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Hi, I’m Ethan!

Welcome to Old Dominion University! I’m the student representative for the College of Sciences at ODU. I’m double-majoring in Ocean, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences and Biology. Along with the College of Sciences advisors, I created this guide to help you with your transition to the University. Throughout this book, you’ll see tips for success straight from the mouths of COS students, including myself.

Let me introduce you to the COS advisors. They are the true drivers of success in the College and are here for you whenever you need them.

The Advisors

Ms. Kim Herbert
Director of Advising

Ms. Adrienne Giles

Ms. Tammy Hanna

Online Advising Resources

Our Website
http://sci.odu.edu/advising

On Twitter
@COSAdvising

On Facebook
ODU College of Sciences Advising

Also “LIKE” the ODU College of Sciences on Facebook
[www.facebook.com/ODUCollegeofSciencesAdvising]
About Advising

- You have to see your advisor each semester. *(the earlier, the better)*
- Get to your advising appointment on time and ready to go; being ready includes having your classes planned out in DegreeWorks.
- You can access your DegreeWorks by going to [degree.odu.edu](http://degree.odu.edu) (use your MIDAS).

Each major department handles advising differently. Check out [http://sci.odu.edu/advising](http://sci.odu.edu/advising) for more information or keep reading to see your department’s advising page.

Your Advisor will...

- show you exactly what you need to do to graduate by following the University, College and Department guidelines and procedures.
- talk with you about ways you can gain experience to help you achieve your goals.
- provide you with information about resources on campus.
- meet with you individually, treat you as the unique person you are, and maintain confidentiality.

Seven Science Majors We Offer

- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Psychology
About Your Major

Core Requirements: All Biology majors complete general biology, general chemistry, mathematics and geology or physics and four core courses (Cell Biology, Ecology, Evolution, and Genetics) which provide them with the foundation for a wide selection of upper level elective courses. Our department is one of the top research units on campus, with significant productivity in both the biomedical and ecological sciences. The unusual breadth of our faculty’s expertise means that we can offer an exceptionally diverse set of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Concentrations: Marine Biology, Pre-Health, Biology Secondary Education

Areas of Interest: Marine Biology, Ecology, Conservation Biology, Zoology, Botany, Cellular/Molecular Biology, Anatomy and Physiology and more.

Careers in Biology

• Research
• Biology Teacher
• Pathophysiology
• Conservation & Restoration Biology
• Lab Technician
• Genetics
• Health & Wellness
• Food Science
• Environmental Science
• Forestry, Botany, & Zoology
• Environmental Health/Law

Getting Involved! Student Organizations

- Pre-Health Club
- Marine Biology Student Organization
- Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society
- Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society (AED)
- Or you can start your own!

Two ODU students in the Anatomy & Physiology lab studying intracranial structures

Advisors: Kim Herbert, Adrienne Giles, Tammy Hanna
Office: MGB 236
Email: cosadvising@odu.edu
Phone: 757-683-6792

All Biology majors see an advisor in MGB 236. We start advising the third week of classes, generally late September in the fall and late January in the spring.

Please review “Advising Information” on our website.
Dr. McCoy begins advising one month before pre-registration opens, usually mid-October in the fall and mid-March in the spring. You should contact Dr. McCoy via email to schedule an advising appointment.

**About Your Major**

**Core Requirements:** Chemistry is an exploration of the universe at the molecular and atomic level and is fundamental to many other scientific disciplines. Chemistry majors complete coursework in general and organic chemistry, analytical chemistry, biochemistry, computational chemistry, physical chemistry, mathematics and physics. Biochemistry majors are also required to complete certain biology courses. All Chemistry majors are American Chemical Society (ACS) approved programs.

**Concentrations/Majors:** Chemistry, Biochemistry, Chemistry Secondary Education

**Areas of Interest:** Chemical analysis, environmental and geochemistry, alternative fuels, biochemistry

**Careers in Chemistry**

- Food Science Research
- Pharmaceutical Research
- Hazardous Waste Management
- Alternative Energy
- Plastics & Synthetics Manufacturing
- Environmental Science
- Forensic Science
- Environmental Health/Law

**Getting Involved! Student Organizations**

- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Pre-Health Club
- Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society (AED)
- Or you can start your own!
The Department of
COMPUTER SCIENCE
http://www.cs.odu.edu/

Advisor: Ms. Janet Brunelle
Office: ECSB 3210
Email: brunelle@cs.odu.edu
Phone: 757-683-3915

Advising is done by appointment or walk-in hours. Ms. Brunelle begins advising around mid-semester, usually the week after fall break or spring break. Visit http://www.cs.odu.edu/~advisor/advise_info_ug.shtml or scan here

About Your Major

Core Requirements: The computer science program is mathematically and scientifically oriented, providing students with a comprehensive background that prepares them for a wide range of job opportunities. Our program emphasizes problem solving skills so that students can quickly become productive in any domain area of employment. All computer science majors are required to complete coursework in programming, computer architecture, applied technology and computational mathematics. Students also choose elective courses such as databases, networking, systems, web programming and game development.

Areas of Interest: Databases, Programming, Systems Development, Network Technology, Game Development

Careers in Computer Science

• Computer Technician
• Web Development
• Simulation & Modeling

• Computer Science Teacher
• Network Administrator
• Software Engineering

• Video Game Development
• Artificial Intelligence
• Consultation

Getting Involved! Student Organizations

- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)
- Or you can start your own!

An ODU CS student creating a computer program using C++
The Department of Mathematics & Statistics
http://sci.odu.edu/math/

Advisor: Dr. John Kroll
Office: ECSB 2300
Email: jkroll@odu.edu
Phone: 757-683-3882

Dr. Kroll begins advising the first week of November in the fall and the first week of April in the spring. Contact him via email for his walk-in hours or to set up an appointment.

About Your Major

Core Requirements: The Department of Mathematics offers a range of undergraduate programs designed to produce applied mathematicians, statisticians and teachers who are equipped with the analytical and computational skills necessary to compete and serve in today's technological society. All math majors complete coursework in calculus, differential equations, linear algebra, and mathematical and statistical analysis.

Concentrations/Majors: Applied Mathematics, Statistics/Biostatistics, Mathematics Secondary Education

Careers in Mathematical Sciences

• Mathematician
• Cryptologist
• Engineering Consultant
• Biostatistician & Bioinformatics
• Mathematics Teacher
• Systems & Air Traffic Control Analyst
• Business Modeler
• Research Scientist
• Operations Manager

Getting Involved! Student Organizations

- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)
- Math/Stat Club
- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Or you can start your own!

A local high school student using computer mathematics in the third dimension, under the guidance of ODU mathematics students
The Department of OCEAN, EARTH and ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES
http://sci.odu.edu/oceanography/

Advisor: Dr. John McConaugha  Email: jmcconau@odu.edu  Office: OCNPS 423  Phone: 757-683-4698

Dr. McConaugha begins advising 2-3 weeks before pre-registration, usually in late October and late March. Contact him via email to schedule an advising appointment.

About Your Major

Core Requirements: Students in the ocean and earth science program focus on the global systems that control environmental conditions. They also learn to develop solutions to complex environmental problems by working in multidisciplinary teams. All majors in the department complete courses in the basic sciences such as biology, chemistry, geology, physics and mathematics, core courses in earth systems science and materials, and a capstone field research experience.

Concentrations/Majors: Biological-, Chemical-, Physical-, and Geological Oceanography, Earth Science Education, Geology

Areas of Interest: Coastal and Physical Oceanography, Fisheries Ecology and Oceanography, Climate Change, Biogeochemistry, Microbial Ecology, Geophysics, Earth Dynamics

Careers in Ocean and Earth Sciences

- Geologist
- Earth Science Teacher
- Environmental Analyst
- Hydrology & Oceanography
- Meteorology & Climatology
- Petroleum & Geological Engineer
- Environmental Science
- Volcanologist
- Seismology & Geophysics

Getting Involved! Student Organizations

- Earth and Ocean Sciences Club
- SURGE: Students Undertaking Responsibilities for the Global Environment
- Marine Biology Student Organization
- Or you can start your own!

An ODU OEAS student studying coral reefs and their interactions with the local aquatic environment
The Department of PHYSICS

Advisor: Dr. Charles Hyde
Office: PSB 2100C
Email: chyde@odu.edu
Phone: 757-683-5853

Dr. Hyde begins advising about two weeks before registration opens, usually starting the first week of November in the fall and the first week of April in the spring. Advising is done by appointment and physics majors will receive an email from him with info about signing up for a time.

About Your Major

Core Requirements: Physics is the human quest to explore and discover the basic principles and laws that govern the natural world. Most physics students have an innate curiosity about nature, and they heavily utilize mathematics to describe nature. All physics majors complete coursework in calculus, differential equations, chemistry, analytical mechanics, electromagnetism, quantum mechanics as well as elective courses in physics.

Concentrations/Majors: Track A: Graduate School, Track B: Industry/Technical Sales, Track C: Physics Secondary Education, Track D: Dual Degree in Physics/Electrical Engineering, Track E: BS in Physics/MBA

Careers in Physics & Astronomy

• Biophysics
• Physics Teacher
• Research
• Astronomy & Astrophysics
• Aeronautical Engineer
• Optics & Laser Development
• Industrial Process Control
• Materials Scientist
• Biotechnology

Getting Involved! Student Organizations

- Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society
- Society of Physics Students (SPS)
- Or you can start your own!

An ODU Physics student works meticulously on a superconductor in conjunction with Jefferson Lab

http://sci.odu.edu/physics/
**About Your Major**

**Core Requirements:** Psychologists traditionally study both normal and abnormal functioning, and also treat patients with mental and emotional problems. Today, they are increasingly concentrating on behaviors that affect the mental and emotional health of human beings. All psychology majors complete courses in areas of developmental psychology, social/personality psychology, clinical psychology, cultural psychology and industrial/organizational psychology.

**Areas of Interest:** Human Factors, Clinical Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Developmental Psychology

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**Careers in Psychological Sciences**

- Clinical Psychology  
- Counseling  
- Research  
- Marketing/Consumer Analytics  
- Mental Health Services  
- User Interface (UI) Consultant  
- Sports Psychology  
- Human Resources  
- Forensic Psychology

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**Getting Involved! Student Organizations**

- Association of Psychology Students (APS)  
- Industrial & Organizational Psychology Student Association  
- Psi Chi Honor Society  
- Human Factors and Ergonomics Society  
- Or you can start your own!

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Freshman psychology majors see an advisor in MGB 236. We start advising the third week of classes, generally late September in the fall and early February in the spring. Please see “Advising Information” on our website. Ms. Younkin holds walk-in advising hours for declared psychology majors in MGB 246. Visit the Psychology department website for more information.

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*ODU Psychology students simulate battlefield distractions to study the effects they have on attention physicians give to wounded patients*
Specialty Advising:

Pre-Health

“The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease.”
—William Osler

If you plan to apply to a professional health school such as medical, dental, pharmacy, physician assistant or optometry school when you graduate from ODU, you should attend a Pre-Health Orientation Session with Kim Herbert during your first semester.

Kim is your first point of contact for all things pre-health. More information is available on our pre-health website: sci.odu.edu/prehealth.shtml

Success Advising

“Failure is success if we learn from it.”
—Malcolm Forbes

Success Advising is not just for when you get into trouble with your classes. Success advisors can help provide the tools for success from your first day at ODU!

Adrienne Giles – Freshman Success
Tammy Hanna – Sophomore Success

Study Abroad

“The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers. But above all, the world needs dreamers who do.”
—Sarah Ban Breathnach

Science and scientific research goes on around the globe. Studying abroad provides a chance for you to gain international experience while earning academic credit toward your degree. Many of our partner universities offer a large number of science courses and ODU offers a variety of study abroad programs to allow you to find a program that fits your schedule and academic needs, including short-term, semester, and year-long programs.

Attend a Study Abroad Information Session in the fall to get started on the journey of a lifetime! Visit the Office of Study Abroad’s website for more information:

http://www.odu.edu/studyabroad
Teacher Education

Highly qualified science and math teachers are in demand all across the country.

In order to teach a science at the secondary level (grades 6-12) you must earn a bachelor’s degree in the subject you plan to teach.

Eligible Majors in the College of Sciences:

Biology, Chemistry, Ocean and Earth Science, Mathematics, Physics

FRESHMEN

Interested in teaching science or technology but not sure if you will like it? Want to keep your job options open when you graduate? New for 2013, MONARCH TEACH gives you the opportunity to get into the classroom and teach during your first semester at ODU! Let an advisor know you want to register for SEPS 195: Step 1, a free one-credit course. Each semester, in addition to your major classes, you will also take education courses including Knowing and Learning, Classroom Interactions, and Project-Based Instruction.

MONARCH TEACH will satisfy your upper-division general education requirement. When you graduate, you will be eligible for teacher certification for grades 6-12. In addition to your major advisor, you should plan to meet with:

Dr. Kim Baskette
Monarch Teach Coordinator
monarchteach@odu.edu
(757) 683-7048
Education Building 251-5A

TRANSFER STUDENTS

In addition to your major classes, your coursework will consist of Secondary Education classes, which include Classroom Management, Special Education, and Instructional Technology. This Professional Education Core will satisfy your upper-division general education requirement. When you graduate, you will be eligible for teacher certification for grades 6-12. In addition to your major advisor, you should plan to meet with:

Ms. Nola Nicholson
Secondary Education Advisor
nnichols@odu.edu
(757) 683-3348
Education Building 152
The Career Management Center is your link to career assistance, resources, and experience. The cornerstone of the program is to help you gain experience related to your major through internships, co-operative education, or other practical hands on opportunities.

Contact Erin Mills or visit the website to learn more.

For more information, visit www.odu.edu/cmc

With the CMC, you can...

• Experience success through internships and co-ops directly related to your major
• Earn academic credit through paid and non-paid internships
• Gain experience
• Make connections with professionals in your field
• Attend job fairs to meet future employers
• Use the CMC resources to find a job before and after graduation*
• Learn to create an effective cover letter, resume, and interviewing/job search strategies

*CMC professional services are available for life to ODU alumni
“Credit hours”

Most courses at ODU are 3 credits, meaning they meet for 3 hours per week.

Introductory Biology, Physics, and Geology are 4-credit courses, because they have a lab built in. When you register for a lecture, you must also register for a lab.

Chemistry courses are split into lecture and lab, but lab carries its own credit so appears as its own class on your transcript and receives its own grade. Lectures are generally 3 credits and labs are 1-2 credits. Some lecture courses also require a 0-credit recitation.

What is a Recitation? Recitation is additional lecture, problem-solving, or group work time required by some chemistry, history, computer science, and mathematics courses. When you register for a course with a linked recitation, you must register for both lecture and recitation at the same time.

Course Loads and Credit Hours

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<th>Minimum to be considered</th>
<th>Number considered as</th>
<th>You can take no more after the</th>
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<td><strong>Full Time</strong> 3 × 4</td>
<td><strong>Average</strong> 3 × 5</td>
<td><strong>Maximum</strong> 3 × 6</td>
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<td>12 credits per semester</td>
<td>15 credits per semester</td>
<td>NEVER recommended for a science major</td>
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*The above values do not take labs into account. If you are taking four “3-credit” classes and one lab science that is a “4-credit” class, you would taking 16 credits. Labs are typically 2 to 4 hours in length.

The College of Sciences’ Mantra

For registration, remember:

Math
Something in Your Major
English
Gen-Ed

This would be about 6 classes, (or 5 classes with a considerable amount of labs). It’s better to graduate with a high GPA than to overbook your life.

“Credit hours”

Not all of your science classes will have labs

Also, not all lab sciences will be 4 credits. Some are 5 credits, and some labs are more than 1 credit
## Lab Courses

Labs are generally held once per week, but some courses have multiple labs per week. Most have a very strict attendance policy – you should **never** miss a lab. Labs are mandatory in all courses that have an assigned lab. Here’s what I suggest to be successful:

### Be Prepared

Whether it is experimental analysis, quantitative reasoning, or a collaborative project, **print the lab**, **read the lab**, and **do the associated questions or readings** (pre-lab) ahead of time.

### Make Connections

Whatever you do in lab, it is relevant to your coursework. If you learn an equation in lecture, it can easily appear in lab, and you are expected to recognize it.

### Eat Ahead of Time

Labs can be long, and no food or drink is allowed in them.

### Follow Through

As soon as you leave lab, complete the follow-up questions and lab report.

## School, Work, and Schoolwork

We highly recommend that you do not work as a full-time student during your first year of college. If you plan to balance college-level work with a job, try to keep work hours under 20 hours per week.

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<td>7-11</td>
<td>Study 14-22 hours outside of class</td>
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<td>6 or fewer</td>
<td>Study 12 or fewer hours outside of class</td>
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Science Success Tips

Success is your decision.

Organization

Find a way to keep track of dates, assignments, and events.
- A calendar can help with prioritizing what is important and seeing how much time you really have available.
- Use a paper planner or smart phone/ iPhone, whichever works best.

Time & Help

Unlike in high school, most “learning time” in college is outside of the classroom. Study at least 40 hours per week.
- Form a study group
- Know when and where tutoring is available. It’s FREE!
- Find a note taking partner in each class. If you miss a day, you have someone to turn to.

The Syllabus

This important document generally provides class expectations, a list of course assignments and due dates. When you read the syllabus, make note of:
- the attendance policy
- how to keep track of your grades
- due dates for assignments and tests (most professors will not remind you about due dates as the semester progresses.)
- your professor’s expectations and requirements for assignments/exams

Meet Professors

Professors are pretty cool people. You should get to know them personally.
- General academic success: Talk to your professor first if you’re having trouble.
- Letters of Recommendation: These are very important for grad school and jobs.
- Research Opportunities: You’re much more likely to be chosen if you know people.
Online Registration Guide: Log-in to LEO Online

To log-in, go to www.leoonline.odu.edu and click on “Enter LEO Online News and Secure Area”

1

Click “Enter LEO Online News and Secure Area”

You will be taken to the Monarch-Key Web Login page, which is the same page you see for every integrated online service such as Leo Online, Blackboard, the myODU Portal, Student Gmail, and more.

2

Click the Key icon.

If the address doesn’t work, log in by going to my.odu.edu with your MIDAS ID.
You should then see the Main Menu page in Leo Online. From there, you can access Personal Information such as your MIDAS ID and UIN, Admissions Information, Registration Menus, your Student Records, make Credit Card payments, and more.
Online Registration Guide:
To Register for Classes

1. Click “Admissions, Registration, Students Records…”

2. Click “Registration”
Online Registration Guide:

3. Click “Look-up Classes to Add”

4. Select term in the drop-down menu (“Fall 2013”)
Online Registration Guide:

5. Select the Subject (for example: Biological Sciences)

6. Click "Course Search"

You will see a list of all sections found for that subject.

Click "View Sections" to see all sections of the specific course for which you would like to register.
Online Registration Guide:

You will see a list of all sections found that match the Subject and Course Number.

To register, check the box.

If you see a “C” or “NR,” the class is full or closed.

If the class you want is full, keep checking on the class in Leo Online because people drop them all the time. When I really wanted a certain philosophy class, I got it by checking twice a day and a spot eventually opened up.
Online Registration Guide: Add/ Drop/ Withdraw

If you already have a list of CRNs for classes you want to register for, you can go straight to the Add/ Drop/ Withdraw page. Here, you enter the 5-digit CRNs directly.

1) Go to the Registration menu
2) Click on Add/ Drop/ Withdraw Classes
3) Select the Term (Fall 2012)
4) Enter the CRNs at the bottom & click Submit Changes

Week-at-a-Glance

Click “Add/ Drop/ Withdraw Classes”

Click “Week at a Glance”

Make sure you are satisfied with your time distribution. For example, are your classes too close together, or too spread out?
Online Registration Guide:

Student Detail Schedule

This is a more detailed look into your classes, including instructor, meeting time and location, CRN, registration status, and more.

To Drop a Class

Go to the Registration Menu.

Click “Student Detail Schedule”

From the Registration Menu, click “Add/Drop/Withdraw…”

Use the drop-box to select “Web Drop”

At the bottom of the page, click “Submit Changes”
Online Registration Guide:
Schedule Conflicts

If you try to register for two classes that are at the same time, you will see the following error message:

Other Common Error Messages

Pre-Requisite/Test Score Error: You must have certain pre-requisites (such as a test score or another class) in order to take the class you attempted to register for. For more info about pre- and co-requisite courses, see the University Catalog or your advisor.

Link Error: Linked courses have more than one component (such as a lecture + lab). You must register for both at the same time, and make sure the sections match.

Closed Class: Each course has a maximum number of spaces. When this maximum is reached, no one else can register. You may contact the instructor to request an override.

Instructor’s Signature: The instructor’s permission is required for registration. Students should contact the instructor and ask that he/she pre-approve you via LEO Online. This method allows you to register online after the instructor gives permission electronically. Contact your advisor if you have any questions.

As a freshman or transfer student, the first time you register for classes at ODU will be after other students. It gets much easier to register for the classes you want as you earn more credits; you will get classes that count toward your degree and graduation.
Transfer Credit

Transfer Equivalencies

Credits earned at other institutions can appear on the ODU transcript in a number of ways.

For example,

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<td>PSYC</td>
<td>2ELE ELECTIVE</td>
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<td>HISP</td>
<td>1REQ HISTORY (LOWER-DIV REQ)</td>
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Student received credit for BIOL 115 & 116
Student received 200-level psychology credit
Student received credit, and fulfilled gen-ed requirement for history (HISP)

If you transfer credit to ODU, you can access the credits and credit evaluation using LEO Online (www.leoonline.odu.edu):

1) Log-in to LEO Online
2) Go to the Admissions menu
3) Click on “Individual Transfer Credit Evaluation”

“But I already took that!”

If you want to appeal transfer credit already listed on your ODU transcript, email Tammy Hanna with: your name & UIN, school where you took the course, course description from the previous school, and how you think it should be reevaluated.

Monarch Transformation

Monarch Transformation shows you how credits will transfer to ODU from other institutions. Log-in to LEO online, and click Admissions Menu.

1) Click “MONARCH TRANSFORMATION”
2) Select the state
3) Select the school (All Virginia Cmty Col System for VCCS schools)
4) Select the subject (i.e., BIO, CHM, COMM)
5) Search for the course number (i.e., BIO 101). You will see the equivalent ODU course on the right.
10 Things NOT to Ask Your Professors

“Did I Miss Anything Important?”

Everything is important, or else it wouldn’t be taught. Make friends in the class so you have someone to get help from, just in case you do miss a day.

“Do I have to buy the book?”

If the course syllabus states you need a book, you should buy it. But you don’t have to go broke! Try Amazon, eBay, eTextbooks, Chegg, renting and other resources before buying it new.

“Where is your office/What is your email?”

It is a University-wide requirement that professors include these items in their syllabus, which is either online, given to you hardcopy, or both.

“Can I turn this in late?”

Professors will state their late policies in their syllabus. Most will not accept late work; do not ask for extra credit to make up for it.

“Are we going to have class today?”

The University may cancel classes due to weather, or the professor may cancel classes at will. However, asking will neither affect the weather nor the will of the professor. Expect class to be held at scheduled times... even if it’s the perfect beach day.

“Can we watch a video?”

Professors choose appropriate materials to use in class. If a video is relevant, the professor may choose to show one, but asking this question can send the message that you don’t want to do any work.

“Can you bump up my grade?”

Never ask for points or grades you did not earn. If you work hard at a class, a professor may bump up your 79.6 from a C+ to a B-... but never expect it.

“Am I bothering you?”

Don’t ever think you’re “bothering” a professor during office hours. They’re there for help when you need it, via email and office hours.

“Is this going to be on the test?”

Your goal is not to learn just what may be on a test, because real life isn’t predictable like tests are. Be prepared to be tested on anything covered in class.
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