WELCOME BIOLOGY SOPHOMORE!

Congratulations on selecting BIOLOGY as your major here at Valdosta State University!

Now that you have completed a successful 1st year here at VSU, it is time to make your transition from the freshmen Centralized Advising center over to your selected major department--Biology!

FAQ

Question: When should you make this transition?
Answer: When you have completed 30 credit hours.

STEPS FOR GETTING A BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT ADVISOR

First check on the Banner Web system to see if you have already been assigned a Biology Department advisor, other than your Centralized Advising advisor, Dr. Beverley Blake.

If you have been assigned a Biology Department advisor, skip ahead and please note the advising week information at the bottom of this information sheet.

If you have not been assigned a Biology Department advisor and Dr. Blake is still listed as your advisor go through the following steps to receive a Biology Department advisor:

1. Go by Centralized Advising in the University Center and ask to see Dr. Blake.
2. Let her know that you have more than 30 credit hours and need to transition over to the Biology Department.
3. Dr. Blake will give you your advising folder (you will need to have your ID to get your folder).
4. Bring your folder to the Biology Office, Bailey Science Center room 2035.
5. When you arrive at the Biology Office with your advising folder please let me know that you are transitioning into your sophomore year and need a Biology Department advisor.
6. I, the department’s secretary, will sign you in and assign you a Biology Department advisor based on paperwork you will fill out in the office.
7. Finally, you will be on your way to graduating with a B.S. or B.A. degree in Biology!

ADVISING WEEK INFORMATION

Biology’s advising week is usually held a week before registration for summer and fall semesters. However, you will need to sign-up for an appointment at your advisor’s office door a week prior to the actual advising week.

Sign-up week for advising week is generally two weeks before registration week. For specific dates and times and further instructions on advising week, you should check your VSU email for an advising week flyer. Another good source for actual dates and instructions is the Biology Department’s Advising and Registration page.

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