipmen to specific advisers
  - Coordinate with Company leadership

• Communication, communication, communication
• Plebe Senior Advisers

• Other Colleagues
  – SAAs (Division/Major)
  – Chairs / DivDirs
  – DAA: Prof Pam Schmitt
  – DDAA: Dr. Mike Williams

• Advising Handbooks and Website
  – Plebe Academic Handbook
FAQs

• Placement & Validation
• Blockers
  – Athletic: XP Blockers
  – Supplemental Instruction: XS Classes
  – Music: XM Blockers
• Overloading
  – One course in the Spring with 3.4 QPR.
• Languages
• Changing Sections
• Concern about a midshipman – communicate!
  – Academic
  – Physical
  – Psychological
• Academic and Advisory Boards
• Majors Selection
• Advising/Mentoring Best Practices