Every student is assigned to a College adviser, a full-time professional who helps undergraduates pursue
their academic interests and guides them as they plan a program of study leading to a degree.

During the first year, College advisers help students select general education courses, balance study and
extracurricular activities, and think about possible majors. Returning students can expect their advisers to
provide guidance on campus opportunities like internships, scholarships, and ways to get involved with faculty
research. Advisers also provide guidance on planning a curriculum, choosing a major, and staying on track to
graduate. Beyond academics, advisers also provide guidance on achieving personal and professional goals. They
often advise students on pursuits outside of the classroom and help students coordinate their academic choices
with emerging career goals.

Advisers serve as a primary resource for students. Students should always inform their adviser if they
are experiencing particular problems in class, suffering health issues that interfere with their studies, or are
encountering other unforeseen events that pose a challenge to their academic success. Advisers work with their
students to resolve the issues, often seeking assistance from administrators or partner offices, as necessary.
Students are encouraged to schedule appointments with their College adviser whenever they have questions
about courses and programs of study or College rules and regulations.

Students can view a list of the staff members of the College Academic Advising Office, and the office can
be reached by writing to collegeadvising@uchicago.edu.

The masters of the Collegiate Divisions (Biological Sciences, Humanities, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences)
have curricular and staffing responsibilities for their divisions. The senior advisers of the divisions, assisted
by faculty committees, rule on interpretations of the general education requirements in response to questions
from advisers or students. Lists of the masters and divisional administrators or administrative assistants
for all of the Collegiate Divisions are available at collegeacademicadvising@uchicago.edu.

Major Programs

Students typically select a major no later than the end of their second year, often sooner. This decision
should be discussed with the student’s College adviser. After students choose a major, they should have regular
contact with the appropriate director of undergraduate studies and other counselors in their department.
Among the topics that students discuss with counselors are questions about requirements, study and research
opportunities, graduate school and career planning, and departmental events, both social and academic. Some
programs of study admit students on the basis of an application procedure. Before officially declaring an intent
to pursue such a major, a student must receive consent from the department. Contact information is available at
the beginning and end of each program of study description in this catalog.

Minor Programs

Students who elect to pursue a minor program should meet with the appropriate director of undergraduate
studies to declare their intention. Before the end of Spring Quarter of their third year, students must submit a
Consent to Complete a Minor Program form to their College adviser. Students choose courses to meet
the requirements of the minor in consultation with the director of undergraduate studies.