Plebe Advising
Info Session
Class of 2025
Welcome!

• Introductions
  – Associate Provost Academic Affairs: Samara Firebaugh
  – Dean, Student Academic Development: Pam Schmitt
  – Deputy Director, Academic Advising: 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 2025 Schedule
  – Summer, including Orientation & Registration sessions

• Expectations
  – Fall Semester
  – Spring Semester

• FAQs & Resources

• Discussion / Questions
Summer:

- Jul 5th: APAA Brief to Class of 2025
- July 19th – 23rd: Academic Advising & Orientation (AA&O)
  - Midshipmen learn of their course placement results
  - In-person Briefs
  - Will send calendar invites for your specific date
- July 26th: Core-5 meeting
- Aug 2nd – Aug 4th: Academic Advising & Registration (AA&R)
  - Midshipmen get actual fall semester schedules
  - In-person Briefs
  - Will send calendar invites for your specific date
19 July – 23 July 2021

Ten (10), 2 hour and 15 minute sessions; staggered according to companies.

The AAO sessions begin with a 20 minute introductory presentation by Provost Firebaugh. We will then break out into separate rooms in Sampson and Chauvenet.

Prior to 14 July you will receive the slide presentation and your students self-identification data. Prior to 19 July you will receive the student placement information.
Academic Advising and Orientation Sessions

• Three advisers are assigned to each company. Largely based upon the availability data that faculty provided.
  o Advisers will receive calendar invites to inform you of the time and date of your company brief.

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

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

• There will still be an “interrupted period” in which students ask the advising team specific placement questions.

• We will also let students check AP scores or email Mom/Dad to have items sent to USNA.

• 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

- 2 Aug – 4 Aug 2021
- Six (6), 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.
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
• Placement & Validation

• Blockers
  – Athletic: XP Blockers
  – Supplemental Instruction: XS Classes
  – Music: XM Blockers

• Overloading???
  – One course in the Spring with a 3.4 QPR.

• Languages
  – Minor six (6) courses
  – Average grade of B
  – Minimum 2 resident courses.

• Concern about a midshipman, communicate!
  – Academic
  – Physical
  – Psychological
  – Concussion

• Academic and Advisory Boards
• Changing Sections
• Majors Selection
• Plus/Minus grading
  – Expect it for Fall