

Academic Advising

December '09 / January '10

Important dates:

- Dec 7—Classes end
- Dec 8—Reading day
- Dec 9—Exams begin
- Dec 17—Exams end

Happy Holidays!

- Jan 5—Classes begin
- Jan 12—
 1. Last day to register
 2. Jan 12— Last day to drop courses without financial penalty
 3. Payment for winter term
- Jan 29—BEd application deadline

Important contacts:

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advising@msvu.ca

Registrar's Office
registrar@msvu.ca

Distance Learning
distance@msvu.ca

Financial Services
financial.services@msvu.ca

Student Affairs
counselling@msvu.ca

Writing Resource Centre
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Academic Standing

The Dean's Office assesses all students' academic standing at the end of the Fall and Winter terms.

Academic standing is based on your Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), which is the average grades earned in all of your courses. Students with a CGPA between 1.0 - 1.699 (inclusive) who have attempted at least 3.0 units will be placed on academic probation until the next assessment period. Students who have achieved CGPA less than 1.0 who have attempted at least 3.0 units will be dismissed for a 12-month period.

Academic Alert: Academic Alert is an early warning that a student may be in academic jeopardy if their grades do not improve. Students who achieve a Term GPA (TGPA) below 1.7 in their Fall semester will receive an Academic Alert letter. Students will be asked to meet with their Academic Advisor.

Academic Probation (AP): If a student achieves a cumulative GPA between 1.0 and 1.699 who have attempted at least 3.0 units from September to April, they will be put on Academic Probation. While on AP, students:

1. Are permitted to take a maximum of 4 courses per semester.
2. Must register for and pass UNIV 0001 (the Student Success Course).
3. Are not permitted to participate in a co-op work term or practicum.
4. Must maintain a Term GPA of 1.7 or higher to avoid academic dismissal.
5. Are monitored by the Academic Advisor throughout the year.

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/student-services/academic-advising-support/academic-advising/advising-toolbox/>

Advising in the New Year

Booking an academic advising appointment is a great way to start off the new year! Here's 3 reasons why:

1— Kick off the new year and a new term by getting organized. We'll

help you figure out what courses you have left to complete in your degree.

2— Make some changes. Were you unhappy with your fall courses or grades? Would you like to talk about adding or

dropping courses or even changing programs?

3— Get back on track. Did you receive an Academic Alert notice? If so you must schedule a meeting with your Advisor.



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Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a series of **free** weekly review sessions for students taking a select group of courses. Supplemental Instruction in the following courses will be available in January:

- Math 2209
- Busi 2222
- Chem 1012
- Chem 2402

Please check the Advising Website in January for a detailed schedule.

Finding Your Advisor

All students at Mount Saint Vincent University have an academic advisor or faculty advisor, who will help with course selection and program planning. Depending on your program, your advisor may be an Academic Advisor or a faculty member.

Who is your advisor?

If you are in a general studies degree or have not chosen a major, you will meet with Heather Graham or Lindsey Ingraham, Academic Advisors in the Dean's Office (Seton 302).

If you have chosen a major or are in a professional studies program, you will be advised by a faculty advisor in your specific field. Please contact the department chair of your program.

For contact numbers and a list of department chairs, visit the Academic Advising Website:

msvu.ca > Student Services > Academic Advising > Finding Your Advisor.

Grading Scheme

Letter Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Guidelines
A+	4.3	90-100
A	4.0	85-89
A-	3.7	80-84
B+	3.3	77-79
B	3.0	73-76
B-	2.7	70-72
C+	2.3	67-69
C	2.0	63-66
C-	1.7	60-62
D	1.0	50-59
F	0.0	0-49