

What is an Academic Adviser, and how can they help me get the most out of my studies?



Academic Advising: the Basics

- **Academic Advising is for ALL students on all taught courses.**
- **Students offered 3 contact points a year.**
- **Your Academic Adviser will provide your reference.**
- **Your Course Team will tell you who your Academic Adviser is.**
 - **Email**
 - **Induction Session**
 - **Meeting on your Timetable**
 - **Blackboard**

What is an Academic Adviser?



Your academic adviser is here to help you grow!

1. Academic Development and Progression

Developing understanding and skills to enable the successful progression through and completion of academic study.

2. Personal Development

Improving self-awareness - building confidence, creativity and resilience to contribute to the identification and attainment of personal goals.

3. Professional Development

Developing professional aspirations, identifying and undertaking CV enhancing activities to enable a successful transition into the world of work.

Your Academic Adviser will write you a REFERENCE for jobs/further study

**How will your
Academic
Adviser
support your
Academic
Development?**

What they CAN do:

- **Discuss feedback you get on assessments.**
- **Help you identify what you need to do to improve your grades.**
- **Signpost you to services for additional support.**
- **Write your reference (endorsement) for jobs or further study**

What they can NOT do:

- **Proof read your work.**
- **Teach you how to cite other authors in your work (referencing in academic work).**
- **Comment on individual assessments**

Where might your Academic Adviser signpost you to for academic support?

- The Skills Centre
 - Studiosity
- University Language Scheme (ULS)
- Department specific or Central support teams
- LinkedIn Learning



What do students say about their Academic Adviser?

"My academic adviser has continuously supported me throughout my university education...I cannot state how valuable their help has been to me".

"My academic adviser is very helpful and have provided a lot of support with studies, general course queries, and academic advice".

"My adviser is fantastic – supportive, knowledgeable and professional, and helps me retain my focus and motivation for my studies".

"They provide regular interactions to check my progress, always encouraging me to strive for the best and willing to challenge me to get there".

BOOST

Who is it for?

PG COURSES "...WITH WORK EXPERIENCE".

Where do you get more information and sign up?

The Boost Blackboard site.

If you are unsure if this scheme applies to you speak to your Course Leader.



STUDENT SUPPORT TRIANGLE

Your three dedicated advisers are there to support your individual progression and development during your studies at Hallam.

ACADEMIC ADVISER

You will have contact with your Academic Adviser (who will be a member of your teaching team), at least three times a year to discuss your:

- Academic Progression and Development
- Personal Development
- Professional Development



STUDENT SUPPORT ADVISER



Your Student Support Adviser is there if you need a little extra guidance during your studies. They will help support you if you have personal problems or concerns, and will be able to signpost you to additional support such as the Wellbeing Team, if required.

EMPLOYABILITY ADVISER

Your Employability Adviser will help identify different job and career possibilities open to you. They will support your search for jobs, which might include placements and internships, and ensure you showcase your knowledge, skills and attributes to support successful applications.



Who's Who at Hallam?

Course Leader

Your Course Leader is responsible for your course, you will meet them at Hallam Welcome, they might teach you, and will communicate by email.

Module Leader

You will have different Module Leaders for each module you study. They will teach on the module and ensure students understand the assessments. You will find their contact details on Blackboard sites.

What the Skills Centre offer

Group Sessions	Individual support	Online Resources
<p>Webinars</p> <p>1-hour online group sessions on over 20 academic skills topics. Browse our calendar to book.</p>	<p>1-1 appointments</p> <p>30-minute appointments, available online, on campus or over the phone.</p>	<p>SkillsCheck</p> <p>Online self-assessment for academic skills. All students receive a personalised action plan via email.</p>
<p>Bootcamps</p> <p>4-week bootcamp programmes to boost your assignment writing (Semester 1) and dissertation skills (Semester 2). Open to all students.</p>	<p>Virtual drop-in</p> <p>Every Wednesday, 4-6pm. Experts in academic skills, library and literature searching, digital skills and statistic available to chat online. No need to book.</p>	<p>e-Modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction module – ‘Essential Skills for Academic Success’ – for all new students. • Group work
<p>Writing Gym</p> <p>6-week summer writing programme for Level 7 students, focusing on the Masters dissertation. and writing skills.</p>	<p>Writing feedback (Studiosity)</p> <p>24/7 feedback on draft work – 8 submissions of 2500 words available to all students from August 1st 2022.</p> <p>Students need to register to activate.</p>	<p>Online study guides</p> <p>How-to guides on all webinar topics.</p> <p>Skills for Study</p> <p>Interactive e-learning package on academic skills topics, including referencing and plagiarism.</p>

Find out more

If you're new to study in the UK:

- Sign up to our [30-minute e-module](#), which includes skills resources for international students and a quick self-evaluation tool to identify your current skills strengths.
- Attend an ['Introduction to Academic Writing in the UK'](#) webinar to build your knowledge of academic writing conventions in the UK.

To explore upcoming skills sessions and 1-1 appointments:

Visit our [What's On guide](#).

If you prefer to study independently at first:

Explore our [Skill Guides](#) or [watch session recordings](#) online.

If you have any questions:

Email us at skillscentre@shu.ac.uk



Where can you find out more?

- Your Academic Adviser
- Your Course Leader



How helpful was this session for you?

Is there anything else you need to know?