Welcome to SFU Faculty of Science! As your professional advisor, I am here to help you with your academic needs whether you are first or fourth year. I hope you come and see me often. My philosophy of assistance and teaching stems from my belief in students’ potential to develop academically and personally during your time at SFU. One of my goals is to help you discover your interests, skills, and abilities and apply them to your academic course selection and career development. If you don’t know what road to take, I’ll help you decipher your map and together we’ll plan a route that fulfills your newfound wants and needs. I’m waiting for your knock on my door! (Or call my phone, message my FB, email...)

~ Nadia Williams

ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist you in exploring your interests, skills and abilities in order to best decide on an academic plan that suits you
- Maintain confidentiality according to the Canadian Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- Be accessible for questions and discussion during the regular work week via email, phone, in person
- Encourage you to fulfill your potential
- Aide in the development of decision making skills, goal setting, and personal responsibility
- Provide you with the information and tools necessary to discuss and decide upon academic and extra- or co-curricular programs that best suit your skills & goals
- Respect and listen to your decisions, values, and perspectives
- Provide information on curriculum, policies, and procedures

Academic advising is a process over your university career in which together we will define career, education, and life goals and the best route and back-up plans to fulfill these goals. Mutual respect, honesty, preparation, commitment, and collaboration are keys to a successful and productive advising relationship. Academic advising can help undecided students as well as decided students. While an advisor will advise students through various methods it is ultimately the student’s responsibility for his or her choices and whether or not to act on advice given.
**ADVISEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Make, attend and be prepared for at least one advising appointment per term
- Work with your advisor to develop personal, academic, and career goals, and a plan to aide in achieving those goals
- Understand requirements for bachelor degrees in the program(s) of your choice
- Remain responsive in communication with your advisor
- Approach your classes, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities with an open mind in regards to learning new things and meeting new people
- Abide by SFU policies and procedures
- Maintain responsibility for yourself, your decisions, and your actions
- Commit to self-exploration as it pertains to your educational and vocational plans, reaching your full potential as a student of SFU

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Through active, continued participation in academic advising, students can expect to:

- Have an understanding of university policies and procedures and the role they play in a student’s academic career
- Learn how to develop an educational plan in order to progress toward graduation
- Explore different majors and career options via participation in various activities
- Learn decision-making skills in relation to educational, personal, and career goals
- Learn to value the knowledge from breadth and required courses and learn to become life-long learners
- Explore and participate in extra and co-curricular activities to enhance their university experience
- Learn how to evaluate own progress
- Practice critical thinking skills by accessing and interpreting information, responding and adapting to changing situations, making complex decisions, solving problems, and evaluating actions