



Personal Data and Advising Form

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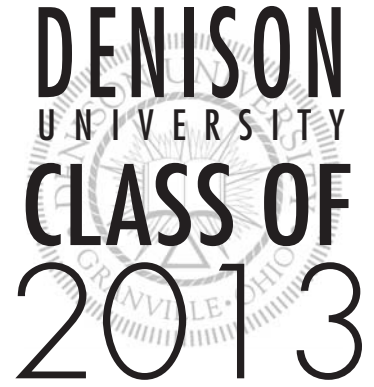
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please type or print. Typed responses can be submitted on a separate piece of paper and attached to this form. The Personal Data and Advising Form is intended to help advisors at Denison in their work with new students. We urge you to answer the questions candidly. The information you provide here will be used solely for advising purposes and will be shared only with those people assigned by the College to assist you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please type or print neatly.

Last Name	First	Middle	Preferred/Nickname
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1. In general, how well do you think the secondary school(s) you attended prepared you to do college work?
(Please check the appropriate box.)

- Did a poor job in preparing me for college work
- Did a good job in preparing me for college work
- Did an excellent job in preparing me for college work
- I don't know how well it prepared me for college work

2. How much opportunity have you had to do independent reading, writing and research?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- None

Comments: _____

3. Do you enjoy independent work?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- None

Comments: _____

4. How hard do you think you worked in high school?

- Very hard
- Average
- Not very hard

Comments: _____

5. In terms of your own personal satisfaction, how important is it for you to earn good grades?
(1 being the most important)

- 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

6. Do you anticipate needing help with study skills during your first year at Denison?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify:

- Study Habits Math Skills Reading Skills Writing Skills

Comments: _____

7. From the list below, please indicate anything you think might be a source of worry for you during your first year at Denison. (Please check all that apply).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't expect any problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Finances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning my academic program | <input type="checkbox"/> Handling the content of my courses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some aspects of parent and/or family relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Establishing new friendships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balancing academic and social interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Homesickness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning more about myself, adjusting to change, finding my own purposes or goals | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjusting to a small-town environment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

8. Which subject(s) did you most enjoy studying in secondary school? Which did you least enjoy?

9. What new academic disciplines or courses would you like to study at Denison? What new academic issues and questions would you like to investigate?

10. **Academic Programs**—The following is a list of Denison’s academic programs. Label your top five choices (1–5) in order of greatest interest (1=greatest interest; 2= next greatest interest, etc.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art History | <input type="checkbox"/> German |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Geography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> International Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema | <input type="checkbox"/> Neuroscience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classics | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy, Political Science & Economics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Asian Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology/Anthropology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Women’s Studies |

11. Do you have a clear idea of what major you will choose?

- Yes No

12. If of interest, check one of Denison’s pre-professional programs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Med/Pre-Dental | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Vet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Teaching |

13. Do you presently have plans for a specific career following your formal education?

- Yes No

If yes, please identify _____

14. During the month of August, Denison will assign your First-Year academic advisor. In addition to providing your advisor with your high school transcripts and your college application, we will also provide this form. In order to help your advisor know you in ways that extend beyond grades and test scores, please write your advisor a short essay or letter that explains what you hope to accomplish while attending Denison. What goals will influence the way you choose classes and activities? Do you already have a “master plan” for your academic program? Or is it your objective to discover the subjects that energize and motivate you? In either case, with what interests will you start? And, do you have any concerns or anxieties you want to share as you embark on your college career? Please attach your essay on a separate sheet of paper.

15. We are also interested in your extracurricular activities. Not only do these help us get to know you, but they also enable us to help you meet classmates with shared interests.

Please mark **any circle** that corresponds to an activity or area in which you are interested. Please also mark **any square** that corresponds to the general area of interest that best describes how you spend your free time.

O The Creative Process

- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Writing
- Cinema

O The Spiritual Self

- Christianity
- Judaism
- Eastern religions:
Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism
- Pacifism, Quakerism
- Islam
- Yoga
- Meditation
- The Self in Nature

O The Global Community

- Languages
- Travel
- Multiculturalism
- Women's Issues
- Political Activism

O Science and Technology

- Scientific Research
- The Natural World
- Computers
- Women in Science

O The Physical Self

- Martial Arts
- Weight Training
- Running and Biking
- Water Sports
- Hiking & Rock-climbing

O Serving Others

- Tutoring
- Volunteering
- Habitat for Humanity
- Student Government
- Leadership

Your full name again, please: _____

(Please Print)