

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Academic Advising

Academic advising is paramount to the holistic support Randolph-Macon College provides for all students. Faculty and staff at the college share in the endeavor of helping students to address both long-range decisions and immediate concerns. Recognizing that students could navigate a number of academic, career, and/or personal challenges during their time at RMC, the college has a number of advising programs designed to offer specialized support for a variety of concerns.

On entering RMC, all students are assigned to an academic advisor. Transfer students are assigned advisors in their declared area of academic interest. Advisors provide counsel and assistance on general academic questions. They are specifically concerned with students' selection of courses and their completion of degree requirements. These advisors discuss with the students their courses of study, prospective majors, and progress toward graduation. Advisors are also notified regularly regarding the academic progress of each of their advisees. Consultation with the advisor should precede any registration or course change. Students beginning pursuit of major programs usually identify faculty advisors within their intended field of study; a student wishing to change their advisor may do so by submitting a change of advisor form through MyMaconWeb.

Academic advisors can also facilitate support as students navigate challenges, referring to appropriate resources on campus or within the community. Advisors are often among the first relationships students establish as they begin their experience at RMC. Many students form very valuable connections with their advisors that are maintained throughout their college careers and beyond. A conversation with a trusted advisor can clarify concerns and yield invaluable guidance as students continue toward graduation and beyond.

Higgins Academic Center

Through the Higgins Academic Center, Randolph-Macon College demonstrates a commitment to academic excellence by providing academic support for all students. All services described below are free of charge to all students.

Tutoring is available in most subjects and can be received on an appointment basis. Students can book an appointment or find the current tutor schedule on the HAC homepage. Tutoring is offered in person; virtual options are also available when needed.

Academic Coaching is available for all students seeking additional support in academic skills. Coaching sessions offer practice and guidance on note-taking, time management, organization, and study skills. Academic Coaches can work with individual students once for a single session, weekly throughout a semester, or as needed during the academic year. During individual sessions, Academic Coaches may assist students with academic concerns; when appropriate, Academic Coaches will refer students to other campus resources for additional social or emotional support as well. Coaching sessions can be scheduled by appointment through the HAC.

Academic Writing and Speaking provides peer writing and speaking support and offers practice spaces and one-on-one or group consultations and feedback for writing and oral communication

assignments. The trained peer tutors can provide student workshops at the request of faculty, and the director is available to work with faculty one-on-one or as a group to support writing in the curriculum.

Disability Services - Randolph-Macon College is committed to equal opportunity for all academically-qualified students and does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Accommodations are available to support students with disabilities in taking full advantage of the college's educational, residential, social, and cultural opportunities. The Office of Disability Services (DS) is responsible for the coordination of these accommodations, and the office staff determines eligibility for services and reasonable accommodations. Students are strongly encouraged to contact DS prior to the beginning of the term if they wish to disclose a disability/disabilities and discuss appropriate accommodations. Medical and/or other relevant documentation may be required. The most up-to-date information concerning policies and procedures relating to support for students with disabilities may be obtained by contacting the Office of Disability Services.

Counseling Services

Additional counseling services provided by the college are located in Counseling Services and in the Chaplain's Office.