



**PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL  
ADVISING PRESENTATION**



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
Career Center

# CONNECT WITH OPSA/PSA

Through:

E-mail

Office Hours

Appointments

Our office is open Monday thru Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

- Communication
  - Leadership
    - Outside Interests-Extracurricular activities are expected. They are not seen as 'extras'. Grades come first.
    - Student Groups
      - PSA encourages 1 pre-professional & 1 fun group
      - MSC Open House
        - September 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 1-5 p.m.
      - [tx.ag/psastudentgroups](https://tx.ag/psastudentgroups)
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# INTEREST IN THE FIELD

- Networking
    - [tx.ag/FindAnAggie](https://tx.ag/FindAnAggie)
    - Talk to lawyers or health professionals, whichever profession(s) you prefer.
  - Track the following information (see “What do I need to be Working On?” Handout)
    - Shadowing-take advantage of opportunities in your hometown
    - Volunteering
      - [tx.ag/psavolunteer](https://tx.ag/psavolunteer)
    - Working
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# COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Get out of your comfort zone
- [tx.ag/psavolunteer](https://tx.ag/psavolunteer)
- Track information (see “What do I need to be Working On?” Handout)



# ACADEMICS

- Pre-requisite courses (professional school requirements)
  - If you are interested in a health profession, then you should start with CHEMISTRY. Do not break the sequence.
  - Pre-Law students do not have pre-requisites, but many admissions professionals encourage PHIL 240 because the LSAT is largely a logical reasoning test and the legal profession requires strong logical and analytical thinking skills.
  - Professional school pre-requisites can differ from your major pre-requisites, but you must complete both.
  - Professional schools do not prefer one major over another.
- Speak with professors from day one
- Research



# ADVISING TEAM

- Academic Advisor-Department (Major)
  - Degree plan
  - Scheduling classes
- OPSA/PSA Advisor-Professional School Advice
  - Timeline
  - Pre-requisites for professional school
  - Application process
  - Competiveness
  - Visit [tx.ag/ccstaff](http://tx.ag/ccstaff)



# ADVISING TEAM (CONTINUED)

- **Academic Success Coach**
  - Through the Academic Success Center
  - You set up an appointment or attend a workshop or course
  - Use their resources found at [successcenter.tamu.edu](https://successcenter.tamu.edu)
  - Visit [studyhub.tamu.edu](https://studyhub.tamu.edu) to find out about resources
- **Career Advisor**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Career Advisors
  - There are Career Advisors for each college to discuss career resources
  - Visit [tx.ag/ccstaff](https://tx.ag/ccstaff)





# DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Follow designated degree plan
- AP and IB courses
  - Check before accepting
    - Speak with academic advisor for degree plan
    - Speak with OPSA/PSA for professional school
- Dual Credit and Transfer Courses







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