



# Academic Advising

*Social Service Worker diploma*

*Social Service Worker diploma – Indigenous Focus*

# Who is my Academic Advisor and why should I meet with them?



Congratulations on your acceptance to UFV! My name is Shannon Draney, and I am your Academic Advisor.

Academic Advisors support your educational planning by providing you with the information needed to **make informed decisions**. We work with you to:

- ✓ Clarify your educational goals
- ✓ Develop academic success skills
- ✓ Access available resources and services



# Additional Advising Services



A screenshot of the University of the Fraser Valley's Advising Centre website. The page features a green header with the university logo, a search bar, and a navigation menu. Below the header is a large photo of a diverse group of students and staff. The main content area includes the heading "ADVISING CENTRE", a breadcrumb trail "UFV / ADVISING CENTRE", and the title "Advising Centre". A paragraph states "Academic Advisors help students plan their education and careers". A large orange arrow points to a green button labeled "+ Reasons to Connect with an Advisor". To the right, there are three more green buttons: "Book a workshop/seminar" and "View/cancel my bookings".

Find us here:  
[www.ufv.ca/advising](http://www.ufv.ca/advising)

Check out these options for more on Advising Services

# How do I connect with my Academic Advisor?



We are currently offering virtual, phone, or email appointments. You will need your UFV student ID number to book your appointment.

1. Go to the Advising webpage <https://www.ufv.ca/advising/>
2. Expand “Current students” section
3. Select your program
4. Click “Book an appointment”
5. Choose the date and time that works for you
6. Indicate the type of appointment you wish to have (virtual, phone, email)
7. Your advisor will contact you at the date and time you booked. If you selected virtual, a link will be emailed to you the day of your appointment

# How often should I meet with my Academic Advisor?



- Students can make an appointment with their Academic Advisor at any point throughout their program.
- It is a good idea to meet before each registration period to course plan, and update your program plan.
- It is important to remember that not all courses are offered each semester, and you need to complete some courses in a particular order to continue in the program.

# What courses should I take?



## Fall Semester

- **HSER 120** – Interpersonal Communications for Human Services
- **HSER 140** – Intro to Indigenous-Centred Human Services
- **SOWK 110** – Intro to Social Work and Human Services
- **CMNS 125** – Communicating Professionally to Academic and Workplace Audiences **or ENGL 105** - Academic Writing
- **PSYC 101 or PSYC 102**
- If you are completing the Indigenous Focus program, you will take **FNST 101** in fall instead of PSYC 101/102 - see slide 7 for more information

Meet with your advisor to create a completion plan for the remainder of the program. You may take this program part-time for a total of four years but this will create a delay in practicum and graduation. HSER and SOWK courses are only offered certain semesters. It is possible (and recommended) to take less than five courses in the first semester and stay on track for graduation, if you take courses in summer semester.



# Practicum Information



You have two practicums to complete:

- HSER 130 in Winter 2021 or Fall 2021
- HSER 230 in Fall 2021 or Winter 2022

You must complete prerequisites and submit required documents to take practicum

Questions about practicum?

- Visit [Student Practicum](#)
- Email [hserinfo@ufv.ca](mailto:hserinfo@ufv.ca)

# MyGRADplan



The simplest way to view your program requirements is by logging into **MyGRADplan** & accessing your personal program audit:

1. Login to [myUFV](#) using your usual credentials
2. Click the Campus Life tab
3. In the MyGRADplan box, use the click "here" link
4. Click the "Access your personal MyGRADplan here" link



# MyGRADplan



As a UFV student you can log into this program 24/7 - **you will always have access your program plan.**

Review the MyGRADplan [tutorial here](#), specifically learning about the **'what if' & 'look ahead'** features – these will be very helpful in your course planning!

# Indigenous Focus



This program stream prepares graduates to work in social service settings and schools in culturally safe ways with Indigenous Peoples.

You will need to contact your Academic Advisor to declare the Indigenous Focus concentration if you did not indicate this on your program application.

This declaration will change some of the courses required to complete the program but both program streams require completion of 62-credits.

# School of Social Work and Human Services Orientation



The School of Social Work and Human Services will have an orientation in August for your specific program.

An invitation will be sent to your UFV student email. The orientation may be moved to a virtual format this year. Stay connected to your UFV student email for updates.

# Contacts



School of Social Work and Human Services:  
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