

GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE FIRST-YEAR ADVISING



Welcome to Green Mountain College! The first year of college can be a great time of exploration. You will be exploring and pursuing new intellectual pursuits while fulfilling first-year requirements designed to help you on your academic path. Green Mountain faculty and staff understand that one of their key roles is to help guide you through the transition to College. You have been assigned **an Images advisor and an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (UTA)** who will be essential resources for helping you make intentional academic choices that suit your intellectual goals. They will also help introduce you to campus resources and be a sounding board for academic or social challenges.

We believe that good advising is based on an **on-going relationship** between advisor and advisee. You have an important role to play in making your advising relationship successful! **You should be prepared to be proactive about the advising process, think critically about the information that you receive, and invest time into meeting with your advisor regularly.** We believe in your academic success!

ADVISOR INFORMATION:

Images Advisor Name:

Office Location:

Office Hours:

UTA Name:

Academic Coach Name:
(CAT Center)

Advising Expectations

Green Mountain College believes in a strong first-year advising relationship. The advising relationship is based on **mutual understanding, receptivity, and initiative**. Both parties, the advisor and the advisee, should take part in establishing and fostering this unique relationship.

What is my role as a student and an advisee?

- ◆ Know the name, office hours, and contact information of your academic advisor.
- ◆ Schedule regular appointments and arrive on-time, prepared with questions.
- ◆ Respond to your advisor's communication in a timely manner and be willing to meet in-person.
- ◆ Explore your personal values and goals and share with your advisor up-to-date information on your interests, abilities, and skills.
- ◆ Seek additional assistance in the decisions that you make. Utilize multiple resources (faculty advisors, Registrar's Office, UTA, other faculty, student financial services, etc.) to maximize your undergraduate experience.

What is the role of my faculty advisor?

- ◆ To provide a safe and respectful space for you to ask questions, discuss interests, and address concerns.
- ◆ To be accessible, responsive, and proactive in their communications with you.
- ◆ To encourage and guide you in your academic, career, and personal goals.
- ◆ To assist you in understanding the value of a liberal arts education.
- ◆ To help you distinguish between anecdotal information and accurate information.
- ◆ Assist you in monitoring your academic progress.
- ◆ To refer you to appropriate resources, when necessary.

Advising Timeline

September	<p>Have you gotten to know your advisor? This would be a good time to share information about what attracted to you to GMC and what you would like to explore while you are here. What are your goals for your GMC experience?</p> <p>The first week of classes is the only time to add/drop classes without affecting your academic record so make an appointment with your advisor right away if you would like to make changes!</p>
October	<p>Have you reviewed the spring course schedule and discussed with your advisor course selection? This is also a good time to review your mid-term grades. The last day to withdraw from a class is coming up. Please discuss any classes you might consider dropping with your advisor.</p>
November	<p>With almost a semester of college under your belt, what would you like to do more of during your college experience? What went well and what things could you do differently in order to improve your academic performance? Be prepared to discuss on-going academic , career , and personal opportunities at GMC.</p>

Questions I would like to ask to my advisor:

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- 6.

Important Dates and Deadlines

August 30	Classes begin— Add/drop period begins.
August 31	Convocation, 4pm
September 8	Last day for Adding Classes, 5pm
October 6	Fall Break begins after classes
October 18	Mid-semester grades are posted and classes resume
October 20-22	Family and Friends Weekend
November 7-10	Spring registration begins
November 10	Last day to withdraw from classes, 5pm
November 14	Thanks and Giving Day
November 21	Thanksgiving recess after evening classes
November 27	Classes resume
December 14	Last day of classes
December 15	Reading Day
December 16-19	Final exams

Additional Resources:

Calhoun Learning Center	Third floor of Griswold Library, x8287
The Wellness Center	Ground floor of Withey Hall, x8376
Student Involvement	Ground floor of Withey Hall, x8371
Student Financial Services	First floor of Pollack Hall, x8204
Registrar's Office	Second floor of Pollack Hall, x8215
Center for Advising	CAT Center, First floor of Withey Hall, x8352
Office of Career Services and Personal Development	CAT Center, First floor of Withey Hall, x8352