Departmental Advising
Department of Music and Dance

Purpose of Academic Advising
The fundamental purpose of academic advising is to assist students in clarifying and meeting their educational and career goals. Academic advising requires that both the student and faculty member work together; the student should come prepared with specific questions and ideas.

Seeking Other Kinds of Advising?
Your academic advisor has expertise in scholarly issues, especially pertaining to music or dance. There are many other issues about which you may seek advice and support such as student health, legal matters, writing and learning skills, general career planning, lifestyle/residential issues, academic accommodations and more. UVM offers a variety of free professional advising regarding these and other issues. The College of Arts & Sciences or College of Education Student Services can help you to identify the resources most likely to meet your needs.

Advising for Music majors
When you become a Music major (B.A., B.Mus., or B.S. in Music Education), you will be assigned a faculty advisor who will provide assistance on the following topics:

- course selection
- fulfilling the requirements of the major
- general distribution and minor requirements within CAS
- planning for off-campus studies, internships and other opportunities
- navigating Four Year Plans for your degree and/or concentration
- career ideas and opportunities

All advisors hold regular office hours, that are posted on their office door, or you can check with the office for that information. You may also e-mail your advisor to make an appointment.

Advising for Music or Dance minors
Music and dance minors will be assigned a secondary advisor in the Department. Students considering a minor or major who would like advice should make an appointment with the Department Chair, the Director of the dance program, or reach out informally to professors they know in the department.

- Group advising meetings: Once a semester, just before course registration time, minors and potential minors will be invited to a group meeting to go over common questions and guidance on minor requirements, course sequencing, etc.

Advisor changes: leaves and sabbaticals
If and when your advisor goes on sabbatical or other leave, you will be assigned temporarily to another faculty member until your advisor returns and resumes duties; if you are being reassigned, the department’s administrative assistant will email you to let you know who your acting advisor is.

Advisor changes: student initiated
If for whatever reason you would like to change your advisor, please contact the Department chair.