

VIRTUAL ADVISING GUIDE



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Welcome New Vols—We're thrilled to introduce you to the first phase of your New V.O.L. Experience—Virtual Advising! This will be a great opportunity to get to know both your academic college and advisor. Your academic advisor will be an incredible resource for you during your entire UT career and make sure you stay on track for graduation.

WHAT TO EXPECT

As your Virtual Advising session gets closer, your academic college will send an email with your session schedule and information about an optional Pre-Registration Lab. Keep checking your UT email (aka: Volmail)! If you need help setting up your account, check out this **[3-step guide!](#)**



Using the right technology, Zoom—To help make this virtual environment as smooth as it can be, be sure to download the Zoom platform before your Virtual Advising session. Don't worry—it's free!

If you're worried about using Zoom or have more questions about your Virtual Advising session, our student leaders are available to help from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. EDT the night before your session begins. Just use **[this Zoom link](#)** or send us an email at **orientation@utk.edu**.

If using Zoom is not an option, please let us know by emailing **orientation@utk.edu**, and we will make sure you get in touch with your college. From there, they can assist in setting up a phone appointment or identify other possible options that work for you.



Where should I be during my Virtual Advising session? We know being in a virtual environment has its challenges. Below are a couple of helpful tips to consider during your session.

Use a computer or tablet. If you don't have access to a computer or tablet, a smartphone works as well—but please use your smartphone as a last resort.

Find a quiet place. We know it can be tricky, but you're going to receive a lot of important (and exciting!) information during this time. It's critical that you're able to stay focused and take it all in. Plus, you'll want to get to know your academic advisor as much as possible!



Should my family participate in Virtual Advising? We appreciate (and encourage) your family's enthusiasm for your college career. However, your virtual advising session should only be between you and your academic advisor.

There are many other opportunities for families to get involved throughout the New V.O.L. Experience! More information about family guest information can be found on the **[orientation website](#)**.

BEFORE YOUR VIRTUAL ADVISING SESSION

 **Confirm your Major**—If you haven't already, log into MyUTK and make sure the major listed is, in fact, your intended major. If you need to update your major or shift to an exploratory track before your Virtual Advising session, email the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at admissions@utk.edu.

NOTE: This option is NOT available if you want to declare a major in the College of Nursing or the College of Architecture & Design. Keep in mind that the Tickle College of Engineering has minimum admission requirements.

 **Pre-Advising**—All students should complete online **pre-advising homework**. Use this to get to know advising at UT and to let your college know if you have any **AP, DE, IB** credits or other credits coming in. Please make sure you complete it before your Virtual Advising session.

 **Register for Two-Factor Authentication**—UT has implemented two-factor authentication (2FA) that will be required for your NetID account after orientation. Sign up now at 2fa.utk.edu.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Transfer Student Seminars—A seamless transition to Rocky Top is critical to the success of our students. Transition 201 (TRNS 201) emphasizes the development of a personal plan of study connected with academic, personal, career exploration, and/or goals. As a transfer student, this course will build on your previous experiences and introduce you to the Volunteer community. Please speak with your academic advisor for assistance to enroll in the course.

UT Choir—All UT choirs are open to any UT student, regardless of major or previous choral experience and offer one hour of undergraduate or graduate credit. Students benefit by singing in a choir at UT by meeting and developing lasting friendships with other students who have similar interests. There is a place for every person who wants to sing—no one will be turned away. During your Virtual Advising Session this summer, please register for one or both of the following:

- Concert Choir - 40337 - MUEN 380 - 001 Meets MW from 12:20-2:15
- Men's Chorale - 40338 - MUEN 383 - 001 Meets TTh from 3:40-5:00

To audition, please visit tiny.utk.edu/audition and provide your contact information. The UT Choir program will provide important information about final choir placement later this summer. Auditions for final choir placement will take place during Welcome Week in August.

