UNG Academic Advising Mission Statement:
The mission of academic advising is to assist students in constructing meaningful educational plans based on their interests and abilities and consistent with each student’s academic, professional, and personal goals. Academic advising fosters the development of students who are self-directed, responsible decision-makers and supports the successful completion of degree requirements.

Departmental Goal for Advising:
The Department of Visual Arts’ goals for advising are: to assist advisees in identifying the degree program that best fits the student’s career goals; to assist in development of a semester-by-semester plan to help advisees stay on track with their plans of study; and to provide advisees with information about possible careers related to visual arts and/or plans for graduate school. Students are responsible for knowing and understanding the requirements of their programs and coordinating with their advisors to ensure all requirements are completed in the timeframe desired.

UNG Academic Advising Learning Outcomes:
1. Students will understand the value of the Core Curriculum and display the ability to select courses that satisfy Core requirements.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of degree program requirements and the ability to select courses each semester to progress towards fulfillment of their educational plans.
3. Students will demonstrate understanding of University of North Georgia academic policies and procedures and how these policies and procedures impact their educational progress.
4. Students will effectively utilize technological resources to assist in educational planning and course registration.
5. Students will select majors based on their interests, abilities, and career goals.
6. Students will be able to identify campus resources and services that can be used to assist them in achieving their academic, personal, and career goals.
7. Students will understand the importance of co-curricular programs for supporting and promoting their educational and life goals.
8. Students will understand and navigate the processes that lead to successful transfer, if applicable.
Expectations of Advisor/Advisee:

An advisor is expected to:

1. Be available, approachable, and respectful of students.
2. Encourage and support students as they develop realistic goals and attainable educational plans.
3. Have a thorough understanding of UNG’s core curriculum, institutional requirements, and degree requirements.
4. Be efficient and accurate when discussing degree requirements with advisees.
5. Assist students in developing decision-making skills and encourage them to accept responsibility for their choices.
7. Be knowledgeable about campus resources, support services, and opportunities; referring students as needed.

The advisees are expected to:

1. Be respectful of their advisors.
2. Schedule appointments with their advisors and be on time.
3. Come prepared for appointments by becoming familiar with the UNG Undergraduate Bulletin, core curriculum, and program of study for their majors.
4. Check UNG email regularly and become familiar with Banner.
5. Ask questions.
6. Familiarize themselves with the academic calendar, and be aware of important deadlines, such as mandatory advisement and withdrawal time frames.
7. Accept responsibility for their decisions.

Appointments and Office Hours:

Your advisor’s name and contact information can be found on your Tranguid in Banner Web. Professional advisors in the Advising Center are available for appointments throughout the day on most days in which the university is open. You can easily make an appointment anytime using the online appointment booking system located at https://adviseme.ung.edu/. Login with your student ID and password as you would for your e-mail. Select your campus and the appropriate advisor.

Faculty academic advisors are available during their office hours and by appointment. All faculty advisors have a link next to the advisor name listed on your Tranguid (in Banner) where you can go to schedule an appointment with your advisor. If your advisor does not use the online appointment booking system, you can sign up for an appointment on the sheet posted on your advisor’s office door or, if need be, you can send an email requesting an appointment.

Preparing for appointments:

Please come prepared for your advising appointments. Be aware of any holds on your account. Review your program requirements and record your progress on your plan of study before your
meeting. Bring all important documents with you, including your plan of study, and be prepared with any questions and/or concerns you have about your progress.

Please be on time for your appointment. If you are unable to attend the appointment, please cancel and reschedule.

**First Year Educational and Advising Goals:**

- Make an appointment with your academic advisor to discuss short- and long-term personal, academic and career.
- Check your UNG email account *daily*.
- Connect with campus resources such as tutoring, the Writing Center, and math lab to maximize your academic success.
- Visit Career Services to explore your interests and abilities in relation to your career goals.
- Know your degree requirements, responsibilities, and UNG policies.
- Understand how courses fit into your plan of study. Update your plan of study with courses completed and courses you plan to take the following semesters.
- Focus on completion of necessary first-year core curriculum and starting your Area F courses.
- Consider taking exploratory courses in your intended major.
- Understand and acknowledge important dates such as drop/add and course withdrawal dates.
- Register each semester as soon as your advising time opens to get the classes you need at the times you want them.
- Get to know your professors and build important relationships.
- Contact appropriate offices and/or departments directly regarding study abroad, internships and research opportunities to maximize your undergraduate experience.

**Important major specific information:**

Because information may vary according to major, please visit our departmental website for more information concerning specific majors: [http://ung.edu/visual-arts/](http://ung.edu/visual-arts/)

**UNG Supplemental syllabus:** [http://ung.edu/academic-affairs/policies-and-guidelines/supplemental-syllabus.php](http://ung.edu/academic-affairs/policies-and-guidelines/supplemental-syllabus.php)

**Important Dates/Deadlines:** Registration dates can be found on the Registrar’s website, [https://ung.edu/registrar/registration-dates.php](https://ung.edu/registrar/registration-dates.php). The academic calendar can be found under “Academics” on the UNG website, [https://ung.edu/academics/academic-calendars/index.php](https://ung.edu/academics/academic-calendars/index.php)