

## FIRST-YEAR ADVISING WORKSHEET

## Student Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic year: 20\_\_\_\_\_ - 20 \_\_\_\_\_

The goal of this worksheet is to assist in the facilitation of reflective advising conversations. Taking notes in the boxes below is encouraged. The questions below are examples; additional questions can be found in the *Reflective Advising Packet* for advisors.

General	
<ul> <li>At this time, what is your intended field(s) of study? Why have you chosen that?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>What field(s) of study would you like to explore and learn more about?</li> </ul>	
What are your short-term and long-term goals?	
Classes	
<ul> <li>What types of classes/subjects do you enjoy/dislike? Why?</li> </ul>	
• If requirements were not in place, what kinds of classes would you take?	
How are you performing in your classes?	
Studying	
How do you prioritize homework/studying?	
How do you keep track of your coursework/activities?	
What academic skills and abilities do you want or need to develop?	
Strengths/Challenges	
<ul> <li>What are your biggest stumbling blocks/challenges? What are strategies have you developed to help you overcome them?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>What do you do well/engage in that are strengths for you? How can you build upon those?</li> </ul>	
Well-being	
• What types of activities do you engage in to take care of your physical and mental health?	
How do you prioritize those activities?	
What plans do you have in place to ensure you do not overextend yourself with classes and other activities?	

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Social	
<ul> <li>Who have you connected with most on campus?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Where do you feel a sense of belonging at IWU?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Have you found a community of peers? If so, with whom?</li> </ul>	
Involvement	
<ul> <li>What types of experiences do you hope to have at IWU (e.g. internships, study abroad, civic engagement, etc.)?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>What type of events (e.g. sports, music, theater, lectures, etc.) do you hope/plan to attend?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>What RSOs or other student involvement activities most excite you?</li> </ul>	
Interaction with Faculty	
Have you gone to office hours? If not, why?	
<ul> <li>How can you make the most out of attending your faculty office hours/meeting with them?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>What is the hardest thing for you to share with your faculty about you as a student? As a person?</li> </ul>	
Futuristic Thinking	
<ul> <li>What are your post-graduation pursuits (e.g. graduate school, career)?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>What skills do you need to cultivate to help prepare you for your intended post-graduate pursuits?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Where do you see yourself one year after you graduate from IWU? 5? 10?</li> </ul>	
Meaning & Purpose	
<ul> <li>What currently excites or inspires you in your studies and life?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>How do you want to make a difference in the world?</li> </ul>	

## Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_