

Appendix S.
Advising
Department of Psychology
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Undergraduate Psychology Majors

Full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty members will serve as academic advisors to undergraduate psychology majors. The coordinators of the Clinical, I/O, and School Psychology graduate programs are exempt from undergraduate advising responsibilities.

All Psychology majors will be assigned to an advisor. Advisor assignments are made by the Advising Office in a manner that results in an equitable distribution of advisees. The mechanism for assigning students to advisors will be reviewed periodically and modified as needed by the department chair. Full-time tenure track faculty will not serve as an advisor during their first two years at Eastern. They will be assigned an advising mentor during their second year and will assume their own advising load during their third year.

Animal Studies Majors

All Animal Studies (ANS) majors will be assigned to the Coordinator of the ANS Program for advising.

Assessment of Advising Effectiveness

Psychology Advising effectiveness will be assessed once per year via a survey given to seniors when they apply for graduation. The Academic Specialist in the College of Arts and Sciences is responsible for collecting the data, which are sent to the Department for analysis. Data will be used in two ways (a) Aggregate data will be reported in the Department's Strategic Plan as a measure of Departmental advising effectiveness; (b) Data for individual advisors will be given to each advisor, with aggregated Departmental data, so that advisors can compare their advisees' responses with the average responses for the Department and make adjustments to their advising processes as needed. The Department Chair will also receive data for individual advisors.

Animal Studies advising effectiveness will be assessed once per year via the same procedure.

Graduate Students

The Coordinators for the Clinical, I/O, General, and School Psychology graduate programs are responsible for assigning students to a temporary graduate advisor selected from faculty directly involved in the program. Upon admission to candidacy, students will select a committee chair who will then assume the role of advisor.

