

## University of Northern Iowa Undergraduate Advising Structure

The University of Northern Iowa utilizes a shared model of advising with advising functions divided between departmental offices (faculty or staff) and staff in a central administrative unit. At UNI the central advising unit is the Office of Academic Advising. Within this shared model colleges and departments utilize a variety of delivery systems to suit their needs. One of the strengths of UNI's system is that it provides both centralized and decentralized advising to meet functional advising operations for the university system and individual students. The structure is described below. Additional informational resources are the [UNI Referral Resources](#) for referrals to departmental advising, the [UNI Undergraduate Advising Council](#) and [the Advising Network](#) that meet monthly.

### College of Business Administration

Dual model of advising where advising for each Business major is shared between a CBA faculty advisor and the [UNI Business Advising](#). CBB 5

Each student has two advisors:

- A faculty advisor who provides career advising directly related to the student's major
- The *UNI Business Advising* is staffed by professional advisors for general technical advising and registration.

Contacts: 273-2144

Linda Corbin                      Angela Ross  
Luann McAdams                Jonathan Cox

### College of Education

[College of Education Advising](#), SEC 189, 273-2751

Professional advisors advise Elementary, Early Childhood Education and Middle Level majors.

Contacts:

Jane Bentley-Gadow (A-K)  
Barbara Gager (L-Z)  
Raquel Zuniga, Retention & Advising

### School of Health Physical Education and Leisure Services Advising

Entering students and students exploring HPELS majors are advised by professional advisors and then assigned to faculty advisors. Students with faculty advisors may also meet with a HPELS professional advisors as needed.

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Michelle Holland (M-Z) WRC 241, 273-5857

### Office of Academic Advising Gil 102, 273-3406

Centralized office staffed with professional advisors advising:

- Deciding students/Major changers
- Intake Program students: Entering freshmen in select majors receive transitional freshman advising during their first year and are reassigned to advisors in major departments for second year. Intake Majors are:  
Biology, Communication Studies, Communicative Disorders, Criminology, Geography, History, Political Science, Pre-Allied Health, Psychology, Social Work.

Also charged with:

- New student orientation advising coordination
- Advisor training and development

### Centralized Advising for Specific University Functions:

All students are assigned a faculty /staff advisor. UNI designates offices with professional advisors to provide supplemental advising to students in specific programs.

- [Academic Learning Center](#) ITTC 007, 273-6023  
Professional advisors:  
Inez Murtha, Kathy Peters, Nick Sullivan,  
Lori Van Hooreweghe, Colice Sanders, Latricia Hylton
- [Student Support Services](#): Nick Sullivan
- [Academic Achievement and Retention Services](#):  
Kathy Peters
- **Athletic Academic Advising** Dome 256B North  
Stacia Eggers 273-3326
- [Honors Program](#): Jessica Moon 273-3175
- [Jump Start Program](#): Kristin Woods, 273-2332  
Jump Start students are advised by advisors in the Academic Learning Center

### College of Humanities Arts and Sciences

Faculty advise with the exception of a professional advisor in the Department of Biology. Some faculty serve as Advising Coordinators for their department majors and receive release time to advise a larger number of advisees for the department:

- [Biology](#): Joan Smothers, MSH 143, 273-2010
- [Communication Studies](#), Marilyn Shaw, Lang 368, 273-7478  
Lori Johnson, Lang 333, 273-3792
- [Languages and Literatures](#):  
English/TESOL: Kenneth Baughman, BAR 1008, 273-2854  
Spanish/TESOL/Modern Language: Jennifer Cooley, BAR 1006,  
273-3897
- [Multicultural STEM Majors](#): Latricia Hylton, 008 ITTC, 273-2361
- [Music](#): Alan Schmitz, RSL 115, 273-7180
- [Industrial Technology](#):  
Linda Reardon-Lowry, ITC 2, 273-2562  
Linda advises first semester majors before reassigning them to faculty advisors.

### College of Social and Behavioral Science

Faculty advise with the exception of a professional advisor who advises all teaching majors in this college. Some faculty serve as Advising Coordinators for their department majors and receive release time to advise a larger number of advisees for their department:

- [Psychology](#): Michael Gasser, BAR 1078, 273-7178
- [Sociology Anthropology Criminology](#) (the Criminology major):  
Gayle Rhineberger-Dunn, 273-3245, BAR 1126
- Social Science Teaching & History Teaching:  
Chad Christopher, SRL 328, 273-3157

[Individual Studies](#): CEEE 16, 273-2504

Professional advisors advise students interested in educational experiences different from the norm. These majors require guidance in selecting courses reflecting personal or career objectives.

Individual Studies: Karen Cunningham; General Studies: Justin Szabo  
Bachelor of Liberal Studies: Monica Johnson