

## Transcript for “Episode 9. Your Advisor”

### Part 1. What Is An Advisor?

Taylor White (IU Sophomore): I think, and I really believe that you can know everything when you come in. And... that’s a mistake!

Shikun Ding (IU Sophomore): And for most students, we are still young, we are unsure about our future careers, majors, what kind of classes we are going to take.

Kamen Rose (IU Junior): I think sometimes it's hard to make a plan for yourself, especially beginning college. Because college is so different from high school, the way it's set up, how much freedom you have. Sometimes it's hard with all the opportunities to find what's right for you. And also, coming in, there are so many resources here you don't know about.

What Is An Advisor?

Richard Hvale (Advisor, Health Professions): Wow!

Carmund White (Advisor, Kelley School of Business): OK! An advisor is... we like to think about an advisor as an educational partner. Someone who is there to support the students in their academic journey, but is not there to teach or instruct.

Jenifer Berry (Advisor, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars): But I also find myself more of a mentor. I have a lot of students who ask me questions that are related to academics, but kind of the tangential relationship. So a lot of students ask about where to live in town, dealing with mental health issues, and things like that.

William E. Smith III (Advisor, College of Arts & Sciences): It means I give you information, I give you my perspective, I give you my sense of what might be a good choice, what might be a poor choice. And you have to take that information and figure out what you want to do with it.

Richard Hvale (Advisor, Health Professions): An advisor, I think, is trying to help students gain the most from their college experience. Help them choose a major, courses that they're most excited about, and ones that are developing the skills that they want to be developing.

Sharon Hay (Advisor, University Division): Here's what you need, here's the math you need, here's the arts and humanities courses you need, here are the major level courses. But it always goes beyond that in trying to also help them to find their space here at IU.

Stephanie Lewis (Advisor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs): We help students envision their futures and their presents, we pull from their pasts – their hopes, their dreams, and see how we can help that come true.

Matthew Graham (Advisor, University Division): What the degree is, sure, the "what" questions, you know, what is it. How to find things, how to find certain resources – certainly that as well. But hopefully, and more significantly, the "why": like, the "why" of this requirement, or the "why" of even this degree altogether. Those are the more significant moments, I think, of this job, and I'm not sure that those questions get answered in a good place elsewhere.

## Part 2. What Do We Talk About?

Conner Lantz (IU Freshman): When I first met my advisor I told her that I played sports in high school and that was a really big part of my life, so she helped me get into my basketball class which was really fun for me. And there were some other classes that she helped me get into, because I told her I liked history and history courses, so I took a history course first semester which I really enjoyed.

Landan Palmer (IU Sophomore): I feel like I can ask any question. I don't have a set question that I come in and ask every time because when I do come in, it's always something different. There's always something different on my mind. Obviously, you know, we talk about class schedules, we talk about housing, but I kind of just give her an update on how I'm doing. I tell her how I'm doing on exams, what my projection is looking like for the rest of the semester...

Linda Graff (IU Junior): My advisor, in twenty minutes, set up my four-year schedule and I had been, like, looking at it for two hours beforehand! So, yeah, your advisor, no matter who it is/what school it is, they know a lot about your school and they can definitely help get you on the right path.

Kamen Rose (IU Junior): You may think you know something that you want to do, but then there could be something that fits you even better. And you might not be able to find that without help, which is why the advisor is there. It's just there to find what's the best fit for you so that after college, you can actually find a career and use your degree and actually excel in your life wherever you want to go, whatever you want to do.

## Part 3. When Do I Go?

Stephanie Lewis (Advisor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs): Right away.

William E. Smith III (Advisor, College of Arts & Sciences): Whenever they want.

Matthew Graham (Advisor, University Division): When it's time to schedule classes, of course.

Carmund White (Advisor, Kelley School of Business): Degree questions, major questions, can I take this instead of that...

Richard Hvale (Advisor, Health Professions): Struggling in courses.

Jenifer Berry (Advisor, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars): When you first get to campus. Before you get into classes and things and students start to get bogged down with homework, it's good to know who your number one guaranteed ally is on campus.

Sharon Hay (Advisor, University Division): She would make an appointment every week, and we would even just talk about how things were going...

Stephanie Lewis (Advisor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs): If you can't find an answer to something here on campus, or if you feel lost about something, or if you have a concern about something – an advisor is kind of an anchoring spot for you on campus. It's a real safe spot, and it's a confidential spot, so it's almost like a broker of information. So that is a really good place to start on just about anything on this campus.

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