

While You Are At SOAR

- Meet with an Academic Advisor to discuss your career plans, course expectations, degree requirements, and schedule classes for your first semester at BGSU!
- Review placement test scores and incoming college credits with your Academic Advisor.
- Attend an Academic Meeting to learn about the BG Perspective general education requirements, majors or areas of exploration within your college, and general tools and tips to be successful in the college classroom.
- Pick up your BG1 identification card.
- Download the BGSU and Guide mobile apps.
- Learn about Falcon Forward, BGSU's extended orientation course on Canvas. You should complete Falcon Forward before you begin your first semester at BGSU.

Your First Semester At BGSU

- Schedule and attend your Mandatory Advising appointment with your Academic Advisor. All first-year students must meet with their Academic Advisor before they can schedule classes for spring semester.
- Learn how to run and track your Degree Audit Report (DARS). DARS is a computer-generated report that checks your various graduation requirements. DARS reviews all BG Perspective, major, minor, and university-wide requirements.
- Check your mid-term grades and make sure you are on track for academic success. If you are struggling academically, think about scheduling an appointment for tutoring at the Learning Commons in the Jerome Library.
- Solidify your choice of major or ask your advisor about exploring other major options.
- Begin refining a four-year graduation plan and mapping out a long-range outline of classes and experiences. Discuss experiential learning opportunities with your advisor like undergraduate research, civic and community engagement, internships, and study abroad.
- Explore extra-curricular activities, clubs, intramural sports, and think about joining a student organization.

Your Second Semester At BGSU

- Check your GPA from Fall Semester and discuss any concerns with your Academic Advisor.
- Schedule and attend your Mandatory Advising appointment with your Academic Advisor and begin planning your classes for fall semester.
- Review your DARS and make sure you are on track with your general education and degree requirements.
- Explore extra-curricular activities, clubs, intramural sports, and think about joining a student organization.
- Begin planning for summer if you need to take any summer classes to stay on track towards graduation or get ahead.

Student Success Collaborative (SSC)

- Know where you stand academically!
- Look for the SSC Icon in MyBGSU
- Stay on Track Academically
- Receive feedback, academic progress reports and early alerts from faculty and advisors
- Schedule appointments with advisors and tutors with the online scheduling feature **bgsu.edu/ssc**

BGSU Canvas

Canvas is the Learning Management System (LMS) system used at BGSU. Canvas is accessible to BGSU students by logging in to MyBGSU and selecting the Canvas link from the top navigation panel.

Textbook Ordering

- Log into MyBGSU and click on Student Center
- Choose Class Schedule from the drop-down menu on the left
- Choose the semester for the booklist you want to see
- Select the yellow Book List button *Note: Be sure your browser settings allow pop-ups*
- Choose the book condition and preferred retailer, add book to cart, and check out. Repeat this step for each book on your list.

Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS)

Each semester, students should review their Degree Audit or DARS report through "MyBGSU". The report reviews all BG Perspective, college degree, and university-wide requirements for graduation. Requirements are coded for most majors and some minors (not all minors are encoded).



GRADUATION PLANNER

Student Name: _____

Academic Advisor: _____

Projected Graduation Date: _____

Academic Program/Major: _____

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

- What are my values and how will I enact them?
- What are my strengths?
- What are areas of improvement?
- How will my education prepare me for a career/graduate school?
- How can my educational plan help me grow personally?
- What do I value in a career?
- Who will support me in achieving my goals?

EDUCATIONAL GOALS:

What are your markers for success during college?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

LEADERSHIP GOALS:

1. Campus Involvement: _____

2. Internships, Co-ops, Employment: _____

3. Education Abroad: _____

4. Community Involvement: _____

PRIOR COLLEGE COURSEWORK

Course Information	Credits	Term

FIRST YEAR CHART

Course Information	Credits	Term

SECOND YEAR CHART

Course Information	Credits	Term

THIRD YEAR CHART

Course Information	Credits	Term

FOURTH YEAR CHART

Course Information	Credits	Term



