CLAS Academic Advising Mission

We create and sustain an inclusive, safe, and supportive learning environment where students are empowered to build meaningful relationships and skills that foster lifelong learning and success.

CLAS Advising System

Academic advising in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is a partnership between students, faculty, and staff. CLAS utilizes a shared advising system, which means all undergraduate students in a CLAS major will have at least two advisors with whom they should work throughout their time at CU Denver: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a CLAS Faculty Advisor.

CLAS Academic Advisors

- Help students learn to navigate CU Denver systems
- Explain and help students track their progress with CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, and general graduation requirements
- Explain university and college policies
- Help students make informed decisions about course registration and academic plans
- Evaluate the application of transfer credits toward general education requirements
- Connect students to the campus and campus resources
- Determine students’ graduation eligibility and facilitate the graduation process
- Support student through degree completion and empower them to achieve their academic goals.

Students can identify their assigned CLAS Advisor in the “Advisor” box in their Student Center on UCD Access.

CLAS Faculty Advisors

- Explain major/minor requirements
- Evaluate transfer credits and their applicability to major/minor requirements
- Help students track their major/minor requirements
- Determine students’ graduation eligibility
- Discuss career and graduate school opportunities

An updated list of faculty advisors is available in the CLAS Advising Office and on the CLAS Advising website under the About Us page and Faculty Advisors link.

CLAS Students

- Meet regularly with assigned CLAS academic and faculty advisor(s)
- Learn CU Denver, CLAS, major/minor, and general graduation requirements
- Use available resources (degree audit, transfer credit reports, transcript, CLAS handouts, etc.) to track academic progress and maintain individual records of progress
- Set academic goals with the assistance of advisors
- Know university and college academic policies and deadlines
- Choose and enroll in courses
- Understand the importance of and practice professionalism and ethical behavior
- Use campus resources and ask for help

Health Careers and Professions Advising

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Health Career Advisors on the Denver Campus assist in planning a course of study designed to improve a student’s chance of success in a health career of their choice by sharing information about career paths in the health professions, work role and environment, related careers and relevant professional development or graduate school programs. We can provide insight into career options, professional opportunities, and extracurricular opportunities to improve your chances of success in the health career of your choice, including: dentistry and dental hygiene, medicine, medical technology, nursing, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, podiatry or veterinary medicine. A comprehensive list of health career options and additional information to help you mold your academic experience to your specific goals is available on the health professions programs website at https://clas.ucdenver.edu/health-professions-programs/.

Undergraduate Pipeline Programs

BA/BS-MD Program

The BA/BS-MD degree program at the University of Colorado Denver and Anschutz Medical Campus aims to promote the diversity of medical professionals practicing medicine in Colorado and to better serve the health care needs of the State of Colorado by assembling up to 10 outstanding students each year from broadly diverse backgrounds. Applicants must be Colorado residents and have an interest in serving the health care needs of Colorado as primary care physicians. This program is a partnership between the University of Colorado Denver College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Being accepted to the program allows students to earn a reserved spot at the University of Colorado School of Medicine provided he or she meets specific academic, non-academic, and professional requirements annually.

Admission of individuals will be conducted through a holistic review in a manner which treats each applicant fairly, on the basis of experience, attributes, and metrics. For more information,
visit https://clas.ucdenver.edu/health-professions-programs/babs-md-program-information (https://clas.ucdenver.edu/health-professions-programs/babs-md-program-information/) or contact Mr. Ken English at kenneth.english@ucdenver.edu.

BA/BS-DDS Program
The BA/BS-DDS degree program at the University of Colorado Denver and CU School of Dental Medicine at Anschutz Medical Campus aims to promote the diversity of dental professionals practicing dentistry in Colorado and to better serve the health care needs of the State of Colorado by assembling and educating up to five students each year from broadly diverse backgrounds. Applicants must be Colorado residents who are interested in serving the health care needs of Colorado as dentists. Acceptance and participation in this program does not guarantee admission to the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine or any other dental school.

Students who successfully meet all program requirements including a successful interview with the School of Dental Medicine (SDM) Admission Committee, will be eligible for a “reserved” spot in the CU SDM matriculating class.

Admission of individuals will be conducted through a holistic review in a manner which treats each applicant fairly, on the basis of experience, attributes, and metrics.

For more information, visit https://clas.ucdenver.edu/health-professions-programs/babs-dds-program (https://clas.ucdenver.edu/health-professions-programs/babs-dds-program/) or contact Mr. Ken English at kenneth.english@ucdenver.edu.

CLAS Advising Partners
Students who are still deciding their college major (Liberal Arts-Undeclared), along with pre-architecture are served through the Center for Undergraduate Exploration and Advising (CUE&A) located within the Student Commons Building (SCB) Room 1113, 303-315-1940. E-mail: CUEA@ucdenver.edu. Website: www.ucdenver.edu/cuea (http://www.ucdenver.edu/cuea/)