

The University of Hong Kong
Faculty of Architecture
Faculty Academic Advising system

Academic advising involves helping students to understand the aims of University education, the culture and ethos of learning, the available educational options and the paths that could be taken so that students can draw their own roadmaps to achieve their goals and monitor their own progress. Academic advising should result in students' greater satisfaction with their academic experience, better self-understanding and a sense of success in the achievement of personal and academic goals.

In the Faculty of Architecture (FoA), our academic advising system comprises the Faculty Academic Advisers (FAAs), the Academic Advising Co-ordinator and the Academic Advising Administrator. Temporary Academic Advisers are assigned for the three minors offered by our Faculty.

FoA does not have Faculty Student Adviser (FSA) appointments at the moment. The Studio setting of our Faculty where students meet regularly with their peers and senior year students serves as informal support networks. Small class teaching in studio and small class size (around 20 students per cohort) of our smaller programmes help to encourage dialogue and cultivate a sense of belonging among students.

To ensure that your transition to the University is going well, each new student will have an academic staff to serve as your Faculty Academic Adviser (FAA). Please sign up for your FAA from **2:00 pm, 10 August 2026 (Monday) to 11:59 pm, 12 August 2026 (Wednesday)** at <https://ugaa.hku.hk/signup-faa.php>.

Some quick notes:

- *How to sign up:* You will be directed to select from the list of advisers on a first-come-first-served basis.
- *Who is FAA:* FAA is a current teacher from your home Faculty who advises you on study-related matters.
- *When to consult FAA:* You are encouraged to approach your FAA whenever you need academic advice. Feel free to consult your adviser during the consultation hour (which can be found in your portal), or contact her/him by email to make an appointment.

The Academic Advisers within the Faculty Academic Advising system comprises:

Position	Role	Name / Contact
Academic Advising and First Year Experience (AA&FYE) Co-ordinator	To oversee Academic Advising and first year experience matters of the Faculty	Prof Isabelle Chan iyschan@hku.hk
Faculty Academic Advisers	They are from students' home Faculty/Department and support their advisees throughout the course of their studies at HKU.	Each student will be assigned with a Faculty Academic Adviser. Please follow the sign up procedures above. You will be able to find your Academic Adviser assigned to you through HKU Portal. Please refer to https://aas.hku.hk/steps-student/ for instructions.
Faculty Temporary Academic Advisers	They are teachers who specialize on helping students to explore major/minor options.	You can request a Temporary Academic Adviser of a particular major/minor that you would like to explore. Please refer to https://aas.hku.hk/steps-student/ for instructions.
Academic Advising Administrator	To coordinate administrative matters regarding the Faculty Academic Advising system	William Lo willlo@hku.hk

Please visit the Academic Advising and Scholarships Office website for further information about the University Academic Advising System and other support services.

<https://aas.hku.hk/>

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