

**Definition of Advising:** Academic advising is a process of information exchange that empowers students to realize their maximum educational potential. The advising process is student-centered and will result in the student gaining a clearer understanding of himself/herself, and the experience of higher education. (Crockett, 1987)

# **Critical Resources**

- Degree Plan
- Advising Worksheet JICS
- CANVAS
- Online Class Schedule
- 2021-2023 Catalog

# **Foundational Requirements**

- CSOV 101 Introduction to Cultural Sovereignty
- CSOV 102 The Language of Our Ancestors CSOV 120 Reclaiming Our History
- POLS 225 History of Federal Indian Policy
- CSOV 130 Icons of Our Past (4-year Foundational)
- ECON 250 Subsistence Economies: Restoring Prosperity (4-year Foundational)
- EDUC 202 The Tide Has Changed: Educating Our Own (4-year Foundational)

## 1st Year

- Understand the history and foundation of Northwest Indian College
- Learn educational planning tools such as Advising Worksheet, 2021-2023 Catalog, Online Course Catalog, Transcripts
- Decide on your program of study
- Make connection with students and faculty within your major Consider an internship in your sophomore, junior and/or senior year Build your resume/CV
- Identify and utilize academic support resources on campus as needed: i.e. Math & Writing Center
- Become familiar with Center for Student Success: Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar and Advisors
- Get involved on campus
- Develop a tentative 2-year (Associate) or 4-year (Bachelor) degree plan with your academic advisor

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

- Apply for graduation (Associate degree)
- Join a student club or organization
- Identify a faculty advisor (Lummi Campus students)
- Finalize your 4-year degree plan with faculty advisor
- Begin discussions regarding your internship

3rd Year (Bachelor students)

- Explore leadership opportunities on campus.
- Consider graduate school (GRE, LSAT, MCAT, or GMAT)
- Be involved with undergraduate research
- Prepare for 400 level internship
- Take necessary courses for graduate school

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Year

- Apply for graduation (Bachelor degree)
- Finalize career/postgraduate plans
- Complete your internship
- Apply for graduate school
- Finalize your resume and begin to distribute

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