



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



Class of 2023 Schedule

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



Academic Advising and Orientation (AAO) Sessions

- 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).





Academic Advising and Orientation Sessions

- 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.





Academic Advising and Orientation Sessions

- 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.





Expectations & Responsibilities

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.

Advising is
more than
course
selection...



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



Resources

- 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