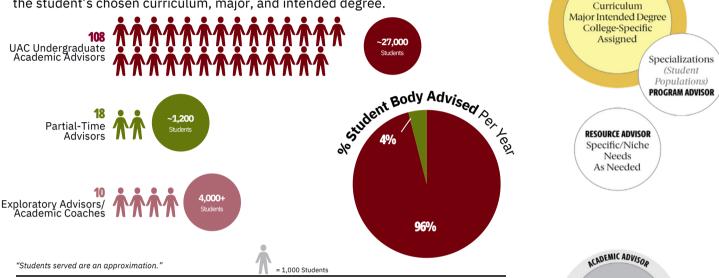
ADVISING ROLES: ACADEMIC, PROGRAM, AND RESOURCE

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Advising is a complex, multi-layered process involving multiple stakeholders on campus. To understand the progress of academic advising efforts, it is important to understand the distinction between academic advising and other forms of advising a student may receive.

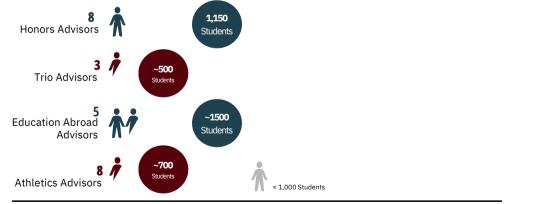
ACADEMIC ADVISOR

A professional staff advisor with students formally assigned on the basis of a students major or program of study. Academic advising categories aim to identify positions on campus serving in a formal Academic Advisor role directly related to the student's chosen curriculum, major, and intended degree.



PROGRAM ADVISOR

An advisor who works with students based on the student's formal participation in a program (not on the basis of a major or program of study). Examples may include the Honors program, TRIO program, Education Abroad program, etc. Program Advisors may or may not have a link to the curriculum.



RESOURCE ADVISOR

An advisor who works with students to fulfill a specific/niche student need on an as-needed or drop-in basis. There are a variety of titles in this category; examples are listed below. Resource Advisors are not trained in curriculum.

- First-Generation Resource Staff
- GLD Advisors
- Transfer Consultants
- Leadership Consult
- Capstone Consultants
- Undergraduate Research

Fellowships and Scholarships



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Curriculum Major Intended Degree

College-Specific Assigned

RESOURCE ADVISOR Specific/Niche

Needs

As Needed

Specializations

PROGRAM ADVISOR

Academic Advising

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