



ASK AN ADVISOR!

We polled our staff of academic advisors, and here are the top 5 questions students ask.

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1. What can an academic advisor do for me?

An academic advisor will help you select the right course(s) and certificate or degree program to reach your goals. The advisor will also evaluate your transfer credits and explore transfer opportunities. Advisors are here to help you be successful and are knowledgeable of all of the supportive services Rio Salado College has to offer.

2. What type of programs does Rio Salado offer?

Rio Salado College offers certificates and degrees that lead to specific occupations and degrees that are designed to transfer to a university. Your advisor can discuss your goals with you and help you decide your best options. If you are not sure about your career goals, you can get assistance through Rio Salado's Counseling Services department.

3. What courses do I still need to complete my degree?

Your advisor will put together a course checksheet in our Electronic Student File system. You will be able to access this checksheet online. You and your advisor will be able to track your progress and create a plan for certificate or

degree completion. To start this checksheet, your advisor will want to see all your prior college credit courses (no matter how long ago courses were taken), credit by evaluation, and college level equivalency examinations.

4. Do your courses transfer?

Rio Salado College has partnerships with the three state universities and many others as well. With all of our partnerships, "block" transfers may be available depending on the associate degree and future major. We also have course by course agreements with the state universities. Your advisor can tell you if and how a course will transfer.

5. Do I have to take the placement tests before I sign up for classes?

If you are going to be taking an English, Math, or Reading course, then you will need to take the placement tests. If you are seeking a degree, it is highly recommended that you take the placement tests first, regardless of the courses you would like to start with. Your placement test scores will help your advisor make course recommendations.