

## FIRST-YEAR ACADEMIC ADVISING QUESTIONNAIRE

*Part of the academic experience at Southwestern University is working closely with your academic advisor, a faculty or professional staff member trained to guide you through your degree requirements, offer advice and suggestions on career planning, and support all of your endeavors here. The information you provide below will assist the Center for Academic Success and Records in more thoughtfully matching you with an academic advisor. It will also allow our staff to be better prepared to meet your individual needs. Advisors are assigned based on numerous factors, including academic and extra-curricular interest. All of our advisors are trained to work with all students, regardless of potential major. You will meet with your advisor during New Student Orientation week. You may change advisors after you complete your first semester. **Please download this form onto your computer, complete it, save it, and email it to [success@southwestern.edu](mailto:success@southwestern.edu) by July 25, 2016. You may also mail it back to our office at the address on the last page.***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred/Nick Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Home State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

High School(s): \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Composite: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of friends attending SU: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other colleges to which you applied: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' education (highest level attained, name of schools): \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular, Personal & Volunteer Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

SU Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What subject(s) did you most enjoy studying in high school? Were you academically successful in these areas?

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What subject(s) did you least enjoy studying in high school? Did you struggle with the subject matter?

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What led you to choose Southwestern University? Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> size                        | <input type="checkbox"/> financial assistance/scholarships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> location                    | <input type="checkbox"/> social opportunities              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> academic offerings          | <input type="checkbox"/> religious affiliation             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reputation                  | <input type="checkbox"/> athletics                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> graduate school preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> fine arts                         |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is (are) your intended major(s) at this point? \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What new fields of study might you explore at Southwestern University? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How would you assess your strengths and challenges in the following areas?

a. Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Quantitative Skills (Numerical/Mathematical skills): \_\_\_\_\_

c. Oral Expression: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Study Habits: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Exam Preparation: \_\_\_\_\_

f. Time Management: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you expect that you will need help with your study skills during your first year at SU?  Yes  No

If "yes," Please specify which ones:

Writing Skills     Quantitative Skills     Time Management Skills     Exam Preparation Skills

Reading Skills     Study Habits     Note-taking Skills     Organizational Skills

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8. How do you anticipate seeking out assistance for these challenges? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What are your academic goals for the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. How do you expect University life to be different than high school? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. How much do you know about the University curriculum and its structure? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. How much do you know about Paideia? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. How might you find out more about the curriculum and Paideia? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. From the list below, please indicate any areas you think might be a source of concern for you during your first year at SU. Please select all that apply:

I don't expect any problems

Developing a good schedule

Paying for college

Maintaining high grades

Making friends

Choosing a major

Handling the academic workload

Living with a roommate

Being away from home

Finding ways to be socially involved

Getting through college in four years

Finding my own purposes or goals

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11. Please describe how you like to spend your time, and what activities outside of school have been particularly valuable or enjoyable to you (i.e. volunteer work, paid work experience, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_

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12. List any extracurricular activities you plan to pursue while at Southwestern: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for taking the time to respond thoughtfully to these questions. Please return this form and the Disability Disclosure form (if appropriate) by JULY 11, 2016, to:**

[success@southwestern.edu](mailto:success@southwestern.edu)

**OR**

***The Center for Academic Success and Records***

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***Georgetown, TX 78627-0770***

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