

#### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Position Title	Academic Advisor
Department	Office of Academic Performance
Reporting To	Director, Student Success
Type of Position	Regular - Full Time

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The incumbent is responsible for academic advising through which Habib University provides the necessary resources for students to succeed academically. The primary purpose of academic advisor is to assist students as they develop meaningful educational plans compatible with their life goals. The role of the Academic Advisor is to engage the student in integrated advising (prescriptive, developmental, and appreciative) by ensuring that the student is on the right trajectory towards meeting their program requirements

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### ✓ Academic Advising and Support for Student Success

- Advising students individually and/or within groups regarding liberal core and the requirements for Majors and Minors, academic policies and procedures, and campus learning support services and resources.
- Understanding curricular requirements, providing guidance during course selection, and helping them identify other meaningful educational experiences at the campus and beyond;
- Helping students in defining their academic and career goals and assisting them in reflecting on the progress toward the set goals;
- Empathetically listening to students' problems affecting their academic performance and wellbeing and assist them resolve them in resolving their issues;
- Monitoring students' progress as they move through the undergraduate program and engaging them on reflecting on it as per need;
- Interpreting degree audits and helping students to understand them and plan accordingly;
- Working closely with students who face academic challenges. Helping them in developing academic success plan each semester.
- Actively participate in creating advising material/resources such as advising curriculum, academy planning tools, self-assessment tools etc.

## ✓ Maintaining Student Data and Record

- Maintaining student files and records, documenting all pertinent student information, checking various forms for accuracy such as, overload petitions, Major change form, add/drop forms etc.;
- Keeping advising notes updated at PeopleSoft;
- Maintaining advising statistics, working schedule, and other documents up to date;
- Tracking retention and graduation of advising class and maintaining up-to-date record;
- Maintaining the records of academic accommodation.

### ✓ Coordination and Collaboration

- Coordinating and collaborating with relevant faculty and academic leadership to be updated about program requirements and teaching /learning at the University;
- Meeting with relevant faculty to discuss and understand the academic progress, issues and possible support mechanism for students facing academic challenges in meeting the requirements;
- Responding to Early Alerts sent by faculty.
- Working closely with EHSAS Centre and Writing Centre to develop and sustain student support and success initiatives and programs;
- Working with the Registrar's Office and Admission Office to acquire relevant info about students;

- Collaborating with Office of Career Services to help senior students in planning their after graduation programs.
- Be in touch with other student offices to be aware of the initiatives being taken for students and relevant policies and processes
- Communicating with parents as per University policies.

#### ✓ Training and Development

• Designing and conducting workshops and other learning sessions for students pertaining to study skills, life skills, personal management and other areas pertaining to their academics at HU.

## ✓ Program Designing and Implementation for Student Transition and Success

- Participating/leading programs related to First Year Experience, New Student Orientation, summer programs etc.
- Participating/leading senior year programs for their smooth transition to job market

## ✓ Personal and Team Development and Growth

- Engaging in professional development activities, including but not limited to, memberships in professional organizations; attendance at conferences, workshops, division, and department training sessions; stay current with information/tools and skills for academic advising and student success
- Organizing and conducting small workshops, reflective sessions and group discussion for the team to continuously enhance knowledge and skills.

# ✓ Day-to-day Operation

- Assisting with the day-to-day operations of the Office of Academic Performance;
- Other duties as assigned.

REQUIRED JOB SPECIFICATIONS			
Required	✓ Bachelor's degree in Education, Psychology, or related academic field required.		
Qualification	✓ Master's degree in a related field preferred.		
	✓ Around 2-year experience working with students in an educational setting		
Required	preferably with undergraduate or graduate students.		
Experience			

REQUIRED JOB COMPETENCIES (Technical and Soft Skills)			
S#	Competency	Criticality (High / Low / Medium)	
1.	Be able to manage stress well and be flexible in a changing, fast-paced environment.	High	
2.	Teaching skills or excellent skills in public speaking	High	
3.	Effective communication skills particularly with diverse populations.  Ability to build good rapport with a variety of constituents	High	
4.	Coordination, planning and organizational skills	High	
5.	Good attention to details	High	
6.	Flexible, patient, creative	High	
7.	Microsoft Office Suite	High	
8.	Advising skills (listening, probing, and empathizing)	High	
9.	Empathy and Care	High	
10	Service Oriented Mindset	High	