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# Academic Advising Syllabus

## **Vision:**

Advising at BBCC inspires students from diverse backgrounds to thrive academically, pursue their passions, and become a catalyst for positive change in our society.

## **Mission:**

To ignite a passion for learning and personal growth in every student, Advising at BBCC fosters an inclusive and supportive environment that encourages exploration, collaboration, and self-discovery. We provide comprehensive, student-centered, personalized guidance and holistic support that empowers students to realize their full potential and become lifelong learners and leaders in their communities.

## **Goals:**

*BBCC Advising achieves this mission through the accomplishment of the following goals:*

1. Identify and apply research-driven advising practices to optimize student learning, development, and success.
2. Foster an inclusive and equitable advising environment to meet the diverse needs of our student population.
3. Support students in navigating their educational pathway, from matriculation through to graduation, and transition into the workforce or their next educational institution.
4. Deliver comprehensive, personalized academic guidance to all students.

## **Student Learning Outcomes:**

*As a result of interacting with BBCC Advising, I will be able to:*

* Develop my educational plan (understand my certificate/degree requirements, prerequisites, what comes next after graduating, and what to do if my plans change)
* Engage with campus resources and tools (seek support when obstacles appear and learn how to advocate for my own academic success)
* Be knowledgeable on how to navigate the college system (understand college policies, procedures, and deadlines)
* Value personal growth and curiosity (appreciate my course experiences, education, and the wisdom of others)
* Recognize the diverse strengths and abilities I have within myself
* Build connections with my advisor, faculty, staff, and fellow students

## **Student Role/Expectations:**

* Schedule quarterly advising appointments and arrive on time.
* Actively participate in advising by asking questions and discussing your goals and plans during quarterly meetings with your advisor.
* Stay aware of important dates (priority enrollment, drop dates, payments, financial aid, scholarships, program applications, graduation, transfer, etc.).
* Keep your advising materials organized.
* Before dropping a course or changing a grade option, consult your advisor to understand how it affects your academic progress, financial aid, and degree completion.

## **Advisor Role/Expectations:**

* Make your advising schedule available in Starfish and communicate availability, especially during peak advising times.
* Foster a respectful, open, and supportive environment where students take responsibility for their college experience.
* Provide accurate and timely information.
* Make appropriate referrals for additional support.
* Document appointment outcomes in Starfish.