

## Undergraduate Academic Advising at Boston University

### Mission Statement:

*Academic advising is integral to the teaching mission of the University and engages students in a collaborative process to explore academic and co-curricular opportunities as part of a plan to realize academic, career and life goals.*

### Statement of Practice:

**Academic advisors help each student craft an educational plan that aligns with the student's values, interests, and goals.** This process involves facilitating purposeful reflection that helps students make meaning of their educational experience.

As part of this process, advisors help students...

- **explore broadly to identify their interests.**
- **set goals** for their undergraduate experience, based on their values and interests
- **consider the role of academic requirements, electives, and cocurricular activities** in meeting their goals.
- think about how to **include high-impact educational experiences** (such as study abroad, research, and internships) in their plan.
- **identify campus resources** that will help them achieve their goals, including opportunities for career exploration and professional development.
- **assess their progress and adjust their plan** over time, as appropriate.

Academic advising requires meaningful interactions between advisors and students. Therefore, advisors and students are expected to engage in **at least one substantive advising conversation each semester.**