



Academic Advising

Bachelor of Social Work

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



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the University of the Fraser Valley website. It includes the university logo, a search bar labeled "Search UPV", and a link for "CURRENT STUDENTS". Below the navigation bar is a horizontal menu with links for "REGISTRATION", "ADVISING CENTRE", "MYCAMPUSLIFE", "RESIDENCE", "CAREER CENTRE", "STUDENT SERVICES", and "ABOUT UFV". The main content area features a large photograph of a diverse group of students and staff members smiling. Below the photo, the text "ADVISING CENTRE" is displayed. Underneath, there is a breadcrumb trail "UFV / ADVISING CENTRE" and the heading "Advising Centre". A paragraph of text begins with "Academic Advisors help students plan their education and careers". On the right side, there are three green buttons: "Book a workshop/seminar" and "View/cancel my bookings". At the bottom left, there is a green button with a white plus sign and the text "Reasons to Connect with an Advisor". A large orange arrow points from the right side of the slide towards this button.

Find us here:
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

- SOWK 300 – Social Work Practice with Individuals
- SOWK 311 – Social Work Theory and Ethics
- SOWK 320 – Anti-Racist and Cross Cultural Social Work
- SOWK 392 – Aboriginal Social Work
- SOWK elective or upper level general elective

Meet with your advisor to create a completion plan for the remainder of the program. This program is designed to be completed in 2-years. 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.

If you plan to take this program part-time, this will create a delay in practicum and graduation, and you must email bswmswfield@ufv.ca

Practicum Information



You have two practicums to complete:

- SOWK 330 in Winter 2022
- SOWK 430 in Winter 2023

You must complete prerequisites and submit required documents to take practicum

Questions about practicum?

- Visit [Student Practicum](#)
- Email bswmswfield@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. Locate MyGRADplan on the right side of the home page
3. In the MyGRADplan box, choose "students click here..." link
4. Scroll down and choose the "Access your personal MyGRADplan here" link

<https://www.ufv.ca/>

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!

Child Welfare Specialization



As part of the Bachelor of Social Work, you can declare the Child Welfare Specialization.

This would include taking specific Social Work elective courses, and completing your fourth year practicum with the Ministry of Children and Family Development or with a Delegated Aboriginal Agency.

You will need to contact your Academic Advisor to declare the Child Welfare Specialization, and plan your electives.

This is a competitive application process, and is not guaranteed with the declaration.

School of Social Work and Human Services Orientation



Practicum Orientation will be on June 15. If you did not receive an invitation, please email bswmswfield@ufv.ca

The School of Social Work and Human Services will have a welcome gathering in fall 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



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