

Office of Institutional Research University Advising Survey Report Spring 2017

The University Advising Survey is administered in the spring semester of the academic year to all undergraduate students registered for classes. The survey is distributed via student email in the first week of April and is left open through the end of the advising period, typically four to five weeks later. In Spring 2017, there was a total of 1,551 respondents to the survey, for a response rate of 14%.

Overall, student feedback was positive with 88% of respondents being satisfied or very satisfied with their advising experience.

Table 1: Overall Advising Satisfaction

Overall, how satisfied are you with your advising experience?	%	N
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Very Satisfied	60.83%	820
Satisfied	27.37%	369
Dissatisfied	6.45%	87
Very Dissatisfied	5.34%	72

Students were also asked to rate their agreement with statements about their advisor and their specific skills, knowledge, and services. The majority of this feedback was also positive, with 80-90% of respondents agreeing with most statements.

The strongest attributes of advisors were being knowledgeable about a student's program of study (91%), responding to phone and email messages (90%), discussing relevant academic requirements of student majors (90%), and being well informed about campus support services available to students (90%).

Table 2: Strongest Attributes of EKU Advisors

My EKU Academic Advisor	Strongly Agree	N	Agree	N	Disagree	N	Strongly Disagree	N	Total
is knowledgeable about my program of study.	69.12%	837	21.97%	266	3.30%	40	5.62%	68	1211
responds to my email/phone messages.	66.50%	800	24.02%	289	3.16%	38	6.32%	76	1203
discusses with me the relevant academic requirements of the major(s) I am in or considering.	65.13%	803	24.82%	306	4.62%	57	5.43%	67	1233
is well informed about campus support services that are available to help me succeed.	61.04%	702	28.70%	330	4.26%	49	6.00%	69	1150

Additional areas advisors were evaluated on include keeping students aware of program requirements (88%), helping students achieve a realistic understanding of the program options available (88%), helping students understand their Degree Works Audit (88%), and recalling or recording content of previous meetings (87%).

Table 3: Other Highly Rated Attributes

My EKU Academic Advisor	Strongly Agree	N	Agree	N	Disagree	N	Strongly Disagree	N	Total
helps me achieve a realistic understanding of the program options available to me.	61.99%	768	25.91%	321	6.21%	77	5.89%	73	1239
helps me understand my Degree Works Audit.	59.08%	722	28.81%	352	5.81%	71	6.30%	77	1222
keeps me aware of the requirements for completing my program.	63.98%	787	23.90%	294	5.12%	63	6.99%	86	1230
recalls or has record of what we discussed in our previous meetings.	59.43%	693	27.19%	317	6.60%	77	6.78%	79	1166

Areas for possible improvement could include advisors discussing academic abilities and interests (86%), advisors discussing career options with students, including the experiences and education needed to work in a particular field (80%), and discussing alternative majors that students might also consider (67%).

Table 4: Areas for Improvement

My EKU Academic Advisor	Strongly Agree	N	Agree	N	Disagree	N	Strongly Disagree	N	Total
discusses with me my academic abilities and interests.	57.55%	709	28.25%	348	8.04%	99	6.17%	76	1232
discusses career options, including the experiences and education needed to work in my field.	53.14%	635	26.69%	319	12.72%	152	7.45%	89	1195
discusses with me alternative majors that I might also consider.	42.97%	486	24.31%	275	22.37%	253	10.34%	117	1131