

## General Advising FAQs

I want to change my major but I'm not sure how to do it. Who should I contact?

If you know which major you would like to pursue, you can add it on Athena by using the [Changing Majors tool](#) at any time. Once you have switched, you will be assigned a new advisor in SAGE (this takes 24-48 hours typically, so please be patient—you'll receive an email from SAGE once the new advisor has been assigned). You may then contact them to make an appointment. If you are thinking about switching and would like to contact an advisor before making the switch, you can use this tool to [find the contact for your new advising office \(by School/College\)](#). You can also contact your current primary advisor, who can help connect you.

Does XYZ course count as an XYZ University requirement?

You can find the list of [approved University requirement courses](#). If you have questions after checking this list, feel free to reach out to your academic advisor.

Does XYZ course count in a specific area of the General Education Core (Areas I-V)?

On the Core Curriculum Bulletin, you can find the [list of approved courses](#) by corresponding area. You can [also log into your Degreeworks audit](#) and see which courses meet which area requirement by looking to the right side of the area for the course options.

I am a double major student. Do I have to get advised by both of my major advisors?

If you are pursuing more than one major, we strongly encourage you to [schedule an advising appointment with both of your individual major advisors](#) each semester. Each advisor has specific knowledge regarding that major's coursework and timeline, so it's important to check in with both of them in order to make sure you have all the relevant information and can stay on track.

How many times can I retake the History or Constitution Exemption Exam?

You can find this info and much more on the [Testing Services website](#), including the [testing center resources](#) for test prep, associated costs, and the number of times you can take each exam.

How can I find out if I can take XYZ course at another institution and have it transfer back to UGA as course credit?

Start by reviewing [UGA's Transfer Equivalency website](#). This resource lists all of the courses that have previously been evaluated for transfer credit at UGA. You can search by specific course or institution. If you do not see the course listed that you want to take, that means UGA does not have a record of any student transferring that course in the past. In that case, we recommend contacting the UGA academic department that most closely matches the subject area of the transfer course you are considering to see if they are willing to review the course syllabus in advance. If you have a transfer course that has already been posted to your UGA transcript and want to get it evaluated for potential equivalency to a specific UGA course, [email your advisor](#) for a link to the Transfer Course Evaluation Form (NOTE: this form is only available for students who already have transfer credit earned and posted on their UGA transcript; it is not intended to be used for transient future course planning.)

Can I take classes somewhere else in the summer, and what do I need to do?

Yes! This is called being a transient student or “going transient.” Refer to the [Transient Student Handout](#), or view this very helpful [resource on being a transient student](#) that explains the process, created by the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. Make sure to check carefully to be sure the classes you take will transfer correctly to UGA (see above).

Will my HOPE scholarship cover my summer classes?

In general, UGA HOPE students who wish to enroll as a transient student at another HOPE eligible institution may receive HOPE funds at the transient institution as long as they have HOPE eligibility remaining. You can access the [UGA HOPE Transient Form](#) from OFSA and follow the instructions.