

Advisory System

The Advisory System is one of the most important factors in the total educational program of Converse University. It is particularly necessary in the Petrie School of Music, where numerous degrees exist, to give each student maximum flexibility and opportunity to use their talents in achieving success.

Although advisors are required to meet with advisees at given times during the year, such as at advisement periods, all advisors have posted office hours and are available for individual appointments throughout the year.

The Dean of the School of the Arts and Director of the Petrie School of Music are also available for individual conferences on all phases of the student's academic and professional program.

Faculty Advisors are assigned as follows:

1. Freshman Mentor: Incoming freshman are assigned a Freshman Mentor. This advisor will help the student select freshman year classes, at the beginning of the initial orientation and registration period.
2. Advisor: At the end of their freshman year (during the Spring Term advising period), students become the advisees of their major professors.
 - a. For Performance Majors, the advisor will be the major instrument teacher. In certain cases, the advisor may instead be a faculty member designated by the Director or the appropriate Area Coordinator.
 - b. For Music Education and Music Therapy Majors, the advisors will be faculty members from the Area of Music Education and Therapy
 - c. For students majoring in Composition or Contemporary Music (Media Applications), and for the Bachelor of Arts students and Music Minors, the advisor will be the Program Coordinator of the Major/Minor.
3. Students remain with the same advisor throughout their college career unless there is a change of major. In the event, an advisor in the new major is appointed.