



# GROUP ADVISING

Group advising is a great way to disseminate information to your advisees and connect with more students in a short period of time. For advisors who have large advising loads and find themselves sharing the same information over and over during advising sessions, it might be beneficial to take advantage of some of these group advising opportunities:

- Professional clubs within departments (Alchemist Club, BMB Club, Psychology Club, etc.) (discuss major changes within the department majors, internship/practicum opportunities, graduate school requirements, career opportunities for majors)
- If you don't have a "club" for your department or want to meet with your advisees as a group, schedule a few times to do some group advising sessions to discuss internships, prep your advisees for what they need to do prior to the 1-on-1 advising appointment with you during Priority Registration Advisement, moving students from the pre-major to major declaration stage, etc.
- Senior capstone courses (discuss graduation requirements, graduate school requirements)
- Go through Griffon GPS in a computer lab with your advisees and discuss major requirements and courses
- Meet with new freshmen advisees in a computer lab on Freshmen Priority Registration Day to help them get registered for next semester; have some peers that are upper-level majors in the room to answer questions and mentor them through the process
- Honors colloquium (discuss General Studies Honors requirements and majors honors opportunities)
- UNV 101/Freshman Seminar course (how to prepare for advising appointment; work out a degree plan)
- Student-athletes (NCAA regulations and policies)

If you do group advising, be mindful of FERPA guidelines when putting any information up on the projector screen or in any information that is handed out to the student. Also, be sure to identify the purpose of any advertised group advising event so it is clear what students can expect by attending the group advising session.

Probably one of the most important tips for ensuring a group advising session is a success is providing food. Students love food so if possible, feed them!