

Academic Advising System

School of Computing and Data Science (CDS)

The University of Hong Kong (HKU)





Academic Advising System in HKU

The University-wide Academic Advising System, which is overseen by the Academic Advising and First Year Experience Committee (AA&FYEC), is the joint effort of the Academic Advising and Scholarships Office (AASO), Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), Faculties and Schools, as well as Residential Halls.

Academic Advising and First Year Experience Committee (AA&FYEC)



Academic Advising and Scholarship Office (AASO)

AAO Academic Advisers

AASO Website:

https://aas.hku.hk/

CEDARS

- Counsellors & Clinical Psychologists
- Student Advising Officers

Referrals among units as necessary

Faculties

- Faculty Academic Advisers (FAA)
- Temporary Academic Advisers (TAA)
- Faculty Student Advisers (FSA)

Halls

- Wardens
- Residential Tutors
- Residential Student Advisers (RSA)

Students seek advice on various matters

General Planning

- Setting academic plan
- Selecting Major/Minor
- Preparing for scholarship, internship, exchange
- Postgraduate study plan
- University regulations

Personal Issues

- Adjustment problems
- Time management
- Unclear goals and career plan
- Emotional / relationship / family issues

Study Problems

- Lack of study skills leading to poor performance
- Mismatch of interest / ability with current curriculum
- Seeking programme transfer

Common Academic Concerns of First Year Students

- Course selection
- > Academic goal and study plan
- > Adjustment to the University learning styles
- > Curriculum structure of study programme(s)
- > Selection of major / minor programmes
- > Other matters such as
 - Common Core courses, planning for exchange, management of study load, balance between study and extra-curricular activities, etc.

SCDS Academic Advising System

School Academic Adviser (SAA)

Academic Advising & First Year Experience Coordinator

School Peer Adviser (SPA) School Temporary Academic Adviser (STAA)

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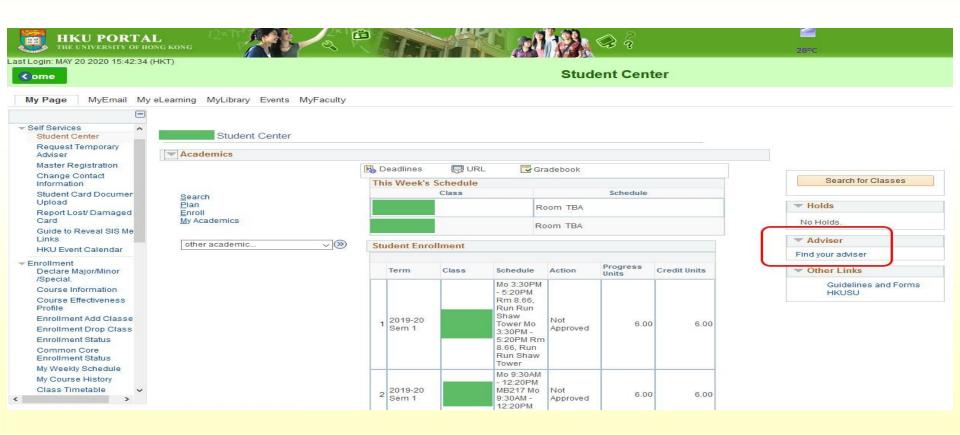
- Each new student will be assigned a School Academic Adviser (SAA), who is a teacher in the School of Computing and Data Science.
- > SAAs will offer advice and guidance to students on academic matters such as
 - * course selection and enrollment, professional core selection, learning opportunities, career planning, etc.
- Students are highly encouraged to consult their SAA's advice before course enrollment period, and at least once per every semester during the first year of studies.

Sign-up for School Academic Adviser (SAA)

- You will be invited to select directly from the list of School Academic Advisers on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Sign-up for your SAA from 2:00pm, August 11, 2025 (Monday) to 10:00am, August 19, 2025 (Tuesday) at https://ugaa.hku.hk/signup-faa.php
- ➤ If you do not sign up by August 19, 2025, the System will randomly assign one to you.
- There is another round of sign-up for your SAA if you are late-comers, from 2:00pm, August 20, 2025 (Wednesday) to 10:00am, August 26, 2025 (Tuesday).
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Sign-up for School Academic Adviser (SAA)

- To find your adviser from the Student Information System (SIS):
 - Login to HKU Portal
 - On "My Page", click "Find your adviser" on the right-hand side (see the screen capture below)



School Peer Adviser (SPA)

- Each new student will be assigned a School Peer Adviser (SPA).
- They are students in the School of Computing and Data Science who are appointed and trained to serve as student advisers, helping first-year students adjust to the university's studying and living environment.



Sign-up for School Peer Adviser (SPA)

- Same as the Sign-up procedure for School Academic Adviser (SAA).
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