

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

A variety of academic advice and counsel is offered to students. Instructors, departmental and administrative officers and some special programs are available to help students explore and develop their academic interests and talents and take advantage of the academic and intellectual opportunities available at the College.

In the first-year, each student is assigned an Academic Advisor who is either a member of the faculty or an administrative officer whose responsibilities keep him or her in close contact with the curriculum of the College. The Deans of the College also advise undergraduates and coordinate the first-year advising program, review the academic progress of individual students, and—when appropriate—call students in to discuss their situations.

In the sophomore year, students continue to meet with their first-year advisors and it is recommended that they seek advice from deans and instructors, along with pre-professional and other special advisors ([click here for a list](#)). Sophomores are also encouraged to discuss major options and requirements with faculty members from departments and programs in which they have an interest before declaring a major in the spring semester.

In the junior and senior years, students are advised by faculty from their major departments or programs. Each department or program determines its own advising system for its majors, although chairs are regularly available for consultation.

### ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

Additional programs of academic assistance are also available through the Academic Resources Office. Any student who desires extra help in a course in which she or he is registered may request a tutor who has been recommended by the relevant department to the Academic Resources Office; costs of this tutoring are covered by Academic Resources. The Math and Science Resource Center (MSRC), a drop-in help center staffed by student tutors who come highly recommended from the appropriate departments, is also available to students of Biology 101, 102, and 202, Chemistry 151, 153, 155, 156, 251, 255, and 256, Mathematics 100, 101, 103, 104, 105, and 106, and Physics 131, 132, 141, and 142. The MSRC (which is open from 8 pm to midnight Sundays through Thursdays throughout both academic semesters) works in close cooperation with faculty teaching those courses.

All students are encouraged to take full advantage of these academic resources.

### STUDY AWAY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Advising of Williams students wishing to study away in the junior year is coordinated by the Dean's Office. Information sessions are held during the fall semester and early spring of the sophomore year for students wishing to study away. Orientation and counseling of international students is arranged by the International Student Advisor in the Dean's Office.

### POSTGRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDY

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