

Colorado State University – Spring 2026

Department of Mechanical Engineering Advising Syllabus

CSU Advising Mission: Guided by CSU's Principles of Community and the Land-Grant mission of access and equity, we achieve our vision through an integrated community of advisors who engage in intentional, holistic, and relationship-centered interactions to empower all students to navigate their unique paths and foster learning, development, and academic success.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Apply information about CSU requirements, policies, and procedures to educational career
- Demonstrate advising worksheets and online technology (RAMWeb, degree audit, etc.) to access university information, registration, and track progress toward degree
- Identify and utilize campus resources such as tutoring, education abroad, CSU Health Center, the Engineering Success Center, and CSU Career Service to assist in achieving academic, personal and career goals
- Integrate personal values and goals to develop a plan to achieve personal definition of success

MECH Advising Core Values

Empowerment, Intentionality, & Holistic Support for the Individual

The Advising Relationship – Advisor and Student Expectations:

ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES	STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide appointment times and notification to meet once a semester• Refer to resources to maximize education and personal potential• Communicate degree requirements, policies, and procedures• Partner to create an individual plan of study for mechanical engineering• Review documentation of progress toward your degree (degree progress audit)• Collaborate to develop appropriate responses to address personal and academic obstacles• Provide information and support to help develop decision-making skills• Articulate accurate information and follow up if questions are left unanswered• Maintain confidentiality• Create a respectful and safe space for all advisees• Adhere to CSU Principles of Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule and keep appointments with advisor once each semester• Prepare for appointments by reviewing requirements of and progress toward degree• Actively engage in each advising appointment• Ask questions if information is unclear or there is a specific concern• Evaluate interests/skills/values to make sure they are in alignment with educational goals• Know the requirements of any scholarships, financial aid, or other obligations• Become knowledgeable about, and adhere to, deadlines, policies, and procedures• Commit to follow through on tasks, suggested actions, resources, or referrals made in advising interactions• Accept responsibility for decisions, actions, or inactions that affect educational progress• Adhere to CSU Principles of Community

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Email Expectations	Advisors are available via email to answer questions. We strive to respond to emails as quickly as possible but please allow for up to two full business days for a response. Note that response times may be longer if we are out of the office. Advisors use CSU email accounts as the primary means of contacting students. If you use another email, you should forward all your CSU mail to the account you check regularly. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compose emails in a professional manner and include identifying information (full name, student ID number, etc.)
Preparing for Your Advising Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review degree requirements indicated in the degree progress audit• Review online course schedule, plan out a schedule and check for day/time conflicts and pre-requisites requirements• Have alternatives in mind in case a course is at capacity• Be prepared with questions or topics to discuss

Meeting with Your Advisor	<p>We are here to support you as you pursue your goals. There are multiple ways to connect with your advisor. See below to determine the appropriate option for your needs.</p> <p><i>*Information is subject to change, so be sure to check our website for the latest updates*</i></p> <p><u>Extended Drop-ins</u></p> <p><i>Tuesday, January 20th – Friday, January 23rd</i>. Meet with your advisor without an appointment to address questions regarding timely issues and questions regarding the current semester.</p> <p><u>Drop-Ins</u></p> <p><i>Tuesday, January 27th – Friday, May 15th</i> This is a time for students to get “quick questions”, no more than 10 minutes, answered by an advisor. Topics appropriate for drop-ins include overrides, forms, needing signatures, and other “quick questions”. No appointment needed.</p> <p><u>Scheduled Advising Appointments</u></p> <p>Once a semester you are required to meet with your advisor for a 30-minute, scheduled meeting. Discuss your educational experience, such as next semester scheduling, graduation plans, internships, getting involved on campus and education abroad. There are three types of scheduled advising appointments. Be courteous; arrive on time. Late arrivals may be required to reschedule. If you need to miss your appointment, email your advisor immediately to cancel. *NEW* MECH Advising Canvas Course: Accept the Canvas course invitation to access required advising information. After completing the pre-advising assessment in the Canvas course, the MECH Department will review it and grant you access to your advisor’s scheduling link within one business day, allowing you to schedule your advising appointment for the semester.</p> <p>Early Advising Appointments: January 26th – February 16th A link is sent out to all students to meet early in the semester and get a head start on planning. Appointments during early advising are first come, first serve.</p> <p>Advising Appointments by Registration Access Time - links sent out based on registration access times - Dates for Advising Appointments by Registration Access Time windows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority/Senior Registration – <i>February 16th – March 9th</i> • Junior/Sophomore Registration – <i>March 9th- April 13th</i> <p>If you fail to schedule during Early Advising or during your Advising Appointments by Registration Access Time window, you will have to wait to have a late advising appointment. This may impact your ability to register on time. A link will be sent out to impacted students.</p>
Important Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hub: 970-495-4482 • Student Case Management: 970-491-8051 • CSU Health Network: 970-491-7121 • Adult Learner and Veteran Services: 970-491-3977 • Student Disability Center: 970-491-6385 • Education Abroad Office: 970-491-6342 • Office of International Programs: 970-491-5917 • Tutoring Resources: Academic Resources - Department of Mechanical Engineering (colostate.edu) • MECH Advising & Resources Presentation
Remember....	<p>Your advisor will not make decisions for you during your advising sessions. They will provide you with the most accurate information available and will work collaboratively with you to create a realistic plan to accomplish your educational goals. The educational choices you make are yours and the responsibility for knowing and fulfilling degree requirements rests with you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no minimum GPA to stay in MECH, however CSU has GPA standards to continue at the university. • If you earn a D or better in all MECH degree courses that is considered a passing grade and you do not have to retake that course, except for Math 124 and MATH 126 which require a B- or better.