Hi! My name is Molly Stanley and I am your Academic Advisor. On behalf of Franklin College and the Hugh Hodgson School of Music – welcome! We are so excited that you have chosen to attend UGA as a music major and can’t wait to greet you on campus this fall.

My job, as your advisor, is to help guide and support you during your time at UGA. I am here to help you achieve your goals, keep you on track to graduate, and connect you to resources within the school of music and on campus. Students are required to meet with their Academic Advisor every semester before being cleared to register for the following term.

In an effort not to overload you with information, I have broken music-specific information into three parts. First is this video. Second is an informational presentation that you can read on your own prior to advising. And third will be your actual advising appointment.

The purpose of this video is for me to introduce myself to you and highlight a few key points. The PDF presentation contains the bulk of the information you need to know as a new music major. You’ll definitely want to set aside 15 minutes to thoroughly read through it **before** your advising appointment, so you can have your questions ready. During your advising appointment, we will talk specifics about classes, scheduling, and registration.

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One thing I’d like to highlight is regarding Class Piano. If your primary instrument is NOT piano, but you DO have a significant piano background, please let me know during your appointment. You may be eligible to challenge one or more levels of Class Piano. Please note that piano challenges do not take place beyond your first semester, so it’s important to let me know now if you plan to do so. If you take Class Piano I this fall, you will not be able to challenge higher levels later on. Having prior piano experience does not guarantee that you’ll be able to take the challenge exams. All students who wish to challenge will meet with our Class Piano Coordinator to determine eligibility.

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Please make sure all your Registration Holds are cleared prior to your appointment except the one for Academic Advising. You will not be able to register for classes if there are remaining holds on your account. Holds can be viewed in Athena.

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Look through the list of First Year Odyssey seminars and choose five that look most interesting to you. You may access this list by Googling UGA FYOS and clicking the first option.

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Lastly, here is an example of the advising form we will use during each advising appointment. The form is essentially a checklist specific to your major. All four years are outlined and include CORE, University, Franklin College, and Music requirements. This form is only a guide but will help us structure your degree.

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Next, please read through the Music Area Presentation which is located on the same page as this video. I look forward to meeting you soon during your orientation advising appointment!