ADVISEMENT

Students come with diverse needs and varied backgrounds. The college believes that this diversity calls for individualized assistance as students develop into self-directed, independent learners. The Griff Center for Academic Engagement provides new students with comprehensive programs, services, and resources to support student academic and career success and a transformative learning experience grounded in our Catholic, Jesuit mission. The Griff Center is a hub for academic and career advising and has professional staff ready to assist students in their academic and professional development. The goal of the Center is to provide students with the academic support and assistance they need to become successful lifelong learners. The professional staff in the Griff Center for Academic Engagement helps students recognize their academic strengths and weaknesses, establish educational goals and career plans, and identify the appropriate majors, courses, and resources that are necessary to achieve their academic success.

Freshmen
Each entering freshman is assigned to a GRIF 101 interest-based experience where a faculty/staff member is the facilitator of the class and serves as the first-year academic advisor. This non-credit course runs each week for the first semester and allows students with the same interest to engage in a common theme. In addition, the facilitator/advisor will explain the core curriculum; introduce academic resources; address student performance; and discuss transitional topics throughout the weekly sessions.

First-Year Writing Placement
The First-Year Writing Program in conjunction with the Griff Center for Academic Engagement screens incoming freshmen for appropriate placement in writing courses (FYS 101 or ENG 100). High school average, SAT, ACT, and high school English and Social Studies Regents scores are used to determine placement.

Mathematics Placement
The Department of Mathematics and Statistics, in conjunction with the Griff Center for Academic Engagement, screens incoming freshmen for appropriate placement in mathematics. High school average, SAT, ACT, and high school mathematics scores are used to determine the placement.

Undecided Students
Students who have not selected a major after their freshman year will receive academic advisement and career services from the Griff Center for Academic Engagement.

Part-time Students
Part-time students are required to meet with an advisor, and are encouraged to use the services of the Griff Center for Academic Engagement in selecting proper courses and understanding the resources that are available to assist them at the college.

Upper Class Students
After the freshmen year, students who have selected a major are assigned a major advisor in their academic field of interest. The Griff Center will assist with the transition to the academic department and major advisor assignments. Upperclassmen must meet with their advisor within the academic department for major advisement each semester.

Non-Matriculated Students
Non-matriculated students are registered through the Student Records and Financial Services Center in BA 106. Those who are interested in matriculating at Canisius are welcome to meet with an advisor in the Griff Center for Academic Engagement.