

ACADEMIC ADVISOR Q&A

When launching any endeavor that will shape your future, it is easy to be overwhelmed by all the choices presented to you. SEBI understands the importance of every decision you make while enrolled in your chosen course of study. We have taken steps to give you the resources you need for a well-rounded, academic experience. Our Academic Advisors, Mrs Melisande Fraser, Mrs. Karen Rollox Yarde, and Ms. Samantha Etwaru are available to help students navigate their new environment while guiding them toward success. Whether you are a new or returning student, here's a list of what you should know:

What is an Academic Advisor?

Academic advisors provide students with the necessary tools to be successful at university. They are guides for prospective and current students. They are here to answer questions and/or concerns about achieving academic goals and work with students, faculty, and related administrators to communicate program changes. Students should meet with their academic advisor regularly to discuss and determine academic goals and for updated information on their programs.

How do I contact my Academic Advisor?

Academic advisors are available on campus for walk-in appointments **Monday to Friday** as well as by contacting them on the following email addresses:

- ✚ Mrs. Melisande Fraser - melisande.fraser@uog.edu.gy
- ✚ Mrs. Karen Rollox-Yarde - karen.rollox-yarde@uog.edu.gy
- ✚ Ms. Samantha Etwaru – samantha.etwaru@uog.edu.gy

How do I know if I'm taking the right course of study?

Students are encouraged to confirm the exact course of study by meeting with their academic advisor because current programs are routinely updated and new ones become available.

Can an Academic Advisor counsel me on which classes I should take?

Meeting with an academic advisor is essential prior to enrollment and during the course of study. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss current classes and plan their future pathways.

How can an Academic Advisor help if I'm struggling with my classes?

An academic advisor can assist struggling students in many ways, however, the nature of assistance depends on the source of the conflict. For instance, a student may need help with time management to remain on track with their classes. Meeting with an advisor can help them personalize a study schedule.

I'm having home- and/or work-related issues that are affecting my studies. Can my Academic Advisor help?

Students are strongly encouraged to discuss any issues affecting their academic performance. All information shared with an academic advisor is confidential. Honest discussions empower the advisor to offer the most valuable advice.

I'm considering quitting my program. Should I talk with my Academic Advisor before making a decision?

Students should meet with their academic advisor before quitting a program. Many students are unaware of all their options and could benefit from resetting future academic goals.

Can an Academic Advisor help if I need financial assistance for tuition?

The academic advisor can help guide students to the most suitable choice of the available options for students in need of financial assistance.