1. Welcome to the Franklin college area meeting for Humanities and Social Science. My name Kathleen Anderson, I'm an academic advisor, and in this presentation, I'm going to go over some information to help you plan your Fall schedule and learn more about your degree program. After viewing this presentation, you will meet with your academic advisor. Everyone is welcome to view this presentation.
2. All students at UGA must meet with an academic advisor every semester, whether they are new first year students or seniors working to complete a degree program. An advising meeting is a time for students to reflect on their academic goals, and to think about how the upcoming semester will fit into their goals. Advisors collaborate with students to help them decide what courses they need to take, to discuss options that students have in completing degree requirements, and they provide insight into available programs that might benefit the student.
3. Advisors are able to point students towards resources that they will find useful --how to get academic help, how to find a job or an internship, or how to find a study abroad program. They can also help students navigate information from the other units of the university, such as the Registrar's Office, the Bursar's office, and the Admissions office.
4. Franklin College is the oldest and largest of UGAs 17 schools and colleges. On this slide is a picture of Old College, the oldest building on campus. **Constructed** in 1806, **Old College** underwent careful renovation / restoration in 2001. Over the years, the building has served as a dormitory, classroom, barracks and administrative offices. Currently, it houses classrooms and the office of the Dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Alan Dorsey.
5. The Franklin College majors this presentation covers are the social sciences, including Psychology, and the Humanities.
6. The social sciences are areas of study that focus on societies and the relationship of individuals within those societies, like sociology, women's studies, anthropology and human geography. This group include cognitive science and criminal justice--majors that are interdisciplinary in nature. The Humanities are disciplines that study the foundations of human culture, like literature, religion, philosophy and history, as well as foreign languages.
7. The psychology major is different from other social science and humanities majors because it is a Bach of Science degree. Psychology requires more science and lab courses than other degrees in this group. It's a good major for pre-medical preparation.
8. Michelle Obama majored in sociology, and when she was First lady she offered this strong endorsement of the value of studying the liberal arts: "I value liberal arts education because you’re really getting a broad skill set.  And I think one of the things that’s important to be able to do in life is learn how to read and write -- write really well and articulate your view."
9. If you are wondering how a major in the liberal arts translates to the world of work, you should know that you are being trained in skills that employers most value, like critical thinking and problem solving, research and analysis, and communication, teamwork and collaboration skills.
10. College is the ideal time to assess and work on your time management methods. You want to be able to attend class, and to set aside enough time to prepare assignments and do homework. If you set aside two hours of study time for every hour in the classroom, you will be devoting around 45 hours a week to your academic work. But you still want enjoy the social life UGA has to offer. You also need to take care of yourself--eat, sleep, and take care of mind and body.
11. The goal--to graduate on time in 4 years--is reached by earning credit hours. You need 121 credit hours to graduate in 4 years. Students usually take between 12-17 hours in a semester. About half of your credit hours will be devoted to completing requirements, about 1 quarter to major course work, and 1 quarter to elective courses. Electives are unassigned hours--that is, hours you are responsible for taking, but in courses you choose freely.
12. Getting to 121 hours can be very neatly divided into 8 semester of 15 hours each, but this chart shows that your own time at college may look different. You might have credit hours before you even start college from AP or Joint enrollment, or you may take summer term classes or study abroad. While 15 hours is fine if you can work that out, it's more useful to think of 30 hours per academic year--including fall, spring and summer.
13. The UGA core requirements are courses that all UGA students must complete. You may already have credit for some of these areas.
14. In addition to core requirements, Franklin College majors must also complete a slate of liberal arts classes. You will need foreign language, a life science and a physical science, fine arts and literature classes, and social science and multicultural requirements.
15. This slide shows a typical freshman student's fall schedule, created using Courseoff.com, a very useful scheduling tool. It's not a UGA website, and you cannot register using courseoff.com, but it can be very in working out a schedule. This example shows a student looking at schedule that has 14 credit hours--Russ 1001 (4), GEOG 1112-L (3) Hist 2111 (3) and Engl 1101 (3). The student has looked for a balance of MWF and TTH classes and has chosen a lab for the Geog class that is 2 hours. The red flag is pointed to the 20 minute passing period between classes. You will need to make sure you can actually get from one place to another. You can ask your advisor, or your orientation leader.
16. You may take your Freshman odyssey in the fall, or in the spring. These seminars are for one credit hour, giving students the opportunity to take classes with faculty they would not otherwise usually interact with--professors from other colleges, or faculty who work in higher administration. President Jere Morehead, for example, teaches a Freshman odyssey class.
17. Earlier I mentioned that student will choose courses for elective hours. You may choose to earn a minor an undergraduate certificate, or even a second major with your elective hours. You can earn elective hours on a study abroad program, or if you are a pre-medical student, you might use your elective hours to take medical school prerequisites
18. Look at the UGA Bulletin page for a list of minors and undergraduate certificates along with the requirements for those programs.
19. If you have a pre-health interest, tell your advisor. The requirements for these various post-undergrad intentions can for differ among institutions, and there are resources to help students navigate to the right program.
20. You may find academic life more rigorous and fast moving than high school, so start off with good habits. Read and keep your course syllabi handy, think about time management, and learn what resources are available. Ask for help, whether it's finding a building, or mentor, or a tutor. DAE.uga.edu is the campus tutoring center, and students have many options for academic help--one on one tutoring or study pods, and help for developing skills like note-taking, studying more effectively and test preparation. If what you're doing isn't working, then you need to change what you're doing.
21. Every student is advised and cleared for registration every semester. You can assess where you are, and plan for the semesters ahead. In the fall, you will sign up for advising using SAGE.
22. Drop/add is a period during the first week of class where you can continue to make changes to your schedule without penalty. After drop/add is over, if you decide to withdraw from a class, you will earn the grade of W, which is a neutral grade--that it, it won't affect your gpa. You cannot withdraw without a grade penalty after the midpoint of a semester. Talk to your advisor about withdrawing from a class before the midpoint.
23. The UGA Bulletin has information about every course, every major, and all university requirements.
24. Degreeworks is your program of study and its progress. Your advisor will show you more about how it works during your advising appointment.
25. Athena is where you will register for classes. You can check registration flags here, and find your transcript.
26. Check your UGA email every day--make it a habit. You may feel bombarded with emails, but it is your responsibility to manage the information you receive.
27. You will learn about the many resource centers at UGA, including the career center. Career counselors are always looking for ways to get students connected to internships and programs that help them build up a job resume.
28. You can also join student organizations and attend events sponsored by student groups like the LGBTQ recourse center or the international and multicultural student groups
29. I hope you have found this information helpful. Everyone in the Franklin College advising office is happy you are here and eager to meet you soon.