

### III. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

#### ACADEMIC ADVISING RESOURCE CENTER

Academic advising is an academic support service focusing on the development of students. The purpose of academic advising is to assist students in achieving their academic and career related goals. Implicit in this purpose is the developmental function of guiding students toward self-understanding, self-determination, and self-fulfillment.

The goal of academic advising is to provide accurate and current information about university degree requirements, including general education requirements, academic policies, programs and support services to students in achieving their academic pursuits. The academic advising program assists the student in:

- Understanding educational objectives of the University and the curricular academic requirements
- Making realistic self-appraisal of academic potential
- Choosing a major
- Formulating a tentative course program which affords a choice of options as the student matures in making decisions concerning his/her degree program
- Resolving problems which may hinder the realization of potential
- Determining the student's self-motivation and self-direction in the attainment of goals

Advising University Exploratory Studies or “undeclared” students is the responsibility of the advising staff in the Academic Advising Resource Center (AARC). Advising students who have declared a major is typically the responsibility of full-time or pro-rata faculty. Some majors are primarily advised in the AARC. The advisors in the AARC will also serve as back-up advisors when deemed necessary by faculty chairs and the Director of the Academic Advising Resource Center. The final responsibility for fulfilling the requirements of a course syllabus in each class, for meeting all program/degree requirements, and for complying with university regulations and procedures rests with the student.