FRESHMAN ADVISING

• This handout explains how Academic Advising will help you with the registration process throughout your first year as a Panther.
• Academic advisors understand that graduating in four years is important to students and are available year-round to help in planning your academic future.
• Remember that it is not necessary to plan or remember everything right now to remain on track for a timely graduation.
• Academic Advisors encourage students to take it one semester at a time while you get used to all Chapman has to offer in majors, minors, clubs, and student life.
Summer

- New Student Advising is done primarily during workshops in June as we welcome hundreds of new students to Chapman at once.
- The Recommended First Year Courses are used to help you plan courses for fall.
- You will add classes for your first semester in July.

Fall

- Academic Advisors are available to assist students with planning their future semesters during M.A.P. sessions. M.A.P. stands for My Academic Plan.
- While M.A.P. sessions are not mandatory, we HIGHLY recommend attending one in October to clarify any questions about registering for the upcoming semester.
- Registration for interterm and spring take place at the same time. This is typically in mid-late November.
Interterm

- Interterm can be a great option to get ahead or catch up on courses at Chapman. However, interterm options are limited so it is best not to rely on this term for graduation purposes.

Spring

- You can use your Recommended First Year Courses to plan your classes for the spring semester as well.
- Registration for summer and fall take place at the same time. This is typically in mid-late April.
- For any registration related questions, we recommend reaching out to us during walk-in advising. Your advisor can refer you to an appointment for more in depth questions if needed.
It is recommended that all first-year students reach out to their academic advisor with questions during walk-in advising.

Most registration related questions can be answered during walk-in advising hours. 30 minute appointments are more appropriate for students that have already declared or decided on their second major, minor, or themed inquiry.

If you have questions about this, speak to your advisor during walk-in advising to discuss your options.

**Important links for your first year:**
www.chapman.edu/advising
www.chapman.edu/firstyearcourses
www.my.chapman.edu
www.chapman.edu/ge