Empowering students for academic and personal success

Resources to help students connect with services and students

Online Resources for Success
GC offers great services ranging from career ideas to help in securing funding for your education to making the most of your study time, and more.

Writing Center
Writing Assistance
www.writingcenter2.wix.com/gcwritingcenter

Study Skills
Test Taking Strategies
www.studygs.net
Learning Style Inventory
www.engr.ncsu.edu/learningstyles/ilsweb.html
Virginia Tech Study Tips
http://www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html

Career Planning Tools
Career Cruising
www.careercruising.com
User name: viking  Password: gcc
Career Coach
https://grayson.emsicareercoach.com/
College Central Network
www.collegecentral.com/grayson/
Optimal Resume
https://grayson.optimalresume.com/

Financial Aid & Scholarships
Visit the Grayson College website for information on various forms of federal and state financial aid programs, as well as applications and information for local scholarships.

Grayson College Counseling Office
Main Campus Administrative Services Building
6101 Grayson Drive, Hwy 691
Denison, TX 75020
903-463-8695

Advisors’ contact information is located on the Grayson College website, www.grayson.edu

Advising Hours
Monday and Tuesday
8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Closed Fridays mid-May/June/July)

Campus Clubs and Organizations
Student groups are a great way to meet others with similar interests, gain leadership experience, and get involved in campus life.

For additional information contact the Office of Student Life at 903-463-8693 or visit us online at www.grayson.edu.
What is Academic Advising?

Academic advising is an educational process that, by intention and design, facilitates students’ understanding of the meaning and purpose of higher education and fosters their intellectual and personal development toward academic success and lifelong learning. (National Academic Advising Association, 2004)

Advising Partnership

A successful college experience is based on a partnership between the student and the institution. Each partner has responsibilities:

Student Responsibilities
- Meet with your advisor at least once a semester prior to each registration period
- Come prepared with questions or material for discussion
- Turn off cell phone during advising sessions
- Clarify personal values and goals and provide advisor with accurate information regarding your interests and abilities
- Become knowledgeable about college programs, and understand academic policies and procedures
- Read/check your email and Canvas on a constant, regular basis
- Use GC resources, such as tutoring, writing and math labs and the Library
- Take primary and increasing responsibility for making your own decisions

Advisor Responsibilities
- Communicate the curriculum, graduation requirements, and college policies and procedures
- Assist you in gaining decision making skills and skills in assuming responsibility for your educational plans and achievement
- Maintain confidentiality
- Provide you with information and strategies for utilizing the available resources and services on campus
- Listen to your concerns and respect your individual values and choices
- Timely responses to your questions and concerns

Getting Connected

Grayson College has many resources to help students succeed. Basic information is covered in College 101 and listed here to help you get connected with the available people and tools.

Know How To …
- Contact the advisor for your major
- Use the Online Calendar and Online Directory
- Use reference tools like the College Catalog, Student Handbook and Schedule of Classes for information about programs, policies, and procedures
- Use My Viking to add or drop classes, pay your tuition, check financial aid, access and interpret your degree audit, request an official transcript
- Access and use Canvas
- Connect majors with career/life goals
- Estimate study time for each hour in class
- Determine the semester hour and GPA requirements for Financial Aid
- Apply for graduation
- Locate transfer universities

Know Where to Find …
- Tutoring & Disability Services – Contact Jeffri Hodge in the Success Center at 903.463.8751 or hodgej@grayson.edu
- Writing Lab – Located on the first floor of the Library
- Math Hub – Located in the Success Center
- Job Placement – Located in the Administrative Services Building, Advising and Counseling Office

Develop …
- Ownership of your education
- An understanding of college policies and procedures
- An understanding of how your curriculum helps you to think critically, appreciate cultural diversity, communicate effectively and to see a global perspective and sense of civic responsibility
- Time management and study skills

What’s Your Major?

Have you decided on a major or are you still confused about your ultimate career plan? Find out all about majors and what jobs your major can lead to by going to the “Programs and Majors” section of the college’s website and look at the fact sheets for various GC major fields of study or use Career Cruising to learn more about specific jobs.

Career Cruising: www.careercruising.com
User name: viking Password: gcc

Before Seeing an Advisor

Follow these tips to make the most of your time with an advisor.
- Print your degree audit from My Viking and bring it to your advising session
- Verify your major on My Viking
- List questions and concerns for advising discussions

FAQ: Do I need to make an appointment to see an advisor? No, advisors see students on a first come, first served, walk-in basis in the Counseling Center. You may, however, contact your faculty advisor to make an appointment in advance.

Pathways to Success Support

Provides child care and transportation assistance to students seeking a technical degree or certificate who are full Pell eligible. For more information contact Amanda Gordon at gordana@grayson.edu or visit the Advising section of the college’s website.

University Day

Offered during the spring semester to give students the opportunity to meet with representatives from four-year transfer colleges and universities. Visit the Campus Events calendar for dates and details.